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SHORTAGE LIKELY IN SOME SUPPLIES

Not Enough Gunpowder or Shells and no Materials Available for Their Manufacture

London, Wednesday, Nov. 29.—The Daily Telegraph publishes a long article by an American, just returned from Germany, which gives an interesting picture of that country and the attitude of the population toward the war. He says:

"Let me say at once that the patriotism and determination of the Germans is not one whit behind that of the Allies. At no time have the Emperor and the Crown Prince been more popular than at the present. At no time has the personal ascendancy of the Emperor been greater. Those who expect to see a sudden outburst of Socialism, which will force the Government to make peace, are living in a fool's paradise.

Fight To A Finish.

"I am fully convinced that the German people intend to fight to a finish. At the present moment the Germans have sixty-eight corps, fully mobilized, each of an average strength of 43,000 men of all arms. This, you will see, makes nearly 3,000,000 men fully mobilized and in the field.

"The military authorities have created ten fresh corps out of the surplus of the Landwehr, and from the vast numbers of volunteers who have come forward. They claim that they have applications from no fewer than 2,000,000 volunteers, but, this, I think is an exaggeration. To my certain knowledge very large numbers of the Landwehr have not yet been called up, and comparatively few of this class have been sent to the front.

No Shortage of Food.

"There is absolutely no shortage of food supplies in the country. Of wheat, rye and meat there is plenty.

"Where Germany will fail is in those articles essential to war, which require raw material that she cannot produce herself.

"I have seen great hopes placed on the failure of her supply of petrol. These hopes are ill-founded. Officials assure me that there is still enough petrol in the country to last for another year and a half. My own personal investigations bears out this statement.

"On the other hand, every one admits that there is a terrible scarcity of rubber.

"More serious still is the shortage of copper, which is essential for the manufacture of shells and ammunition.

Gunpowder Supply Falling.

"I have every reason to believe that the supply of gunpowder is causing the General Staff the gravest anxiety.

"They lack the saltpetre and nitrates necessary for its manufacture. They carefully avoid giving direct answers to all questions on this subject, and prefer to turn them away with some

feeble excuse. When asked why they are using old ammunition they say, 'We wish to get rid of it.'

"I do not mean to imply that there are not still immense reserves of ammunition in the country, but from my inquiries I am convinced that, even on a scale vastly below that of the present time, they will, for this reason alone, be unable to carry on the war after next June.

"I am sure that the most vital considerations of this struggle are Germany's lack of copper and gunpowder, or the essentials necessary to make the various explosives now in use."

Realise They Are Beaten.

Summing up the writer says: "In their inner hearts the Germans official classes realise quite well that there can be only one result to the present struggle. They know that they are beaten. They realise that the odds against them are too great. They are fighting now to obtain the best terms possible.

"They are determined to fight to the bitter end rather than yield, and are equally determined to hold on to Belgium and preserve their fleet, as they are the only two weapons left with which they can obtain favorable terms.

"They hope by prolonging the war to exhaust the patience and endurance of the Allies. They hope to offer such strenuous resistance on both frontiers that rather than continue the war the Allies will meet them half way.

Expect Losses.

"I have spoken with those who frankly admit that they expect to lose Alsace and part of Lorraine. On their eastern frontier they expect to lose part of East Prussia, so that Russia can straighten out her frontier. They expect Austria to lose Galicia for a like reason. All they hope is to preserve the unity of Germany and to save what remains of the empire.

"The official classes, society—in fact all those who know—keep up smiling faces. At heart they are in despair because they know that, however long they continue their resistance, before a year is out the lack of certain essentials in the destruction of mankind will bring them up against a stone wall in which there is no exit except by the acknowledgement of their defeat."

The Rhodes' Scholarship, 1915

The Qualifying Examination for the Rhodes' Scholarship of 1915 will be held on March 1st and 2nd next.

