

GERMANS WILL BE BEATEN; "I AM CONFIDENT OF VICTORY," DECLARES SIR JOHN FRENCH

British Commander Says He Will Fight Out the War With the Same Determination That Was Shown by Grant.

By Frederick Palmer.

(Special Correspondent of the Front in France for the Associated Press.)
BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, March 25.—It was in the drawing room of the house in which he makes his office that Field Marshal Sir John French, Commander-in-Chief of the British expeditionary forces on the Continent, received the correspondent to-day and discussed the military situation. Before the conversation was over the British commander, answering a question concerning the result of the war, said:

"Indeed, there is no doubt of the outcome. I was never so confident of victory as I am today. I am as confident as Gen. Grant was when he took command of the Army of the Potomac. He kept it, and so shall we."

"What were the most important factors making your retreat from Mons secure against overwhelming odds?" Sir John was asked.

"The dogged tenacity of our little irregular army, which contested every foot of the ground as we fell back," was the answer. "Not once did our soldiers lose heart. They understood that they were not defeated, but making a strategic retreat before heavy odds, and that all the punishment which they could inflict on the enemy by a cool and stubborn resistance from point to point was no less valuable to the ultimate object than if they were advancing. Their confidence that their turn to take the offensive would come remained unshaken. Next in importance was the work of our cavalry in preventing the cavalry of the enemy from getting around us. Our cavalry established a decided superiority over that of the enemy, which was of vital assistance."

"And what to you was the most critical moment of all your campaign in France?" was the next question put to Sir John French. One would not have been surprised if he had said when his reserves were practically exhausted in the battle of Ypres and Arras, or when he saved the Channel ports. His answer had characteristic promptness and decisiveness.

"On the retreat from Mons at Le Cateau we were in the open country in a very dangerous position, and the German ambition for the annihilation of our little army might have been realized if our cavalry had not been equal to its task of covering the flanks of our steady disciplined regulars."

"A good deal has been said about the novel conditions which trench warfare in this war has developed," was the next thing said by the correspondent. "Has it changed the qualities required of a soldier?"

"No," he replied. "Human nature remains the same, and it is the man who gives and takes the blows, whatever the nature of his weapons. Courage, discipline and tenacity are still the dominant elements of success."

IMPORTANCE OF THE ARTILLERY IS EXAGGERATED.

"And the guns—it has been repeatedly stated that this has become a war of artillery?"

"I think there has been an inclination to exaggerate the importance of artillery," Sir John answered. "No doubt, of the three arms, artillery has increased in relative importance. It may take a dozen shells to get one man, and one bullet will get one man. The weapons which decide the day are the rifle and the machine-gun, and the infantry is still the queen of battles."

"As to the conduct of the Germans, is it as bad as represented?" was asked of Sir John. "Have they consistently broken the rules of civilized warfare?"

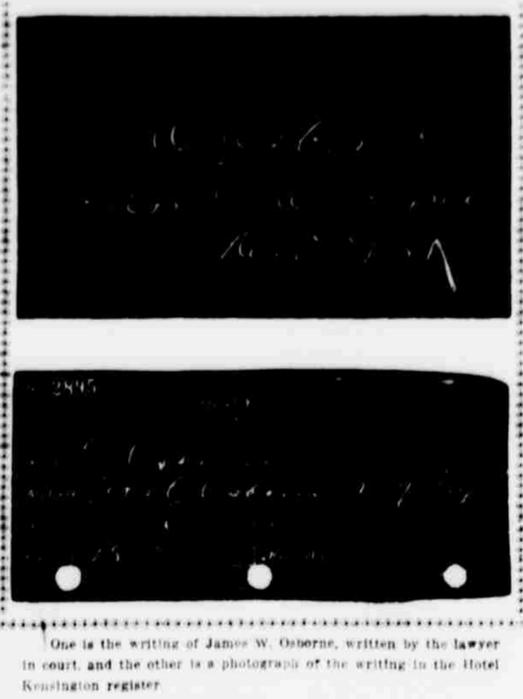
"For the first time the British commander hesitated before speaking. Evidently as a soldier he wished to be entirely just to his enemy.

