

CANTIGNY'S TEST OF YANK FIGHTER WAR'S VITAL POINT

Proof to Allies That Balance of Arms Was in Their Favor

GERMANY'S BEST REPULSED

Two Harrowing Days for 1st Division Write Glorious Chapter in American History

It is possible that in those ancient years when Rome was crumbling before the attacks of the barbarians from beyond the Rhine...

On the one hand was a German army on the Western front, reinforced to nearly twice its former proportions by the collapse of Russia...

The Unknown Factor What factor could furnish to one side or the other the balance of weight which might turn the scale?

The Hope of the Allies The sector of Cantigny was not merely an important one in the Allied line of battle...

Could the Americans be relied upon to hold this vital point as well as the French, who had here stopped the German advance a few weeks before?

After a period of righteous training behind the lines, the 1st Division had first occupied a quiet sector in the region of Tonnay-Château...

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BASE PORTS MAKE READY FOR YANKS HEADED WESTWARD

S. O. S. Dooling Up Brest, St. Nazaire, Bordeaux for Exodus

NEW OUTFITS TO EVERYONE

Class B, C and D Men to Depart in Casual Companies Bound for Home Districts

Preparations for the reception of members of the A.E.F. returning homeward are being pushed by the various departments of the Service of Supply at the three base ports of Brest, St. Nazaire and Bordeaux...

Those Rest Camps Again Existing rest camps at these base ports are being renovated and refurbished to receive the homegoing business this winter and spring...

Rue Can-a-beer Neglected Marseilles is not content to remain there, either. Its bitterest complaint is that the Mediterranean is not as large as the Atlantic...

No Rifles for Casuals Rifles, bayonets and pistols will not be carried, but every soldier will carry the rest of his ordinary property...

How They Line Up And here are the official figures, first for the third week's general average, and second, for the three weeks' average...

ALONG THE RHINE



"They don't look like wicked men. Grossmutter"

THANKSGIVING, 1918

November's misty sunshine on the streets of Paris lay; The colors of all the Allies from window and wall were gay;

By a band of martial music the fluttering flag was led, And a column of drab-clad soldiers with rapid, rhythmic tread;

And the hush that was on the people found echo in my breast; It beat with a deep thanksgiving that our flag from the golden west

That the lads of our drab-clad armies at Trigny and Montfaucon, On the flaming slopes of Mezy, in the hell of the deep Argonne,

For now, through the misty sunshine that veiled the queenly town, The bronze men over the archway on the passing flag looked down—

"Thou hast won the right in glory on the fields where thy arms have gleamed; Then the martial music quickened and, a flame on the misty sky,

76th, 27th, 30th FIRST DIVISIONS TO GO BACK HOME

National Army Unit at St. Nazaire All Ready to Shove Off

NONE SAW AMERICAN FRONT

But Two Old National Guard Organizations Made Great Fighting Record With British

The first division of combat troops to return to the United States will be the 76th, the National Army division from New Jersey, Maryland and the District of Columbia.

The 76th, since its arrival in France, has been a replacement division and, in the words of one of its members, "not much of the old gang is left."

The 27th and 30th divisions, fighting divisions, are going home without ever having seen the American front and without the distinction of having taken part in America's great battle, the fight in the Argonne.

It was these divisions which, during the hard fighting of July, August and September carried the Stars and Stripes beside the British banner on the British front, bringing forth the hearty commendation of the British high command

It was they who, after fighting their way up to their jumping-off place in the face of almost frantic resistance by the Germans, broke the Hindenburg line near Bellecourt, and afterward, undaunted and unexhausted by this heavy fighting, carried the battle many miles further toward Germany.

One of the biggest problems in sending American troops home is the inadequacy of rail transport to the continent. With winter coming, the French government needs the utmost capacity of its railroads to distribute food and other supplies through the country.

RHINEWARD BOUND, 3rd ARMY PAUSES AT GERMAN BORDER

Eats Thanksgiving Willy Stone's Throw from Vaterland

WEARY BUT STILL EAGER

Receding Boche, Flying Red, White and Blue Flags, in Evidence as Yanks Advance

The troops of the Third American Army ate their Thanksgiving corned willy on the Luxembourg frontier, with the German soil they are destined to occupy under a stone's throw away from them—observed the National Day of Gratitude with the hills and highways of Rhenish Prussia stretching away at their feet...

At the Frontier

The last troops filed into the frontier villages as the sun was setting Saturday afternoon. The battalions, as they moved slowly along the river boulevard, could see from the flag with the German army on the other bank.

