

German Morale Said to be at Low ebb

Submarines, Planes and Pill-boxes Have All Failed to Conquer Alhes

Germany Not at Bay. But at Her Witt's End

Will "Bluff" Reace Terms, Says Writer
Allies Must not Fall into Trap Views of
a Well Known war Correspondent and
Traveller

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Which is the most interesting spot in the world at the present day? Undoubtedly the Headquarters of the All Highest.

What would one not give to be transported there, and to become a silent, invisible listener at the conversations and consultations of the All Highest, Hindenburg, Ludendorff, von Tirpitz, von Kuhlmann, and their wretched "office boy," Dr. Michaelis, who seems to excite even more derision in his own country than he does abroad.

Each one of the All Highest's principal lieutenants has promised to do certain things, and each has failed to land the goods.

Hindenburg and Ludendorff declared they had found an infallible means of making the Western Front impregnable by means of their concrete pill-boxes. Von Tirpitz promised that if the pill-boxes could be held until August he would starve England out by submarines.

Von Kuhlmann undertook, supposing the pill-boxes and the submarines did not come up to expectations, to break up the Allies with his great peace offensive by utilizing the services of the Bolos and Pacifists in all countries.

Each has failed.

The unfortunate German Army, which is the German people, to whom these promises were made, have fought furiously this summer to stem the tide of defeat.

It is giving away no secret to say that the ultimate objective of our series of offensives this summer in the Ypres salient has been to drive the enemy off the Belgian coast and back to the line of the Meuse. We have not yet reached our ultimate objective, but in order to stop us the enemy has been obliged to make colossal sacrifices in men and material.

But in reality it is a small matter if the enemy remains on the Belgian coast this winter, compared with the tremendous results we have obtained above all, from what we have learned and proved.

HUN AT HIS WITS' END
The true inner significance of the

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fighting is this: We have proved that we can break through any system of German defense which they have so far devised.

Trenches have failed, crusted to atoms by our guns, and have been abandoned. The pill-boxes, and have been abandoned. The pill-boxes, under ground cellars, barbed wire, and swamps have failed to stop us, too.

What then remains? How can the Hun save his tottering Empire, or preserve his empty conquests?

These are the all important questions agitating German Headquarters at the present hour. In what a horrible position do the would-be conquerors of Europe find themselves at the approach of the fourth winter of the war?

The truth is they are absolutely at their wits' end, and probably have no settled programme for the future.

Our gallant army can hardly be expected to do more than gain the balance of the high ridge—the Passchendaele Ridge—before winter sets in, unless we have an unexpected spell of fine, dry weather.

When we have won the ridge the Hun is driven down into the low-lying Flanders plain, which in winter becomes an almost impassable swamp. By retreating some four or five miles he can force us to descend into the low, wet ground as well, but the dry ridges are invaluable for our guns and observation posts.

The Hun has undoubtedly it in his power to hang on to his existing line throughout this winter; but how is he going to meet the coming of the spring? Reflect a moment what the British army has accomplished, fighting almost on its own for the last two months.

To a degree our prospects brightened when America threw in her lot, with the cause of freedom. But once more for the third successive year, the brunt of the burden has fallen upon France and England. Alone and unaided we have beaten the Hun and reduced the morale of the German army to the lowest ebb to which it has ever sunk. For the first time to our knowledge a crack German guards division absolutely refused to advance to the attack.

Never have our prospects been more bright than at the present hour. We can look forward with perfect confidence to the future, but we should not look for speedy victory, and we must be prepared for fresh sacrifices and many trying hours.

WE MUST NOT WEAKEN

Remember, we are facing one of the most stubborn and best organized nations of the world. The position of Germany is pitiful, but the state of Prussia was worse during the Seven Years' war, when Frederick the Great was contending against Austrians, French and Russians, single handed. He swore he would fight as long as he had bread and gun powder. There is every reason to believe that the modern German will fight as long as bread and gunpowder remain.

It must not be forgotten that the enemy is still defending his conquests in the hope of retaining some of them. He has not yet reached the stage where he is defending the integrity of his own territory.

There are many who seem to think that once he is forced out of his conquests back on to his own frontier that his spirit of resistance will collapse. I do not think such hopes are justified by the known facts and the character of the race with which we are dealing. We must not weaken in our stride. We must be prepared for a "guerre à l'outrance."

The problem with which we are immediately concerned is this: What will the Hun do on the western front now that he sees clearly for the first time in the war that no system of defence is impregnable against a modern concentration of artillery backed by our superb infantry? He knows also that the American menace is no idle boast, and that next summer over a million fresh

Allies will be on the field. We shall be in a position to deliver our hammer blows at many different points.

It will be impossible for the diminished and demoralized German army to resist a triple attack backed by all the munition plants of the world. We can only hope that he will be foolish enough to hold on to his existing line, in which case he will be faced with the greatest disaster in military history.

But Hindenburg and Ludendorff are not the men to make such a colossal mistake. We cannot reasonably count on their doing so. It is almost certain that the enemy will seek to disengage himself during the early spring just as he did this year, and to slip back to the shorter line covering Antwerp and Brussels, with his left wing thrown back behind the Meuse. He will destroy the country and endeavor to delay and handicap our inevitable offensive by every means in his power.

His game is to gain time, delay our advance by gradual retirements and to seek a compromised peace, not by victories in the field, but by circumstances reacting from the war on the entire world.

I believe the most dangerous period will be hour when he has cleared out of France and the greater part of Belgium, because once again he will endeavor to snatch a compromised peace.

It is just then we shall have to watch our Bolos and pacifists most closely. They will come out from their dugouts and clamor for an acceptance of what may appear reasonable promises and conditions.

Remember, even when the Hun evacuates France and Belgium that he still holds his huge conquests in the Near East and still remains in possession of Alsace and Lorraine. He will offer to strike a bargain in the West by balancing his gains in the Near East.

That is the trap we must avoid falling into. Our only course is to follow him to his new line and strike him once again with every available man and gun until he is so beaten that he cannot hold his gains, whether in the East or the West. That is the only course open to us.

There are other factors it would be dangerous to calculate on, but the significance of which cannot be overlooked. The two events have been the reported mutiny in the German fleet and Von Kuhlmann's declaration about Alsace and Lorraine.

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