

### GERMAN LOSSES ARE HIGH IN CHAMPAGNE

French Declare They Took Eleven Thousand Dead from Trenches Won in Twenty Days.

### HAVE PLENTY OF ARTILLERY

CHALONS, SUR MARNE, France, March 29.—Eleven thousand German dead have been taken from the trenches won by the French during twenty days' fighting in the Champagne country. The German losses, including prisoners and wounded, are estimated at 50,000. The German wastage, they say, has been two to one compared with the French losses, because the Germans would try to regain lost ground by counter-attacks, repeated again and again with obstinate courage.

It was in these counter assaults, supported by relatively inadequate artillery and what the French officers assert was inadequate morale, against the allied troops, that so many German soldiers have fallen. The graves in which they are buried by fifties and hundreds are thick upon a narrow front of some fifteen miles.

### Daily Gain Ground.

For nearly a month now the French, the officers declare, by the superiority of their artillery of both large and small caliber and by a certain irresistible spirit, have day by day gained ground, sometimes a few hundred yards of trenches; on other days a mile of frontage and from three to five hundred yards deep.

The Germans are bringing up new contingents steadily. They have had in action on this section of the fighting lines during March five army corps, or about 300,000 men. Yet on the evening of every day the French officers assert that the French have held somewhat more of the field than they did the evening before.

The Associated Press correspondent has been over the ground and found that this is what has taken place: The French artillery, numerous and concentrated, at times subdues the German guns and tears up parts of the German trenches by sustained shell fire. Then, at a moment signalled by telephone, the guns cease and the men in the trenches, with reserves crowded into the approaches, jump out and make a quick run for the trenches opposite. Then body to body fighting finishes the attack.

Meantime a barrier of bursting shells behind the German front line prevents

reserves from coming up. This is continued until the captured trenches are put into condition to resist assaults. These assaults sometimes are unsuccessful, but the results from day to day apparently have been gains for the French.

The correspondent has been able to see for himself the ground gained by the French and to compare the positions occupied months ago with those held today.

### Use Much Artillery.

The French commanders, who find the courage and confidence of their troops mounting with each success, express the opinion that the Germans have been somewhat disheartened by feeling that French attacks are successful and that their counter attacks, delivered with admirable pluck, under the circumstances have been useless.

The French are employing such quantities of artillery, newly constructed and of heavy field caliber, that they are able to combine and concentrate the fire in a way not seen before in this war. The French officers say their guns can dominate the adversary's positions at any time or place.

During the twenty days' advance in the Champagne region the French have used 1,500,000 projectiles against places occupied by the Germans. All along this front one heard narratives of deeds of individual soldiers and of officers. There was the incident of Vandal, a mortar gunner. He was badly wounded at the same time as one of his fellow gunners, Jacques. To a comrade, who was trying to bandage his wound, Vandal said: "I feel that I am dying. Save Jacques."

Then to a lieutenant, who was arranging to have him taken to the rear, while an enemy aeroplane flew overhead, Vandal said:

"Do not trouble about me. Do not let them see the battery. Vive la France!"

The next moment Vandal was dead. Private Galecki, who was the talk of his company on March 7 and 8 because of his audacity and coolness in the storming of the trenches, fell on March 9 in an assault upon Fortin Hill. When "kicked up," Galecki asked:

"Did you carry the Fortin Hill?"

"Yes, we took it," was the reply, and Galecki smiled and died on the stretcher. Lieutenant Boercheville fell mortally wounded in the head near a German trench, but continued to call out strongly to his men: "On! On! Your duty; your duty!"

Lieutenant Hernal de la Villemarue was fatally wounded in a trench under a violent enfilading machine gun fire. He shouted to the chief of his battalion: "Goodby; I am dying. It is for France!" General Joffre, the French commander-in-chief, has reviewed by brigade and division the troops taking part in the Champagne fighting. One of the parades—that of a division—was upon a stretch of fields at a cross road called Noireuil, or Black Spot. Fifteen thousand men, infantry, artillery and cavalry, who have been dismounted to fight in the trenches, were assembled there.

