

CHAMPAGNE FLOOD MADE GERMAN TIDE REGEDE, SAYS CHEF

Invaders. Strong on Land, Couldn't Ford Rivers of Wine and Lost Paris, Inn-keeper Asserts.

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS

CRÉCY-EN-BRIE, Oct. 19. "Did anybody ever tell you the true story of why the Germans got such a licking in the battle of the Marne, just as they thought they had Paris right in their power?"

"The chubbs and ever-soberful 'keeper' was busy laying the table for my lunch out on the lawn under a large but shoddy blue tree. Nearby was the ruin of an old stone mill and beyond it the Grand Marne surged past on its way to the Oise.

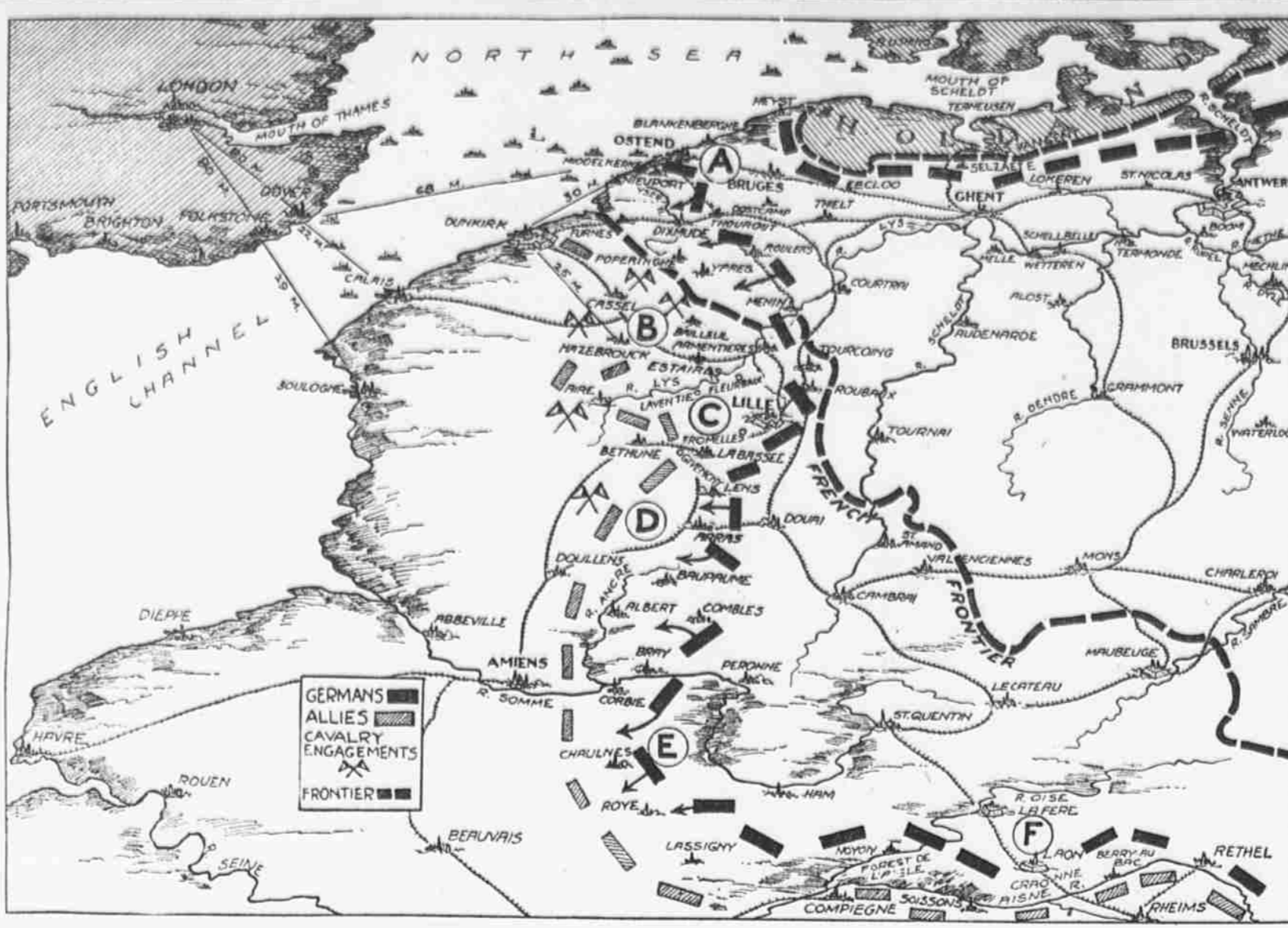
"They got felled," I replied, "like anything or anybody gets felled; I suppose because they were better men."

"No, monsieur," he said, "you're wrong; the 'sabo boches' got felled while they were drunk."

"Drunk?" I asked. "Drunk," he reiterated, putting two fat little flaps on his hips, arms akimbo and regarding me with a stare. A twinkle was in his eyes.

"What do you mean drunk?" I demanded. "The innkeeper kept on smiling. 'It was my son who told me,' he went on mysteriously. 'He was there. He charged them with his bayonet, right up into their own trenches. I have a Prussian helmet he brought back. It is so wounded a bit though he was. And the Prussians were all drunk, monsieur. I give you Henri's word for it.'"

"On 'boches' I agreed. 'Champagne,' he grinned. 'The whole army drunk on champagne?'"



While the French claim advantages at Arras, near D, brisk fighting is going on at B, near the Belgian frontier, where the French officially declare they have recaptured Armentieres, north of Lille. The German army of occupation in Belgium, running from Ostend toward Thourout and Roulers, and from Audenarde through Courtrai toward the Ypres-Menin line, is believed to be advancing toward the French frontier, fighting occurring on the River Yser, which flows through Dixmude to the sea at Nieuport, and elsewhere along the line. The allies claim to have gained 30 miles in certain places and to have assumed advantageous positions in the Lille region at C and near Arras at D.

