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VICTORY FROM THE FIRST

Napoleon used to say that if he won the first battle of a campaign, he was sure of winning the campaign. It was not mere superstition, either. To beat the enemy in the first clash of arms is "a good omen" largely because the initial success inspires confidence. It makes the commander more sure of himself and his troops, and it gives the troops themselves the spirit that breeds victories.

If there is anything in this theory, the outlook for the American army is certainly bright. Our first skirmish with the Germans was a neat little victory. Our first real battle was a notable triumph. From the moment when our army may be said to have actually entered the war, in the middle of July, there has been nothing but one continuous series of American victories. Our troops, hitting at the apex of the German salient at the Marne, stopped the Hun drive at its point of greatest menace, nearest Paris, and in two weeks' fighting drove that apex back 25 miles. They never failed to stop a German attack. They never failed to take any objective they started for. Their batting average is 1,000.

The Americans did not do it alone, of course. We recognize that the French, who outnumbered our men more than two to one in the great drive, deserve credit proportional to their numbers. That big advance in the center would have been impossible without the pressure of our allies on the side of the salient. But there is no argument over the credit of the achievement, where all fought as equals. The point is that the American army has acquired, from the start off, a precedent and tradition of victory that is an invaluable military asset. To the natural fighting ability of the Yankees is now added a morale never surpassed in our history, and perhaps unequalled in Europe today.

"We licked 'em first crack!" cry Pershing's men exultingly. "Fritz is easier than we thought. Nothing can stop us now." And just because they think so, nothing can stop them.

A SCENE FOR THE MOVIES

One of the hardest things for the people at home, as they read the war news and the letters from the front, is to visualize the actual fighting—to see their Yankee lads exactly as they look in the big battles on which hang the world's fate. Here, from the pen of a French correspondent, is a description that helps immensely:

"The finest thing of the combat was the dash of the Americans. It was a fine thing to see those grand fellows, with their tunics thrown off and their shirt sleeves rolled up above their elbows, wading the rivers with water to their shoulders and throwing themselves on the boche like bulldogs.

"Anyone who has seen such a sight knows what the American army is good for henceforth and to the end of the war. At the sight of these men, magnificent in their youth, physical force, good temper, and dash, the German fled with every leg or surrendered without awaiting the order to throw away their arms and take off their suspenders, which is the first thing a prisoner is told to do, in order that he may be compelled to keep his hands employed and out of mischief.

"The Germans hurried toward our lines, gripping their trousers, haggard and mad with terror.

"Would that every mother in France who has lost a son in the war could have seen that epic sight. They would have seen themselves avenged, and it would have been some consolation to them in their sorrow."

Would that every mother in America who has a son in the war—and every father and brother and sister and uncle and aunt—could likewise see that epic sight.

We may see it, too. Was there ever more glorious matter and inspiration for the movies? They will be giving us that scene, or a duplicate of it, taken from real life, one of these days.

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TANGENT NOTES TANGENT, Aug. 10.—Special—J. M. Sharp, who has been visiting his mother, Mrs. Eliza Sharp and his sister, Mrs. M. J. Scott, has gone to Prineville to visit his daughter, Mrs. Bertie Foster. M. F. Wood, wife and daughter of Corvallis, passed through Wednesday on their way to their farm. David Shearer, mail carrier on Route 2, has returned from a visit with his daughter in Sisson, California; he drove his Ford car and made the trip all alone. David Anderson, who enlisted and left Tangent in December, 1917, is now at home visiting his parents and many friends. He will rejoin his company sometime the last of September.

Walter Stellmacher will leave for Portland August 15. He has enlisted and intends to take a course in mechanical work for a few months before he is assigned to regular work. John Bartges of Long Beach, Cal., passed through this part of the country a few days ago; he stopped and visited with his uncle, J. H. Scott, for a couple of days; then proceeded on his way to Dayton, Wash. He was accompanied by his wife and daughter. Mrs. Bessie Scott of Aberdeen, Wash., who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Emma Jordan, for the last month, started on her way home last Sunday. Her two children, Miss Vera and Glendon, accompanied her. Farmers are well along with their harvesting. The fall grain is all cut and mostly threshed. The yield is light but the quality good. The spring grain is very light and especially late oats are very short. The yield is sure to be less than average. Owners of threshing outfits claim they are not making expenses despite the fact that the price for threshing is far above what is usually charged. The large crop of hay was all hauled into the barns or stacked in good shape, and the price is far above anything ever known in this part; as high as \$26 per ton was paid for it baled and placed on the cars for shipment. Pastures are almost entirely naked of any kind of feed and many cows will likely be sold as farmers say they cannot afford to keep stock and feed \$26 hay. Gardens are drying up very fast and the average of all kinds of garden stuff will be low. The potato crop will not be more than half as good as last year and many other things are going to be scarce. Corn for silage in many places is extra good and is making a rapid growth. Blackberries are ripening fast and will be an average crop. The roads are quite dusty and rough, which fact is well known by auto drivers. There will be little or no cloverseed threshed this year and the vetch for seed is an entire failure.

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