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EXPECT WAR TO END FOLLOWING THE NEXT DRIVE

That is the Result Looked for By Some American Military Officers—All Absolutely Confident of the Outcome.

The renewal of the German drive in France, indicated by Lloyd George's speech, finds American military men absolutely confident of the outcome. There is no doubt in the minds of high officials that the enemy will be repelled with heavy losses.

There are those who believe that the end of the war may come this year as a result. Others, however, foresee a long offensive struggle by the German army while efforts to secure peace on the best possible terms are made by the Berlin diplomats.

In assessing the situation as it stands today in France, officers here point out that the German position strategically is far weaker than it was when the drive was launched in March. Their lines are now shaped so that there is constant danger of flank attack from several points that might mean disaster. To guard those points, ample reserves must be held, whatever the call for more men may be made from the front of attack.

ALLIED ARMIES READY.

Before the German army stands a force that has been largely rehabilitated since the shock of the drive fell upon the British and French fronts and bent them back by weight of numbers. Losses in men and material have been made good. The armies are keyed to a high pitch of enthusiasm.

American man power, sufficient to replace by far the larger portion of the losses of the British and French in the bitter fighting which stopped the first German rush has been carried to the fighting zones supplementing the considerable American force which already was in France.

In addition many thousands of trained Italian troops have reached the front in France. They came without equipment beyond their uniforms. It is understood, but have now been fully supplied and are available for employment by the supreme commander, General Foch.

50 U. S. TROOPS PROBABLY WEST DOWN ON MOLDAVIA

British Cruiser Is Torpedoed and Sunk Carrying American Soldiers to the French Front Men Lost All They Had.

The British merchant cruiser Moldavia, carrying American troops from American to Europe, has been torpedoed, and 55 American soldiers are reported missing. The liner was sunk Thursday morning, according to an official statement by the British admiralty.

The Moldavia is the third transport carrying American troops to be torpedoed and the fifteenth troop ship sunk by the Germans. Of the vessels carrying American, the Antilles was the first to meet with destruction by a U-boat. She was sunk October 17, last, when returning to this country from Europe, and 70 lives were lost. The second was the Tuscania, which was sent to the bottom of the north of Ireland February 5, with a loss of life totalling 101.

The only other serious attack made on American transports occurred last June when vessels carrying some of the first expeditionary units, under a convoy commanded by Rear Admiral Gleaves, narrowly escaped disaster in the mid-Atlantic.

That German submarines are operating off the south coast of Ireland is evidenced by the sinking of the steamer Inniscarra off Cork with loss of life.

David Lloyd George, speaking at Edinburgh, has said that the submarine is still unconquered, but that it is no longer a vital menace to the entente allies. He said that the U-boats are being destroyed faster than they can be built by Germany, while the allies are building ships faster than the submarines are sinking them.

RED SOW OF MR. REDWINE'S MADE BOB BRYANT FAMOUS

The Foundation for Famous Mecklenburg Hog Breeder's Independence Is Traceable to Aged Member of Duroc-Jersey Tribe Which He Bought From Monroe Man, Who Apologized for Her Age.

Three years ago Mr. R. B. Redwine sold an old Duroc-Jersey sow to Mr. Bob Bryant for \$25. She was over four years then, and Mr. Redwine apologized for her age when he sold her. But he should have reason to regret disposing of her if we may believe the following account of Bob Bryant's hog activities, taken from the Charlotte Observer:

The other day Bob Bryant closed a deal with the Hon. Hugh McRae, of Wilmington, whereby Bob becomes superintendent of Envershull hog and livestock industry, an industry which if carried out according to presents plans, will be on a far bigger scale than anything ever before undertaken in the south—a proposition involving several million of dollars and embracing a herd of hogs with an annual pig output of possibly two thousand.

And thereby hangs a tale—the tale of an old red sow.

It was back in 1913 that Bob Bryant, farming as many other young men farmed, found himself in the hole. He was not getting enough out of the ground to even pay expense. He was in debt. His brothers learned of his status, and sent Cam Morrison to look into Bob's financial affairs. Mr. Morrison found the picture had all of the gloom to it that Bob had pictured.

During the conversation Bob remarked that the only thing that had paid on his farm during the previous year was an old red sow, on which he had netted a profit of \$152. Morrison agreed with Bob that it might be a good thing to increase the number of paying sows. The way was opened up, and Bob set about breeding high class Duroc Jerseys. It was not long until he was convinced of the wisdom of his course. He began to see money coming in where it had formerly gone out.

