

OPERATIONS IN THE WEDGE OF ST. MIHIEL

Paris, April 27—An official eye witness, describing the operations by which the French are menacing the German positions in the wedge of St. Mihiel, says:

"All the Ailly woods, which constituted a strong and well fortified support for the Germans, is now entirely in French hands, conquered for the most part by troops from the center of France, after several days of systematic preparations by a heavy fire from three-inch and 1½ guns and by aerial torpedoes.

"At certain points the Germans had constructed in front of moats twelve yards wide, spiked barriers extending about six feet above the level of the earth, surrounded by barbed wire entanglements which was so intricate as to make them impervious to any tools.

"A concentration of artillery fire opened large breaches in this defence; parapets were sent to the ground and dismembered bodies were blown into the air above the clouds of smoke. The earth was strewn with overturned trees and branches.

"After five hours intense fire, five mines, laid under a parapet adjacent to the principal fort holding the position, exploded, annihilating the

garrison and spread panic in the trenches.

"An attack with fixed bayonets then began in three lines, preceded by a detachment with hand grenades. Engineers followed with little bridges which had been prepared in advance to facilitate the passage over the network of trenches. The order had been given not to stop in any trench, but to pass over and take the enemy in the rear.

"Three lines of trenches were thus cleared of the Germans. Those who sought refuge in the underground shelters perished from suffocation, through the collapse of the entire earthworks.

"Towards three o'clock on April 5, the enemy attempted to counter-attack, supported by a heavy artillery fire, which was neutralized by our batteries. Our attack was renewed the following day and developed into a furious hand to hand struggle with grenades and cold steel in the narrow lines of trenches. The enemy opposed with such resistance that the order was given to evacuate part of the ground that had been gained. This was then bombarded until the enemy was obliged to retire. We then held the three main line trenches of the Ailly woods.

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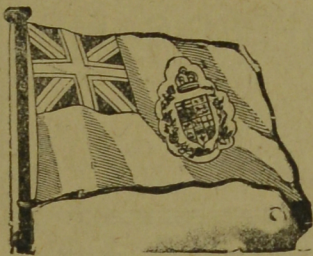
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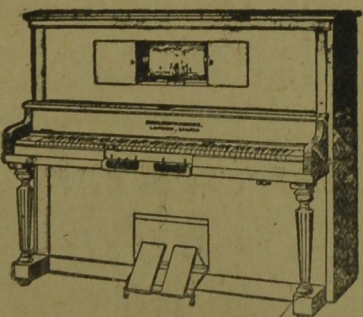
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"The enemy's losses were heavy. We counted two hundred dead on the evening of the 5th and on the evening of the 6th we found the dead piled in three rows.

"During the 7th and 8th we repulsed eight counter-attacks. Of the Ailly woods there remained nothing but a few hacked trunks and not an inch of ground in it that had not been turned up by explosives. In the strange chaos, stones, corpses and a debris of limbs lay around.

"At 5.30 o'clock on April 8th an intense bombardment by the enemy was begun. In ninety minutes upon this corner of the woods, over a front of from 350 to 400 yards deep, twenty thousand shells were fired, including all calibre, from four to eight inches. The entire hill disappeared in a cloud of smoke; all communications were cut during this time and when the fire ceased many men were mentally deranged. They had to be removed and required several days for recovery.

"Again on April 20 and April 11, our attacks were renewed resulting in the gain of the balance of the position in Ailly woods. Six German companies besides the garrison in the fort were annihilated in these 'engagements'."

FIGHTING FOR SALVATION OF THE WORLD

Paris, April 27—Flags were presented to a number of new regiments at the front today by President Poincaré, who has been inspecting the lines along the Oise and the Aisne and in the Argonne district. The President left Paris on Saturday, accompanied by Mr. Millerand, the minister of war, and passed the evening, yesterday and part of today in his tour of inspection. The presentation of the flags was made in the presence of General Joffre and General Dubois, with their staffs. After the ceremony President Poincaré addressed the men of the new regiments as follows:

"Officers and Soldiers:—
"I bring to your new formations the cordial salute of the nation. Recruited at the same time from the regions of the north, the centre and the south, your regiments reflect in their constitution the close solidarity of diverse portions of the country. Composed of young and old they bring together intimately in the same duty and with the same hope of success two generations and show by stirring example that the unity of France is as indestructible in time as it is in space. In the name of this France, indivisible and immortal, I confide to you these flags, which hereafter will be your rallying sign and will soon lead you to victory.

