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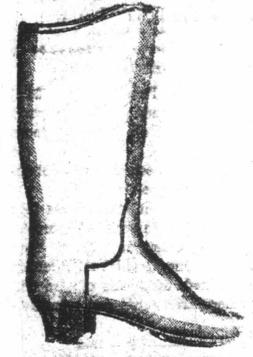
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## Germany Cannot Win—Is Slowly Bleeding to Death

Says Frederick Palmer, in "Collier's"

"Is Germany winning?" is the question that Frederick Palmer asks, and answers, in a recent number of Collier's. Germany cannot win, he says. By next summer he believes that the walls will begin to fall in upon Germany. She has yet to score a decisive victory, as has been pointed out by practically every able observer of the war. She has captured territory. She has yet to destroy armies or nations. With all her wonderful efficiency and long preparations and terrific efforts, she has not been able to land a knockout blow or any of her enemies. Since the war began she has lost in killed and permanently crippled not fewer than 1,600,000 men; if Mr. Palmer's estimate is correct. In the beginning she had the advantage of numbers. By next Spring she will be outnumbered to the extent, probably, of the new British armies. If she could not win in 1914 and 1915, she has no chance of winning in 1916 or 1917, should the war last that long. The only thing necessary is that the Allies should stick together.

**Japan's Game.**  
Germany cannot win; but there is just a possibility, Mr. Palmer thinks, that she may play the game that Japan so successfully played upon Russia. Japan learned her tactics from Germany. She did not let Russia know how near she was to exhaustion. It is true that Japan won the battles, but at the great victory at Mukden she had fought herself to a standstill. For five months thereafter she had made no preparation for a new offensive, but this secret she kept from Russia. So when the Portsmouth Peace Conference was arranged, Russia had the idea that Japan was far from beaten, and Japan played well the part of the victor. But had Russia remained on the defensive for another six months Japan could not move. She was really bleeding to death, but her brave face deceived her enemy. However, when it came down to terms of peace, Japan got very little out of the war. Germany will undoubtedly try to play the same game.

**No Talk of Compromise**  
When he was in France and Flanders a year ago, Mr. Palmer, in talking to French and British officers, occasionally heard the suggestion of a compromise, though the number that considered this probability was not one in a hundred. Last Summer he talked with them again. There was absolutely no mention of a compromise. The French insisted that they would finish the job. The English said that they were there to win for France. Even officers coming with shattered regiments out of the trenches might express the opinion that it seemed impossible to break the German lines—just as Union officers fought at Appomatto, after expenditure under the Confederate fire—but they were determined that there should be no compromise. Russia has no thought of quitting, for to do so would mean the German domination of Europe and the eclipse of Slavdom. Not only the Russian leaders, but the masses of the Russian people realize this. They know that they are fighting for racial life.

**Who Talks of Yielding?**  
Mr. Palmer continues:  
"Germany insists that she is winning. She tells her people that she is. But have you ever looked through the German papers for copies of letters by French or British soldiers, or of letters from their relatives at home, which suggested any thought of yielding? Yet with every batch of German prisoners captured scores of such letters are found in their possession. The German soldiers are showing the strain. Their efficiency is decreasing; that of France and England increasing. And, make no mistake, those snake lines on the map, indicating German soldiers on the soil of the Allies, have been burned into the brain of every Englishman and Frenchman. Suppose that all next Spring and Summer Germany throws herself against those lines of steel in vain. Suppose that a line of steel is across her path in the Balkans as well as in Flanders and in Russia. For if she extends her lines to Serbia and Bulgaria she needs correspondingly more men to keep them intact. Suppose that, instead of being able to take the offensive, she uses her magnificent railroad system for rushing bodies of troops

here and there in order to halt the offensive of the Allies—what will be the effect then upon German sentiment? What would have been the effect on Japanese sentiment if the Russians had held for another year and let the Japanese stew in front of their army?"

