

PINK BRISTLES WITH FORTRESSES

Pripet Swamp Serves as Effectual Check to German Advance and Russian Attacks.

POSITIONS ARE IMPREGNABLE

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) PINK BRISTLES, Russia, March 31.—The thirty old kilometers of the swampy Pripet have been fortified since the German army took its position here last September as probably no other section on any front, east, west or southeast. The Pripet swamp, which, on account of the cold winter, has formed a natural barrier between the German and Russian lines, has checked both the German advance and the Russian counter attacks. But the Germans have realized that a single sand trap might make the swamp passable, and to forestall such a thing, they have resorted to every known expedient to make every foot of their positions impregnable.

Pink is and about which German forces are being, is an overgrown Russian village of 4,000 inhabitants, isolated on a tongue of land projecting eastward into the swamp. An Associated Press correspondent, the first newspaper man to visit Pink since the Germans occupied it, has just returned from a tour of the Pripet front, and although he has previously visited several positions in both the eastern and western theaters of war, the eastern-like appearance of the peninsula of Pink impressed him remarkably. The city is flanked on the south by the swift running river Pina. Beyond the river lies half a mile of swamp. Then comes the river Strumen, which, to the westward, turns gradually and joins the Pina. Still further beyond lies a narrow strip of land, which extends for several miles to the mainland and the Russian position. To the northward runs the river Jassolda, flanked on both sides by ridges of swamp lands, on either side of which lie the German and Russian forces. Good Defensive Front.

Fortunately for the troops which hold the northern section, the only place where an offensive can reasonably be expected, the swamp land terminates in dunes, which are easily adapted for defensive purposes. Along the northern section regiments of cavalry have laboriously dug themselves into the ground and have perfected means to make it impossible for the Russians to break through.

The defense scheme is a series of "stratagems" or supporting points. At one place the supporting point is a "villa," completely surrounded by trenches, shelters and entanglements. At another it is a sort of fort built into the earth, with subterranean passages, protected by sand bags, earth and wood, and ringed about with hundreds of thousands of running feet of barbed wire. Each supporting point is not over 500 yards distant from some other, and they are connected by wire entanglements from 100 to 120 feet in width.

The cavalry regiments that are guarding the northern section are among the best in the German army. Their officers include some of the greatest nobles in the empire, whose names are known all over the world. For almost six months now they have lain in their positions, living alternately in underground shelters and in the great villa that stands on an elevation plainly in view of the Russian positions.

"How is it," asked the correspondent of Count B—, cousin of a famous German naval commander and chief of the brigade, "that the Russians do not shoot your villa to pieces? The nearest Russian artillery position isn't more than six kilometers away?"

Mutual Truce Agreement. The count, laughed. "There seems to be an unwritten and unspoken agreement that we won't touch Russian headquarters if they leave ours alone. They have ample evidence of the accuracy of our guns and know that we would demolish their villa if we wanted to."

Thanks to the fact that there is an almost unlimited quantity of wood on hand, for Pink in peace times is one of the timber centers of Russia, the Germans have been able to build out across the swamp and in this way to establish far-flung outposts on every hummock of ground that is large enough to bear a blockhouse.

Paralleling the Strumen half a mile to the south is a narrow, muddy dike or dam that was built some time ago by the Russians, partly to check the swamp waters, and partly as a prospective railroad bed. This dam extends to within a few kilometers of the Russian outpost positions at Jzjubankawo and Gornoye. With the help of almost every direction, the Germans have free and easy access to this dike, and have erected on it a series of blockhouses or supporting positions, which are veritable arsenals. Each is equipped with machine guns, and from each extends, again on the strategic, roadway to "Hochposten"—listening sentry positions.

No near together are the blockhouses that here has to be exercised not to reveal one with the artillery of the other. To prevent such an occurrence great painted blinds have been erected in front of each blockhouse, indicating how far to right or left the machine guns of any one fort may swing without bringing a neighboring fort under German fire.

Almost due south of the farthest such blockhouse, which is said to be the most westerly position which the Germans now hold, are the Russian positions, at a distance of about 800 meters. Between the two is a series of hay piles or stacks, piled up long before the war.

Hay Piles Important. Because the swamp effectively prevents an attack of a major nature, and because the hay on both sides grows rather from luxuriantly, these hay piles have come to play an interesting if unimportant position in the warfare at Pink.

Each time that a frosty night stiffens up the swamp a bit, both Russian and German sentries make for the piles of hay in an effort to carry off a little hay on the one hand, and to take out shots at each other on the other hand. The Russians thus far have the best of it so far as the hay is concerned, for the piles are nearer them, but the Germans claim the record for patrols wiped out or dispersed.

One of the lines of defense lies in Pink itself. One street is a low trench, ready for instant occupancy, and the houses that line the street are barricaded with sand bags and earthworks. The street, as well as the entire town, is constantly patrolled, and it would be only a matter of minutes in case of an attack before the whole section would swarm with men.