"Yes," he replied, "in many instances their conduct has been very bad. I know that it has been. This declaration was made with firm conviction. "But it has varied. It has seemed to depend upon the commanders. If a commander approves of outrages, they occur. Yes, in the main, German conduct depends upon the character of the German generals."

"We have abundant evidence of the German deterioration on our own front. Their attacks lacked the former vigor and spirit. Neve Chapelle was an important victory. It proved that with a strong push we could put the enemy out of a well fortified position and then hold what we gained."

HERR LIEBKNECHT SENT INTO ALSACE TO FIGHT WITH THE LANDSTURM.
BERLIN (via London), March 25.—Dr. Karl Liebknecht, a Socialist member of the Reichstag, has been mustered into the army as a member of a Landsturm regiment and assigned to service in Alsace.

Writing of Lawyer Osborne Compared With Hotel Register



One is the writing of James W. Osborne, written by the lawyer in court, and the other is a photograph of the writing in the Hotel Kensington register.

GIRL IN OSBORNE CASE HELD AS LAWYERS HINT OF MORE CHARGES

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case in public or private," replied the pugnacious lawyer.

Mr. Marshall's argument left no doubt in the minds of those who heard him that he believes Mr. Osborne is the victim of a plot. He called attention to the fact that Mr. Osborne, fifty-six years old, married and the father of a grown son, could have avoided publicity by paying a sum of money.

In summing up the evidence Commissioner Houghton declared that the Government had made out a prima facie case and criticized the identification of Mr. Osborne by the hotel clerk. On the oral evidence of the case rested between the veracity of Mr. Osborne and the landlord of the Kensington Hotel on one side and Rae Tanzer's three sisters and a hotel clerk who had seen Mr. Osborne only once on the other. He laid stress on the fact that Mr. Osborne has worn eyeglasses or spectacles for years while "Oliver Osborne" did not wear glasses. There was no doubt, he said, that Rae Tanzer wrote at least two "Dear Oliver" letters to Mr. Osborne and sent one of them through the mail.

**GIRL'S SISTER FAINTS WHEN
RAE TANZER IS HELD.**

Rae Tanzer fainted as the decision was announced. Rae Tanzer took it coolly. She said she had expected to be held.

On behalf of Mr. Osborne it was stated to-day that he has a complete alibi for the afternoon of Sunday, Oct. 18. He claims that he spent all of that afternoon in the clubhouse of the Bar Association with one of his partners, W. A. Peckham, preparing a brief in the Meyhew Smith case, then pending in Long Island City and that the records of the club will prove his assertion.

A man named Frederick C. Lapp, who was a guest at the Kensington Hotel on Oct. 18, called at the office of District Attorney Marshall to-day and made a statement favorable to Mr. Osborne. He said he had seen James W. Osborne and he talked with "O. Osborne," who was at the hotel. "O. Osborne," he said, "was a much younger man than James W. Osborne, although there was a general resemblance. James W. Osborne, he declared, was not the man he talked to in Plainfield.

Mattie Irene Smith, a waitress in the Kensington Hotel, appeared in Mr. Marshall's office this afternoon and said she attended to the dining room wants of "Mr. and Mrs. Osborne" and would be able to recognize the man and the woman. Mr. Osborne was sent for and put in a room with seven other men. Miss Smith was then asked if she could pick "Osborne" out of the group. She said she could not. When Mr. Osborne was pointed out she said that he is not the man who was at the hotel on Oct. 18.

It is reported that detectives employed by Mr. Osborne have found out all about Oliver Osborne, and that on information furnished by them a police search is being made for that elusive individual.

To-day's hearing was largely taken up with the arguments of counsel. The first witness heard was William J. Swayze, a Post-Office inspector. He was called in an attempt to discredit the testimony of F. T. Safford, the hotel clerk who identified Mr. Osborne in court yesterday. The

identification was made in such a manner that the spectators believed Safford had seen Mr. Osborne for the first time as he took the witness chair.

