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GENERAL FOCH SKILLFULLY PLAYS ALLIED WAR GAME

Is Consolidating And Make Sure Results of Successful Drive

By J. W. T. Mason (United Press war expert) New York, July 22.—General Foch is operating his drive between the Aisne and the Marne for the apparent purpose of consolidating gains and preparing for inevitable German counter attacks.

Great caution is now necessary on the part of the allied commanders and General Foch is splendidly demonstrating that he cannot be run off his feet. It would serve Von Hindenburg's purpose admirably if General Foch were to extend the battle along the Aisne-Marne salient into a major offensive.

A forward allied movement on so gigantic a scale before the Americans are fully ready to participate would be to accept the German terms on which such a battle should be fought.

General Foch is now declining to be inveigled into playing Germany's game under such conditions. The Aisne-Marne thrust must be considered as a local offensive, which, however, has already had major consequences through safeguarding Paris and driving the Germans north of the Marne.

General Foch, above all, has demonstrated that he will not sacrifice his own men on the barbarous principle of Von Hindenburg and the Hohenzollerns. Von Hindenburg is unquestionably piling his reserves into the northern and central areas of the Aisne-Marne salient, especially about Soissons and Ferre-E-Tardenois, which are the most important pivots of the present German resistance.

In this respect, General Foch has gravely upset Von Hindenburg's future offensive plans. The morale effect in Germany of a confused offensive strategy at the kaiser's headquarters will be very great, coming so closely upon the dismissal of Foreign Minister Kuehlmann for predicting that peace cannot be won on the battle field.

Von Hindenburg, therefore, will resort to desperate expedients in order to try to wrest the initiative from General Foch.

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FIGHTING FIERCE

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This line has been the Germans' chief reliance for supplies for the Chateau-Thierry region. Its cutting explains in part the retreat of the Germans from Chateau-Thierry. Twenty thousand prisoners are now in allied hands, according to official estimates. Nothing official on losses has come yet.

Secretary Baker today confirmed that crossing of the Marne has been accomplished by the allied troops. Very substantial gains of territory have been made, he said, both in the Chateau-Thierry salient and further east. While the situation changes rapidly, all changes of the past few days have been favorable to the allies, Baker said.

There has been no recent substantial addition to the number of prisoners and is no exact estimate of prisoners or war material. But it seems quite clear, Baker added, that very large numbers of prisoners and war material had been secured. While Baker was stating that Soissons-Chateau-Thierry line is "certainly unavailable for the Germans," Chief of Staff March entered his office and announced that part of the line is broken and now in our hands. He excluded himself from further discussion until Wednesday when he will have a conference with correspondents.

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OFFENSIVE FOR (Continued from page one)

It is apparent the Germans underestimated the available allied forces and the spirit with which they would meet the assault.

Some insight into the political effect on Germany can be gained from the predictions of a pan-Germanist officer who has been taken prisoner. He declared that certain Bavarian elements failed to defend their positions "earnestly" and practically accused them of treason.

On the other hand, there are many evidences that the German price used many of the best German divisions available. Among these divisions are the Sixth division of the "Invincible Brandenburgers," who acquired that title when the kaiser specially recognized them in February, 1916, for the capture of Fort Douaumont, one of the principal defenses of Verdun.

In the Champagne offensive alone, the Germans were compelled to throw in four new divisions (48,000 men) after their loss of 14,000 men in the battle of the Meuse, and various sectors, although they had been intended as a part of the previous reserves that were to definitely turn the tide of the battle and force a truce.

One of the new things introduced in the battle was a new German armored tank. These were used in transporting munitions across fields and along roads under heavy shell fire. The tanks have six wheels with a caterpillar tractor and their armored bodies are 2 1/2 feet long, nine feet high and eight feet wide. Isolated allied units who were cut off in the early fight were supplied with food by French aviators until they were rescued.

Wonderful Performance Of Maxwell Truck

Setting out on the most strenuous test of durability and long distance staying qualities that could be picked from the highways of the United States, a Maxwell truck, stock model, rolled away from San Francisco early Wednesday, loaded capacity and headed for New York City—3400 miles to the East.

