## CTORY WILL LIE IN ALLIED SWORD

Force of Arms and Determination to Win Will Crush Germany

BOCHE NOW A FATALIST

Teuton Fighting Machine Is Beginning to Show Fissures, but Is Still Strong

By EDWIN L. JAMES Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger

Copyright, 1918, by New York Times Co With the American Army, Sept. 9. The people of the Allied nations were told some months ago that when the German army had tosted defeat it would go to pieces, that fighting well upon the wine of success it would stop fighting when its cup was drained to the dregs of failure, and that when he began to be whipped the boche would turn upon his lenders. A distinguished American visitor here in in June said: "The German is a bad loser. I once knew a delicatessen keeper who lost \$4 and went into

cellar and hanged himself." These prophets said, and their the German army. Perhaps fissures would be now appearing in the Allied army were it not for the enormous Allies had once turned the tide the war would be as good as won, because the German military machine would eruck and crumble

in America we used to get came from propaganda sources

Seven weeks of German defeat have failed to justify the prophecy of rewhen he sees he cannot achieve a military victory the German fighting man has become imbued with a spirit This proves the far-sightedness that hope of Allied victory lies not in anything that the Germans may do within their ranks, but primarily in the force of Allied arms. The war wil be won by a revolution in Germany or by a revolt in the German army. It will be won by the Ailled backed by the determination of the Allied spirit

#### Allied Machine Is Best

man defeats have proved that the Allies must not further depend on mises but only upon results. Instead of being demoralized, the German military machine is still an efficient machine, and, as far as one can see at present, capable of fight ing on and on. Its wheels may not be running quite so smoothly, they are running pretty well. boche machine loses only because the Allies' machine is running bet-

ter and has more fuel. It may be true that the boche doesn't like being whipped, but he shows up on the firing line. It may that workers brought from munition shops do not fancy their change of occupation, but they are change of occupation, but they are shooting allied soldiers on the western front. It may be true that the internal situation in Austria does not encourage the sending of troops to the German front, but Austrian divisions are facing Allied soldiers in France.

True, the Allies have driven the Germans back over much territory, and troops have been dispatched to Harding the shooting and troops have been dispatched to Harding the shooting allied soldiers in France.

but it is just as true that their line is yet a long ways this side of the German boundary. True, we have ac-

No one means to say that the Ger morale is as good now as it was sight weeks ago. Morale is not as good when losing as when winning. But the question for the Allies is not the condition of the German fighters' disposition, but the condition of his

military performance.

While it is perfectly true that the Germans have been forced to withdraw from the Marne and Amiens salients, it is just as true that the withdrawal has been done well from a military point of view. It could

# The crisis in German morale does

ot show itself either in a feeling rot show itself either in a feeling of revolt against the military chiefs or hatred against the enemy, but by fatalistic acceptance of destiny and the belief that they must still fight on. The bothe does not fight quite so well, perhaps, but he still fights formidably. I may say that the best military opinion of all the Allied armies support this view.

A large factor in this psychological at large ractor in this psychological situation is the willingness of the German soldier to believe whatever he is told by his chiefs. He is made that way. When told two months ago that the Germans were fighting a victory drive, that they would soon be in Paris, and the war soon won, he believed it Now that the Allied armies believed it. Now that the Allied armies have smashed that hope, he has been told that the German army will fight and fight backward until it shall have worn out the Allied armies to a point where the Germans can have a negotiated peace. Now he believes that implicitly.

that implicitly This applies to the majority of the There are exceptions There are Frussians who say: "We will win the war or go to hell." They will probably keep on saying that they have achieved their alter-

native to an Allied victory. Then there are Poies and Alsace-orrainers who do not want to fight longer for the Kalser, but they were never very keen about doing it. The great majority of the German army is still willing to do what it is told. Our prophets may tell us that this will change. When it does well and good. For the present the Allies must depend upon their own military power and not upon German defection.

#### Germans Beginning to Crack

Fissures are beginning to show in coming so rapidly from across the Atlantic. These fissures in the German force, however, must grow larger before the Allies can depend on passive victories.

One recalls recent proof that much in considering the conditions of the Kaiser's army a study of 12,000 prisoners recently captured is interesting. sses-first, remaining officers of the

The first class are all arrogant and sure that Germany cannot be hum-bled. The second class, while tired of the war and doubting its outcome, see nothing to do but to keep on fight-

are uneasy. The diminution of fatalism, acceptance of his fate of effectives, the wearing down of whatever it may be, and is fighting shock troops, the use of very young recruits and the effect of America's force-all these things are rying them. But while they talk all sorts of eventualities, they do talk of Germany surrendering are quite sure that Germany in fight on until a favorable peace.
I talked the other day with one of hese officers, who before the war torked in New York and lived at Bay

Ridge. He said:
"Germany cannot achieve an overwhelming military victory new that the
United States is in the war, but we can keep on falling back as far as the Ger-man border, if need be, and in so doing we will kill so many Americans and The results of seven weeks of Ger. French and English that by the time you reach the German border you will be too worn out and weakened to go further. Then you will make peace."