"Safford," said Swayze, "came into the room with a tall slender man, and they stood in a corner. The tall slender man pointed out Mr. Osborne to Safford. Then Mr. Safford, counsel for Miss Tanzer, approached the tall man and spoke to him. Safford had left the courtroom, and did not return until he was called as a witness. At the conclusion of the hearing he went away with the tall, slender man."

The defense promptly put the "tall, slender man" on the stand. He proved to be Alfred McCullough, a private detective, employed by Lawyer Swayze. McCullough proceeded to discredit the testimony of Landlord Kitchen of the Kensington Hotel, who contradicted Safford yesterday by stating positively that James W. Osborne was not the man who visited the hotel on October 18.

"I went out to Plainfield three weeks ago," said McCullough, "and saw Mr. Kitchen. I showed him a photograph of James W. Osborne. He identified it as that of the man who visited his hotel on Oct. 18th and beat him out of the hotel bill. Later on I saw Mr. Kitchen and he said the matter was in the hands of his lawyers."

Mr. Slade said that the District Attorney in failing to require Mr. Osborne to produce Oliver Osborne was derelict in his duty. He hastened to add that he did not accuse the United States District Attorney of doing an intentional wrong, but he thought that Mr. Marshall was too spontaneous in acting in aid of his old friend James W. Osborne, whose nephew is an assistant in the office of the United States District Attorney.

Later the woman was taken to Police Headquarters, into the office of Deputy Commissioner Frank Lord. Mr. Follette soon followed, and after a long conference repeated there was nothing new in the woman's story.

Nevertheless, she was kept in the office of Deputy Commissioner Lord, whither some articles of clothing found in the murder house were taken several days ago. Mr. Lord, Mr. Follette, Inspector Faurst and Capt. Gillette showed some pieces of white apparel to the woman, and for a long time they were all busy examining them with magnifying glasses.

Mrs. Otto Spengler, the last person to see little Leonora Cohn alive, was served with a subpoena at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon. Detective Felt took her down to the District Attorney's office to be questioned.

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WHITMAN'S VETO OF MAYOR'S BILL STARTS OPEN WAR

Governor Killing City Partnership Act, Strikes at Mitchell on Extravagance

By Samuel M. Williams.

(Special Staff Correspondent of the Evening World.)
ALBANY, March 25.—Gov. Whitman took cognizance of the extravagance of the New York City Government to-day and in vigorous language voiced a bill that had passed the Legislature on the recommendation of Mayor Mitchell and the entire Board of Estimate. Two results now follow:

- 1. The Governor will exercise a veto over city finances.
- 2. Open political warfare has been declared between the Governor and Mayor.

The bill in question permitted the city to enter into partnership with a private corporation for disposal of garbage and refuse. There had been criticism because it was alleged to be designed for a particular garbage contracting company which used a process of disposal that had been devised by Street Commissioner Fetherston. No proof was advanced, however, that the Commissioner nor any other city official was improperly interested.

Under existing law the city could continue letting garbage disposal entirely to private contractors, as at present, or could construct and operate a complete municipal plant. The new plan contemplated a partnership of city and contractor, for mutual benefit, after the subway contract plan. On this point the Governor's veto message strikes first as follows:

"The meaning of the provisions of this bill is hopelessly obscure. If the city administration is in need of new and necessary powers their enumeration in the bill before me is far from satisfactory. They are neither specific nor is their meaning manifest."

It is the city's strained financial condition that impressed the Governor most, and he attacked the policy of city extravagance as another reason for his veto, saying:

"In view of the fact that refuse is a merchantable commodity it seems to me questionable whether, in view of the distended budget of the city and the grievous burden of taxation, which rests so heavily upon the city's property owners, particularly the owners of real estate, that the city should dispend with any income-producing activity which it at present commands, or carry further the principle of private participation in revenues that are essentially public in character."

"It certainly is questionable whether the city should lend its credit or its funds to the erection and equipment of an enterprise in which private individuals, firms or corporations concededly will derive a substantial income at the expense of the city's legitimate income."

"The striking growth of the city's annual budget, which seems to defy all efforts at reduction or control, and the mounting aggregate of the city's debt certainly impose upon every public official who is called upon to act with reference to this subject matter the duty of rigorous conservatism."

