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THURSDAY, Dec. 20th, 1917. The War. There has been for some days a perceptible lull on all the main battlefronts them. successive waves only to beat themselves to pieces against the rock of

signs behind the French and Flanders fronts in great massings of troops to know that we are being warned of a stupendous struggle there in preparation, for, whether or not the Allies may deem it good policy to attack there, it is as clear as day that Germany is under dire necessity to do so.

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semblance of it, has been provided by the joint collapse of Russia and the defeat of Italy on the Isonzo, and it is by repeatedly drawing attention to those great setbacks that the pessimists on our side are able to make the impression they clearly are making. With the Allies for the next three or four months it is a question of "nerves" more than anything else. For what are these two apparent victories really worth to the enemy? To look at Italy first, what has Germany gained there? A great number of prisoners, guns and suppliesthese must be conceded and they make a serious total. But there is little to add to it. To have freed Austria of the danger that threatened her was something, but the very fact of the Italian retirement shows that the danger could not have been as great or as immediate as was generally believed. The moving back of the Italian front to the Piave is absolutely no gain at all militarily, and it may be the reverse, as we have so often claimed. Germany is now committed to a continuous and costly offensive there. on a front which, in comparison, was before inactive. Germany's greatest gain in Italy has been a moral one. in the effect of events there upon the minds of thousands of people who persist in looking at non-essentials and judging the war by the map and lines of longitude and latitude. That Germany has gained enormously from the Russian chaos it would be absurd to deny. But it is another matter to say how much, and it is also pertinent to ask when. For one expert at least, the Scientific American, holds, the view that Germany extracted the greatest advantage from Russia's helplessness long ago, and dates the beginning of the process back beyond the revolution. Since then the Russian front has been merely a huge sanitarium for wounded German and Austrian soldiers, who for practical purposes, might as well have been in the centres of those countries themselves. "How thinly," it says, "the Russian line was held and with what inferior quality of troops, is suggested by the fact that, even after the Russian debacle had taken place, Brusiloff was able to launch an offensive that easily brush-

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