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EBB AND FLOW OF GERMAN OFFENSES REVIEWED BY ASSOCIATED PRESS SPECORRESPONDENTS

FRENCH FRONT, Nov. 3.—A clear idea of the ebb and flow of the tide of German forces on the eastern and western fronts during the various phases of the war from the opening of hostilities in 1914, till the beginning of September, 1917, is obtained from carefully compiled information which the correspondent of The Associated Press is enabled to transmit.

Started in Belgium.
From this it is gathered that when the Germans started the war by invading Belgium they launched 1190 battalions of infantry formed into 96 1-2 divisions of four regiments each on the Franco-Belgian front, while on the Russian front they employed only 322 battalions formed into 26 1-2 divisions of four regiments each. On September 1 this year they had on the Franco-Belgian front 1,369 battalions formed into 147 divisions, some of which were of three and others of four regiments each, while on the Russian front 965 battalions formed into 92 divisions were in line. It will thus be seen that the German armies on the fighting fronts have been increased in the three years of war from 1512 battalions to 2334 battalions.

A review of the different periods of the war will show how those troops have been employed at various times, according to whether the principal effort of the Germans has been directed toward the western or the eastern front.

Russia Not Regarded.
In August 1914 the attention of the German high command was absorbed by the attack on Belgium and France, while the Russian front was regarded as a secondary occupation. At that time the infantry effective on the western front numbered 1,1190 battalions in 96 1-2 divisions, each division consisting of four regiments. On the eastern front, the Germans then had 322 battalions comprising 26 1-2 divisions.

When the battle of the Yser was fought in November, 1914, the Germans intensified their effort in the west and brought up their effective to a higher figure and at the same time increased the number of battalions on their eastern front so that they then had 1293 battalions on the western front and 399 on the eastern front.

Russian Offensive.

The Russian offensive in Gaid to check the Russian advance the German frontier, Germany compelled to throw more to her eastern front, increasing number of battalions there from 399 to 780. To do this necessary to reduce the number of German battalions on the western front from 1293 to 1129. Many were transferred from them to the western front when the Germans gathered their forces for the beginning of the great battle on the result that in June, there were 1376 German battalions on the western front and the eastern front were reduced to 780 to 574.

The drive against Rumania was possible by adding more to the battalions to their eastern line, bringing the total on the eastern front to 899. This was done by reducing the number of battalions on the western front below 11.

Turns in 1917.
When French and British began their offensive operations in July 1 the Germans were compelled to bring fresh forces to the western front, increasing their battalions to 1416 but reducing the number their eastern front only to 86.

Subsequent German battalions along Russian battleline were increased by the addition of more than battalions, bringing the total to 965 on September 1 of this year. These were divided into 92 divisions of three regiments each. Further movement of the battalions on the western front were reduced to 1416 divided into 147 divisions and is believed to have been the line on the German western front September 1.

These figures do not include any German troops on garrison duty in the interior of the country nor those maintaining lines of communications.

ALLIGATOR DESTINED TO USUALLY PLACE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Nov. 3.—The delivery of the avocado, better known as the alligator pear, stranger to all but a few in the United States owing to its high cost, may in the near future take its place in the American line with the apple, the peach and the peach.

Low Prices Planted.
Backed and encouraged by the University of California, fruit growers of Southern California have begun the cultivation of this edible on a commercial scale. A vast amount of planting is now being done in a short time, in California markets will be well supplied with it.

Luscious Fruit.
According to experts of the College of Agriculture of the University of California, the fruit which can compare with the avocado in the richness of its oil values. Not only does it contain twenty percent of fat, but also it is rich in various mineral substances which are a constituent of a man's diet.

West Indian Variety.
It is a native of the West Indies and its shape and taste that of the ordinary guava pear which it exceeds in size, in color, in a deep green, luscious one large as a peach. To eat it is to eat it half and the other half is then eaten out of the skin with a spoon after the manner of a muskmelon. While many doubt its value in order to preserve the delicate taste of the avocado, others in the French salad dressing.

The individual tree is capable of rich production and it is believed that eventually the production of the avocado will become one of the important food resources of California.

YUKON RIVER FREEZES FOR FIRST OF WINTER.

