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THE WAR

After another week of anxiety regarding the armies on the western front the centre of interest has shifted suddenly to the Italian front where a great Austrian drive has been projected. Our despatches indicate that the battle is a most sanguinary one. It had been intended to make it a surprise attack but Austrian prisoners in the hands of the Italians "gave the show away" and the Italians were ready for them. While it is too early in the game to forecast the result it is evident that, so far, the Italians more than held their own against numerically heavy odds, while the Austrians were considerably handicapped in the matter of transportation. The result was so satisfactory to the Italians that when it was announced in the Chamber of Deputies by the Minister of War there was general rejoicing. This battle will be watched with interest for a few days at least when the tide must turn in favour of either of the belligerents.

While active hostilities have ceased for the moment on the Western front this does not mean that the struggle there is over. It only means that the Germans are preparing to drive their advance farther. Where the next attack will be launched it were useless to guess. Military critics, as told in our despatches are divided on the question. Americans believe the channel ports will be the next objective while British opinion inclines to the belief that another drive for Paris will be made. This opinion is based on the heavy expenditures in men and the determined effort made by the Germans. Had the drive been a feint, to divert attention from the northern sector, as some critics believe such expenditures would have been out of the question.

Since March 21st the Germans have made distinct progress. The advance doubtless cost them dearly but at each step forward they were coming nearer their goal. True they had to retrace their steps at many points, true they failed to reach their objectives but it must be admitted that they have added to their occupied territory in France.

It now remains to wait for their next move. In the meantime allied reinforcements are pouring into France from Canada and the United States. Allied generals are satisfied with the situation and are confident that neither Paris nor the coast cities will be reached by the enemy.

FACE IT

A tramp was asked what determined his course when he went on the road. He replied, "I always turn my back to the wind." This is the genuine tramp method. He follows the path of least resistance. He takes the easiest course. He has not the nerve to face the wind. This is what made him a tramp in the first place.

The manly man faces the wind or anything else that lies in the path leading to his goal. He sets out with a purpose and no obstacle and no hardship will make him swerve from his course.

In these strenuous war days with their difficulties, their complex problems and their anxieties there are many temptations to adopt the tramp's method, to choose the easier way, to drift with the wind rather than face it.

The paramount duty of every Canadian, as of every true Britisher, is to help win the war. This is the duty and it is also the difficult way. It were easier to let some one else do it; to let some one else go to the battlefield; to let some one else contribute to the war funds. Some from the beginning have adopted this way. Like the tramp they have turned their back to the wind and begged along the easier road. Like many tramps some of them have succeeded in making money out of it and, like the tramp, have used it to their own advantage. Meanwhile the others have faced the difficulties, have shouldered the burden, are helping to save the world for themselves, for posterity and for the tramps. To do and to dare and to face difficulties and overcome them or fall fighting them is the glory of the man who is not a tramp. Who would be a tramp in the midst of the greatest thing the world has even seen, the battle of right against might?

FIGHT OR LEAVE

International law, says an exchange,

prevents Canada from drafting into her army the many thousands of enemy nationals who retain their alien citizenship. It does not prevent these enemy nationals from enlisting in the Canadian army if they desire to do so, but it is to be noted that few have shown any idea of taking advantage of the opportunity. There is a growing feeling that we have dealt too tenderly with the thousands of Germans, Austrians, Bulgarians and others who are earning big wages and enjoying protection in a country for whose defence they refuse to lift a hand. Objection has been raised to interning them on the ground that their labor is needed in the war effort of Canada, and apparently the Government has no intention of treating them as British subjects have been treated in Germany. Less fault could be found with the suggestion that they should be given the option of enlisting now or being deported the day after peace is declared.

If these men expect to make Canada their permanent home they ought to be called upon to share with other Canadians the sacrifices that are necessary for the defence of the country. The idea that Canadians should be laying down their lives in France in order that Canada should be made safe for Austrians, Germans, Bulgarians, Roumanians and Russians in the years to come is an intolerable one. If they intend to exploit Canada as a mine is exploited they deserve no consideration from this country. It is not likely that many of them look forward to returning after the war to their own country and helping to bear the staggering burden of debt that the Central Powers will have to carry for generations to come. They surely owe a duty to some country. If it is to their Fatherland they cannot complain if they are sent back there when the war is over; if it is to Canada, they cannot properly object to service with our military force. The Government ought to give these enemy aliens their choice in the matter and the sooner the better.

