

**GERMANY'S SUPPLY OF MEN**

Analysis of French General Staff Figures of German Losses and German Numbers

Greensboro News.

An analysis of the French general staff official figures, recently issued of the German losses and the German numbers, is made by Frank Simonds, in an article in the New York Tribune. Such an estimate, he says, may be accepted as very close to fact, because just as the German military conditions are reliable, the French estimates are similarly trustworthy. "There is really no mystery so far as numbers are concerned for any of the nations at war." It is as well to present these figures as published from the French headquarters September 9.

The Associated Press is able to give approximately the figures representing the man power of Germany in the war at the present time, together with the casualties, as follows:

Fixed formations on the various fronts, employed on lines of communication and stationed in the interior, 5,500,000.

Divisions undergoing formation and men in depots, 600,000.

Losses in killed, permanently disabled and prisoners, 4,000,000.

Wounded, under treatment in hospitals, 500,000.

Total, 10,600,000.

These figures account for all the men called out up to the present service, as follows:

Trained men, mobilized immediately on the outbreak of the war, 5,500,000.

Untrained Ersatz (compensatory) recruits called out August, 1914, to February, 1915, 800,000.

Class of 1914 recruits, called out November, 1914, to January, 1915, 500,000.

First ban of untrained Landsturm called out at the beginning of 1915, 100,000.

Class of 1915, called May-July, 1915, 450,000.

Remainder of untrained Landsturm called out the same month, 50,000.

Class of 1916, called out September-November, 1915, 450,000.

Contingent of hitherto exempted men called out in October, 1915, 300,000.

Second contingent exempted men called out early in 1916, 200,000.

Second ban of Landsturm, called out in 1916, 450,000.

Class of 1917, called out March-November, 1916, 450,000.

Third contingent of exempted men called late in 1916, 300,000.

Class of 1918, called out November, 1916, to March, 1917, 450,000.

Class of 1919, called out in part 1917, 300,000.

Additional exempted men, 1917, 50,000.

Total, 11,500,000.

It is explained that the discrepancy in the figures is accounted for by the omission of the male youths. The total mobilizable male resources of Germany, since the beginning of hostilities, including the yearly classes of recruits up to 1920, number about 14,000,000. Those called up number 6,000,000. The remainder are accounted for as follows: The remaining portion of the class of 1919 awaiting call, 1,500,000; class of 1920 still un-called, 450,000; men employed as indispensable in industries and administrations, 500,000; men abroad unable to reach Germany, 200,000;

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men entirely exempted owing to physical disability, 2,100,000.

Recruits of the 1920 class cannot be called legally until they attain their seventeenth birthday.

The conclusion of this authority is that after the campaign of 1918, if the war continue so long, Germany would be unable to bring to the front any new troops except the boys of the class of 1921, who would then be 18 years old; and that Germany now confronts the fourth year with a reserve of less than a million men, made up of boys who cannot have the military value of the older classes.

The conclusions are reached by the following reasoning:

"In sum, then, Germany had available for service for the first four years of the war 11,200,000 men, while 200,000 men were prevented from returning to the colors by the blockade of Germany, which cut off overseas contingents.

"Eleven million four hundred thousand, the total figure, represents just about one-sixth of the population of the German empire at the outbreak of the war—that is, something more than 68,000,000. Germany, then, has permanently lost 4,000,000 and has 5,500,000 on the line and behind the line in necessary services. Probably not more than 3,000,000 to 3,500,000 at the most are actually engaged in fighting or are in immediate reserve. She has 600,000 men, mostly of the class of 1920—that is, of boys who are now only 17 years old—and 500,000 more men now in the hospital who some time in the next six months will be returned to duty. This total will be reduced before the beginning of the campaign of 1918 by the permanent losses incurred between now and the 1st of April. These losses will not be less than 500,000 a month, and we may safely figure that 300,000 men will thus be eliminated before the next campaign opens. In other words, the maximum of possible reserves of Germany for the campaign of 1918 will be 800,000 men, and of this number over half will be boys not more than 18 years of age, and 150,000 more will be boys of the class of 1919, who will have reached only the age limit of 19 next year. Three-quarters of the reserves that Germany will have for next year, then, are boys of 19 and under.

"The permanent loss of Germany in the first three years of the war was slightly under 4,000,000—an average permanent loss of 1,300,000 a year, but the loss was much greater in the first two years of the war than in the last year, because in the first two years there was much heavier fighting. The Russian collapse of this year has resulted in relieving the pressure on the eastern front and thus directly reducing the casualties. It has also compelled the allies on the western front to abandon their plan of seeking a decision this year by tremendous offensives, and thus the German loss has been materially smaller on the western front, too, than it was either in the days of the Marne campaign or in the later Verdun episode.

