SIR JOHN FRENCH IS

VISITED BY PALMER

British Commander Grants Inter-

view on Important Engagements of War

Frederick almer, who is at the front in France for the Associated Press, sends the following dispatch:

British headquarters in France March 25, via London, 12.31 P. M.-

It was in the drawing room of the

house in which he makes his office that Field Marshal Sir John French, com-

mander-in-chief of the British expe-ditionary forces on the continent, re-

ceived the correspondents to-day and

discussed the military situation. Be-fore the conversation was over the

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British commander was answering questions concerning the result of the war, and said: "Indeed there is no doubt of the outcome. I was never so confident of victory as I am to-day. I am as con-dent as General Grant was when he took command of the Army of the Potomac. He kept at it and so shall we."

Potomac. He kept at it and so shall we." Sir John, in answer to a question, said the retreat from Mons was the most critical period of the campaign. Few Americans probably are as fa-miliar with the campaigns of our Civil war as is Sir John. He has made a thorough study of them and from them he has drawn lessons which he has found helpful in France. He men-tioned "Stonewall" Jackson. "To me General Jackson was more like Crom-well than any other leader of history," said the British commander. "A he-roic, martial figure whose wonderful career came to the happy close a sol-dier desires in the hour of victory. I have followed all his marches and bat-tles with unflagging admiration. "But of all your commanders, Rob-ert E. Lee in his patience, his resource, his poise, his soundness of judgment, and his possession of the qualities of high command in all emergencies is foremost, in my opinion. "A good deal has been said about

and his possession of the qualities of high command in all emergencies is foremost, in my opinion. "A good deal has been said about the novel conditions which trench war-fare in this war has developed," was the next thing said by the correspon-dent; "has it changed the qualities re-quired of a soldier?" "No," he replied. "Human nature remains the same, and it is the man who gives and takes the blows, what-ever the nature of his weapons. Cour-age, discipline and tenacity are still the dominant elements of success." "And the guns; it has been repeat-edly stated that this has been eas and of artillery." "I think there has been an inclin-ation to exaggerate the importance of artillery." Sir John answered. As a soldier speaking of his enemy. Sir John French was far from depre-cating the fighting qualities of the Germans. To the troops of Emperor William he pair a soldler's chivalrous tribute. "As to the conduct of the Germans,

"As to the conduct of the Germans, it as bad as represented?" was ask-of Sir John. "Have they consistent-broken the rules of civilized war-re?"

For the first time the British com-

mander hesitated before speaking. Evidently as a soldier he wished to be entirely just to his enemy. "Yes," he replied, "in many in-stances their conduct has been bad, very bad; I know that it has been." This declaration was made with firm conviction.

WITNESS TOO ILL TO IDENTIFY SIGNATURE

Because a witness to the signature on a will is too ill to come to this city, Deputy Register of Wills Charles W. Rubendall will go to Norristown to-morrow to obtain the necessary affi-davit. The instrument in question is that of Margaret Mahon, this city, Register Danner probated the will of George H. Boyer, Steelton, to-day and issued letters on the estate to George E. Boyer,

Mrs. Clayton's Letter

To Run-Down Nervous Women

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THURSDAY EVENING.

COL.

RAMONA DE FLORES,



LADY CONSTANCE MACKENZIE





