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MAY BALK HINDENBURG'S PLANS

Von Hindenburg's plans for a new offensive in western France may be disorganized by the development of a major offensive by the Italians against the Austro-Hungarians, in the opinion of J. W. T. Mason, the United Press war expert.

If the present retirement of the Hapsburg armies becomes a disorderly rout, Von Hindenburg must go to the assistance of his ally at any cost. If he does not, German militarism will certainly lose its final influence at Vienna, and Austria-Hungary might as well be driven out of the war, not by hunger, but by defeat on the field of battle. Von Hindenburg has already taken chances by not hurrying help to the Hapsburgers. The Austro-Hungarians are doubtless already blaming the Piave disaster on Germany's reluctance to send troops to Italy.

A series of fast drives by General Diaz at this time might easily demoralize the retreating Austro-Hungarians. Once a disorderly retirement began on the east bank of the Piave, pressure from Vienna for help from Germany would assume the character of an ultimatum. There are difficulties, however, in the situation which may make the adoption of forward tactics by the Italians impracticable. The Italian front is now under supreme control of General Foch. The Italians themselves have made no preparations for a major offensive of their own this summer. They have been waiting until General Foch gives the word for a concerted offensive by all the allied armies, in which the principal part will be played by the Americans.

To insure success to a great thrust against the Austro-Hungarians, General Foch might have to detach important units from his forces in France. If this were done, disclosures of weakness in Flanders, Picardy or Champagne might be followed by important consequences.

The Italian front is not the main sector of the war. It is doubtful therefore whether General Foch would be warranted in weakening his defense of Paris and the channel ports by moving large bodies of troops into Italy for offensive purposes.

But it will doubtless be a development of the major plan of reaching Paris or the channel ports. As for the submarine offensive, sinking of an inbound British-American transport off Bermuda gives conclusive proof that German operations are still proceeding and that big game, instead of coastal steamers, is being sought. Warnings are out today along the whole Atlantic seaboard and in the vicinity of Bermuda to be on the watch for U-boats. Incidentally, when the United Press stated Saturday that it was known positively German submarine operations were continuing it is understood some intimations of the transport incident had arrived.

As for the land situation, army officials entertain a broader optimism now than they have for months. Unstinted praise is accorded the Italians, French and British for brilliant operations against the Austrians, and there is a firmer outlook as to the future than at any time since March 21.

The Oregonian reports a new government order coming to Oregon mills for 69,000,000 feet of fir lumber; it also reports that the mill shipments of lumber last week were the heaviest in the history of the Northwest, and that Portland is building more ships for the emergency fleet than any other city in the country. All of which should be an excellent excuse for the Oregonian and its sidekick, The Telegram, to soundly denounce the government for ignoring the Pacific Northwest Coast and sending all the war orders to the democratic south.

The president ended with his opposition today the talk of changing the draft limit. He realizes that there are still several million men in the 21 to 31 class to draw from and that the proposed changes would seriously disturb industries and business life. His judgment is sound.

Baseball may be the national game all right but the war for democracy is putting it out of business just the same.

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RANK PARTISANSHIP

The silly season is not supposed to have come, one of our valued exchanges remarks. The fall campaign should be very short. Up to about next October, there is no reason for any out-cropping of partisan feeling.

Yet in spite of the above, there is a lot of the most inappropriate political talk in congress. A prominent Republican senator got up the other day, and demanded that the president "scatter the bunch of economic fakers and howling dervishes" now in office.

When a man gets in that frame of mind, it is useless to argue with him. But one finds it impossible to believe that any large section of his constituents would defend him for such an utterance.

Take a man like William G. McAdoo for instance, secretary of the treasury. Is he an economic faker? Is he a howling dervish? Here we find a man who has handled the biggest financial proposition ever put over in the world in an equal time, the marketing of three great Liberty loans, every one of them oversubscribed.

