

THIRD YEAR OF THE WAR MARKED BY ENTRY OF THE UNITED STATES

America's Resources of Men and Material Make It Possible for the Allies to Face the Fourth Year in Entire Confidence—General Maurice Reviews Present Situation.

London, July 28.—America's entrance into the war is the most important development of the third year of the great conflict in the opinion of Major-General Frederick B. Maurice, chief director of Military Operations at the British war office, as expressed in an interview in which he reviewed the main events of the third year and summed up the present situation. Today, Major-General Maurice said, Germany, whose whole military gospel was to prosecute a vigorous offensive, is reduced to "a pitiful state of military helplessness in which she is barely able to hang on" in the hope that her submarines will force the people of the Entente powers to demand peace at a time when Germany has her "big pawns" with which to make a bargain.

"Speaking from a military point of view," said Major-General Maurice, "the greatest event of the third year of the war is the fact that the American people joined us. Up to the present, France and Russia always have been able to say to their people that the English power had not yet been developed to the fullest extent and that, when England's full weight was in the field, the pressure on the French and Russians would be somewhat lessened. That still is true, but only to a limited extent. Even England is getting near the point where she must say that she cannot extend her work much further in France. Meanwhile, the strain in the continental countries is becoming greater and greater and the French are in real need of more and more support.

"Of course, the same is true and probably in far greater measure in enemy quarters.

America the General Reserve.

"But the whole lesson of the three years of warfare is to emphasize the military maxim that the man with the last reserves is going to win, and we still have got the whole power of the United States to draw upon. The United States is today the general reserve of the Entente. With that reserve intact, we may look for the fourth year in the face of the confidence.

"Germany has made the same mistake with regard to the United States, as three years ago, she made with regard to England. She argued, 'We do not believe England will come in, but if she does come in, she is not a military nation and cannot become a military power soon enough to play any part in this war.' We proved that theory wrong as you will prove in this war."

"What was it that led Germany into war with the United States? She found she could not hold the land. It was necessary to try U-boat warfare. This, said the German theorists, will defeat England and bring the reign of the Entente to an end. We do not believe the United States will come in, but if she does, she is an unarmy nation, has no army, cannot create one for many months, perhaps years, certainly cannot become a military factor soon enough to play any part in this war."

"That reasoning sounds unbelieveable to us but a drowning man clutches at a straw. We believe the German theorists will be proved as wrong in their estimate of the United States as they were in their estimates of England.

First Three Years in Epitome.

"You asked me what is the outlook at the opening of the fourth year of the war. First, let me give you in epitome the history of the first three years as I understand it.

"The first year, broadly speaking, was an attempt by Germany to put her effect elaborate plans which her military strategists had been preparing over the space of many long years. The first phase was a concentrated attack on France and Belgium during a certain allotted period of time, in which the Germans estimated it would be impossible for Russia to disturb them in the east.

"The attack on France was checked, first on the Marne, later on the Yser and at Ypres, although France and Belgium suffered severely in the process.

"Germany then, according to her plan, took the defensive on the western front and turned her offensive effort in an effort to knock out Russia. Here again she failed, although her attack enormously weakened Russia's offensive power.

Germany's Old Scheme Abandoned.

"In the autumn of 1915 Germany definitely abandoned her old pre-war strategic scheme and started on a new plan developed since the war began, namely, an effort to uphold 'Mittel-Europa' as a great block composed of four so-called Central Powers which would command the road to the east. The autumn campaign of 1915 consisted, in essence, of the furtherance of this scheme by conquering Serbia, bringing in Bulgaria and halting our Dardanelles effort by rushing munitions, supplies and soldiers to the assistance of the Turks.

"By the winter of 1915 Germany had gone a long way toward realization of her own ambition and this point represents to my mind the grand climacteric of Germany's offensive power. At this time Great Britain had been building up armies, and with the beginning of 1915, we for the first time had a real army in the field.

"With the spring of 1916, Germany had come to realize that the conquest of Russia was impossible, Russia was too massive to kill or crush. So the German staff again turned on France and the Verdun attack was the result.

"With the defeat of Germany at Verdun came a turning of the tide of which further manifestation was seen in a successful British offensive. Previous British military efforts had been, comparatively speaking, minor operations or operations undertaken in support of the French. At the Somme we started our new work and really great, important work it was, although a great deal of the contemporary effect of the Verdun defeat and of the Somme victory was neutralized by Germany's push into Roumania. The Roumanian push, however, viewed in true historical perspective, was merely a flash in the pan. The German military power already was on the decline and her offensive strength was nothing like what it had been the year before.

Scales Lean Toward Allies.

"The end of 1916 found the situation

between the two great groups of contestants about equally balanced but with the scales leaning slightly in favor of the Entente.

"The year 1917 has presented a still rosier picture. During the whole third year of the war Germany and her allies have attempted nothing on land. They everywhere have been on the defensive. The Turks lost Bagdad and the Sinai peninsula. On Germany's eastern frontier, although the Russian revolution enormously weakened Russia's military power, Germany was incapable of taking advantage of the situation. On the Austrian front, the Italians got into powerful blows. In the west the British and French struck repeatedly and the Germans have been powerless to answer back.