Though the methods of defense to the south and north of Pink, and the size of the front, vary considerably, the machine gun plays an important part everywhere.

Here is a Bird Who Refuses to Work Except in the Forenoons

Henry Copley is studying bird life. When Copley is not selling jewelry over the counter he is at home, 531 North Thirty-eighth street. No, he is not a member of the Audubon society, either. Maybe he does not even know of the Audubons.

But he does know how a robin builds its nest, what kind of straw and sticks it uses and exactly how it weaves them together. A robin has made so bold as to build its nest on the ledge of the window of Mr. Copley's den. "This blamed robin is no more afraid of me than it is of a fishworm," says Copley. "It builds that nest while I sit directly inside the window and smoke and watch it. Why, I sit so close that I can count the blood vessels in that thing's eye and it pays no attention to me. It knows a friend when it sees one."

And at noon this bird quits work. That is the strangest thing about it all. It toils hard all forenoon and as sure as the noon whistle blows that bird quits operations and is never seen around there in the afternoon. "It sure must belong to the union,"

HILLS ONE MASS OF HOLES

One Detachment of Soldiers May Occupy Galleries, While the Enemy May Be Beneath.

WORK GOES ON NIGHT AND DAY

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) BAR-LE-DUC, France, March 15.—The mining operations on some sections of the French front resemble vast railroad tunneling enterprises. All along the slope of hills where the summits alone separate the combatants, there are mouths of tunnels framed with timbers, such as support the galleries of coal mines. All day and all night soldiers wheel earth out of those tunnels to platforms, where dump-cars on a strategic narrow-gauged railroad are waiting to carry it off to be used in the grading of new strategic lines.

A study of the official communications gives only slight indications of the object of all this activity. What it means depends upon the lay of the land; in some cases it amounts to nothing less than the blowing off of the tops of hills. There are places where the Germans hold the summit and the French are dug in on the slope; there are others where neither the French nor Germans have been able to occupy the summit, excepting in small, isolated advance posts that are annihilated at intervals, and here it is necessary to blow the top off the height before an issue can be reached.

Work Goes Night On. This tunneling has been going on for more than a year in some places, but public evidences of the extent of it date only from the beginning of the year.

Big mines are exploded every day inside those honeycombed hills, where it is not rare for the Frenchman's tunnel to run into a German underground gallery. If they meet before the mine is ready, it is a "canouillet" or a small blast, that is set off by the adversary that locates the other fellow first. It is quickly done with an American pneumatic tool that bores a hole in the direction from which comes the tell-tale sound of the pick. A charge of dynamite, liquidite, or melinite is stuffed in, and the hole is plugged, so that the mine is safe and the force of the explosion all turned toward the adversary's gallery.

Mining is sometimes done also to hasten the excavating work, but most of the digging requiring discretion is the work of the American pneumatic drill and pneumatic pick working by air compressors brought up to the foot of the hill.

The forests of the Argonne all along the front have been razed by shell and shrapnel and the aspect of the hills is

being still further modified by these tunneling and mining operations.

Described by a Miner.

A practical miner in private life, specialized at the front in this kind of work, described the conditions under which the work is often suddenly stopped and the enemy's operations checked at the same time. "The sappers are digging, shoveling in silence, when suddenly one of them stops. He has heard a hollow sound in the soil under his pick; two or three more strokes, and his instinct of an old miner reveals to him that there is a hole under the gallery; he strikes again, the point of the pick penetrates; there is no more doubt but that a German blasting hole exists underneath. By small strokes slowly with infinite precaution the sapper enlarges the opening, then aided by his comrades, lets himself down into the hole with revolver in his fist. It is indeed a German blasting hole that he has discovered with a gallery at the end."

The question is whether it is occupied—impossible to tell; the enemy perhaps will appear and rush upon the intruders; no one comes, the mine is empty. Leaving a watchman, the sappers and miners ascend into the French gallery, and go and report their discovery to the captain, who decides to profit by the occasion to play a good game upon the Germans. While continuing to work in the neighboring mines to deceive the adversary, sappers and auxiliaries of the infantry are put silently to work stuffing with explosives the old German blasting hole which communicates with the gallery leading to the German earthworks and to a little occupied post.

"Everyone works unceasingly. What a good job we are going to play upon them," everyone says. The Germans at the other end of the gallery are on the watch, and we have been on the watch for them to see that they did not surprise our plans, for the slightest slip or awkwardness, a bungling movement with the tools might give the alarm. Finally, at dawn the work is done. The entire German gallery at the end where it communicates with our excavation is nothing but a vast cavern stuffed with cheddite, all the rooms are at their post, a signal is given, the fuse lighted, and in an instant the earth cracks. It is safe to raise a head above the surface now, for the enemy is too much occupied to fire. The trench is entirely unobserved, and the Germans fly in the air, some of them whole and some of them in parts."

Written by Golf Bug. George Burns, the Tigris' first baseman, is the last member of the Jungie squad to be bitten by the golf bug.

Zum with Newark. Outfielder Eddie Zimmerman, signed with the Newark club of the International League.

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TIGRIS NOW AN IMPORTANT RIVER

British and Turks Alike Using It for Communication Main Line.

ANCIENT CRAFT IN COMMON USE

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) MESOPOTAMIA, March 5.—(British Official Eye-Witness.)—The Tigris river serves as the line of communications for both Turks and British alike in Mesopotamia. The British have a certain advantage in this respect, for they, with access to the sea, can increase and replenish their river transport facilities indefinitely, whereas the Turks must be satisfied with their present fleet.

The carrying capacity of the Tigris with its present British fleet is not equal to that of a single line of railway with an average supply of rolling stock, but it is increasing in proportion to the development of the campaign. The British line of communication is about 600 miles long. The fleet of transports, mostly paddle steamers drawing about four feet of water, each with a lighter attached starboard and port, keep pace with the army on the bank; and each brigade has its parent ship, from which it draws supplies. The parent ship is, in turn, supplied by "mahallas." These local river craft make a picturesque fleet with their high forward-sloping masts, long rudders, lantern sails and outboard propellers pointed and barbed. They are painted like the Chinese junk, but with Arab designs and characters, the star and crescent, and figures like the signs of the zodiac, generally white, on a background of green or red and yellow.

Arab Name Is Belium. The Arab name for the long, narrow, canoe-shaped boats of the country, the gondola of Basra, is the belium. It is poked or paddled. The official dispatches have occasionally referred to "war beliums" which are ordinary beliums armored with iron plates and used for conveying infantry to the assault of the enemy's position.

To supplement the self-respecting paddle steamers of the Tigris there has been gathered the most heterogeneous collection of scrap iron and remnants of river traffic, taxing the resources of India's inland navigation from Bhamo to Bind. How these craft ever found their way over the ocean only providence knows. The most remarkable boat on the river is one known as the "Aerial," half horse boat and half aeroplane. The hull is from Brahmaputra and it is fitted with an air propeller and a fifty horse power engine. It makes more noise than a modern battleship. It once plied in Amam, but its owner and navigator had a happy inspiration and this miracle of private improvisation is now the officially recognized hospital ferry, plying between the field hospital stations and the main hospital camp.

Ancient Type of Craft Used. A boat indigenous to the Tigris is the caudron-like "gufar" of Bagdad, probably the oldest vessel in the world. A gufar moored along side the modern freak "Aerial" offers a striking picture in the evolution of ships. The gufar is a reed basket with wooden stays, plastered over with pitch from the bitumen wells of flint. Herodotus described them as "wooden buxieres," spinning down stream with merchandise from Nineveh to Babylon. Each gufar, he says, carried a donkey and was navigated by two men. Arrived in Babylon and the merchandise sold, the gufar was dismembered and the parts carried back overland by donkey. Nowadays one first masts these craft at Amara, while their northernmost limit upstream is Tekrit.

The Turks have five large steamers north of Kut el-Amara, but these can only go as far as the Turkish base at Shubran, whence supplies are conveyed to the troops by camels or donkeys. As regards railroads for the Turks, the country is nearly self-supporting. Troops and equipment are carried down stream to Bagdad from Mosul on Kelleka, the great steamer of the Tigris. These are broken up at Bagdad and the steins sold or conveyed back by land.

PAPERS OF JAPAN NOT FOR INDEPENDENCE OF FILIPINO

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) TOKIO, April 2.—Japanese papers that comment on the bill before the American congress granting eventual independence to the Philippine Islands generally express the opinion that the best interests of the Philippines would be served by remaining under the rule of the United States. Nevertheless the American press has induced no very wide discussion in Japan. The Jiji thinks that independence for the Philippines might serve to remove suspicion of Japan held by some people in the United States, but doubts whether independence would be of real benefit.

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GRAVES OF AUSTRALIANS MARKED BY WATTLE TREES

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) CAIRO, March 2.—When opportunity comes, the graves of the Australians buried in Gallipoli are to be marked with wattle trees brought from their native land. Meanwhile the American ambassador to Turkey has been asked to use his influence to see that the graves are not disturbed.

Before Gallipoli was evacuated the planting of wattle trees around the burial mounds had already been decided on, and a quantity of young trees were sent from Australia for this purpose. The withdrawal of the British troops stopped the project. The wattle trees are now being treasured in Egypt, pending the time when they can be planted in their appointed place.

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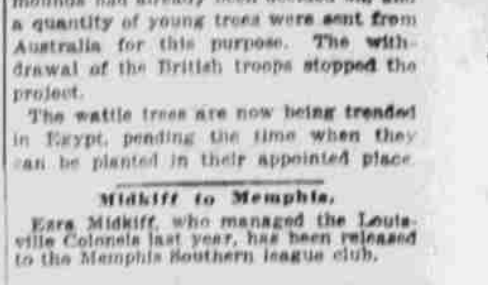
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