

A FIVE YEARS WAR SEEMS INEVITABLE AS A RESULT OF THE RUSSIAN COLLAPSE

GERMANY TO MAKE NEXT OFFENSIVE AGAINST FRANCE

Reserves of Men and Munitions Gained From Russia and Italy Gives Kaiser New Strength. OUTLOOK FOR NEXT YEAR

Bid for Ultimate Victory for the Allied Cause Must Be Made by United States Arms.

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Rather more than a year ago I expressed the opinion that the war would last at least four years. The recent progress of events satisfies me that we are to see a struggle at least five years long, and that no decision is likely during 1918, nor until such time as the United States can put a million of men on European soil, with proper provision for maintaining this number on the fighting line.

The conviction that the war will go at least five years rests upon the changed situation resulting from the complete disappearance of Russia from the battle line. Allied victory in four years was conditioned upon the mutual efforts of France, Britain, Russia and Italy, all operating at full power against the central powers. There was a remote possibility that a decision in favor of the allies might have been foreshadowed by the military events of 1917 had Russia maintained this year the pace she set last year. There was a possibility of a decision next year as long as Russian armies were able and willing to hold their place and thus retain German and Austrian forces before them. But now Russia has disappeared, Roumania must disappear, and the war becomes a contest between two groups of powers, comparatively equal in numbers, and will remain so until the United States is able to break the deadlock by supplying sufficient numbers to give her allies the numerical superiority permanently.

Effect of Russian Collapse

The first effect of the Russian defection must be recognized in the events which have taken place in Northern Italy and in Northern France. The Russian collapse has provided Germany with a strategic reserve which has been lacking to her ever since her failure before Verdun. This strategic reserve has enabled her to take the offensive in Italy and to carry out her offensive before Cambrai—both of them more considerable offensive efforts than have been made by the Germans in nearly two years.

In my judgment, the allies may be compelled to stand on the defensive throughout the whole of next year, while every sign points to a renewal of the German effort to achieve a decision in advance of the arrival of the main masses of the United States armies. German policy clearly has been the beginning of the war Germany attacked France in the hope of destroying Russia before either England or Russia could come to the assistance of the allies. She failed, owing to the skill with which French armies were handled and the devotion with which the French soldier fought. Therefore Germany turned her attention to Russia, seeking to dispose of Russia before France and England could come to Russia's assistance. This Germany did accomplish, and she decried the Russian national existence, and is eliminating Russia as a factor in the war by the great campaign which began at the Dnieper and ended at the Caucasus in the summer of 1918. At the beginning of 1918 Germany turned to France and sought to dispose of her before British could arrive. Again she failed in this. Today, help, she has undertaken to crush Italy with the troops which have been released from the eastern front.

A Contest Between Peoples

It is necessary to understand the German purpose. Ludendorff expressed it very clearly the other day when he said that in modern war—that is, in a contest between whole peoples—a military decision on the battlefield is unlikely. The real victory is attained by the wearing out of the will and the spirit of the weaker nation by the stronger. This has happened in Russia. This the Germans hope will happen in Italy.

Now, we have to consider the possibility that the Germans will pause in their attack upon Italy. This is possible when they have forced the Italians back upon the Adige, if at this time comes. They may hope and expect that such a defeat will break the spirit of Italy and that the disintegration within the Savoy monarchy will follow the lines of the disintegration in the Romanoff empire, and that domestic revolution and disorder will bring Italy to a separate peace, as they have brought Russia.

