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

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.

By Frank H. Simonds (the New York Tribune Association 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 fir-

The conviction that the war will go at least five years rests upon the change in the situation resulting from the com-plete 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 posallies might have been foreshadowed in 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 on their present front, and are unlikely remain so until the United States is able to break the deadlock by supplying sufficient numbers to give her allies the numerical superiority permanently.

on their present front, and are united from now to consent to the transfer of Italian troops to France, while the French and British are handisapped by the necessity of sending many of their Effect of Russian Collanse

The first effect of the Russian defec tion must be recognized in the events Italy and in Northern France. The Ruscollapse has provided Germany with a stategic reserve which has been in Italy and to carry on a counter of their own front and to take over a por-fensive before Cambral—both of them tion of the burden of meeting the Ger-more considerable offensive efforts than man attack upon the French, but they more considerable offensive efforts than have been made by the Germans in

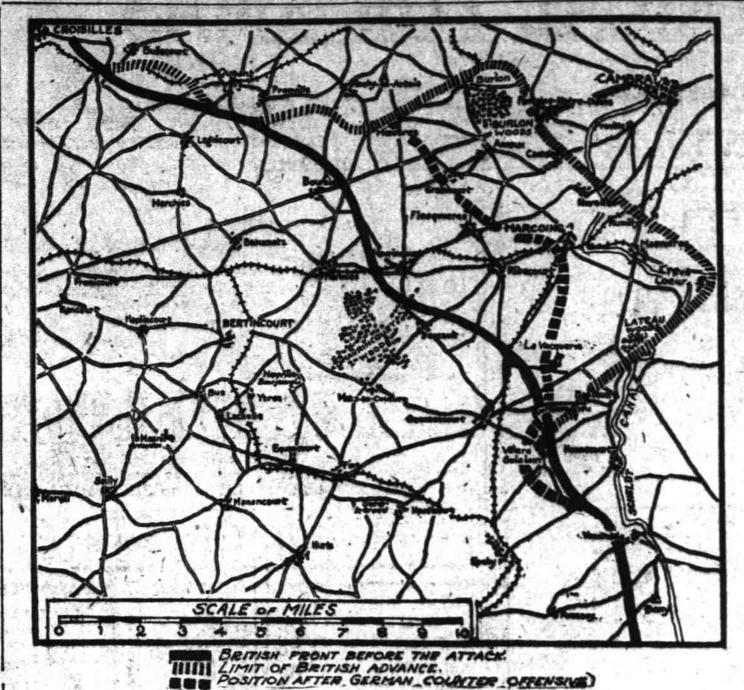
In my judgment, the allies may be compelled to stand on the defensive throughout the whole of next year, while every sign points to a renewal of the German effort to achieve a decision in advance of the arrival of the main nasses of the United States armies. German policy is clear. At the beginning of the war Germany attacked France in the hope of destroying France either England or Russia could to the assistance of the French. the failed, owing to the skill with which war by the great campaign which began at the Dunajec and ended at Vilna the summer of 1915. In the winter

& Contest Between Peoples It is necessary to understand the German purpose. Ludendorff expressed f clearly the other day when he said 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 possi that the Germans will pause in attack upon Italy at the moment they have forced the Italians back pen the Adige, if this time comes. They hope and expect that such a defeat break the spirit of Italy and that lisintegration within the Savoy mon rehy will follow the lines of the disin-

German Offensive Against Prance In such a case it is certain that the an operation will be directed t the French. France has borne entest burden of the war. French wer has suffered more than that in proportion to French popuation as Germany. There is an unmis-akable war-weariness in France, and the Germans seem to be planning and preparing an attack upon France to follow the termination of their Italian campaign. The purpose of this attack will be to dispose of the French before the ed States can bring its troops up. an attack would have been impossess the reserves necessary for Italian adventure until the collapse the Russians brought an end to all on the eastern front.

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 held the gains in Italy, to check Sarrail's army in the Balkans and probably to supply certain Austrian, German and Hun-



The German counter offensive at Cambrai.

garian divisions of picked troops for The morale of the Italian troops as a cherish separately—Italian aspirations the western campaign.