I have talked with many German officers lately, and believe that this man summed up what most of them

#### CHANGSIN IS ATTACKED

Hunchutzes Fire Korean Border City and Take Officials Prisoner Justration of the effectiveness of this Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger method. To have driven the enemy Coppright. 1918. by New York Times Co. Pekin, Sept. 9.—Hunchutzes have attacked Changsin, on the border of sacrificed thousands of French and Korea, and fired the greater part of the American soldiers. Foch is like an

#### AUSTRIA LONGS FOR PEACE

Count Czernin and Premier Hu-

sarek Voice Propaganda London, Sept. 9.—Another wave of peace propaganda has sprung up in Austria, according to information, from Amsterdam today, Count Ceenin, former Austrian Foreign dinister, has written to the Neus Freie Presse, of Vienna, saying that a majority of the German people are with the Kalser, and they desire a lasting peace, one dispatch stated.

Premier Hussarek, of Austria, was re ported to have expressed the hope to the Governor of Gorizia that peace would come shortly

# PEOPLE AT HOME **MUST BACK ARMY**

Battlefront to these troops, we've got at last real reserves and an army of maneuver, the lack of which almost on Success Call for More Sacrifices in Allied Countries

SHIPS GREATEST NEED

to Support Men Who Are Winning War

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Paris, Sept. 9. In a group of Americans whose business it is to go to and fro on the western front a discussion was started by one asking this question of another just back from the Britsh headquarters:

"What do you think of the military situation?"

"I don't see how it could be much better." he replied, "and been so had three months ago. It is like the dawn after pitch darkness. The Aliles are attacking on a broad front, affording freedom of maneuver. In effeet it is three or four attaques brusques,' each co-ordinating with the

"There's this difference as com-The Germans, in March and in the subsequent offensives, were obliged to organize elaborately one big movement, and to fling their whole mass upon a selected point in our line. The initial momentum was greatest, and as the movement proceeded it graduared with similar attacks in the past. as the movement proceeded it gradually lost force. Therefore unless it was immediately successful in breaking through, it was necessary to pause and organize another offensive, requiring many weeks.

"Thus, the Germans spent their force, and created an opportunity for Foch to mount a counter-offensive, which, beginning in action on a single front, should widen out into a general attack covering a large portion of the whole front. This offensive is ness-like affair, with pressure apother, in accordance with the general plan, and nowhere requiring ruthless expenditure of men and materials.

#### Attacks on Weak Spots

"As in a typical 'attaque brusque a frontal assault, but mainly employs outflanking tacties. Weak spots are picked out and carried, and the chief results may show on some other part of the front many miles distant, where flanks are uncovered and brought under artillery fire.

"The Vesle retirement is a good it back from the Vesle plateau by direct assault would have needlessly engineer working at a great switchboard, the wires of which are in all directions. A button pushed here, and a switch thrown there, and the power is delivered where it is most effective. served another member of the group

#### Man With Initiative, Tact and Ability Wants Position With Essential War Industry.

#### RETREATING BOCHE WANTONLY "Our movement is on the crescendo scale. We've got replacement troops behind. We've got material to kenthem going. We've got a high command to furnish strategy. We've got LEFT NOYON A MASS OF RUINS army commanders who know their

business, and we've got competent offi-cers, from division commanders down Mines Complete Destruction Begun by Shelling of City. platoon commanders. In additio Town Hall and Public Square Deliberately Blown Up Cathedral Escapes cost us the war a few months ago and which will allow Foch to con-

By WALTER DURANTY

"I am glad you have come to tell

member that first of all towns in the wa

"Our resources are still intact, and Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger can be further drawn on. Then there's always the steady stream of Copyright, 1918, by New York Times Co. American Imports Will Be Cut

American soldiers coming, coming, coming. We can use our present strength fearlessly in these few weeks With the French Army, Sept. 9. "Mines. Danger of death. Entry foroldden," ran an inscription in letters of favorable weather, and then gothrough the winter knowing we will wo feet high on barricades that shut the main street of Noyon as the correhe still stronger when spring opens, spondent's automobile joited over a tem-Mention of winter gave the cue for comment from an entirely different porary structure which had replaced the viewpoint, which dealt with topics bet

ter understood by the speaker than perhaps any other man over here. just arrived, and by it were standing

"What you say is all true, but you two civilians, Senator Noel, the aged must not forget one thing-the peo ck of the line in all the Allied Mayor of Noyon, and his deputy, M. untries are going to be called upon drive the Germans back increases the waved his hand sadiy toward the ruins. upon our supplies? The further f railroad we are required to build to our city," he said. "Perhaps more to hit him. The further back than any town in France Noyon loves the Germans retreat the more miles and admires your country, which has done so much for us, and I would re

tract or expand his front at will,

ave to ship across the Atlantic. "The world is doing a wonderful job shipbuilding. In a year or two we zone we hoisted the American fing on the light full results. We are getting town hall when the United States chrican army in Europe in 1519. I have been waiting permission to enter the army with its base 3000 to away. That army will need ships and still more ships, ships will have to come from nonessential trade, yes, from trades heretofore deemed essen. will get full results. We are getting some of the results now. That great American army in Europe in 1919. every

Diaz, and all the officers and men the boche electrical station for the re-under them, have done and are doing gion was at drisolles. The unexpected all that could be asked. Are the civilian populations in all the Allied countries going to back the soldiers countries going to back the soldiers connect the mines unexploded at the unit of our military success is to mean slackening or sacricess is to mean sinckening or sacri-fices at home the additional miles of territory we have taken will have been war in 1919, England and France must kill their cattle and must live upon I accompanied Senator their stocks to an extent they have their stocks to an extent they have rever heretofore done, and America must do without nonessential imports to an extent that she has not hereto an extent that she has not here-

tofore dreamed of.

