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## WORLD'S GREATEST WAR DAY BY DAY

WAR WILL BE OVER BY JULY? BOTH FOES FEAR INVASION BRITISH NAVY LOSSES HEAVY CAMERA MEN BACK FROM WAR

### Germany Will Have Had Enough, English Officer Predicts

LONDON, Dec. 7.—A remarkably optimistic prediction as to the duration of the war was made by a personage who cannot be designated with any greater precision than as an officer of high command in General French's army. He is back in London from the front on a few days' leave, most of which he has passed at the war office.

"The war," he said, "will be over before Ascot," and that is the end of June.

In view of the general expectation of a long drawn out struggle, the statement reads like a joke. It was made, however, in all seriousness and seemed justified to its author by what he described as the facts of the situation. Those, in brief, are that the German efforts in the western theatre of war are practically exhausted; that the pressure on the eastern frontier will shortly become more severe and that the psychological moment for a general offensive, for which General French has prepared is rapidly approaching, and that when this moment does arrive the allies' combined movements in the east will prove irresistible.

"Early in the summer," said the officer, "Germany will be ready to make peace on the best terms she can obtain."

**Cost Makes All Desire Peace More**

That prediction is purely a military one and leaves out of consideration the question of what terms Germany will be able to obtain and be willing to accept. Although talk of the necessity of crushing Germany is roundly indulged in now there can be little doubt that six months more of appalling and ruinous war will have rendered the world's desire for peace a potent factor in the consideration of terms.

The gospel of hatred of Germany which is being preached by some apostles here does not really seem to be having more than superficial success. Throughout the country the more responsible papers have shown no evidence of a determination to see the war degenerate into a blind fury only to be assuaged by the destruction of Germany.

It is obvious that there is no party in Britain which does not intend to prosecute the war without relenting until an enduring peace is established and Prussian militarism as a menace to the world is extirpated, but there is ample evidence that these objects attained, British feeling will be satisfied. The Archbishop of York has been taken to task by a part of the jingo press for condemning the "gross and vulgar way in which the German Emperor has been treated in the newspapers and particularly in comic papers."

**Still Can Admire German People**

But his statement that "we can still speak with admiration and charity about the great German people," has been echoed in many most responsible quarters.

Doctor Saleeby aroused the applause of a representative audience when he said it was essential that Englishmen should not imitate the enemy in her hymn of hate against England and that was it England's duty, hard though it might be, to remember the noble Germany of the past, of which there was so little sign at the moment.

"If this country desired the complete destruction of Germany," he said, "she would place herself on exactly the same parallel as Bismarck and Bernhardi, whose sole ambition was to obliterate France from the records of the earth."

### British Civilians Prominent in Work

LONDON, Dec. 7.—An invasion by the allies is feared by Germany, according to a dispatch to the Evening News from Copenhagen, which reports that extensive preparations are being made to guard against such an eventuality.

The news says it has learned from eye-witnesses that the Germans are strengthening old fortresses in the former Danish territory of Schleswig-Holstein, as well as a line of entrenchments called the Danneberg, along the northern side of the Kiel canal. It is thus hoped to protect the canal against attacks from the north, for it is on the shores of Schleswig, according to these reports, that an invasion is feared.

All the German islands in the North Sea, it is said, are now closely guarded and strongly fortified positions are being erected on the shores of Holstein and along the western side of the river Elbe.

England is preparing rapidly to repel any possible invasion by Germany. Along the east and south coasts of England these preparations, begun some time ago, are being pushed forward as speedily as possible. The work is chiefly in the hands of civilians.

Emergency committees of prominent citizens have been formed in several of the large towns. The principal measures already planned look to the safe withdrawal of women and children from the areas which may be threatened and the removal of live stock and provisions which would be useful to an invading army, the destruction of grain and other commodities which can not be removed, and the blocking of roads and destruction of bridges.

Rifle clubs are being organized. The war office has decided to recognize these clubs, many of which are now drilling. Many of their badges will consist of a red armband bearing the letters "G. R." Only those who are ineligible for service as regular soldiers or territorials may belong to such organizations. Members are required to furnish their own equipment.