Or do they refer to Mr. Wilson's secretary of state, a trained diplomat? Or to Mr. Daniels, whose administration of the navy has scarcely been questioned since we got into the war? Or to Mr. Baker, who came to Washington after serving as the mayor of one of our greatest cities?

Mr. Wilson has as advisers the ablest business men in the country. The phrase quoted above is a fair sample of a lot of the talk that is going around the country. And the only effect of it is to strengthen President Wilson and his advisers with the people. They are doing wonders with a hard task a task never paralleled in the history of the world, and one made harder by the bitter and irresponsible criticism with which it is attacked.

Of special interest to Canadians who happen to be living in the United States are the dispatches of yesterday that the treaty had been ratified by the senate whereby Americans of draft age may be brought back to the United States from Canada and also, Canadians of the English draft age may be taken from this country by the Canadian authorities and inducted into the Canadian service. Hereafter any Canadian in this country between the ages of 20 and 44 may be taken by the Canadian authorities and any American in Canada between the ages of 21 and 31 may be brought from Canada to this country and placed in the service. The draft limit for British subjects is between the ages of 20 and 44 years. Citizens who would be exempt in their own country, are not to be called for service under the new treaty. After this treaty has been ratified by both governments, men of draft age are to enlist where they are living or return within 60 days to their own country.

The widely advertised discovery of one loyal socialist in the United States turned out to be a hoax. Eugene V. Debs boldly proclaims his adherence to the cause of the kaiser, on essentially the same grounds that the bolshevik is doing the Hun's propaganda work in Russia.

Those Yankee boys still continue to move right along toward Berlin. They swept the Germans out of Belleau wood last night, incidentally taking 221 of them prisoners, including a real live major of the imperial army.

There still remains the hope that the 4th of July will bring rain to the Willamette valley.

Rippling Rhymes

by Walt Mason

COSTLY VICTORIES

Red Bill, he gained a mile of ground, and whooped with a triumphant sound, and sent his wife a wire: "Our German Gott is with us yet! We're winning victories, you bet, just like a house afire!" His men went forward, wave on wave, to run against a hand-made grave, provided by the foe; they fell in swaths like standing grain, and lay there rotting in the rain, in many a ghastly row. This cross the kaiser lightly bears; it's little that the war lord cares how many men go down; that cuts no ice with old Red Bill if he can gain another hill or reach some ruined town. Oh, he exults at each advance across a mile of battered France, whatever it may cost; to capture some old swamp or fen, a province's supply of men he's willing to exhaust. The manhood of his harried land is lying dead upon the sand, it festers in the sun; while he rakes in a barn or two, and telegraphs the Potsdam crew, "Another triumph won!" The young, the stalwart and the brave, he's sending to a yawning grave, with never pause or truce; we all know what the end will be; oh, Bill, where is thy victory--oh, Wilhelm, what's the use?



WHAT NEWB WANTS

Eugene, Or., June 26.—Wanted: A scientist to make a geological survey for the Newb Begam of Bhopal. Dr. Warren D. Smith of the University of Oregon may insert such a want ad in the papers of the northwest. The Newb Begam is the only woman potentate of a Persian state. She wants

this state surveyed and has applied to Dr. Smith. Dr. Smith—who made such a survey of the Island of Sulu, says the Newb Begam's project would take six or seven months and he hesitates to undertake it.

GERMAN SOCIETY QUITS

San Luis Obispo, Cal., June 26.—Fol-

The Woman Who Changed

By JANE PHELPS

AN UNPLEASANT RIDE

CHAPTER XXIV

"We started out in high spirits. George seemed almost as pleased as I was to go. I chatted and laughed with him, forgetting to be dignified, exhilarated by the swiftly moving car, and the fresh air. I had carefully pinned my veil before we left the restaurant; so that my hair would not blow, and look untidy and so win me a reprimand from George who had very little patience with straggling locks.

When we reached the town George proposed I wait for him in the parlor of the inn. I gladly consented. Like all women I had powder, etc., in my hand bag. I would freshen up a little while waiting. He had said something about having a bite before we started back as it would be quite late when we reached home.

I bathed my face and hands, then rearranged my hair, and brushed my clothes. George said I didn't look as if I had been out of my own house; and he said it in such a complimentary tone that I blushed with pleasure. He wanted to start home; once after we had finished our "bite" which consisted of a club sandwich and a bottle of beer; but I persuaded him to walk about the town for a little. I never had been there and it was such a pretty place.

We had not gone far on our way home when a most terrific thunder storm came up. I never had seen sharper never heard thunder that each peal seemed to strike so directly near me I tried to be brave, but did not succeed very well.

"It is all your own fault!" George grumbled. "Had you not urged me to remain we would have been at home before this beastly storm came up. Serves me right also for taking such a trip in an open car just to please you. I'll never do it again!"

"Please don't say that!" I begged. "Don't talk to me, I'm disgusted!" and the remainder of the way home neither spoke. The ending of our almost perfect day, had as usual spoiled whatever pleasure I had had. I wished we had not gone more than some before I went to bed. George didn't speak a single pleasant word all the evening. Evelyn Reeves Names Her Baby Girl For Helen.

Before the evening was over however I had a message from Kurtz Reeves that effectually banished my depression and gave me something to think about aside from my own troubles. "It's a girl, and Evelyn says it is to be named for you," Kurtz told me his voice vibrating with pride.

"Oh, really! When can I come over?" I asked delighted that they should have thought of me. "Tomorrow the nurse says," he replied after a moment. "She came to town about noon. We tried to get you several times but could not find you."

"I have been out to Leonard Park with Mr. Howard. Give my love to Evelyn, and tell her I will be over the very first thing in the morning."

"Oh, George!" I exclaimed. "Evelyn has a baby girl and she has named it after me and I am to go over and see her the first thing in the morning." "Helen is a very fine name," was all he said. The look on his face also discouraged any further attempts to talk of the, to me, wonderful event.

"Mrs. Collins and that bunch are right," I murmured to myself when after waiting a few minutes, I had gone upstairs to see what else aside from a gift already prepared, I could find to give my little namesake. Surely when a baby was named after one it was one's duty to remember the child more lavishly than just an ordinary baby would be remembered. "George would not like me to have children, I can see that" and a queer little lonesome shiver ran over me.

The next day I could hardly eat; my breakfast I was in such a hurry to get over and see the baby—my namesake. It seemed to me that George never had idled so over his breakfast, that he never had been so hard to please. His egg was not cooked right, and he had to have another one. By that time his coffee was cold, and that had to be sent back and heated. I fidgeted dreadfully, and he noticed it I was sure though he said nothing.

"He's doing it purposely, I thought, he doesn't like babies, and has no sympathy with my desire to be with Evelyn."

The women he left I rushed to my room, changed to a stunner costume and almost ran over to Evelyn's. She looked so proud, so happy it almost made me cry. And her mother-in-law spoke so beautifully to her and of the baby that I was sure all her troubles in that direction were over. But the climax of my joy came when the nurse brought the little pink bundle in and let me hold her. "Baby Helen," Evelyn said with a smile.

SAYS WOMEN FEAR SUNSHINE

"Too many women regard the sun and the air as their worst enemies, rather than as their best friends," a Western woman golf champion remarked recently at a Los Angeles county club.

"I have been playing golf almost daily for 15 years, and I make it a rule to go hatless as much as possible. I find that the sun and the fresh air keep my scalp in excellent condition, and I have also found a fine preparation called Q-Ban Hair Color Restorer which keeps ugly streaks away from my hair, maintaining it a dark natural color. The combination certainly is most beneficial." A recent photograph of the fair golfer bears out her assertions.

TAKING LITTLE

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accused of voicing German militarism he said.

"In principle, I agreed to four of the principles of President Wilson's message," Von Hertling said. "He declared it was a possible basis of peace, but, as Wilson had not replied, there was 'no use of continuing the spinning of the threads thus started.'"