"This is the pitiful state to which we have reduced the great power whose whole military gospel was summed up in the phrase 'vigorous offensive.' Germany's military helplessness, owing to the long strain on her man-power, material and resources, is such that today she barely is able to hang on and her only hope is that she may find some way of similarly wearing us down and forcing us out of the war before we get up momentum to drive her back.

"At present Germany is banking on the U-boat. She hopes against hope that the U-boat will reduce the people of the Entente powers to the same state of want, privation and suffering which today she barely is able to drive her back through months and years past. She hopes to make the Entente peoples cry enough and start peace parleys while she still has got the big pawns with which to bargain at a peace conference."

By The Wayside

If there is one thing more than another that makes a slave of Lady Nicotine mad all over it is a box of matches that won't yield fire enough to combust the end of a cigarette or the tobacco in his Jimmy pipe. There is a variety of matches being dispensed around town that most appropriately bears the name "Safety Matches." They are so safe from an insurance point of view that a whole box of them wouldn't ignite a keg of powder. "Safety" is right. One would think that after the submarines disrupted transatlantic commerce, some bright American young man tried his hand at making safety matches to take the place of those "made in Sweden"; and that these "safeties" are his first results. The pure food department ought to get busy and protect smokers from being imposed on. Give us matches that will strike or give us death.

Sergt. "Woody" Howell of the police force has a trick to which he has added so many devices, accessories before and after the fact, appliances, extras and things, that Henry would not recognize the child or his brain. In short, a new creature has been evolved from the primitive, primordial 4rd, just as birds have passed by evolution from serpents, and as man has descended from a monkey drinking cocoanut milk in the tropical forest to a palm beach soaking "dope" at a soda fountain. This car, therefore, requires a new name plate, so Sergeant Howell calls it a "Packard," because it packs so much additional hardware. The officer only recently learned how to operate it; that is, to advance it. Like the French soldiers since the war of 1870, he has not yet learned to retreat, or "back" his Packard. There is no such word in his guide book. This situation was bound to produce something, and last week it did. He had driven the car into his garage, very nicely, and desiring to go to ride before his night trick at headquarters began, he attempted to "back" out, against very good advice from a certain person who has often by good advice saved him from trouble. "Get somebody to back it out for you," he was cautioned. A moment later the old familiar "I told you so" rang out on the frightened air, the car backed like a scared rabbit and hit a fence. To keep it from carrying off the fence, the policeman drove it forward at an amazing speed and it went right back into the garage, just like an old horse taken from a burning stable. Going in, it tore down a side of the house. The sergeant backed it again, had to drive forward some more, and so on, for upwards of a quarter of an hour, until finally he was headed down stream and ready to voyage out around the loop, with a mud guard or so bent, the fender wrenched, and a half bushel of speedometers, chronometers, shock ab-

sorbers, spare searchlights, mirrors and such things scattered around the yard.

This is not Sergeant Howell's column, exactly, but it will not be complete this time without a word about his phenomenal memory. The other day when the negro, Henry Brown, wife-murderer, was proclaimed by the governor as having escaped from a prison camp, where he was serving a sentence of 30 years, the officers were asked about the case, the governor's proclamation being that he was from New Hanover county. Nobody seemed to recall the man and several declared he was not a New Hanover product. So the matter was dropped. Later, casually, something was said about it to Sergeant Howell. Instantly he recalled the entire case. "That negro came in here (headquarters) at ten o'clock at night on the fifth day of April, nineteen hundred and sixteen; nobody was here but me and chief. I was standing in the door there, chief was settin' down at the blotter desk, with his feet histed on the blotter. I said to the negro, 'Well, what can we do for you?' He said, 'I want to see the governor, the man you want for killing his wife. Here's my gun.' Chief said, 'Well, consider yourself under arrest.' And we locked him up. The recital seemed so correct that the reporter investigated the blotter, and found every detail recalled, just as the sergeant had said. "April 5, ten o'clock, Henry Brown, black, murder," right on down to the prints of Chief Williams' heels on the page.

The town has been on such good behavior lately that it was proposed in a company of policemen that half of their number could well be spared and sent to the camps to command the armies. This riled one of the veterans in the department, and he said: "That's right—if a lot of crime is being committed the public ought to be allowed to do something to get it done; and if we pitch in and clean up things so that during a whole night, or a day, or a week, we may not have a single case that amounts to anything, then they say we are not needed and ought to be fired."

The cop was right, but he was up against human nature, which all of us have in us, more or less. When ten hear people rapping the Sunday newspaper for printing so much reading matter. "What's the use?" they say. "We hear rather you would just print what we can read and quit making the paper so large." And if a Sunday issue were to come forth stripped to the current news of the day before the same folks would say: "Well, they ain't nuthin' in today's paper—what's gittin' in to the fellows?"

The eyes of love—and it is commonly said they are blind. We all know that in the full, sweet tide of youth love sins become mere mischief that vision is distorted. Ugliness becomes beauty; defects are rounded out into perfection; qualities of character that are unlovely are transformed into virtues; sins become mere mischief that can be smoothed over and condoned. That is in youth. One would think that the years would cut away the cat-tracts woven by love, and no doubt

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By KEN KLING