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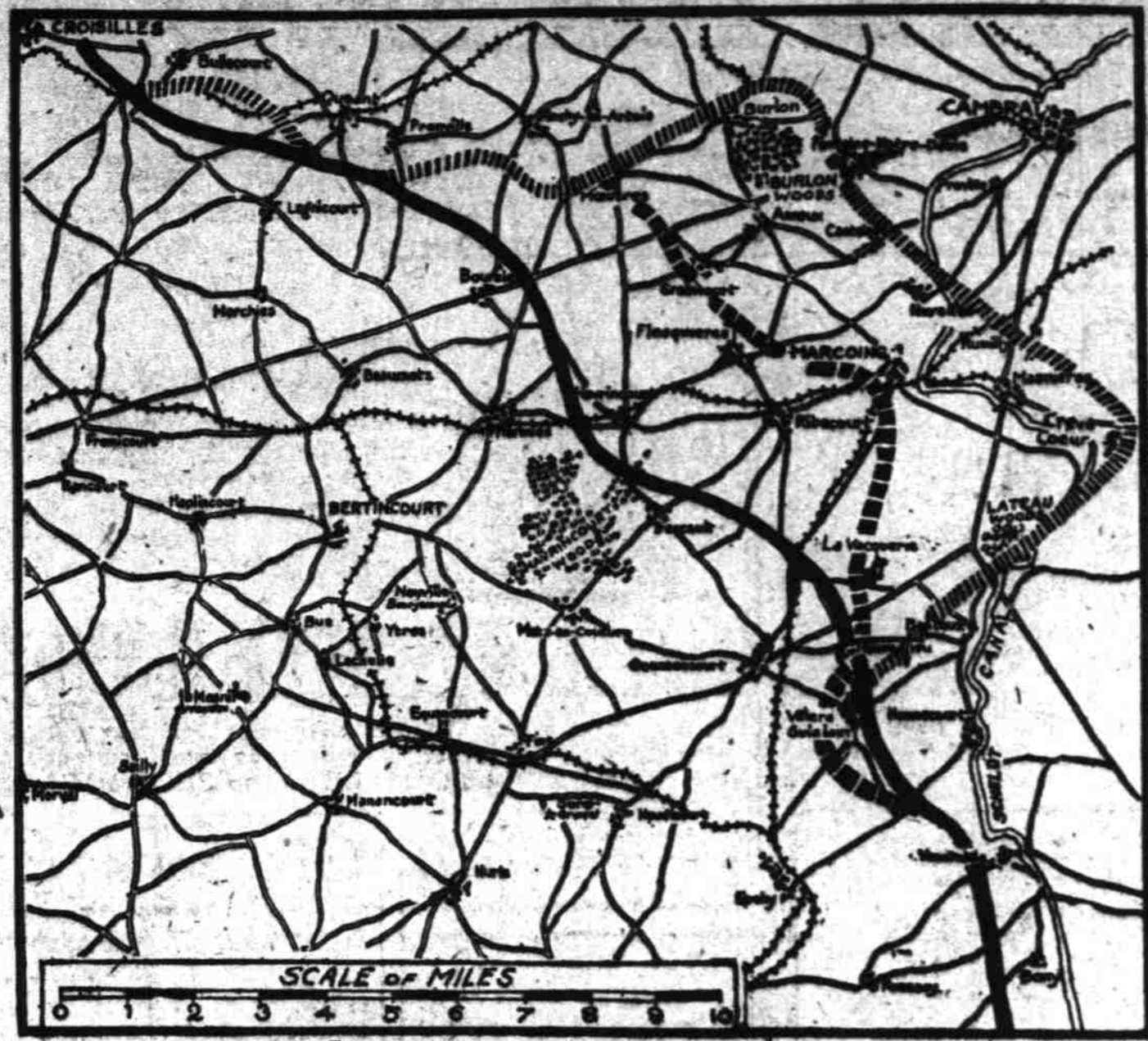
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War Material Captured

In the course of the present year Germany has captured an enormous amount of war material from the Russians and an equally vast amount from the Italians. She has added greatly to her stocks of munitions and of guns. All these resources will enable her to make a desperate final drive against France this winter or next spring, while the Austrian troops will suffice to hold the gains in Italy, to check Seravelli's army in the Balkans and probably to supply certain Austrian, German and Hun-



BRITISH FRONT BEFORE THE ATTACK. LIMIT OF BRITISH ADVANCE. POSITION AFTER GERMAN COUNTER OFFENSIVE. The German counter offensive at Cambrai.

garian divisions of picked troops for the western campaign. The population of France, Italy and Great Britain, including the British white colonies, is about equal to that of the central powers, with Turkey, while the native troops of British and French colonies about offset Turkish numbers. But the Italians can use only a minor percentage of their numbers on their present front, and are unlikely now to consent to the transfer of Italian troops to France, while the French and British are handicapped by the necessity of sending many of their troops to save Italy.

On the West Front

All things considered, it seems to me certain that the next campaign will see Germany on the offensive on the western front, where all military authorities, German and allied alike, agree that the offensive will be made. British numbers have not yet begun to decline absolutely. The British will be able to hold the center and counter any offensive of the German attack upon the French, but they will not be able, in my judgment, to carry on a German detachment by the Somme, owing to the pressure that will be brought upon the French. In other words, France, having suffered as she has, will quite justly demand that when she is attacked, whether it be about Rheims, or about Verdun, or about Nancy, British armies be sent to the danger point to bear a portion of the loss. Nothing is less likely than that the French will consent to bear another Verdun sacrifice alone.

