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SECOND SECTION

CROWN PRINCE HELD AT BAY

His Army Cannot Either Advance or Retreat.

FRENCH STAND SURE

WHICHEVER WAY THE GERMANS DECIDE TO MOVE.

Visit to Joffre's Lines in the Argonne, the Woivre and the Vosges Reveals Strength Almost Incredible to the Civilian.

Verdun, Jan. 18.—Metz is visible through the field telescopes from this great French stronghold, and its outworks can be reached by the heaviest French guns. The defensive barrier between the two places, after a four-day examination of the lines in the Argonne, the Woivre and the Vosges, shows a strength unappreciated by the average civilian.

It is along this front that Crown Prince Frederick, William's forces are being held back, and positions, already seemingly impregnable, are being strengthened every day. The French are sure of their ground that should the Crown Prince decide upon another effort to pierce the French lines it will end as it ended before. The general at the head of the army in the Argonne and Woivre, who received the Associated Press correspondent, is most confident.

The heavy rains notwithstanding, the work of organizing the defenses by the territorial goes on with the task of improving the approaches, removing mud from the roads, and making easier the routes for the supply trains.

Travelers from Paris begin to see military activity at Chalons-sur-Marne. Regular trains, the coaches filled with troops, are being moved continuously to various parts of the front, amid shouts and bursts of song, showing there is no lack of gaiety among the departing soldiers.

Continuing eastward, past the historic battlefield of Valmy, one of the early results of the present war is to be noted in the ruins of Clermont-en-Argonne, where to-day the children of the few remaining residents play at war games within the sound of the cannon at Vouquois.

At Notre Dame de L'Epine, the Church of Notre Dame, built in the fourteenth century, and in many respects similar to the Cathedral of Rheims, stands out prominently from the ruins. Unlike the Rheims Cathedral, it is undamaged.

Where Guns Are Manipulated. The Verdun forts are most important strategically. Observers on constant guard have a view of the plain of the Woivre and of little villages dotting the territory separating them from the enemy positions. Entering a tunnel lighted by candles, one reaches the place where the guns are manipulated. A store-room adjoining is filled with melinite shells, giving some idea of the damage which could be inflicted. Namur and Liege have demonstrated what reliance can be placed on fortified defenses against the heaviest modern guns.

Barbed-wire trenches here, as elsewhere, play a prominent part. This region is well garrisoned with these protective devices. There has been comparatively little firing from the large guns of the forts, but there is a moral effect has been considerable. The commander of the fort is the Paris representative firm.

Proceeding almost due south from Verdun there is direct contact with the German line as the frequent firing indicates. The Germans are in possession of St. Mihiel and on Hill 277, where they are entrenched. Where they have entrenched they have hoisted the German, Austrian, Bulgarian and Turkish flags, which can be seen fluttering in the wind. "Bad taste," was the comment of a captain attached to headquarters when his attention was called to this.

Though the Germans possess St. Mihiel the French believe that by their control of the strongly fortified natural positions in this neighborhood they have the upper hand. The first line trenches in this district are very close, but the French have an advantage in possessing positions in the rear of their second and third lines, which are on high ground, and dominate those of their adversaries.

No Advance Or Retreat.

An advance by the Germans would seem to be impossible against the natural obstacles and the defenses, which have been improved unceasingly for six months. A retreat by the Germans is considered equally as difficult as a forward movement, for it is pointed out, should they attempt to retreat they would risk the fire of the French forces which surround them.

Entrance to one of the positions is through a forest on the Woivre by means of a flat car about thirty feet in length drawn over very narrow-gauge tracks by four horses, on two of which there are soldier outriders. Men, munitions and supplies are all carried on this odd war line, which is about a mile long. "Village Negre," reads a sign stuck on a tree, the place being so named in honor of the black troops.

