

BATTLE NECESSARY TO WIN CHAMPAGNE LINE

Operation Begun February 15
Marks Opening of Plan of
Sustained Attack.

COUNTRY IS VAST PLAIN

British Observer Says French Are
Gaining Steadily and That War-
fare Has Become Issue of
Moral Superiority.

LONDON, March 10.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—A British observer with the French forces in the field, who has the permission of General Joffre to report on the work of the French army, has sent in to the official press bureau an account covering the three weeks since February 15, in Champagne. In the first of these reports, the observer says, the French have been attacking one point or another every day for three weeks.

"It is a sustained operation, of a different kind to those which we have been seeing during the winter months," he says. "There were local efforts, lasting a day or two, designed to keep the enemy busy and prevent him from withdrawing troops elsewhere. This is a sustained effort, made with the object of keeping a constant pressure on his first line of defense, of affecting his use of the railway from Bazancourt to Chalons, and of wearing down his reserves of men and ammunition."

Region Is Vast Plain.
"The nature of the country is entirely different to that in which the British army is fighting. It is one vast plain, undulating, the hills at most 200 feet higher than the valleys, gentle slopes everywhere. The soil is chalky. The only features are the pine woods, which have been planted by hundreds. As each rise is topped a new stretch of plain, a new set of small woods appears, just like that which has been left behind. The villages are few and small, most of them are in ruins after the fighting in September. The troops live almost entirely in colonies of little huts of wood and straw, dotted about wherever a little water and shelter are obtainable."

"Lack of villages means lack of roads. This has been one of the great difficulties to be faced. But at the same time the movement of wagons across country is possible to a far greater extent than in Flanders, although it is often necessary to use eight or 10 horses to get a gun or a wagon to the point desired. From the military point of view the country is eminently suitable for troops, with its wide fields of concealment, of producing sudden surprises with cavalry and of maneuvers generally."

Siege Modeled After Sebastopol.
"West commander, training his men over this ground, could have imagined that the area from Perthes-lez-Buzury to Beauséjour Farm would become two fortresses, developed and improved for four months, or that he would have to carry out an attack modeled on the same system as that employed in the last great siege undertaken by French troops, that of Sebastopol in 1855. Yet this is what is being done. Every day an attack is made on a trench; every day the ground gained has to be transformed so as to give protection to its own occupants and means of access to their supports. Every night, and on many days the enemy's counter-attacks have to be repulsed."

"Each attack has to be prepared by a violent and accurate artillery fire. It may be said that a trench has to be morally captured by gunfire before it can be actually seized by the infantry. Once in the new trench, the men have to work with their entrenching tools, without exposing themselves, and wait for a counter-attack, doing what duty they can to the enemy with hand grenades and machine guns. Thus the amount of rifle fire is small. It is a war of explosives and bayonets."

French Progress Is Continuous.

"Up to the present, the French have made steady and continuous progress, and their success may be best judged from the fact that they have not been forced back on any day behind the line they held in the morning despite the numerous counter-attacks. This is not merely a question of ground, but one of increasing moral superiority. It is in the unsuccessful counter-attacks that losses are heavy and these and the sense of failure affect the morale of an army sooner or later. Will the French push through the line? Will a hole be made, or the enemy like a badger who digs himself in rather faster than you can dig him out?"

"I cannot tell; it would indeed be an astonishing measure of success for a first attempt, but he was captured and turned over to the time when we shall be able to move forward. One finds the cavalrymen wondering whether perhaps they, too, will get their chance."

BEST SAILORS UNDER SEA

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ship with women and children aboard, so we gave chase.

"The Ville de Lille finally stopped, and 24 men, women and children clambered with alacrity into the boats. We sent four men aboard and placed bombs in the bottom and sank the steamer. They found a little terrier who had been abandoned and fought the men with his teeth, but he was captured and brought along. Ever since he has been the mascot of the U-16."

"I gave the women and children some blankets and food for the day closer to the crew. Then we took the two boats in tow of the U-16 and towed them to opposite Barfleur, close to land, from where there was no difficulty in rowing in."

Two days later the U-16 torpedoed the French Dinerah, loaded with horses and artillery, off Dieppe.