Standing in front of each solidly

massed battalion were the one or two or three men who were to be decorated with the Cross of the Legion of Honor, or the more precious Military Medal, which many a general may not gain. The only spectators were the military attaches with the French army and five civilians.

Sixty-four buglers sounded the salute and General Joffre came upon the field. He had a word or two with the commanding general. Then he walked along the lines and shook hands with each of the thirty men to be decorated and pinned the cross or medal upon his breast.

### Kills Six Germans.

One of the men, Mathieu Jouy, had been a sentry at the entrance of a cut leading to the main line of trenches. He fired upon Germans creeping up to a surprise attack and killed six of them, but was wounded in the arm by a bayonet thrust of the seventh German, whom he killed, and was slashed on the head by the sabre of a German officer, whom he also killed. Jouy then retreated and let his comrades, who had been aroused by the shots, repeat the attack. He won the military medal.

Georges Bastard was twice wounded during a night charge, but sang the "Marseillaise" to encourage his comrades, his clear, tenor voice rising above the shots and the clanging of arms.

General Joffre, after attaching the military medal to the breast of a youth, a private soldier whose name was not ascertained, put his arms around him and kissed him on both cheeks and then passed on. The boy remained strictly at "attention," but tears were slowly falling from his eyes when the touching ceremony ended.

### Collie Keen Sentinel.

Going on three legs behind one of the battalions, was a collie dog, wounded in one leg. He had been in every charge and a keen sentinel on night duty.

The review finished with two regiments of cavalry passing at full gallop before General Joffre, thirty trumpeters sounding the charge and the general standing at salute. General Joffre himself seemed in perfect health. He was very tranquil in bearing and smiled pleasantly in conversation.

The men in the army are beginning to look upon him as the most eminent soldier France has had since Napoleon. Qualities most frequently attributed to him along the front are his will and judgment.

### REMOVE TELEPHONE POLES ALONG SIXTEENTH STREET

The telephone company has just completed an extension of its underground system along Sixteenth street, Cass to Cummins streets, which improvement will result in the removal of unsightly poles. The electric light company has completed a similar improvement along Farnam street. Twentieth to Twenty-eighth streets. Poles are being removed along a portion of North Twenty-fourth street.

### HIGHLY CHARGED WIRE KILLS THREE

Broken Circuit Near Los Angeles Makes Trap that Nearly Wipes Out an Entire Family.

### CHILDREN ARE BARELY SAVED

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 29.—When Cornelius Valkhoff went out to his rabbit hutch today to procure a hare for a birthday dinner he stepped into a water puddle as he touched the latch of the hutch gate and fell dead. An electric cable leading to a nearby crematory had broken during the night and turned its 2,300 volt current into the wire fence surrounding the hutch. Later two others were killed and three injured.

Mrs. Valkhoff saw her husband writhe and fall in a contorted heap, and rushed out to aid him. She stepped into the puddle as she touched his hand, and fell across his body dead.

Harris Skinner, who occupied half of the Valkhoff dwelling, was the next to invade the fatal short circuit, bent on rendering aid, and he, too, fell dead.

The shrieks of Valkhoff's children, Anna and Agnes, who were uncomprehending witnesses of the tragedy, attracted A. T. Slaten, a policeman. Slaten entered the back yard just as the girls sped toward the deadly water puddle, and snatching their hair brims, he jerked them back to safety. In doing so, however, he came into contact with the charged fence wire, and was thrown twenty feet.

Mrs. Skinner and another neighbor, Miss Anna Mauch, were next to enter the yard. They also came into slight contact with the fence wire and were seriously injured by the resultant shock.

Slaten managed to get to a telephone and notified the electric company, which shut off the current. Then the dead were removed. The hares in the hutch were unhurt.