Much of the success which this young Mecklenburger has attained in Duroc dates back to this same old red sow. Her name was Francine No. 1 149194. In the year 1913 cleared \$152 on her as stated. She was really the foundation of his herd, and she was a Duroc of high type. Six of her daughters are in Mr. Bryant's herd today. At one time this sow farrowed 18 pigs. She was the mother, grandmother, and great grandmother of 955 pigs. She died at three years of age, having made this wonderful record in less than three years.

After 1913 Bob Bryant began branching out until he began to be known officially in his settlement as the "market" for good Duroc pigs. Later on his activities broadened and took in parts of York and Lancaster, S. C. and Union, Gaston and Cabarrus counties. Throughout these counties it was known by all who had good Duroc pigs that Bob would buy them and would pay a good price for them. During the 12 months ending with last September Mr. Bryant sold nine hundred and sixty-two Duroc pigs. He literally filled this territory with them, and is really the man who put the Duroc on the map in this section.

An idea of how these hogs have helped him to gain financial independence may be had by the recitation of the record of Lady Gray—one of the best Duroc sows ever owned in the south. This famous old sow is today eight years old. She is suckling a litter of two weeks old pigs, and they number nine today, there having been 16 in the litter. Bob Bryant bought her three and one-half years ago from R. B. Redwine, of Monroe, for \$35, and he at that time apologized for her age, stating that she might possibly produce one more good litter. Through-out the eight eventful years of her hogship's career she has farrowed 194 pigs.

Mr. Bryant sold the litter previous to her last one for \$1,000, and it was from the litter previous to this one that he raised the young boar which he sold recently for \$650. An inter-



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COSTA RICAN FLAG REQUESTED

Mr. Crowell Addresses Letter to President of That Republic For Flag.

Since the 100-foot iron flag pole has been erected on the square, Mr. T. L. Crowell is endeavoring to secure flags of all the nations allied against Germany. With this purpose in view, he addressed the following letter to the President of the Republic of Costa Rica yesterday:

To His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Costa Rica, San Jose, Costa Rica.

My Dear Mr. President:—Recent press dispatches carry the information that your country has cast in its lot with the great nations of the world to not only resist German aggression but to give quietus for all time to the Germanic ideal which has, unquestionably, for its object the enslavement of the nations of the world. The moral effect of the entry of your country in the war will have an inspiring effect on the hosts of embattled soldiers already upon the battle-front and a depressing effect upon the soldiery and peoples of the Central Empires; therefore, almost as potential in its effect as if an army of brave Costa Ricans were already on the soil of France bearing at the head of advancing columns the emblem of your nationality. The flags of nations fluttering in the breezes speak the language of patriotism in terms more eloquent than poetry, oratory or music ever knew, and cheers to renewed deeds of valor those who march beneath their flowing folds. Believing this to be true, I have sought to obtain the flags of those nations at war with Germany and associate them together on a common flag pole before the city hall in this city that they may be a perpetual reminder to our people that the majority of mankind believe in the rectitude of this world-wide effort to destroy despotism from the earth. This is, therefore to respectfully ask the gift of the flag of your country to the city of Monroe, N. C., U. S. A., for the purpose named.—Very respectfully yours, T. L. Crowell.

My Hosiey.

The hours I spent on thee, dear sock,
Are as a string of pearls to me,
I count them o'er by the weary clock,
My hosiey, my hosiey.
First two I knit, then two I purrl,
Around the leg I slowly reel;
Now joyful paeans to the heavens I hurl.
I've turned the heel.
O knotted ends that scratch and burn,
O, stitch that dropped, uneven row,
I kiss each blight and strive at last to learn
To reach the toe, sweetheart, to reach the toe.

DOUBT CANNOT EXIST.

Investigation Will Only Strengthen the Proof We Give in Monroe.

How can doubt exist in the face of such evidence? Read here the endorsement of a representative citizen of Monroe.

T. M. Christenbury, chief of police, 905 Franklin St., says: "Kidney trouble had been my one weak point for years, caused by a fall from a horse when I was a boy. My back has been weak and painful occasionally since and often a twitching sensation comes through me and I can hardly stand. If I bent over, I could hardly straighten without support. My kidneys acted too freely and the kidney secretions were highly colored, contained sediment and mornings I was so sore and lame, I could hardly get up. My system was full of uric acid and I felt greatly run down. Reading a recommendation of Doan's Kidney Pills, given by a friend, I decided to give this remedy a trial. The first box convinced me of its merit and I continued using Doan's until my kidneys were in good order again. I have taken Doan's occasionally since, with the same fine results." (Statement given February 25, 1915.)

On May 4, 1918, Mr. Christenbury said: "Doan's Kidney Pills cured me of a serious attack of kidney trouble some time ago and I always recommend them. I advise other sufferers from kidney complaint to give this remedy a trial."
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Scot Taught Madison Thrift

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