

## GERMANY AND AUSTRIA HAVE ALREADY LOST 2,000,000 MEN

Teutonic Belligerents Have Four Million Left, Some of Them Last-Line Resources—British Fleet Accomplishing More Than Victorious Armies, By Starving Germany Out

New York, Sept. 26.—A Petrograd cable to the Tribune says: Specialists here estimate that the extreme limits of Austro-German resources in men for this war do not exceed 6,000,000, about two-thirds being German and the other third Austrians. The Germans have lost in France, Belgium and East Prussia, together with their last losses in concert with Austria in Galicia, no fewer than 1,000,000 men. The Austrians in their conflict with Russia and Serbia have likewise lost another 1,000,000 men in killed wounded and prisoners, the latter being particularly numerous owing to the readiness of the Slav elements—about one half of the total Austrian armies—to surrender to their fellow Slavs.

### Four Million Left.

This leaves the Teutonic belligerents with four millions, to some extent made up of last line resources—children and men over sixty years old. Of these one million are in array against the British and French, and another quarter to half a million on lines of communication through Belgium and occupying fortresses. The total, therefore, available now for taking up positions against Russia does not exceed from two and one-half to two and three-quarter millions.

German armies in the field doubtless get fed, but the populace is already feeling the squeeze, as is proved by orders restricting the killing of cattle. The orders issued forbid the killing of young calves or cows under seven years old. It is in this vital work of starving Germany that and British fleet is accomplishing more far reaching results than even the victorious armies.

### Cruelty of the Austrians.

The Austrians are apparently showing as little mercy to the wounded as the Germans are said to be doing. An officer who had returned from a Galician battlefield says he saw numberless instances of brutality.

German and Austrian officers, with their orderlies, went around the field, strewn with dead and dying. Their salutation to any dubious case was a kick in the ribs, with the order "Aufstehen" (get up.) If any sign of life were shown, the helpless sufferer was finished off by an officer's revolver or with the man's gun butt.

The fate of a Cossack who is taken alive is one to be dreaded.

It is asserted that the Cossacks have inspired such fear in the enemy that when one is captured torture is resorted to before death is inflicted.

## BRITISH FLEET MUST RUN RISK

It is the Price They Have To Pay For Supremacy

London, Sept. 26.—The Globe's naval expert, dealing with the sinking of the three British cruisers by submarines, says:

"Our fleet is necessarily exposed to these dangers. It has to wait upon the pleasure of the enemy. It does not wait too far away, because the North Sea is small and could be quickly traversed by hostile fleets. The risks must be run and we need not fear that our men will shrink before them. Nevertheless, death dealt by an unseen hand is the most detestable of all.

"This disaster will rouse the British fleet to action as nothing else could have done and the success of this marine attack may yet prove the death knell of the German navy."

## HAVEN'T THE GRIT OF THE BRITISH

German Cavalymen Don't Like the Look of Naked Steel—Soldier's Observations

A wounded cavalryman of General de Lisle's Brigade discusses the cavalry of the opposing forces:

"At first they came for us and we put case shot into them at 500 yards, and then our dismounted squadrons held them to their ground, whilst our mounted moved out on their flanks. They never reached us, and soon we rode straight at them. Now, directly we see the Uhlan or the Prussian Hussars we make for them. We have galloped for a mile to get at them.

"Once they drew us on to the fire of their infantry. We were only 200 yards away when they fired on us, but at the pace we were going very few were hit.

"At one time we were in the line, and they in echelon, and after a short hand-to-hand fight many surrendered, whilst others made off, the machine guns accounting for many.

"The German cavalry have excellent mounts, and the horses appear to be well trained. Somehow the men haven't got the same grit as our chaps. When they hear our yells as we get into the stride, and they see the glint of our swords, they turn pale, and if it wasn't for their officers they would bolt each time."

