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Yet Germany, in an attempt to keep the spirits of her people aroused, calls this retreat one of the victories of the war. Giving back territory that cost millions in men and treasure in the taking, Germany hails as victory. May such victories hasten the day when Germany, laying down arms in a lost cause, will declare the greatest victory of them all won—a victory over autocracy and the ascending of democratic rule over German soil. Germany's greatest victory will come when she follows in the lead of Russia, and wipes absolutism from the books. It will in truth be a victory for the common people of Germany.

**A NATION PREPARING**

The civilian in the east is keeping step with the army and navy in preparation for war. All classes of citizens, regardless of age or sex, have joined hands in rushing home defense measures. As rapidly as possible these efforts are being co-ordinated to give home support to the fighting forces.

Woman suffrage national service has secured scores of pledges from women to drive autos, cook, nurse or meet any demand the service requires.

The Boy Scout organization plans a mobilization on three hours' notice next week of the scouts of New York City as a preparedness test measure.

New Hampshire wired President Wilson that a half-million dollars home defense fund has been appropriated, Vermont and Maine governors announce the appointments of advisory committees on public safety, while a state council of defense, to mobilize state supplies, is provided in a bill prepared by the New York legislature.

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**FRENCH WOMEN ARE SLAVES OF GERMANS**

By W. P. Simms

With the British Armies in France, Mar. 23.—Not only did the Germans sweep that part of France they are relinquishing clear of homes, supplies and roads—but in many cases they swept it clear of its womanhood.

In some districts women between 15 and 50 were forced to go back into the interior of Germany. The inhabitants left behind were given to understand they were being forced to work for Germany.

At Rouy le Grand today I was told over four hundred women between those ages had thus been driven to the interior for work. When I asked "why?" the refugees merely shrugged their shoulders.

An old man—he said he was 65—told me in a quivering voice as we stood on a ruined street at Rouy le Petit:

"I have lived three miles northwest of San Quentin since a year ago, when the Germans made me dig trenches along with hundreds of other Frenchmen. They paid us fifty cents a day—and it was script money, which Lille and other French cities had been forced to print for the invaders.

"The German line, on which we worked, is extraordinarily strong. I am positive the Germans intend to hold it for can.

"It is about a mile wide, covering the support lines and communicating trenches and roads and with enormous fields of entanglements.

"Months ago the German forces came here with a number of other old folks like myself and children. Both men and women from 15 to 50 and in some districts up to 60, were forced to go into the interior. I understand they were forced to work for Germany."

There is no doubt of the strength of the new German line on which this old man and scores of other civilians had worked: As the Franco-British forces approached nearer it today, the fighting became stiffer and stiffer. The British and the French are pinning the retreating Germans tighter against the Arras-

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Among the evidences of this idea of permanency, the invaders must have had, was that many cemeteries were carefully constructed and permanently decorated with solid marble tombstones and crypts.

One hears America mentioned everywhere in the desolation—for it was American supplies which enabled the French civil population to exist. All speak gratefully of American aid.

"Please have some coffee," said a woman near Ham early today as we passed through. "It's American coffee, sweetened with American sugar. This bread is American bread. We have American salt, lard and pepper and vinegar—and everything. I don't know what we would have done without this food. Before the Germans left we were allowed to draw enough food supplies to last us for three or four days. I understand some did not draw this advance—and those are now the hungry ones."

The woman who spoke had a six-months-old baby in her arms and was with four other children—all hers—and her grandmother. All these were forced from the region of St. Quentin by the Germans. The woman's husband was forced to leave for the interior of Belgium or of Germany to work. The family had not heard from him since.

Job work at the Courier.

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Medford, Oregon, Jan. 18, 1917  
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Calling cards at the Courier.

**KAISER IS THREATENED WITH NERVOUS BREAKDOWN**

The Hague, Mar. 23.—Emperor William is on the verge of a nervous breakdown and has departed for Homburg, a health resort, according to private messages received here today. He will receive Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg there instead of at German grand headquarters.

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