

RESERVES FOR GERMAN ARMY ARE DEPLETED

Losing More in Killed and
Wounded Than Can be
Made Up.

NET LOSSES
800,000 EVERY YEAR

Verdun Has Been Eating
Into German Forces
Very Heavily.

Germany at last has reached the turning point where her fighting force is being depleted much more rapidly than it can be supplied with new men, and military observers believe her entire reserves, which cannot possibly exceed 700,000, will be completely exhausted within a very few months. Reduced to figures, Germany is losing 100,000 men a month in killed, incapacitated by wounds from further service and prisoners of 1,200,000 a year. Some authorities place the number at double these amounts. She is gaining from new recruits fewer than 400,000 a year. This leaves a net loss to the arm of 800,000 men a year, a loss which cannot be replaced.

Already German has called to the colors the class of 1917 to furnish stock for slaughter—"kanonenfleisch" (meat for cannon), Bismarck used to call them.

Germany's population in 1910 was 64,925,993; in 1900 it was 56,367,178, showing an increase of 8,558,815 in the ten years. This does not include a population of about 15,000,000 in the German colonies in Africa and Asia, which were immediately cut off on the beginning of the war from being of any use to the mother country from the viewpoint of military strength. The colonies of England, France and Belgium, it may be mentioned, have, on the other hand, been a source of constantly increasing additions to the military power of these countries. Germany's average increase in population for the ten years mentioned was about 850,000. There is a slight excess of male births—1,160 boys to every 1,000 girls. This would give an average increase of 443,000 males to 417,000 females. An estimated yearly addition of 400,000 men to the army out of 443,000 born is certainly a very liberal allowance.

Yearly Net Loss 800,000.
Regarding losses the German official lists of casualties since the war began up to June 1 give 734,412 dead, 1,851,652 wounded and 338,522 prisoners and missing, a total of 2,924,586 for the twenty-two months—about 133,000 a month or 1,600,000 a year.

This yearly gross loss is four times as much as the annual addition to the army by the most liberal estimate. Assuming that forty per cent. of the wounded return to the ranks, this would reduce the net loss to 1,200,000 a year, against an annual recruitment of 400,000. Even if all the wounded should return, the dead, missing and prisoners (600,000) outnumber the new recruits half as much again.

It should also be remembered that these figures of 1,200,000 loss against 400,000 gain are the most extreme figures in favor of Germany. Even the German staff, in a statement issued last month, asserted that it was assured of only "30,000" recruits a month as long as the war lasted, which makes 360,000 a year, of 40,000 fewer than the number above allotted.

Total Strength of 4,247,000.
Concerning the strength of the German army, the Paris Liberte estimates the total at 4,247,000 of which there are 180 divisions of 20,000 men each on both fronts and 647,000 left as reserves. Swiss reports say that the German reserves have diminished this year by 500,000 and that 200,000 recruits have been added, making a net decrease of 300,000 men. All the German reserves, according to the Agenzia Libera, cannot exceed 700,000 men, whereas there were more than a million at the end of 1915. Contrary to her hopes aroused by the Balkan drive, Germany can expect no help from Bulgaria or Turkey. On the contrary, she has been obliged to keep men in Turkey, in Bulgaria and in Austria.

Verdun is eating into Germany's strength at a more rapid rate than any other event since the war began. Colonel Feyler, a Swiss military expert, generally recognized in Europe as one of the most impartial and best informed critics of the war, estimates that the Germans up to June 1 used about 800,000 men at Verdun and puts their losses at 350,000. The Paris Petit Journal describes Verdun as not a battle, but a surgical blood-letting on a grand scale, and says that when the flow begins to slacken another vein is opened.

Rapid Exhaustion.
British estimates place the German losses at Verdun for four months at 215,000 men; that 65,000 more men than Col. Feyler's estimate of 350,000 up to June 1. These estimates are based upon captured documents, statements of prisoners and other sources. At the same time the French losses from the same source were placed at 165,000 men in killed and wounded.

With the net loss of 800,000 men a

125th Battalion, Its Officers, Four Companies and the Signallers, Now Stationed at Camp Borden



Lieut.-Col. Cutcliffe and Officers of the 125th Battalion. Machine Gun Section, 125th Battalion, under command of Lieut. Shepherd.



"A" Co., 125th Battalion under Major Shultis.



