GERMANY AVERTED - UTTER DEFEAT BY CRY OF KAMERAD

Saw Decisive Crash Coming on Lorraine Front.

GIGANTIC THRUST READY

Foch, Deeming It Useless To Shed Further Blood, Honored Plea.

PARIS, Jan. 4.—(Havas Agency.)—
Germany hurried to request the armistice when she saw that a new Allied offensive was to be launched on the Lorraine front on November 12 by 600,000 men under command of Gen. de Castelnau, says the Excelsior.

American and French troops, it says, were concentrated on the front between Briey and Chateau Salins. They were supported by 3,000 guns of all calibres and had three hundred tanks available on a front of about 45 miles. Duke Albrecht of Wurttemberg, the German commander on this front, had available only 25 divisions of inferior fighting quality. These divisions contained approximately 160,000 men. He had only one thousand guns.

This Allied attack, the Excelsior continues, would have carried the war into annexed Lorraine and into Rhenish Prussia, threatening to cut off the German general headquarters, realizing that the divisior on other sectors were exhausted and that its forces were demoralized and worn out, averted a catastrophe by pleading for an armistice.

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The Excelsior concludes: "The success of the offensive was assured, but it could not have made victory more complete than it already was because Germany accepted all our conditions. Marshal Foch deemed it useless to cause further shedding of blood and consented to stop hostilities although Germany was then in a desperate state."

202 SUBMARINES OF **GERMANY DESTROYED** OR CAPTURED IN WAR

14 Others Destroyed by Germans Themselves.

122 SO FAR SURRENDERED

Germany Still Building Subs, But Allies Do Not Object. 1

LONDON, Jan. 4.—British Wireless. -The Allies destroyed or captured 202 German submarines during the war. In addition to these, fourteen German audition to these, fourteen German submarines were destroyed by the Germans themselves—ten in the Adria-tic and four off Flanders. Seven others were interned in neutral countries. The surrender of German submarines of yet complete; the number al-y brought into British ports is There are at least 58 still to be endered. The Germans are still y engaged in building submarines. vards. The German batt

133,543 British Soldiers Freed From Captivity

4,483 British Civilians Also Have Been Repatriated.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—(British Wireless.)—The estimated number of British prisoners in Germany, on December 29, according to information from Berlin, was 24,900, of whom 5,000 were in trains proceeding to Holland, and 8,000 were expected to reach Holland within the next few days.

British prisoners to the number of 7,000 were being repatriated by way of Baltic ports during the week beginning December 29. Since the date of the armistice 6,814 officers, 126,729 other ranks and 4,483 civilians have been repatriated.

5,500 Returned Men Now In Alberta Are Unable to Get Land

Committee Calls On Dominion Government To Get Busy.

EDMONTON, Jan. 4.-Fifty-five hundred returned soldiers, all practical farmers, are now in the province and inable to get land," said Howard Stutchbury, head of the Alberta Returned Soldiers' Committee, at the closing session of the conference in the parity mouth by hyddiers this oftensor. closing session of the conference in the parliament buildings this afternoon. The committee adopted a resolution calling upon the Dominion Government to forthwith settle its policy of providing returned soldiers with suitable table lands to enable men to acquire the same for production purposes in 1919.

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Over 500 of the most elegant CREPE DE CHINE BLOUSES, in white, rose, flesh, maize, black and sand, in an endless variety of styles. There are square collars, round collars, collarless, pullovers and the ordinary V-shaped collar blouses, many handsomely tucked, others embroidered with beads and beautiful wool embroidery, sizes 34 to 46; regular values up to \$8.50. Tomorrow morning at 9 a.m., while they \$3.98

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Address Your Problems to the Mill. tary Editor of The Advertiser and They W I Be Answered From Off .

RETURNED SOLDIER. Q.-is a RETURNED SOLDIER. Q.—Is a man discharged from the Canadian army in 1917 entitled to the extra three months' post-discharge pay in addition to the three months' pay already received on discharge?

