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THE RUSSIANS PREPARING FOR A BIG DRIVE ON THE RIGA FRONT

Von Hindenberg May Soon Attempt a Blow at Italy Noted Railway Builder Succumbs After

Military Expert of the London Times Thinks Such a Course Attack on the Is Possible---Possibility of a German Western Front is Considered Remote.

LONION, Jan. 10.—The military experts of the Times, discussing the death, although it has caused wide question of Germany's probable war plans in the near future, expresses the opinion that Field Marshal Von Hindenburg may attempt a blow against Italy before the spring finds all his opponents prepared to meet him with their full strength. The writer dismisses the possibility of an attack on the western front as remote, but says that the German chief of staff may use his "floating balance of reserves" against General Cadorna because "twenty more divisions added to the thirty-three Austrian divis-builders in Eastern Canada, He work ions facing Italy would give him a good chance to do something.

After saying that the situation in Switzerland must not be disre-number of years, and afterwards built garded since "neutrality counts as nothing to the Germans," the writer in mundston to River du Loup. His great ally concludes that Russia will be Von Hindenburg's main objective.

With 135 divisions on the Russian front," he says, "You Hindenburg ern part of the province from Camp Hanover the people are gradually becoming thinner—always better the people are gradually becoming thinner—always thinner. Nobody ever grows any fatter. Anyone desiring to has the power necessary to conduct a fresh campaign with yigor and the current operations in Roumania tend to throw back the Russian left and Van Buren. The public *** stance for place the Austro-Germans in a better position for continuing the attack on the Russia than they could boast last autumn. The Germans declare that they are impressed by what they term the internal disorganiztaion of Russia, and affirm that the Russians are exhausted and short of war material.

The Austro-German railroad system is far superior to the Russian, and to the Federal government for a sum the German auxiliary service act will supply the drafts needed for an offensive campaign. Russia must certainly be prepared to find herself in 1917 the anvil for the German hammer. The writer anticipates a sea attack by the navies of both the Central Powers. 強和 如 職 職其 職其 納出 如

Russians Reported to be Making Substan-

tial Progress Along the Riga Front MANY RESPI

LONDON, Jan. 10 .- The anxiety with which the opera lions along the Sereth river in Roumania are being watched here is being partly balanced by hopeful interest in the activities in the Riga-Mitau region of Russia.

Here, according to Petrograd accounts, the Russians are taking advantage of the frost which has made possible a movement on the vast Tiurl marshes, and it is making substantial progress.

The operations seem to have been begun days ago with a German attack toward Riga, but for some time they have appeared to be nothing more important than the usual affairs between outposts and artillery batteries.

rea manner indicating that the Russians had made preparations, which perhaps the Germans aimed at forestalling.

Russia Captured Triple Position From the

Huns Along With One Thousand Prisoners first to be received.

The Russians very promptly replied to the German attack, says the Morning Post's Petrograd correspondent, and, pushing steadily along the east bank of the River Aa, captured triple positions from the enemy after hard fighting and some 4,000 prisoners and sixteen guns. The movement still continues and the Russians are within a dozen miles of Milau, which appears four months will be required for this work.

this very important forward base of the enemy has been cap- prospect. Orders coming to the Imperial Munitions board re- Entente will be delivered to-morrow (Wednesday.) tured, nor are we allowed to know what forces are engaged in sect no prospect of peace. Plants are being established all over this region. It is the general opinion, however, that an import- the country and contracts awarded. ant movement is in progress. Hard fighting has been in progress for three days already, and the balance of the success is largely with the Russian side in the operation, which admitted! ly is only beginning.

Renewed Russian Attacks, Says Berlin.

