

**U. S. GUNS SMASH
CANTIGNY CHURCH**

Germans Were Using Structure as an Observation Post

OTHER PLACES SHELLED

American Infantry Anxiously Awaiting Coming Boche Attack on Picardy Front

With the Americans in Picardy, May 16. Fierce bombardment of German positions by the American artillery has demolished the church at Cantigny and several adjacent buildings, blown up machine-gun emplacements and post-command positions at Fontaine-sous-Montdidier and Courtemanche and started a fire at Mesnil-St. Georges. The church at Cantigny was being used for observation by the enemy.

The bombardment lasted all night. The concussion of the heavy guns rocked the entire front. At the same time the 75's poured in a hot, harassing fire.

The Germans are making the strongest efforts to capture Americans, but without result. Not a single American prisoner has yet been lost on this front.

Forty of the enemy attempted to rush a section of our trenches, throwing grenades as they advanced. They were repulsed before they penetrated our entanglements, leaving two dead on the wire. Their other casualties are not known.

Later another attempt was made to capture one of our advanced posts, but it, too, was repulsed.

An American sentry, who shot a German dog, found a note in the message box on his collar from an enemy officer asking permission to change his post of command.

Standing shoulder to shoulder with the French on this front, the Americans are tensely awaiting the new boche offensive. A return of pleasant weather, coupled with military observations, indicates early attack.

The doughboys say that the attacks cannot come too quick for them. They are in the pink of condition and tough as leather. The artillery and machine-gun units are trained to the minute.

The infantry is itching for a scrap and full of confidence. The French are full of admiration, but this feeling is mutual.

An American officer remarked: "The Heines that clash against the section of the line held by the Americans will find tough going. The physical fitness of the Americans is much admired by the French officers."

The fact that the Germans are screened only by hastily constructed trenches and shallow pits is hailed as an advantage for the Americans. The Americans are indifferent to the fact that they are at the same disadvantage as the Germans.

The Americans say that the Germans lose punch and courage when they are out of their trenches. The Yankees call the Germans "sewer fighters."

Both sides are crouched like tigers ready for a spring across the narrow strip of freshly tilled ground between the hastily laced wire protecting the front lines. Americans are billeted in picturesque villages behind the front lines living in stables and tumble down houses. The "show guns" (portable cooking stoves) are kept under cover and the bread is stacked about in corners like cord wood.

The men's equipment is adroitly concealed in various places by camouflage. A majority of the civilian population was driven out by shellfire, but there are a few grandmothers in white bonnets and blue aprons and children unconscious of danger.

WILL EXCHANGE PRISONERS

France and Germany to Return Those Over Forty-eight Years Old

Paris, May 16.—The German Government has ratified the agreement for the exchange of prisoners of war between France and Germany reached at Berne.

The agreement will become effective on May 18, after which prisoners over the age of forty-eight years will be returned to their own country.

GENERAL LEMAN BETTER

Hero of Liege Will Now Undergo Operation on Foot

Nice, May 16.—General Leman, hero of Liege and who spent three years in captivity in Germany, has sufficiently recovered from illness caused by imprisonment to leave for Paris.

He will proceed to Rouen, where he will enter a Belgian hospital to undergo an operation on his right foot.

**Berlin Gets a Shock
in New Russian Envoy**

Geneva, May 16. Official diplomatic circles are being continually shocked by Adolph Joffe, the new Russian Soviet ambassador to Berlin, according to a newspaper dispatch. He has hoisted the red flag above the embassy and refuses to meet the Emperor. He has not visited the Government of officials, which is customary, and he gave his first important dinner to the minority German Socialists, at which he expressed opinions in strong language.

Berlin never experienced such a strange ambassador, according to the dispatch, and it is believed measures will be taken quietly to have him withdrawn.

**BRAZIL TO SUPPORT
U. S. ATTITUDE IN WAR**

Alves, Returning to Presidency, Outlines Policy to Back Up America

Sao Paulo, Brazil, May 16. "Brazil will follow the course of the United States to the end of the war. The change of administration will not alter our policy of backing up the leadership of the United States in the most friendly and genuine way."

