

BATTLE OF WITS IN NEXT WEEK MAY BE CRISIS OF WAR

Military Leaders Now Match
Genius in What May Prove Ef-
fort to Gain Final Victory.

AMERICAN MENACE REALIZED

Germans at Last Discover United
States Has Trained Men in
Force Confronting Them.

Washington, July 25.—The strategic possibilities confronting both the allies and the Germans in the western front are far greater in number and importance today than ever before, according to military experts, who are closely studying every report here. It is said frankly on every side that the decisions to be made this week by the opposing strategists undoubtedly will play a great part in determining the length of the war and the final victor.

So diverse are the potential situations, military experts of the United States and of the allies on duty here confess, that they can only point out what may happen; that the sudden turn in events has upset every program which leaders of the opposing forces may have fixed.

Germany May Make Stand

Military men set forth the following
decisions as possibilities:

1. Germany, having decided to trust the outcome of the decision in the western front to the ability of her troops to force the Marne, may refuse to retire further from the Marne salient and may force the decisive battle of the war, the battle being gradually extended from the Marne to a wide front.

2. If Germany attempts to stage a great battle General Foch may decline the offensive and gather his forces to a strong line of defense.

3. Germany may attempt to carry through her original plan and aim a bold blow against Amiens and the channel ports.

4. General Foch, secure in the knowledge that he has an army equal to that of the enemy, may press the enemy vigorously, refusing to assume the defensive and extending his offensive to every section of the front where he believes serious losses can be inflicted upon the enemy.

Offensive 30 Per Cent American

In connection with these statements of what the next month may bring about new facts relative to the strength of the forces engaged were disclosed.

The war department has received reports showing that 30 per cent of the forces engaged in the surprise attack on the western flank of the Marne salient, were Americans.

It is also known that approximately 101 German divisions, many of them below their normal strength of 14,000 rifles, were available for the German attack. Of this number 58 divisions already have been used up. Moreover the German forces cannot be brought again to normal strength before the close of September. Little warfare on a grand scale can be attempted after October 1.

Officials here say that the allied command now is in possession of evidence which clearly shows that the advance knowledge of German plans held by General Foch was correct in every detail. It is known that Ludendorff planned first a surprise attack on the Marne. This smash was to be developed as rapidly as possible.

Drive to Paris Was Plan

If the attack proved a ready ground gainer, reserve forces were to be rushed in and the drive for Paris continue, the major operation taking place along the Champagne front. If the Germans were held, however, it was planned to maintain the line, give every pretense of preparing for a continued thrust and then, by rushing the reserves to the Flanders front, deliver a second blow against the French along the line marked by Montdidier and Arras.

This explanation discloses why at the first opportunity General Foch sent strong forces to feel out the German strength on a long front before Montdidier early yesterday. From the press reports it would appear that the Ger-

mans have been unable to carry forward their original plan because of the complete success of the counter stroke so ably delivered by the Franco-American troops.

Germany Sees Yankee Menace

Germany is now fully aware that Foch, through the assistance of 700,000 trained American fighters, is fully able to answer blow for blow. Germany realizes at last that America is rapidly coming into the battle as a determining factor. It is reasonable to believe that Germany may elect to settle the battle now and for all time, that she will attempt again to assume the offensive, and will then battle on until her army or that of the allies is exhausted.

On the other hand General Foch may order strong attacks at points which would hamper any German effort to force a great battle at this time.

Gloucester Believes Raider Is Off Coast

Gloucester, Mass., July 25.—(U. P.)—A German raider or submarine mother ship may be lurking off the Atlantic coast today, according to the story of Captain William Price of the fishing schooner Elizabeth King, which arrived here last night.

A steamer of about 2500 tons with guns mounted fore and aft approached the little fishing vessel Sunday when she was about 20 miles southeast of Nantucket Shoals. She disappeared after looking over the fishing vessel.

Volunteer Engineers Accepted by Army

Washington, July 25.—(U. N. S.)—Pro-voost Marshal General Crowder today accepted the voluntary enlistments of 1528 white men for the engineer corps, from Pennsylvania. They will train for Camp Porter, Lytle, Ga., July 31.

At the same time he issued a call for 1500 colored men from Virginia to train for Camp Humphries from August 1 to August 5.

WOMAN'S DANGER PERIOD

The period between forty-five and fifty-five years of age is said to be a crisis or danger period in a woman's life which tests her for her fitness to continue in the race. It is then that she suffers from such annoying symptoms as heat-flashes, nervousness, headaches, "the blues," or dread of impending evil, or some dormant disease in the system becomes active. When a woman is passing through this crisis there is one tried and true remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, which after forty years of success is now considered the standard remedy for women's ailments. (Adv.)

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