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OPEN WARFARE

Military writers in England are very hopeful that the present fighting will develop into open warfare, in which the Allies have invariably defeated the Germans. There have been up to date three great battles in the west, that of Grand Couronne de Nancy, that of the Marne and the first battle of Ypres. In all of these the Allies were victorious. From such experiences it may be argued that with the immensely superior equipment available now, and with the preponderance in numbers, the Anglo-French armies, unless they make some great strategic blunder, are certain to defeat the Germans if fighting can be forced into the open. Both the battles fought on the Marne and in the Ypres region can be classed as decisive in the sense that they altered the course of the war and forced the Germans to seek the shelter of entrenchments. In the same way the battle of the Somme has had decisive results, or at least such as are destined to be permanent, for it forced the Germans to retire from positions they had occupied for two years. The present French offensive seems likely to attain a similar result. It is undoubtedly designed to force a retreat, and if the effectives can be kept up to strength and the supply of ammunition is great enough, there are good reasons for looking for a considerable difference in the alignment of the forces in the west before the summer is well advanced.

The British Army is now at the top of its strength. The organization that has been effected insures its continuing in that condition for many months to come unless it meets with some extremely improbable catastrophe. The French Army is at least as strong as it has been at any time during the war, and we venture to believe that in man-power it is stronger, while in artillery it has infinitely greater power than during the battle of the Marne. The preponderance it enjoys in this respect is shown by the reliance the Germans are placing on machine guns. France's task is not as difficult as it was in the early stages of the war owing to the extent of front that has been

taken over by the British. This is a highly important factor that is often lost sight of by those who attempt to measure the offensive power of Britain's great ally. There are those who believe that owing to the tremendous casualties that will result it will be impossible to drive the Germans back on the Rhine. Military men in high position share this view, but as opposed to it is the undoubted fact that from now on Germany's strength will be on the wane, and conditions of fighting are steadily undergoing an alteration which reduce the number of casualties sustained by an attacking force. In the early stages of the war it was estimated that the army on the offensive lost three men to every one of the enemy. That may have been the case up to the time of the battle of the Somme, but it undoubtedly has not been so since. Britain and France have been losing less troops than Germany in the latest offensives. One indication of this is the large numbers of prisoners that have been taken. The weakening of the German morale is another factor in reducing the number of casualties among the armies now on the offensive. These aspects of war as it is being conducted at present go to show that military critics may be at fault in magnifying the task ahead of the Allies. We hope they are, for if this war is to achieve the results hoped for, it must be fought to a decisive conclusion.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

Differences over Spain's attitude in the war have led to the formation of a new government headed by Premier Prieto. Spain ever since the outbreak of hostilities, has been the seat of a very pronounced German propaganda. There are some 80,000 Germans living there, many of whom were wealthy visitors to the country at the time war broke out and who were compelled to remain through inability to get back to their own country. All have acted in the role of agents for their country, and while their plan is to keep Spain neutral, they have omitted no opportunity of belittling the Allied Powers.

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ago Tribune: "America has no intention of fighting a ladies' war. America is going to fight, and when America gets started, it is going to fight with more originality, more initiative, and more savagery than any nation in the trenches." We hope that Kaiser Bill's correspondence secretary will not prevent him from seeing this paragraph.

Germany's submarine warfare against hospital ships has imposed a new and great task on Britain. It is proposed to find hospital accommodation in France for the wounded, the majority of whom heretofore have been removed to England as soon as they were fit to travel. This means that all the physicians and surgeons of military age in the Old Country are being summoned for service abroad.

The Government realizes that

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Commencing at a post planted one mile south of southeast corner of C. L. 9967; thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to point of commencement. JAMES McNULTY, Austin Brown, agent. March 31, 1917.

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Take notice that Joseph Rowat, of Prince Rupert, B. C., occupation prospector, intends to apply for permission to prospect for coal and petroleum on the west coast of Graham Island, in vicinity of West river.

Commencing from a post planted one mile south of the southwest corner of C. L. 9968; thence south 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains to point of commencement. JOSEPH ROWAT, Austin Brown, agent. March 31, 1917.

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Take notice that John William Goss, of Victoria, B. C., occupation merchant, intends to apply for permission to prospect for coal and petroleum on the west coast of Graham Island, in vicinity of West river.

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Take notice that Roslyn Duke, of Portland, Ore., occupation hotel proprietor, intends to apply for permission to prospect for coal and petroleum on the west coast of Graham Island, in the vicinity of West river.

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March 31, 1917. Austin Brown, agent.

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Take notice that Turner Rothwell Mullen, of Victoria, B. C., occupation merchant, intends to apply for permission to prospect for coal and petroleum on the west coast of Graham Island, in vicinity of West river.

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Take notice that Agnes Brown, of Victoria, B. C., occupation widow, intends to apply for permission to prospect for coal and petroleum on west coast of Graham Island, in vicinity of West river.

Commencing at a post planted two miles south of the southeast corner of C. L. 10038; thence west 80 chains, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 80 chains, to point of commencement. AGNES BROWN, Austin Brown, agent. March 31, 1917.

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Take notice that Edward Pickard, of Los Angeles, occupation engineer, intends to apply for permission to prospect for coal and petroleum on the west coast of Graham Island, in vicinity of West river.

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Take notice that James Ray, of Victoria, B. C., occupation hotel proprietor, intends to apply for permission to prospect for coal and petroleum on the west coast of Graham Island, in vicinity of West river.

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Take notice that Frederick Moersch, of Victoria, B. C., occupation salesman, intends to apply for permission to prospect for coal and petroleum on the west coast of Graham Island, in vicinity of West river.

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