"There is still less object," he said, "after statements made since that time, especially from America."

In the course of Von Kuehlmann's speech, the foreign minister said: "We hope our enemies will find their way in the course of time to approach us with an offer of peace corresponding to the situation and to the necessities of German life."

"What Germany wants is to live strongly and freely within its historic frontiers. We want overseas possessions corresponding with our wealth and our greatness and liberty to carry our commerce throughout the world."

"The military initiative was not ours. We can hope that the summer and autumn will bring us a new and great success. A wide survey of the situation forces one to ask whether the war will last beyond the winter or beyond next year. The idea is abroad that we had never reckoned on a long war. That is incorrect."

BRILLIANT AMERICAN

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until they were driven from their strongholds by hand grenades or bayonets. They reserved their rifle and machine gun fire until the Americans closed in.

German losses in dead and wounded were heavy, while our losses were not disproportionate to the success obtained.

NEW SECTOR TAKEN OVER

By Frank J. Taylor

(United Press staff correspondent)
With the American Armies in France June 26.—An American unit has taken over a new sector in German Alsace. It is now permissible to announce. Already it has repelled several minor German raids.

This new sector is in the vicinity of Gebweiler. The line runs through an extremely rugged territory of mountains, deep ravines and dense forests. It is the third sector taken over by the Americans in Alsace and the second in German territory.

Details are now available of the German raid on the American lines north of Baccarat, Sunday night. The Germans laid down two heavy box barrages completely surrounded two Franco-American outposts. Simultaneously, enemy planes bombed Badoeviller and Neuviller, to the north.

"During the barrage, two groups of German infantry, each numbering more than 100, attacked the French and Americans who had been cut off. In one of the positions, the Americans failed to give a foot, although they were outnumbered three to one. They fought until practically every one of them were casualties. Most of them received wounds that will incapacitate them only temporarily.

The other group of hordes penetrated a village and took a few French

Wheat Price May Raise

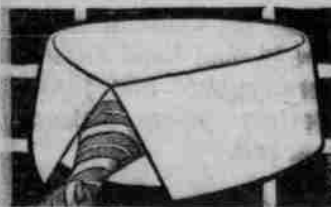
25 Cents Per Bushel

New York, June 26.—An advance of possibly 25 percent in the price of wheat was being considered here today at a meeting of the United States Grain Corporation. The corporation also was taking steps to handle the new crop when it is harvested.

That the price of the grain would be advanced was believed certain, but it was stated the advance may not be as high as indicated. Nothing will be made public until Friday.

FAMOUS BALL PLAYER DEAD

Kansas City, June 26.—Jake Beckley, "old eagle eye" one of the best known, first basemen in the history of major league baseball, is dead here today. Beckley expired of heart disease late yesterday.



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and American prisoners. They fled before a counter attack.

On the Toul front, the Germans are heavily bombarding the American positions, throwing large quantities of gas into Bois De Jury, Bois De Remieres and other sectors.

Brilliant Operation

Paris, June 26.—A brilliant American operation in Belleau wood, and successful French raids on various portions of the front were reported by the French war office today.

French raids in the Mailly-Benoval, Meloeux, Vinly, Cornillet and Lorraine regions resulted in the capture of prisoners and machine guns; the communicant said.

"Another German attempt against our positions north of Le Port was repulsed.

"American units conducted a brilliant detail operation in Belleau wood last night. One hundred and fifty prisoners, including a captain, already are numbered."

Artillery in Picardy

London, June 26.—Bombardments of British positions on various parts of the Picardy and Flanders fronts and successful raids and patrol encounters were reported by Field Marshal Haig today.

"We took a few prisoners and a machine gun in raids and patrol encounters in the neighborhood of Sailly-Le-Sec and west of Merville," the statement said.

"In the neighborhood of Ville-Sur-Ancres, Commeourt, Bailleur and Hazebrouck there was hostile artillery fighting."

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