

BIG RESERVE ARMY OF FRANCE A MYTH

British Observer Says Republic Has No Great Reserve Force in Background to Harl at Foe.

ALL CORPS ARE IN THE FIGHT

LONDON, April 3.—The official observer with the French army in his latest report says: "There is an idea in many circles that France has a number of army corps or divisions somewhere in the background ready to be thrown into the fighting when the great day of victory is at hand. This idea should be dismissed. All the army corps of France are fighting and its reserves will enable them to keep fighting, and fighting hard, so long as the war continues."

Makes Comparison.
The observer compares the results achieved by the French offensive in Champagne with the objects with which the operations were undertaken. The objects, he says, were to keep a constant pressure on the German first line defenses in order to affect the use by the Germans of the railway from Bazancourt to Chalons and to wear down their reserves of men and ammunition.

Taking Up of Reserves.
"The using up of his reserves has been achieved in a very marked manner. At the beginning of the operation there were some eighteen regiments in that part of the line. At its conclusion thirty-three have been called up to withstand the French offensive were drawn from many parts of the German line, which indicates that the enemy has no central reserves that he can call up in case of an emergency."

Valuable Lessons Learned.
"Two valuable lessons therefore have been learned from these operations. The first is that the German front can be pierced. There were moments in Champagne and Neuve Chapelle, when the way was open when nothing more formidable than the weak resistance of sorely tried troops faced the attackers and it does not follow because the hole was closed before advantage could be taken of it that this will be the case every time."

Inspection by Joffre.
Speaking of the inspection by General Joffre, the French commander-in-chief, of several divisions which had been through the whole of the fighting, the observer says:
"We must not forget that these regiments have had to be brought up to strength, some in the morning, others after each of their attacks, of which they carried out several during the last thirty days. What we really are looking at is the French system of reinforcements and the system which keeps army corps not only up to their strength, but up to their full standard of fighting efficiency. It is one which plainly is answering well."

Finds Wife Dead By Gas on Return Home from Work

When John H. Pettibone, 36 South Thirtieth street, a clerk in the Lewis pharmacy, 318 Parkman street, went to his work at 7 o'clock Monday morning, his wife, Luella, was not feeling well, though her illness was not serious. When he returned for lunch at noon, he found her lying on the floor in the kitchen, dead. Four burners of the gas range were turned on. The doors and windows were closed and fumes of escaping gas filled the room.
The city pulmoner was brought into use, but without results, it being apparent that the woman had been dead for hours.
Mrs. Pettibone left a note in which she had written: "Don't bury me for three days to make sure that I am dead." The body was turned over to the coroner.
It is asserted that Mrs. Pettibone Friday told Mrs. L. Kester, a next-door neighbor, that on account of her poor health, she had a notion to kill herself.

WAR OFFICE REPORTS

GERMANY.
BERLIN, April 3.—(By Wireless to Fayette, N. Y.)—German army headquarters today gave out a report on the progress of hostilities, reading:
"The Belgian attempt yesterday to win back Klosterebosch farm which the Germans occupied March 2, resulted in failure."
"A French charge in the forest of Le Pretre was not successful."
"A French attack on the heights south of Nieder Asbach, west of Muelhausen, was repulsed."
"Making of importance has occurred on the eastern front."
FRANCE.
PARIS, April 3.—(By Wireless to London)—The war office made the following announcement this afternoon:
"In the region of the Somme, La Boisselle and Dompreire, mining warfare continued, with noticeable advantage for the French. The total number of prisoners taken at the Forest of Leprieux, northwest of Pont-A-Mousson, March 29 to April 1, is more than 200, including six officers."
"A German aeroplane was brought down yesterday, after dropping bombs on Rheims. When fired on it immediately came to earth. The two aviators, who were unhurt, were taken prisoners."

Manufacturers of U. S. Urged to Begin Trade War on Lion

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Brandeis Stores

Great Spring Sale of Linoleum and Floor Oil Cloth, Offering Two Carloads, Begins Monday

Because of the enormous quantity to be on sale we shall sell these stocks on the second floor of the "Boston Store" building. Additional and efficient help will be supplied. Ample room for the display of all goods will be provided.

Take elevator in the men's clothing department; get off at the second floor

Black and White Checks
Black and white checks in the various sized checks that are most popular this spring, at very special prices for Monday.

