

FRENCH PREPARING FOR BIG MOVEMENT

Carolyn Wilson Sees in Spirit of People Signs of Important Action.

CIVILIANS LEAVE TOWNS

"War to Knife" Is Accepted Now in France—Great Motor Lorries, New Railroads, Guns, Ammunition Ready for Activity.

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PARIS, Aug. 28.—Whether it is in preparation for a great offensive movement, I don't know, but there are signs of activity going on behind the whole French line.

These days when permissionnaires are as plentiful as dandelions in springtime, one learns much more of actual happenings and projects than ever before. Not that what these men tell are confidences, but by piecing together a bit here and a bit there, one makes out a straight narrative, and nothing has been clearer to discern during these past two weeks than there is about to be "something doing" on the French front.

One tells you of the towns toward the east, which have been cleared of civilians; he tells you it is because of the question of becoming so difficult to handle, but his "copain" contradicts him and says it is because there are no more means of escape and can't be troubled by the presence of civilians. And a third says it is just because of the bombardments and that it is for their own good that they have been sent away.

Guns Every 25 Feet.

"You ought to see the cannons at one place I might mention, but I won't," says a husky souave. "Why, they've crowded up so many, 120, in just one section, that they've got 250 of them along a stretch of 1500 meters." Now that is only a mile, and that would mean one every 25 feet. I may have looked incredulous, but he gave me no time to express my doubts. "And the new mitrailleurs! If they are pretty American, you know, and wonder, if they'll make some nice little presents to the Boches."

Another man told me of the splendid new motor lorries for transporting the heavy cannon over bad roads. They are simply enormous, fill the whole street as they lumber by, and have rear wheels with an 18-inch rim which is perforated again and again with holes and pass through water as they are hauling over bad roads.

Or there is the other kind, the wheels of which rather resemble those of some of our farming machines—flexible bands held in place by other light cross-bands.

You hear that there are new railroads being built everywhere. "What have you been doing lately?" you ask a man from a certain section. "Oh, digging, mining, and clearing away for new railroads."

Horses Dyed Khaki Color.

Sometimes he tells you that he has been dyeing horses, and his description of the poor dazed things as he dyes them, the terrible white or black chums dyed with henna to a luscious khaki is too amusing.

"Spare and I'll apprentice myself to a hairdresser when I get through with the war," said a blue-eyed Irishman to me. "It's a fine touch of red I'd be giving to the ladies' hair, and I'd tell you my knowledge of the stuff, be it for blondes or brunettes or snow whites."

The English are said to be coming over in tremendous numbers. And to a rather slighting remark on the part of a civilian about their fighting qualities a French soldier spoke up very quickly in their defense.

French Admirer British.

"There isn't a French soldier who has seen the new men who are coming over today—those who have had the full training—best admires them," he said. "Most of our Frenchmen had three years' training, and now a year which is better than all the training in the world. But the new boys haven't had but eight months or so—some of 'em ten. And yet they fight with an enduring power and patience and stoicism which leaves nothing to be desired. The right characteristics are there; the experience and tactical education for the officers will come in time. I don't know that I am an admirer of the war, but I believe the first month of the war. There certainly wasn't much intelligence in it. No, why expect them to come over here, but they will."

"My God, my God, don't worry about that," said a man in khaki who had come up during the preceding speech. "They'll get it when they see 10 days ago there is no thought of anything but fighting and killing in his mind. It's war, and that's what it is. I don't know what you say it was," took up a French soldier. "Do you see knives, it's greenwood after the bombardment when you go into the trenches and the few living are hiding perhaps and you go forward with your bayonet and a short knife. Or there's something better in that sort of work than a short, dagger-like knife with a firm handle. You be knife on cheerfully, 'you're apt to rain your bayonet, break it off in a body or something, and you hate doing that; we are all devoted to our 'Ivovale. But a knife is much better, and though it went against the grain to use them as at first, the other side has them, too, and they are much fairer than either poison gas or the game."

Anticipation Kinds Anxiety.

This spirit of anticipation of big things is a good thing just now, for it completely carries the people over any anxiety that they might have had over the turn affairs have taken in Russia.

Personally, I can't understand the calm acceptance of the loss of Poland. I have yet to find the Frenchman who is at all perturbed by it, or who thinks it a menace. The fact that the Germans will now be free to send huge numbers of troops to this frontier doesn't seem to worry them at all. In fact, they scarcely admit that it is possible. And to the statement that the Germans have gained many material things by taking Poland—materials and things which will make the war continue longer, if it finally resolves itself into a duration of material war—they say that that is possible, but no matter how long the war goes on, the French will be the last ones out of it.

As for myself, I don't take nearly so cheerful a view of the troops about to be released; and I only hope that everything here is in "apple pie" order to greet them when they arrive.

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