**Fighting For Air.**  
Of Great Britain, he says that she always loses her early battles, but always wins the last battles, the only exception recorded being that of the war of the American Revolution. She is never ready to begin. She reaches her maximum of efficiency only for the final tussle. Mr. Palmer compares Germany's offensive now to a man who strikes not at the foe, but for want of air, for want of room. "He lunges this way and that with the craving of breath for his lungs and space for his limbs. He pushes the wall back a little, but it is still there dashing his blood back in his face." No, Germany is not winning. It is impossible that Germany can win. Everybody knows it except the German people, and perhaps the Turks.

### Marine Engineer's War Experiences

Had Many Escapes Upon When On Different Steamers Sunk by German Subs—Seems as if He Couldn't Be Lost.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Feb. 8.—Only Lieut. Berg and his small prize crew remained to-day aboard the former British passenger steamer Appam brought into these neutral waters last Tuesday as a prize of war. The liner's passengers and original ship's company, taken prisoners when the steamer was captured by a mysterious German raider off the Canary Islands on January 15, were liberated last night by order of the United States government. The passengers to-day were aboard the Old Dominion liner Jefferson en route for New York, where they were expected to arrive early tonight. The members of the crew, with the gun pointers taken from other British steamers which the raider sank before the Appam was overhauled, were in Newport awaiting the sailing of another steamer for New York to-night.

Among the stories told by the British sailors that of the chief engineer, William James Gow, of the steamship Dromedary, is one of the most interesting. He says he had been on three ships sunk by the Germans, was a passenger on another which barely escaped two German submarines and his home at Hartlepool, Eng., was shelled by a German fleet, early in the war, and a Zeppelin bomb fell a comparatively short distance from his residence in a recent air raid. Gow was chief engineer of the British steamer Colby, destroyed by the German converted cruiser Kronprinz Wilhelm, on March 7, 1915, and was landed at Newport News. He was a passenger on the British steamer Cassandra, which escaped from a submarine while carrying the Wilhelm's refugees back to England. Later he was made chief engineer of the British steamer Gadsby. On a trip to England, with horses from Canada, the Gadsby was torpedoed in the English channel and the crew were picked up and landed at Londonderry, Ireland. On January 13, when on the Dromedary as chief engineer, that vessel was sent to the bottom by the raider that got the Appam.

### Miners Look for 20-per cent Increase

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 6.—That the scale committee of the United Mine Workers of America, in session here, will formulate demands on the operators on the basis of a 20 per cent increase, instead of 10 per cent, as at first contemplated is the information coming from that committee today. The miners have not sought an increase in the last four years, the contract made two years ago provided only changes as regards working conditions. The miners now feel with the unprecedented prosperity that is being heralded they are justified in asking for the 20 per cent.

### Mystery Surrounds Brutal Crime in Buffalo

BUFFALO, Feb. 10.—The faint hope that Miss Grace J. Teiper, one of the injured victims of Monday morning's tragedy on the Orchard Park road, would revive sufficiently to tell something of the murder of her mother and brother was dispelled to-day when surgeons at the hospital reported that she had again lapsed into a state of coma, after brief periods of semi-consciousness during the night. In one of these moments, the young woman answered one question rationally. A doctor asked her who struck her and she replied: "I don't know."

There were other mumbled words from her lips, but whether or not they gave any clue to the murderer, the doctors and detectives refused to say. District Attorney Dudley received a report from them this morning.

**Questioning Brother.**  
BUFFALO, N.Y., Feb. 10.—John Edward Teiper, accompanied by District Attorney Dudley and Sheriff Stengel arrived at police headquarters from Orchard Park shortly after noon to-day. Inspector of Detectives Girvin and Dudley immediately made ready to question him regarding the murder of his brother and mother and the brutal assault upon his sister Grace, on the Orchard Park road yesterday.

Dr. George Meyer, attached to the Sisters' hospital, and Dr. Edward Bowerman, police surgeon, examined the wounds Teiper claimed he received in the alleged fracas with the negro, who he says committed the murder. The surgeons declared the wounds were trivial. After his arrival at headquarters Teiper telephoned his business partner at Orchard Park.