A BUGLE CALL

In the United States they have just concluded a great campaign for the raising of \$100,000,000 for Red Cross work. In the literature and the spoken appeals in support of the cause great use has been made of Colonel McCrae's poem, "In Flanders Fields." That little poem, just fifteen lines in length, has done more for the civilian morale of this country than any other written or spoken contribution to the cause; and its influence promises to be equally potent south of the line. Such is the power of ideas when winged with words! Colonel McCrae gave to the cause his special abilities as a doctor; he gave his life; and he gave this bugle call to duty and sacrifice that has heartened brave men and shamed slackers. Canada has great cause to be proud and thankful for Colonel McCrae—Winnipeg Free Press.

NOTES

After reading how two Italian patrol boats with 20 men beat up an Austro fleet, no one need be surprised at the recent announcement that the Austrian ships would be manned mainly by Germans.

The next move on the Western front is still with the German General Staff. But its options are a good deal narrower now, and likewise its resources. General Foch is slowly hedging in Ludendorff and compelling him to move, not as he will, but as conditions allow him.

America's aviators have begun to take a hand in the work of making Germany realize what war behind the lines means. From these first beginnings there will be speedily developed an air force of tremendous size, and capable of most efficient service.

During May alone the additions to the Canadian Expeditionary Forces were 37,880, of which 32,200 were infantry. That number is equivalent to two divisions, or half the number we maintain in France as a fighting force. General Currie's army will be able to keep going at full strength all this year.

German militarist journals are beginning to tell what must be done to limit British seapower and to ensure raw material for Germany after the war. The British fleet is to be reduced, Gibraltar, Malta and other stations internationalized and Britain's wings clipped in other directions. The authors of this programme do not say how all this is to be brought about. There is an old adage to the effect that it is well to kill the bear before nailing the hide on the barn door.

MORE HEROES GIVEN THE VICTORIA CROSS

To the bravest of the brave goes the Victoria Cross. The official Gazette publishes the names of the heroes and a simple, brief story of their deeds; and from these stories one may get perhaps a clearer insight into the relation of the individual to the battle than is possible from the general accounts of the correspondents. The latest award of Victoria Crosses to six officers and men is of more than usual interest because they are given for deeds of bravery in the battles of the recent German offensive. Bravery, valor, skill and sacrifice are celebrated in these tales. From the Gazette we select four typical stories.

Saving the Line Acting Lieut.-Col. Oliver Cyril Spencer Watson, D. S. O. (Reserve of Officers), late King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry.

For most conspicuous bravery, self-sacrificing devotion to duty, and exceptionally gallant leading during a critical period of operations. His command was at a point where continual attacks were made by the enemy in order to pierce the line, and an intricate system of old trenches in front, coupled with the fact that his position was under constant rifle and machine-gun fire, rendered the situation still more dangerous. A counter-attack had been made against the enemy position, which at first achieved its object, but as they were holding out in two improvised strong points Lieut.-Col. Watson saw that immediate action was necessary, and he led his remaining small reserve to the attack, organizing bombing parties and leading attacks under intense rifle and machine-gun fire. Outnumbered, he finally ordered his men to retire, remaining himself in a communication trench to cover the retirement, though he faced almost certain death by so doing. The assault he led was at a critical moment, and without doubt saved the line, both in the assault and in covering his men's retirement. He held his life as nothing, and his splendid bravery inspired all troops in the vicinity to rise to the occasion and save a breach being made in a hard-fought and attenuated line. Lieut.-Col. Watson was killed while covering the withdrawal.

"Very Gallant N. C. O."

No. 18474, Sergeant Harold Jackson, East Yorkshire Regiment (Kilron, near Boston, Lincolnshire). For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty. Sergeant Jackson volunteered and went out through the hostile barrage and brought back valuable information regarding the enemy's movements. Later,

DAILY SELECTIONS

GUARDIAN READERS

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MY HEAVEN

Can I forget that yesterday, supernal, That thrilled my soul with life at meeting thine? Or shall I fail to reach that morrow, radiant, eternal, When thy sweet love undimmed shall on me shine.

For tho' the earth is large and heaven is filled with wonder, And though life's mysteries deep, we see no helpful gleam, I know that tearful ways which lead true hearts asunder, Must meet somewhere beyond life's troubled dream.

And tho' thy path and mine seem strangely severed, And tho' my way be long and lonely ere we meet, The magic of true love will bring us both together, Beyond the gates of pearl—in Heaven complete.

So I still trust my heavenly Father's leading, And feel that somehow the whose wisdom formed the soul, Can take these broken hearts, so sad, bereaved and bleeding, And from life's fragments make one glorious whole.

And this I know, that should I sandily wander, A million ages, missing still my way; Somewhere, O soul of mine, in some fair heaven yonder, Thy love shall be my heaven again some day.