A good view of the German lines is to be had from the strong hold position, which is frequently bombarded. Only a day or two ago nearly two hundred shells were hurled at it. Preparation for all kinds of attack at this point are most complete. Tubs of chemicals, spraying machines and masks for the soldiers are placed conveniently in case of an attack by asphyxiating gases.

The French losses in this forward position have been infrequent—only a very few dead in five months. The men are most comfortable, except that they are annoyed at times, not by rats but by mice. They take this good-naturedly. Cheerfulness despite their hard lot is evident all ways. Near La Lisiere, as the comfortable officers' quarters are called, is a small wooden chapel where services conducted by a captain-preacher are held on Sunday, often under the fire of the German guns. From St. Die, one of the largest

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT AT HIS COLDEST REVIEW.



On January 17th, in Toronto, His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught, officiated in what is said to have been his coldest review—and he has seen hundreds of reviews—when he stood at the saluting base for two solid hours, while eleven thousand troops for overseas service—cavalry, artillery and infantry, with auxiliary corps, passed him in review. It was a sore trial for the horses, very slippery under foot. The temperature hovered around zero and there was a biting west wind at forty or fifty miles an hour. There were many frost-bites among the men. Picture shows the Duke and his famous little cane, congratulating Brigadier-Gen. Logie, who is in command in Toronto, on the fitness of his troops. Other figures on the platform are: Col. Staunton and Capt. MacIntosh, of the Duke's personal staff; Col. Septimus Denison, C.M.G.; Sir Henry Pellatt, Brig.-Gen. Mason and others.

cities in the Vosges, a winding mountain road, part of which is exposed to German shell fire, leads to the base of a crest 1,500 feet high. Here is to be seen one of the best examples of modern mountain defenses.

heights attempt an attack they would be caught by the fires from these guns. The advanced sentinels here are aided by dogs.

How To Prolong Life.

By adopting a simple diet men like Conaro have lived to be 100 years of age, but with our complex diets of to-day, the vitality of the aged is taxed to its utmost endurance. A simple diet, therefore, is conducive to a long life, and if the vitality becomes impaired and weakness seems apparent, our local druggist, Geo. W. Mahood, has in Vinol a reliable, non-secret remedy which contains just the elements needed to restore strength to weak, feeble old people, and prolong a healthy, happy life.

Blockhouses equipped with machine guns are so arranged that should the Germans on the adjoining



MAPS SHOWING TURKISH ALLIES' LATEST ENEMY. From Constantinople the Turks are sending troops formerly engaged at Gallipoli to meet three definite offensives in Asia. In the Caucasus, near Lake Van, in Persia, north of Luristan (which has just declared war on the Allies) the Russians have advanced. Map shows Kurl-el-Amara, where the British Bagdad expedition is surrounded.

RESTORATION OF LIFE CLAIMED BY A DOCTOR.

Chicago Physician Gives Remarkable Details of Alleged Successes.

Chicago, Jan. 19.—Restoring the dead to life by the transfusion of blood is a possibility, according to Dr. W. H. Bermeister, Coroner's physician.

Experimenting in his laboratory, Dr. Bermeister says he has asphyxiated a dozen rabbits and forty dogs, waited until heart action ceased, and then transfused blood which he has kept in a tube for as long as four weeks, with the result that a substantial number of the animals have come to life.

Working first on rabbits, Dr. Bermeister asphyxiated the animals in a small box. When heart action ceased he made an injection in each one in a vein over one of the ears. "The reaction in most cases was almost instantaneous," he reported. Six of the twelve rabbits treated

in this way were restored to normal life. Dr. Bermeister took from thirty to ninety minutes to asphyxiate the dogs. The longer the dog had been dead the more difficult he found it to resuscitate the animal by artificial respiration and stimulants. Thirteen of the fifteen dogs transfused regained consciousness. One developed blood-poisoning, and was killed. The others fully recovered.

PLOT TO KILL HIS PARENTS.

The Older Son Feared That His Father Would Alter His Will.