"Keep your eyes fixed on these three colors. They are the emblem of military honor and national independence. They symbolize all that you have today to safeguard or to defend by arms—your native land, still sullied by the impotent rage of an enemy already paralyzed before being defeated; your homes, to which, with glory, you will one day return to your fathers, your mothers, your wives, your children, who, with calm courage, are supplanting you in the works of the field and the shop, and also to those provinces which have been torn from us by violence and which await their liberation; the great past of France, of which you are the worthy heirs, the sacred trust of our traditions and the future of our civilization.

"The splendid army in which you are going to take your place knows that it is fighting for the salvation of France and the liberty of the world. It is a very clear perception of this noble mission which has given it such sturdy faith and such sublime spirit.

"Go, my friends. Increase the number of those heroes and receive here with the best wishes of our general-in-chief, my grateful admiration and the felicitations of the government of the republic."

MORAN PROVES REAL SURPRISE OF BIG LEAGUES

Early season spurts by clubs in each league featured the first full week of play this year in the major circuits.

Philadelphia has made almost a runaway out of it in the National League, while Detroit has played an almost equally impetuous part in the American League. It was only Saturday that the Phillies were stopped in their headlong career, after piling up a record of eight straight victories.

On the other hand the Tigers lost two of the first four games played but made a clean sweep last week, reeling off seven wins in a row and topping the percentage column by so great a margin that the field is almost lost to view.

The performance of Pat Moran's reorganized club has attracted most attention, probably because of the unexpectedness of the thing. Stripped of such stars as Seatoa, Doolan, Lobert and Magee by hostile raids or the working out of trades, the Phillies, strangely enough, have so far looked more like a well balanced ball club than any team that has represented their home city in the National circuit in many years.

ALEXANDER IN LIMELIGHT.

With an outfield whose all round merit is attracting favorable comment and a pitching staff which includes Alexander and the rejuvenated Chalmers, there appears to be no reason why the Quaker City team should not keep well toward the top.

As notable in its way as the record of the Philadelphians is that of the former champion New Yorks. John McGraw's team went through the week without a victory and its record of consecutive defeats has mounted to seven. Not in many seasons have the Giants been so backward in getting a start.

Christy Mathewson, usually relied upon to furnish a string of victories for the Polo Grounds, has lost both his starts. Strangely for him, he has lacked control so far this year, and

the Mathewson of old.

Cincinnati has done excellently in the western end of the circuit, finding St. Louis easy and playing Pittsburgh to a standstill. Chicago, Boston and Pittsburgh are close in the midway contingent of teams, with St. Louis and Brooklyn not far away and the Giants bringing up the rear.

BOSTON RED SOX FALTER.

In the American League the good work of the New Yorks has perhaps, been more noteworthy than anything except the spurt of the Tigers. Nothing pleases the Yankees more than to beat Washington with Walter Jackson in the box and their achievement of this result Saturday has added to it the satisfaction of showing Ray Caldwell in supreme form.

The Bostonians have hardly come up to expectations so far, while the Clevelanders have done better than watchers of the game anticipated. The Chicago White Sox, who got away excellently, failed to keep up the pace during the week, while the decimated Athletics and the St. Louis Browns have been having a hard time getting started at all.

A MEMORY.

Backward, turn backward, O Time, in thy flight,
Make me a boy again just for a night,
Let me seek slumber in comfort arrayed
In an old flannel nightgown like my mother made.

Backward, turn backward, O Time, in thy flight,
Let me forget these pajamas so tight,
These new fangled 'jamas with puckering string;
The old flannel nightgown—ah, that was the thing!

—Brooklyn Eagle.

A RECOLLECTION.

Backward, turn backward, O Time, in thy flight,
Push back the hands of the clock to the night
My dad bought the nighties five sizes too big
That put me in mind of an angel's new rig.

Backward, turn backward, O Time, in thy flight,

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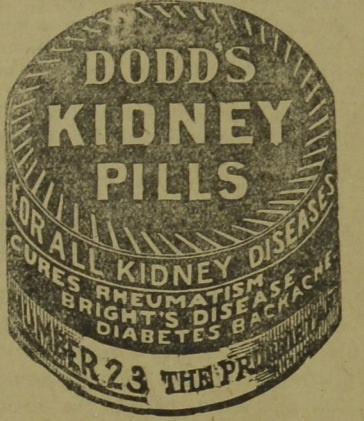
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