

FORCE OF GERMAN DRIVE IS UNABATED

French Assume Battle for Possession of Fortress May Continue Fortnight.

HEAVY SNOW IS FALLING

Kaiser Said to Have Ordered Rehearsal Before Launching Great Offensive—Defenders Are Heavily Reinforced.

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had on the minds of the German people since 1792, and the consequent moral value of its fall to the Germans. This psychological reason, in the judgment of high official critics, explained the presence of Emperor William behind the troops, and the orders of the day issued to the army by the Crown Prince and the generals. The French compare the ground gained by the Germans in the four days with twice that amount taken by the French in the first two days of their offensive in Champagne, together with eight times the number of prisoners.

The confidence of the French is unshaken by the fierce attacks and the bending in of the French line. The military critics of the Temps reports that heavy French reinforcements have been brought up.

Whole Brigade Annihilated.
Lieutenant-Colonel Leonce Roushet, another military critic, relates a conversation he had with a surgeon just returned from Verdun. On February 23, during the present battle, the surgeon saw an entire brigade, which was advancing in close order, caught by the concentrated fire of French batteries and annihilated in a few minutes.

The Petit Parisien's correspondent at the front says that Emperor William, prior to the beginning of the attack, ordered as an especial precaution that a sort of dress rehearsal of the coming attack be held. At a given signal, the correspondent says, every infantryman and gunner took the post assigned to him in advance and the motions of a general attack were gone through behind the lines. The Emperor seemingly was satisfied and gave the word to begin the offensive on Saturday night. The French losses are declared to be insignificant in comparison with those of the Germans.

French Well Sheltered.

The German artillery preparation, which reached its height on Tuesday, was of unparalleled violence. Every inch of ground was searched out; every point where it was thought guns might be hidden was littered with shells, but the French infantry was so well sheltered under the ground and the French guns were so well hidden that when the German batteries grew silent yesterday, Frenchmen sprang up from the hole in the ground and opened a deadly fire with machine guns, while shells from the 75-millimeter guns flew overhead and moved down wave after wave of the Germans as they plodded doggedly over the snow-covered ground.

The French defense, according to military experts, has proved itself most effective by inflicting appalling losses on the Germans. Prisoners taken yesterday stated that whole regiments have been wiped out. It is expected, however, that the Germans will return to the charge with renewed fury, as they desire to get within reach of the forts. They are now within two miles of that of Douaumont, within three miles of that of Charny and about the same distance of Vaux and Tannenberg. If they should succeed in their purpose it would be at an enormous cost of life.

LONDON MENACED, SAYS BRITON

Importance of Situation at Verdun Is Emphasized.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—The importance of England of the battle raging around Verdun was emphasized by Major Sir Francis Lloyd, general officer commanding the London district, in a speech today at the opening of a military building at Wimbledon. "In the grave war which is now proceeding," said General Lloyd, "every individual must give up self absolutely, and all must unite in one bond to make the war result in victory. Do you realize that a fight is now going on for a passage to Paris? The result will hang in the balance until the Teuton is driven back, as I have confidence he will be."

"But if once our allies' line is pierced the way will be open to the French capital, and if that capital is reached, a new complex would be put on the whole face of the war and on our lives and being. A German success on the French front would not merely mean the loss of Paris, but would endanger London."

General Lloyd administered a rebuke to those Britons who, he declared, had acquired the habit of fault-finding with and criticizing the work of their leaders.

BERLIN IS MORE CONFIDENT

Germans Say They Gained Wherever Strong Effort Was Made.

BERLIN, Feb. 24, via London, Feb. 25.—The report of German gains northward of Verdun has strengthened the feeling of confidence here in the outcome of future events. The news has provoked no noticeable stir in Berlin, where no flags have been exhibited.

Naturally it is impossible to hazard a guess whether the latest dramatic mark of the beginning of the great offensive is only a continuation of the evident feeling-out process of recent days.

Except as to the number of prisoners taken, the victory of the Germans is one-fourth as great as that achieved by the entente allies in September, where three days' gunfire preceded the attack.

VICTOR AND RUNNER-UP SHAKE HANDS AFTER FINALS IN PALM BEACH GOLF TOURNAMENT.



MISS ELAINE ROSENTHAL (LEFT), OF CHICAGO, SHAKING HANDS WITH MISS LOUISE WITHERBEE, OF NEW YORK (SOCIAL REGISTER), WHOM SHE DEFEATED.

Palm Beach has charms other than bathing and Bal Masques. Society has paid more than particular attention to the progress of the golf tournament for the women's championship, held at Palm Beach. Miss Rosenthal, the Western champion, defeated Mrs. A. F. Ross, Century, 8 and 7, thereby becoming a finalist in the women's championship. She turned in a card of 75, which is the record for the course, made by Miss Lillian Bird, of New York, three years ago.

NAVY IS CRITICISED

Admiral Says Radical Reform Is Necessary.

"SEA HABIT" IS DESIRABLE

Training of Young Boys Urged and Polytechnic Education Declared Unsuitable to Those Who Must Command Fleets.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The United States Navy's whole system of government and operation, from education of officers to that of ship and gun construction, was sharply criticized by Admiral Cameron McKee Winslow, commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet, without radical changes, the Admiral declared, a fully efficient fighting force comparable to the British navy could not be produced in 50 years.

