

MARSHAL FOCH BEWILDERS HUNS WITH HIS VERSATILE TACTICS

Superior Strategy is Defeating the Germans on the Western Front Shifting Offensive Keeps Whole Enemy Line in Constant State of Dread and Anticipation—Americans to Play Important Part in Main Attack

Superior allied strategy is beating the Germans. Hindenburg's forces are reeling backward, not because they are much inferior in strength to the allied armies, but because Field Marshal Foch and his lieutenants have developed new tactics and the German makers of war have not worked out a way to counter them.

Seemingly, the Germans, if Berlin's war communiques may be taken as indicating their conclusions, have not even grasped the significance of Foch's strategy, or if they have, the war lords are keeping it very dark. The official German communiques speak of repeated failures of the allies to effect a "break through," just as the Germans failed to club their way through the French and British lines in March, April, May, June and July.

Foch's strategy is based upon a "liquid" or shifting offensive, one which is started on a comparatively narrow front, designed to gain limited objectives. If these are obtained then the attack may be widened, and when the Germans bring up reserves the plan is to hit somewhere else.

Ludendorff's plan of attack was simply to break through the allied line by sheer weight. He struck only after weeks of careful preparation, devoting all his forces to the one salient attacked.

During all of the anxious months of the German drives, Foch was guided by a maxim laid down by himself when instructor at the French Staff college, which held: "Economize forces while keeping the combat nourished, right up to the moment when we shall pass from such a preparation to the main attack."

That principle has been Foch's guiding star. Foch economized forces when the enemy wasted his in abortive attempts to break through. Foch yielded ground, when he could without endangering his strategic position, rather than waste men. He was saving his resources for the time when the Germans had exhausted their club so vigorously that exhaustion of German reserves took away the terror of the club.

Continued Hammering. That principle is at the basis of all the allies have done since July 18, when the Franco-Americans started their counter-offensive which drove the Germans back to the Vesle. The second battle of the Marne had no more than ended when the third battle of the Somme began, with Halp's attack on the Amiens front. While German reserve divisions were thrown in to halt this drive, Mangin struck on the Aisne front and this battle had no more than thrown greater consternation and confusion in the German command than Byng's blow was delivered on the Ancre. Foch was working out his principle of a "liquid offensive," keeping the "battle nourished" and working toward the moment when the allies shall "pass from preparation to the main attack."

Before the main attack is delivered the allies must be much stronger than they now are. In consequence of continued hammering the Germans also will be very much weaker. The main attack will not be struck until there is every reason to believe that it will win and shatter the German army.

Thus the present fighting resembles in great measure a dueling match, except that the allies have a commander in chief who knows how to wield a sword, how to parry and thrust, while the opponent is only versed in the art of wielding a club. It is because the opponent is still strong that the thrust cannot yet be made which will lose him the combat.

All of the allied blows since the second battle of the Marne have been delivered, at the outset, from a narrow front, which steadily expands as the blow is driven home. This plan has many advantages; it's easier to prepare secretly for a sudden blow on a small scale, the enemy cannot be

certain it is to be a local attack or something more menacing, less risk is involved, and constant harrying by such attacks weakens the enemy's morale and disorganizes his defense. Learns Many Lessons.

While sustaining the German blows for four months—the shock troop tactics and the great "steel hand" offensive—the French and British learned many lessons from the foe and have improved upon his methods of assault. The German plan of moving troops into line quietly, by nighttime and without noise, has been bettered. The German shock battalions of machine gunners has been bettered with armored cars and tanks with machine guns. The German plan of drumfire for a few hours before attack has been bettered with a more intense fire of a few minutes which does the business—paralyzes the enemy's front positions—even better. It was the allies who first delivered ammunition to advanced machine-gun squadrons by parachutes dropped from airplanes. It was the allies who first employed, swarms, tanks and airplanes in co-ordination effectively. It is the allies who have learned not to waste men in taking any position which can be outflanked, generally by means of a new small-scale attack on an adjacent portion of the line. It is the allies who have learned to stop an offensive, whether on a wide scale or narrow when it ceases to pay in results for casualties sustained and munitions spent. The German "club" offensive often halted only when the shock troops had difficulty in crossing the bodies of their own dead.

But it is the Germans who now are striving to imitate Gouraud's plan of defense, a plan first employed by the French general whereby he halted the German drive east of Reims by stubbornly but only lightly holding the forward positions and removing the line of resistance a couple of miles to the rear.

Foch, who daringly wrested the offensive from the Germans after he had skillfully conducted the greatest retreat and defense in history, may be fully trusted to "nourish the combat right up to the moment we shall pass from such a preparation to the main attack." This preparation entails keeping the enemy disorganized in retreat, and low in reserves. It contemplates making the Germans use up their reserves so they will have no strategic force for meeting the allies when they choose to deliver the main attack. So additional valor, but very important offensives, may be expected for the next few weeks, if not months.

When the main attack comes, Americans are certain to play a heroic and epoch-making part.

FLYING CAMP IN IRELAND

Yankee Airplane Shipped to Irish Town in Sections.

An American aviation station is growing in a town in Ireland with the speed of the early morning tent city which springs up when the circus comes to town in the States.