The city of Hull, according to the Daily Mail, has been divided into six districts. In each district is a committee of 200 prominent men which will co-operate with the police. Similar committees have been formed in Deal, Eandwich, Folkestone and several other towns, the Mayors usually acting as chairman. Bicyclists and automobilists were organized some time ago for their share of the work.

### KING LUDWIG SEES LONG WAR

AMSTERDAM, via London, Dec. 7.—King Ludwig of Bavaria, reviewing the cadets at Munich, according to the Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin, said: "The war will last a long time, but we shall not rest until the enemy is beaten and until peace is secured against attack."

### WAR OVER BY APRIL 1, IS BELIEF AT LLOYD'S

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The Daily Mail says the war will be over by the end of March. There is a certain volume of opinion at Lloyd's that thinks the chances good, and, indeed, better than they were a week ago. Inquiries in the city yesterday showed that last week 75 guineas per cent was quoted for a policy under which the total loss would be paid in the event of war not being over by the end of next March. The rate had fallen yesterday to 60 guineas per cent. On the other hand there has been an increase during the last week or ten days of 5s. to 7s. 6d., and even 10s., in full war risks in rates of insurance on private house property on the east coast. For big works, such as the Tyne shipyards, the rate advanced from 10s. to £1.

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### Most Dead Were Drowned in Engagements With Germans

LONDON, Dec. 7.—Thus far during the war the royal navy has lost 4107 officers and men killed, and 436 wounded, while 968 are missing and 1575 are captives or have interned.

These figures are contained in a statement issued recently by the admiralty, and include, in addition to naval men, the names of the royal naval division. The casualties and number of men captured or interned are given as follows: Officers killed, 20; wounded, 37; prisoners, 5; interned, 46. Men killed, 4107; wounded, 436; missing, 968; interned, 1575.

A great majority of those reported killed were drowned, 1718 losing their lives in this manner when the cruisers Pathfinder, Aboukir, Crossy and Hogue were sent to the bottom by German submarines, while the foundering of the Monmouth and Good Hope after the action with the German squadron off the coast of Chile was responsible for the loss of 1654 officers and men beneath the waves.

The operations of the royal naval division at Antwerp are accountable for nearly all those reported interned or missing. Most of the missing are said by the admiralty statement to be prisoners of war in Germany.

### JORDAN SAYS FAMINE WILL END THE WAR

Declares Starved People Will Demand Peace Within Year.

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 7.—Famine

### Donald Thompson of Kansas Has a Wounded Nose

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Adrian Duff and Donald Thompson, photographers, who said they had been on the firing line since the beginning of hostilities, returned on the New York. Thompson wore a bandage across his nose, the result, he said, of a shell explosion in a restaurant where he was dining with several German officers, some of whom were killed.

Thompson said that while dining with General Von Boehm the general asked him for his opinion on the result of the war. Thompson declared that he thought Germany would be conquered eventually.

"Well," replied the German officer, "I have been in America, and you know a baseball game is never over until the ninth inning."

will end the European war and the feeding of starving millions will take precedence over rearrangement of political lines, according to David Starr Jordan, peace advocate.

"Starved peoples will demand peace," said Dr. Jordan. "Hunger will stalk everywhere through battle wrecked lands. Mad appetite will scream aloud for satisfaction. That which did not begin the strife will halt the strife. The 'voice of the people' will stop the conflict. One year will bring signs indicative of these things."

Dr. Jordan declared absolute bankruptcy will face everyone of the warring nations excepting Great Britain.

## A Century of Printing

**THEN.**

Just one hundred years ago November 28, Frederick Koenig tried out his cylinder press for the London Times, the first printing press run by steam. This press was first used in the United States in 1827. The introduction of the cylinder press in the Times office caused a great commotion. The manufacture of the press was carried on secretly. One night the press men of the Times office waited in vain for the forms to come down. They thought that news of delayed the paper. Suddenly Mr. Walter, the editor, appeared among them and distributed the first sheets ever printed upon a cylinder press. It could produce 200 impressions an hour. Up to 1914 all newspapers were printed on hand presses. George Bruce, who came to America early in the last century, described how they got out the Philadelphia Chronicle. There were three men to each hand press, one to pull the lever, one to ink the forms and one to take away the papers. They worked desperately hard for twenty minutes and then rested twenty minutes. The output was, of course, very limited, about 250 papers an hour.

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