

DISCONTENT GROWING—SPECIAL CABLE DISPATCHES FROM EUROPEAN BATTLEFRONT

FRANCO-SMASHING WAY TO LAON Franco-American Advance Threatens Cornerstone of Hindenburg Line

DEATH TRAP FOR ENEMY German Press Anxious Over Possibility of Fighting Along the Rhine

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Foch's gigantic battle (die fochsche Schlacht, as the great German paper, the Cologne Gazette, now terms the present effort of the Allies) has grown much more menacing for the enemy during the last twenty-four hours.

It is significant that within the last day or two, for the first time since the war began, the German press is beginning to allude with more or less anxiety to the possibility that their armies may before long be driven back behind the Rhine.

Hindenburg Line Can Be Broken The more the problem of attacking the Hindenburg line is studied, the more French opinion inclines to believe it owes very large proportions of its strength to the manner in which the Germans, to comfort the people at home and to frighten the Allies at the same time, have trumpeted forth its impregnable character.

This switch line is really one which joins the classic Hindenburg line up with the ordinary German line running northward from Thampoint to the sea, and consists largely of a series of trenches, one behind the other, running back to Cambrai and Douai.

May Be Fatal Handicap must not be forgotten, however, the Germans, however strong the Hindenburg line may be, labor under handicap that the very strength and static nature of their positions may be fatally against themselves.

It is believed that much further movement of the Allied forces eastward on the plateau will cause the Germans to withdraw from the Vesle to the Aisne or even further back to the Chemin-des-Dames position.

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"DAMN THE KAISER!" SAYS CAPTIVE GERMAN

Officer Makes Hit With Wounded Americans—Doughboys Sweep on Beyond Juvigny, Captured After Hard Fight

By EDWARD L. JAMES Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1918, by New York Times Co. With the American Army, Sept. 2.

North of Soissons the Americans have pushed on beyond Juvigny, through the Bois d'Aisne, and are nearing the Soissons-St. Quentin highway. During the night, with the French on the right, we gained possession of the hills controlling the village of Leury, which is now in possession of our Allies.

Before the Americans are Terry and Seray on the Soissons-St. Quentin road, important positions controlling the western end of the long plateau, running along north of the Aisne and constituting the strength of the German Chemin-des-Dames position.

The Americans took Juvigny by storm. After being held up for three days, gaining foot by foot and then being driven back foot by foot, our troops, after getting a good flank footing and following strong artillery action, rushed the village.

With the German established positions out of commission, the fight became a general hand-to-hand combat, at which our men fear no Germans. After six hours of bloody fighting we gained a position on the plateau, and we not only held it, but advanced ahead toward the highway in front of us.

Shell Kills Prisoners American headquarters north of Soissons were the scene of a dramatic war incident. In the mouth of a large gully some 200 German prisoners were lying about when a six-inch howitzer shell landed in the midst of them, killing eight and wounding thirty.

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GERMANY NEARS POLITICAL CRISIS

Change Likely to Be Slow, but Discontent Is Strong and Growing

MILITARY FAILURE FELT Pan-Germans Feel Turn Keenly and Admit People Are Sick of War

By GEORGE RENWICK Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1918, by New York Times Co. Amsterdam, Sept. 2.

All portents point to coming political changes in Germany. If not to a serious political crisis, though the military misfortune is not without its profound effect on Wilhelmstrasse, the root of the evil lies in the political ground.

The process of change, most likely slow, may progress by fits and starts, but in Germany it appears to be agreed that the motive powers of popular discontent and political confusion are strong and growing.

For instance, in the Pan-German weekly, Des Grossere Deutschland, Herr Backmeister, a National Liberal advocate of armament, plainly voices the alarm felt at the prospect of an economic war and declares that the inability of the government to produce anything like a counter-policy, complete or partial, to face those economic questions which closely concern the people "has roused widespread hate among all classes."

War Minister von Stein, too, in his historical outburst the other day clearly showed that a lurid, seared feeling prevails throughout Germany.

As for the Government, it is safe to say that Count von Hertling is now regarded as a failure. The Pan-Germans are intensely disappointed at the weak way in which he has championed their cause, and his statement that Germany will not retain Belgium is taken as final proof that his Bavarian is not a fitting representative of Prussianism.

It is recognized, in short, that Hertling is a man—be he seventy-five years old Saturday—with no great grasp of things and no ability to lead in foreign affairs. There is a likelihood that he will take an early opportunity to make room for some one else, probably Doctor Soltau.

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NEW GERMAN GAS BLINDS SOLDIERS

Putting Out Eyes of Enemy Troops Latest Triumph of "Kultur"

CANADIANS DO WONDERS Arrival of Americans Fills Paris With New Sense of Security

By CHARLES H. GRASY Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1918, by New York Times Co. Paris, Sept. 2.

From military sources I hear that the Germans have invented, and perhaps are now using in small quantities, a gas that puts out the eyes. The destruction of sight is complete. It is not believed that the gas can be used on a scale to make it a military factor, but it is another triumph for "Kultur."

The Canadian exploits must make every North American heart thrill. They are Americans with four years' experience in war, and nobody else quite plays the game up to their glory. They can fight as individuals or in organized units, afoot or horseback.

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VORWAERTS SEES PEACE HOPE

Declares "Uselessness of Fighting Should Bring Allies to Reason"

By the Associated Press Amsterdam, Sept. 2.—The German war correspondents take comfort in the reflection that the operations on the west front are going on satisfactorily and that a "straight line" has now been gained, which, they declare, simplifies the defense and saves troops, while the enemy is left in possession of "an arid and completely devastated crater field in the Somme desert."

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HERTLING ANXIOUS REGARDING FUTURE

Count von Hertling, the Imperial German Chancellor, expressed anxiety over the outlook for the future in an address to a delegation of representatives of the Catholic Students' Union.

According to a Berlin dispatch, the Chancellor spoke of the sacrifices and the demands of war and declared significantly that in addition to the sacrifices of blood, from which hardly any family had been entirely spared, "there are difficulties of food and clothing and manifold deprivations at the present time, and I am anxious concerning the outlook for the future."

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SPAIN TO SEIZE GERMAN SHIPS

Cabinet Decides to Commandeer Interned Vessels in Reprisal for Sinkings ONE ALREADY TAKEN

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Another party of prisoners began to run in another direction when a surprised sergeant opened upon them with an automatic. In the excitement some one gave the gas alarm, and in the scuffle for masks three Americans, including a sergeant, were killed.

One of the Germans killed, a mere boy of seventeen, had just before shown an American officer a letter from his mother, telling him as soon as he got a chance to surrender to the Americans, who would send him to the United States.

This seemed to have made a hit with the German, for six hours later said this German in a hospital surrounded by twenty slightly wounded doughboys and he was still saying over and over, "Damn the Kaiser! Damn the Kaiser!"

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