The speaker was President-elect Rodrigues Alves, who will return to the presidential chair of Brazil for the second time on November 15. In a most convincing manner and without equivocation, the next chief executive, in an interview today, the first he has given since his election, outlined his war policy, about which speculation has been rife.

"The course of the United States during the war crisis stirs my personal pride that, during my previous administration from 1903 to 1908, with Senor Rio Branco as Foreign Secretary, we gave much attention to promoting the closest relationship with the United States.

"For even stronger reasons, the same policy will be followed during my second administration. Our main foreign policy will be to eliminate prejudices between all American countries.

"I repeat that this will continue to be the basis of Brazil's international policy. Meanwhile, we recognize that by the enormity of her sacrifices and her unselfish contribution to democracy in the present trouble, the United States, in the opinion of Brazilians, has earned the right to the liberty of voicing and interpreting the sentiments of the western republics in any movement to promote unity of purpose and mutual confidence which are most essential to the common good of all.

"Speaking for Brazil, only Pan-Americanism is the most sensible policy. The resourcefulness and financial strength of the United States offer much that we need after the war. On the other hand, the development of Brazil's natural wealth offers much to the United States. Any state policy which regards the meeting of these interests is too short-sighted long to survive."

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**FOCH, SUPREME COMMAND
WELDS POWER OF ALLIES**

"All Working for Common Cause—Boche Drive Under Control Since March 27," Statement of Chief

By HENRI BAZIN

Staff Correspondent Evening Public Ledger with the American Army in France

With the French Armies in the Field, April 15. IT WAS pouring rain. The car stopped at the door of a Louis XVI chateau, a chateau of grave and dignified aspect. We entered and, upon invitation, climbed the stair.

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He bowed and seated himself as we murmured thanks and passed out of his presence. Not a man among us had uttered a word save in salutation at entrance and departure. We had not been before him five minutes. He had other business more pressing, more urgent, than receiving journalists.

General Foch has not the imposing stature of Joffre or Pétain. His personality breathes kindness and urbanity. He looks perhaps sixty, and, in fact, is older. His face is tanned, the eyes blue and clear, the hair sparse, the mustache full and untrimmed. Every inch of him shows the soldier.

The battle is nearly a month old and the line unbroken, despite bending. It may be bent more, but it will not be broken. They shall not pass. I don't believe they would have passed anyhow, despite, for a time, the danger was very grave. Now, with Foch, it is certain that the slogan of Verdun shall prevail on the Somme, in the north, in Flanders.

The next library annex of the seminary was officially opened last night, and at a meeting of the board of trustees a resolution was adopted recommending to the synods an increase in salaries for the professors from \$2000 to \$2500.

Officers elected were: The Rev. William F. DeLong, of Annyville, president; the Rev. Charles Santor, Port Washington, vice president; C. E. Creitz, Reading, secretary; the Rev. J. H. DeLong, Lancaster, treasurer.

GERMANS POISON MAIL

Girl Dies After Licking Envelope From Brother in Prison Camp

London, May 16.—The latest diabolical device of the Germans against non-combatants has just been revealed here by the death of a girl from poison. Charles Humphrey, the father of the girl, testified before the coroner that his daughter met her death by licking the flap of a letter sent by her brother from a German prison camp.

"The flap was turned down when the letter arrived," said Humphrey. "Elizabeth moistened it and at once became giddy." A physician diagnosed the girl's death as having been caused by an irritant poison.



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\$4 Pumps... Dull and shiny leather. Also white canvas. Pollyanna pumps. Sizes 2 1/2 to 7 in the lot.

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Pumps and Sandals, \$1.59
Patent coltskin, black and tan Russian calf, white nubuck, buckskin and canvas. Sizes 4 to 8 in lot. No mail or phone orders. None to dealers.

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