

GRAVES NOW THICK
ON OLD BATTLEFIELDReturning Peasants Take Refuge
in Old Trenches, Making
Homes There.

SOCHACZEW IS IN RUINS

City, All Unroofed, Suggests Cemetery
Visited by Tornado; People
Send Messages to Their
Friends in America.

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SOCHACZEW, Russia, Sept. 26.—No much has happened since my winter visit to the triangle of death, that coming back here has been like coming back to the scene of events that happened generations ago, and I feel as if I were visiting some old battlefield that I had only read about. Once the earth trembled under the cannonade and the beautiful guns that work like watches were gliding and clicking and receiving their bath of oil between shots. Now all I can see is an occasional peasant plowing.

I wonder what has become of all the good, friendly fellows with whom I sat by the fires and ate baked potatoes. Some are on the far side of Polesye marshes and some have been sent to the Dardanelles and some are back in France and some are dead.

Cemeteries Only Mementoes Left.

I remember what pride they took in their trenches and "understands" and how they thought up quaint, cheerful names for them, and how the men who were clever at clay modeling used to pass the long days of the field staves in making statues of the Emperor and Hindenburg and in cutting tablets which they would letter with the words "Villa Bismarck" or "Unser Helm."

The pathetic denkmals are crumbling now and the sole mementoes of the days the good lads spent in the triangle of death are the little cemeteries, inclosed with fences and gates and archways of white birch, where the German dead lie. Often these inclosures are very prettily fashioned and in the twilight the white bark of the birches from which they are made gives the effect of delicate tracery in marble.

Grave Markers Painted Brightly.

The cemeteries which the Russian soldiers laid out in the triangle of death are more substantially inclosed. The fences and gates are of heavy, squared timbers, and the national passion for bright colors has been gratified by painting both the inclosures and the grave markers in vivid blues, reds and greens, while sometimes thrown into bold contrast by masses of black. In the center of each plot rises a ponderous cross lettered in Russian, which words Mr. Conger translated thus:

THEY DIED FOR
CEAR, FAITH,
AND
FATHERLAND

In the grass at the foot of this cross lie bottles of heavy glass containing curious symbolical designs fashioned out of bits of cardboard and tin, and representing crosses and ladders leading to heaven, and angels—all a strange, childlike jumble of emblems, of which I could make nothing. They looked like nursery toys.

Many Bodies Lie Together.

There are almost no single graves. Many of them hold at least four bodies, and most of them from six to a dozen. The names of the men sleeping in each grave are carefully lettered in black paint on the cross above it, together with the numbers of their regiments. Poor fellows, the triangle of death was their Valley Forge.

Once, in skirting to the east of the triangle, I passed a string of 30 farm wagons that made loud rattling as they drew near. The deep, wicker wagon boxes were loaded to the top with oblong zinc boxes about the size of a loaf of bread. In the thousands of rounds of small ammunition had been delivered to the Russian soldiers entrenched in the triangle. Once unpacked the zinc boxes had been thrown aside and now the farmers were gathering them up in the fields and along the roads.

In spite of its appalling waste there is a good deal of salvage in war. Even the abandoned trenches are a benefaction to the poor peasants, for in them they find much heavy timber, which they use in rebuilding their houses, as well as cords of small stuff which serves them for fire.

Families Use Trenches for Homes.

Here in Sochaczew, the northernmost point of the triangle, several families are living in "understands" and connecting trenches which the Russians dug into the side of a hill that once looked like the lazy Bzura and is crowned by the ruins of an ancient fortress. The fortresses commanded the main approach to Warsaw. In the days when fortresses meant something. Now its value is merely pictorial, and the Russians had not bothered to use its ruins remains as a protection against shell fire, but had dug into the slope of the hill behind it. In these caverns women and children are living in reasonable comfort.

Sochaczew used to house 2000 families. Now Pompeii is a flourishing capital by contrast, for at least slight remains may be found in Pompeii. But Sochaczew, all unroofed, lies staring up at the unanswerable sky and suggests a graveyard that has been visited by a tornado. A few bearded, ringleted Jews, clad in long black cassocks, scuffle through the market place and a few Jewish women come to the big iron town pump for water and then disappear down the long vistas of ruin. It is as though the ancient people had once more taken up their dwelling on the ravished slopes of Jerusalem and were shouldering again the age-long burden of their people.

Not a whole house in Sochaczew is standing. It is worse than Dinant.

Messages Sent to America.

