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The Advertised Offensive.

While the world is expecting a tremendous offensive by the Germans somewhere on the Western front and while they have themselves advertised it, the expected sometimes does not take place.

As a general rule, combats between individual men or armies are not fought out according to published schedules and the Germans would be the last to disclose their purposes in advance of action.

The likelihood of an offensive by the allies on the Western front is at least as great as it is of one by the Teutons, unless the latter shall attempt, as has been intimated, another great drive upon Northern Italy.

Meantime, while the speech-making is going on between representatives of the great powers, it is not impossible to think of a continuing condition of comparative inactivity in the great armies.

Except in their initial campaign at the outbreak of the war and in their disastrous attack on Verdun the consistent German policy has been to take the line of least resistance.

The inference of augmented strength to their armies on account of the Russian collapse is susceptible of easy exaggeration and signs are abundant that the Germans are making the most of the facts to spread a terror of themselves.

The German claim is that they are already victorious and, if it be that their larders are to be replenished from the East, it is conceivable that they will be content to hold what they have.

landing of at least a million American soldiers in France before the closing of the present year.

We are not prophesying that there will be no German offensive, but merely saying that its certainty is not to be assumed. It will be undertaken only as a stroke of despair.—The State.

New Food Regulation.

Mixed flours containing less than 50 per cent of wheat flour may be sold without substitutes according to a late ruling of the food administration.

Special rules governing the sales of other mixed flours have been promulgated. Retailers are forbidden to sell mixed flours containing more than 50 per cent of wheat flour to any persons unless the amount of wheat flour substitutes sold is sufficient to make the total amount of such substitutes, including those in mixed flour, equal to the total amount of wheat flour in the mixed flour.

The other exceptions to this basis of purchase, in addition to that of mixed flours containing less than 50 per cent of wheat flour, are those concerning the sale of graham flour and whole wheat flour, which flours may be sold at a ratio of three pounds to five pounds of wheat flour; and a special exception, which may be granted upon application showing the necessity, in case of specially prepared infants' and invalids' food containing flour.

Metal Identification Tags.

To insure prompt identification of enlisted men of the army who may be killed or wounded, a numbered tag system similar to that in the British and French armies has been adopted by the war department.

The new system will be put into effect February 28 and hereafter all men entering the service will be given a numbered tag when enrolled. By this arrangement the department hopes that there will be no possibility of officers not being able to identify soldiers' bodies because of blank tags, such as worn by some of the men who went down on the Tuscania.

About Gardens.

Editor Times: Your article on "gardens" is certainly correct and timely. It will be heeded and the gardens hoed; indeed they will, don't you worry. Since the struggle demands the resources of the nation and the valor of her manhood to forge and wield the tomahawk, the gardens could be turned over to and tilled by the ladies.

The nation is fighting. It's time to get our coats off and use the hoe, if we can't shoot straight or mold the bullets. The sooner we catch the British step, the sooner the war will be over. Reader, Washington, D. C., Feb. 11.

Marriage Last Evening.

An event of much interest throughout this section was the marriage at her home last evening of Miss Hester White, of Lower Fort Mill, and Mr. A. C. Burgess, of Rock Hill. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. R. K. Timmons, of the Fort Mill Presbyterian church, and was witnessed by a large number of the relatives and friends of the contracting parties.

Mrs. Burgess is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. A. Sydney White and is popular throughout this section. For a number of years she has made her home in Rock Hill, where she was head saleslady in the department store of A. Friedheim & Bro., and numbers her friends by the score in that city and section. Mr. Burgess was also connected with the Friedheim store for a number of years, but is now with the wholesale concern of Blankenship & Johnson, of Rock Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Burgess will make their home in Rock Hill.

For Your Scrap Book.

Here are some statistics from a pamphlet published by the Bankers' Trust company and elaborated upon by Dr. Frank Crane. We do not expect any one to assimilate them quickly, but it a good "piece" for the scrap book:

1. What nations are at war? The Entente allies on the one side, and the Teutonic allies on the other.

2. Name the Entente allies. Great Britain (including her colonies—Canada, Newfoundland, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa), France, Italy, Japan, China, Siam, Portugal, the United States, Russia and a few other minor countries.

3. Name the Teutonic allies. Germany, Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria.

4. What are the land areas of the two forces? The Entente 19,526,000 square miles, and the Teutonic 1,222,000.

5. Population. The Entente 473,250,000 and the Teutonic 147,000,000.

6. What per cent of the total land area involved belongs to the Entente allies? 94.1 per cent. To the Teutonic allies? 5.9 per cent.

7. What per cent of the population involved? Entente 76.3 per cent. Teutonic 23.7 per cent.

8. What is the strength of the army and navy of each side? The Entente allies have 21,400,000 fighting men and their opponents 11,000,000; that is, 66 per cent of the total armies are Entente and 34 per cent Teutonic.

9. What is the total man power on each side? Entente, 91,700,000; Teutonic, 25,050,000, or 78.5 per cent against 21.5 per cent.

10. What is the difference in national wealth? That of the Entente allies is \$553,000,000,000, of the Teutonic \$134,000,000,000.

11. War debt? Total national debts of the Entente, \$83,960,000,000, or 14.7 per cent of their wealth; of the Teutonic, \$38,500,000,000, or 28.7 per cent of their wealth.

12. Total income? Entente, \$82,100,000,000; Teutonic, \$16,600,000,000.

13. What has the world war cost so far? Estimated in July, 1917, cost in money to the Entente allies, \$70,200,000,000, to the Teutonic, \$109,500,000,000. Cost in men killed, wounded and missing, to the Entente, 8,992,956; to the Teutonic, 6,301,773; total on both sides, 15,214,729.

14. Note that the combined debt of the Entente allies is 14.7 per cent of their wealth, while that of the Teutonic allies is 28.7 per cent of their wealth.

15. Since the war began the Entente allies have lost about 9 per cent of their original man power, and the Teutonic allies have lost 20 per cent. The Entente allies have spent 12 per cent of their wealth, the Teutonic 29 per cent.

16. Japan has an army of 1,500,000 men and a man power of 10,500,000, which may be reckoned as a reserve force. Russia had 5,000,000 men in the army and a man power of 30,000,000, but is an uncertain quality at present.

17. As Russia drops out, however, the United States of America comes in, having 22,000,000 men to draw upon, \$225,000,000,000 in wealth, and a national income of \$40,000,000,000.

18. Against all the men and money advantages of the Entente, however, Germany had the advantage of being thoroughly prepared, organized and unified. The entente has done most of its preparing since the war broke out. It is safe to say Germany would have triumphed quickly if it had not been for the British fleet. It alone was ready.

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