ENGLAND THRILLED BY GENERAL'S STORY OF 26-DAY BATTLE

Field Marshal French Describes Allies' Strategic Retreat Followed by Drive of Germans Across the Aisne.

LONDON, Oct. 19. The battle of the Marne and the opening of the Great Retreat now being waged on the Aisne, and in which British troops fought steadily for 26 days, are covered in dispatches from Sir John French, commander of the British army in France, which were made public last night by the press bureau.

"I strongly represented my position to General Joffre, who was most kind, cordial and sympathetic, as he always has been. I finally arranged with General Joffre to effect a further short retirement toward the line from Compiègne to Soissons. The right flank of the German army was now reaching a point which appeared to endanger my line of communication with Havre."

THE STRATEGIC RETREAT. After giving further details, General French says: "While closely adhering to his strategic conception to draw the enemy on at all points until a favorable situation was created from which to assume the offensive, General Joffre found it necessary to modify his plan in order to attain this object."

GERMANS CHANGE PLANS. "About September 1 the enemy appears to have changed his plans and determined to stop the advance south direct upon Paris. An air reconnaissance on September 5 showed that his main columns were moving in a southeasterly direction."

CAVALRY SUFFERED HEAVILY. "The enemy retreated before our advance, covered with his Second, Ninth and guard cavalry divisions, which suffered severely. Our cavalry acted with great vigor."

MOTHER REJOICES TO GIVE HER BOYS FOR OLD ENGLAND

Philadelphia Woman Is Told in Letter From Relative of British Women's Service and Sacrifice in Present Crisis.

The wives and mothers of England have displayed characteristic fortitude during the war. Heroically rising to extraordinary defenses, they have smiled as they sent their loved ones to the front, holding back the weeping tears till the sound of martial music and marching troops had died in the distance.

ALLIES' LOSSES HEAVY. "Although I deeply regret that I have had to report heavy losses in killed and wounded throughout the operations, I do not think they have been excessive in view of the magnitude of the great fight and the demoralization and the loss in killed and wounded which it is known has been caused to the enemy by the vigor and severity of the pursuit."

RUSSIANS LOSE 40,000 IN STORMING PRZEMYSL. Cesar's Forces Discomfited Along Galician Line, Vienna Declares.

VIENNA, Oct. 19. In an official statement issued here today, the Austrian Government declares that the Russians have already lost 40,000 men in unsuccessful attempts to take Przemyśl by storm.

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SCENT OF BLOOD DRAWS WOLVES TO BATTLEFIELDS

Ravens and Packs Even Pursue Galician Victors to Camp.

The London Standard's correspondent at Odessa wires that the heavy fighting in Galicia has brought out all the beasts and birds of the forests in wild alarm. Scouting out about the covered battlefields, the wolves are out in great packs, and even pursue the victors after the battles to their camps.

CANADA PLEDGES CONSTANT AID TO MOTHER COUNTRY. Dominion Government Will Keep 30,000 Troops in Continuous Training.

OTTAWA, Oct. 19. The Government, after consultation with its military advisers, announced today its intention of keeping continuously in training in Canada from now until the end of the war a force of 30,000 men and to dispatch to the front contingents of 10,000 each at regular intervals.

TURCO-RUSSIAN CONFLICT FEARED; EMBASSY MOVES. Archives Sent to Odessa—War Indicated.

BERLIN, Oct. 19. The archives of the Russian Embassy at Constantinople have been sent to Odessa, according to reliable reports here. This is taken to indicate that diplomatic relations between Turkey and Russia will be broken off.

BLOOMIN' BLARSTED WAR ROBS BRITONS OF GOLF AND BAWTH

Prisoners at Muenster, Germany, Leading Dreary Life, Beg for Golf Course and Occasional Ablutions.

By KARL H. VON WEIGAND. MÜNSTER, Germany, Oct. 15. "How long, ay, do you think the war will last? More than a score of Englishmen literally picked up their ears to catch the answer when the bare-kneed Highlander asked this question. Round about were thousands of Frenchmen in their dirty red trousers, atwarted Belgians and a sprinkling of sad-faced Turcos and Zouaves from the deserts and mountains of Algeria, all prisoners of war."

"How wonderful the Belgians have been. And what they have suffered! We could not have imagined a few short weeks ago that they would have held back that ruthless army of Germans and gained us such valuable time. No wonder that the German plans left such a consistency out of their calculations. Brave little Belgium, indeed. She has well earned the gratitude of the whole civilized world."

"The calm confidence of Britain's women in Britain's arms is tersely but profoundly expressed, and with a touch of pathos that lingers in the mind. 'We are all sure of a final triumph, but we will suffer deeply for a long time yet.'"

"Hil' shouted another. 'Caw'n't you persuade 'em to give us a bath tub. Hil' 'aven't ad a bloomin' bawth since they brought us to this blarsted place.'"

"How long will the war last? No one is asking more often than the prisoners of war. Their lot is rather a melancholy one. Aside from 'police work' that is, keeping the camp and their barracks clean, there is little to do. The hours, the days and the weeks drag. Cigarettes and tobacco, the consolers when all else fails, run low."

Rare News for the Desk Buyer. Another trainload shipment of genuine, perfect, new Derby Quatered Oak, Mahogany, Desks at unheard of prices to insure quick sale. Twenty carloads sold last Spring. Also chairs and tables. The Globe-Wernicke Co. 1012 Chestnut Street

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