Here the Russian line held for six months, then broke and the Germans entered the town. Finally there came a night late in July when Sochaczew suffered its last bombardment. The Russians opened on it from the plain. It was their farewell and it cost the Germans a good many men. Then the Russians stole away to the east. Immediately the Jewish patriarchs who haunted the market place learned that American correspondents were in their midst they gathered around us to tell their troubles. This they did with relish, but without rancor. It was astonishing to discover that two or three of them spoke English pretty

2 PARTY RECORDS
SHOW IN CONTRASTMr. Bourne Places Republican
and Democratic Achievements
Side by Side.

ACTIVE CAMPAIGN BEGUN

Errors of Party Now in Power Are
Pointed Out; Change Is Declared
Necessary for Best Interests
of Country.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-

ington, Oct. 24.—The broken pledges,

unsound economic principles and maladministration of the Democratic party furnish adequate argument to convince the American people that the Democratic party should be retired from power," declares Jonathan Bourne, Jr., of Oregon, in a statement issued today.

Already, according to Mr. Minto, he is in touch with a number of highly educated prisoners who will be glad to undertake the work. General supervision of the prisoner-teachers will be exercised by the warden's office through Frank Davey, the prison clerk. Mr. Davey has for several terms been a member of the Legislature from Harney County, and was speaker for one term. Previously to his being a newspaper man he had experience as a teacher, and is well qualified to supervise the proposed work.

Acceptance of the benefits of the school will be entirely voluntary with the prisoners. No one will be forced to "go to school," but it is expected that here, as at other prisons where similar educational work is undertaken, the opportunities and privileges of the education offered will draw the majority of the men to it. At present of the total population of about 350 only approximately 250 have employment. Of this number slightly less than 100 are threshing flax.

More Than 250 Idle.

As matters now stand, therefore, more than 250 men are absolutely idle. It will be those who will be offered the school privileges. Those who have no employment, and who desire to join the school, also will have the opportunity. Probably they will be permitted half time at work and half time in the school. This scheme is used at San Quentin, where prisoners who work in the jail mill there in the forenoon go to school in the afternoon, and

Warden Minto will start the school with modest plans. Nothing extensive will be undertaken at first. Probably one of the initial steps will be to segregate the illiterate, or nearly illiterate, who desire to improve themselves, from

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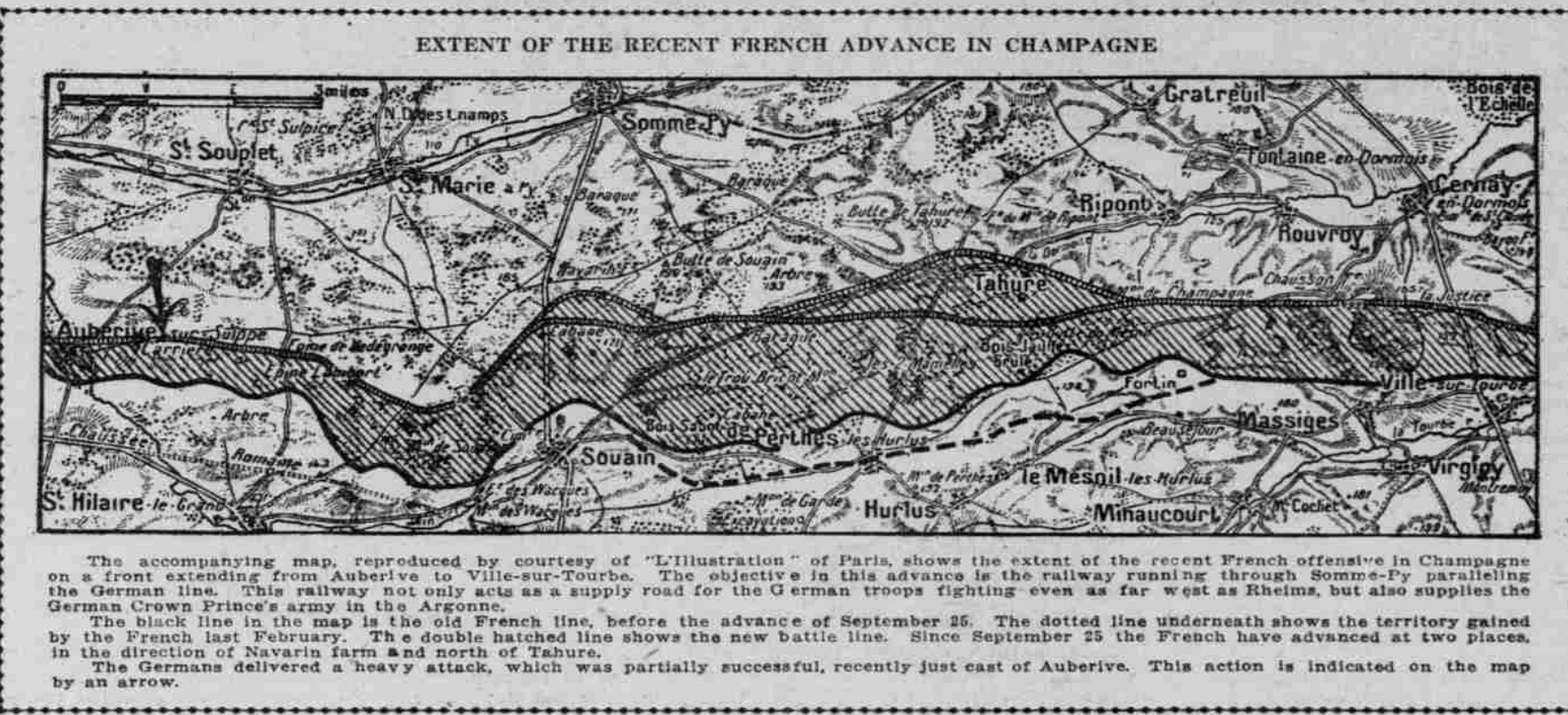
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The accompanying map, reproduced by courtesy of "L'Illustration" of Paris, shows the extent of the recent French advance in Champagne on a front extending from Auberville to Ville-sur-Tourbe. The objective in this advance is the railway running through Somme-Fy paralleling the German line. The railway not only acts as a supply road for the German troops fighting even as far west as Rheims, but also supplies the German Crown Prince's army in the Argonne.

