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Teuton Loss May Be Double Tha of Allies According to Latest Advices.

MARSHAL HAIG IS OPTIMISTIC

But America Must Not Slacken i Liberty Bond Purchases or Final Victory May Be Delayed

The big German drive has come almost to a halt except at the point of salient which has been [illegible] Allied lines. The [illegible] going on with great vigor. The attack constitutes a threat [illegible] portunity to the Allied armies. If the Germans can hold their positions [illegible] ther reformation of the Allied lines may be necessary. On the other hand it is conceivable that the counter attacks of the French may be successful in cutting off a large number of Germans, as the British were cut off at Cambrai.

Trench geography is still in the making. The struggle is extending northward and southward. The new battle line is more than 70 miles long but, of course, the fighting is not maintained with the same intensity all along the front. Just now the Germans are driving toward Arras, which has seen much hard fighting. In fact this is bloody ground for the most part, over which the battles are raging. There are mounds of field gray dead upon Orange hill again. The German losses continue heavy. Unquestionably they are heavier than those of the Allies, but there does not seem to be good reason for putting them as high as three to one.

The latest statement of Marshal Haig, that the British have taken machine guns and prisoners is encouraging as it shows that there is a kick to the counter attacks. These [illegible] be confused with a counter offensive.

Counter attacks [illegible] tives and [illegible] defensive [illegible] possible, [illegible] armies [illegible] stroke [illegible] not likely that any such [illegible] made until it is certain that the German drive is well in hand.

English aviators seem to have performed brilliant work in harassing the German lines of communication. This is of enormous importance for the further success of the German offensive depends to a large degree on their ability to bring up their guns and supplies. The French hope to give them pause by the counter attack in the region of Noyon. Here the French have cut a notch into the German lines. If the thrust can be driven still deeper a German retreat from the tip of the salient might be expected as well as a rich haul of prisoners.

Such a blow, however, would not be enough to compel a general German retirement unless it was accompanied by an allied offensive all along the line. There is not much evidence as yet that the Allies have such an attack planned for the present. General Pershing is [illegible] reported to have [illegible] all the resources of the American [illegible] for a [illegible] stupendous [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]