Nerves Are Sorely Tried.

Describing life in the submarines in the present blockade of England, Commander Hansen said: "It is fearfully trying on the nerves. Every man does not stand it."

"Running undersea there is a death-like silence in the boat, as the electric machinery is noiseless. It is not unusual to hear the propeller of a ship passing over or near us. We steer entirely by the chart and compass. As the air heats it gets poor and mixed with the odor of oil from the machinery, the atmosphere becomes fearful. An overpowering sleepiness often attacks the new men, and it requires the utmost will power to remain awake. I have had men who didn't eat the first three days out, because they didn't want to lose that time from sleep."

Sea-Sickness Is Produced.

"Despite the chemical purification of the atmosphere, the air gets very bad. On many it has the same effect as rolling waves and produces seasickness. The story that there is no seasickness in submarines is untrue."

"When the weather or the proximity of the enemy make it necessary to remain down long, so that the air becomes unusually bad, every man, except those actually on duty, is ordered to lie down and to remain absolutely quiet, making no unnecessary movements, as movements cause the lungs to use more oxygen, and oxygen must be saved—like a fisherman in the desert tries to make the last drop of water go the farthest."

"As there can be no fire, because fire burns oxygen, and the electric power from the accumulators is too precious to be wasted for cooking, we have to dine cold when cruising. As you have seen, there is no kitchen and no dining-room on our boats."

"Day after day in such cramped quarters, where there is hardly room to stretch your legs and constantly on the alert, is a tremendous strain on the nerves. I've sat or stood eight hours with my eyes glued to the periscope and peered into the brilliant glass until my eyes and head ached."

"Asked what is the greatest danger of submarines, Commander Hansen replied: "Just one—water. There is always danger of a leak. Water is our worst enemy."

The crews on the German U-boats are terrified. There is no bar, and the ships are as dry as a Kansas town."

MANY CHRISTIANS SLAIN

HUNDREDS MASSACRED BY TURKS
AND MANY TORTURED.

Slaughter of 10,000 or 15,000 Others
Feared in Persia, Unless Constantinople Can Prevent.

TABRIZ, Persia, March 31, via Petrograd, April 1.—Tortured, mutilated and massacred, many hundred dead native Christians were left in Solmac Plains district, northwest of Urumiah, Persia, just before the Russians reoccupied that district.

The Russians on entering the village of Hatdewan found 720 bodies, mostly dead and mutilated. The recovery of bodies from wells, pools and ditches and their burial kept 300 men busy for three days.

The walling of women intensified the horror of the scene. Widows who were able to identify the bodies of their husbands insisted upon digging graves and burying the bodies. Some of the victims had been shot. In other cases they were bound to ladders and their heads, protruding through, were hacked off; eyes were gouged out and limbs chopped off.

A general massacre of the 10,000 or 15,000 Christians remaining in Urumiah is expected unless it should be averted by orders from Constantinople. Verbal messages from Urumiah confirm early reports that more than 800 persons already have been killed in that neighborhood, and that more than 2,000 died of disease. This message also confirms the reports of the maltreatment of Rev. E. F. Allen, D. D., an American missionary at Urumiah, formerly of Portland, Or.

MUTE CONFESSES MURDER

Farmer and His Wife Slain After
Quarrel Over Work.

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., April 1.—John Confer, a deaf mute, confessed today that he killed Dennis Milan and Mrs. Minnie Milan, also deaf mutes, at their home near Green Mountain last night. Confer is in jail here. He is 25 years old.

According to the Sheriff's version of Confer's confession he shot Milan through the head. He then turned on Mrs. Milan, firing two bullets into her body. Confer recently escaped from the reformatory at Green Bay, Wis. Milan was from Grand Forks, N. D.

Confer, in a written statement to the sheriff, said that he and Milan had quarreled over some work the latter wanted done, Confer being in his employ as a farm hand.

Extra Revenue Turned Over.

Extra revenue to the sum of \$395.59 was turned over to the county Wednesday by County Clerk John B. Coffey, on interest on bank accounts, petitions and declarations of intentions. The interest amounted to \$219 for the month of March, petitions for citizenship \$140, and declarations of intentions to become citizens \$35.50.