The truck, transporting military supplies enroute from Australia to France is undertaking in its run a transcontinental day and night grind out of which a new record for durability and mechanical reliability for the distance from San Francisco to New York is to be striven for.

Ray F. McNamara, the world famed pilot, is at the wheel, this being his tenth trip across the continent but his initial negotiation of the distance at the steering end of a truck. His mount has been styled the Maxwell Military Express.

McNamara will push the Maxwell to the utmost in an effort to finish the run in 34 days—averaging 100 miles a day. "If this truck will stand up through 100 miles a day, transporting its capacity load of military supplies, and reach New York with a record to that effect it will have surpassed anything ever put on wheels for durability and reliability," McNamara said as he left San Francisco. "I expect the truck to do that."

The run and the results of the test will be followed with interest by business men along the route, as the time of its schedule for passing through the various cities is to be made known in advance as far as it is possible.

War Summary of United Press

Soissons-Rheims salient—The allied counter offensive is proceeding over a front of practically 100 miles from Soissons to eastward of Rheims, despite German counter attacks at various points, notably north of Chateau-Thierry and south of Soissons.

The German high command apparently is strengthening the enemy lines in the vicinity of Soissons and Rheims, as the retirement northward from the Marne can be carried out with the least possibility of Foch closing the upper end of the big salient.

The latest reports show the allies on a line running almost straight south of Soissons to Griseoles, seven miles north

of Chateau-Thierry, thence southeastward toward the Marne, in the direction of Jaulgonne. One Paris newspaper declares the Germans have fallen back to Vanvaves, five miles directly east of Griseoles. Between the Marne and Rheims French, Italian, and British troops are progressing in Courton and Roi woods, and in the valley of the Andre.

The French and the Americans have turned the Germans own canons against them south of Soissons.

Prisoners say the Germans will make a stand at Ferre-E-Tardenois, on the line of the Ourcq, 12 miles north of Chateau-Thierry.

Plandry front—British troops made gains yesterday southeast of Hebuterne, north of Albert, and Franco-British forces carried out a successful minor enterprise last night south of Villers-Bretonneux, east of Amiens.

Flanders front—The British made a successful raid north of Bailloul. Hostile artillery was active in the Looze sector.

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LEAGUES PROCEED WITH SCHEDULES

Belief That World Series May Be Played Within Three Weeks

By H. C. Hamilton (United Press staff correspondent)

New York, July 22.—Guided by the belief that the elimination of its draft age players from baseball into some useful occupation will be a gradual process, arrangements were being made today by managers of the two big leagues to go ahead with their schedules. Ban Johnson's order directing that all American league parks be closed at once has been withdrawn.

American league club owners will meet today in Cleveland. It is believed they will reach a decision to struggle along until a certain number of games have been played, with the world's series to come immediately afterward. It is entirely probable that things will be speeded up, 100 games got out of the way and the world's series played within three weeks. The National league, it was announced today, will hold its meeting tomorrow in Pittsburgh instead of New York as originally announced. The world's greatest series will be practically a war benefit in its entirety. Boston and Chicago would participate.

May Finish Ball Season

Washington, July 22.—Ball players affected by Secretary Baker's edict that they must do essential work or fight, may be permitted to finish the present season, it was intimated on high authority here today. While there was no official confirmation, it was stated that a conference between representatives of the major leagues and war department officials would be held within the next 48 hours, to determine the question.

Association Quits

Chicago, July 22.—In compliance with Secretary Baker's work or fight ruling there will be no more baseball in the American association during the war. At a special meeting here yesterday the directors unanimously agreed to President Hickey's recommendation that the league season be closed following yesterday's games. The pennant was awarded to Kansas City, the leading club. The association was the first league to be organized baseball to take official action on Baker's ruling.

Will Finish Season

Pittsburg, Pa., July 22.—National league heads in conference here tomorrow will agree to play out the entire year's schedule, regardless of the action of any other baseball body. President Barney Dreyfuss of the Pittsburg club told the United Press at noon today that such an agreement has already been decided upon. His announcement followed communication by long distance telephone and otherwise with government officials at Washington and with the heads of other clubs in the league. Dreyfuss indicated that he had learned something of interest from Washington, though he would not directly confirm a report that the work or fight order may be suspended to permit completion of this year's schedule.

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