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## BRITAIN FEARS LACK OF OFFICERS

Eleven Hundred Figure in Casualties Since the War Began—Needed to Train Troops

London, Sept. 25.—The military correspondent of The Times writes as follows:

"An army cannot be improvised at a moment's notice and instances in which improvisation had been attempted in the past have been lamentable failures.

"Experienced officers are dubious concerning the armies which England is now raising at home because they do not think they will be ready to fight in the field for eighteen months, and then only if they are trained by good professional officers, the numbers of which are being constantly decreased by losses in action.

### Serious Question.

"The question of officers is a serious one. An examination of our casualties show we have lost already over eleven hundred officers in killed, wounded and missing. This is two out of every five among those at the front.

"More officers is the constant cry from the front and several hundred have been sent, but obviously this cannot be kept up for ever, and each officer sent is one less instructor for new troops.

"We must not allow ourselves to become memoralomaniacs and place in the field regiments which are unfit to defend the honor of our armies."

### War of Machinery.

In an interview, a wounded officer said to a correspondent: "This is not a war of men; it is a war of machines. There is an appalling soullessness about it that is savagely inhuman. Men turn handles and death flies out in large bundles. That is what this battle has been. It is all really one battle on the Marne and the Aisne.

"No one can even conceive what the battle has been who has not seen the battlefield. Men could never kill one another by heaps and hecatombs. They would sicken at such wholesale slaughter. They would cry: 'We are soldiers, not butchers.' A battlefield should not be an abattoir. Only machines ingeniously constructed to destroy men as locusts have to be destroyed when they sweep over fertile lands, only automatic death dealers without heart, pity or remorse could carpet the earth with the dead in this frightful way."

## SAYS WEAPONS STILL HUNGRY

So Says British Soldier, Describing Hot Work in Battle—Was Robbed of His Clothes

Private Stanley Crook, of the 1st Devons, a native of Dawlish, writes from a hospital ship. His letter is printed in the Western Morning News: "I can tell you we had a warm time in the firing line. The bullets and shells were flying past us like the wind. It's a wonder any of us poor devils are alive. The Germans came out to attack us in great masses. The fighting lasted about forty minutes, and it was a terrible affair. As fast as we shot them down others came up and took their places. Very few of our fellows were killed as far as I know, but a large number were wounded.

### Suffered Most

"D Company suffered most, and our officers told us that there are only about ten uninjured out of the whole company. The Germans robbed our wounded of their khaki and wore it themselves, thinking we should not be able to recognize them in it. A German officer pinched my clothes, and I had to go a hundred miles before I had another suit. My rifle and bayonet are still hungry, and waiting for a little more work. Roll on, so that I can get back to the front again."

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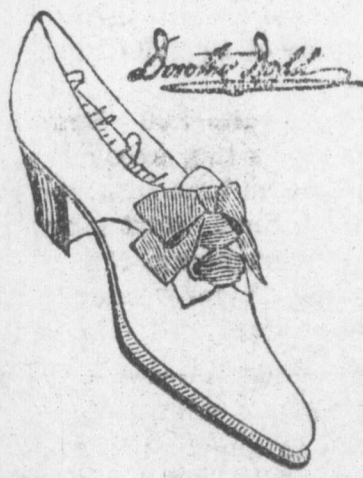
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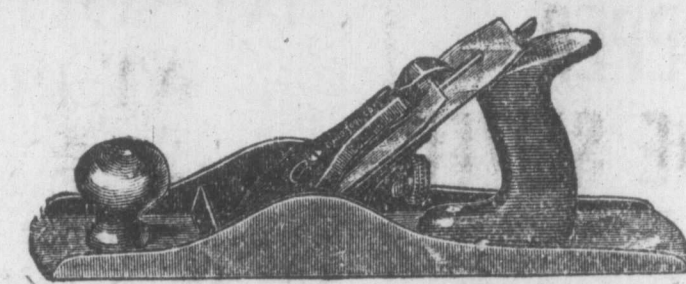
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