

FOCH FORSTALLED GERMAN SMASH IN YPRES SECTOR

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—A great German retirement on the western front between Arras and Verdun is imminent.

General Haig's new offensive at the apex of the salient pointing toward Paris at Montdidier is the beginning of the end of the German occupation of northern France.

This is the belief of American military experts who are watching closely the developments on the battle front.

The results of the Franco-British offensive southeast of Montdidier cannot yet be determined, but they will merely hasten a German retreat which was inevitable whether or not the allies began their assault.

Forestalls German Offensive

The Germans had planned one more great smash at the allied armies in Flanders, to be followed by a big retirement along the whole front below the Belgian border. The big smash was to have been launched by Prince Rupprecht at the British army in Flanders. Its purpose was to protect the German extreme right flank in Belgium, so that when the retreat takes place the Huns would still maintain their grip on the nation they are holding as a pawn for peace negotiations.

General Foch was fully aware of this plan, and the Franco-British drive was launched to forestall its being carried into execution.

His offensive means that the German retreat will come all the quicker. Ludendorff will soon give word to his armies to fall back along the 215-mile front between Arras and Verdun, establishing a new line through Cambrai and St. Quentin as Hindenburg did last year.

Shortening Is Necessary

This would make the line at least 70 miles shorter. It would release several hundred thousand troops for consolidation of the new positions to prepare them for the winter deadlock.

This straightening process must be put into effect by the Germans before winter, because if it isn't they won't have enough men to hold the line.

The present salient which has its apex at Montdidier, pointing at Paris, will be wiped out, giving the allies once more possession of hundreds of French villages which the Huns occupied in their sweep along the Somme last March.

The German general staff is fully cognizant of the fact that the American army has given Marshal Foch superiority in numbers, and that this superiority will put victory in the hands of the allies if they attempt a great drive this autumn.

To offset this superiority before the winter the Huns undertook their series of offensives this spring and summer. Each failed and the last resulted in a great French and American victory. So the Germans are ready to concede defeat and make the best stand they can for the cold months on a line miles behind the present front.

WONDER PLANES ENTHUSE BRITISH

LONDON, Aug. 15.—Swarms of a new type of raiding plane will soon be in the hands of the Royal Air force.

This new British "wonder plane" that its enthusiasts say may revolutionize raid warfare, is claimed to combine enormous speed and climbing power.

It is described as being able to climb to an altitude of more than 20,000 feet in a remarkably short time, and is able to keep up terrific speed even at the highest altitudes. And it can accomplish this, it is claimed, carrying pilot observer, great weight of bombs, machine guns and other equipment.

The London Daily Express says of it that "it is so fast that long distances can be accomplished in the shortest time, and bombing raid which, with the older type of bombing plane would perhaps need a whole day's preparation, will now be carried out within a couple of hours."

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AT THE PAGE THEATER TONIGHT.



JACK PICKFORD in Huck and Tom! A Paramount Picture

MAKER OF FIRST CONFEDERATE FLAG DEAD IN CAROLINA

WILSON, N. C., Aug. 15.—Mrs. Rebecca Wainborne, 87 years old, who died recently is said to have been the woman who made the first Confederate flag.

The banner, designed by Captain Orran Randolph Smith of Henderson, N. C., was made by Mrs. Wainborne when she was Miss Rebecca Murphy, at Wilson in February, 1861. A sister refused to aid in making the flag, it is said, because she was engaged to a northern army officer. A few weeks after the flag was completed it was adopted by the Confederate congress at Montgomery, Ala., as the standard of the confederacy. The first banner contained only seven stars, representing the number of states that had seceded, but this number was soon increased to 11, the withdrawal of other states from the union. By an act of the Confederate congress it was named the Stars and Bars.

At a reunion of Confederate Veterans at Norfolk, Va., in 1910, Captain Smith explained the meaning of the various colors in the flag as follows: "The idea of my flag I took from the Trinity. The three bars were for the church, state and press, all bound together by a field of blue (the heavens over all) bearing a star for each state in the confederation. The seven white stars, all the same size, were placed in a circle, showing that each state had equal rights and privileges, irrespective of size or population."

It is a widely known fact among sailors that flour will not only float after immersion in sea water, but suffer very little damage.

ITALY EXPECTS NEW OFFENSIVE FROM AUSTRIA

ROME, Aug. 15.—In military and newspaper circles in Rome great attention is being given to the discussion of the preparations the enemy is making for a new offensive against Italy. The meat of the controversy turns on these two fundamentals:

Will Austria really want to start a new offensive, or will she keep up a defensive in expectation of hoped for successes which will increase her man power, and, more than that, her supplies? And what probably will be the outcome of this new drive?

Regarding the first, all military critics and all observers are agreed in answering that Austria should postpone the blow because of the humiliation suffered with the Piave defeat, which was not only bloody, but revealed a plan of action so vast as to be wholly impracticable, requiring the Austrian command to abandon it, if it has not done so already.

In reply to the second question, only hypotheses are given, but on our side they have the backing of facts and events which can be repeated with ever increasing assurance of success.

Austrian Moral Poor

One of the Austrian officers taken prisoner said:

"Nobody can doubt the fighting qualities of our army. Its morale was sound from the beginning of the war, but today it is wholly shattered. Besides the self-dissolution of morale which befell the army with the force of a thunderbolt, there is the menace of the oppressed peoples, which have taken advantage of the situation to come out openly for independence."

"Let us strike Austria now, when she is down," they say, "lest we are obliged to serve another period of slavery." It is now beyond a doubt that the defections of these soldiers have dragged the entire army into a sort of conspiracy, in which tanks are discovered at many places of such an extensive nature that they may wreck the whole ship."

Faith in Victory

The arrival of American troops in Italy has strengthened faith in victory. The simple announcement of their arrival threw the army into a delirium of joy. "Victory is seen in hand already. Our soldiers perceive in their new comrades a power as great as the ocean which separates the two continents."

In the Stars and Stripes they picture anew the vision of Dante when the divine poet saw the heavens streaming with rays of light from the glare of the seven candlesticks.

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It has been noticed that the ash tree is very injurious to vegetation under its shade, while scarcely any plant will grow under a yew.

HELP TO SQUELCH HUN STORY ABOUT PRISON CRUELTY

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—To repeat is, of course, to all the purposes of German propaganda, but in the case of the "two mutilated soldiers," Washington authorities will be grateful if the next time you hear it, you will say you know it to be false.

The report that among the wounded received at the Walter Reed hospital here from France are two Samuels with their tongues cut out by the Huns, has gone the length and breadth of the country. It was told as an illustration of what relatives of American fighters must expect in German prison camps.

Washington heard it, but one hears so many silly things about the war that no one took the trouble to get an official denial. Then Colonel Willard Truby, commanding officer at the hospital, was quoted as branding the rumor as false.

The next move of the propagandists was to "explain" that the colonel had made his denial "for official reasons." Letters and telegrams began to come in from the far west. One woman mailed a clipping from a small town paper which actually gave the "details" of the terrible thing.

Finally a direct request for information was made upon the hospital by the surgeon general's office following receipt of a letter from a "four minute" speaker, who wanted to be sure.

That emphasized the seriousness with which the absurd story was being accepted and that it was why you, who read this, should sit upon the next gossip who tells you the yarn. You'll be helping squelch German propaganda of the worst type.



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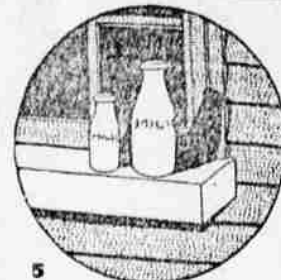
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