

GERMANS MUST WIN WAR IN THE WEST Entente Peace This Year Seen if Hindenburg Is Stopped

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By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS Copyright, 1918, by the United Press. BERNE, Switzerland, Feb. 17 (delayed).

Hold on the west front and the war is won. Therein is the whole story of my Swiss impressions.

I don't mean that peace will follow within twenty-four hours of Hindenburg's success. But I certainly believe an Allied peace is possible this year.

The Prussians may brood their into activity against Italy simultaneously with a German offensive against France, but this appears about all.

GERMANY'S BIGGEST BLUFF Germany putting up its biggest bluff. Frying of rot, she is trying to scare the Allies by making faces.

The masses are thoroughly war weary. The election at Bautzen is a proof of this.

OWN DEPTH BOMBS KILLED U. S. SEAMEN Many of Jacob Jones's Crew Met Peculiar Fate—Bagley Had Narrow Escape

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18. Explosions of her own depth bombs was responsible for the destruction for the loss of life on the destroyer Jacob Jones, which was torpedoed by a German submarine December 6.

When the destroyer was torpedoed, Commander Bagley ordered the men to quit the vessel with all haste.

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KRUPP DIVIDEND REDUCED Demands of Army Necessitate Spending of Share of Profits

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 18.—The Krupp Company declared an annual dividend of 10 per cent, compared with 12 per cent a year ago.

VIVACI AZIONI DELLA ARTIGLIERIA ITALIANA Truppe Teutoniche Bersagliate nella Valle Frenzela e Col della Berretta

Dalle notizie giunte dal Quartier Generale Italiano si rileva che violente azioni di artiglieria si sono verificate sulla fronte nordica e specialmente in quella del Trentino.

Vivaci bombardamenti furono effettuati dalle batterie italiane sulle posizioni ad occidente del Lago di Garda e sopra quelle ad oriente del fiume Brenta.

Le batterie italiane dominanti la Valle Frenzela e Col della Berretta effettuano, con pieno successo, fuoco concentrato contro i ranghi di truppe nemiche in movimento lungo la predetta valle e sulle pendici retrostanti al Col della Berretta.

Il raid "presso parte il comandante Tenente Rizzo, il quale nello scorso dicembre effettuò felicemente un'incursione nel Porto di Trieste, sfurando la corazzata austriaca "Wien," ed il Poeta Gabriele D'Annunzio.

AL REGIO CONSOLATO ITALIANO DI PHILA. Popolo assente di parecchi mesi, durante i quali fu tenuto in segreto l'importante Consolato Generale d'Italia di New York, torna oggi in Philadelphia

La notizia del ritorno del Cav. Pocerardi è stata accolta con viva soddisfazione dall'elemento sano della Colonia Italiana di Philadelphia, ove egli gode una stima ed una fiducia illimitata per le sue non comuni qualità di funzionario integerrimo e colto.

Durante la permanenza in New York il Cav. Pocerardi seppe circondarsi di gravi simpatie e, benché in momenti così gravi a causa della guerra, seppe con rara competenza ed accuratezza, e dignemente rappresentare il Patrio Governo.

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PORTUGUESE TAKE PRISONERS IN RAID Haig Reports Activity in Neighborhood of Neuve Chapelle

LONDON, Feb. 18. Portuguese troops have been active on the west front again, Field Marshal Haig reported today.

Two Sammees Die WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Two deaths from natural causes were caused by the War Department by General Pershing today.

FRENCH VICTIM OF INHUMANITY TELLS WOES OF GERMAN PRISON Sergeant Charles Breyer, Barbarously Treated by Captors, Portrays Horrors Which He Shared With Others

By HENRI BAZIN Staff Correspondent Evening Public Ledger with the American Army in France THE FIELD, Jan. 10.

In perhaps the most ancient town within the borders of the American republic, the sergeant's tale is a very vivid one.

In 1915, Sergeant Breyer, a youth of twenty-four, solid and sturdy, was a master mechanic in the American dirigible balloon service.

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BRITISH TESTS PROVE AMERICAN TANKS O. K. Tractors Expected to Play Important Part in Campaign in France

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18. American tanks have proved successful under test conducted by British, French and American army experts and are expected to play an important part in the operations on the western front this year.

The American tanks are fashioned more after French than British types. The basic design of the new weapons is found in the caterpillar tractors.

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Major Raul Lufbery, of Westbury, Conn., former ace of the Lafayette Escadrille, photographed in Paris while wearing his United States army uniform for the first time.

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EISENMAN QUILTS DEFENSE COUNCIL Cleveland Man Out, Baker Announces in Letter to Senator McKellar

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Charles Eisenhower, of Cleveland, has left Washington and is no longer connected with the National Council of Defense.

DISCHARGE ALL GERMANS Teutons Turned Out of Ship Plants for Duration of War

All Germans, including those having naturalization papers, employed in shipbuilding plants in and about Philadelphia have been discharged by order of the War Department.

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