### Put Play Apparatus in Eight City Parks

Superintendent J. B. Hummel of the parks and boulevards has started work installing play apparatus in eight parks. Each of the parks will have a set of flying rings, trapeze and vaulting standards. He is also starting on a new prinkling system in Miller park. The municipal bathing house at Carter lake will be enlarged during the spring.

### FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT DOWN IN SUBMARINE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 29.—Taking advantage of a stopover on the way to San Diego, Franklin D. Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the navy, boarded the submarine K-7 at San Pedro today and explored the harbor bottom, sixty feet under water for a half an hour. He was accompanied on the submarine trip by Livingston Davis of Boston, and Owen Winston of New York. The party then boarded the destroyer Paul Jones, which took them to San Diego.

### THOUSAND DOLLARS LOSS FROM BLAZE AT MIDNIGHT

Fire at one minute after midnight at 810 North Forty-first avenue did \$1,000 damage to the frame residence owned by Miss Helen Higgins and occupied by Thomas G. Deagan. The blaze started in a stairway where clothing was hanging.

### JONES JAILED FOR THEFT OF A FEW LUMPS OF COAL

William Jones, Seventh and Davenport streets, was arrested by Officer Pease of the Union Pacific for the theft of coal valued at 75 cents taken from a car at Seventh and Davenport streets. For this offense Jones was sentenced to thirty days in the county jail.

### COUNCIL RECOMMENDS AUDITORIUM ORDINANCE

The city council committee of the whole has recommended for passage Tuesday morning the Auditorium bond ordinance in the sum of \$150,000. It is proposed to submit this proposition on May 4.

Could Not Walk With Rheumatism. A satisfied patient writes: "Sloan's Liniment cured my rheumatism, an awful ailment. I can now walk without pain." Only 25c. All druggists.—Advertisement.

### MANY JOIN KOUNTZE CHURCH

Confirmation Class of 165 is Taken Into Membership by the Organization on Palm Sunday.

### RESIDENT MEMBERSHIP IS 1,745

Confirmation exercises at Kountze Memorial Lutheran church on Palm Sunday morning added a class of 165 to the membership of the church. A most striking feature of the affair was the fact that all but about twenty-five were over 16 years of age, and almost half of the big class were men. The class received a five months' course of instruction from the pastor, Rev. O. D. Baltzy, before being confirmed.

A grandfather, his daughter, who is the mother of a family, and his youngest son, were among those received into the church during the impressive service.

A total of 1,181 men, women and children have been taken into the church by Rev. Dr. Baltzy since he assumed the duties of the pastorate less than four years ago. He now has a class of seventy-four adults just completing a short confirmation course, who will be received into the church Wednesday evening. Including this week's 230 new members, the total resident membership of the church will be 1,745.

Rev. Dr. Baltzy's church is one of those which will not suspend their regular services when Billy Sunday comes to Omaha, as the pastor believes in evangelization all the time, instead of just during revivals. The large choir of the Kountze Memorial church sang special music for the Palm Sunday confirmation, including "The Palms," and "From the Deep I Called."

At St. Mark's Lutheran church, the pastor, Rev. Dr. L. Groh, confirmed a large class and received new members into the church. The church was beautifully decorated with palms and other

plants and flowers and the choir rendered special music for the occasion.

Investors with money read the Real Estate ads in The Bee. Advertise your property for a quick sale.

### BECK GETS CONTRACT FOR BUILDING NEW HOTEL

Alex Beck has been awarded the contract for the construction of the new hotel building at Sixteenth and Davenport, to be built by real estate interests and operated on a lease by Major E. E. Stericker and Walter J. Jardine. Stericker and Jardine are proprietors of the St. James hotel. While the amount of the contract is not made public, it is understood that this to be a \$100,000 building.

### Overnight Relief For Constipation

When the bowels become clogged with a mass of poisonous stomach waste, sick headache with all its attendant misery, belching of sour stomach gases, bloating and general discomfort are sure to follow.

