

CHIEF DEFENSES Present Teuton Strongholds Only Quarter Strong as Those Overcome

'MAKE STAND ON SUPPE' Entente Onrush Finds Enemy Attempting to Make Firm Resistance

By WALTER DURANTY Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1918, by New York Times Co. With the French Armies, Oct. 8. As in the evacuation of the Marne salient, the Germans have followed the rapid retreat of the last two days on Gouraud's front with a period of obstinate resistance.

Very strong artillery and machine-gun fire was reported yesterday on the line of the Suppe, where Germans are making a determined stand. A temporary British position on the left is facing similar conditions, and further north counter-attacks and heavy cannonade reply to the effort of Debeney's troops north and south of St. Quentin.

Center of Cyclone For the moment there is a pause in the Allied progress like the calm center of a cyclone. The Allies are employing the intermission between the big scale operations in clearing the roads, bringing up guns and material, and making other preparations for a new push.

Two highly favorable features dominate the situation. First is the fact that the Allies have now passed on a great part of the battlefield the strongest fortified sectors of the German defense. The new lines before them are more open, more a quarter of the strength of those reported and elaborated during nearly four years.

Second, the losses inflicted on the enemy are far greater than those the assailants suffered. I have before me the record of the Moroccan Division (whose commander was eleven years on his war-cruise) in the recent Champagne fighting. In three days it advanced ten kilometers, took 2500 prisoners and fifty-three guns, including several of large caliber, 200 machine-guns, because of its train, and an enormous quantity of material.

Canon Clear Way The skill with which the attacks were conducted reduced their own losses to a minimum. The German machine-gunners were not there to offer a barrier insurmountable by infantry, the one and-a-half inch "accompanying" cannon once again proved of the utmost value in clearing the way.

One operation illustrates how the Moroccans fought. Behind a hill progress was checked by a flooded valley 200 yards wide. There were no machine-guns, and which tanks were unable to get across to the water and the steepness of the hillsides. Taking advantage of a thick fog in the early morning, the French left this valley of men before the position and carried out a successful turning movement on the wings. As the parallel columns advanced on both sides, the Captain Rusca, commanding the central force, attacked the demoralized enemy. His men plunged through the water and hunched shelters and machine-gun posts behind. The Germans cried "Kamerad."

"There were so many of them that we couldn't count them in the fog," said the report of the captain, who had just returned to the front, convalescent from eight wounds.

Beaten Teutons Plan Trail of Ruin

Continued from Page One tented to fire the whole city, and the fires which I reported and whose smoke I had seen were isolated in certain quarters, such as one large and two small blocks of buildings between the theatre and Place d'Armes.

Although many German soldiers are fighting bravely and maintaining stubborn resistance in rear-guard actions and counter-attacks, there is certain proof that among the mass of them is a growing sense of hatred of the war and despair, which is sharpened because they are enraged against their leaders, who brought them to this plight.

German prisoners tell us that Hindenburg addressed the Seventh Cavalry Division at Ramillies, one of the northern suburbs of Cambrai, on August 25, and when at the end of his address he called for cheers for the Kaiser, only the officers replied, the men keeping silent. And, again, when Hindenburg appeared among them only one word greeted their former hero. It was the word hunger, a most terrible word in the mouths of a mob.

In a German order issued to the Fifty-first Infantry Regiment of the Eleventh Division it is written that "the number of cases in which men have disregarded their oath of allegiance has increased considerably of late." The document goes on to say that apart from crimes of bad character "there is a noticeable lack of military loyalty among the men."

"This is due, it is said, to relaxation of punishments and to the fact that soldiers and men without patriotism await their trial usually for a long period in comfortable quarters out of range of hostile fire."

It proposes to remedy this state of things by forming field punishment companies, who are to be made to work within range of the British guns, carrying up ammunition, wiring trenches and mending roads. Above all, says this document, "every effort must be made to discover the low types and rascals about our railway stations at home and attempt to persuade our men not to return to the front."

WHERE ALLIES ARE LAUNCHING GREAT ATTACKS



Americans Fight Hard in Argonne

Continued from Page One handsmen. Inside one were found comfortable sleeping quarters, lockers, bathrooms and good beds. One clubhouse, which I visited had billiard tables, another a bowling alley, and not far off stood a "movie" theatre seating 600. All these were built in a manner impregnable to shell fire. The southern side of the slope is scarred with trenches and torn with the innumerable shells that have fallen there in the last four years.

All day heavy German movements back of the lines have been reported, but present indications point to the conclusion that the Germans are determined to hold the Kriemhild line at all costs. Captured documents show that their policy is to hold this position and fight in front of it, and therefore the battle now going on is really for the Kriemhild Stellung.

Kriemhild Line Important This Kriemhild line is an important protection for the German east wing of the great salient and the Argonne forest is perhaps the strongest position on the western front. It is a line of the Argonne, or the French and Americans west of it. It is a great prize for which Americans and Germans are locked in the fiercest combat which Americans have ever fought.

Yesterday's victory gives us an immediate insight into the possibilities of the commanding heights west of the Aire valley and aids observation, which is most difficult in the tangle of woods and jungle. Most of the hills are forested here of all trees and vegetation, but in the ravines and valleys thick woods give excellent shelter to friend and enemy.

These have enabled both sides to filter in troops behind the advanced elements of the other side, which has led to the fiercest sort of hand-to-hand fighting, in which the Germans had certainly given no sign of falling morale. Neither side is giving the other any rest, and through the night a never-ending series of attacks tells the story of the hardships of the men on both sides who must stay up there in the cold and wet and stand that hell until day makes it light enough to go at one another again.

