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In "A DAUGHTER OF FRANCE" at The Rolfe tonight

**PYTHIAN SISTERS
TO GIVE PICNIC**

In honor of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Chance who expect to leave soon for Aumsville, the members of the Pythian Sisters will give a picnic on the

lawn of Dr. Robnett's residence to-morrow night at 6 o'clock.

Sternberg in Portland—
Al Sternberg returned Sunday night from a trip to Portland.

**YANKS' ARRIVAL IS
YEAR'S BIG EVENT**

By J. W. T. Mason, United Press War Expert: Copyright, 1918

NEW YORK, July 26.—The arrival of America's first million troops in France, ensuring the final defeat of German militarism, has been the most important event of the fourth year of the war.

The turning point in modern civilization will probably be dated by future historians from the year of strife now closing, because of America's resolve to consent to no peace until the Hohenzollern menace to the world is crushed. Despite the fact that American troops have played only a minor part in the year's fighting, the United States has predominantly influenced the strategy of the fourth year of war. The outstanding battlefield facts of the year have been von Hindenburg's maddened efforts to break the British and French fronts, and General Foch's counter-policy of patient defense.

Hindenburg's Motive
It was fear of America's fast accumulating military strength that compelled von Hindenburg to engage in his campaign of ruthlessly sacrificing his own troops; and it was the knowledge of the overwhelming reinforcements America was sending to the allies that permitted General Foch to see his lines driven back without loss of morale to the allied forces. Every major plan worked out in Berlin as well as in the capitals of the allies this year, has similarly been based fundamentally upon America's forthcoming major activities in the war.

The American successes during the year in Picardy and in the Chateau Thierry sector have been minor affairs regarded as isolated engagements. But, all the victories of von Hindenburg in Flanders, Picardy and Champagne do not compare in their ultimate consequences with the promise to world democracy contained in the American operations at Cantigny, Belleau Wood and Vaux.

Prussian Threats
Starting the fourth year of the war with arrogant threats to the allies of new changes in the map of Europe unless the successes of the German armies were accepted as decisive, the German government has ended the year by confessing that battlefield victories cannot bring peace. Foreign Minister von Kuehlman's pronouncement to this effect in the Reichstag ranks second only to America's immense war preparations as the year's most significant event. The resurgence of the Kaiser's militarists to compel the resignation of von Kuehlman immediately after his repudiation of the invincibility of the German army is indicative of the sobering effect the presence of a million American troops in France is having even on von Hindenburg.

It is apparent that as the fifth year of warfare begins, the German leaders are taking an increasingly grave view of the situation facing them. They dare not promise a decisive victory to the Kaiser's deluded subjects any longer. The people of Germany are being prepared, in fact, for the assumption of a permanently defensive role by von Hindenburg. This, although the fourth year of conflict has seen von Hindenburg display an unprecedented degree of power in offensive warfare, nevertheless, the year ends with an admission by the German government that by these means peace cannot be won in that fact is the certainty of ultimate victory for democracy.

Dual Monarchy Sees This
Affairs in Austria-Hungary during the past year have been highly unsatisfactory to the Germans. The people of the dual monarchy have shown no gratitude for the German assistance which permitted the Austro-Hungarians to recover their lost territory in the Isonzo area and to drive the Italians back to the Piave. Since the victory of the Central Powers in Italy, Austro-Hungary has become increasingly reluctant to continue the war. Rioting has occurred sporadically in

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Vienna and many other cities, but as yet nothing suggesting a direct revolutionary success has occurred.

The Austro-Hungarians unquestionably have become the most war weary of all the peoples in the conflict during the past year. Hunger has pinched them with special severity, largely because of their lack of capacity for organization. Fearful of a collapse in the Hapsburg Empire, the German government has appeased the hunger rioters by sending them food from Germany's own scanty store. This measure, however, can only be temporary. When Germany no longer is able to send grain to Vienna, there will come an intensification of the strain that may compel Austro-Hungary to drop out of the war.

Russia's Plight
Russia's plight during the fourth year has struck a middle course between the two usual channels of revolution. There has been no such series of excesses that marked the reign of terror during the French revolution, nor have events followed the orderly precedent of the English revolution. Violence has prevailed among the Russians, but their principal handicap has not been a tendency toward crime. It has been a naive faith in formulas coupled with a childlike lack of education. Nevertheless, the revolution, however faulty, gives fairer hope for the future of Russia than a continuation of the reign of the mentally incompetent Romanoffs.

Since the separate peace with the Central Powers was signed by the Bolsheviks, suggestions have been made for a policy of revenge toward Russia on the part of the allies. Wise advice, however, has prevailed. No scheme of intervention has been proposed that has seemed feasible and without danger to the cause of democracy.

Russian Sacrifices
If democracy's ideals are sound, the Germans cannot crush them in Russia. The Russians are accepting terrible sacrifices rather than permit a Germanized organization to restore normal conditions of living. The older democracies of the west should remember the cruelties of their own revolutionary epochs and should be patient with Russia. Not otherwise can freedom dominate the world.

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