The black line in the map is the old French line, before the advance of September 25. The dotted line underneath shows the territory gained by the French last February. The double hatched line shows the new battle line. Since September 25 the French have advanced at two places, in the direction of Navarin farm and north of Tabary.

The Germans delivered a heavy attack, which was partially successful, recently just east of Auberville. This action is indicated on the map by an arrow.

to him across the sea: "Thy father is here and the family is well."

JAPANESE OUTPUT GAINS

RUSSIA ORDERS GREAT VARIETY
OF WAR SUPPLIES.Portion of Payment Will Be Made by
Bills, and Security Is Not Likely
to Be Demanded.

TOKIO, Japan, Sept. 25.—The output of war munitions for Russia resulting from the recent agreement between Japan and the allies is already showing a great increase. Russian orders include railroad cars, a large quantity of rails, sleepers, locomotives, as well as guns, rifles, ammunition, boots and general leather equipment and cloth.

A contract has been signed between the representative of a Russian commercial house at Vladivostok and a merchant of Osaka for the supply of munitions of war valued at 17,000,000 yen, or \$3,500,000, the orders to be completed by April or May next.

It is understood that a portion of the payment for supply by Japan of war munitions will be made by treasury bills of the Russian government. The principal banks of Tokyo and Osaka will form a syndicate with the support of the Bank of Japan to facilitate the loan of the bills, which it is believed will be accepted without any form of security or guarantee by a third party, as was at first thought necessary.

The period of redemption is expected to be no shorter than two months and not longer than two years.

VILLA'S MEN IN BATTLE

CARRANZA ADVANCE GUARD EN-
COUNTERS ENEMY.Desertions From Villa Reported as Re-
sult of Recognition of Enemy
by United States.

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Oct. 24.—A sharp fight between the advance guard of General Villa's soldiers and a detachment of Carranza troops from Agua Prieta, Sonora, occurred early today between Agua Prieta and Fronteras, according to reports received here. General Carranza's advance guard, who was in command of the Carranza garrison which evacuated Naco a few days ago, was killed today in a duel with Villa's men.

A similar policy affecting only the internal development of the country was manifested in the enactment of the reclamation law.

The Republican party has always favored and maintained an efficient monetary system, and when conditions began to show the inadequacy of existing laws that party created a monetary commission, which, after thorough study of the subject, recommended desirable legislation.

The Republican party submitted to the American people for their adoption the constitutional amendments providing for election of United States Senators and authorizing the enactment of an income tax law.

The policies here enumerated were not adopted as temporary expedients nor in response to an outraged public opinion. They were carefully formulated by constructive statesmen, who thereby demonstrated their fitness for leadership.

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OREGON CITY, Or., Oct. 24.—(Special.)—The first meeting of the school year of the Clackamas County School Masters' Club was held Saturday night at Milwaukie. The domestic science classes of the Milwaukie school served a banquet.

F. J. Toose, superintendent of the Oregon City schools, discussed debat-

ing and athletic work; County Superintendent Calavan explained the arithmetic matches which will be held, and the following officers were elected: President, Burr Tatro, of the Oregon City high school; vice-president, Howard Eccles, Canby; secretary, F. J. Toose, Oregon City superintendent; treasurer, Charles Romis, principal of Willamette school.

The next meeting will be held in Oregon City.

Rotarians to Hear of Astoria Case.

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