The morale of the Italian troops as a cherish separately—Italian aspirations whole is plainly inferior to the German on the eastern shore of Dalmatia; Serb-The population of France, Italy and Great Britain, including the British the central powers, without Turkey, while the native troops of British and French colonies about offset Turkishtroops 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 the war cking to her ever since her fallure will be won and lost. British numbers before Verdun. This strategic reserve have not yet begun to decline absowill not be able, in my judgment, to carry on any considerable operation like the Somme, owing to the pressure that Nancy, British armies be sent to the danger point to bear a portion of the loss. Nothing is less likely than that

Verdun sacrifice alone. The element of time remains with the allies. Not only do the European enemies French armies were handled and the of Germany possess an equal number of devotion with which the French soldier men, but they have behind them the refought. Thereafter Germany turned her attention to Russia, seeking to dispose of Russia before France and England a decision, if they fail to accentuate the could come to Russia's assistance. This war weariness in France sufficiently to Germany did accomplish, breaking down bring the French to a separate peace by the Russian national existence and their offensive of next year, they will be nating Russia as a factor in the in a far werse state than at any moment during the war, because they will have used up that strategic reserve supplied by the Russian defection, and they will of 1915 Germany turned to France again have no reserve at the moment when and sought to dispose of her before Britthe American army is taking its place. this. Today, with Austrian help, she line. But for the arrival of that army has undertaken to crush Italy with the the allies must wait, and during the troops which have been released from period in which they are waiting they the eastern front. could arrive. Again she failed in at least a million strong, on the western will unquestionably have to face the fleroest 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 carry on a defensive war, because is the obvious danger of a complete prosundergo another bleeding like that or Verdun. Germany cannot afford the osses which 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 be murderous. But since France has lost proportionately almost as heavily as Germany, the German can exchange casualties with France safely.

There should be no mistaking the fact in the United States that the defection gration in the Romanoff empire, and of Russia has totally changed the whole at domestic revolution and disorder situation in that it has supplied Gerher have brought Russia. many with a strategic reserve, that it has reinvigorated the war spirit of the nation, and that with newly acquired resources of guns and materials, cap-tured from the Russians, Germany is now able to strike one more blow be-fore 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 firing line. We shall have many more divisions behind the firing line, getting their training, but we shall be unable to take over any considerable portion of the German assault next year—precisely as the British were not able 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 de-

pression growing out of the apparent in-exhaustibility of German resources and the inevitable local successes of German

States, and can come only when the Uni-

German spirit or the Anglo-French-American spirit is the first to weaken, and it is a moral certainty that if our troops arrive in France in time the ultimate advantage must be with the allie Germany's New Beserve

Nor does there seem to me any re son to doubt that the French and the British can bear what will be the mate German assault, made possible Russia's revolution and the release some hundreds of thousands of German troops to constitute a new strategic reserve. Somewhere between half a million and three quarters of million troops have been released dom Germany is preparing to use this new reserve for one more attack, rather upon the spirit of her enemies than merely upon their trenches.

The discussion of war aims goes on steadily, despite President Wilson's wise words that we must win the war first.

a German campaign to divide the allies. It seems to me perfectly clear that the war aims of the allies are known and understood by all allied publics. By Way of Comparison

Europe and then of the world by a single nation, which has deliberately and consciously sought world supremacy. Europe in arms against Napoleon after many years of combat recognized that there could be no permanent peace until France was restored, not to the limits of 1807 or 1811, but to the limits of 1789-the year which preceded the French rush out beyond the boundaries of the old monarchy. It was the just and accurate recognition of the countries in arms against France that while France controlled Holland Belgium, Italy and Spain she had an almost inexhaustible reservoir for her armies and by her size and resources threatened the independ ence of the world.

The settled purpose of the allies against Napoleon in the closing phase was to restore the boundaries of France of 1789, and this was substantially done

and perhaps equal to the Austrian. But ian claims upon Bosnia and HerzegoFrench and British numbers are not sufficient to bring a decision in the field next year. They will never be sufficient to do this. The real decisive thrust of the war must come from the United States and can come only when the United rather than safety.

states, and can come only when the test of The irreducible minimum of safety in raine and the cession of Trieste and the twill not take us any legs.

We are entering a new phase of the war. The campaign of 1918 will begin with a very clear perception on the part of all general staffs—enemies and allies alike—that the decision of the war will rest with the nations whose spirit endures most steadfast, and that the real defeat may come not in a Waterloe or a Sedan, but in a collapse behind the lines, such as has destroyed the great Russian forces during the present year.

Russian forces during the present year.

