

LOOSE COEFFICIENT IN TIME OF CRISIS

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Not Alarming—Pride in
Army Supreme.

BRITONS TOLD TO BE COOL

Effectiveness of Enemy in Region of
St. Quentin Admitted to Be
Most Formidable Feature
of Battle.

LONDON, March 22.—"Serious but not alarming," sums up the reception of London of today's news from the western front.

There was no boastfulness, but the feeling was one of supreme confidence and pride in the army which stands on the first line of defense between democracy and autocracy.

The newspapers warn against undue optimism, but they point out that the fighting instinct still lives in the British breast, notwithstanding the long years of peace and ignorance of military training, and that when that fighting instinct dies the world will see the death of the British nation.

Germany Stakes All.
Since it has developed that this is indeed the great heralded German offensive, the most colossal struggle in the world's history, the public and press are unanimously of the opinion that its failure will mean the end of the war.

The Times says Germany is evidently resolved to stake all her chances on the western front, and adds:

"She has committed herself to the greatest gamble in history. We believe she will fail and it is precisely because the failure of the present attack must result disastrously upon Germany that we derive encouragement from the military position as it is disclosed today."

Public Advised to Wait.
The Morning Post cautions the nation "to keep a cool head and allow no plausible argumentation upon scanty facts to persuade it to premature conclusions."

The Manchester Guardian says: "If the Germans persist in attacks and lose, they will have lost the war, and the only thing left doubtful will be the magnitude of their defeat."

The Evening News in its comment on the situation reports to say anything about prisoners, and adds:

"In the matter of figures our opponents have been notoriously inexact."

Attack Laid to Desperation.
The military expert of the Westminster Gazette writes that the Germans began their offensive partly through excessive egotism and also in desperation.

"We had upset the calculations of the enemy's defensive by our ascendancy in the air; which, not being temporary, portended a situation likely to become intolerable if by bombing the lines of communication the Germans became intolerable already," says this writer.

"We are that state of affairs to continue, the morale of the German army on the defensive would be destroyed. It is not the enemy; it is we who have forced the pace."

A letter to the Daily Dispatch, which is understood to have been written by a German officer, says that the German advance is most serious. It is here also that he is making his biggest effort, presumably because the junction of the British and French armies is in this neighborhood.

Cambray Salient to Be Squeezed.
The enemy's plan as disclosed so far, adds the Dispatch's letter, "aimed in the first instance at encircling our Cambray salient much after the fashion of the attack of November 20, although on an increased scale. In the second place, from St. Quentin and its environs, he aimed at reaching the line of the Somme and the road to Amiens."

"In the north the war was almost completely foiled, although a slight rectification of our front has been imposed."

Following up his allusion to the enemy effort in the St. Quentin region, the writer says:

"Fortunately, the wedge driven into our lines is very narrow, and dangerous for the enemy himself, and the canal, which runs at a sharp angle, constitutes an excellent position for defense."

There seems to be no doubt that we are in for an intense and protracted struggle, although if the enemy goes on losing practically three men to our one, as he has been doing, exhaustion may well supervene.

Battle May Last for Days.
"It may be some days before the enemy's onslaught can be even temporarily stemmed, and longer before a counter offensive can be thought of. But with British steadiness, French resource and the general allied reserve, the position cannot be regarded as unsatisfactory."

"I gather that the military and other well-informed circles the appearance on the scene of German tanks is believed to be imminent."

Comment in the German press on the new offensive, as summarized by the Copenhagen Telegraph Company, is to the effect that the present battles are the final and decisive exertion of strength on the part of the German people before peace comes. The newspapers say Germany need hold on only a short time and that victory will be obtained.

Much attention is being paid also to the Italian front.

The Central News says all sorts of

OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS

British.
LONDON, March 22.—The statement of the British War Office says: "Heavy fighting continued until late hours last night on the whole battle front. During the afternoon powerful hostile attacks delivered with great weight of infantry and artillery broke through our defensive system west of St. Quentin."

Northern Sector Butted.
"Our troops on this part of the battlefield are falling back in good order across the devastated area to prepared positions further west."

"Our troops on the northern portion of the battlefield are holding their positions."

German.
BERLIN, March 22.—(British Admiralty, per Wireless Press.)—The German army headquarters announcement follows:

"Under the command of the Emperor and King the battle of attack against the British front near Arras, Cambrai and St. Quentin has been proceeding two days. Yesterday also good progress was made."

"Divisions of Crown Prince Rupprecht stormed the heights north and northwest of Cambrai. Between Potters-Banque and the heights of the West of Gouvaucourt, Heudecourt and Villers-Faucon were captured, and in the valley of the Cologne stream Reisel and Marquais were stormed."

"The fighting around Epheg Heights was bitter. The heights, being encircled from the north and south, the enemy was compelled to leave them for our troops."