36-inch a yd. 39c 40-inch a yd. 50c 52-inch a yd. \$1.35

Half Price Sale of American Beauty Pack'gs
These packages—the well-known American Beauty brand contain:
—Baby Bonnets —Scarfs
—Centers —Work Bags
—Neckwear —Combinations

25c Packages Monday, 12½c
50c Packages Monday, 25c
75c Packages Monday, 37½c
\$1.00 Packages Monday, 50c

Art Needlework Specials
Mercerized Godeffroy Crochet Cotton—White and cream, Regular 10c and 15c values, Monday, a spool, 7c
Waste Paper Baskets—White straw trimmed with blue, red and green. Regular 60c quality. Sale price, each, 25c
Stamped Pillow Cases—Neat designs; some hemmed, others stamped scalloped edges. Values to 60c. A pair, 19c
Stamped and Tinted Sofa Pillow Tops—With backs, floral and conventional designs. Regular 25c quality. Each, 15c
Free Lessons every day in Embroidering and crocheting; many new and exclusive designs. Lessons from 8:30 to 5:30.

Annual Cedar Chest Sale
This event will begin Wednesday and it will be well worth waiting for. Cedar chests and matting boxes at prices unusually attractive. More than a carload of chests will be on sale. Qualities are notably worthy.

Bed Sets, Damask Towels, etc. Are Underprice
Just fifty fine imported Marseilles bed sets, consisting of one scalloped and cut-corner spread, with bolster to match; \$6 value. Monday while they last, the set, \$4.50.

Twenty-five pieces of a fine quality imported mercerized damask. The patterns are copied from much higher priced linens. 72-inches wide and regular 69c quality; Monday special, yard, 47c
One thousand towels, consisting of full bleached Turkish towels and fancy border buck towels; hemmed ends and ready for use; values up to 13c, Monday choice, at 8c
Table padding, 54-inches wide, the heavy fleeced kind; will protect the table; 29c quality, Monday, a yard, 19c
All- linen Crash—Full bleached; soft and absorbent. With fancy borders. Worth 16c. Special, 12½c a yard
Full Bleached Bed Spreads—Crotch kind, hemmed ends. All pretty patterns. Regular \$1.75 values. Each \$1.19

Linoleum for 49c
PRINTED LINOLEUM—12 ft. wide; a regular 75c quality; this sale, square yard 49c

Linoleum Remnants 29c
LINOLEUM REMNANTS in patterns large enough for the average room—some of these pieces are slightly misprinted, but quality is in no way impaired. Worth to 75c, this sale, a square yard 29c

Inlaid Linoleum at 98c
GENUINE INLAID LINOLEUM—Full pieces, 6-ft. wide; worth to \$1.50, per yard 98c

Linoleum for 39c
PRINTED LINOLEUM—12 ft. and 6 ft. wide; a 65c quality; this sale, square yard 39c

Floor Oilcloth at 25c
ALL FLOOR OILCLOTH—There are hundreds of yards in this lot; all 6 feet wide, in different patterns. Quality that usually is sold at 40c a yard. In this sale Monday, very special, a square yard 25c

Inlaid Linoleum at 79c
GENUINE INLAID LINOLEUM—Full pieces, 6 ft. wide; worth to \$1.25; square yd. 79c

Coming at the season when thoughts are on home furnishing this sale offers opportunity most timely to supply needs that the future will require. Inspection of the offerings will at once convince you of their quality and their desirability

New Spring Tailored Suits at \$25 and \$35

These beautiful suits comply gracefully to the rule of simplicity and distinctively "tailored effects." Also the more elaborately trimmed ones make them somewhat more dressy, and the wonderful assortment of models accomplish a showing very interesting.

—English tweeds, gabardines, poplins, serges, silk poplins, faille silk and like spring materials in green, sand, putty, navy, Belgian blue, gray, etc.

Special Sale Monday of Smart Coats for Spring Wear at \$10

A large and very attractive selection of misses' and women's top coats, in a large variety of styles and models, at this small price for Monday, only \$10.00.

—New flaring Cosack models, large, wide belted effects, nobby large collar and cuffs. The prettiest combinations and popular materials, such as serges, poplins, checks, gabardines, fancy worsteds, etc. There are coats for every occasion.



Purchase of Silk Dresses On Sale Monday for \$10

This lot was closed out by the manufacturer at a price so low that we can offer them at this price—a fraction of their true value. Everyone is a late spring model; everyone is tailored and finished with the greatest care.

—Suitable models for theater, afternoon, dancing and street wear, of chiffon taffeta, crepe meteor, crepe de chine, pussy willow, mannish serges, wool crepes, etc. In all the good spring colorings.

Skirts Worth to \$10 Offered on Monday for \$5

A manufacturer sold us 200 fine skirts, including a great many of his show room samples. The price we paid was very much under their value, so we can offer them in this sale for considerably less than they really should bring.

—New pleated models, some full box pleated, cluster pleated, shirred yokes, spiral modes, etc., in taffetas, serges, poplins, white serges, gabardines, etc. Many good black and white checks.

