

NEW ALLIED OFFENSIVE IS ANTICIPATED

Gen. March in Weekly Review Says Second Drive Against Huns May be Made Beyond Verdun.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15.—A new drive against the German positions either in Flanders or between the Oise and Soissons is expected by many army officers here as a result of the slowing up of the advance in the Picardy section.

Outlining the situation at his mid-week conference Wednesday, Gen. March, chief of staff, confirmed his statements to pointing out that the Germans have now been forced back until they are not within 50 miles of Paris at any point. The head of the army has previously laid stress on the fact, however, that the greatest advantage won by Marshal Foch in a military way is in having wrested the initiative from the enemy.

The opinion prevailed among other officers that the present struggle around Roye and Lassigny would soon terminate in the capture of those points to be followed by the taking of Noyon. They agree with the commentators abroad that all signs indicate that the enemy intends to withdraw and is fighting fierce rear guard actions only to cover his retirement and to permit him to prepare strong lines in his rear on which to stand fast.

Million and Quarter Organized.

In the course of his discussion Gen. March said that Gen. Pershing now has 1,250,000 American troops organized into the first army corps. Presumably the Americans on the British left flank in Picardy, identified by the chief of staff as the 151st infantry of the 53rd (Illinois national guard) division are among those still brigaded for training.

It appeared possible to some officers that the organization of the first American army might be followed by an all-American attack at some point on the line which it holds beyond Verdun, where there has been no recent fighting. No reports, official or unofficial, have been received, however, throwing any light on Gen. Pershing's plans, or the part assigned to him by Marshal Foch in the present offensive campaign.

Primary Purpose Realized.

The primary purpose of the two blows Marshal Foch has struck has been realized. Both in the Alsace-Marne battle and again in Picardy, the attacks were defensive measures, to free Paris from the menace of the two wedges the enemy had driven in that direction. The value of the drives in this respect was pointed out by Gen. March today. Officers here, therefore, anticipate a complete change in the character of the fighting in the next phase of the battle with Foch's armies assuming the offensive in the fullest sense of the word and striking to force the enemy back in such a manner that he cannot avail himself of his Hindenburg line defenses.

May Be Double Drive.

It appears very probable to some observers that the Flanders front might see the next blaze kindled with a double drive by British forces to pinch out the salient there as it has been pinched out at the Marne and again in Picardy. They foresee, also, however, the initiation of movements of far greater scope in the near future, aimed at flanking the Germans out of the blunt wedge into which the Picardy and Alsace battle fronts have been merged by recent actions.

KEEP THE HOME GARDEN GROWING.

Don't let it dry up. We felt that this dry spell was coming and in the spring contracted for double our usual quantity of sprinkling hose. We are still selling it at 12 and 13 cents a foot. Next year you will pay four and five cents more for it. Reimold, at 125 N. Main st.—Adv. 6927-78

Caring for Refugees



With the recent heavy fighting in the Marne sector practically in their backyards, these old French peasant women were forced to flee and seek shelter from the big guns. The photo shows the women crossing the Marne river over a pontoon bridge built by the allied troops in their great advance.

Food Questions Answered

United States Food Administration's Questions and Answers Tell Why Conservation and Production of Food is Absolutely Essential to the Success of the Nation's Cause in Its War Against Germany.

MEAT.

How can we save meat? By limiting the consumption of all meats and poultry as nearly as possible to two pounds per week for all persons over four years of age.

Why was meatless meals discontinued? Because during March, April and May, 1918, our meat supplies will probably be large enough for us to meet the allies' needs and still have enough to justify an increased consumption at home for a time.

Is this enlarged meat supply due to conservation of meat as requested by the United States food administration?

Yes; the voluntary reduction of consumption has enabled the government for the past few months to provide such supplies to the allies as transportation permitted.

Will it be necessary to resume the meatless meal and porkless Saturday?

It may be. Conservation of food must be adjusted to conditions which are subject to change.

What is the attitude of the food administration toward "putting down" pork in the home?

It encourages this practice as it will relieve the burden on transportation, save cost of packing, and provide supplies to carry the home over the months of decreased supplies.

Why are lamb and mutton allowed on meatless day according to the new regulations?

Because beef and pork are the meats we especially need to have for the allies.

Why does the food administration emphasize the necessity of raising more cattle and hogs?

Because land devoted to the support of dairy cows and hogs produces more food than any other kind of live stock.

How can we save pork?

By having every Tuesday porkless, and by using pork carefully on other days.

What are pork products?

Pork, ham, bacon, lard, sausage. Do not pork products come under the head of fats as well as meats?

Yes, bacon and ham both have much fat, and lard is a well known fat.

Why is the hog so important at present?

Because it is the most efficient and economical meat and fat producing animal.

Is there a hog shortage in Europe?

Yes; since the war the number of hogs has been decreased very materially.

Have we slaughtered more hogs to meet the demand?

No; in 1917 we produced about 2,600,000,000 pounds less of hog products than in 1916.

Why is beef one of the meats we are asked to save for the allies?

Because it is a concentrated food and keeps well.

Is there a shortage of beef in Europe?

Yes; there has been a large decrease of cattle in Europe since the war began.

Why is it difficult to raise cattle there?

Because of lack of men to tend cattle, insufficient fodder, and no means of growing enough fodder because much land has to be plowed up for grain or other human food.

Why is cattle shortage particularly serious?