It is rather a question now whether the public sentiment can agree to the sacri-fice of Serbia or Roumania. Post-War Considerations

The question of German colonies, the tions of world trade and world meros belong to the peace conference which must follow the war. It does not seem to me incompatible with allied purposes that there should be a remaking 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. 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 in Asia is a question for an international congress. But the simple fact is that if Garmany is permitted to retain Belgium and Aisace-Lorraine, if Austria is permitted to retain the Trentine and the Isonze gate to Italy, if Serbia is destroyed by its partition between Austria and Bulgaria, there can be no hope or words that we must win the war first, that this is the major duty and the major necessity. I have steadfastly believed that all discussion of peace aims by the allies of facts as they then are. Moreover, it has seemed and seems to me that a large portion of the demand for a statement of peace aims by the allies is either due to ignorance or induced by a German campaign to divide the allies.

In the trentine and the Trentine and the July Sarbia is described as the Trentine and the July Sarbia is described up to February 28, 1918. It is greatly staked and wired and seems to be won, and that when it has been we shall have one more of those phases when a territorial claims on the wars of Louis XIV and of Napoleon. We shall have a predatory state with a portion of the demand for a statement of peace aims by the allies in the next.

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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 vere defeats. The war was carried to viduals or companies desiring to enter French soil and in the strictly military the riving business be unable to make sense there was no absolute decision. The suitable arrangements for purchasing This war is exactly like the war that sense there was no absolute decision. The Europe fought against Napoleon. It is spirit of the allies broke down when the a war to prevent the domination first of greater peril had been abolished. The early conquests of Louis were largely taken from him, but France remained absolutely intact. What was destroyed was the French will to dominate Europe. From the effort France fell back ex-hausted and marched incluotably toward her revolution, with all it meant for the liberalizing of France and Europe. When the Revolution and the Napoleon spasm were over, France as a peril to European independence ceased to exist, and France became in the old diplomatic language, "good" European.

It seems to me that some such result may not impossibly follow this war. The defection of Russia makes it unlikely next year, at least, that allied armies will enter Germany. Allied resources in money and in food, and eventual re-sources in manhood when we get ready, are so much greater than Germany's that

was to restore the boundaries of France of 1783, and this was substantially done at the congress of Vienna. Today the allies fighting Germany are resolved to defeat Germany to abolish the German menace to world independence and thereafter to restore Germany to the boundaries of the time which preceded the beginning of her ourush against Europe, namely, the boundaries of 1870. It is the purpose of the allies to take from Germany and her Austrian and Bulgarian allies Belgium, Alsace-Lorraine, Serbia and Roumania, precisely as those who fought Napoleon took from France Belgium, Holland, Italy, Spain and various other conquests. The allies seek to restore Serbia and Belgium, it ogive Serbia that seacoast which she conquered for herself in 1912. They seek in addition to give to Italy the Trentine and Trieste districts, which are inhabited by Italian-appeaking people.

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These things are all essential to the main purpose of the allies. They are founded upon justice and they represent the main purpose of the allies. They are founded upon justice and they represent the main purpose of the allies. They are founded upon justice and they represent the main purpose of the allies. They are founded upon justice and they represent the main purpose of the allies. They are founded upon justice and they represent the main purpose of the allies. They are founded upon grant and general campaign to France upon grant and grant allies and the problem of Poland, the solution of other world. In addition, there is the problem of Poland, the solution of other world. Seeks to redress a wrong which, unredressed, threatens the saftey and liberty of the world. In addition, there is the problem of Poland, the solution of other world. Seeks to redress a wrong which, unredressed, threatens the saftey and liberty of the world. In addition, there is the problem of Poland, the solution of other world. The salvation of France unit rest, in part at least, upon our own country and our will and our growing efficiency, the problem of

III.S. TO PURCHASE IT IS OBTAINABLE

Signal Corps Office Gives Infor-

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quently asked are answered as follows: Any individual who has less than carload lots for shipment should get in touch with his neighbors or people engaged in the same occupation in his section and measure up the cants and ship together in carload lots.

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out here.
The government will take all spruce coming up to specifications that can be procured within 18 months. he procured within 18 months.

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purchase of rived or split spruce for airplane stock:

2. It is the intention of this office to purchase spruce cants split from suitable trees after inspection at any point where loading on railroad cars is a possibility and where carload lets have been accumulated. It is hoped that individual farmers, groups of farmers, contractors and logging companies will give serious consideration to this subject and engage in this phase of the spruce production to the greatest possible extent.

