IERDUN DRIVE MAY HIDE NEW STRATEGY

Other Big Attacks Viewed by Berlin Correspondent as Possible Outcome.

PARIS STILL IS CONFIDENT

Whole Front Is Alert and Leaves of Absence Are Recalled, While Desire for Continuance of Attacks Is Expressed.

BY OSWALD F. SCHUETTE. (War Correspondent of the Chicago Dally News.)

Daily News.)

BERLIN, Feb. 24, via London, Feb. 26.

The German advance has now broken through the heavy French entrenchment north of Verdun to a point three miles north of the outer forts and six miles from the citadel of the great fortress itself.

From details available it is seen that, whether or not the French are able later to stem the tide, this is by far the most important victory for the Germans on the west front since last May, when they tried to crush the outer lines at Ypres.

If the movement is carried on so far as really to imperil Verdun, it will be one of the greatest movements of the

one of the greatest movements of the war. However, there is no means of knowing whether this is the great offensive that has been planned. Verdun is a most important strategic position and its fall would lay bare the heart of France.

Before I left Berlin for the east front ten days ago it was clear that various attacks slong the western lines indicated that a big action was coming. Both sides were testing out each other to find the weak spots. Since that time the Germans have made successful attacks at Ypres, Souchez, Verdun and in the Vosges, but nothing has been revealed as to whether these are the real beginning of an offensive or whether some other point is still to be chosen.

Attack May Be Only Blind. The situation is much like that on the Danube last October, when the Germans threw an attack all along the Russian lines, only to make the real assaults in the least likely place, the great citadel of Belgrade itself. So the Verdun offensive may be only a blind to cover real plans elsewhere. The progress of the Crown Prince's army, however, is of greatest importance to

progress of the Crown Prince's army, however, is of greatest importance to the situation of the west front.

The French line of trenches north of Verdun are really earth fortifications, reinforced with steel and concrete and covering heavy artillery. There are interwoven harbed-wire barriers and miles of bomb-proof shelters. The place is said by the French to be imprographly.

one logical spot at which to attempt to break through the French front.

"The snow has not caused any dimin-ution of the attacks, because they can-not be suspended. They mills be connot be suspended. They must be con-tinued to the end. The troops engaged the territory captured while awaiting better weather conditions. A thaw would render their situation worse, and it must already be painful."

nervousness, but only sober confidence in the result prevails.

The desire among those who know the defensive strength of the lines seems to be that the attacks should continue, for, they argue, the lesses on the German side would be in proportion to their efforts.

There were few persons around the newspaper builtin boards today and no crowds at the Ministry of War or other public offices!

The whole front from the North Sea

The whole front from the North Sea The whole front from the North Sea to Switzerland is on the alert, and all leaves of absence have been recalled. The French maximum effort has not yet been made. The total French losses in killed, wounded and prisoners since the Verdun haitle began, it was authoritatively said tonight, have been less than the German official communica-

French Regain Lost Ground.

out cessation to the east and to the west of the Meuse. To these attacks of the enemy our troops have replied by counter attacks carried out with vigor at the various points assailed on

"All the new attempts of the Ger-mans in the region of Champaeuville and on La Cote Deu Pouvre, where we are solidly established, have been re-

"A furious striggle has been in prog "A furious striggle has been in progress around Fort Douaumont, which is
an advance element of the old defensive organization of Verdun fortress.
The position captured this morning by
the enemy, after several fruitless assaults, which cost him extremely heavy
losses, was reached again and gone beyond by our troops, which all the attempts of the enemy have not been
able to push back.
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"Today, in the region of Verdun, Aditiant Nevagre, in a menoplane, beat down with a natchine gun two German aeroplanes, this achievement making five enemy aeroplanes brought to earth by this pilot. The enemy machines fell in our lines. Two aviators manning them were killed while two others were made prisoner. On the same day made prisoner. On the same day one of our squadrons, composed of nine bombing aeroplanes, dropped 144 shells on the Sablon railway station at Metz. Another of our aeroplane squadrons bombarded the enemy establishrous bombarded the enemy establish-ments at Chambley, northwest of Pont-

The Temps' military review, which usually is written by General De la Croix, sums up the situation thus:

"The hattle being fought is extremely serious. Even should the heights of Polvre and the Vauche Wood be taken, the enemy would find us perhaps stronger on the Foldeterree-Douaumont line, from which begins the defenses, properly speaking, of the fortress, covered with trenches and bat-

MAP SHOWING DEFENSES OF VERDUN, NOW UNDER ASSAULT BY TEUTONS.