There Should Be a Severe Penalty

—For selling eyeglasses over a "bargain counter" like groceries or dry goods.

—It is impossible for a "bargain counter" man to fit glasses by "trying on" that will overcome actual defects in vision.

—Such glasses will often seem to improve your eyesight temporarily, because they magnify, but the ultimate result is often eye strain or other serious difficulty.

—We do not offer any of the so-called "bargains" in glasses, but every pair we sell is worth all you pay—our \$2 glasses \$2, our \$5 glasses \$5, and higher-priced glasses according to the degree of skill and the greater cost connected with making them.

—As illustrated, Bolts and handles, well riveted, iron corners. Suitable for shopping overnight use, for carrying bathing suits and for lunches.

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Economy Basement Store

Girls' Gingham Dresses
Reg. \$1.25 and \$1.35, Sale 95c
—For girls 7 to 14 years old. In checked and plaid designs. Trimmed with plain colors or with white pique bandings. Low belts, pleated or plain skirts. —Basement

40c Full Bleached Hemmed Sheets
Full 2 Yards Wide and 2½ Yards Long
Economy Price, 25c Each

—Full-bleached sheets of a splendid quality, made with a three-inch head hem and a one-inch foot hem. Owing to the unusual special price of 25c each, it will be necessary to limit four sheets to a customer. No phone orders filled.

Pillow Cases—Size 42 by 36 Inches
Economy Sale, 7c Each

—Made of the same quality as the above sheets. In this offering we are also compelled to limit—not more than four pillow cases to a customer.

\$1.25 Old Glory Longcloth
Economy Sale, 98c Piece

—This longcloth comes 10 yards to the piece—a material that is free from dressing and is very desirable for underwear. Comes wrapped in an envelope, no stamping or soiled piece. —Basement

New \$1.50
Nadia Corsets
89c

—Made of fine batiste with medium bustline and medium length over the hips and back. Neatly finished at the top with embroidery. Suitable for slender and medium figures. In sizes from 19 to 26.

\$1.75, \$2 Nadia Corsets
\$1.19

—Several models in this sale made of coutil and batiste with low and medium bust, the new curve-in at the waistline, lace and embroidery trimmed. Two and three pairs of hose supporters attached. In sizes 19 to 26. Also a model for full figures reinforced over the abdomen, in sizes from 22 to 32. —Basement

Black and White
FiberSilkHose
—With lisle tops, extra reinforced on heels, toes.

Economy 25c

—All sizes 8½ to 10½. —Basement

New House Dress Aprons
Economy Sale Price . . . 50c

—Made of good quality percale in light and dark colors in stripes, checks, dots and figured patterns. All full length, sizes 36 to 46. Made with V neck, fastens down the front, short kimono sleeves with turn-back cuffs, belt that fastens all way around. Finished with white bias bandings and side pocket. In style as illustrated.

Amoskeag Chambray Petticoats in Narrow, Wide Stripes 50c

—Basement

45c Coverall Aprons 25c

—These coverall aprons are made in the same style as illustrated. Of blue and white check gingham, made with round neck, short cap sleeves, belted across the back and finished with white piping. —Basement

Children's 50c, 65c Rompers
Sizes 6 Months to 6 Years, Sale 39c

—These rompers are made of checked and striped ginghams and plain-colored chambrays. Made with square or round necks, long and short sleeves, with elastic finish at the knee or in beach style. One model illustrated. —Basement

Sale of Toilet Necessities
Plain White Moth Balls

—In one-pound packages, 10c.

San. Cotton, 1-lb. pkg. 29c

—Sterilized, best quality cotton. —Basement

10c Roll Toilet Paper . 5c

—1000 sheets in every roll. —Basement

14-In. Matting Suit Cases 69c

—As illustrated, Bolts and handles, well riveted, iron corners. Suitable for shopping overnight use, for carrying bathing suits and for lunches. —Basement

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NO PHONE OR MAIL ORDERS FOR ECONOMY SALES

Lipman Wolfe & Co.
"Merchandise of Merit Only"



Six Different Styles of
New Boudoir Caps
Regular Price 45c

Economy 29c

—Dainty new caps of rosebud and flowered crepe, grenadine and Secco silk. Made in round styles, with turn-back revers, trimmed with ruffles of lace or net; others adorned with narrow satin ribbons and flowers.