"Between Epheg and Reisel the enemy vainly endeavored by means of strong counter-attacks to bring our victoriously advancing troops to a standstill. He was driven back everywhere with the heaviest losses."

"The heights north of Verdun were stormed. We stand before the third enemy position. Under the effect of this success, the enemy evacuated his positions in the bend southwest of Cambrai. We pursued him through Denicourt, Flines and Ribecourt."

"Between the Omeignon stream and the Somme corps of the army group of the German Crown Prince, after the capture of the enemy's positions, used their way through Holme wood and fought across the heights of Savy and Roupy, penetrating into the third enemy position."

"South of the Somme divisions broke through the enemy over the Crozat Canal toward the west. Jager battalions are being sent out by German war correspondents. One of them talks of about 1,000,000 yards of piping behind the front."

Another says the number of airplanes has been increased tenfold. According to still another, tanks, batteries for projecting poison gas and flames and other modern engines of war in great numbers are on the front.

The artillery preparation of the Germans in the drive against the British lines, which is now in progress, is described by those who took part in it as the most violent they ever endured, according to the Daily Mail's correspondent on the British front.

"The thing that stands out as characteristic of the fighting up to the present," says the correspondent, "is that we did so well under the terrific impact." Continuing, the correspondent says:

"Upon one corps front there was a gun every 15 yards. The strength of the mortar, which the enemy brought up in such great numbers, sent over us an overwhelming weight of iron and high explosives that in most parts of the front were ceased to be an obstacle and trenches were obliterated."

"At the same time all of our known battery positions were drenched with gas, but gas shells failed to reach all our batteries."

"This is the first battle where British gunners had to serve their guns in gas masks, and it was a difficult task."

"South of St. Quentin one of our divisions had been up to the present time, possibly 90,000 men, and only when the assaults ceased with darkness did our troops withdraw to strong positions behind the canal system between St. Quentin and the Oise."

"It is estimated, that altogether nearly 60,000 Germans participated in the offensive."

LYDD GEORGE APPEALS

ENGLISH MINERS WARNED OF
DANGER OF DEFEAT.
Absolutely Essential, Says Premier, to
Have More Men to Stem Oncoming
German Battle Line.

LONDON, Friday, March 22.—Premier Lloyd George, in an exceedingly outspoken speech to a deputation of the Miners' Federation concerning the result of the miners' ballot on the coming out of men for military service, declared that to avoid defeat in the field it is absolutely essential to have more men.

"I am utterly at a loss," he said, "to know where the men are to be found, if first the mines are closed, then the miners say we will not find the men. Other trades will quickly take the same course. That would mean anarchy, not government."

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The executive committee of the Federation later passed a resolution advising the men not to resist the coming out of the 50,000 men from the mines.

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LONDON, March 22.—Captain William Redmond succeeds his father, John Redmond, the Nationalist leader in Parliament. Returns from the election for the seat for the Waterford show that Captain Redmond received 1247 votes, as against 74 for his opponent, Dr. White, a Sinn Feiner.

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tallions forced a crossing of the Oise west of La Fere. In company with divisions following, they stormed the heights northwest of the town, which are crowned with the permanent works of La Fere.

"The captures so far reported by the army group of Crown Prince Rupprecht are 15,000 prisoners and 750 guns; by the army group of the German Crown Prince 10,000 prisoners, 150 guns and 300 machine guns."

"Artillery battles continue between the Lys and La Bassée Canal, on both sides of Rheims before Verdun and in Lorraine."

Italian.
ROME, March 22.—Numerous patrol encounters have taken place along the Italian front, the War Office announced today, and there has been some increase in the artillery on the mountain line. The statement follows:

"Our advanced posts exchanged lively rifle fire with reconnoitering parties north of Val di Ledro and the Lagarina Valley. There were patrol encounters at the small island of Follina and east of Cavaquocherina."

"There were slight artillery actions, which grew in intensity at intervals in some portions of the mountainous area."

"Our aircraft dropped bombs on railway lines in the Lagarina Valley."

British, Palestine Front.
LONDON, March 23.—The following British official statement on military operations in Palestine was made today:

"The statement reads: 'In the early hour of Friday our troops effected a passage of the Jordan, despite the strong current. The river was then bridged and passed by our forces, which established themselves on the left bank and made progress eastward, encountering considerable resistance.'

"The operations are continuing."

French.
PARIS, March 22.—The Germans launched an attack on the French lines in the Woivre district last night, which was dispersed by the French fire. The Germans suffered appreciable losses and left some prisoners in the hands of the French.

The communication follows: "An intermittent bombardment of considerable violence was carried out against our front lines and positions in the rear north of the Champs des Dames, in the region of Rheims, in Lorraine. An enemy raid of Loivre was without success. There were patrol encounters north of Hill 344 (Vordun from)."