FORT DE DOUAUMONT, STORM CENTER YESTERDAY, SHOWN IN CIRCLE

IOWA DEMOCRATS DIVIDED

"Progressive" Element to Put Rival State Ticket in Field.

DES MOINES, Feb. 26.—So-called DES MOINES, Feb. 26.—So-called Progressive Democrats of Iowa, who held an all-night conference, announced today they would open headquarters in Des Moines and wage an open fight on the regular Democrats. Members of the conference announced

Members of the conterence announced they will make strenuous efforts to unseat members of the opposition faction of Democrats from membership on the state central committee, and that practically a Tull state ticket will be placed before the primaries in opposition to the regular Democratic slate.

Tenight's official statement by the French War Office says:

"In Champagne we completely repulsed an attack by the enemy against a sailent carried by us to the south of Ste Marie-a-Py. The total number of prisoners taken by us in this affair has reached 340 of whom nine are officers and 36 non-commissioned officers.

"In the region to the north of Verflun the bombardment continues with-

Interwoven barbed-wire barriers and miles of bomb-proof shelters. The place is said by the French to be impregnable.

Weever Plais Likely Point.

The French may be compelled to weaken their positions south, and east of Verdun to reinforce those at the north. This would mean relief for the German army bolding the Woevre plain army bolding the Woevre plain and Toul.

It might enable the Germans to strangthen this wedge into the French front.

Attack Has Not Come.

This is a siege by the Germans to declarations of their candidacy for election and nomination by their respection by their respectition and nomination by their respective parties. Of this number 71 aspirates of the passengers on the Lafayette had booked for the Espagne, but were transferred because of postponement in sailing of the latter vessel to permit repairs.

At the primaries voters of both the Republican and Democratic parties will be given opportunity to express their choice of their party's nominee for the Republican and Democratic parties will be given opportunity to express their choice of their party's nominee for the Republican and Democratic parties will be given opportunity to express their choice of their party's nominee for the Republican and Democratic parties will be given opportunity to express their choice of their party's nominee for the Republican and Democratic parties will be given opportunity to express their choice of their party's nominee for the Republican and Democratic parties will be given opportunity to express their choice of their party's nominee for the Republican and Democratic par

Each Must Nominate 143

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Candidacies for Office; 4

Out for Convention

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of State are as follows:

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W. L. Bradshaw, The Dalles, Democrat.
One to nominate.
Circuit Judge, Fourteenth Judicial District—Bernard Daly, Lakeview, Democratic, One to nominate.
Circuit Judge, Eighteenth Judicial District—M. E. Brink, Prineville, Republican;
T. E. J. Duffy, Prineville, Democratic, One o nominate.

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Circuit Judge. Nineteenth Judicial Discitt.—"George R. Bagley, Hillsboro, Repubcan. One to nominate.
Circuit Judge. Twentieth Judicial District
—A. W. Norblad, Astoria, Republican. One

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District Attorney—William M. Stone, Oregon City, Ciachamas County, Republican; C. W. Mullins, Astoria, Clatsop, Democratic; Willard H. Wirtz, Prinsville, Crock, to the control of the contro

Democratic; *James C. Johnson, Gold Beach, Curry, R.publican; George Neuner, Jr., Roseburg, Douglas, Republican; Ira B. Riddle, Roseburg, Douglas, Republican; Ira B. Riddle, Roseburg, Douglas, Republican; T. A. Weinke, Condon, Gilliam, Repablican; J. M. Blank, Canyon City, Grant, Republican; O. M. Roberts, Medford, Jackson, Republican; Newton W. Borden, Medford, Jackson, Democratic; J. N. Johnson, Grants Pass, Josephine, Republican; E. E. Rianchard, Grants Pass, Josephine, Republican; E. E. Rianchard, Grants Pass, Josephine, Republican; E. Republican; Joseph S. Kent, Kiamath Falls, Kiamath, Republican; W. M. Duncan, Kiamath Falls, Kiamath, Republican; W. M. Duncan, Kiamath Falls, Kiamath, Democratic; F. C. Schafer, Port Rock, Lake, Republican; Thomas S. Farreh, Lakeview, Lake, Republican; L. L. Ray, Eugene, Lane, Democratic; O. H. Carson, Salem, Marion, Republican; Benjamin F. Swope, Independence, Polk, Republican; T. H. Goyne, Tillameok, Tillameok, Republican; The Grants Passen, Canyon, Tillameok, The Dalles, Wasco, Republican; H. T. Basley, Hillsboro, Washington, Republican; *Roswell L. Conner, McKinnytile, Yamhill, Republican, *Incumbent. YET OUT FOR OFFICE Republicans and Democrats

REPUBLICANS TOTAL 71 Representatives Hawley, Sinnott and

Ington, Republican: *Roswell L. Conner, McMinnville, Yamhill, Republican.