Because it means not only less meat but less milk.

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—That the New York cotton exchange, through information furnished by representatives at centers throughout the south, controls prices of spot cotton, was charged Wednesday at the department of agriculture investigation of the trade in progress here.

Sidney V. West of Little Rock, Ark., who made the allegation, declared there is jealousy in the cotton growing states over "the apparent intention of New York, because it is a financial center, to determine prices on those portions of the crop not delivered here or within the proper distribution area which it should serve."

Explaining the frequent wide range in a single day of quotations on cotton for future delivery, witnesses attributed the condition to psychology. A. Walter Johnson, president of the exchange, testified that speculation is controlled by limiting prices permissible in deals. He declared that practically all the business of the organization is in future contracts, controlled by a clearing house association of members.

VERY QUIET YESTERDAY ALONG AMERICAN LINES

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 15.—Lorraine one of our patrols made a successful raid on the enemy's lines and brought back prisoners. Gen. Pershing's night communiqué said "In the Vosges a hostile raiding party was repulsed. With the exception of considerable artillery activity along the Vesle, there is nothing further to report."

Elkhart News

News-Times Special Service.

ELKHART, Ind., Aug. 15.—When street car company employees attempted to arrange trolley wires on E. Jackson st. so that three houses being moved by Hugo Winteroff, a contractor, could be moved east on that street, the wires, carrying 500 volts, came in contact with a Home Telephone company cable, causing damage estimated at \$2,000.

Twelve hundred feet of cable was destroyed and 500 telephones in the eastern part of the city were put out of commission. The service cannot be restored before the latter part of next week, according to H. A. Powe, superintendent of construction of the telephone company.

"The lives of every subscriber was in danger for a few seconds during the time the high tension wire was in contact with the cable," said Mr. Powe Wednesday afternoon. Blame for the accident is placed on the railway employees for failing to shut off the "juicer" before attempting the operation.

SLOW ON W. S. S. PLEDGES.

Residents of Elkhart county are slow in making good their War-Savings stamp pledges and as the result County Chairman Robert E. Proctor has issued a statement to the public, requesting that all pledges be taken care of promptly, thus saving the members of the committee considerable unnecessary work. In many cases, according to Mr. Proctor, July pledges have not been fulfilled.

LOSES LEG UNDER TRAIN.

Auguston Gustafson, 32 years old, an employee of the Wheat Paper company, suffered the loss of his left leg Tuesday when he was run over by a switch engine in the yards of the company. Gustafson had been helping other employees unload a carload of coal when the accident occurred. Gustafson and his wife and three children reside at 1204 Garfield av. Hospital authorities stated Wednesday that the injured man would recover.

TO CLOSE HARDWARE STORE.

John H. Lehman, who has been engaged in the hardware business in this city for the last 18 years, Wednesday announced his intentions of closing out his business and is advertising a closing out sale. Mr. Lehman said he had made no plans for the future, but it is understood that he intends to promote the manufacture of the newly invented traffic posts, a sample of which was installed at Main and Jackson sts. recently.

ELECTED REPRESENTATIVE.

Mrs. W. D. Anderson, wife of W. D. Anderson of the United States safety commission, has been chosen to attend the home service institute of the Red Cross to be held at Indianapolis for six weeks, beginning Sept. 1. She was chosen by the executive committee of the local Red Cross chapter Wednesday.

CONN BAND PICNIC.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the annual picnic of the employees of the Conn Band Instrument factory which will be held at the Conn park on E. Beardsley av. next Saturday. The Conn band, under the direction of James F. Boyer, and assisted by Gardell Simmons of New York, will furnish the music for the event. A big masquerade ball will be held in the evening.

BONDED IN WEDLOCK.

Mrs. Mabel E. Ritter and Harley B. Hall, two well-known Elkhart young people, were married Tuesday evening at the home of the bride's parents by Rev. J. D. Brody of the Lutheran church. They will reside in Elkhart after a month's wedding trip through the east.

WILL ATTEND PARTY.

A large number of members of the Elkhart chapter of the American Red Cross society will go to Mishawaka Thursday to attend a high tea which is to be given by Mrs. Mix of that city for the benefit of the Mishawaka chapter.

WIN VOCAL HONORS.

Miss Florence Neff and Miss Gertrude Ziesel of this city Tuesday evening were awarded first prizes in the soprano and alto contests which were held at Winona lake, according to word received by the parents of the two girls Wednesday.

WANT HOSPITAL.

A petition will be circulated in all townships of Elkhart county in the near future by the Anti-Tuberculosis society, in an attempt to persuade the county commission to allow the building of a tuberculosis sanitarium.

At the present time there are 300 known cases of tuberculosis in Elkhart county, with accommodations for two patients. These patients are now living in tents along the St. Joseph river at the expense of Elkhart township.

APPEAL TO PUBLIC.

In compliance with an order from A. H. Smith, regional director of railroads, rail freight representatives here are urging Elkhart merchants to get in their winter supplies before Oct. 1 in order that the railroads will be able to move war supplies without congestion late in the year.

OSBORN RESTAURANT CLOSES.

The Osborn cafe, the most popular restaurant in this city, closed its doors Wednesday night because of war conditions. F. F. Osborn, owner of the cafe, stated Wednesday that the restrictions of war times makes it impossible to operate a restaurant where foodstuffs can be served at moderate prices.

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