

STRATEGY OF MARNE DRIVE SEEN BY GERMAN CRITICS—SPECIAL CABLES TELL OF VICTORY

Yard of Ground Gained Influences Result of Battle

ALTERS GERMAN PLANS Enemy Underestimated American Army and Waited Too Long

By LIEUT. GEN. MAURICE Former Director of Operations of the British Army

General Foch has always preached that a defensive attitude is no defense, and we may be sure that the only reason he has not attacked before is that he has not had the necessary means.

Every soldier takes a defensive because it means the surrender of his will to that of the enemy.

All who have followed the course of this year's campaign must now realize that the deep-rooted belief that a defense is necessarily more economical of life than an offensive is an illusion.

Foch's Attack Inexpensive In this present battle the Germans have lost more heavily than the Allies because their attacks have failed.

It has, in fact, all the distinguishing marks of generalship for it has achieved surprise and has been made in a direction in which every yard of ground gained must directly influence the course of the battle.

This front between the Aisne and the Marne, which Foch has attacked, is the German front for the advance on Paris from the northeast, and it is almost certain that the Germans are preparing for such an advance.

He will now have to begin most of his preparations afresh and will have to shift his lines to the westward.

The Montagne de Paris, which is now in French hands, completely dominates Soissons, and even if the Germans succeed in holding the town, the railways passing through it can be so dominated that they will be useless to the enemy.

Can Hamper Germans Conditions are now altered very materially, and if they have trenches around the town, they will be unable to hold it while the French are on the heights to the south.

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GERMAN SCISSORS HELD BY YANKEES Americans at Both Points Stop Cutting Around Rheims

ALLIES IN HIGH SPIRITS Checking of Drive Registers Another Failure for Crown Prince

By EDWIN L. JAMES Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger

Except for harassing artillery fire on our left, there was no German activity yesterday against our sector from Chateau-Thierry to Dormans.

The Allied armies are in high spirits over the failure of the German drive to accomplish any of its objects so far.

Allied Lines Stronger The Allies' lines are now much stronger than when the Germans started the drive on Monday morning.

What the Americans accomplished may be seen by understanding that the German plan was a great scissors, cutting their way through to Chateau-Thierry and Rheims.

The next two days will show more of the Kaiser's plans. Suffice it to say, up to the present the Crown Prince has succeeded in making the deepest gain toward Epernay.

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AMERICANS AWAITING A BOCHE ATTACK



This remarkable photograph was taken in a first line trench north of Chateau-Thierry, where the Yankees, who were levelled, are awaiting a German attack presaged by suspicious activity of the enemy artillery.

MOTOR TRANSPORT DOES HEROIC WORK IN BATTLE FOR EPERNAY

Drivers Stuck to Wheels for Twenty Hours, Bringing Up Reinforcements for Allies—Enemy Everywhere Reduced to "Marking Time"

By WALTER DURANTY Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger

The French Army, July 18. The battle for Epernay had reached a stage of flux and reflux by Wednesday, which in this, as in former great struggles of the year, means that the Allies are counter-attacking and that the enemy is definitely held.

Allied reinforcements are now on the line, thanks largely to the admirable work of motor transports, many of whose drivers did a spell of twenty continuous hours at the wheel.

Following the successful precedent of the Noyon-Montdidier battle, a strong counter-attack was launched on an early hour Thursday on the front between the Aisne and the Marne and is progressing favorably.

Thirty Divisions in Front Line The German offensive was launched after long and minute preparation on a scale fully equal to that of March 21.

Your correspondent saw the general who was sitting in a small bedroom, whose walls were hung with maps. He was none of his innumerable decorations save over his head the military medal with the war cross—the polka medal that is never awarded to officers save to commanding generals for exceptional service.

At the moment of the battle the general was in the military hospital, and before the battle ends the name of the Marne may be for a second time written in history in letters of German blood.

The performance of the French army holding Rheims and the Arzonne sector will stand as a model of organization for and execution of victorious resistance against one of the most formidable attacks in history.

It is impossible to overemphasize the completeness of the victory that in a few hours broke the drive of 250,000 of Germany's best soldiers without losing a single gun or a foot of ground whose abandonment was not deliberate and a voluntary.

In this case the men did their duty so bravely that they were given a special award.

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French Steamship Sunk by U-Boat London, July 19.—A French steamship has been attacked and sunk by a U-boat, according to Reuters.

GERMAN CRITICS HINT AT FAILURE

People Given Confused, Cheerless Comment on Marne Offensive

By GEORGE RENWICK Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger

The German military critics, in dealing with the new offensive, present confused and cheerless comments to their readers.

Such Depends on Battle The British army's future depends intimately on the progress of the French counter-stroke and on the necessity of the German Crown Prince for more men to replace all those dead and bleeding soldiers who lie on the slopes and in the valleys east and west of Rheims.

Opposite the British front, in some old French chateau behind the German lines, far beyond the zone of the British gunfire, there are the men who he began after months of preparation the Crown Prince's staff with extreme anxiety and nervous tension.

These men have been preparing an other wide offensive against the British front. They have been working hard since their previous efforts came to a dead halt after heavy losses.

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BRITISH ALERT AS FOCH HITS AT CROWN PRINCE

Success in Champagne May Force Germans to Withdraw Troops From Rupprecht's Reserve and Upset Plans

By PHILIP GIBBS Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger

It seems to be burning itself out now, this fever which makes men fall off their horses and sink at the knees quickly, with a high temperature that keeps them away for six days or so.

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hungering for news of what is happening in Champagne, knowing that upon events there depends their own action in the immediate future.

It is even possible that any French success between the Aisne and the Marne will hasten the offensive against the British front and that, instead of sending many men down south, Rupprecht will strike with the object of keeping Allied troops away from that scene of action.

Twenty-four hours more of history may decide which plan the German high command thinks best, but today, anyway, they must be thinking hard and be filled with doubt and apprehension.

The fate of the world will be decided before there leaves turn brown on this year's trees, and perhaps before the harvest is gathered in. I believe it will be decided in our favor.

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