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## Winning the War.

There is a different tone in the convention of the Hamilton Liberals to that of the Winnipeg gathering some weeks ago. There is of course much smoldering party feeling, but not more on one side than on the other; and the conceptions that have gripped the great thinkers and leaders among the fifteen allied nations are too important, too significant, too vital, to be crowded out of the way by mere local and temporary interests, however weighty, however dear to those who are unable to open their eyes to the wider horizon.

In a prairie or forest fire all kinds of animals herd together for shelter, the common danger canceling for the time the natural enmity that exists among the tribes of the world. We are in a far worse conflagration than any forest or prairie fire, and the life of the nations is at stake, but there are many who cannot perceive this, who would linger to fight out their ancient quarrel, reckless whether the flames of war overtake them or not.

The real leaders of the nation, those who are able to see whether the great currents are tending, are a unit in regard to the necessity of making the war the one sole object in life until it is settled and settled forever. It was said early in the conflict that if we lost the war nothing else mattered. This is a cold, immovable fact; and it is the one extraordinary thing about the political world that there are men, and men of considerable eminence, who are willing to be of a minority which disputes this fact. If they cannot help on the projects on which the majority are agreed, upon which fifteen nations are agreed, they should at least not hinder. All the issues that may seem important will safely keep till after the war, except those which have to do with furthering the work of the war itself.

When General Mewburn was speaking of his pleasure that the Military Service Act had been adopted, and his regret that it had not been adopted earlier, he was interrupted by some one who asked why it was not adopted three years ago? "Why did you not agitate for it three years ago?" was his very natural retort. There has been wide agreement among the military men from the beginning on the necessity for compulsory or national service. The civilians thought they knew better, as they are apt to do about many things, and national service was delayed in Britain and the colonies to the general loss and injury of all concerned. As long as the nation thought it could play politics and go to war; could divide and fight at home and conquer abroad; could spend its energy and interest on domestic problems and not weaken its field forces; could face a united and single-handed enemy with divided and retarding councils reading its own purposes and plans, and hoped to win, so long would the nation fail to get its full strength into the fight. Germany, not to be conquered except by the full strength of all her foes.

## Getting the Submarines.

Submarine warfare is probably engaging more concentrated attention on both sides of the war at the present time than even aviation. The latest official statements are fairly satisfactory to the allies. That is to say, we are about holding our own. The Germans have more subs. than when they began, but we have more mercantile marine by 14 per cent., it is said. Of course we need vastly more, and huge preparations are being made. But it is some comfort to know that in spite of the vast destructiveness of the Germans our mercantile fleets are on the increase. Submarine vessels are changing their character all the time, and the latest types are much larger than even the Deutschland, which crossed to America. Vessels of 5,000 tons are being turned out as rapidly as possible from the German yards, much more rapidly, in fact, than men can be trained to handle them. The Kaiser's sailors shrink from submarine service, knowing that the chances of a return to the fatherland are of the slightest. The service, apart from war risks, is of the most unhealthy and nerve-wrecking description. Three months are required to tone up a man after one of these under-sea voyages. This is a problem which the Kaiser probably did not reckon with.

The methods of attack are being concentrated in the destroyers, a type of speedy vessels which give the submarine no chance if they get within range. Even submerging does not protect them, as great bombs are sunk on the trail of the submarine which explode with such violence as to be effective at very great distances under water. Just as the explosion of dynamite under water kills fish by the shock, so these explosions by shock and by crushing the comparatively slender plates of the submarine destroy it.

The destroyers have been utilized in convoying vessels, and these convoys now serve the double purpose of traps or bait for the submarine and protection for themselves. As the submarines can get no single vessels they are compelled to attack the convoys, and the swift destroyers are on the spot the moment a periscope or a torpedo track is detected, and one of the deep sea bombs finishes the career of the submariner.

In a war of mere destructiveness such as Germany has elected to carry on there is nothing to excite compassion for the foe. There is no dastardly, cowardly, contemptible act which the Germans have shunned. But they have capped their own climaxes in under-sea warfare. More than anything else their practice has justified the criticism of one of their own officers: "You English will always be fools, and we will never be gentlemen." It is a proud title to bear, that of fool, bestowed by such lips.

## National Anthems and Their Moral.

A real storm has been raised by the refusal of the leader of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Karl Muck, to play the United States national anthem, "The Star Spangled Banner." Muck is Prussian by birth and apparently by sympathies, and is recalcitrant in spite

