

MERE BOYS CALLED TO GERMAN COLORS

**Manpower Was at Maximum
at Beginning of Last
Year.**

London, July 6.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.)—The correspondent of Reuter's at headquarters of the British army in France has made an examination of German man-power, from which he concludes that at the beginning of 1916 the army had reached its maximum effective strength.

The compulsory mobilization of civilian labor last winter probably brought the army number at the beginning of the 1917 campaign to the same total as the corresponding

The reduction in fighting efficiency. The number of divisions is perhaps larger now, but the quality of the battalions is lower.

Industries Combed.

This is demonstrated in the development of the policy of relying on small forces for carrying out difficult operations. It is certain that the Civil Mobilization Act enabled the enemy to raise his numbers to the highest point. There are no more contingents from industry or from agriculture now available. The present reinforcements consist of youths

from the hospitals. The former class provides 40,000 monthly and the latter 50,000. The Germans have already called up part of the 1919 class, while the 1920 class, who are youths of seventeen, have been summoned for medical examination. The 1917 class, which has been fighting since the latter half of 1916, form from twelve to fifteen per cent. of the infantry units at the front. The 1918 classes already strongly represented at the front forms the majority of the reserves. The 1919 class is being called

Foe's Great Wastage.
The enemy may send the 1915 class into the field this year, and so follow the undesirable course adopted after the Somme battle.

The German casualty lists for May show that twelve per cent. belongs to the 1917 class; 2.4 per cent. to the 1916 class, and a few to the class of 1919.

A French student estimates that the enemy must replace losses at the rate of 300,000 monthly, but even putting the number down at 200,000 the Bosche cannot make the number

**LOOK FOR DRIVE
NORTH OF ARRAS**

Warning Before Reichstag Committee.

The ministerial declarations regarding the working of the submarine campaign, about which the official Weimar news bureau cables reports to the neutral press, were not the only matters before yesterday's meetings of the reichstag committee. The Socialists' organ *Vorwaerts*, in its independent report of the proceedings in the "Little Reichstag," says Herr Eber-

tion to the unsatisfactory conditions in the nutrition of the people and the prospect of an inadequate supply of fuel for the fourth war winter which the Germans probably will be called on to face.

Herr Erzberger, the clerical leader, and Herr von Payer, radical, supported in general Herr Ebert's view of conditions, and criticized the government's inefficient measures for dealing with the problem.

Divergent Views.

Representatives of various parties expressed divergent views on the peace

the committee. Herr Ebert said the government could have peace this summer if it would only offer peace without annexations and indemnities to all opponents and abandon separatist overtures to Russia. Her von Payer said that further peace proffers were harmful and tended to defeat the German cause.

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