**HIS ORDERS.**  
"Remember," said the sergeant, "no one is allowed to dismount without orders."  
Murphy was no sooner in the saddle than he was thrown to the ground.  
"Murphy," yelled the sergeant, when he discovered him lying breathless on the ground, "you dismounted."  
"I did."  
"Did you have orders?"  
"From headquarters, I suppose."  
"No, sir, from headquarters."—Ex.

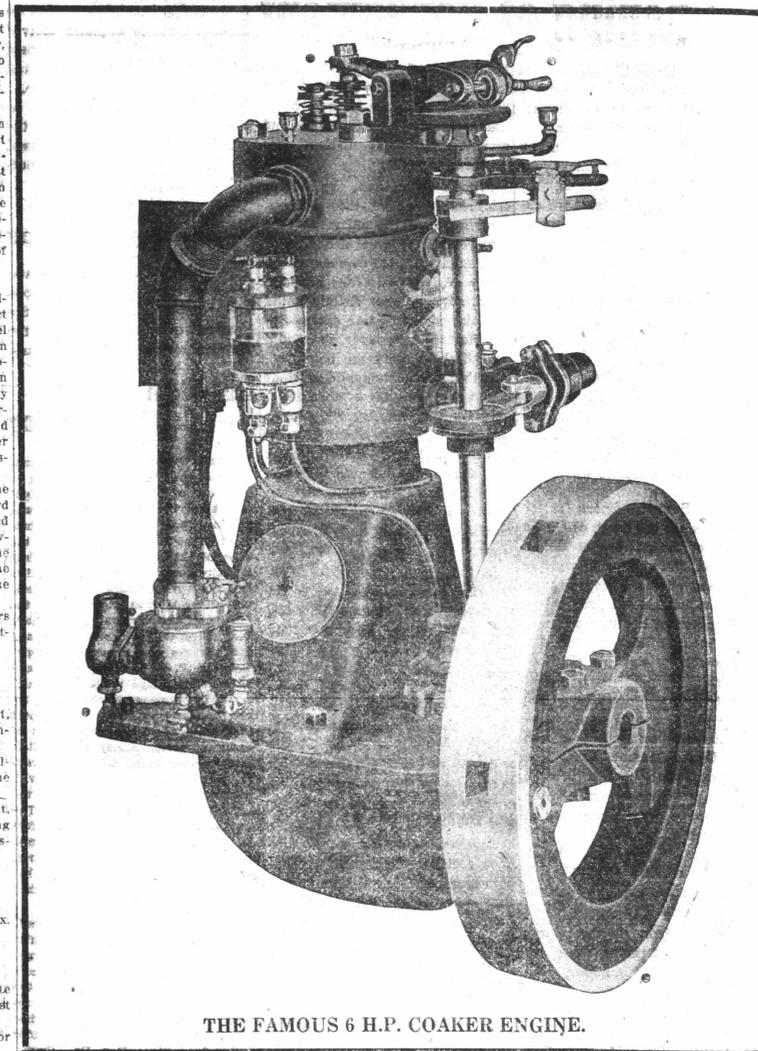
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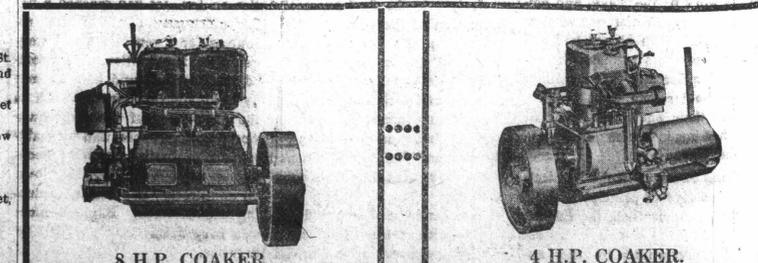
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