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HOW LONG.

People are wondering how long the war will last. An exchange has figured the following out in reference to it:

Statistics affirm that but ten per cent of the total population of a country is available for war. The Germans have stated that they have been able to call upon 12 per cent of their population for service in the present war. Using the German average, that country would have available for military duty when the war started 7,800,000 men. Since then approximately 500,000 young men have attained military age. Adding these new troops to those already in the service we get a grand total of 8,300,000. The German losses for the first year of the war are given at 1,900,000, leaving the available at the present time 6,400,000. This is a loss in the first year of the war of 18 per cent, and at this rate the last German soldier would be killed, wounded or imprisoned in a little more than four years.

Austria's ten per cent would give her, allowing her the full quota, about 5,000,000. Austrian losses for the first year have been 1,800,000 or about 35 per cent. Theoretically then, Austria will be able to hold on for two years more. The Turkish loss is not figured in this compilation because the Turk will weaken quicker than his allies, and his resistance will end when the political effect of the weakening is felt.

Turning to the allies we find France is the hardest hit. She has given more liberally of her strength than her allies have. Figuring France at ten per cent and allowing for all the men she has called to the colors we will allow her 5,000,000 men in the present war. Her losses have been 1,400,000 which is 28 per cent of her total. Allowing for the new recruits of each year, France theoretically can hold on for three years more.

Russia according to statistics had available for military purposes when the war began about 15,000,000 men. The czar has each year about 1,800,000 boys reaching military age, making a total of 16,800,000 men. Russia's losses, according to General Greene's figures, have been 2,200,000 for the first year, leaving 14,600,000 available. Russia's loss for the year then would be less than 14 per cent, and at this rate the czar could go on indefinitely.

Italy's losses for the year have been infinitesimal compared to the number of troops engaged, probably less than three per cent. England has according to population about 6,500,000 available. She has lost this year 392,000.

by all methods, which is less than seven per cent. England can therefore go on for many years, figuring on the basis of men.

These figures would give the allies a tremendous superiority before the next two years are passed. The struggle has turned into a war of exhaustion and the central empires are going to be hopelessly outnumbered before the conflict is three years old. German inferiority in numbers has been offset by a marvelous efficiency of organization, equipment and preparedness. Time, however, is eliminating this advantage. Germany is the aggressor and this carries also the penalty of heavy losses. Russia lost heavily in the first year of the war because of this reason, and this was also true of Germany. The central powers have taken the initiative in nearly all moves and have charged headlong into or through whatever position they wished to carry. The charging troops lose far more men than the defenders do, and the penalty for German aggression has been tremendous losses.

In the beginning the German General Staff said the war would last not over three months. Kitchener said three years. Kitchener was nearer right than the general staff but neither authority had any conception of the losses that the struggle would exact. In view of the present rate of losses the belligerents cannot last three years—they will wear themselves out before that time.

MISFITS

Clever People

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The weather map.
—Youngstown Telegram

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Those Polish names.
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A R. R. table.
—Warren Tribune

They're not a thing
On Cousin Kate.
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Her hat's on straight.
—Yonkers Statesman

Take off your hat
To Henry Trench.
He always laughs
At jokes in French.
—Judge

We've got to hand it
To Sue Stow;
She's always dressed
In time to go.
—Fort Worth Star-Telegram

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