A mild, pleasant laxative- tonic that will carry off the congested mass without upsetting the stomach or griping the bowels, is the combination of simple laxative herbs with peppermint sold in drug stores under the name of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin. A dose taken just before retiring will afford grateful relief next morning without unpleasantness or discomfort.

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is the ideal family remedy, especially for the women and children and old folks. A free trial bottle can be obtained by writing to Dr. W. B. Caldwell, 625 Washington St., Monticello, Ill.

A HOST OF SPLENDID BARGAINS IN EASTER WEEK SALES.

## \$1800 Men's Spring Suits \$1800

With Extra Pair of Trousers To Match

Think of it, a high class splendidly tailored suit in fine blue or gray serges, Tartan plaids, checks or stripes—up to the minute styles and colorings. Coats are the soft roll conservative English models so popular this season. Act quickly if you want one of the best suit bargains ever.

Real Economies You Cannot Afford to Miss. Don't Miss Wednesday's Big Sale. Watch Papers.

# HAYDEN'S

Splendid New Offerings Every Day This Week. Watch for Wednesday's Big Sale, Domestic Room.

### Buy the New Easter Suit or Dress Tuesday

Some of the most remarkable suit and dress bargain offerings shown in Omaha in years will be here for selection.

\$22.50 to \$27.00 Tailored \$17.50 Suits at...

A big shipment just received, all new, snappy styles in Poplins, Gabardines, Men's Wear Serges, check and stripe suitings, etc., a wonderful lot of bargains. at sale price...\$17.50

Domestic Room  
Curtain Madras, 12 1/2c quality, new colored edge designs, here at, yard...7 1/2c  
Shirting Madras Cloth, white grounds, printed stripes and figures, here at, yard...7 1/2c  
Challé De Laine, 29 inches wide, in dainty border effects, the 12 1/2c fabric here at, yard...7 1/2c  
Zephyr Gingham, new spring styles, the fast color checks and stripes—regular 10c goods at, yard...7 1/2c

Silk Dresses, made to sell at \$15.00, \$6.95 choice...  
In Crepe de Chine, Silk Taffetas and Poplins, all colors and sizes, newest styles, at...\$6.95  
New Spring Coats, ladies' and misses', special Tuesday...\$7.95  
\$2.50 Silk Underskirts...\$1.50

### In the Daylight Silk Dept.

Cheney's Shower-Proof Foulards in small and medium size designs, 85c and \$1 yard values, 50 pieces, on sale Tuesday, yard...58c  
Beautiful 36-in. Colonial Silks, white grounds with dainty colored figures, just the thing for coat linings and combinations, yard...98c

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### Linens and White Goods

All-Linen Table Cloths, Irish Satin Damask, 68x68 ins., finished patterns, \$2.50 value, each...\$1.95  
All-Linen Hemstitched Breakfast Cloths, size 54x56, \$1.50 value, each...\$1.00  
Bath Towels, extra heavy and absorbent, double and twisted loop, blue or red borders, 35c values, each...25c  
White Gabardine, the newest of suiting fabrics, wool finish, 36 ins. wide, here at, yard...45c  
White Embroidered 40-in. Dot Swiss; this extra wide fabric, three sizes of embroidered dots, at, yard...25c  
White Flaxon in Madras styles, checks and stripes, the fine 35c goods, now on sale at, yard...25c

### \$1 Wool Dress Goods 75c

40 pieces of All-Wool French Crepe and fine Serges, in all new colorings and black, great bargains for Tuesday, at, yard...75c  
\$1 Wool Check Suitings, 68c 44-in. All-Wool black and white check suitings, in 3 sizes, medium weight, at, yard...68c

### Embroideries

A big special lot of regular 10c to 20c values, slightly soiled, to close, Tuesday, at, yard...5c  
All are new patterns; an unusually choice lot.