of the fulminations of Theodore Roosevelt, who believes that any Prussian in America who refuses to play "The Star Spangled Banner" should be interned and his orchestra disbanded. Geraldine Farrar, who is of the same persuasion as Muck, also declined to sing "The Star Spangled" anthem, and as an intimate of the crown prince no doubt thought she was making good. The public outcry has been such, however, that Geraldine has backed down, and on Thursday night gurgled out "Oh say, did you see?" with the most loyal. Mr. Muck may be inclined to follow this amiable example on fuller consideration, and then, again, he may not. There is not a Prussian in creation who is not convinced, after the Russian chaos and the Italian disaster, that the Kaiser is not putting it over his enemies like a tent. The audacity of Muck and Farrar is a case in point and ample testimony to the confidence that Germans feel. The German map is marvelously convincing, and the Kaiser undoubtedly dominates a right-of-way across Europe from Antwerp to Constantinople. The spirit that insists on the national anthem in America is the same spirit that will insist upon the restoration of the shattered ideals of peace and justice in Europe. The whole Prussian nation is so impregnated with the Prussian virus that it is scarcely to be expected that Karl Muck or Geraldine Farrar or their like could escape the taint, but it serves as a warning to the rest of the world, when intelligent and traveled people like Muck and Farrar act as they do, not to place any reliance on the sudden reversal of German sentiment that is looked for in some sanguine quarters. The war will not be over till the German map shows another color, and the German armies have been forced to confess that they have met their masters. The German system combined with the German spirit has so far been victorious. The system of the allies is so far deficient that the finer spirit they are inspired with has been handicapped and balked.

We must persist until the wisdom of the children of light is equal to that of the children of this world as the Prussians conceive it. When a good spirit is wedded to the incredible folly of the Russian masses as displayed since the revolution, or is hampered by the lack of co-ordination and co-operation that is still evident in the operations of the allies, it must be apparent that we have still many things to learn. The war is a tremendous school, and the penalties for fudging are severe. There are too many of us yet who do not appreciate the fact that we are engaged in a life and death struggle in which our liberty, our property, our land and our language are still at stake. To people like Muck and Farrar it is still a perfectly reasonable thing to refuse to sing any national anthem but "Deutschens Über Alles!" They see that we are not making war yet.

## Good to the Horses.

Lieutenant Percy Arnoldi, who is home wounded, has been telling the Humane Society about the treatment of horses at the front. His apology for the men who ill-treated their horses touched the profoundest philosophy. "The trouble is," he said, "they don't understand the horses' feelings. They don't know they're human."

Saint Francis could have preached no better doctrine; and all who are familiar with dumb animals, and who take the pains to try to understand them, and to study their nature, are aware that to treat an intelligent animal with less regard than a human being is merely to lose one's opportunities and waste one's resources.

"What's good for a man is good for a horse," was an old proverb quoted by Mr. Arnoldi as a key to success with animals at the front, as in character and temperament they are akin.

The British are understood to treat their animals better than the French and Belgians; but whether this is out of genuine good feeling or from a proper sense of commercial values does not transpire. At any rate cruelty to horses is severely punished, and it is satisfactory to know that our troops maintain our national traditions for humanity in this as in other respects.

## Other People's Opinions

### Spanish Language.

Editor World: In view of the importance of the trade relations that will exist between Canada and the South American republics after the war, might I suggest the formation of a society in Toronto for the study of Spanish language and literature? While European nations are recuperating after the war, Canada should vastly extend her trade in South America and Mexico, and a working knowledge of Spanish would be a valuable asset. A society, with a central meeting place, could do invaluable work in the coming winter. Perhaps some of your readers would give their views on the matter.

Interested.

### The Aftermath.

By Robert Partridge.  
The hand I clasped lies crumpled red,  
The lips I pressed are cold;  
From that dear face the smile has fled,  
All still, that heart so bold.  
My life is empty, drear and bare—  
My all—is but an empty chair.

A hero? Yes; to me console  
Comes in that thought, and blest  
In knowledge that his mighty soul  
Lies not in earthly rest.  
But that may not efface the pain,  
The agony . . . that never again . . .

If I am bitter—should I rave,  
When memories dim my mind;  
And see nought but a blood-stained grave,  
Where lies . . . that heart . . . no kind?  
Can I be blamed should thoughts arise,  
And I hurt curses to the skies?

Oh, help me, Lord! . . . Vindictiveness,  
And malice, too, is rife  
Within my heart . . . Let me caress  
Once more that brave young life.  
I am but human . . . make me brave  
To nurse that balm—a soldier's grave.

### Fathers of Noble Sons.

By Dr. James L. Hughes.  
Fathers of noble sons are we—  
Heroes who died for liberty;  
Sons who to us will ever be  
Living in loving memory.

Glad they were men whose hearts were true,  
Proudly we saw them go to do  
Duty for home and empire, too;  
Duty for right with vision new.

Sons such as ours brought no sad tears;  
Lives such as theirs ne'er gave us fears;  
Deep in our hearts their coming years  
Grandly will ring their parting cheers.

## ITALIANS ESTABLISHED IN NEW DEFENCE LINES

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removal of the headquarters westward. The commander of the troops in this section read to them, with emotion, General Cadorna's stirring appeal to the soldiers to stand firm, and all joined in loyal shouts of "Long live Italy!"

Saturday morning the correspondent was summoned at daybreak and informed that all must leave at once as the headquarters had been removed. The railway was given over to troops, artillery and stores. Private trains and the telegraph had been suspended. All sorts of vehicles and horses were impressed for military requirements. Thousands of persons were walking along the roads, and the refugees, men, women and children, were carrying the pitiful remnants of their household goods salvaged in their flight before the invaders.