Admiral Winslow told the committee yesterday that the establishment of a general staff composed of active line officers was a vital necessity. Today he amplified this view, declaring that the system of education at Annapolis Naval Academy was wrong.

Midshipmen Are Advocated.

He urged restoration of the old grade of midshipman in the fleet. Boys should enter the service at from 14 to 16 years of age, he said, spend two years in preliminary schooling ashore, then go to sea to acquire the "sea habit" from actual contact with things of the sea before commencing their education at the academy. The polytechnic education now given midshipmen at the academy is utterly unsuitable, the Admiral declared, to the training of men to handle ships and combinations of ships at sea.

Unfit Must Be Eliminated.

From the day boys entered the academy, he said, a system of selection should be applied to govern promotion, eliminating men unfit for the tiring, over-cracking tasks that would be theirs in war. He added that fellow officers should determine these qualifications, and that a plan of this sort was being worked out by the Navy Department.

With opposing fleets sweeping toward each other over the sea for an action to be carried out at a speed of 20 knots or more, the Admiral insisted, there would be no time for hesitation by any commander.

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ish government has issued the same instructions to all its representatives in the United States.

FISHER AMENDS COMPLAINT

Owner of Seized Trap Sues for Return of Money.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 25.—(Special.)—

An amended complaint in the case of Theodore Siverson against R. E. Clanton and Frank Sweet was filed in the Circuit Court this morning. This action was brought to recover \$1300. The complaint avers that in September, 1912, the defendants, who were officers of the state fisheries department, and he was forced to pay \$1000 to recover possession of it. The plaintiff seeks to recover that amount, as well as \$300 damages and interest on the two sums from September 12, 1912. The fish trap in question was seized by the officers on a charge of illegal fishing, and he was forced to pay the \$1000 and was purchased by the plaintiff.

ZEPPELIN KILLS AMERICAN

Richard Canfield's Gambling Aide Is Victim in Paris.

BOSTON, Feb. 25.—

The death in Paris, by a bomb dropped from a Zeppelin, of William Dunn, ex-assistant of Richard Canfield in the latter's gambling enterprises at New York, Saratoga and Narragansett Pier, was announced today to his brother, Joseph J. Dunn, in a letter from the British Consul at Paris.

The letter said that Dunn was killed while seated in a barber chair in a Paris hotel January 23, and that John Simmons, who was with him, was injured. Both men were widely known in sporting circles on both sides of the Atlantic.

PORK DEARER IN BERLIN

Butchers Unable to Obtain Supplies at Former Prices.

BERLIN, Feb. 24, via London, Feb. 25.—

The magistracy of Berlin has raised the maximum pork prices at the raised the prices of the city, who are unable to secure swine at the existing prices.

The new prices run from 80 pennings a pound for a head without jowls to 150 pennings for fresh hams, 150 pennings for belly, shoulder and similar cuts and 240 pennings for lard.

Portions of dressed hog which may be converted into sausage have been further reduced.

Arson Indictment Sustained.

ROSEBURG, Or., Feb. 25.—(Special.)

Holding that the indictment returned by the grand jury against William Plaman, accused of arson, was sufficient, Judge Coke has denied the demurrer filed by attorneys for the defendant. The indictment was attacked on the grounds that the charge preferred against Plaman was not framed under any particular statute.

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JAPAN WILLING TO SELL

RUSSIA BELIEVED ABOUT TO ACQUIRE LOST WARSHIPS.

Two Battleships and Cruiser Involved in Negotiations Now at Stalingrad.

TOKIO, Feb. 25.—

Russian negotiations for the purchase from Japan of warships which were captured in the Russo-Japanese War, are reported to be proceeding satisfactorily. The Soya, the Tango and the Sagami are said to be the vessels which Russia desires to purchase.

Russia would have bought warships from Japan at the outbreak of the war, in order to take part in the bombardment of Tsing-Tau, the German territory of Kiau-Chau, but the negotiations which were then undertaken fell through.

The Tango and the Sagami are battleships and the Soya a protected cruiser.

The Tango, formerly the Russian warship Poltava, was sunk at Port Arthur and afterwards raised and repaired. She is of 11,000 tons and has a complement of 750 men. The Soya, like the Tango, was built at Petrograd and is of 13,500 tons, with a complement of 732 men.

The Soya was sunk at Philadelphia in 1904 and raised and repaired in 1905. She has a displacement of 650 tons.

STAMP DYES ARE COMING

Prospect of Getting Sugar Beet Seed, However, Not Hopeful.

BERLIN, Feb. 24, via London, Feb. 25.—

Delayed in transmission.—Through the combined efforts of the American Embassy and Consulate, shipments of aniline dyes for the use of the United States Government in the production of postage stamps and greenbacks has been arranged. One small shipment is ready to go and others will follow shortly.

Small private shipments of dyes have until now reached only as far as Holland, where they have been detained.

Through Edwin W. Thompson, commercial attaché here, efforts are being made to obtain for the United States a supply of sugar beet seed, but to date the prospect is not hopeful.

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