### Easter Specials

A special showing of New Communion Veils, at 39c, 59c, 98c and...\$1.19  
Hand Bags, 49c, \$1, \$2  
15c Linen Handkerchiefs, at...7 1/2c  
50c Neckwear, at...25c

### 41 Lb. Sack Best High Grade Flour, \$1.85

Nothing finer for Bread, Pies or Cakes. Make your own bread, etc.—110c per 50 lbs.

1 lb. New York Buckwheat Flour for 10c  
1 lb. best Granulated Sugar \$1.00  
1 lb. best rolled White Breakfast Oatmeal...50c  
1 lb. best Yellow Cornmeal...19c  
10 bars Best-Em-All, Diamond C. Laundry Soap...25c  
4 cans Oil or Mustard...25c  
4 lbs. best Handy Picked Navy Beans for 25c  
4 lbs. fancy Japan Rice, 10c quality, for 25c  
The best Domestic Macaroni, Vermicelli or Spaghetti, pkg...75c  
2-lb. cans fancy Sweet Sugar Corn for 75c  
2-lb. cans Early June Sugar Wax String, Green or Lima Beans...75c  
3-lb. cans Golden Pumpkin, Hominy Sauer Kraut or Baked Beans...75c  
2-lb. cans Folk's Best Solid Packed Tomatoes...85c  
A dozen best...85c  
White, pkg...75c  
The best Bulk Queen Olives, at 35c

Large bottles Worcester Sauce, Pure Tomato Catsup, Pickles—assorted kinds, or Prepared Mustard...85c  
Macaroni, Prepared Butter, lb...85c  
E. C. Corn Flakes, pkg...50c  
Golden Santitas, pkg...10c  
Golden Santitas, pkg...10c  
Hershey's Breakfast Cocoa, lb...25c  
The best Tea Siftings, lb...19c  
A Carload of Extra Fancy Michigan Havel oranges on Sale Tuesday

The Highland navel is the finest tree ripened fruit in California. It has no equal for quality and flavor. Tuesday, 200 size, per dozen...15c  
Tuesday, 174 size, per dozen...10c  
Tuesday, 100 size, per dozen...9c  
Tuesday, 126 size, per dozen...25c  
Per box, any size...\$2.25

### THE BEST STRICTLY FRESH NO. 1 EGGS, per dozen...25c

The Best Creamery Butter, carton or bulk, per lb...30c  
The best Country Creamery Butter, per lb...25c  
Fancy Dairy Table Butter, lb...25c  
Good Dairy Table Butter, lb...25c  
Fancy Block Swiss Cheese, lb...25c  
Full Cream White or Colored Cheese, per lb...20c  
Imported Roquefort or Swiss Cheese, per lb...40c

### Furnishing Goods SPECIALS

Every Item a Remarkable Bargain.

Women's Bungalow or Empire Aprons, 50c quality, union made, good assortment, at...35c  
Children's 15c Knit Undershirts, all sizes 2 to 12 years, all guaranteed perfect, at 9c  
Men's Socks, 10c qualities, in grey or blue mixed, all perfect, at...9 pairs for 25c  
Men's Chamber Work Shirts, all sizes 14 to 18, all perfect, 35c; or 3 for...\$1.00  
Men's 10c Handkerchiefs, white or colors, on sale, at 6 for...25c

## Is It Justifiable—Britain's Ban on Trade With Germany?

A grave complication which may have far-reaching consequences for this country and which is already costing much anxiety and money, has arisen through Britain's action in banning all neutral commerce to Germany. Every shade of public opinion regarding our duty at this juncture, which has no parallel in international law, is reflected in THE LITERARY DIGEST for March 27th.

Thoughtful Americans will do well to read the DIGEST very carefully this week. From no other source can the reader get such a complete knowledge of how this country stands on this question and what steps are favored.

### What the Liquor Press Thinks of the Prohibition Wave

That there is a mighty flood of prohibition sentiment gaining volume in the United States is admitted by the attitude of the liquor press, which is accurately and vividly shown from every angle in this week's DIGEST.

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