The correspondent succeeded in boarding an automobile of the last British Red Cross unit to leave. A final look, at midnight, from the top of the Red Cross building found that the eastern horizon was ablaze with continual explosions as the Italians blew up munition depots and bridges to impede the advance of the enemy and screen their own retirement. A fierce bombardment was punctuated with star shells from each side, while the gunners attempted to discover their opponent's position.

Clogged the Roads.  
At daylight Sunday the vast traffic of the railway multitude clogged the roads for miles. The Red Cross automobile party expected to make 80 miles inside of two hours, but it developed that it would take at least two days to achieve this distance. The withdrawal of the heavy guns and the munitions supplies revealed a military genius of the highest order, but the civilian crowds added to the difficulty of the huge military removal. A torrential rain increased the hardships of the soldiers and added to the misery of the women and children, who had walked seemingly endless miles over the roads and thru the fields all night.

Sunday morning at a railway crossing, a steady succession of flat cars assisted in the removal of the artillery. The monster guns were mounted on double cars, with a covering of boughs as a screen against air raiders. The rain was providential, as clear weather would have permitted the enemy to bombard the roads and block the withdrawal.

Along the line of retreat were many wounded being carried on litters thru the rain. The Red Cross car took aboard one soldier with a shell wound in his arm. Sunday night this car made only 15 miles. In 24 hours it reached a town where the wounded man was taken to a hospital. The military occupied the entire town and there was no room for lodging. The mayor had posted a proclamation ordering strangers away. An Italian officer offered to permit the correspondent to sleep on the straw at the barracks, but later a place was obtained in the stall of a stable adjoining a hotel.

Monday morning the Red Cross party crossed the Tagliamento River, which at this point is about the width of the Hudson. The river is a natural barrier against the invaders.

Another fifteen miles consumed twelve hours of riding thru apparently unending masses of soldiers, horses, cannon and the impediments of the war. The men, weary and bedraggled, but calm and cheerful, were not heard to utter a single word of complaint since they began their exodus from the front. The moving masses, all the while, were closing along the road.

Monday night the Red Cross car arrived at the new headquarters. Here the correspondent's notes end, as all subsequent movements of the army he is for the present unable to present owing to military necessity.

The correspondent's recital is only one chapter, and thousands of other persons had similar experiences in the evacuation of the Italian front. However, above all the hardship and terror of the incident, Italy succeeded against terrible odds in saving the larger part of its armament, supplies and artillery, as well as virtually the entire personnel.

Berlin Official Report.  
Berlin, via London, Nov. 2.—(British Admiralty, per Wireless Press).—The eastern bank of the Tagliamento River, from the Fella Valley to the Adriatic Sea, has been cleared of Italians, according to the German official communication issued today. On the middle and lower sectors of the Tagliamento the Austro-German armies are in fighting contact with the Italians. The communication says that the Italians who had been holding out along the eastern bank of the Tagliamento either were compelled to retire or were made prisoner.

The text of the statement reads: "Italian front: Along the middle and lower Tagliamento our army is in fighting contact with the enemy. Italian brigades still holding out on the eastern bank of the river were compelled by our attacks to retire, or were taken prisoner."

"From the Fella Valley to the Adriatic Sea the left bank of the Tagliamento is free of the enemy."

## STRIKE IN OIL FIELDS

TROOPS GUARD TANKS

United States Soldiers Will Strive to Prevent Sabotage in Texas Fields.

Houston, Tex., Nov. 2.—Soldiers in federal service tonight were guarding property throughout the Gulf coast oil fields of Texas and Louisiana, where a strike of several thousand workers was called two days ago. A detachment of soldiers will guard the tank farm at Englewood, where approximately 3,000,000 barrels of crude oil are stored. The oil from the Texas fields is sent thru pipe lines to the big refineries at Beaumont and Port Arthur, where it is being manufactured into oils and greases for the use of the allied navies.

Strike leaders claimed tonight that more men joined their cause today, while officials of the companies claim that they still are operating in all of the fields and expect to put more men to work tomorrow.

In nearly every one of the oil fields there are many large storage tanks filled with crude oil.

NOT ALEXANDER AUET.

Kingsport, Nov. 2.—The report that Alexander Auet recently released from the penitentiary was in the northern part of Frontenac County, surrounding firearms is not true. The man complained of is named Rigler, and it is stated that he had trouble with the police at Peterboro.

## JACK CANUCK CUTS LOOSE



## PROLONGED WAR STRAIN HAS WORN RUSSIANS OUT

Kerensky Says Allies Must Take Up Heaviest Part of the Burden—Russia Loyal to the Entente, Premier Declares.

Petrograd, Nov. 2.—Russia is worn out by the strain of war, and must have help, Premier Kerensky yesterday told the Associated Press. He said that Russia claims as her right that the other allies now should shoulder the burden which she has borne.

"Russia has fought consistently since the beginning. She saved France and England from disaster early in the war. She is now worn out by the strain, and claims as her right that the allies now should shoulder the burden," he explained. "The masses are worn out economically. The disorganized state of life in general has had a psychological effect on the people. They doubt the possibility of the attainment of their hopes."

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