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AN INTUITION OF THE MANNER OF ENDING EUROPEAN WAR

A highly esteemed correspondent of the Economic World, who has assiduously followed the vicissitudes of the European war, not primarily as a military student, but as an observer of the play and interplay of the grand forces, both political and military, and who has hitherto been remarkably correct in his forecasts as to the turn of events, has communicated to the editors what he himself denominates as an "intuition," and not a prophecy, of the manner in which the dreadful struggle will be brought to a close. The communication is here published, both because of its own inherent interest and also because the "intuitions" of a trained mind, accustomed to ponder and to draw reasoned conclusions from fundamental facts, are more often found correct in the long run than are the easy prophecies of those whose thinking is swayed by considerations of what is hoped for or of what is believed in simply because of its de-

sirability. Our correspondent writes as follows:

"The decisive blow will be struck, not in the west, but in the east,—possibly in the Balkans, but in all probability in Turkey. Turkey is the only one of the central powers not dominated by Germany, for while Turkey is temporarily controlled by German influence, she is permanently controlled only by Turkish influence. In that country alone of the central powers and their allies, while there are German officers, German munitions and German money, there are no German troops, and will not be. Turkey intends to keep her destiny for good or evil under her own control, and if, to the minds of her statesmen, the triumph of the entente allies becomes probable, they will seek a separate peace—perhaps not with honor, but at least with more advantage than would remain to them at the final defeat.

"Even from an offensive in the Balkans, with Saloniki as a base, or from the continuance of the Russian advance which successfully began with the fall of Erzerum, Turkey will soon see the end, so far as she is concerned; and the conclusion of a separate peace between Turkey and the entente allies—which will necessarily include free passage through the Dardanelles for the allied fleets, whatever else its terms may be—will mark the final closing of the iron ring about the Teutonic empires and will be the real end of the war.

"But the end of the war will not mean the end of fighting. Germany will not give up; Austria and Bulgaria will not be able to give up. The battles will continue and many thousands of the two million British troops who have not yet been in action will fall on both the western and the eastern fronts. And when their victory, as it will be, is certain and assured and apparent even to the masters of the fate of Germany, then will come the last battle in the North Sea; and when the bodies of the sailors on both sides in that greatest conflict of the ages have sunk beneath the waters, to sleep until the last trump beside the victims of the Lusitania, the general slaughter will stop and the menace of Prussia will be forever ended."—Economic World.

drilled and there will be exemplified tactics in fighting that General Pershing of Mexican fame may be interested to learn about if not actually witness.

To perfect arrangements for this interesting and unique event, Capt. George Holland of Fort Worth, Tex. visited Birmingham April 3. He was in conference with Gen. John G. Smith of Birmingham and Major Carl Seals of the Alabama national guard. They inspected the proposed battle ground, and announced that the fight would take place during the reunion. Captain Holland was the bearer of the challenge from the Texas Confederates and the fighting guardsmen could not find a way to refuse the offered fight from Texas.

It is stated that the companies, divisions and brigades will be formed similar to the formation of one of the famous battles during the civil war. One of the many interesting details of the proposed fight will be the presence of some soldiers engaged in the actual conflict which will be duplicated. At the reunion many Confederates that were officers in the Confederate army will be present and it is understood they will give the fighters from Texas the benefit of their memories of the tactics used in one of the famous conflicts, to help defeat the guardsmen.

Captain Holland and General Smith will have all the details settled within a short time and timely notification will be given the Texas veterans of just what fight is to be duplicated as well as information as to the other details.

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Present Conditions at Verdun.

For nearly two months the Germans have been battering at Verdun. They have fought as bravely as men can fight; they have sacrificed no one knows how many lives with reckless indifference. What have they gained beyond a little ground here and there? How near are they to anything like a substantial victory? The mere talking of Verdun would not be that. One thing that has been clearly demonstrated in this war is the comparative unimportance of forts. The trenches are what count in the desperate struggle of the armies. It is fair to assume that if the Germans should drive the French from their positions they would still be as far from Paris as ever. It has been this way for months along the whole western front. Points of vantage have been captured and recaptured, the long line has swayed to and fro, but the situation in its main aspects remains practically the same. So far as Verdun is concerned, where the Germans have won Vaux and Douaumont, and taken a hill here and there, it is plain that the French have pursued a plan of mere defense with as little loss of life as possible. They still hold the second line, and they can afford to let the Germans have the first at the terrible price they have paid for it.