—In colorings of pink, blues, lavender, in figured designs and plain colors. —Basement

Women's New Navy and Black Serge Dresses, Sale \$3.95 and \$5.00

Men's New \$1.00 Shirts
Economy Sale 79c

—Made of madras and percales in all new patterns, white grounds with fancy striped and figured designs, also of solid blue chambray. With extra soft collar to match. Made with French turn-back cuffs and soft bosoms. —Basement

A Manufacturer's Carpet Rug Samples
Suitable for Doorways or Bedrooms

—These rugs are made from a selected quality of carpet in pretty Oriental and conventional designs, finished and bound on the ends. In colors that are most effective and attractive.

Tapestry Brussels Rugs, size 27x27 inches, 39c
Tapestry Brussels Rugs, size 27x54 inches, 98c
Velvet and Axminster Rugs, 27x54 inches, \$1.39
Royal Wilton Rugs, size 27x27 inches . . \$2.47



These Hats Are Exactly Reproduced From Four of the Models on Sale
A Pre-Easter Occasion—Dozens of Trimmed Hats
Which Follow Every Fashion Style of the Day

Economy Sale Price \$1.95

Small, medium and large hats
Hats of finest hemp straw
Novelty hemp hats
In black and all new colors

Models for misses and girls
Hats suitable for women
Tailored and dress hats
In dozens of different styles

Trimmings of quills, ribbons, cherries, flowers, flower and fruit wreaths, pom poms, straw pins, streamers. —Basement

For Women's
Knit Under-
wear No Store
Is as Satisfac-
tory as This
Store & Prices
Lowest.

\$1.00 Union Suits 69c

—Lisle union suits for women, made either with plain or band top and wide lace-trimmed knee. These are full, easy-fitting, well-finished garments.

50c Union Suits 39c

—Union suits, Swiss ribbed, of fine cotton yarn, with either tight or lace-trimmed knee. Armholes made roomy or close fitting.

15c Vests 10c

—Ladies' white cotton vests, Swiss ribbed, low neck, no sleeves, and plain yokes. —Basement

Women's Pure Linen
Handkerch'fs
—With quarter-inch hems,
embroidered block initial.

All Initials
Economy 5c

—Basement

Boys' \$1 Corduroy Pants
Economy Sale Price . . . 69c

—Excellent quality mouse-colored corduroy pants in sizes 4 to 18 years. Extra well made, having taped seams and inside belt. Knickerbocker in style. Excellent for school wear. The best boys' pants you can buy for such a small price. —Basement

Boys' Oliver Twist Wash Suits
Economy Sale Price . . . 50c

—In sizes 2½ to 8 years. In the regulation Oliver Twist style, as illustrated. In a large variety of plain colors and fancy stripes, plain white, tan and cadet, combinations of blue and white, navy and white, brown and white, pink and white. Straight pants, turn-down collars with cord at neck. —Basement

Children's Playtime Overalls
Reg. 75c, Economy Sale Price 59c

—These overalls are suitable for both boys and girls in sizes from 1 year to 8 years. Made with round neck, short sleeves, of plain blue denim with blue and white wide and narrow stripes. Excellent play overalls, which completely cover the clothing and stockings. As illustrated. —Basement

50c Mounted Hair Combs
and Shell Hair Pins for . 25c

—The mounted combs come in the new casque effects with rhinestone settings. In novel and becoming shapes. The hair pins come in sets of two, and also the new mounted effects with French rhinestones.

\$1.00 French Casque Combs and
Crystal Tipperary Pins . . . 48c

—New models in French casque combs, plain and mounted, pretty carved styles mounted with first-quality rhinestones. These Tipperary combs are the latest novelty of the season, combs that fit the head, in crystal effects, set with rhinestones. —Basement

Sweet Pea & Rose Vases 15c

Economy Sale, Each . 15c

—Of highly polished, clear crystal, in plain and fancy shapes. Rose vases in 12 and 14-inch sizes, sweet pea vases in 5-inch size. Also suitable for other kinds of flowers.

—In shapes as illustrated. —Basement