3. All spruce purchased must be split by wedging. The nic of explosives in any manner whatever is prohibited. Cants must be 18 to 26 feet full in length; four sides clear, not more than

Cants must be 18 to 26 feet full in length; four sides clear, not more than 14 inches thick nor more than three feet wide on the bark surface. Annular rings must not be less than six to the inch. Grain must be straight throughout the entire length of the timber, without waves, knots or rot. Timbers should not be hewn or squared. The heart will always be removed. In selecting trees for this purpose only the finest specymens of live trees should be fallen and no attempt should be made to utilize dead or down trees lying on the ground, or which appear to have shaky or spiral growth or have been burned. No piece with pitch pocket evidence will be accepted. Any abuse of these conditions will result in a rejection of the material and consequent loss to the producer.

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clude such arrangements. Whenever a question of this nature is presented to this office the information should con-

this office the information should contain name of the owner of the stumpage and a synopsis of all negotiations that have been made with him, exact location of his land, and approximate amount of spruce contained thereon suitable for airplane purposes.

6. This method of securing spruce for airplane construction necessarily will result in leaving considerable portions of each tree in the forest. It is directed that all limbs be cut from the main trunk of that portion of the tree left on the ground, and every other possible precaution taken to prevent possibility of fire. It is by this method that the government hopes to double the production of spruce for airplane stock so urgently required at this time.

BRICE P. DISQUE.

Colonel, Signal Corps, U. S. Army.

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Russians will tell you America's pa-tience and sympathy have meant more to Russia than any other factors; more aven than the railroad reorganization and supplies of locomotives which are avested to restore Russia's transportaexpected to restore Russia's transportation ayutem by next spring and more than the millions of money furnished

Significance of America's Entry Other things which the American entry ave meant are:

Unity of Allied war direction, the for-nation of the supreme war council. A real blockade of Germany by sea. A ringing declaration by the world's femocracies against discussing peace

The conquest of Riga had the outward appearance of a big military victory.

But neither event has achieved its purpose. Aside from the fact that in each case the result has been to unite the invaded countries against the invaders, the German government must reckon with a determination throughout the world not to recognise the right of territorial conquest. This determination has become a definite tangible quantity in every allied country. There must be other grounds for possession if Germany is to keep Riga or Austria to keep Veneis to keep Riga or Austria to keep Vene tia. Lacking such grounds these military

accesses lose their importance. In the Near East

It is different with the most striking allied victory of the year, the penetra-tion of Allenby's army into the heart of the Holy Land. Most of the world will eal blockade of Germany by sea.

Indores the British purpose to restore this country to its ancient people, the governments not responsible to peoples, the American president chosen to answer the pope's mendously damaging effect it will have wholeheartedly. America by her entry on their Turkish allies. Allenby in Pales- may make it possible for Russia to An end of the possibility that the sub- tine and Maude in the country about out whole.

mudflats as no army ever before was punished. They have outfought the Germans day after day for a solid year. They have given them the definite alternative of getting out of France and Flanders or seeing their great military machine stripped to a skeleton on the field. They have made it cost the Frussians and Bavarians more in man-power to stand against them than it cost the allies to force their war forward—something new in modern warfare.

On the Political Side the war.

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

The drive into Italy by Mackensen's Austro-Germans has been the most spectacular military event of the year.

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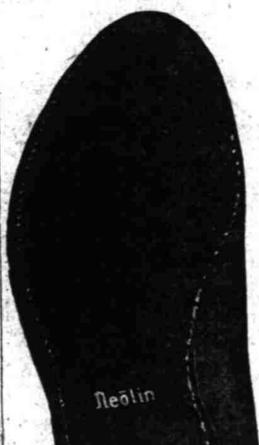
The allies greatest success, however
has had little of the theatrical about

It has been in France and Flanders. There the British and the French have

worth the paper it is written on.

Japan and the United States, with the exchange of a couple of letters, seem to have passed the Yellow Peril bogy Conditions in France

France has twice changed her government with Clemenceau now heading it and vigorous war making the pro-gram. His admitted ability presages success. France being in no mood to accept any thing short of success, Cleme ceau's trail period probably will short. Should he fall, the concensus opinion apparently is that France wi try the experiment of a labor gover ment. Labor's ability to organize and make war effectively has been one of the revelations of the war in France as well as other allied countries.
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