The nature of the German strategy is perfectly plain. The intention is to make alternate heavy attacks on different portions of the French line in the hope that the attempt to strengthen one portion will lead to the weakening of another, so that a sudden movement by the attacking party would break it through. The failure of this strategy so far suggests that the German forces are not large enough to carry it out, or that the French are prepared at all points for an adequate defense. It has been said that there are French reserves of which no use has yet been made. If the Germans are losing more men than the French, as there is every reason to believe, the latter can well afford to remain on the defensive, yielding a little now and then and here and there, but keeping their own forces comparatively intact while taking a terrible toll of the enemy. In other words, the French campaign is one of wearing out the other side. If they succeed in this object they will win, no matter how much ground they may have to yield. For a victory that leaves the victor exhausted is no better than a defeat. The one hope the Germans had, so far as France is concerned, was to get to Paris. They failed at the Meuse, and all the subsequent "hammering" they can do only emphasizes their failure.

Verdun, that is to say, is simply another phase of the strategy which circumstances obviously dictate to the allies—to let the Germans go on "hammering," tiring themselves out in the contest and losing more men than they can afford to lose. As has been pointed out repeatedly, speed was of the essence of the German plan. It did not contemplate meeting three enemies at once. France was to be crushed before Russia was ready to move, and Great Britain was to remain neutral, at least until it

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A SHAM BATTLE WILL ENTERTAIN CONFEDERATES
Birmingham, Ala., April 22.—A sham battle, on one side members of the Alabama national guard, and on the other Confederate veterans from Texas, is one of the interesting and unique features to be staged during the Confederate Veterans' reunion in Birmingham May 16, 17 and 18.
The sham battle will be fought with all the details carefully mapped out, and it will be extremely realistic. It will be staged at the Alabama state fair grounds May 18, where Birmingham expects to entertain 6,000 veterans of the great conflict. The soldiers on either side will be carefully

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was too late to intervene with effect. When that calculation was missed the whole plan went astray. After the initial successes of the German arms the whole matter resolved itself into a question of endurance. The sea is closed to Germany, and upon the land the armies of her enemies are steadily growing stronger. What this means the long struggle at Verdun shows. The Germans have not enough men left to pursue the policy of wearing down the allies. The only apparent alternative is that they will be worn down themselves.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

ENJOYED WEDDING FEAST BUT BRIDE HAD FLED
Verdun, France, April 22.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—The Mayor of Verdun spent the early days of the bombardment in the cellars of the town hall, where he conducted official business as usual, undeterred by the roar of heavy guns and the noise of falling masonry. The mayor was assisted by seven of the municipal officials, and the chief customs agent did the cooking for the party.

The mayor's favorite story of those trying days is an incident of a would-be bridegroom and his wedding feast. "It was on February 26," says the mayor, "that a railway worker who had been mobilized in the Vosges came to us in the town hall cellar while the bombardment was proceeding at its highest pitch. 'Well, my friend,' I asked, 'what can we do for you?' 'I have come to get married,' he replied. 'Married?' I asked in amazement.

looking out of a grating at a cloud of dust just thrown up by a small shell. 'Certainly,' he went on. 'The bans have been published, the date fixed for today, and I have obtained permission from the military authorities to get married. But I cannot find my fiancée.' 'We made inquiries and learned that the young woman had fled with the rest of the population. The future husband had brought a fine supply of provisions and wine for the wedding feast. As the shells continued to fall,

we prevailed upon him to remain with us for three days while he shared all his good things with us."
NOTICE TO ALL MEMBERS OF FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH
All members of the First Christian church of Ardmore, are respectfully urged to be present, Lord's Day morning at 10:30 o'clock, as the pastor wishes to present an important matter, immediately after communion and before the worship at the tabernacle, 21-2 J. W. BURNS, Pastor.

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