"It is not too much to estimate that the German losses for the six months of campaign next year will be in excess of 200,000 a month, and this means that some time before September German reserves will be exhausted and the problem of shortening her lines or else courting disaster. If Russia is able to take her part next year, or any considerable part, then Germany's loss will not be less than 250,000 a month. It is barely conceivable that a complete failure of Russia would enable Germany to hold on next year, even with reduced effectives."

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**FIFTH ANNUAL CORN SHOW**

Co-operation and Support of People of Robeson Wanted for Corn and Live Stock Conference and Poultry Exhibit

Wilmington, Sept. 22.—It is desired to enlist the co-operation and support of the people of Robeson county in connection with the fifth annual corn show embracing live stock conference and poultry exhibit. This fair is to be held in Wilmington, November 6, 7, 8 and 9 and will be open day and night during that period.

The counties to be embraced within the fair territory are ten, as follows: Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Duplin, Onslow, Pender, Robeson, New Hanover, Sampson, Wayne.

It is to be observed that this year's exposition is not to be a local affair. It is the aim and purpose of the management to secure the utmost interest and assistance from the whole people of the ten counties involved.

The main objects of the fair are educational and constructive. It is inconceivable that the agricultural, dairying and live stock problems of Eastern North Carolina can be worked out by a single individual or organization. The task is worthy of the best efforts of a united people. To that end the fifth annual corn show embracing live stock conference and poultry exhibit offers a splendid opportunity for the people to meet together and become enlightened upon many questions that daily confront and vex them.

The business men of Wilmington have already provided the financial support for this undertaking. Upwards of \$7,000 have been subscribed, all to be spent in making the fair a grand educational success. The other counties are urged to participate in the benefits, but Wilmington will bear the expense. She asks you to send your exhibits and attend the fair.

An executive committee from each county will be named with the idea of stimulating interest in each of the several counties and advising the people of the aims and purposes of the fair.

Shortly a premium list or booklet will be published and distributed. This booklet will contain prize lists aggregating over \$3,000 for agricultural exhibits, live stock exhibits, poultry exhibits, fancy work and other items specifically mentioned.

**Mysterious Death of Mrs. King**

Greensboro Record.

The burial of Mrs. King was a quiet affair. Everybody took it for granted that the woman killed herself. She was buried in Chicago, and that ended the matter until some anonymous letter writer from Concord sent a letter to the district attorney's office in New York that a murder had been committed and that politics shut it up. That was the match that fired the barn. Then the New York papers got busy and Chicago papers got busy, and if there was ever mystery piling on top of mystery it is in this case, and nothing tangible is yet in sight.

Gaston Means, now accused in the public mind of being guilty of taking her off, hasn't been arrested because there is nothing to warrant the arrest. The lawyers are busy looking out for property interests; newspapers have sent their bright young men to Concord; the picture makers have been busy; the tree next to the spring and the automobile and the lady's hat all have been shown in print, and reckless writers have seen on the person of Gaston Means rolls of bills bigger than a stove pipe—and yet it is all mystery. It is doubtless true that murder will out, and there is no doubt that out of all these many stories and many mysteries finally will come a coherent tale, and if Mrs. King was murdered the truth will be known, and the one who murdered her brought to the bar of justice. The case is now too far advanced to be dropped without a careful investigation. Just why the New York and Illinois authorities are going so far we do not know. North Carolina is also taking her part, and Prosecuting Attorney Clement has established headquarters in Concord, and some day we may know more about it. Never was drama so interesting; never was a picture on the screen given so much attention.

**E. D. Carey Arrested Under Charge of Desertion From Army—Formerly Lived in Robeson**

A dispatch of the 20th from Newport News, Va., states that "E. D. Carey, a soldier stationed at Fort Moultrie, S. C., is reported under arrest there on a charge of desertion from the army. September 4 Carey married Miss Ella May Gilpin of Newport News at Hampton. Yesterday the young woman returned home after discovering that Carey had a wife and child at Charleston, S. C., and that he was said to be a deserter from the army.

"Following the marriage Carey took his bride to Fayetteville, N. C., where she was left penniless. The young woman says she had known Carey for five years, having met him while he was stationed at Fort Monroe.

"Carey lived for a while in Robeson, at Orrum.

**Propose to Give President Broad Censorship Powers**

A provision for censorship, under regulations of the President, of mail, cable, radio or other communication between the United States and foreign countries was written into the administration trading-with-the-enemy bill Thursday by the House and Senate conferees at a special meeting. It is designed to prevent military information from reaching Germany by relay through Latin America and other neutral countries.

The provision was inserted at the request of Federal departments having knowledge that many messages have reached Germany, in code, by steamer and otherwise. It was made a part of the conferees' report and will be presented to the Senate Thursday.

**Says Kaiser Has Offered No Reward for U. S. Soldier**

A Berlin dispatch from the Wolff Bureau, the semi-official news agency, received at Amsterdam on the 20th, denied as a ridiculous invention the report from Paris that the German Emperor had promised a reward of 300 marks and three weeks' leave to the first German who captured an American soldier. The Wolff Bureau adds that after capturing three million prisoners, Germany has no occasion to offer head money for any more.

**DIDN'T NEED THE MONEY**

Robeson Farmer Who Applied for Farm Loan Raised Enough Tobacco to Put Him By

By John A. Livingston.

Wilmington Special, Sept. 20, to Wilmington Star.

His right thumb had been torn from his hand by a contrary brick-making machine, and he could scarcely walk because a scantling had hit on his left knee while he was repairing a barn, but there was a smile of satisfaction on his face and a look of joy and happiness in his eyes that one would not have expected after such sad afflictions.

The injuries under other conditions perhaps would not have been borne with such patience, but this year this sturdy Robeson county farmer has been able to pay off the last instalment of a vexing mortgage on the little place he bought several years ago, after a struggle that often has seemed to be great to be overcome.

He, like multitudes of other farmers throughout the country, hailed with the greatest joy the passage of the national farm loan bill, which would enable them to pay off their mortgages with money, secured at a low rate of interest with plenty of time in which to pay it and without danger of foreclosure.

**No Farm Loan For Him**

He was among the first to make application for a loan. True it was not for a large sum—only \$800—but for him it meant a home and a farm of his own for life. For several years the cotton crop in the southern part of Robeson, where he lives, has not turned out well and many farmers have not been able to pay expenses, much less make any extra money. So he learned of the National farm loan act as a heaven-sent boon.

Last spring, however, he decided to try his hand at planting some tobacco, as well as cotton. He only planted three and a half acres, but this was well fertilized and carefully cultivated. The weather conditions during the summer were very favorable and the yield this fall, not only for him, but for all in that section, was especially good while the prices have continued to soar.

From the little field of tobacco he secured enough tobacco to bring \$1,600 at a Fairmont warehouse. His total expenses for all purposes, he estimates at about \$400. At any rate he had more than a thousand dollars clear money, and the first thing he did was to pay off that mortgage.

**Tobacco Crop Did It**

So it happened the other day when the appraiser from the Federal farm loan bank at Columbia came down to Marietta to assess the valuations of the different farms on which loans were to be advanced, that this man was able to say he did not need any money, and more than that had money in the bank, even though he had not sold a bale of cotton.

He expects to get from his little farm some eight or ten bales of cotton, and most of this money will go into the bank, or a large proportion of it at any rate.

This story is typical of what has happened in the southern section of Robeson county. The cotton crop is sorry, just as sorry as it was last year, perhaps, but this can be overlooked when tobacco can be sold at such handsome prices and the yield is good, as was the case this year.

**No Talk of Hard Times**

There is no talk of hard times in this section, but everywhere one finds the farmers optimistic. It is true that a dollar does not go far these days and money is cheap, but it is safe to say that the 18 banks that Robeson now has will not be derelict in bringing to the attention of the farmers the need of saving, which has been clearly pointed out by Governor Bickett in a recent statement to the people of the State.

That there will come a time when tobacco will not sell for such handsome prices and that money will not always be so cheap as it is now, are facts that cannot be too strongly enforced at the present time. There is a real danger of being too optimistic, but when farmers and others apply their money to establishing themselves more strongly to meet the days of adversity and "tight" money that are sure to come,

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Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Every day brings forth encouraging news as to the fair this fall in Lumberton. Indications now point to the largest display of farm products and fancy work of all kinds that has been seen in Lumberton or at any other fair in many years. The people are becoming so interested that it now looks like our exhibition hall will have to be enlarged. However, if it comes to the push, we will just use the other tobacco warehouse for the chickens and live stock and in this way have plenty of room, and it all on the inside.

There is going to be the largest and best display of hogs and pigs this time that we have had, and you can't expect anything else, because the premiums offered range from ten dollars down for hogs. Then again, the people have become so interested in pigs, that there is some rivalry; everybody wants the best and wants to see what the other fellow has. Well, he can see them all at the fair.

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