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FOCH'S WAR MOSAIC

Its Design Is Taking Form in This Eventful Month of August

THE conservation of war communiques would undoubtedly be one of the most unpopular policies ever instituted by the general staff of any army.

Just at the present time, however, a "skip-stop" system of communiques would embrace certain compensating advantages.

Both the first and second battles of the Marne told swift, dramatic, easily comprehensible tales.

Subsequent events are best appreciated if considered on something more than a daily basis.

Since August 8, and a few days after, however, Marshal Foch has introduced a novelty into the war.

Incessant action, distributed at various points so as to profit by the virtue of surprise; short, sharp offensives, not so ponderous in scope that they cannot be resumed after a brief interval.

Paradoxical as it may seem, the retirement of the Germans in dribbles is a definite sign of Allied activity.

An inevitable retreat under such circumstances has been turned by Foch into agony long drawn out.

The sum of such successes—now of almost daily occurrence—seems certain to change the whole complexion of the battlefield.

On the northern end of the Picardy bulge General Byng threatens Bapaume, has already crossed the railway between that place and Albert.

General March announced in Washington the other day that the Entente battlefront had been reduced fifty miles.

Plainly, from Chairman Dent's standpoint, it wouldn't do at all to consult with the possible registrants of the new lower limits.

pleted and we are enabled to survey that eventful period not by days, but as a whole glorious month.

Were it possible to confront any one who had been deprived of war news with a summary of recent weeks considered in the large aspect, it may be predicated that the thrill of that super communique would be hardly second to that conveyed by the announcement that Foch had struck the foe at La Fere Champenoise in 1914.

A Merchantville woman, caught in boarding, now promises that she will eat no more sugar during the war if she is not sent to jail.

THE aircraft report of the subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Military Affairs is a shining exhibition of what happens when a nation enters war without proper preparation.

It charges that \$648,000,000 has been virtually squandered since April of last year in an attempt to produce airplanes.

The failure of the program is said by the committee to be due to the dependence of the Government on automobile manufacturers who knew nothing of aeronautical problems.

This is the dark side of the picture. The committee has found that they are soon to be in shape to begin quantity production of acceptable planes.

The country hopes that the time of blundering has passed and that from now on we shall hear that the air forces on the other side are increased periodically by the arrival of hundreds of machines made here.

But if we had begun preparation in time for participation in the war which the Administration knew could not be avoided, much of the bungling in the production of aircraft could have been prevented.

Those loud detonations you hear are not necessarily depth bombs or spies signaling to U-boats. This is the bay fever season.

Keeping Them Cheerful
The German High Command says that German soldiers simply must write more cheerful letters home.

Also Smash and Tarry
The beauties of the crash and party system are being daily exemplified in Picardy.

Even the Hun's most carefully compiled statistics concerning the declining population of France have been upset.

To cheer up his countrymen, Herr Soif, the Hun Colonial Secretary, quotes Kant. And yet the significant sound of that word is what particularly distresses them whenever they think of Paris.

The recent defeat of General Bernhardt suggests such absorption in "Germany and the Next War" that a little thing like the conduct of this one has been neglected.

It can be mathematically demonstrated that the winter quarters toward which Foch is driving the Germans will compose an exceedingly uncomfortable hole.

RUBBER HEELS

Adventures of a Casual of the Sea

THE writer of the following dispatch (exclusive to Rubber Heels) is Drexel Jonkers, a young Dutch sailor who has been at sea since he was thirteen.

Brooklyn, N. Y., 18th August. You will be surprised to hear from me so soon, after me telling you that I was going as second mate on the M— to Brazil.

I happened to be in my bunk fast asleep, and did not hear the first shot but the second one bursted 12 feet away from my bunk in the ship's side.

Then I cut the boat's lashings and lowered the boat away, and while doing so another shell bursted right next to me, splinters flying around my ears, oh it was some picnic believe me.

The captain, A. B. is his name, ordered the wireless operator in navy man to call for assistance and was almost the last man in the boat.

The last we saw of the M— was her bow and she sank in 30 feet of water. I estimated the submarine to be about 250 feet long.

We were in the boat for 4 hours, when we were picked up by a Norwegian fruit boat, S.S. F— of Kristiania, and landed the following morning in N. Y.

HAS Germany forgotten? Certain recent events precipitated by American boys in khaki on the French front should cause the German general staff to turn to pages of war histories and refresh its memory as to the fighting stuff that was in our fathers of the Blue and the Gray.

Waterloo, 1815—French and Russians, 24 per cent.
Waterloo, 1815—Allies and French, 20 per cent.

ONE should note as a side-light, an important one, that the typical European struggle of major importance usually ended in the complete rout of the vanquished army.

THE men of the Blue and the Gray were "shock troops." We see with us today a few white-haired remnants of those wonderful boys of 1861-65, and we forget that 1,151,438 enlistments in the Union Army were mere striplings eighteen years old.

THE well-known servant problem is no longer referred to as a problem. It's an enigma.

A GOOD DEED IN THIS NAUGHTY WORLD



HAS GERMANY FORGOTTEN? Facts From American Military History

PHIL SHERIDAN was with the Prussian Army in 1870 as military representative of the United States. As the French surrendered at Metz he watched the proceedings from his saddle at the side of Prince Charles.

LET us go back to July, 1862, and imagine a great Northern daily appearing with the casualty lists of Meade's army alone, with no mention of Lee's sacrifice at Gettysburg.

GERMANY may have forgotten the years of 1861-65, but the sons of the men who shook hands at Appomattox will write a chapter in the history of the world that future Prussians will read with awe.

THE news that the French have taken Cuts may impel Lindendorff to describe it as one of the unkindest of all.

UNDoubtedly he crossed the top And gallantly he fell With yearning eyes upon the flag He loved and served so well.

HE followed but the precepts learned By him in early youth; All glory to the lad who fought For Honor, Right and Truth.

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz
1. Lake Balkal is a large body of fresh water in south central Siberia. The Trans-Siberian Railroad is built around the southern coast.

Had the Kronprinz Wanted to

Translated from the French of Theodore Botrel. Had the Kronprinz wanted to, Lanturlu!

Had the Kronprinz wanted to, Lanturlu! France prone underneath his boot, England must have followed suit.

Had the Kronprinz wanted to, Lanturlu! Returning home, but not in haste, He'd turn to the Carpathian waste; And ask the victor, dear dad, What's there for me in Petrograd?

Had the Kronprinz wanted to, Lanturlu! The Balkans in his pocket, far It would not be to Africa; And ask the victor, dear dad, Had yielded to his guns and smiles, To China, Japan with a jump, The world were his in one big lump.

Girls, It's a Serious Matter
The scarcity of men at summer resorts used to be a joke. It has passed that stage now.—Birmingham Age-Herald.

What Do You Know?

- 1. Of what committee in the House of Representatives is Hubert Dent, of Alabama, the chairman?
2. What is the meaning of Mardi Gras?
3. What is the meaning of the word "bunions"?
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