

VON FALKENHAYN EXPECTS TO WIN

Declares Germany Maintains Supremacy After Five Months' Fighting.

General Field Headquarters, German Army in France, Jan. 20.—Germany, after five months' fighting, holds the supremacy over her enemies, and has kept the war in the enemies' country continually, according to Lieut. Gen. von Falkenhayn, German minister of war and chief of staff of the German armies in the field.

"If our first advance against Paris," said the general in response to a question, "had succeeded fully in all respects, it would have been reckoned a most brilliant achievement. As it stands it is an admirable one. I can say so freely, because I had nothing to do with the conception of the plan of campaign. But one cannot expect to carry on war without some checks and when we fell back we swung over to the present line of action, in which we have been thoroughly successful.

No Attempt on Calais. "It is wrong to interpret the operations in Flanders as an attempt on our part to reach Calais and outflank the allied armies. On the contrary, that phase of the campaign is the result of an attempt on the part of the French and British to force their way north to separate us from the sea and envelop our right flank and rear, relieve Antwerp, and oblige us to retire from Belgium.

"What is your view of the general offensive of the allies and Kitchener's new army?" he was asked. "The offensive," replied the German chief of staff, "was to begin, according to Joffre's order, on the day of Dec. 17. So far we have no reason to be dissatisfied with its results. We not only have held our lines successfully, but have even gained ground. Moments of such offensive can only be welcome to us.

"As to Kitchener's army, the British and good fighters and have full respect for them, but an army without necessary officers and non-commissioned officers is scarcely an army, according to present-day standards. They may send them over to attack us, but I think we are strong enough to meet them and drive them back with bloody heads.

"As to the proposed landing in Belgium. We are fully prepared for any attempt in this direction. The sooner it comes the better."

There was nothing beautiful in Gen. von Falkenhayn's manner. The statements were made, instead, in a quiet tone, and on the confidence of the preparedness of the German army and its ability to meet the situation.

"Have plenty of food." "What effect on the German conduct of the war will Gen. von Falkenhayn's statement have on the British blockade and contraband policy exercised?" "Practically none at all," he replied. "Of food we have enough. Have you observed any scarcity in Germany? We may have to husband certain things and economize with our wheat consumption, but our war bread, (referring to the bread made from the proceeds of administration of rice and potato meal to wheat flour), is quite as tasty and nutritious as the regular wheat bread.

"The problem of feeding the civil population of Belgium, Poland and the occupied parts of France, particularly such cities as Lille or Louvain, presents some difficulties, but for ourselves we have enough.

TRENCH DIGGING IS RISKY WORK

Human Moles, Known as 'Pioneers,' Work While Bullets Fall Thickly.

Karlsruhe, Germany, Jan. 19.—At night, when the searchlights flit from trench to trench of the enemy and when gunners send shells into hostile works which during the day have been singled out for this attention, the human mole—the "pioneer"—goes to work. The present war at close quarters has made it impossible for him to labor in daylight. Not alone is every part of the field scrutinized with powerful glasses by the observation officers, but gun in aeroplanes are also constantly on the lookout for a red or brown scar in the landscape that might show "pioneers" busy at work digging trenches.

Contrary to popular belief, trenches are but seldom dug by the infantrymen nowadays. The little spades they carry serve for the sole purpose of throwing up cover when during an attack the firing line owing to superiority of fire from the enemy's position, must be trench itself superficially until reinforcements can be brought up. The trenches of the permanent positions are dug by the "pioneers," as are also the approach of trenches, bomb proofs and tunnels, which make up a modern "position fighter" in the trench.

"Pioneer" Work Hard. What it means to be a "pioneer" is told in a letter which has just been published in the German press. The writer explains that the division staff had thought it advisable to advance closer to the French trenches. Before this could be done a trench had to be dug; otherwise the infantry sent there would have been mowed down by the fire from the other side. The locality of the proposed trench lay between the French and German trenches.

Bury Themselves in Mud. "The trench we were digging was only 180 to 200 feet from the trench of the enemy, some of the bravest of whom had perched themselves in the crown of some willow trees and were popping away at us.

"But a winter thunderstorm came to our aid: its downpour caused the arduous work of the men in the trench to cease.

"We kept on with our work to the accompaniment of the incessant heavy artillery fire from both sides. Now and then the bombardment would develop into a long, rolling cannonade. Shrieking and howling, the projectiles rushed through the air above us, to explode on either side with terrific crashes.

"Meanwhile we had buried ourselves well in the earth, and when the rain ceased and the bullets began again to come from the willow trees they could no longer molest us. With loud splashes they hit the soft loam about us, but we were below the level of the parapet we had thrown up.

"Another half hour and our work was done. With not a dry thread on our bodies, and covered with mud from head to foot, we returned to our quarters, accompanied by the humming of the bullets which sped about us."

ALPINE CLIMBERS HEAR THE NOISE OF BATTLE 150 MILES. Berne, Switzerland, Jan. 20.—A party of Americans who scaled the Jungfrau recently, brought back the news that from the top of the mountain they had distinctly heard the sound of artillery fire from the Alsatian border, about 150 miles away.

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Mid Week Fashion Chats Renaissance of 1830 In lace and silk frocks the tunic is much in evidence and is cut upon such original lines that it may well be called an overdress rather than a tunic. A dancing frock of chiffon tulle shows this new over-drapery slashed at the right side and caught up in horizontal plaits just below the line of the hips so that the outline of the skirt is not remarkably wide at the hem, although the soft chiffon droppskirt is full and wide. Another tulle frock shows the use of the caught under side panjer effect. This skirt is caught under twice between the high waistline and the hem, at the side hips only. The full, lace droppskirt is also caught under just below the hips. Then, too, gathered flounces are set onto the skirt to effect a silhouette which was just as prevalent in 1830 as the simple flaring wide skirt. In fact, variety is the keynote of the fashion situation. In evening frocks the soft chiffon or lace fichu is in evidence as is the wide, plain bertha, set on below the drooping shoulder. The high neck closing, finished with a plain high collar or stiff, plaited double frill, is seen, as is also the quaint, smart lingerie vestee, with high collar turning back at either side of the center front in mannish points. The latter is used as a suitable finish for the quaintly formed Du Maurier bodice, which buttons down the front and flares slightly below the waistline. The sleeves are full length and are rather full above the elbow, although they follow the line of the arm below this point. Flaring skirts plaited in groups, are often used with this charming bodice. For every type of gown there is apparently a separate and individual style idea available.

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NATIONS SPEND MILLIONS IN U. S. FOR MUNITIONS Washington, D. C., Jan. 20.—European nations now engaged in war are spending millions of dollars in the United States for the purchase of war munitions, according to a report to the Senate by Secretary of Commerce Redfield in response to a resolution asking for information on this subject covering the period since the outbreak of the European war.

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