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A despatch from London says: It has not yet been broken, nor is it possible to form an estimate of a sweeping triumph for the allies 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 advantage of their successful advance. 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.

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A despatch from London says: The continuation of the British offensive along the Somme front is impossible so long as the present weather lasts. Major-General Frederick B. Maurice, chief director of military operations of the War Office, so informed the Associated Press on Friday. "I told you some time ago," he said, "that our offensive would not cease during the winter, but it must be apparent from the daily reports that no real battle has been offered in that sector since October. In the first place we underestimated the effect of the shelling on the terrain. The country over which the advance will have to be made is thickly sprinkled with shell-holes filled with water. Also, never having held the same line in any other winter, we underestimated the effect of the fog in the valley of the Somme.

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Markets of the World

London, Jan. 2.—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$1.33; No. 2 Northern, \$1.31; No. 3 do., \$1.28; No. 4 do., \$1.25; No. 5 do., \$1.22; No. 6 do., \$1.19; No. 7 do., \$1.16; No. 8 do., \$1.13; No. 9 do., \$1.10; No. 10 do., \$1.07; No. 11 do., \$1.04; No. 12 do., \$1.01; No. 13 do., \$0.98; No. 14 do., \$0.95; No. 15 do., \$0.92; No. 16 do., \$0.89; No. 17 do., \$0.86; No. 18 do., \$0.83; No. 19 do., \$0.80; No. 20 do., \$0.77; No. 21 do., \$0.74; No. 22 do., \$0.71; No. 23 do., \$0.68; No. 24 do., \$0.65; No. 25 do., \$0.62; No. 26 do., \$0.59; No. 27 do., \$0.56; No. 28 do., \$0.53; No. 29 do., \$0.50; No. 30 do., \$0.47; No. 31 do., \$0.44; No. 32 do., \$0.41; No. 33 do., \$0.38; No. 34 do., \$0.35; No. 35 do., \$0.32; No. 36 do., \$0.29; No. 37 do., \$0.26; No. 38 do., \$0.23; No. 39 do., \$0.20; No. 40 do., \$0.17; No. 41 do., \$0.14; No. 42 do., \$0.11; No. 43 do., \$0.08; No. 44 do., \$0.05; No. 45 do., \$0.02.

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BERLIN'S STARTLING ADMISSION OF SHORTAGE OF PROVISIONS

Officially Stated That Government Will Have Difficulty in Supplying Food to People in 1917.

A despatch from Berlin says: A circular has been issued by Adolph T. von Batocki, president of the Food Regulation Board, to the Federated Governments, in which it is pointed out that next year generally there will be difficulty in the way of the Government supplying food for the people. Even the end of the war, says Herr von Batocki, would only bring a slight change in the situation at first, because the scarcity of food is world-wide. Owing to a shortage in laborers, work animals, foodstuffs, fertilizers and industrial communities will be compelled to keep a careful watch over the food problems. The system of fixing maximum prices and limiting commodities for public consumption, says Herr von Batocki, has proved a failure with perishable commodities, and he advises municipalities to proceed on a larger scale than previously in their placing contracts for the future delivery of meat, vegetables, milk, butter and cheese.

TEUTONS WIN 5-DAY BATTLE

Important Rumanian Town Has Fallen to the Invaders.

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 Filipesti, 30 miles to the south-west, Field Marshal von Mackensen's troops have now captured the railroad town of Rimnik Sarat, relatively the same distance to the east, while the guns of the Danube army are still hammering the Russo-Rumanians at the bridgehead of Matulin, on the east bank of the Danube, opposite Braila. Prior to the fall of Rimnik Sarat the Teutonic allies defeated the Russians on a front of 10 1/2 miles south-west 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. Since December 22, says Berlin, more than 8,900 prisoners and 27 machine guns have been captured in Rumania.

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IMMENSE INCREASE IN NATIONAL DEBT

A despatch from London says: The interest on debt created under the war loans of 1914-15 amounted during the financial year ended March 31 to 438,445,856 according to a white paper issued on Friday. The total capital of the national debt, which on March 31, 1915, was \$1,104,907,076, had increased by March 31, 1916, to \$2,133,147,644, the statement shows.

50,000 ARMENIANS STARVING.

All of These Deported Now in Vicinity of Aleppo. A despatch from New York says: Fifty thousand deported Armenians are starving in the vicinity of Aleppo, Asiatic Turkey, as a result of a recent temporary suspension of relief appropriations, according to a cablegram received through the State Department at Washington, and made public here on Thursday night by the American Committee for Armenian and Serbian Relief.

1,000,000 TURKS IN THE FIELD

Half of Them in the Caucasus. The Remainder are Scattered Nowhere in Great Force, With 60,000 on Tigris.

A despatch from London says: In the course of an article on operations in the East, the Times' military correspondent says: "Out of 1,000,000 Turkish divisions still in the field there will be, beginning December 29, about 25 on the Caucasus front, 5 to 7 in Arabia, 5 or 6 in Austria and Dobruja, 5 in Syria, 3 in Mesopotamia, 3 in Persia, 2 each in the Dardanelles, Constantinople, Smyrna, Silesia, and on the Struma front. The general situation seems that half the Turkish army is engaged in the Caucasus and Armenian theatre, and the rest scattered nowhere in great strength. Only two divisions are engaged south of Smyrna.

YOUTHS OF 17 CALLED OUT TO FIGHT IN GERMAN RANKS

Little Time Will be Spent in Their Training, It is Announced From Berlin.

A special despatch to the London Times from Copenhagen says that youths in Schleswig who have completed their seventeenth year have been summoned to undergo physical examination in January. After a short training those fit will be sent to the front. The fact that it is expected they will be in the fighting line within three months indicates how short of reserves the Germans are.

BRITISH ARMY FLOUR

Army Has Absolute Control of Flour Power in Early Defeat of Central Powers.

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TIME FOR PEACE IS NOT YET RIPE

Car Says to End War Would Mean Failure to Secure Objects Sought.

A despatch from Petrograd says: In the course of an order issued to all the units of the Russian army, the Emperor, in a brief review showing how the inequalities in the technical resources for warfare as between the allies 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: "Germany is feeling that her complete defeat is near, and near also is the hour of retribution for all her wrongdoings and violations of the moral law. As in the time of Napoleon she declared war, so now she is offering to enter upon peace negotiations before her military talent is exhausted. "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."

POOR WORLD CROP FOR THE PAST YEAR

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

A despatch from Rome says: The International Institute of Agriculture harvest estimates continue to indicate the poor world crops. It is not until the first time, through new reports just received, to forecast the wheat production of Argentina. The Argentine wheat crop is estimated at 70,000,000 bushels, one-half that of 1915. Australia's wheat crop is estimated at 145,000,000 bushels, which is four per cent. better than the yearly average.

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"I find lady customers very hard to please." "I can't say that. My goods seem to give eminent satisfaction." "What line?" "Mirrors." Victoria Crosses are cast from cannon taken by the British.

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