*Incumbent.

State Senator, Seventh District — J. C. Smith, Grants Pass, Republican: George E. Lundburg, Grants Pass, Republican: George E. Lundburg, Grants Pass, Republican.

State Senator, Eleventh District—*W. D. Wood, Hillsboro, Republican.

State Senator, Thirtsenth District—*Robert S. Farrell, Portland, Republican, F. H. Ransom, Portland, Republican, G. W. Hodson, Portland, Republican, G. W. Hodson, Portland, Republican, State Senator, Twenty-second District—*W. Lair Thompson, Lakeview, Republican.

State Senator, Twenty-fourth District—*Loving V. Stewart, Dayville, Republican.

State Senator, Twenty-fourth District—John U. Smith, West Chehalem (Newberg, R. 1), Republican; Francis L. Mitchelbook, McMinnville, Republican.

Representative, First District—Edward H. Belknap, Jefferson, Republican.

Representative, Third District—Roy Griggs, Comstock, Republican.

Representative, Seventh District—A. E. Voorhies, Grants Pass, Republican.

Representative, Fourth District—Benton Bowman, Hillsboro, Republican; *S. Pasisley, Buxton (Banks, R. 2), Republican; Lawrence A. Fernsworth, Banks, Republican.

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H. Chatten, Portland, Republican.

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Goldstein, Portland, Democrat,

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W. Herman, Rainier, Republican,

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LINER SAILS UNARMED DOUBLE PURPOSE SERVED

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Passengers Point to Absence of Guns as Warrant for Bellef They Are Running Into No Danger.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26 .- The French ine steamer Lafayette, carrying 228 passengers and a general freight cargo, left here today for Bordeaux. The Lafayette will reach the war zone Friday or Saturday of next week, the first fighting has recently taken place. passenger liner from the United States flying the flag of one of the entente allies to enter the zone after March 1, the date that Germany has set to begin her submarine offensive against armed

There were no guns to be seen, how-ever, on the Lafayette. Nearly half of the passengers on the Lafayette had booked for the Espagne, but were transferred because of postponement in sailing of the latter vessel to permit

Saturday's War Moves

as asserted in the official communication issued at Berlin.

Fort Dounumont, says the French statement, is an advance element of the old defense organization of the old Verdun fortress, and it goes on to say that the position captured Saturday morning by the Germans after several fruitless assaults was reached again by French troops, who succeeded in advancing beyond that point and have maintained their ground. The position referred to is fot clearly defined.

Heavy bombardments by the Germans to the east and west of the Meuse were met by vigorous counter attacks and the French have resisted the attempts of the Germans to capture (Pepper Hill), two positions of strate-

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Kermanshah has been taken by storm by Russia's forces. Recent Petrograd advices have indicated an expectation Circuit Judge, Second Judicial District—
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Three to nominate.
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Percy R. Kelly, Albany, Republicant M. E.
Pogue, Salem, Republicant, Two, to nominate,
Circuit Judge, Fourth Judicial District—
Wilson T. Hume, Department No. 1, Portland, Republicant, J. E. Marcer, Department
No. B. Portland, Republican. Three to nominate.

In Albania the Austrians are evi-

In Albania the Austrians are evidently having things all their own way, particularly in the territory as far south as Durazzo. An official state-ment issued in Rome admits the evacuation of Durazzo by the Italians, who recently were reported to have been defeated on the outskirts of the cuty by the Austrians.

February 27, 1915.

Allies' ships begin heavy bombard-ment of inner forts of Dardanelles. Steamer Dacia selzed by French war-ship and taken to Brest. Stanislaus recaptured by Russians. Fierce battle being fought in Belgium trenches.



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Russians Report Capture of Kermanshah by Storm.

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LONDON, Feb. 26.—A Reuter dispatch from Petrograd says that the Russians have taken by storm Kermanshah, the important Persian city, in the neighborhood of which serious

An official dispatch from Teheran yesterday said that after a series of battles in the mountain passes, as a result of which the Russians captured a considerable quantity of booty, the Turks, who had been aided by Ger-mans, had retreated toward Kerman-shah. Kermanshah is 280 miles southwest of Teheran and has a population of about 30,000. The routes from Bag-dad, Shuster, Ispaham, by way of Hamadan and Suleimaniyah, meet there and make the city an important center of

traffic The Bussian operations in Persia, which have culminated in the capture of Kermanshah, have had the local purpose of putting an end to the activ-ties of hostile mountain forces and organized bands of Kurds, and it is be-lieved that they have the broader scope

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