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## POSITION OF THE GERMANS REGARDED AS CRITICAL

### The World Watching With Much Interest the Tactical Manoeuvres of the Belligerents -- Allies Expected Soon to Bring About a Quick Change on the Enemy Battlefront -- Closing in on St. Quentin

New York, Sept. 10.—The Associated Press tonight issues the following: The critical military position of the Germans from the region west of Cambrai southward to the St. Gobain Massif and around this strong bastion eastward to the territory north and northeast of Soissons continues to hold the eyes of the world.

For the moment the tactical manoeuvres of the belligerents in Artois and Flanders as well as eastward of Soissons into Champagne, although they still are of the greatest importance, necessarily continue to take second place in interest in those sectors which are filled with momentous possibilities, where a successful move by the Allies may bring a quick change in the entire German battle front, or on the contrary, a determined stand by the enemy with the large reinforcements in material and gun power he is known to have assembled may result for a time at least in a stalemate in the game which is being played by the Allies to crack the German line.

#### Lowlands Become Bogs

The heavy rains of the past few days have turned lowlands throughout the fighting zone into quagmires, but on those sectors of the high ground between Soissons and Cambrai the storms have not kept the British and French armies from moving forward. Nor have they served to lessen the strength of the enemy's resistance.

Near Gouzeaucourt and Havrincourt the British have pressed on a little further toward Cambrai, in the former region after having put down counter-attacks by the Germans who endeavored to re-claim the high ground won by the British in Sunday's fighting. To the south the French from the district west of St. Quentin southward to the western side of the St. Gobain Forest have pushed eastward toward the Oise river, which they are virtually upon all along this front, with their flanks now resting dangerously near both St. Quentin and La Fere.

St. Quentin now stands only a little more than three miles away, while La Fere is so closely encroached upon from the west and outflanked from the north that seemingly it soon must fall.

The manoeuvres of the French have added materially to their programme of turning the St. Gobain forest from the west and also the capture of St. Quentin and the French and Americans who are fighting shoulder to shoulder northeast of Soissons continue to carry out successfully a correlated movement having the conquest of the St. Gobain forest in view and also the outflanking of the German positions to the east.

In their endeavors the Franco-American forces have made some slight progress in the face of the extremely stubborn resistance of the enemy, likewise in the sector east of Soissons the French and Americans have gained additional ground between the Vesle and Aisne rivers.

#### Drawing Near Armentieres

Far to the north the British now are so nearly upon Armentieres that a few more strides forward seemingly will place them in a position to make the one-time cotton spinning centre theirs for the asking. LaBassee also daily is being brought nearer in this general movement which apparently has as its ultimate objective the recapture of Lille, and possibly, the eventual falling back of the German line northward in Belgium. The British air forces continue to harass the Germans in the coastal region of Belgium having again intensively bombed enemy military submarine bases at Bruges, Ostend and Blankenberge.

Field Marshal Haig is highly optimistic of ultimate victory for the Entente. In an order of the day he de-

clares that the dark days have passed never to return again. He says that in four weeks the British troops have made 75,000 Germans prisoner and taken 750 of their guns.

Meantime peace feelers again have been sent broadcast by officials and men prominent in the high political councils of the Central Powers. The essence of their speeches shows pessimism as to the Teutonic allies being able to gain a military victory.

Added to the trouble of the enemy powers, due to the military defeats they have suffered and report internal dissensions, comes the rumor that the jealousy of Bulgaria and Turkey over the divisions of the spoils of war is causing perturbation in Berlin owing to the possibility of an open conflict.

## FRANCE WANTS ONLY SURE AND JUST PEACE

Chicago, Sept. 10.—France is far from being bleached white. Her veins are still full of the red blood of financial resources as well as of courage. She wants no peace that does not mean "reparation, restitution and guarantees," and the restitution must include Alsace-Lorraine.

This is the spirit of France as voiced to the members of the Chicago Association of Commerce by one of France's greatest editors and statesmen, Stephane Joseph Vincent Lauzanne.

"It is true that of our 37,000,000 population 1,000,000 are dead and 1,000,000 crippled, but millions remain," he said. "In September 1914 at the outbreak of the war we had 1,500,000 men in the field and were manufacturing 12,000 shells a day."

"Before the present drive of the Germans this spring we had 2,750,000 in the field and were making 300,000 shells a day. In 1914 there were 25,000 women at work in our manufacturing plants. In 1916, two years later, we had 225,000 women at work and today there are 475,000 of them, nearly half a million."

"Our men have been admirable. Never has their morale been better, never has their fighting spirit flamed forth more ardent and more pure. And, believe me, my friends, it is with the morale, it is with the spirit, as much as with material and with guns, that to-day you win a battle."

M. Lauzanne is editor of Le Matin of Paris, known the world over. When the war broke out, he offered his services to France, was given a commission in the French army, and participated in the fighting around Verdun. He is now a member of the French high commission and is head of the bureau of French information in America.

Another speaker at the Association of Commerce luncheon was Dr. Nicholas Lupu, a Roumanian physician, who is in America in behalf of those of his countrymen who desire to be recognized as actively aligned with the allies in the war. It is their desire, he said, to have congress pass a bill allowing Roumanians in America to organize a legion.

"We do not want to take such men as are working here in necessary occupations," he declared, "but there are many Roumanians from Transylvania in the vicinity of Chicago and elsewhere who are not occupied and whom we want to see fighting for Roumania and for the allies."

## WILL MEET GOMPERS

(Canadian Press direct wire.) London, Sept. 11.—The representatives of all the labor and socialist organizations of the Allied countries have been requested to meet in London this week in a conference called by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, to discuss the views of the Federation on the war and to ascertain the measure of their agreement with the British labor memorandum on war aims.

## TRAINS IN A SMASHUP

(Canadian Press direct wire.) Alliance, Neb., Sept. 11.—Twelve people were killed and eighteen injured when Burlington train number 43 westbound was wrecked seven miles west of here yesterday. The passenger ran head on into a work train, telescoping the first two cars of the passenger train.

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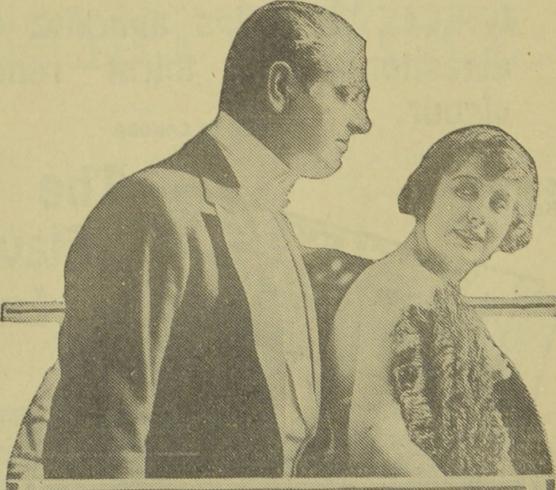
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