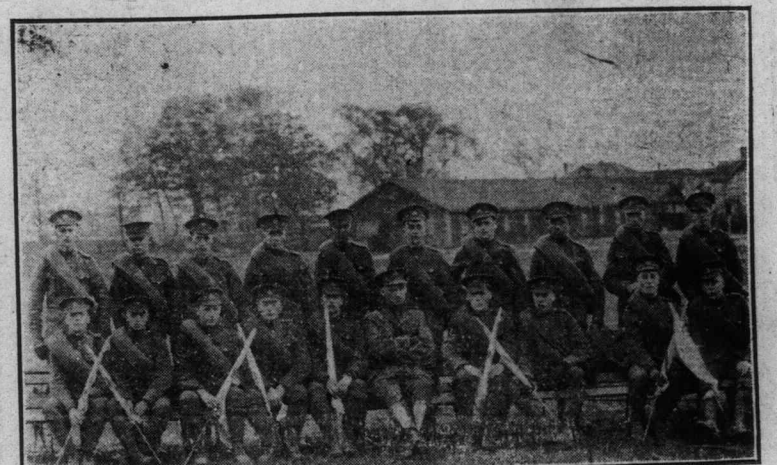
"B" Co., 125th Battalion, under Major James.



"C" Co., 125th Battalion, under Major Cockshutt.



"D" Co., 125th Battalion, under Major Jordan.



Signallers, 125th Battalion, under Lieut. Thorburn.

A DISCUSSION ON MASS FEEDING

New War Science Considered
Gravely By German
Experts.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
The Hague, via London, July 8.—Berlin despatches give an account of the spirited discussions at a conference, attended by delegates from different parts of the empire to dis-

cuss the question of mass feeding. A Magdeburg delegate issued a warning that the indiscriminate introduction of mass feeding without urgent necessity, would promote laziness among housewives. A Frankfurt delegate retorted that the poor man has a right to a hot dinner and valve to popular dissatisfaction.

Dr. Lohse of Hamburg recommended the system adopted in his native city shortly after the beginning of the war. Under this system 165,000 portions are distributed daily at twenty pfennings, half their cost. The municipality contributes 650,000 marks monthly in aid of the scheme which results in preventing a run on public charity.

Theodore Von Moeller, Prussian minister of state, expressed the hope that the rigid economy enforced dur-

ing the war would continue thereafter. The German woodworkers' union has announced that the price of plain wood furniture has increased forty per cent.

Thomas Flynn, 10, son of Mrs. Wm. Krouse, of Philadelphia, was killed at Glassboro, N.J., when a home-made cannon exploded. Hope of finding alive the missing New York canoeists, James G. Hurty and Charles Marcelle, has been abandoned at Cheboygan, Mich.

A monkey in Central Park Zoo, New York, is suffering from a kick in the jaw by a rabbit whose ear it had twined.

A small American flag is pasted to every marriage license issued by the Marriage License Bureau of Los Angeles, Cal.

SMITH & CO

anophone

WONDER IN PHONOGRAPHS
e. \$12.50
and MAKE of Disc Record!

restful and entertaining than an of close communion with your musical comedian?
that will hold its own against any, no home can afford to be without it. tone and clearness of reproduction it a trial and compare it with any matter how high priced, and you will NE AT ONC

anos, Edison Amberolas, Edison's
sc Phono. Records, Popular Music

SMITH & CO.
E STREET - BRANTFORD

Straw Hats

(English)
From Glyn's, Bond Street,
London

The newest shapes—
The nicest weaves—
The last word in Straws—
Your Hat is here for

\$1.50

ADBENT

and Haberdasher
Market Street

ger Underwear, etc., Agent for Aertex
for Ely's (King Edward Hotel) Neck-
sortment of smart things in Neckwear.

WARRANT

ADNOR

ess of Table Waters

ng pure and sweet from

Canadian Laurentides

MADE IN GERMANY

ment just received in cases 100
ed 100 Pints or by the Dozen

amilton & Co.

ntford Agents

alhouse St. Brantford

ed Advertising

aste paper basket in some offices is emp-
a day, sometimes twice a day. Besides
paper and envelopes it usually contains
lars addressed to the man who seldom

ands of dollars are wasted by circular
There is no surer method of reaching the
want than through the CLASSIFIED
S OF THE COURIER. There is no
city in CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING.
ach a greater number of possible buyers
below that of sending circulars, and the
needed is to write your copy.

ate office basket waste and turn your
CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING.

Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA