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THE LIMIT OF THE WAR.

The observation of the Washington Administration, voiced through Secretary of War Baker, indicates the decisive ascendancy of the Allied cause through its established superiority. The second great offensive movement in Flanders has taken on almost the character of a rush by the British and French. Germany was never so hard pressed as at the present moment. The submarine menace has been steadily abated and its bases on the Belgian coast are being threatened. There is no Nation to go to the aid of the Kaiser, and to even the ordinary run of military students it is evident that the evil day is drawing near for Germany. All authorities are now united in the opinion that the war cannot last through another year. It would undoubtedly be closed before the expiration of 1917 were it possible for the United States to get there with her army before the coming of winter. The prolongation of the war until Spring would but be in the nature of a respite for Germany, for then would come the combined action by all the Allied forces, including most important of all, the American soldiers. England herself is taking the same view now being entertained at Washington. Up to within a short time ago the belief appeared to be general that Germany would fight to the last ditch. The changed conditions since the recent renewal of activities along the western front have brought about a change of view on that matter also. "The Germans," it is now declared by The London Observer, "will not fight to the last man, because they cannot. Their position is worse than is usually imagined. Their man power, already severely taxed and showing the approach of deficiency, will be strained next year to the last degree. The enemy is on the defensive and must keep going back without the slightest hope of reversing that position." The Observer emphasizes the fact that "no power can come to the aid of the Central Empires as America came to the aid of the Allies. Germany and her partners are closely besieged. Their own strength, though still stubborn, is on the down grade, and no accession of force can come to them from outside sources. Napoleon said unanswerably: 'An army that cannot reinforce itself must perish.' He used the remark in connection with a small situation, but the thought applies just as well to a larger. Before another year is out, if the Allies do their duty, the last hopes that the Germans still cherish will be extinguished. Their casualties will have reached the unbearable ratio. Their economic state, if not finally intolerable, will be still more wretched. They will be driven from the Belgian coast, and that alone would mean a critical change in German psychology. The Allies' supremacy will be equally unmistakable and irreversible in the air, oil and at sea."

As finally settling all doubts, The Observer submits in evidence that "some 2,000,000 American troops, as well as dense swarms of American airplanes will be in the western field a year hence . . . and we are convinced that the breaking point for German power will have been reached just about 12 months from now, and that a right peace will be secured by the Allies just before the Winter of 1918." It appears reasonably safe, in the light of the testimony, for the people of the United States to begin the regulation of their household af-

Iron Grip of Discipline Crumbles in German Navy.

Washington Dispatch, 10th. Few dispatches since the war began have created more interest at the Navy Department than today's reports from Amsterdam telling of a revolt in the German navy. Officers unhesitatingly declared that the story, so far not confined in official reports, was one of the most encouraging signs of the year for the Allies, and probably one of the most ominous from the German view. They point out that while the allied powers have noted repeatedly recently in their official statements that the morale of the German troops was declining, and observers have believed that the end would come in food and labor riots, or perhaps in a political revolt, there has been nothing to suggest that the iron discipline of the German military system had lost its hold over the fighting millions in the slightest degree.

The declining morale on the western front noted, it was said, has shown itself in the feeble character of counter-attacks, as compared with the all but irresistible drives of a year ago.

Assault after assault has dashed itself to pieces before the British and French trenches.

The revolt in the navy, these officers said, was a most serious matter for Germany. The sailors generally have not been subjected to the battering of guns day after day, month after month. They insisted that if there is discontent among the sailors with their condition, it must be even greater in the army.

As one possible explanation of the navy revolt, they pointed out that ever since submarine warfare was started by the Germans the British have adopted the consistent policy of suppressing information as to the fate of submarines sent to the bottom by their patrols. The policy was adopted as a deliberate method of breaking down the morale of the submarine crews.

Crews for the U-boats are understood to be drafted from the high seas fleet as needed. The big ships are practically idle. They have done little, since the North Sea fight, but to steam out to target practice behind mine-protected zones. For the men of the ships there has been little but the deadly routine of this business, varied only by calls for duty, and probably death on the submarine.

Ask Anyone Who Has Used It.

There are families who always aim to keep a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy in the house for use in case it is needed, and find that it is not only a good investment but saves them no end of suffering. As to its reliability, ask any one who has used it.

On a basis of one year more, at the furthest, of the war. Our own opinion is that within less than a year the people of this country will begin to note the disappearance one by one of evidences of the war tax—the stamp taxes being first to go, as was the case following the Spanish-American war—and others being eliminated as necessity for their collection passes away. The European war situation now justifies the people in beginning to make arrangements for a readjustment to peace conditions. A year at best would be but a short time to wait.—Charlotte Observer.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

THE LIBERTY LOAN.

Your Dollars Cannot Be Neutral.

You must be either for or against the soldier boys now marching to the trenches in France. You must be either for or against your country. There is no half-way station; no betwixt or between.

Your dollar cannot be neutral. Uncle Sam needs your financial assistance. American success in this war depends upon our sending an army fully equipped, efficiently trained, amply supplied with every requisite of the field. Every link in the military chain must be strong. We dare not take chances.

Germany's tremendous aggressiveness in this conflict has been made possible only by the highest efficiency in every detail. The Germans were prepared at every point when they loosed the dogs of war and sent them hurtling through Belgium on the way to Paris.

Let's not send to France the pride of America's young manhood—the boys for whom in any other emergency would make any sacrifice, any whit less prepared. Take care of your loyalty to the army, and your loyalty to your country will take care of itself.

