WAR TO LAST LONG AS NATIONS WANT TO FIGHT

"Attrition" and "Starvation" Theories Won't Hold Water—Nothing Short of "Disillusionment" of the German People Through Decisive Victory Can Bring End.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—How much longer is this infernal war to last?

Every time I come back from the European slaughterhouse this question is shot at me more than all others together.

It is, of course, all a guess. Most high-brow authorities guess that it will end about next July or August.

But it needn't end then. There is no particular reason why it should not go on two years, or five, or ten, or twenty.

If it stops next year it will stop because the kaiser has become tired of having his troops hammered back on the Somme or the Meuse, or has found a diversion that beats war, or his people have tired of potato bread.

It will not stop because Germany or any other country is exhausted in men or money or anything else.

Exhaustion no Bar.

Nobody writes about this strange fact. Yet, next to the discovery of the real France, it is the biggest thing the war has brought out. It upsets all we had ever heard or read or innocently believed about war. Yet it is absolutely certain and undeniable.

Modern war, we used to say—heaven bless us for a lot of ninnies!—is so terribly expensive that if it comes it can last only a very short time.

It is so terribly destructive of life, we used to say—being ninnies as before—that any nation that fights will in a short time have no men to fight with.

Some of us still cling hard to these fancies and point to the empty treasury of the nation or another as a sure reason why it can't make war.

"No war chest, no fight!" say we.

But the fact is, you can carry on war without any money. Colossal war, aggressive war, incessant war—you can carry it on indefinitely without a cent.

War Chest a Myth.

The war chest is a myth, a dream, a fable. Nations don't need any war chest. All they need is a printing press and a good, steady pressman.

Germany, the other day, floated its fifth war loan, a billion and a half dollars, being bonds all eagerly subscribed by her own people.

So you read in your newspapers. What does it really mean? Why, it means that having paid out to her people in wages and purchases about all of the vast ocean of paper money she has printed, she is now sweeping it back into her treasury by means of a "war loan" or issue of bonds.

When she gets it back she will begin to pay it out again, and when it is paid out she will gather it in again with another issue of bonds.

She has been doing this ever since the war started, and she can keep on doing it year in and year out so long as she likes.

How, then, will she ever be "exhausted financially"?

All the money in circulation in Germany before the war was less than $2,000,000,000. She has already spent on the war $13,000,000,000 and shows not a sign of financial exhaustion. Why should she?

Repudiation Likely.

True, she is piling up a debt that looks like Mont Blanc, but that, after all, needn't trouble her statesmen. When the war is over she can repudiate it. What's the use?

Then the British have a favorite dream that Germany is to be starved to death. Let them forget that, also. True, Germany, or the poorer part of it, is on rations and has been for two years. But it is fed, and in some fashion will continue to be.

True, again, as I have pointed out before, deficient feeding is having its certain effect upon German fighting and will have. But as a matter of fact, men can exist for years on half rations, and, protected by trenches, put up a fair kind of a defensive fight. They probably will not, but they can.

And as to supplies of men, look for a moment at these astounding facts.

One day last July in the British house of commons a member asked the under-secretary for war, Mr. Tennant, how many Germans had been killed since the beginning of the war and how many Germans meanwhile had come into the age of military service.

Youths Out-Number Deaths.

Mr. Tennant didn't seem to yearn much for that kind of questioning, but he gave the figures, and here they are:

Germans killed in action or dy of wounds to May 31, 1916	690,268
Number of male Germans between 17 and 18 years of age on December 1, 1914	674,580
Number of male Germans between 17 and 18 years of age on December 1, 1915	691,274

So that, as a matter of fact, the additions to Germany's military strength by reason of young men coming into the military age is actually greater than Germany's losses in killed in battle.

This was illustrated again two weeks ago by the figures that were printed of Germany's total losses of all kinds since the war began. All of her soldiers killed in battle, dying of wounds or taken prisoner totalled 1,265,000. The total of young men that have come into military age in the same period is about the same.

While battle is cutting down the army at one end, time is filling it at the other.

So With All Nations.

I have taken Germany merely because the figures about her are available, but you can say the same thing about the other nations, except perhaps Austria. Everybody that knows France knows she is very much stronger now than she was when the war broke. Great Britain has twenty times as many men under arms. She has more men in her training camps at home than she has ever sent into the war. The Russian army will probably have received this year three times as many recruits as it has lost from its files.

In the way of supplies of men and money these nations can fight through a generation and then begin again.

What, then, will end the war?

The kaiser, or a defeat for the central powers that would show their people the folly of going on. Anything that would make them think they were living on rations and going without meat to no purpose.

Nothing else will stop it. Most surely nothing in what we used to be pleased to think were the facts about war.

HUGHES LEAD IN INDIANA IS CUT

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 9.—Revised returns from 2958 precincts out of 3143 in Indiana decreased Charles E. Hughes' lead over President Wilson in this state to 6437. The vote was: Hughes 321,993 and Wilson 315,556. This leaves 190 precincts still to report.

TAMPERING WITH N. DAKOTA BALLOTS

FARGO, N. D., Nov. 9.—Charges that attempts were being made to tamper with the ballot boxes in a number of precincts in western North Dakota, were laid before United States District Attorney Hildreth this afternoon by United States Marshal S. J. Doyle. Mr. Hildreth said he would begin an investigation immediately.

