#### BATTLE OF THE SOMME WAS A SWEEPING VICTORY

German Armies Only Saved From Complete Collapse and Decisive Defeat by Protracted Period of Unfavorable Weather.

A despatch from London says:—
The Battle of the Somme is pictured as a sweeping triumph for allied armies in a detailed report by General Sir Douglas Haig, which was issued on Friday night, and which covers operations from July 1 to Nov. 18.

General Haig terms the battle a triumph in which the German western armies were only saved from complete collapse and a decisive defeat by a protracted period of unfavorable weather, which prevented the Anglo-French forces from taking full advances. He declares that nevertheless it was a triumph which proved beyond doubt the ability of the allies to overthrow Germany "when the time comes." The British commander shows himself a firm believer in the doctrine that the allies can win the war on the western front.

"I desire to add a few words as to "Use of the same time the war may last before the objects for which the allies are fighting have been attained, but the Somme front is impossible to form an estimate of along the Somme front is impossible to form the allies to gin those objects. The German army is the maintage of the allies to gain those objects. The German army is the maintage of the allies to gain those objects. The German army is the maintage of the allies to gain those objects. The German army is the maintage of the allies to gain those objects. The German army is the maintage of the allies to gain those objects. The German army is the maintage of the allies to gain those objects. The German army is the maintage of the allies to gain those objects. The German army is the maintage of the allies to gain those objects. The German army is the maintage of the war of the War Office, so informed the Astrony of the War Office, so in

#### **BRITAIN PLACES LARGE ORDERS** FOR HUGE CARGO STEAMERS

Much of The New Tonnage Available For Use of State in Six Months.

A despatch from London says: The problems of labor and material can be solved, a considerable amount of new efficient tonnage will be available for service within six months. In ornare were cargo steamers to be built for use of the State. They will probably carry 80,000 tons deadweight, planned on the simworks for military service without the past ten days. The operation has been successful, and I will be glad to the past ten days. The operation has been successful, and I will be glad to the past ten days. The operation has been successful, and I will be glad to the past ten days. The operation has been successful, and I will be glad to the past ten days. The operation has been successful, and I will be glad to the past ten days. The operation has been successful, and I will be glad to the past ten days. The operation has been successful, and I will be glad to the past ten days. The operation has been successful, and I will be glad to the past ten days. The operation has been successful, and I will be glad to the past ten days. The operation has been successful, and I will be glad to the past ten days. The operation has been successful, and I will be glad to the past ten days. The operation has been successful, and I will be glad to the past ten days. The operation has been successful, and I will be glad to the past ten days. The operation has been successful, and I will be glad to the past ten days. The operation has been successful, and I will be glad to the past ten days. The operation has been successful, and I will be glad to the past ten days. The operation has been successful, and I will be glad to the past ten days. The operation has been successful, and I will be glad to the past ten days. The operation has been successful, and I will be glad to the past ten days. The operation has been successful, and I will be glad to the past ten days. The operation has been successful, and I will be glad to the past ten days. The operation has been successful, and I will be glad to the past ten days. The operation

# **GREAT DRIVE**

Teutons to Attempt to Crush Italy Much as Serbia Was

led to the forthcoming offensive, ad turning to the Minister of War expressed the hope that the necessary reparations were being taken to resist it, and sufficient artillery, ammunition and troops being concentrated where necessary. The Minister tacitly admitted that the offensive vas expected.

400 BRITISH TRAINS

A despatch from London says:

With the New Year it is calculated that 400 passenger trains will disappear from the British railway timetables. Many of the remaining trains will run more slowly and with a larger number of stops. Long distance non-stop expresses will be as rare as they were thirty years ago. The Daily News says, so far as comfort and speed are concerned, the

SOLDIERS' VOTE GIVES

HON. MR. CASGRAIN

AGAINST ITALY Postmaster-General Passes Away After Brief Illness.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Hon.
T. Casgrain, Postmaster-General of
Canada, who has been ill with pneumonia for several days, died here on Trushed.

Crushed.