Domestic Specials Monday

40-inch Fine Fancy Printed Voile, 15 yds. Lengths to 15 yds. Values to 25c. 12½c

32-inch White Plisse Crepe—Genue fine pebble weave; soft permanent finish, for underwear. 15c value, a yard, 10c

A yard Genuine Lorraine Egyptian Tissues—Every yard stamped. Neck checks and stripes. 15c

Worth 25c, yard, 15c

Fine Quality Dress Gingham—Genue "Utility" brand. This season's choicest designs. Regular price 10c, Monday, off the bolt, 8c

Full Standard Apron Gingham—Best quality, compares with Amoskeag, Fearless and Lancaster brands. Full indigo dye; all size checks. 7c, Monday, a yard, 4c

36-inch White Plisse Crepe—Genue fine pebble weave; soft permanent finish, for underwear. 15c value, a yard, 10c

32-inch White Plisse Crepe—Genue fine pebble weave; soft permanent finish, for underwear. 15c value, a yard, 10c

36-inch Dress Percale—Light and dark grounds. Best quality 64x64 cloth. Regular 10c value, a yard, 7c

Jiffy House Dresses Have Many Points of Unusual Excellence.

1—They are self-adjusting by means of a belt or girde which is automatic and is glove-like fitting.

2—They adapt themselves to various size hips and waists without altering.

3—They may be reversed by simply pushing the outer button in and the inner button out through slots located at each button.

Special Demonstration This Week.

New W'sh Goods Special Monday

(Selling on Main Floor)

Colored Embroidered Silk and Cot-Crepe de Chine—In white and tinted grounds. 36 inches wide. \$1.00 a yard

Beautiful Quality Colored Embroidered Splash Voile—Two-tone effects—Very new for blouses and dresses. 38 inches wide. Special, \$1.25 a yard

Finest Quality French Brocaded Silks and Cotton Crepe—Belgian blue, navy, lavender, purple, pink, sand, brass, rose and battle-ship gray. 42 inches wide. Regular price \$1.50. Sale price 69c a yard

Colored Novelties—An endless variety of all this season's printings, such as Splash Crepes, Seed Voiles, Tissue Filet, Organdie, Satin Voile, etc. 36 and 40 inches wide. Special Monday, 35c a yard

Imported Chiffon Lisse—Best woven fabric made. Dainty colorings, stripes, checks, plaids, etc.—fast colors 27 inches wide. Monday, a yard, 29c

(Selling in Basement)

Sheer White Handkerchief Linen—For blouses. Every thread pure linen. 36 inches wide. 50c Special, a yard, 50c

Belgian Crash Suiting—Cream and white. For outfitting suits and separate skirts. 50 inches wide. Regular \$5c value. Specially priced, a yard, 59c

White Embroidered Mercerized Bailate—Eyeslet, dots and other dainty designs. For blouses and dresses. 28 inches wide. Monday, a yard, 50c

White Novelty Cloths—Crepes, Seed Voiles, Lace/Cloths, Cords—for blouses and women's and children's dresses. A large assortment to select from. 36 inches wide. Special Monday, a yard, 25c

1915 Printed Flaxon—Linen thread finish. Dainty rosebud, floral, stripes, herringbone and candy stripes, plain colors, etc.—fast colors. 28 inches wide. Buy Flaxon for your summer dresses and blouses. Name stamped on selvage. Specially priced, a yard, 12½c

Fine Hair Goods Special for Monday

Second Floor and Pampian Room. Special in Switches and Transformations.

Switches—Fine, fluffy first quality hair. Regular \$8.00 values. Monday, each, \$4.95

Extra Fine Switches—First quality hair. 28 inches long. Regular price \$5.50. Sale price, each, \$3.45

Beautiful 20 and 22-inch Switches—Natural wavy 65c

\$3.50 Transformations—Exceptional values, for \$1.49

Notion Specials

J. & P. Coat's Best Crochet Cotton—White and ecru. Special Monday, a spool, 3c

"Hickory" and "Buster Brown" Hose Supporters—Pair, 7½c

Barbour's Good Lines Thread—A spool, 7½c

Good Washable Dress Shields—A pair, 7½c

Romona and Dainty Hair Nets—A dozen, 19c

3-Row Bolts of Wash Edging—All fast colors. Tape—A bolt, 5c

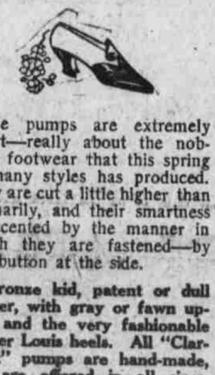
Crochet Ball Holders—All colors. Each, 7½c

Women's and Children's Barrettes—With and without sets. Worth to 25c. Special, each, 5c

Extra Heavy Thimbles—Best quality, worth 10c; each, 3c

Wash Edging—All fast colors. All bolt, 5c

The "Clarmont" ---Spring Pump



These pumps are extremely smart—really about the noblest footwear that this spring of many styles has produced. They are cut a little higher than ordinarily, and their smartness is accentuated by the manner in which they are fastened—by one button at the side.