CHIHUAHUA FEARS ANOTHER VILLA RAID

El. PASO, Tex., Nov. 9.—Passengers from Chihuahua City brought a report that a special train was being prepared there to bring the French and British residents of Chihuahua City to the border. Chinese residents are also coming from the state capital. It is feared that Villa is preparing to attack.

HUGHES AND WIFE TAKE AUTO RIDE

NE WYORK, Nov. 9.—After studying the election returns for two hours this morning Charles E. Hughes went motoring this morning shortly after 11 o'clock. Mrs. Hughes accompanied him. The nominee declined to comment on the returns.

WILLCOX SAYS BELIEVES HUGHES HAS BEEN ELECTED

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—Chairman Willcox called on Mr. Hughes at 3:45 p. m. at the latter's hotel. Mr. Willcox said his visit was without special significance. "I have nothing to add to my early statement," Mr. Willcox said. "We claim that Mr. Hughes has been elected."

George W. Wickersham, former attorney general of the United States, and Everett Colby, a member of the republican campaign committee, joined Mr. Hughes and Mr. Willcox at 4:20 o. m. Mr. Colby remained only a few minutes. He declined to make a statement.

After an hour's conference with Mr. Hughes, Chairman Willcox of the republican committee announced late today that there probably would be a recount "in all those states where the vote is close." He replied in the affirmative when asked if that applied to New Hampshire, California, North Dakota, New Mexico and Minnesota.

"I can only add," Mr. Willcox said, "that I believe Mr. Hughes is elected and that we propose to safeguard our interests."

Mr. Wickersham accompanied Chairman Willcox as he left the conference.

FRAUDS ALLEGED WET AND DRY FIGHT

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 9.—Allegations of amazing election frauds in the wet and dry fight in San Francisco were made here today by Franklin Hichborn, publicity manager for the anti-saloon league. If substantiated, Hichborn declares, not only will the entire "wet" and "dry" vote of the state be jeopardized, but the national election also be affected.

The charges are denied by G. M. McDowell, executive officer for the Associated California Industries, which managed the fight for the "wets," and by Chief of Police White.

Here is what Mr. Hichborn said today:

"We had watchers at every polling place in San Francisco, 700 of them students from the University of California, as we had reason to anticipate efforts toward fraudulent voting or counting. These intelligent observers will testify to amazing irregularities.

"In some instances there were records of more votes being counted for 'wet' than were cast. What our watchers saw on Tuesday will result in precinct after precinct being thrown out.

"We are not going to ask for the usual investigation from local authorities. What effect these disclosures will have on the national election can only be imagined."

DEMOCRATS TOLD TO BUY RED FIRE CELEBRATE TONIGHT

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—Chairman McCormick of the democratic national committee announced late this afternoon that he had sent telegrams to all the democratic state chairmen in the country telling them to "engage bands and buy red fire to celebrate tonight the re-election of Woodrow Wilson."

REVISIONS SHOW GAINS FOR HUGHES

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 9.—A revised count on 1207 precincts out of 1215 in this county, announced by the registrar of voters, gives Hughes 134,667, Wilson 113,485, a gain for Hughes.

This revised count was issued after errors amounting to nearly 2000 votes had been found in previous tabulations.

The registrar announced a double revised count would be instituted, which would take until tonight to complete.

PLAN CONTEST OF KANSAS VOTE

TOPEKA, Kan., Nov. 9.—Charles H. Session, republican state chairman, announced today that legal counsel had been engaged to investigate the constitutionality of the electoral vote in Kansas. He would not say whether or not the vote would be contested.

It was claimed at republican headquarters that the voters cast their ballots for the presidential candidates rather than for electors. The vote for electors this year was made for the group instead of for individual electors as in the past. Republicans say that this manner of voting was unconstitutional.

CRONIN DEFEATS HULL OF IOWA

DE MOINES, Ia., Nov. 9.—With only ten precincts unreported M. F. Cronin, democratic candidate for congress in the second Iowa district, had a lead of 2,150 votes over Congressman H. E. Hull. While these figures were unofficial, Mr. Hull apparently has been defeated. This would make the Iowa delegation in congress nine republicans and two democrats, a republican loss of one.

DANNY MAHER, NOTED JOCKEY, DEAD

LONDON, Nov. 9.—Danny Maher, the American jockey, died at a nursing home in London early today after a lingering illness which caused his retirement from the turf three years ago.

Danny Maher had the greatest record of any jockey on the English or American turf of recent years. He was a star performer on English race couses for nine years prior to his retiement. In this time he rode to victory in three derbies, his mounts being Rock Sand, Cicero and Spearmint. He also captured the Oaks in 1906 with Keystone II., the Doncaster St. Leger in 1903 with Rock Sand and the same classic race in 1909 with Bagardo. He was reported to be worth a large fortune as the result of his turf victories.

OJINAGO EVACUATED BY CARRANZISTS

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Nov. 9.—An unofficial report reached General Funston's headquarters late last night that Ojinaga had been evacuated by the Carranza garrison commanded by Colonel Riojas. The advance of Villa troops in the territory south of Ojinaga was given as the reason.

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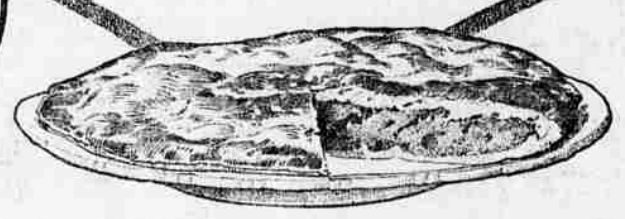

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