Friday morning. Mr. Casgrain contracted the disease following a chill despatch from Rome says: Gen. The course of the Chamber on Friday morning. Mr. Casgrain contracted the disease following a chill from Rome says: Gen. The course of the Chamber on Friday morning and the Austrians and Germans are paring a great offensive against Italian front for next Spring. A cuty in the course of a speech also to the forthcoming offensive.

A despatch from Ottawa says: His Excellency the Governor-General as president of the Canadian Patriotic Fund has issued the following New Year's appeal on behalf of the Fund:

Twice his Royal Highness the Duke of Canada in support of the Canadian Patriotic Fund. Twice his Royal Highness the Duke of Canada in support of the Canadian Patriotic Fund. Twice his Royal Highness the Duke of Canada in support of the Canadian Patriotic Fund. The prompt and generous response on each occasion proves how truly Canada appreciates

Minneapog Grain.

Cash prices: Wheat, No. 1 Northern 18, 178; No. 2, 2 C.W. 554; No. 3 C.W. 521c; ex-No. 2 C.W. 521c; ex-No. 4, 93c; rejected, 70c; feed, 524c. Barley—No. 3, 98c; No. 4, 93c; rejected, 70c; feed, 524c. Portoc. Flax No. 1 feed, 524c. Barley—No. 3, 98c; No. 4, 93c; rejected, 70c; feed, 524c. Portoc. Flax No. 1 feed, 524c. Barley—No. 3, 98c; No. 4, 93c; rejected, 70c; feed, 524c. No. 3 C.W. 82c; rejected, 70c; feed, 524c. No. 3 C.W. 82c; rejected, 70c; feed, 524c. No. 4, 93c; rejected, 70c; feed, 524c. No. 5, 178; No. 5, 178

OLDIERS' VOTE GIVES

"WETS" A MAJORITY

A despatch from Vancouver, B.C.,

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### OVER \$150,000,000 DAMAGE OCCASIONED IN OIL FIELDS

British Military Mission to Rumania Rendered Stock and Property Utterly Useless to Germans.

#### **BRITISH FRONT** IS EXTENDED

Haig's Troops Take Over Further Section of the French Line.

"Our new armies entered battle with a determination to win and confidence in their power to do so. They have future prospects," he says at the close of the despatch, which covers 16 close-ly-printed pages. "The enemy's pow
"Our new armies entered battle with a determination to win and confidence in their power to do so. They have proved to themselves, to the enemy and to the world that this confidence is justified."

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urying of the ground.

"The French arrived at the same decision, and transferred their attention to Verdun, with results which you know. We may be able to resume in March, as we found the ground at Neuve Chapelle in fairly good shape in March, 1915, aithough it had been very bad during the Winter. Unable to continue the offensive for the present, we have done the next best thing. The taking over of a section of the French line has kept us busy during the past ten days. The operation been successful, and the operation is a section of the French line has kept us busy during the past ten days. The operation is a section of the French line has kept us busy during the past ten days. The operation is a section of the French line has kept us busy during the past ten days. The operation is a section of the French line has kept us busy during the past ten days. The operation is a section of the French line has kept us busy during the past ten days. The operation is a section of the French line has kept us busy during the past ten days. The operation is a section of the French line has kept us busy during the past ten days. The operation is a section of the French line has kept us busy during the past ten days. The operation is a section of the first tendence in the section of the first tendence is a section of the first tendence in the first tendence is a section of the first tendence in the first tendence is a section of the first tend the past ten days. The operation has been successful, and I will be glad to tell you the exact extent of the line

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CANADIAN PATRIOTIC FUND.

A despatch from Ottawa says: His

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to England for training.

sand dollars will be required to meet the requirements of the next twelve months.

MAN-POWER INVENTORY

PRODUCING RESULTS.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The man-power inventory being made by the National Service Board is already producing results. The cards sent time its particile and beneficent work.

The sum is a darge one but when the circumstances are fully realized I am confident that the people of Cansels St. 60, 512.36 to \$12.45; do., fo.b., \$11.25 to \$11.26; do., fo.b., \$11.25

A despatch from London says:— Gen. F. B. Maurice, Chief Director of Military. Operations of the War Office, in a statement issued on Friday, said he had relable reportis indicating that the problem of food for the German

Country Produce-Wholesale.