Chicago, Jan. 19.—Irving and Herbert Updike, sons of the millionaire commission merchant, Furman Updike, were arrested on evidence of a plot to murder their parents because Irving feared his father would alter his will and leave his property to other members of the family. Herbert, who is nineteen, entered into the plot, according to the police, with the intention of frustrating it, and informed them of it. Irving, who is thirty-two, when arrested first tried to implicate his brother, but later made a full confession. Officers hidden in the garage took a complete stenographic report of the conversation between the brothers and later found a shot gun and two automatic pistols. The police say Herbert will be released immediately, but an attempt will be made to show Irving is insane.

WATCHMAN IS SENTENCED.

Three Years For Stealing \$3,000 Worth Of Goods. Montreal, Jan. 19.—James Davidson, formerly a watchman at the head office of the Merchants Bank of Canada, Montreal, stole about \$3,000 worth of goods from the bank premises and was sentenced to St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary for three years.

A CHILD DOESN'T LAUGH AND PLAY IF CONSTIPATED

If Peevish, Feverish and Sick, Give California Syrup of Figs.

Mother! Your child isn't naturally cross and peevish. See if tongue is coated; this is a sure sign its little stomach, liver and bowels need a cleansing at once.

When listless, pale, feverish, full of cold, breath bad, throat sore, doesn't eat, sleep or act naturally, has stomach-ache, diarrhoea, remember, a gentle liver and bowel cleanser, should always be the first treatment given.

Nothing equals "California Syrup of Figs" for children's ills; give a teaspoonful, and in a few hours all the foul waste, sour bile and fermenting food which is clogged in the bowels passes out of the system, and you have a well and playful child again. All children love this harmless, delicious "fruit laxative," and it never fails to effect a good "inside" cleansing. Directions for babies, children of all ages and grown-ups are plainly on the bottle.

Keep it handy in your home. A little given to-day saves a sick child to-morrow, but get the genuine. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," then look and see that it made by the "California Fig Syrup Company."

