

DOWN ON BLOW, ARMY'S ANSWER

Allies' Flank Attacks Create Grave Peril for Four German Armies

TEUTONS STAKING ALL Kaiser's Men Fight Desperately, Galled by Bit-terness of Defeat

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The Allied armies in advance of the last week have given the German soldiers proposals the only answer soldiers can give.

A favorite headline in the German newspapers these days is: "We are making everything," the implication being that, therefore, nothing must be spared.

In the colossal battle, which extends without a break between the Oise and the Aisne, and from Cambrai to the West, it is not a question for local success or defeat of one army.

Two Million Face Retreat If the Germans wait too long the four armies named will be between the hammer and the anvil.

Defeat Is Bitter None but soldiers, or those who have lived in Germany, can realize the bitterness of defeat to the nation that boasted and believed that their fighting forces were invincible.

KERENSKY FOR RECOGNITION Former Russian Premier Backs Ufa Regime in London

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London, Oct. 10.—The New York Times Washington dispatch announced the assumption of power by the Russian provisional government created by the State convention at Ufa has been read with much interest here.

MASTERLY CAMPAIGN BRINGS RUIN TO ENEMY

Achievements of Foch, Haig, Petain and Pershing Overshadow Most Brilliant Pages of the Annals of Warfare—Americans Shatter Foe's Last Faint Hope

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With the French Armies, Oct. 10.—Events have unfolded so rapidly in the seven weeks that have passed since the Allies recovered the initiative in the west that it may be useful to review very briefly the stages of their victorious march up to the important point now reached.

With at the outset only a slight difference of means, the German direction has been markedly and increasingly inferior. Not forgetting the genius of the galaxy of army commanders, not forgetting the Belgians and their chivalric king, the aid of the Italian and other minor forces, this sudden and sweeping change must be attributed to the other command under Marshal Foch and his triumvirate of lieutenants, Haig, Petain and Pershing.

The central highway of invasion and retreat in northern France actually has been the valleys of the Somme and the Oise. So it has again been, and will be in this war. The Oise near Novion was for long the center of the front pointing to Paris, and it was on either side of the Oise that the last two German offensives left large pockets, one toward Amiens, the other toward the Meuse.

The front having been leveled, it was now our turn to make offensive pockets. The general idea of the second phase of the Allied operations—of course I give only my own interpretation—was to maintain the initiative and to extend the area of attack, bringing into play as rapidly as possible the numerous forces of America, and, while every-where harassing the enemy, to gain advantageous positions for the inevitable assault on the Hindenburg line.

The first American army in the attacks between the Aisne and the Meuse has won out some fifteen German divisions, and believes that the enemy will have great difficulty in getting the next fifteen that he will need in this sector.

On August 26, when General Pershing's thrust along the Arras-Cambrai road, which attained the famous Ducourt-Quant switch. This swift multiplication of blows was worth something unprecedented.

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ARGONNE FOREST WON BY ALLIES

Americans Have Taken Last Barrier in Natural Defense

FOE FIGHTS TO DEATH Machine Gunners Hold on Till End and Enemy Losses Are Terrific

By EDWIN L. JAMES Special Cable to Evening Public Ledger Copyright, 1918, by New York Times Co.

The battle now has given us all of the Argonne forest. We have taken the important heights just south of the village of Marce, and from thence the line runs westward where our forces join the French at Lunnon.

Attacking against divisions freshly thrown in, the Americans pushed through the Kriemhild line yesterday between Lunnon and Romagne after bitter fighting in which artillery played an important part.

Despite the protection of the ravines, hills and woods being in their advantage, the German losses here in two days in the Argonne been terrific. The losses in dead are particularly high, and the situation makes it difficult for the Germans to get out their wounded.

What would a cessation of hostilities now mean for the Germans? It would mean not only that the German command would have time to rest perhaps seventy-five divisions in the next few weeks, but inasmuch as it would then probably be rather late for big operations, it would mean that they could start right away the work of organizing their damaged military machine, and restoring its worn parts and doing repair work which would be infinitely more difficult than would be possible after five weeks more of drain on the dwindling manpower supply.

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WILSON HOLDS FATE OF WORLD

Faces Greatest Responsibility in History, Declares Danish Newspaper

SEES ENTENTE PREPARED Believe German Overtures With Sufficient Guarantees Will Be Considered

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There were many aerial battles between pursuit machines. A patrol of three American planes, flown by Lieutenant A. B. Patterson, of Wilkesburg, Pa.; Lieut. L. J. Rommer, of Newark, N. J., and a third airman, was attacked by seven Fokkers.

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GERMAN STOCK PANIC GOES ON

Action by Great Banks Had Only Temporary Effect

By the Associated Press Zurich, Oct. 10.—Measures taken by the great banks to stop a panic in German stock exchange had only a temporary effect, according to the Post of Munich.

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time to grasp what was transpiring and then threw blocks of stock on the market. There were no purchasers for these securities and the Post says "it is a genuine crash this time."

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