

PUBLIC OPINION.

Letters to the Editor.

"FEARNOUGHT" GLOVES FOR SAILORS.

A naval officer writes:—"I have a scheme which really must be done, i.e., start a glove fund for the destroyers' crews. When the weather gets so cold that a glove sticks to the metal, they are absolutely necessary. The men have to be always handling great lumps of metal (projectiles, wheels for working the guns and sights, &c.), and if they do not have gloves, all feeling in the hand and arm is lost in a few minutes. Shoddy gloves and fingerless mittens are absolutely useless. The best things are gloves with all fingers in one, and long gauntlets and thick double palms. I think 'Fearnought' gloves would be best and cheapest, hand sewn with twine or thick thread beeswaxed. The gloves are obidely needed for running flotillas and 2,400 pairs are required, 30 pairs for each destroyer; 800 pairs for the second flotilla alone. I assure you the number of hits would be increased vastly. They are needed quickly as it is getting very cold, also a few really good ones would be better than a lot of rubbishy ones. Don't be afraid of the clumsiness; that does not matter. I assure you nothing would be appreciated more."

Mrs. Lookhart will be delighted to supply any further particulars to anyone kind enough to help in this work, and should anyone be unable for any reason to make the gloves themselves and yet wish to help, any subscriptions, however small, sent to her will be most welcome and will be applied to the purchase of material. This can be obtained from Messrs. James Clay and Sons, Hollings Mills, Sowerby Bridge.

Gayley Hill, Cheddle, Cheshire.

EXHAUSTED GERMANY.

SUPPLIES GIVING OUT

SHORT OF WAR MATERIAL AND FOOD.

TROOPS DISCONSOLATE.

The following descriptive account which has been communicated by an eye-witness present with General Headquarters continues and supplements the narrative published yesterday of the movements of the British force and the French armies in immediate touch with it. It is published by the Press Bureau to-day, dated October 17.

Notwithstanding the trying nature of the fighting in this quarter, and the wet weather the troops are very fit. And the fact that we are steadily advancing, and that the enemy is giving way before us, has proved a most welcome and inspiring change for those who have been experiencing some weeks of monotony in trenches, where they had to endure continuous losses without the satisfaction of knowing for certain what losses are being inflicted upon the enemy, except when he attacked. This is not the only advantage we possess over the German, who discovers that their

material with which they have been so amply provided, rather than on the employment of masses of men, has become more and more marked.

There are now indications, however, that their supply of material is not inexhaustible.

The significant circular of the Prussian Minister of War enjoining the careful search of battlefields for equipment and even the collection of empty cartridge cases has been quoted in a previous letter. This circular seems to have been prompted more by necessity than by habits of economy for

in the recent fighting both gun and rifle ammunition of old patterns have been found in the trenches evacuated by the enemy, on the dead, and on prisoners.

Amongst the latter are Mauser cartridges similar to those used by the Boers in the South African War.

A GEEMAN APPEAL.

The following is a translation of a leaflet that