And indeed they were usually straggle with the Americans just across the river when they reached it. As the weather-beaten old first battalion of the 16th Infantry was plodding up from Grevinmarcher, German troops were advancing exactly abreast of them on the other bank.

Tumultuous Welcome

The troops arrived at the frontier weary and dusty after many days of marching through the most beautiful countryside they have seen since they reached Europe, a country of romantic houses, magnificent roads and enchanted forests...

A Country of Romance

For the beautiful Marie Adelaide, Grand Duchess of Luxembourg, is only a girl in Paris and from up there on the German army swept across her frontiers on that momentous July 31, 1914, and so began the invasion which ended last Wednesday.

NEW COMMISSIONS FOR A.E.F. HELD UP

No More Promotions of Officers, War Department Cables

A cable has been received at G.H.Q., A.E.F., from the War Department at Washington announcing that beginning with November 21, the day of the signing of the armistice, no more new commissions would be given in the Army and that no more promotions of officers would be made.

This order is until further notice. In France have for sometime been granted in Washington upon recommendations of the A.E.F. authorities sent over by courier. It has taken about three weeks' time on the average for a courier cable to be transmitted from Chaumont to Washington and action taken on it.

The purpose of the order and the length of time that it will be in force are not known at G.H.Q. A number of officers have expressed the opinion that the order will probably prove to be a temporary one and that it was probably issued in order to permit the War Department to complete and classify its records of commissioned personnel and arrive at conclusions as to the nature and number of promotions and new commissions that should be granted in view of the armistice.

THEY'RE COMING

Thirty thousand sacks of Christmas packages, 9 x 4 x 3, but representing a great deal more than that, left America last Sunday for France, just as an earnest of what is to come.

YANK BATTLESHIPS IN AT SURRENDER OF KAISER'S NAVY

Enemy Ships Lower Their Colors at Sunset of "Der Tag"

SILENCE AT DREAM'S END

Crack American Squadron Leads Conquering Fleet Back After Ceremony Is Over

[BY SIGNAL CORPS TELEGRAPH.] LONDON, Nov. 28.—Five American battleships, constituting the Sixth Battle Squadron, took part in the surrender of the German Navy in the North Sea on November 21.

Silence at Dream's End

It was 8:30 when a message reached the bridge of the New York by kite balloon. It announced the sighting of the British destroyer Cardiff, which had gone out ahead to pick up the German ships which had done so.

First came the long black forms of the great battle cruisers, the Seidlitz leading, and directly behind her the Moltke and the Hindenburg. Down the two lines they coursed in silence. There was no cheering. Every man on the Allied ships was at his post, and every gun was manned.

FATHERS' LETTERS SPEEDING TO PORT

Postal Employees Laboring With Biggest Mail in A.E.F. History

From all over France hundreds of thousands of envelopes marked "Father's Xmas Letter" in the upper right hand corner have poured in to the A.P.O.'s all week and been headed toward the Dad's Letter Ship that is waiting to ferry them to the States.

BREST MAINTAINS LEAD POSITION IN STEVEDORE RACE

Up from Bottom, Brittany Port Takes Banner Two Weeks Running

MARSEILLES, THEN HAVRE

St. Nazaire Moves 12,377 Tons in One Day and Hangs Up New A.E.F. Record

Brest it is again this week, the old Brittany port having come up from the cellar position in the first week of the Stevedores' Race to Berlin to first place in both the second and third weeks.

Marseilles is not content to remain there, either. Its bitterest complaint is that the Mediterranean is not as large as the Atlantic.

How They Line Up And here are the official figures, first for the third week's general average, and second, for the three weeks' average...

While St. Nazaire stands only sixth this week, as it did last, it is entitled to glory for having, a week ago, broken the A.E.F.'s day record for freight unloading, handling 12,377 tons.

No Chow for a Day Five thousand negro Stevedores turned out for a big songfest and rally on behalf of the contest at Camp No. 4, St. Nazaire, and heard speeches by Col. Sewell, the base commander; Col. C. E. Goodwyn, and Lieut. Eddie Hart, the contest officer.

Table with 3 columns: Port, 3rd Wk., For 3 Wks. Brest 135,613 397,147; Marseilles 131,949 390,257; Havre 124,434 352,204; La Pallice 121,689 339,226; Rochefort 116,815 331,201; St. Nazaire 105,532 322,521; Bordeaux 102,783 353,254; Nantes 97,342 297,342; Rouen 101,066 278,843

For all nine ports, the general average for the third week of the contest is 104,873, and for the three weeks, 327,686.

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This is typical of the way the colored Stevedores at St. Nazaire have pledged themselves to eat no meals for one whole day if they do not win the race. "Judging by their appetites," one of their officers remarked, "they just must win."

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