The examination will, this year, be conducted by the Oxford Local Examinations Board and the syllabus of work will be that for Senior Candidates.

Copies of the syllabus can be seen at any time at the office of the Council of Higher Education, Colonial Building, St. John's.

Those who wish to qualify as candidates for the Scholarship must send in their names to the undersigned not later than the last day of December next, and candidates must state in their applications whether they wish to be examined in Geometry or Algebra.

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DURATION OF THE WAR

(London Daily Mail)

WE are able to state that a high French military authority has given private expression to the following views as to the probable duration of the war:

His estimate is based on the belief that the Germans will commit no great tactical error.

He divides the war into six periods—two past, one present, and three to come.

The first period was the advance through Belgium into France.

The second period was the Battle of the Marne and the German retreat to the Aisne.

The third period is that of the fighting on the Aisne, continuing and developing into the battle for Calais.

The fourth period will be a German retreat and a battle on the Meuse.

The fifth period will be a further retreat and a battle on the Rhine.

The sixth period will be the march to Berlin.

He estimates that the battle for Calais will not completely end before the beginning of December.

He assigns a period of five months to the battle of the Meuse—the end of April or the beginning of May, 1915.

The campaign on the Rhine should last nearly twice as long—that is to say, until February, 1916.

The final march to Berlin and negotiations for peace should bring the war to an end with the final withdrawal of the Allied armies of occupation in 1917.

This estimate gives a total period of rather less than three years to the war. It is presumed by the same high military authority that the Russian advance will occupy a similar period, and that only the steady combined pressure of the Allies can bring matters to a conclusion within the period suggested. He assumes that the German forces will withdraw steadily, and that there will be no sudden collapse of either front.

WAR ODDITIES

London—Dr. Doyen, noted Paris surgeon, recently performed 130 critical operations in 36 hours. Eighty per cent. of the patients will live.

London—There is a big boom in the beer bottle trade here, the factories receiving large orders formerly filled by German and Austrian concerns.

London—Yorkshire mill owners are completely ignoring orders for civilian clothing, so great is the army's demand.

The Hague—For the benefit of the two thousand British marines interned in Holland, the Groninger Courant is printing daily a column in English.

Paris—Mme. Millerand, wife of the Minister of War, has become head of the "Blue Cross Society," the duties of which are to remove wounded horses from the battlefield.

London—Army recruiting orators estimate the entire German army engaged, standing shoulder to shoulder in double rank would stretch 1,100 miles, whereas the present British force would reach only twenty miles.

Berlin—The municipal council of Braunsberg appeals to townfolk to kill superfluous cats and send their hides to manufacturers, who will turn them into body-belts for soldiers. The skins are believed to act as a preventive against rheumatism.

London—Seven hundred Irish soldiers have made their wills in the little form attached to their prayer books, bequeathing all their possessions to John Redmond, Home Rule champion.

Paris—Rejected for Kitchener's army because of small stature, despite his ability in marksmanship and riding, a Liverpool lawyer joined the French cavalry. He has twice been mentioned for bravery.

London—The prophecy of the Occult Messenger, the Occult Club's official organ, has gone wrong this time. The paper said that between November 15th and 28th "Germany game will be lost, and the Kaiser will be in a mad house."

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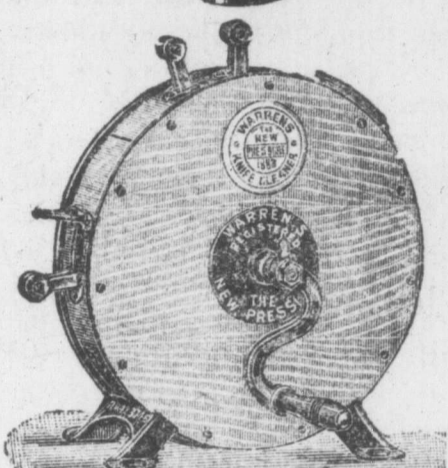
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