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War and weather! Weather may decide wars as it has often been the deciding factor in battles. The terrible weather of the Russian winter was a most formidable obstacle to Napoleon when he retreated from Moscow. In the World War some one said: "There is one Generalissimo from whom all belligerents take orders, General Mud." Rain for instance, creating muddy roads and fields, is on the side of the defense, as the attackers may find it impossible to transport men and arms. While this has long been recognized, it was not until the World War that trained weather observers and forecasters with their elaborate equipment formed a part of all armies.