The Element of Time Remains with the Allies

Not only do the European enemies of Germany possess an equal number of men, but they have behind them the resources and man power of the United States. Germany, on the other hand, has no reserve at the moment when the American army is taking its place, at least a million strong, on the western front. The allies must wait, and during the period in which they are waiting they will unquestionably have to face the fiercest German attack of the war.

Campaign of 1918

Moreover, it seems to me that wise policy would dictate that the allies should wait next year and in the main campaign on a defensive basis. There is the obvious danger of a complete prostration of France if France has to undergo another bleeding like that of the summer of 1918. Germany has lost and she would have to bear singly when they are balanced by losses on the other side divided between the French and the British. This would mean a rate of attrition for her which would be murderous. But since France has lost proportionately almost as much as Germany, she would have to exchange casualties with France safely.

There should be no mistaking the fact in the United States that the defection of Russia has totally changed the whole situation in that it has supplied Germany with a strategic reserve, that it has reinvigorated the war spirit of the nation, and that with newly acquired resources of guns and materials, captured from the Russians, Germany is now able to strike one more blow before we can possibly become an effective force on the western front.

America's Participation

During next summer we shall have some hundreds of thousands of troops in France. We shall have a certain number of divisions upon the fighting line. We shall have many more divisions behind the firing line, getting their training. We shall be unable to take over any portion of the German assault upon Verdun between February and July, 1918. It does not seem to me that these facts warrant any pessimism, although we are certain to have a period of depression growing out of the apparent exhaustion of German resources and the inevitable local successes of German arms, such as the recent Cambrai episode and the more considerable success in Northern Italy. Germany is compelled again to make tremendous efforts and to gamble on an immediate decision with new assets to avoid that defeat which is inevitable when American numbers restore the balance destroyed by the German defection. French, British and Italian numbers are equal or superior to the present German forces, but they are not largely superior.

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Post-War Considerations

The question of German colonies, the question of world trade and world commerce, and the question of the world which must follow the war. It does not seem to me incompatible with allied purposes that there should be a re-making of the map of Africa. It does not seem to me outside of the possibilities that France and Belgium should consent to make sacrifices in Central Africa, provided France and Belgium are restored to their natural limits in Europe (and by natural limits of France I mean the boundaries that preceded the Franco-Prussian war). The question of Turkey and the Balkans is also a matter of world importance. But the simple fact is that if Germany is permitted to retain Belgium and Austria, the world will be a different place.

The Case of Louis XIV

In the case of Louis XIV the closing years of his wars saw a number of severe defeats. The war was carried to French soil and in the strictly military sense the war was a French victory. The spirit of the allies broke down when the greater peril had been abolished. The early conquests of Louis were largely European and the world was not yet a globe. The world was not yet a globe.

Germany's Peace Campaign

All this is clear to the Germans and has been revealed in their frantic campaign for peace. They are now making one more desperate campaign for a victorious peace. Russia has supplied them with the resources of men, and Italy and Russia with the resources of munitions and supplies. The object of the next campaign is France. The salvation of France will rest, in part at least, upon our own country and upon the United States.

Essentials to Peace

These things are all essential to the main purpose of the allies. They are the essentials to peace and justice and to the basis of permanent peace. Each seeks to redress a wrong which, unredressed, threatens the safety and liberty of the world. In addition, there is the problem of Poland, the solution of which waits upon Russian fortunes, but if ultimate justice is to be done, demands the liberation of the Poles of Russia. Such other purposes as the allies may

United States and Russia Give High Lights to Year

Russian Revolution and American Entry into the War Two Events That Loom Largest in the War for the Year Now Ending.

By Lowell Mellett (Dated From Staff Correspondent)

London—This has been the great year of the great war. The year of Russia's revolution and America's entry. Which of the two events will loom largest when the whole story of the war comes to be written cannot be told now. First inclination of students of history is to give the Russian revolution first place; but if present tendencies continue it may happen that America's intervention in addition to all else it means, has served to save the Russian revolution itself. This, if it results, will be due to the fact that the wonderful significance of the revolution never was lost in America, while Russia's older allies fighting almost with their backs to the wall have been inclined to forget the benefit of the revolution in the west and see only the increased danger to themselves.

Significance of America's Entry

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So much for America's entry and its significance. Meanwhile the original belligerents have continued the desperate struggle on the battlefield, with little to choose between their respective successes. History consideration would make it seem that the Teutonic powers have won victories out of proportion to their defeat. Their armies will spend their fourth trench Christmas far inside the Italian border and much farther inside the Russian border.

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