Representatives of the city government in Albany bitterly denounced the Governor's veto, but would make no public statement until the Mayor has spoken flat.

Numerous other bills promoted by Mayor Mitchell are now in danger of veto.

BACK TO EARTH.
(From the Topica Capital.)
A bride returns to earth and begins to recognize her mother and her intimate friends about three weeks after she is married. By the time she has been married six weeks or two months she is able to recall many of the incidents of her girlhood.

MAYO IS SUED FOR DIVORCE BY SCRANTON WOMAN

Charging Desertion, Plaintiff Says New Haven Man Made Her His Wife in 1890.

By Samuel M. Williams.

SCRANTON, Pa., March 25.—Charging willful and malicious desertion, the expected divorce suit of Mrs. Florence Weeks Mayo of Summit Avenue, this city, against Virginia J. Mayo of New Haven, Conn., was filed to-day with Probationary Judge H. J. Safford. This action follows the claim made recently by Mrs. Mayo, when the private life of the New Haven man was revealed through the death of Lillian May Cooke of Brooklyn. Mrs. Mayo then stated that she was the legal wife of Mayo and that he was the father of her children.

The filed statement that Florence W. Mayo and Virginia J. Mayo have been man and wife since May 14, 1890. In December, 1887, Mayo is charged with willfully and maliciously deserting and abandoning himself from the habitation of this plaintiff, without any just or reasonable cause, and has hitherto persisted in such desertion and still continues to absent himself from said plaintiff.

The plaintiff claims that she and Mayo had a common child, a son, who was born in New Haven, Conn., in 1890. She claims that she is the mother of this child, and that Mayo is the father.

Today's action forecasts another suit which will be filed within the near future. The second petition will contain a plea for alimony and counsel fees, and will come up just as soon as the court grants a rule.

The next term of the divorce court in Lackawanna County is scheduled for April 20. It is hardly likely, however, that the Mayo case will come up on such short notice, so that a hearing will probably not be held until the September session.

Mayo has admitted that the Scranton woman is his legal wife, but lawyers say, Mayo has been quoted as saying he was not legally married to the plaintiff in to-day's divorce action.

STATE DOINGS AT ALBANY.

ALBANY, March 25.—Gov. Whitman to-day signed two measures affecting Westchester County. One provides a County Building Commission, and the other a county development plan.

The bill intended to permit the Rockaway section of Greater New York to incorporate as a separate city was reported favorably to-day by the Assembly Cities Committee.

The contest of Christian M. Wieland, Republican, for the seat of senator Bernard M. Patten, of Long Island City, a Democrat, representing the second district, was decided in favor of Patten to-day by the Senate Committee on privileges and elections. Wieland based his contest on the allegation that Patten is not a citizen. The committee upheld Patten's citizenship.

HAVANA MARCHES ON AGAIN.
HAVANA, March 25.—The Havana Jockey Club to-day decided to call off to-morrow's programme at Oriental Park. It was decided to wind up the present season next Wednesday. There will be racing Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

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KANE.—On Tuesday, March 23d, after a short illness, M'KENZIE P. KANE. Funeral services Thursday, 8:30 P. M., at his late residence, 232 E. 141st St. Burial in Lutheran cemetery, Friday, 8:30 A. M. Philadelphia papers please copy.

M'GINNIS.—On March 23, CHARLES J., son of the late Charles and Margaret McGinnis. Funeral from the parlors of Richard J. Deener, 130 Greenwich Ave., near 8th Ave., to St. Bernard's Church, West Fourteenth Street, Friday, March 26, at 10 A. M. Interment Calvary.

NEW HINT OF DEATH OF IMPERIAL PRINCE IN THE GERMAN ARMY

BERLIN, March 25.—(Special Correspondent of the Evening World.)—Headquarters of the German General Staff has been moved from Wiesbaden to the Prussian Academy of Sciences, according to a report published to-day.

Another report said that a confidential source of the Prussian General Staff had been placed in a position to discover the whereabouts of the Imperial Prince, who was reported to be in the vicinity of the Prussian Academy of Sciences.

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