BERLIN, via Sayville, Jan. 10. - Renewed Russian allacks Paris, Jan. 10. - Marcel Hutin, who is sational" and that its delivery to the with stronger forces were made yesterday southwest of Riga, well known as a journalist, is author President is imminent

MR. THUMAS MALCOLM DIED AT BATHURST

A Lingering Mness---Was Well Known Here.

this morning announced the death at one of the best known men on the North Shore. He had been in failing health for osme months and a short time ago underwent a surgical opera tion in Montreal which did not have the desired results. The news of his spread regret, did not come as a great

to construct the St. John Valley railvay, but the offer was declined

Woodpiles are mighty human; they

REPORTED TO BE ON THE VERGE OF STARVATION

Letters Taken From German Prisoners, Tell of Terrible Conditions Brought On by Food Shortage---Shops Raided by Hungry Women and Children,

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—The Sun this morning publishes the following:

London, Jan. 10.— The correspondent of the Sun is able to present letters of guaranteed authenticity taken from German prisoners captured on the Somme within the last two weeks, revealing the actual conditions in Germany brought on by the food shortage.

The following letter was written from Hanover: obtain food can obtain nothing. Isn't this awful?

A letter from Hamburg, found on a German prisoner, says: Here in Hamburg there has been a frightful riot. Tonight in the Hofweg, Berweg, and other streets, women and children broke into shops and robbed them. What is going to happen? The people have nothing to eat; there are no potatoes, grease and bread are scarce.

in the vicinity of \$3,000,000. He offered Hungry People Were Chased by Mounted Troops Right Up to Their Own Doorsteps

Another letter from Hamburg says: "Yesterday it was war here too. There were soldiers with bayonets at our backs. All the bread and butter shops and some grocery shops were wrecked. Then mounted soldiers appeared. What a life! They were after us with their sabres right up to our doorsteps. This is a fine state of affairs.'

A third letter from Hamburg says: There has been a The shops of Tietz and Heilbutt rightful commotion here. have been broken into and everything plundered. Bread has been stolen from the baker's. The green grocers had to sell all their potatoes without tickets. It gets worse every day. A hundred women marched through the streets. They all wanted ---Big Staff at Work Tabulating Them---Many are continually getting worse. I don't know what the end will

Replies Are Reaching Ottawa in Tens of Thousands more to eat. For a fortnight we have seen no butter. Times War Orders Expected.

OTTAWA, Jan. 10.—The ten days in which national service cards are supposed to be filled in are up, and the response s remarkable. Men occupying the highest positions nationally, Two or three days ago, however, they began to develop in politically, commercially and professionally have, without a single exception that is known of, volunteered the information that has been sought, and answered "yes" to the query as to whether they would be willing to undertake other work of a character essential to the successful prosecution of the war. Sir Robert Borden set the example. His card was one of the

The big bulk of the replies which are coming in to the National Service Headquarters by tens of thousands, are from the towns and rural parts and from the west. From the cities of the east they will come later.

as to occupations, ages and other particulars. About three or

There is official confirmation of a statement current that opportune in view of the great volume of war work which is in garded as satisfactory and that a reply to the ultimatum of the

This year the war orders may go as high as \$500,000,000.

PREDICTS A SENSATIONAL REPLY

German Women are Unable to Send Anything to Their Soldier Relatives at the Front

A Grossberg woman writes her soldier son as follows: "I hard. Often I have to go out in the morning without a crust of bread in my soup. Money is scarce too. We get so little flour that only a little baking is possible. There is much work to be done with all these cards. We have bread cards, meat cards, soup eards, butter eards, rice eards, oil eards. If I could only send you something I would do it gladly, but things are so dear. It is high time we had peace.

GREEKS LIKELY TO ACCEPT.

LONDON, Jan. 10.—The Greek council of ministers favors the acceptance of the terms of the Allies' ultimatum, according A staff of several hundred is engaged in tabulating the cards to an Athens despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

ATHENS, via London, Jan. 40.—It is announced in government circles that the guarantees given by the Entente against The inventory of the man power of the country is peculiarly extension of the influence of former Premier Venizelos are re-

REPORT VIA SAYVILLE.

BERLIN, via Sayville, Jan. 10. - Rain has interfered with activities on the Franco-Belgian front, army headquarters announced in today's statement, which reads: "During the rain storm that has prevailed on the western front there has been little fighting activity. Only on the Ancre were there lively

QUIET REPORTED ON FRENCH FRONT.