Yes, best of all, the old love is unbroken, I know thy presence ever at my side, Soul answers soul, beyond mere earth born token, 'Tis heaven now, whatever may be tide. —C. C. Pierce



HERE IS THE DAY YOU REGISTER

ON June 22nd, Saturday, every man and woman, resident in Canada, who is 16

years and over, must attend at one of the places provided for registration, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 10 p.m., and there truthfully answer all the questions set forth upon the registration card.

Upon signing the card, vouching for the accuracy of the answers, the man or woman will receive a Registration Certificate, as shown below, which must be carried upon the person thereafter.

Why the Certificate is so Important

For failure to register a maximum fine of \$100 and one month's imprisonment is provided, also an added penalty of \$10 for each day the person remains unregistered after June 22nd.

Persons remaining unregistered cannot lawfully be employed, and cannot draw wages for work done after June 22nd. Employers who keep unregistered persons in their employ will be liable for fines equal in amount to those recoverable from the unregistered employees.

Unregistered persons cannot lawfully purchase transportation tickets, and may find themselves barred from travelling on railroads, steamboats, etc. Similarly they may be denied board and lodging at any hotel, restaurant, public house or boarding house.

In a word—All persons remaining unregistered and all persons having dealings with unregistered persons, knowing them to be such, incur heavy penalties under the law.

REGISTRATION IS LAW—Don't Fail to Register

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when the enemy had established themselves in our line, this N.C.O. rushed at them and, single-handed, bombed them out into the open. Shortly afterwards, again single-handed, he stalked an enemy machine-gun, threw Mills bombs at the detachment, and put the gun out of action. On a subsequent occasion, when all his officers had become casualties, this very gallant N.C.O. led his company in the attack, and, when ordered to retire he withdrew the company successfully under heavy fire. He then went out repeatedly under heavy fire and carried in wounded.

Rescuing the Wounded No. M2-048544 Private Richard George Masters, A.S.C. (Southport). For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty. Owing to an enemy attack, communications were cut off and wounded could not be evacuated. The road was reported impassable, but Pte. Masters volunteered to try to get through, and after the greatest difficulty succeeded, although he had to clear the road of all sorts of debris. He made journey after journey throughout the afternoon, over a road consistently shelled and swept by machine-gun fire, and was on one occasion bombed by an airplane. The greater part of the wounded cleared from this area were evacuated by Private Masters, as his was the only car that got through during this particular time.

Private's Single-handed Action No. 230199 Private Harold Whitfield, King's Shropshire Light Infantry (Oswestry, Salop.) For most conspicuous bravery, in

itiative, and absolute disregard of personal safety. During the first and heaviest of three counter-attacks made by the enemy on the position which had just been captured by his battalion. Pte. Whitfield, single-handed, charged and captured a Lewis gun which was harassing his company at shore range. He bayoneted or shot the whole gun team, and, turning, the gun on the enemy drove them back with heavy casualties, thereby completely restoring the whole situation in his part of the line. Later, he organized and led a bombing attack on the enemy, who had established themselves in an advanced position close to our line, and from which they were inflicting his company. He drove the enemy back with great loss, and by establishing his party in their position, saved many lives and materially assisted in the defeat of the counter-attack.

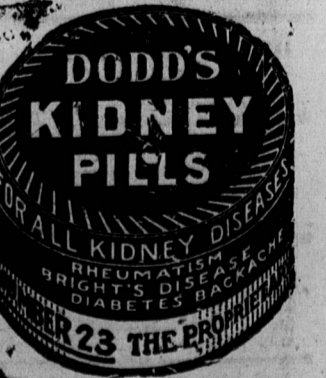
YOUR PROBLEMS SOLVED

BY REV. T.S. LINSKOTT, D. D. (All rights reserved)

Dr. Linscott in this column will help you solve your heart problems religious, natural, social, financial and every other anxious care that perplexes you. If a personal answer is required enclose a five cent stamp. No names will be published; if you prefer, sign your initials only; or use a pseudonym. PRIDE—"Wife of a Bank Clerk" writes, "Our income is not sufficient to enable us to keep up the same

standards of living as others in our set. What would you advise?" Pocket your pride and live on your income; better yet, live within your income so that you have a little money left when all your debts are paid. There is nothing so contemptible as pride, trying to make people believe that you are better off than you are, and in the endeavor to live up to the standard of others with a larger income, you become the laughing stock of all who know you.

A SOCIAL PROBLEM—"Humanitarian" asks, "Am I under the same obligation to help a bad man in distress as I am a good man?" I presume that current ethics would say that you are not, but the ethics of the golden rule, and especially the example of Christ, would say that you are. The outstanding characteristic of Christ is that he loves sinners and died to save them from their sins. His mission to the earth was to save the bad and he only came indirectly to help the good. If you would be perfect you must act like Christ.



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