

Births

Born at Sacred Heart hospital, June 5, to Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Edmondson of Butte Falls, a boy weighing nine pounds, three ounces. Mother and child were reported doing nicely.

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Washington, June 6.—Within the next ten days or two weeks, the future of most of the civilized world may have been settled on the battle-scarred fields of northern France. It seems an incredible statement. Yet American diplomatic and military experts are pretty well convinced that the Germans will have won the war if their oncoming offensive really breaks the French lines. If the French lines hold, on the other hand, there may still be time to organize allied and American industrial resources to counter-balance the German's mechanical superiority.

The best-informed and wisest officials here have been wrong, before. Since they are increasingly convinced that a German break-through is definitely probable, one can only pray that they may be wrong again. If there is a serious break-through, the next step will be an offer of separate peace to France. The French leaders, with their armies routed, their planes driven from the air and their great cities threatened with destruction, will find it extremely difficult to refuse. And if the French accept a separate peace, the Germans will then be able to turn the full fury of their attack against the British Isles.

As it is outlined by those who ought to know, the situation is fairly simple. Their first break-through in Flanders, and the violent fighting which ended in the allies amazingly gallant rear-guard action at Dunkirk, inevitably damaged and disorganized the most important forces of the German army. It is thought that they used all, or at least all but one of their mechanized divisions, and these were badly battered. It is also thought that they used most of their existing air force, of

which the British fighters took a terrific toll.

As to the air force, indeed, there is some dispute. The British observed patched-up squadrons, old training planes, and even one or two bi-plane crates in the air against them. Optimists say that this means the German air reserves are lower than had been supposed. Pessimists, who have been more commonly accurate of late, argue instead that the Germans have simply been holding back many of their best planes for the present battle.

At any rate, whether or not it has been diminished, the German superiority in the air and in mechanized ground forces is still immense. There was a brief pause in the conflict because the damaged mechanized divisions were being repaired, and the partly destroyed air squadrons reformed for the next onslaught. This process has now been completed, and the onslaught has been launched. The fact that the pause was so short suggests that the German losses were not quite as serious as everyone thought.

As anticipated, the attack is most violent along the Somme river, where French Generalissimo Maxime Weygand re-established the French lines by extraordinary energy and good management. The recent French capture of Abbeville cost the Germans their last stronghold on the south bank of the Somme. The French, and the few British troops sent over to aid them, may be expected to fight with the rage and tenacity of men who know the future of their countries depends on their courage.

But even the bravery of desperate men may not be enough to turn the scale, which is weighted against the allies by three heavy factors.

(1) Aside from any possible air and mechanized reserves, the Germans have about thirty almost completely new infantry divisions, which will be hurled against the French lines when the break-through effort comes. The French and British troops are already exhausted by one great battle, and the forty divisions which would normally constitute the French reserves are occupied on the Italian border, guarding against the threat from Italy.

(2) Italy is now thought virtually certain to begin its offensive, or at the moment when the offensive reaches its peak. The Italian army, attempting to fight through the French Alps, should present no problem. The Italian navy, which may be used to try a landing of troops

Ward Chef



Chef Oliver K. Cargo, who is introducing a new miracle cooker at hourly demonstrations at Wards this week, cooks a complete dinner in 10 minutes.

on the French coast, ought to be taken care of by the allied Mediterranean fleets. But the Italian air force, with its 2,000 first line planes, may turn the scale alone. If Italy comes in, Spain may also permit the landing of Italian forces to attack Gibraltar.

(3) The English fighter planes must be largely retained in England to protect the home base. The French air force, while it still has planes in the air, was reduced to an appalling inferiority in the first days of the war. Thus the troops in the French lines will have cruelly inadequate air protection. Under the circumstances, prayer seems to be indicated.

Springfield, O.—(AP)—David Meacham will long remember those turkeys! Convicted of turkey stealing, Meacham was fined \$500 and allowed to pay at the rate of \$5 a month.

20-30'ANS MEET WITH K. F. CLUB

Members of the local 20-30 club journeyed to Klamath Falls last night to attend a joint meeting with the Klamath Falls 20-30 club. Making the trip were Harry Pinneo, Alton Anderson, Neville Biden, Merritt Little, William H. Hughes, Harold W. J. Franklin, George Clyde Chamberlain, Jack Marshall, Eugene Monaco, Warren Liggett, and Jack Hartley.

Principal speaker of the evening was Bert Hawkins, postmaster of Klamath Falls. Four new members of the Klamath Falls club were initiated, Anthony R. Mano, member of the national board of trustees of the association of 20-30 clubs, giving the initiatory address. Merritt Little, chairman of the committee in charge of the northwest district 20-30 convention to be held in Medford June 15 and 16, gave a detailed announcement on the arrangements and program and issued a special invitation to the Klamath Falls club to attend.

Stolen Pasadena, Cal.—(AP)—Herbert Hoover, Jr., wonders if it is really his car that is so attractive because it has been stolen twice this year.

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