Captain Herbster is in command, and under his supervision a miniature town is springing up, carefully planned, mostly wooden construction, but neat and methodical.

An example of Yankee efficiency, the one big airplane already in place was designed in America, built there in sections, shipped across the Atlantic and erected in record time. It is a remarkably efficient product of American engineering ingenuity.

Aviators in training there will help run down the Hun who preys under the North sea.

UNMASK A GERMAN TRICK

Americans Find They Shift Their Batteries and Soon Checkmate It.

There is a battle of wits as well as of guns along the American front in the mountainous Lorraine country near the southeastern end of the west front. Germans try to deceive the American intelligence officers by moving their machine guns and batteries to a new position every night.

The Americans solved this problem by using a series of tracing maps which may be made daily and rapidly posed upon one another. When these are compared the various points at which the guns have been moved are indicated. Then comes the opportunity for the American artillery to do it work upon them.

This system has proved very valuable in locating the heavy batteries behind the German lines.

Truth About Premonition.

"Once in a while an error turns out to be the truth," said the editor. "How is that?" asked the caller. "Why," replied the editor, "in writing about the death of Mrs. Rouser I referred to Mr. Rouser as 'the bereaved widower,' but the compositor made it 'the relieved widower,' and it got into the paper that way, and Rouser never even called up to demand a correction."

HERE'S CURE FOR KULTUR



This British official photograph gives an idea of the magnitude of the shells used in the treatment and cure of German militarism and kultur.

SEVEN LOCAL BOYS WILL BE INDUCTED INTO SERVICE NOV. 15

Six Go To Cincinnati As Auto Mechanics And One Goes To Akron

The local draft board announced Thursday morning that George William Brock of Mt. Vernon would be inducted into service as a rubber worker and would depart the afternoon of November 15 for Akron.

The board also announced that six Mt. Vernon men would depart for Cincinnati on November 15, where they will enter the service as automobile mechanics. The men to go are Arthur Bond, Celsus Condon, Kenneth Mosholder, Claude Green, William H. Millington and George Turner.

The men are to report at the office of the draft board at 10 o'clock on the morning of November 15. They will leave the city at 11:25.

How She Cured Her Husband

"For five years my husband suffered with his stomach. The medicine he took only gave relief for a while, nothing cured, writes Mrs. Sarah Baker of Nottingham, Mo. 'Our merchant bought some of Chamberlain's medicine last fall and also received some free trial samples of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. He gave us some of them and I wanted my husband to try them. He said it would do no good. His stomach had been troubling him worse than ever. At last on Friday I told him if he would not take those tablets I was going to send for a doctor, and he said he would take them. By Monday he was like another man. The blues were gone, no more trouble with his stomach, and the best part is that the trouble has not returned. I cannot praise Chamberlain's Tablets too highly.'"



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Attacks of Indigestion

"I believe Chamberlain's Tablets have saved my life, writes Mrs. Maggie Cole, Golden City, Mo. 'I had pain in my stomach so bad I thought I could not live. Our doctor said it was congestion of the stomach. I would go to bed perfectly well and wake up in the night as bad as I could be and live. Our doctor said it would do no good to give medicine internally. He had to inject medicine in my arm. Since taking Chamberlain's Tablets I can eat anything I want without hurting me.' This form of indigestion is extremely painful and often dangerous. By taking Chamberlain's Tablets after eating, and especially when you have fullness and weight in the stomach after eating, the disease may be warded off and avoided. Chamberlain's Tablets not only aid digestion, but strengthen and invigorate the stomach."



INSTITUTE DATES ARE ARRANGED FOR KNOX COUNTY

Dates for farmers' institutes in Knox county for the coming winter have been arranged as follows:

Howard—December 9-10. Speakers: Mr. Burlingame, Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Wagner.

Five Corners—Dec. 11-12. Speakers:

Mr. Burlingame, Mrs. Thomas and Mr. Wagner. Bladensburg—Dec. 13-14. Speakers: Mr. Crawford, Mrs. Thomas and Mr. Wagner. Leveering—Jan. 2-4. Speakers: Mr. Swan, M. High and Mrs. Vandenberg. Brandon—Jan. 13-14. Speakers: Mr. Swan, Mrs. Anderson, and Mrs. Aldrich.

For a Weak Stomach

As a general rule all you need to do is to adopt a diet suited to your age and occupation and to keep your bowels regular. When you feel that you have eaten too much and when constipated, take one of Chamberlain's Tablets.

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Table listing various feed products and their prices per barrel, per bushel, or per sack. Includes items like Sulfacrap, Poultry Bone, Oyster Shells, Chicken Grit, Charcoal, Salt, Hay, Straw, Rye Straw, Ryde's Calf Meal, Gen-fast Calf Meal, Sai-Vet (15 lb. keg), Sai-Vet (40 lb. keg), Sai-Vet (100 lb. keg), Lay or Bust Dry Mash (20 lb. sack), Lay or Bust Dry Mash (40 lb. sack), Lay or Bust Dry Mash (100 lb. sack).

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We are showing simple cloth coats, others richly trimmed with fur, still others of plush and furbabies. Every popular model is represented at a wide range of popular prices.

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