"Germany is the only country that has put everything in this war. If we want to wind up the wor in 1919 the enemy could have wished. Houses have. Otherwise we've got to put in everything we on both sides were shells of crumbling have. Otherwise we may drift into a permanent state of war, which will be much more costly in human life than a supreme effort in this. be much more costly in human life "It is natural that much would be than a supreme effort in 1919." stroyed when the town was taken

assault," said the Senator, "but much of this is pure wantonness. The enemy has shelled the town day and night for the last eight days, and even now, when our advance has forced his guns out France, he sent airpinnes last night and the night before to wreak a last venge-ance upon the city. Here was a girls' school; you would just know there had been a building. There was an alms-house for old men: it is in the same con-dition. Everything must be rebuilt from

causeway, destroyed by an enormous mine crater, across the unfinishe canal and halted in the square on the outskirts of the town. Another car had wall was delicated to a square where used to stand the house of Calvin. That was one of Noyon's glories. A hig pile of stones, in which not even a trace of a wall was delicated. the foundation.

Here the boche destructiveness seemed to have reached its height. tries are going to be called upon Jouve. In his black suit, a fit emblem bigger sacrifices because of the ess of our soldiers. Did you ever to think that every mile we tion, the Mayor seemed very frail as he hall, that had been one of the finest the comments of the seemed very frail as he hall, that had been one of the finest the comments of the seemed very frail as he hall, that had been one of the finest the comments of the seemed very frail as he hall, that had been one of the finest the comments of the seemed very frail as he hall, that had been one of the finest the comments of the seemed very frail as he hall, that had been one of the finest the comments of the seemed very frail as he hall, that had been one of the finest the comments of the seemed very frail as he had been one of the finest the comments of the seemed very frail as he had been one of the finest the comments of the seemed very frail as he had been one of the finest the comments of the seemed very frail as he had been one of the finest the seemed very frail as he had been one of the finest the seemed very frail as he had been one of the finest the seemed very frail as he had been one of the finest the seemed very frail as he had been one of the finest the seemed very frail as he had been one of the finest the seemed very frail as he had been one of the finest the seemed very frail as he had been one of the finest the seemed very frail as he had been one of the finest the seemed very frail as he had been one of the finest the seemed very frail as he had been one of the finest the seemed very frail as he had been one of the finest the seemed very frail as he had been one of the finest the seemed very frail as he had been one of the finest the seemed very frail as he had been one of the finest the seemed very frail as he had been one of the finest the seemed very frail as he had been one of the finest the seemed very frail as he had been one of the finest the seemed very frail as he had been one of the finest the seemed very frail as he had be pleces of Renaissance architecture in France. As we entered the little square Senator Noel, for the first time, gave full vent to his grief.

"Oh, my poor town hall!" he cried. "My poor town hall! What purpose could it serve to destroy it? Ah, the bandits, the criminals !"

The place had been smashed with true German thoroughness. The inside was completely gutted by fire and piled charred beams and blocks of d stone. Just enough of the faby shell splinters, remained to sho



Town Rall Destroyed by Mines "We have an aerial photograp aken ten days ago, just after the boche vas driven out, which shows this square

and the town hall virtually intact. Mines have destroyed what he shells spared. I was the last man be leave town in a car with the Senator in March 25 and now I am the first to er it. Our hearts were saddened ugh then by defeat, but now in the After noting that the wooden tructures erected by the American Red loss near the Town Hall were mere heaps of ashes we moved on to the cathedral, which had been preserved as by a miracle. The roof has been pierced by a dozen shells, and the interior ston work of the right hand tower has al een smashed. left tower was well-nigh obliterated by a huge shell, but the interior of the build-

the side chapels, where no shell splinters seemed to have penetrated. A picture of Christ, ten foot square, was pierced with seven round holes, one exactly in the left side, and I wondered whether the revolver of some bothe brute had not added sacrilege to vandalism. With the exception of the cathedral and a little side street from the Rue de Paris, called Rue de Saint Eloi, there is Paris, called Rus de Saint Siol, there is not a single building in Noyon that escaped injury, and the Mayor reckoned less than 10 per cent capable of recon-struction. Before leaving he made suggestion of particular value at this time when the German retreat from other French towns seems imminent.

is, and the interior stone git hand tower has all the Aliles collectively address a formal warning to Germany that full and terang suffered little. Chairs were still ar-ranged in the rows, the high altar was ing can replace those relics of art and wholly intact, and though the floor was

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