Montreal Markets.

Montreal Ján 2.—Oats.— Canadian Western. No 2. 25 kg. No. 3. 64 kg. extra No. 2. 25 kg. No. 3. 64 kg. extra No. 2. 25 kg. No. 3. 64 kg. extra No. 25 kg. No. 3. 64 kg. extra No. 25 kg. 25 kg. No. 3. 64 kg. extra No. 25 kg. 25 kg. No. 25 kg. 25

IN THE BRITISH ARMY

A despatch from London says :-Sir H. Rider Haggard in a letter to the A despatch from Vancouver, B.C., says:—Private cables received in Vancouver claim that the "wets" have received sufficient votes cast-by British Columbia soldiers overseas to overturn the majority of 6,000 secured for prohibition in the home vote of the province on Sept. 14th last. The "wets" claim to have voted nine or ten thousand men. The ballots are not yet counted.

Sir H. Rider Haggard in a letter to the FOR MUNITION SUPLY and outled to the constantly increasing requirements of alcohol for the production of munitions and for other war purposes the Minister of Munitures for liberty and humanity, putting the man who can't keep his temper thousand men. The ballots are not yet counted.

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ALL THEIR OLD SHOES During the Year 1917.

A despatch from London says:—
Speaking on Friday at a meeting of the Rumanian Consolidated Oil Fields, William W. Rutherford, member of Parliament from the West Derby Division of Liverpool, said that probably the value of the oil fields destruction by the allies in the Rumanian campaign, in which it is said the destruction of the Rumanian campaign, in which it is said the destruction of the Rumanian campaign, in which it is said the destruction, he remarked to make the property and the stock this regard.

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#### Markets of the World BERLIN'S STARTLING ADMISSION OF SHORTAGE OF PROVISIONS

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Toronto, Jan. 1.— Manitoba Wheat.
No. 2. Manitoba Profits. Oil crop trading to above new crop.
Manitoba Onts.— No. 2 C. W., 692c.
American corn.— No. 3 yellow, no sell-ere owing to embarge.
Ontario dats.—No. 2 white 62 to 64c.
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Ontario wheat.—New No. 2 winter, per car lot, \$1.65 to \$11.67; No. 3 do. 31.65 to \$1.67; No

**TEUTONS WIN** 

A despatch from London says: The net of the Teutonic allies apparently is fast closing in upon Braila, Rumania's oil and grain centre, on the Danube. Having taken Filipechti, 30 miles to the south-west, Field Marshal von Mackensen's troops have now captured the railroad town of Rimmik Sarat, relatively the same distance to the east, while the guns of the Dobrudja army are still hammering the Russon-kuenians at the bridgehead of Matchal on the east bank of the Danube, opposite Braila.

Prior to the fall of Rimnik Sarat, the Teutonic allies defeated the Russon-like is particularly and the Central Powers are being gradually removed, with the result that the enemy strength is apparently waning, while that of Russia and her allies is continually growing, proceeds to say:

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Prior to the fall of Rimnik Sarat the Teutonic allies defeated the Russians on a front of 10½-miles southwest of the town, while the Teutonic Danube army captured several fortified villages, according to the Berlin War Office. Petrograd admits that the Russians and Rumanians have been forced to fall back north of Megura, but says elsewhere the invaders were defeated with heavy casualties.

"Germany is feeling that her complete defeat is near, and near also is These astounding figures make one wrongdoings and violations of the wonderful organization which has been set up. When you post a letter to one of our fighting men it feeling her weakness near, she suddents and a rule, if he is in bliets, but says elsewhere the invaders were defeated with heavy casualties.

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These astounding figures make one realize the wonderful organization wonderful organization wonderful organization with heavy capualties.

A despatch from Washington says: The British Government has contracted for the entire exportable sup-ply of New Zealand meat until at least three months after the close of least three months after the close of the European war, according to re-ports reaching the Commerce Depart-ment from its agents abroad. Higher prices will be paid than the Dominions'

the financial year ended March 31 last to £38,445,856, according to a white paper issued on Friday. The total capital of the national debt, which on March 31, 1915, was £1,104, which of March 31, 1915, was £1,104, which is four cent. Letter than the yearly average.