There are numerous ways of serving the Kaiser. And withholding your support from the boys we have sent, and will yet send to the front, the boys whom the world at large is watching closely and expectantly is by no means the least of these.

You would bitterly and instantly resent any other charge of disloyalty to your country. Probably you haven't considered this phase of the situation, but calmly think it over for a moment and you will get the point. You cannot afford, even unconsciously, to leave open this weep hole for questi n.

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Town and County.

—Buy a Liberty Loan Bond at the Watauga County Bank.

—Mrs. F. A. Linney, returned last Friday from a visit of some days to relatives in Taylorsville.

—The freeze on last Friday morning was the hardest of the season, and some fruit was probably ruined.

—Buy a liberty Loan Bond at the Watauga County Bank. The denominations are Fifty's, One hundreds, and Five hundreds.

—Chestnuts are now ripe. The quality of the beautiful brown nuts is fine, but the yield is not so abundant as ordinarily.

—As letter postage, by order of Postmaster General Burleson, will be advance to three cents on Nov. 2, we advise all those who are due, to send it in before the advance comes in. Hurry up!

—Mr. J. H. Hardin, one of our best near-town farmers, threshed from one field, 345 bushels of buckwheat, and immediately seeded the same ground, well fertilized, to rye. The crop of buckwheat in the county has been very fine indeed.

—The electric lighting system of the town is very far from satisfactory just now, low water being the cause assigned for the short hours of service. These nights are rather long to be forced to retire early, especially for the busy man who is engaged from early morn till night.

—Dr. J. C. and Mrs. Farthing, of Butler, Tenn., were visitors in the village last week on their return from Caldwell county where they took in the fair and spent a little while with the Dr's. brother, Mr. A. C. Farthing, at the Martin House. For a nice courtesy extended by the popular dentist, The Democrat thanks him.

—W. B. Austin, of Ashe county, well known in Watauga, who graduated last year at the University of North Carolina, has landed at Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C. In ordering The Democrat to his address, Bill remarked that he had already seen several of our boys, who apparently, seem to be well satisfied. He adds that he has not yet looked around enough to know just how he will like.

—Mr. Parks Gwaltney, a former student of the A. T. S., from Burke county, was in the village last week circulating among his friends and former school mates. He volunteered in the U. S. Navy, (coast artillery) early in July, and saw service in the ship yards at Norfolk for some time, but as that branch of the service became over-crowded, he is now enjoying an indefinite furlough, subject, of course, to recall at any time.

Watauga's Taxable Property.

Editor Democrat: Believing that a great many of your readers and citizens of the county would be interested in knowing something more about our property valuations, tax assessments etc., I am submitting you herewith for publication, a brief summary of same, based on the 1917 tax returns, and arranged by me in the Abstract of Listed Taxables on file in my office.

203142 acres of land, valued at \$1,479,509.00
379 town lots 130,561.00
Total \$1,610,070.00

PERSONAL PROPERTY.

2255 Horses	\$158,455.00
550 Mules	42,715.00
17 Jacks & Jennets	486.00
10,825 Cattle	245,130.00
3890 Hogs	17,766.00
6397 Sheep	25,862.00
48 Goats	69.00
85 Dogs	478.00
Farming Utensils	35,952.00
Wagons and other Vehicles	26,345.00
Office Furniture	1,687.00
Tools of Mechanics,	2,759.00
Household furniture,	
musical instruments	86,207.00
Libraries, etc.,	3,072.00
Money on hand	37,337.00
Solvent Credits,	313,076.00
Shares of Corpora-	
tion Stock,	1,691.00
Autos, Bicycles, etc.,	8,130.00
Seines, Nets & Boats	799.00
Jewelry, Goods, Wares	
and Merchandise	96,804.00

Total valuation...\$1,104,820.00
Total valuation real and personal property.....\$2,714,890.00
Value of property listed by Corporations, assessed by State tax Commission, including excess and bank stock \$139,153.00
Grand Total, all property.....\$2,854,043.00
Total number polls 1824
This is a gain of \$104,753.00 over the 1916 assessment.
The tax rate for the year 1917 is \$1 on the hundred dollars worth of real and personal property, and \$2.45 on the poll. This brings in a total tax for all purposes of \$32,624.30, allotted to the different divisions as follows:
State tax \$ 7,730.13
School tax 13,545.96
County Tax, 8,494.17
County Road tax 2,854.04
Total tax as above...\$32,624.30

Respectfully,
W. R. GRAGG,
Register of Deeds

—As a result of a small blaze in the boiler room of the big Whiting plant at Shulls Mills a few days ago, the manufacture of lumber was temporarily interfered with, but the damage was soon repaired and the massive machinery again put in action.

—Mr. Richard Green, of Cook's Gap, has sold his valuable property there to Mr. Thomas L. Dav, and will, owing to rapidly declining health, move to the home of his son, Mr. H. G. Green, at Glade Valley, Alleghany county. Mr. Green is one of our most substantial citizens, and we are sorry that health conditions of him and his wife make it necessary for them to leave their native county.

—Mrs. Alex. Blackburn, of Todd, after a most delightful visit of two weeks to the home of her sister, Mrs. Geo. H. Church, in Statesville, returned last week. She says that her sister and her beloved husband, the Rev. Geo. Church, who is well remembered by our people, are not in the best of health, but that the minister is still able to fill his pulpit in the Baptist church of that town, of which he is pastor. It is their hope to be able to visit in Watauga and Ashe some time next year.

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