In bronze kid, patent or dull leather, with gray or fawn uppers and the very fashionable leather Louis heels. All "Clarmont" pumps are hand-made, and are offered in all sizes.

—Here only \$6.00 the pair

Muslinwear Special

Beautiful assortment of envelope chemise, made of sheer, nainsook and trimmed with the daintiest patterns of organdie, embroidery inserts and Val laces. These are carefully sized and fashioned after the latest models.

\$1.00

GOWNS of fine lingerie and long cloth, trimmed with the newest designs in laces and embroidery, and ribbon rosettes, made with set-in or kimono sleeves, cut full and long; special \$1.

UNDERBODICES made with short sleeves and trimmed with inserting of lace and embroidery. Cut good and full; a very dainty cover, 50c.

Babies' Wear

Some of the most cunning little things for little folks we ever have shown are offered this spring. Outfitting small folks is a delight with the facilities these stores offer at hand. Prices moderate.

Crepe de Chine, Georgette Crepe, Filet and Shadow Lace Blouses, \$5

All \$7.50 values.

These blouses have just come from their wrappings and constitute a special purchase which permits this exceptional price.

—Beautifully tailored and dressy models; about ten styles to choose from; the very smartest blouses to be worn with the new suit, and most appropriate to spring.

New tub silk and crepe de chine blouses—lately arrived ones; special Monday, choice of many, main floor, \$1.95.



How Carefully Do You Attend? to Having Your Corset Fitted?

Most women put off getting their corset and then select a model hurriedly. We advise being always fitted to your corset. We make no charge for this service. We employ only expert fitters. Our corset-rires are constantly posted on all of the new ideas in corsetry and know where the corset should be helpful and why you should wear just your particular model.

NEMO CORSETS will help you retain your good health, and at the same time give you a stylish figure, if correctly worn, because THEY SUPPORT ABDOMINAL WALLS, THEY BRIDGE THE STOMACH AND INCASE AND SUPPORT THE BUTT.



Nemo No 301

NEMO MODEL 542 is made of handsome broche, in pink and white. This material wears well, but is softer and yields to the figure more readily than coutil. These models are made with the new invisible self-reducing strap, insuring ample breathing space with absolute freedom over the gastric region. No pinching or "digging in" above waist line; sizes 22 to 36, at \$5.

NEMO MODEL 301—For the tall medium figure, is made of coutil, boned just heavily enough to mold the figure and give absolute comfort. The new height of top with long skirt over hip and back and with wide elastic band at the bottom of back wires gives no chance of the corset line showing. Sizes 19 to 26; price \$3.

Other Nemo Models from \$3.00 to \$10.00.

The Finishing Touch—A Warner Brassiere

They are just as exclusive in their appearance, comfort, style and value as Warner Corsets. Here you will find a model for your type of figure and just the kind of brassiere you want for evening dress or blouse. Sizes 34 to 50. The prices are 50c to \$3.00.

Draperies for Spring in Complete Assortments

Lace and Madras Curtains, Etc. Curtain Materials by the Yard

54-inch Lace Curtains—Monday, a pair, 98c

Quaker Lace Curtains—34 new patterns. A pair, \$1.50

Filet Net and Banglow Curtains—An endless assortment. A pair, \$1.98

Lace Edge Curtains—Very new. A pair, \$2.50

Scotch Madras Curtains—A pair, \$1.98 and \$2.98

Duchesse Curtains—Our own importation. A pair, \$4.98

Rope Foor Valances for Double Doors—\$1.98 and \$3.98

Velour Rope Portieres—Monday, \$3.98

Leather Rope Portieres—Worth \$4.25. \$2.98

Bungalow Nets—Dozens of new patterns. A yard, 49c, 65c and 75c

Ribbon Edge Etramme—Special Monday, a yard, 39c

36-inch Colored Madras—Special, a yard, 25c

48-inch Linen Finish Marquisette—A yard, 49c

Cretonnes—We are headquarters for cretonnes. A yard from 19c to 85c

Cretonne Couch Covers—Washable and reversible. Each, \$1.50

Tapstry Couch Covers—60 inches wide. Each, \$1.98

Curtain Stretchers—The "National Champion" make. Each, \$1.25