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Fifty thousand deported Armenians are starving in the vicinity of Aleppo, Asiatic Turkey, as a result of a recent temporary suspension of relief appro-priations, according to a cablegram priations, according to a cablegram
from American Ambassador Elkus,
received through the State Depart"What line?" received through the State Department at Washington, and made public here on Thursday night by the American Committee for Armenian and Serbian relief.

TIME FOR PEACE

GREAT BRITISH MEAT PURCHASE POOR WORLD CROP POOR WORLD CROP
FOR THE PAST YEAR

and up into mails for troops on the various fronts, such as France, Egypt, Salonica, and other parts of the world where fighting is taking place.

No fewer than three special trains are run every day from London for a run every day from London for the run every day from London for t

18 Important Countries Show Decreased Wheat Yield of 25 Per Cent.

A despatch from Rome says:—The tinations.

Women, of course, do most of the Women, and although they A despatch from Rome says:—The International Institute of Agriculture harvest estimates continue to indicate the poor world crops. It is now able for the first time, through new reports just received, to forecast the war loans of 1914-15 amounted during the financial year ended March 31 last to £38,445,856, according to a

Viewed With Pleasure.

"I fir.d lady customers very hard t

"Mirrors."

Victoria Crosses are cast from cannon taken by the British.

## TO TURKS IN THE FIELD HALF OF THEM IN THE CAUCASUS THE PIELD HALF OF a confidential statement along the same lines. It is possible that some progress might be made in this way, but unless all the Washington diplomats are mistaken there is no chance for the two sets of belligerents agreeing on terms now. 1,000,000 TURKS IN THE FIELD

The Remainder are Scattered Nowhere in Great Force, With 60,000 on Tigris.

war purposes the Minister of Munitions had appointed a committee representing the distillery interests, as well as the Government departments, to consider the best means to adopt to secure adequate supplies.

FOOD SHORTAGE

SERIOUS FOR FOE

A despatch from London says:

FOOD SHORTAGE

SERIOUS FOR FOE

A despatch from London says:

Gen. F. B. Maurlee, Chief Director of ALL THEIR OLD SHOES

TO FIGHT IN GERMAN RANKS

The soup has a blonde appearance, stir it with a lead pencil, which will make it more of a brunette. Let it boil two hours. Then coax the hen away from the saucepan and serve the soup hot." And Can Only Secure Two New Pairs YOUTHS OF 17 CALLED OUT

#### **BRITISH ARMY** FLOUTS PEACE

Sentiment at the front is unc IS NOT YET RIPE tionally against peace Now. Every indication points to much worse conditions in Germany than the world even

suspects; on the other hand, the allies are daily better situated to wage a successful offensive.

The British, who are little given to demonstrativeness, are unanimous in their expression of absolute confidence of the comparatively early defeat of

but says elsewhere the invaders were defeated with heavy casualties.

Since December 22, says Berlin, more than 8,900 prisoners and 27 machine guns have been captured in Rumania.

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"At the same time she is creating a false impression about the strength of her army by utilizing her temporary success over the Rumanians, who lack experience in the conduct of modern warfare."

An incomplete Complete Complet

army mails alone. Five million letters are sent home from soldiers in France every week, and the sorting of these is also done in London, before

1916, to £2,133,147,644, the statement shows.

For the world's eighteen most important countries, including the United States, Canada, British India, Japan and all Europe the estimated total wheat crop is placed by the institute at 2,500,000,000 bushels, which is 25 per cent. less than for 1915.

Collapse

A despatch from Washington says:

—Unless Germany makes known her show the United States it is unlikely that any result will follow the President's message to the beligerents. The failure of Germany makes when the president's message to the beligerents. ligerents. The failure of Germany to meet the issue in its reply to the President has afforded the Entente an opportunity of which, in all probabil-ity, full advantage will be taken. The Entente will state their peace terms not only in reply to the original German peace overture, but also in reply to President Wilson.

It is possible that Germany may

. Trench Chicken Soup,

The English soldier boys in the trenches in France find that time