By Associated Press.
SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 3.—Alaska's great river, the Yukon, has frozen up for the long northern winter. Reports reaching here from Dawson, Ruby, Tanana and other points along the stream.

Ice began appearing on the Yukon's tributaries some time ago and in a very short time the surface of the big river has been converted into a jagged, uneven series of ice stretches twenty to thirty miles across the heart of the northern territory and its adjacent lands, the Yukon Territory.

This year the ice is coming later than usual. It will be several months before the spring melt. The ice returns to the north and the big ice pack loosens and drifts away seaward.

The little flat-bottomed steamboats of the Southern River fleet have been pulled up on the banks for the winter and the residents of Dawson, Fairbanks, and other points along the Yukon and its tributaries are ready for the long winter. During the winter, travel and the only passage in and out of the interior of Alaska.

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ONE-FOURTH OF COAL PRODUCTION IS WASTED

NEW YORK, Nov. 3. Mines in the United States this year will produce about 600,000,000 tons of coal, and of this 150,000,000 tons will be wasted, according to Professor Robert W. Anderson of the Stevens Institute of Technology.

While householders waste coal by inefficient stoking methods, the waste is not insignificant when compared to that consumed by industrial steam engines.

"The most efficient steam engine yet produced and in actual service," asserts Prof. Anderson, "is the Ljungstrom turbine, which uses only 4 pounds of steam and 93 of a pound of coal an hour for each horsepower. The Ljungstrom turbine so far as known, has not yet been introduced into this country, but there are many big power plants now in service in the United States which have proved their ability to deliver power at the rate of 112 to 113 pounds of coal per horsepower an hour."

"But for each of these there are thousands of smaller, older plants, that are doing well if they get their coal consumption down to anywhere from 215 up even to 3 or more pounds per horsepower per hour."

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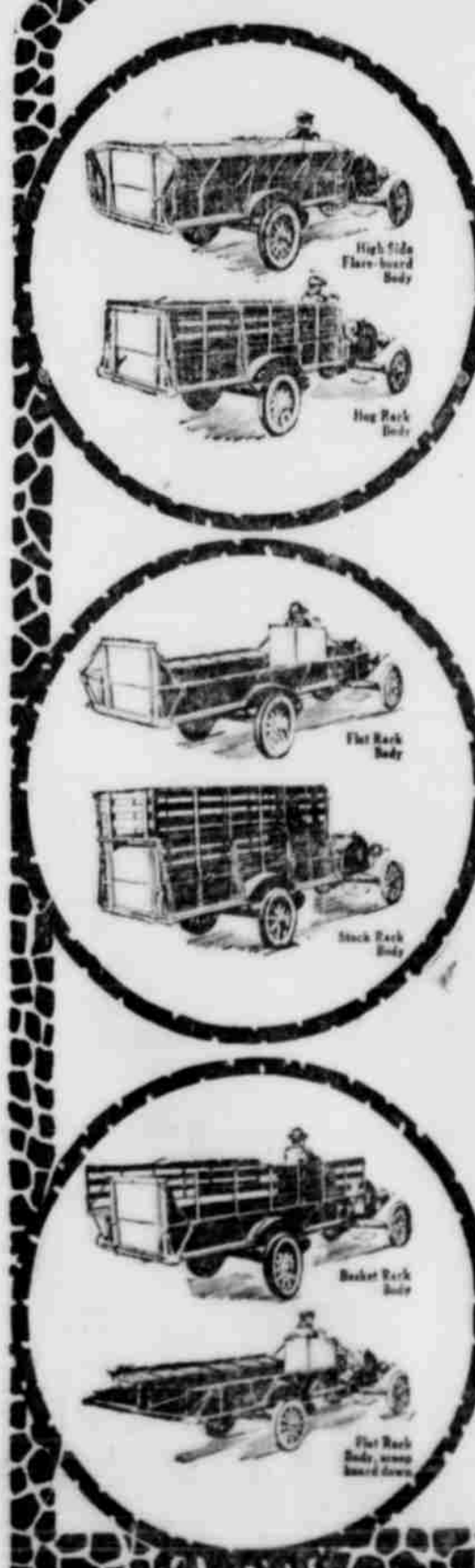
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