Mutt by Heredity, Accident and Nature is a Born Peace Delegate

By Bud Fisher



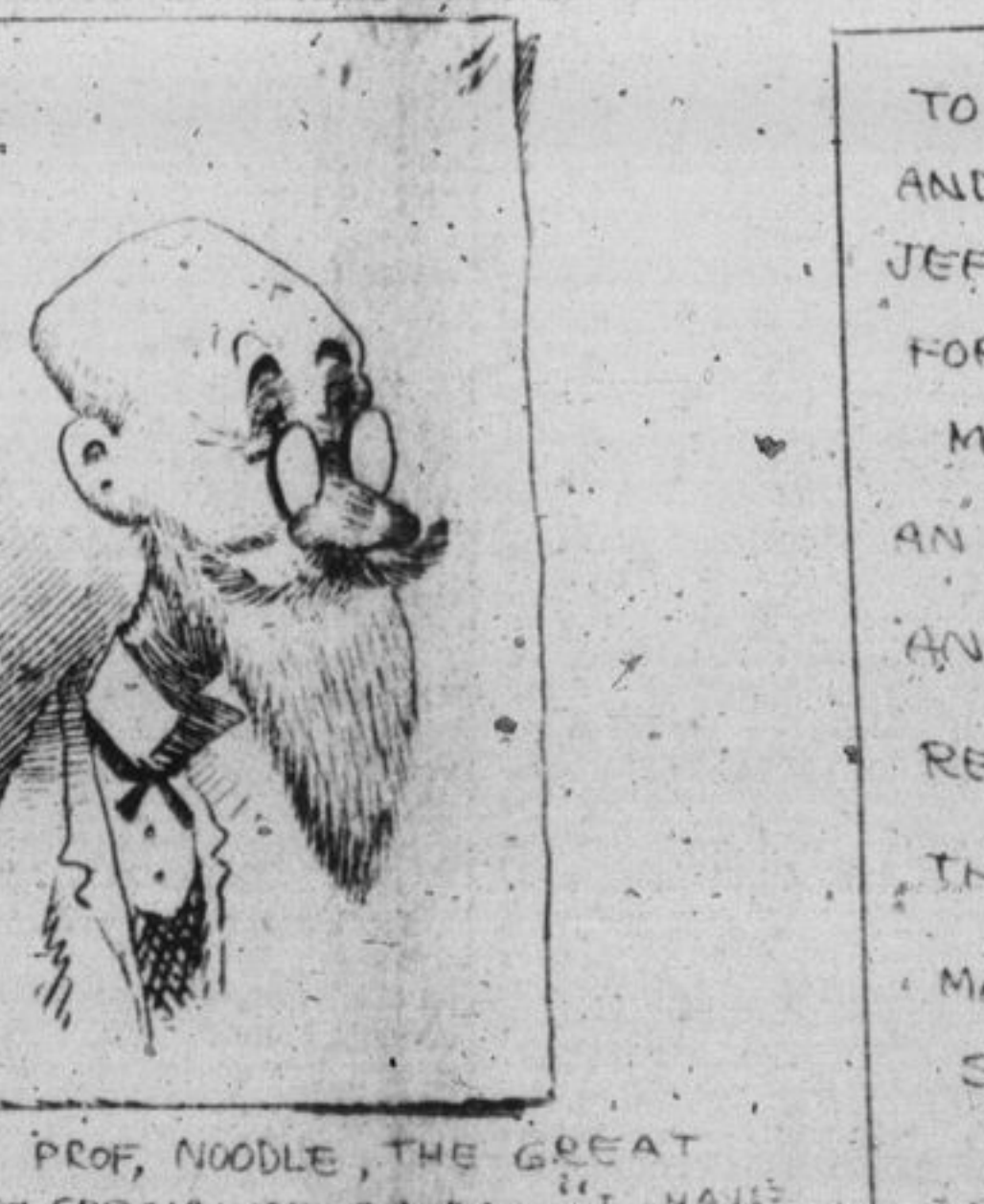
OLD PHOTO OF MR. A MUTT TAKEN IN 1905 SHOWING THAT AT THAT EARLY DATE HE SHOWED SIGNS OF ATTEMPTING THINGS SOMEWHAT OUT OF THE ORDINARY.



OLD TIME OF MR MUTT'S FATHER, SMILING. THIS PICTURE WAS TAKEN ON HIS WEDDING DAY. HE NEVER SMILED AGAIN. MUTT'S FATHER BECAME A BIT BALMY IN THE DOME FROM TRYING TO FIGURE OUT A WAY TO GET A 13TH MONTH INTO THE YEAR.



MUTT'S BROTHER IMA. IMA SAID:— I HAVEN'T SEEN MY BROTHER FOR TEN YEARS BUT IF HE HAD IMPROVED MENTALLY AS FAST IN THE LAST TEN YEARS AS HE DID IN THE PREVIOUS TEN YEARS, HE OUGHT TO BE AT LEAST HALF WITTED BY NOW.



PROF. NOODLE, THE GREAT MUTT SPECIALIST SAID:— "I HAVE EXAMINED MUTT'S BEAN AND FOUND THAT HIS IDEA CAGE IS SOMEWHAT TOO THE BAD, CAUSED BY HAVING HIS EGG CRACKED BY A FLAT IRON IN HIS EARLY YOUTH."

TOMORROW MR. A. MUTT AND HIS SIDE KICK LITTLE JEFF WILL POSITIVELY START FOR THE PEACE SHIP. MUTT HAS QUALIFIED AS AN IDEAL PEACE DELEGATE AND EVERY DETAIL IS ARRANGED. REMEMBER TOMORROW IS THE DAY. THE WAR LORDS MAY AS WELL TOSS UP THE SPONGE. ORDER YOUR PAPER NOW!

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