

BOCHES SAY KAISER PLAYS LOSING GAME

Prisoners Captured by Americans in France Assert Believe Germany Will Lose in World War.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Saturday, March 2.—A plan of attack, including a map of the American positions, indicating every dugout, which was removed from the body of the Prussian captain who led the recent assault upon the sector northwest of Toul, shows how completely the Germans prepare their raids—if, in fact this was but a simple raid not having as its ultimate objective the retention of a portion of the salient.

The map goes into such detail as to show every machine gun emplacement, every trench and every depression in the ground within the American lines. At the bottom there is simply a line drawn, labelled "our front line." Along this are five shaded portions, each marked "nest."

Four rehearsals were held for the attack and the troops who made it were specially picked from new arrivals of fresh troops in the sector. They were told that the Americans were in front of them.

Come From Nests.

After the artillery had nearly leveled the American position the Germans started out from their nests, each of which contained forty infantrymen, one lieutenant and three pioneers to precede the infantry and drive to follow it. The two groups upon the American extreme right went around this flank and the group upon the extreme left carried out a similar movement there. The two groups in the center had planned to attack directly, but the American defense changed all the plans. When they were met by the heavy machine gun fire from the American lines they saw it would be impossible to gain a footing there, changed their direction, and followed the other groups around the flank.

Official reports of the interrogation of the prisoners taken by the Americans show that all of them did not believe Germany would win the war. One of the men told the intelligence officer he presumed that the Americans, like the Germans, did not want to fight, but had to. The officers quickly changed the German's viewpoint by informing him that all of the troops in the attacked positions were volunteers.

Strikers Want Peace.

Another prisoner said he was convinced that the recent strikes in Germany were caused by a desire for peace, adding that all Germans wanted the war to end. He was certain that no offensive was coming, but did not believe it would be launched before April 1.

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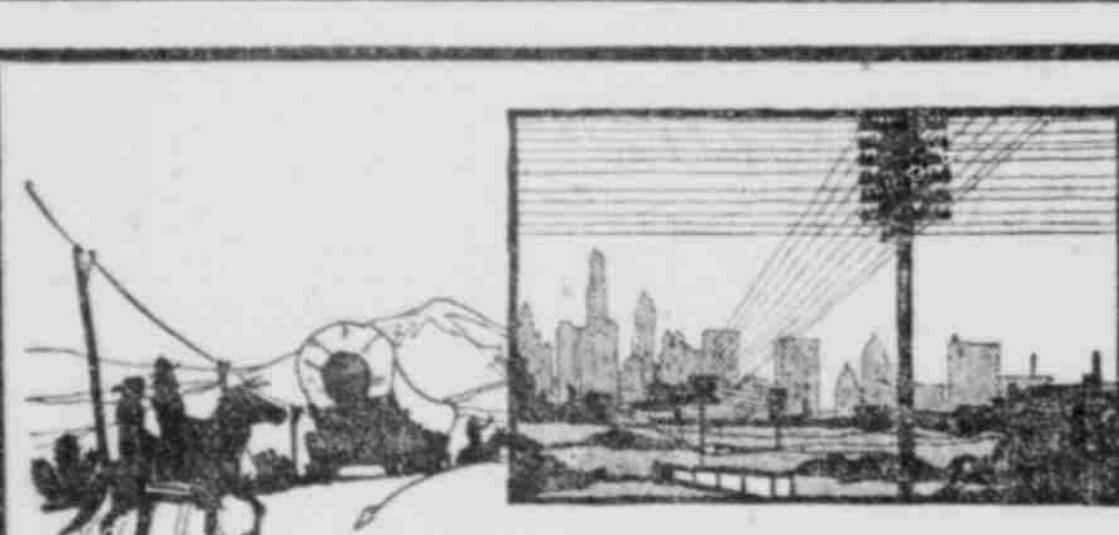
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MEATLESS DAYS ARE SUSPENDED FOR SIXTY DAYS

More Meat Production Given as Cause of Order Suspension—U. S. Must Save More Wheat.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Temporary suspension of the meatless meals and special restrictions against the use of pork on Saturday, was announced by the food administration tonight as a readjustment of its food conservation program. Increased meat production and the necessity for still greater savings in wheat, it was declared make the change advisable.

The suspension is made effective for an indefinite period, and it probably will last for three months or longer.

Since all restrictions on consumption of mutton and lamb had been lifted previously the food administrator Hoover said:

"The allies have made further and increased demands for breadstuffs, these enlarged demands being caused to some degree by shortage in arrivals from the Argentine.

"Experience shows that the consumption of breadstuffs is intimately associated with the consumption of meat. For various reasons, our supplies of meat for the next two or three months are considerably enlarged and we can supply the allies with all of the meat products which transportation facilities render possible and at the same time somewhat increase our own consumption.

Increased Hog Production.

"The farmers of the United States are responding to the national call to increase hog production.

"The transportation shortage, before the government took over the railroads, the bad weather in January and early in February, the large percent of immature corn in the last harvest, and the necessity for feeding this corn as rapidly as possible to save it from decay, have not only resulted in backlog "up the animals—particularly hogs—on the farms for a longer period of feeding, but have resulted in a great increase in their average weight and will result, with improved transportation conditions which already appear, in larger than normal arrivals at market for the next two or three months. The weight of hogs coming to the market for the past two weeks indicates an increase in weight of from an average of 262 pounds last year to the almost unprecedented average of 232 pounds, or a net increase in their meat value of over fifteen percent. This is a distinct addition to the nation's meat supplies.

"It therefore now seems certain that we have such enlarged supplies for at least some months to come that we cannot only increase our exports to the allies to the full extent of their transportation facilities, but at the same time can properly increase our domestic consumption.

Public Response Gratifying.

"The response of the public to our requests for reduced consumption of meat during the past months has been most gratifying, and this service alone has enabled the government through this period to provide such supplies as transportation to the allies permitted.

"The enlarged supplies are likely to last for two or three months, after which there will be the usual seasonal decrease in the amount of animals coming to market.

"The administration also suggests that in those parts of the country where the old fashioned home preservation of pork is still the custom, this practice should be extended at the present time, as it will relieve the burden upon transportation to and from the packing houses and is economically sound as saving the cost of packing operations and at the same time will provide home supplies of pork to the months of decreased supplies.

"The food administration desires to repeat that it does not give the impression that these are times when simplicity and moderation of living are not critically necessary, but that its sole desire is to secure an adjustment between our different food supplies and meet changing conditions from time to time, and to keep the public fully and frankly advised of its position with the full care and reliance that whenever it becomes necessary, renewed appeals for saving will meet the same loyal response as in the past."

Word was received at the university about the death of a prominent Notre Dame alumnus, John J. Cooney, a practicing attorney in Woodstock, Ill. Before going to Woodstock, the deceased enjoyed a successful practice in Chicago. In 1901 Mr. Cooney received his degree from Notre Dame.

Following the custom of former years, the Brownson Literary society will meet the Holy Cross seminary in a joint debate in the near future. Brother Alphonse, C. S. C., founder of this society, is the moderator.

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