"In the Woivre, in the region of Blamery, the Germans made an attack which was dispersed by the French fire. They suffered considerable losses and left prisoners in our hands."

"Elsewhere there is nothing to report."

MARINES CALL MEN

Rush Orders Sent Out for
Heavy Enlistment.

20,000 WANTED BY MAY 1

Those Eligible for Military Service
Under Selective Draft Law Will
Be Accepted and May Enlist
for Duration of War.

DENVER, March 22.—The local marine corps recruiting station received instructions from Washington today to enlist additional men at once. Previously the recruiting station has been permitted to take in only four men a week. The new instructions permit immediate enlistment of a total of 20,000 men from the states of Colorado and Wyoming, over which the local station has jurisdiction.

The quota must be filled by May 1, according to instructions from Washington. It was announced that men eligible for military service under the selective draft law will be accepted by the marine corps, with permission of local boards, and may enlist for the duration of the war.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 22.—Marine corps recruiting offices here were notified today to secure 2200 men before May 1. The recruits were being sought in all the states in the Western Department of the Army.

Recruiting officials indicated that the order meant the expansion of the marine corps by 30,000 men. They expected the desired number would be secured before May 1.

ROSE LAKE IS GUARDED

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Idaho Governor Offers to Send Troops
to Preserve Order During Nelson
Trial—Proffer Is Declined.

SPOKANE, Wash., March 22.—(Special.)—The North Idaho crusade against the industrial workers of the world took an unexpected turn today, when a Lieutenant and Sergeant of the Sand Point Guards were dispatched to Rose Lake, Idaho.

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Lake Lumber Company declared they did not know troops had been requested. They said no disorders were anticipated.

Captain Herman H. Taylor, of the Guards, admitted he had sent the two soldiers, but would not discuss the source of the order nor the instructions given the men. Captain Taylor also ordered a pool hall at Plummer abated and directed the closing of additional poolhalls in Bonanza County at 6 o'clock in the evening.

Sheriff Quarles, of Kootenai County, today declined the proffer of outside troops made by Governor Alexander. The Governor wired as follows:

"Am ready to furnish 50 National Guards at once to preserve order during the Nelson trial. Do you want them?"

The Sheriff replied: "The local authorities have the situation well in hand," and added that he would call already serving troops if he found they were needed.

DR. CARSTEIN IS HELD

HEARING OF PORTLAND MAN POST-
PONED UNTIL MONDAY.

Missionary Is Charged With Plotting to
Secure Exemption for Draft Reg-
istrants—Officers Active.

HOQUIAM, Wash., March 22.—(Special.)—The hearing of Dr. J. E. Carstein, of Portland, arrested here yesterday on charges of seditious utterances and violation of the espionage law by plotting to secure exemption for draft registrants, for which he was charged a fee of \$25, was postponed to Monday, to permit the officers an opportunity for further investigation.

Dr. Carstein, missionary for the American Baptist conventions of Washington and Oregon, is being held in the City Jail, pending his hearing. The officers declare that Dr. Carstein admitted to them he had raised a fund of about \$150, to be used in securing exemption for registrants. The prisoner has made no statement.

The officers claim his papers show he has been soliciting exemption cases from draft registrants, and from men already serving under the colors at Camp Lewis. Most of the information secured against Dr. Carstein is being

held by the officers until after his hearing. It is said his home is in Portland, where his wife is now residing.

Ohio Orders Pheasant Eggs.
ALBANY, Or., March 22.—(Special.)—The game department of the state of Ohio has ordered 3000 China pheasant eggs from Charles D. Alexander, who conducts a pheasant farm here. This same state secured a large shipment of eggs last year and evidently is continuing the work of trying to get these birds started in Ohio.

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The Suits—
Short jaunty jackets, with vestee fronts and pretty collars, top skirts of shoe-height length, which are wide enough for comfort, yet no wider. Various shades of tan, green, blue, gray, etc., are featured. Their chic simplicity assures their popularity with all fashionable women. All prices from
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New Dark Fancies in extra wide widths at, yard . . . 50c to \$1.75
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When you wake up with backache and dull misery in the kidney region it generally means you have been eating too much meat, says a well-known authority. Meat forms uric acid, which overworks the kidneys in their effort to filter it from the blood and they become sort of paralyzed and loggy. When your kidneys get sluggish and acid clog you must relieve them, like you relieve your bowels, removing all the body's urinous waste, else you have backache, sick headache, dizzy spells, your stomach sour, tongue is coated, and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine is cloudy, full of sediment, channels often get sore, water scalds and you are obliged

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Either consult a good, reliable physician at once or get from your pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to clean and stimulate sluggish kidneys, also to neutralize acids in the urine so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder weakness. Jad Salts is a life saver for regular meat eaters. It is inexpensive, cannot injure and makes a delightful, effervescent lithia-water drink.—Adv.



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