DESPERATE GERMANS USE UNTRAINED MEN

By the Associated Press With the American Army in Champagne, Oct. 8.—The Germans delivered a local attack in Champagne at daylight yesterday east of St. Etienne. The received a counter-thrust at the hands of the Americans which those who lived to tell the tale will long remember.

The Americans had advanced in formation pending a German attack and they more than met the Germans half way. When the German artillery opened the Americans were ready and sent into the enemy line five or more shells for every German projectile hurled at them.

As the German artillery opened along the line from St. Etienne to Orfeul several companies of German infantry started filtering through the shaggy patches of pine wood. Most of them were seasoned troops. The French and American artillery, however, was so effective that these veterans were thrown into confusion. Many of them were killed.

American troops operating in the Champagne with the French again advanced their lines Sunday, capturing St. Etienne.

The American progress served also as a leverage on the right of the Champagne offensive, resulting in advances further west, the result being the withdrawal of the German lines along a twenty-five-mile stretch.

The bulk of the work was done by a division which is among the most famous the United States has in France.

REPORT CORRECTIONS IN CASUALTY LISTS

Many Changes in Previous Announcements Cabled by General Pershing

Washington, Oct. 8.—The following corrections in previously published casualty lists have been cabled to the War Department.

Killed in Action (Previously Reported) CORPORALES—N. Teitelman, Bradford, Pa.; J. J. Williams, New York; South Bend, Ind.; J. J. Pollock, Easton, Pa.; H. J. Davis, Troy, N. Y.; E. J. Sichel, Baltimore, Md.

Slightly Wounded in Action—Previously Reported CORPORALES—J. H. Jones, Philadelphia, Pa.; G. H. Smith, Philadelphia, Pa.; H. J. Smith, Philadelphia, Pa.

Slightly Wounded and Returned to Duty—Previously Reported PRIVATE—F. E. Heintz, Baltimore, Md.

Wounded (Previously Reported) Died From Wounds Received in Action HANSEY, J. D., Washington, D. C. Wounded Severely in Action (Previously Reported) Missing in Action

SCURRANT, CHARLES C., 5313 Cleveland avenue, Philadelphia. CORPORALES—W. J. O'Brien, Womona, Wis.; J. J. Williams, New York; South Bend, Ind.; J. J. Pollock, Easton, Pa.; H. J. Davis, Troy, N. Y.; E. J. Sichel, Baltimore, Md.

Wounded in Action—Previously Reported PRIVATE—J. J. Williams, New York; South Bend, Ind.; J. J. Pollock, Easton, Pa.; H. J. Davis, Troy, N. Y.; E. J. Sichel, Baltimore, Md.

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ALLIED NAVIES PLAN TO MEET U-BOAT RAID

Expect Resumption of Submarine Activity When Peace Drive Falls Down

By the United Press Washington, Oct. 8. Realizing that Germany is likely to start a desperate U-boat drive against transports and troopships if her peace offensive fails, American naval officials and British First Lord of the Admiralty Geddes have been conferring today over combined measures.

U-Boat Losing Power Factors making the forthcoming campaign less dangerous than previous operations were pointed out today. First, the number of U-boats is diminished, so much that submarines are now used only as a means of intercepting and attacking convoys.

Second, submarines have been driven from the coast and must operate far out at sea where their prey is more scattered. Third, they have been forced to leave the channel bases and operate around the North Sea, reducing their effectiveness.

Fourth, defensive armament and the convoy system have made successful attack most difficult. A large number of German submarines is now in operation that at any time during the war and continuation is believed to be a possibility.

Battled Up in Flanders This situation of the Flanders submarine deaths is one of the biggest forward steps in the anti-submarine campaign, members of the British naval mission declared today. Blocking of the Ostend and Zeebrugge harbor bases by sinking of British war vessels destroyed these havens completely for some time.

British airmen dropping an average of seven tons of explosives daily on these bases forced their abandonment. This situation of the Flanders submarine deaths is one of the biggest forward steps in the anti-submarine campaign, members of the British naval mission declared today.

Official War Reports FRENCH Paris, Oct. 8. During the night there were artillery duels in the region north of St. Quentin.

On the Suppe front we reached the outskirts of Combe-sur-Suppe, penetrated into Inles-sur-Suppe and captured Bazancourt in spite of every violent counter-attack by the enemy whose resistance was in vain.

ENEMIES MUST SURRENDER Gompers Denounces "Peace" Move of Central Powers

By the Associated Press Rome, Oct. 8.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, who is here with a delegation of American labor leaders, strongly denounced the recent peace move of the Central Powers, saying that the new German maneuver needs to weaken the will of the democratic nations and lessen their fighting spirit.

He said: "The Austro-German and Turkish military system should be beaten. The security of labor and the people countries of the Central Powers should be guaranteed and their military menace be broken."

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SIR ERIC GEDDES First Lord of the Admiralty

TRIBUTE TO U. S. TANKS German Correspondent Says They Appeared Like Phantoms

Amsterdam, Oct. 8.—The Berlin Tageblatt correspondent describes an attack made by the Americans in the Argonne forest during a sense for which American small, fast tanks, like phantoms suddenly coming out of the darkness, surprised the Germans in the rear.

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"HEINE" PREDICTED GIANT EXPLOSION

Letter Found in Railroad Station at Morgan, N. J. Hints of Enemy Agents

Washington, Oct. 8. Evidence tending to show that the explosion in the T. A. Gillespie shell-loading plant at Morgan, N. J., last week was caused by enemy agents, has been discovered by Government operatives in a letter predicting the explosion of Friday night signed "Heine."

MARINES' CHRISTMAS GIFTS Army Regulations to Govern Sending Them Overseas

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Meanwhile, another force of men was busy in the reconstruction of the shattered town. The outbreak of influenza among the refugees from the devastated region is declared to be under control. Cases reported number 200 to 400.

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