

WORLD'S GREAT TEST WAR DAY BY DAY

GERMAN STRATEGY

...writing on the question says: "The defense goes, the... in a strong position... likely that for the... General Joffe... to force the forest... because defeat at... dangerous and... there, like Grant's... would be costly... army; so long as... maneuvering would... purpose. It is not... that the German army... in the sense that... and missed. Its... has been roughly... a general retire... made necessary by... of events, but the... intact and able to... when the chance... to give it a chance... disaster.

be easy to withdraw so huge an army without serious losses, of material if not of men. It is near the frontier, but part of the country, especially in Ardennes, is difficult, and a withdrawal in good order under sharp pressure would need skilled generalship. It has not come to that yet, but it must be remembered that the German excuse for declaring war and for invading Belgium is that to win at all it was necessary to win at once. For this reason, with the Russian forces strengthening daily, if the German generals cannot quickly devise and execute a sharp counterstroke, the extrication of their forces would become a pressing problem. No doubt the general staff long ago took that possibility into account and made its plans accordingly, but having fought hard for a month to get where it is, the invading army cannot be expected to surrender its advantage without another desperate effort. The dominant school of military thinkers in Germany has held that the next great war would be definitely settled in one long and gigantic battle; once engaged a German army is not likely to withdraw while it can fight.

PRAYS GOD AND VICTORY REST WITH TROOPS

KING GEORGE SENDS MESSAGES TO NEW FORCE IN FRANCE TO CHEER WITH FLATTERY FOOD FOR CANNONS

LONDON, Oct. 6.—King George, according to a Marseilles dispatch to the Daily Telegraph, sent two messages of greeting to the British Indian troops for delivery to them on their arrival in France. The message to the British troops is as follows: "You have been recalled from service in India, together with your comrades from that country, to fight for the safety and honor of my empire. Belgium, whose country we are pledged to defend, has been devastated and France has been invaded by the same powerful foe.

"I have implicit confidence in you, my soldiers. Duty is your watchword and I know your duty will be nobly done.

"I shall follow your every moment with the deepest interest and mark with eager satisfaction your daily progress. Indeed, your welfare will never be absent from my thought. I pray God to bless you and guard you and bring you back victorious."

SIEGE PRICES

The abandonment of the attack upon Paris may not have destroyed interest in figures concerning the high cost of living in that city forty-four years ago. E. E. Washburne, United States Minister to France in 1870 quoted the following meat prices on November 23rd of that year, the sixty-sixth day of the siege: "For cats—a common cat, 8 francs; a thomas cat, 10 francs. For rats—a common rat, 2 francs, long-tailed rats, 2 1/2 francs. For dogs—a cur of low degree, 2 francs a pound; for a fat dog, 2 1/2 francs and for a — fat dog, 3 francs per pound."

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How Long Wars Last

will the war last? foolish question, of course there is no But when there is a question it is look up precedents. precedents: "Central were settled in an time. In 1866 Austria went at each other the juicy Scheldt—to which neither the way, had any lasted only seven led in Prussia giv- rible and humil- Sardina also gave defeat in 1859— the general fight- than a month. This lude Italy's earlier ruggles for liberty in 1848-98, etc. France and Prus- The general fight- lasted barely a rse, the siege of maneuvers dragged. But the actual began early in Au- rly in September. kish war, six years onger by a year or urko-Greek war in a matter of one The Russo-Jap- comparatively brief. history here is- ration of the in-

Revolutionary war, eight years; War of 1812, two years and eight months; Mexican war, two years and eleven weeks; Civil War, four years; Spanish war, seven and one-half months (with the bulk of the fighting done in two and a half.)

All but one of the foregoing wars were duels between two nations. The last general European war was the Crimean, when England, France, Turkey and Sardinia combined against Russia, from 1854 to 1856. That war continued for about two years and resulted in a sound thrashing for Russia. Before the Napoleonic wars intermittedly brought every nation in Europe to the battlefield. These wars continued, with breaks of long or short duration, for more than twenty years, and ended at Waterloo, when the English, the Prussians, the Dutch and other allies overthrew Napoleon, Russia and England, by the way, were Germany's staunchest friends then.

Nearly two centuries before that a German quarrel spread until it involved almost every nation on earth and is known to history as the "Thirty Years' War."

So, with a few exceptions, we see that the more modern the war the shorter it is apt to be, especially when only Central Europe is involved. For example (in actual fighting): Austro-Prussian war of 1866, seven weeks; Franco-Prussian war in 1870, a month; the present war —?

Bersoll's Vision Of War

before me, as it dream. Again we great struggle for we hear the sounds the music of bolis- the silver voices of

the maiden in the shadow of her first sorrow. We see the silvered head of the old man bowed with the last grief.

These heroes are dead. They died for liberty—they died for us. They are at rest. They sleep in the land they made free, under the flag they rendered stainless, under the solemn pines, the sad hemlocks, the tearful willows, and the embracing vines.

They sleep beneath the shadows of the clouds, careless alike of sunshine or of storm, each in the windowless palace of rest. Earth may run red with other wars—they are at peace.

In the midst of battle, in the roar of conflict, they found the serenity of death. I have one sentiment for soldiers living and dead: Cheers for the living; tears for the dead.

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