2. Must he apply for same or will it be forwarded to him in due time?

3. To whom should he apply if application for same is required?

A—Yes, if his period of service.

A .- Yes, if his period of service (o which a portion was overseas) was for which a portion was overseas) was for three years or over. War service gratuity is to be issued according to the following scale: For three years' service or over—183 days' pay and allowances. For two years' service and under three years—153 days' pay and allowances. For one year's service and under two years—122 days' pay and allowances.

R. A. P. Q.—1. Will a man who was in the Canadian army four months, part of which was overseas receive any post-discharge pay under the new war service gratuity passed by order-in-council at Ottawa recently?

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2. What regulations regarding the return of uniform must be observed before the \$35 civilian clothing al-lowance is paid to a soldier on dis-charge?

3. What portions of equipment issued must be turned in on dis-charge?

charge?

4. Is there any foundation for the rumor that men of the 2nd Tank Battalion returned to this military district are to be held for garrison

lowances. For less than one year—92 days' pay and allowances. A portion of service must have been overseas under above scale.

2. He must apply for same, and in the case of men already discharged, no payments will be made under the new schedule until after February 1, 1918.

3. Application forms may now be obtained from district paymasters, to whom they must be returned and verifications.

or office duties?

A.—1. Regulations issued from Ottawa state that 92 days' pay and allowances of rank will be payable to all soldiers on discharge who served in the Canadian Expeditionary Force for less overseas. Overseas is taken to include on the strength of a unit which was out of canada or the United States when such pay and allowances were issuable.

nom they must be returned and verid before payment will be made. Adsss District Paymaster, Military Dissct No. 1, Wolseley Barracks, London,
t., if resident in this military disct.

2. If reporting for service before July,
1918, the soldier is allowed to retain his complete uniform, if subsequent to this both cases the \$35 civilian clothing al-lowance is payable, provided that the man is in possession of civilian clothing at time of discharge, otherwise an order is given on some clothing store to the value of \$35.

3. Bayonet and scabbard, rifle and retain complete equipment and uniform on discharge, including rifle and steel

non discharge, including rifle and steel helmet.

4. These men are not being discharged at present, and are to be engaged at various duties while awaiting discharge. Very few soldiers are being discharged at present. However, when long the present in this column, cuss them in this column, cuss them in this column.

2. No.

3. Yes, provided that you notify the board of pension commissioners of any change in your address.

4. You should receive the pay and personal effects within three months of your husband's death, when a final ad-

charged in due course, according to offi-cial information and will not be comelled to serve any longer than is abso-

SOLDIER'S WIDOW. Q .-- 1. After serving in France for over three years, my husband died in England of pneumonia. following a gas of of pneumonia, following a gas attack. As my former home is in England, I am left here alone with my children, and wish to return to the old country. What is the fare from Tillsonburg to Florsham, Sussex? 2. Are there any reduced rates for soldiers' widows and children?
3. Would I receive my pension just the same?
4. How long will it be before I can

obtain my husband's back pay, and personal effects?

5. What is the best route to England?
A.—1. Sailings and rates of the chief belt. Uniform unless allowed to retain same on account of service. Soldiers ocean lines have been sent to you, as who served at the front are allowed to it would take up too much space to dis-

stment of his account is made.
5. There are several routes for you to hoose from in sailing lists sent you from READER. Q.—My husband was a victim of influenza in France recently, and on my first pension check I

> exceeds my allowance according to schedule. Should I return this schedule. Should I return this amount?
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> A.—In the case of widows, a gratuity equivalent to two months' pension and allowances is paid the first month, in addition to the pension and allowances, and this, no doubt, explains why the usual allowance was exceeded.

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ESTABLISH TRAINING CENTRES. New York, Jan. 4 .- Answering a cal o establish a Y. W. C. A. training

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centre in India. Miss Elizabeth Wilson, for many years head of the secretarial department of the Young Women's Christian Association, embarked today for England on the Cunard steamship Carmania.

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