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## GERMAN THREATS

The German statesman who advocates a ruthless submarine campaign does two things. He reveals the fact that Germany is feeling the effects of the war far more keenly than she is willing to admit. But he also reveals the innate savagery of the German militarists. The Allies will not be disturbed by threats, and will not be turned from their purpose even if a new and indiscriminate submarine and Zeppelin campaign should be undertaken. If Germany is wise, she will give a great deal more heed to the recognized rules of civilized warfare in the future than she has done in the past. Her leaders must now be aware that they cannot emerge victorious in this struggle, and even if they lack they must see that a policy of "rightfulness" on their part now would make it all the more difficult for them to get any sort of reasonable terms from the Allies. It would no doubt be possible for their submarines to inflict a great deal of damage and cause the loss of many lives, as well as of much war material and supplies; but in the end they would still be beaten and the record of their crimes thrown in the balance against them in the peace negotiations. If they are foolish enough to believe that they can frighten the Allies they must be a very dull-witted people. The latter have refrained from adopting German methods, but if the worst comes to the worst there are many German cities which can be made to suffer by the air-fights of the Allies. The latter have not yet exerted their full strength, but they are on the road to victory.

## IT IS BRITAIN'S TURN

In the American Review of Reviews for August, Mr. Frank A. Simonds, whose war correspondence has been so widely read and with such keen interest, sums up the changes in the war, at the end of the second year.

"The last days of the second year of the world conflict saw a momentous change. For the first time the initiative on all fronts passed to the enemies of the Central Powers. In the east, the west and the south, German and Austrian troops stood on the defensive, outnumbered and sensibly recoiling under our assault of Russian, Italian, British and French troops. Even in the Balkans formidable Allied bombardments seemed to forecast an attack upon Bulgaria and Salonica. Nowhere save about Verdun, now without importance, did the Germans take the lead and here the results were immaterial, as they were inconclusive.

"Not less significant was the fact that at last the great British army showed itself ready for the operation which had long been expected of it and twice, at Neuve Chapelle and Loos, demanded of it in vain. These lines are written too soon after the opening of the British attack to warrant any estimate of the fighting quality the new armies have displayed, but after nearly three weeks they are still going forward and the blunders of Loos and Neuve Chapelle have not been repeated.

"Looking backward we see now the whole great war drama unfolded in three acts: The German effort to dispose of France, which ended in the failure at the Marne and the stalemate in Flanders; the German effort to dispose of Russia, which terminated in the Russian Revolution and the German effort to exhaust France, morally as well as physically, which came to naught in April, when the French were able to repulse the most desperate of the German assaults upon the Meuse lines and thereafter, hold them to a struggle without importance or issue.

"Three times Germany, surrounded by enemies richer in men, in money, in all material resources, and having absolute control of the sea, strove to break the circle of fire about her and dispose of her foes, as Napoleon disposed of Austria at Austerlitz, Prussia at Jena, and Russia at Friedland in the first and fortunate phase of his great career as Emperor. Three times she failed. Under her blows France and Russia staggered, but did not fall. Meantime there were armies, to arm her millions and put them on the firing line. They are now there."

Mr. Simonds said it was too soon at the time his article was written to estimate the fighting quality of the new British armies; but their quality is no longer in doubt. They have proved themselves equal to the best in the field today, and more than a match for the enemy against whom they are now fighting with a stern determination which is gradually forcing back the enemy's lines. The Germans realize the danger that threatens, but they are unable to resist the offensive or even to hold the Allied armies in check. The British are there in force, at the crucial time, and the fourth act in the great war drama will end in the defeat of Germany.

## THE SINGLE TAX

On Aug. 19, 20 and 21 the 1916 conference of the single tax association of Canada, in conjunction with the Fels fund, will meet at Niagara Falls, N.Y. The Single Tax Association of Ontario has sent out circular letters urging all who are interested in the movement and are able to attend to do so. The circular says:

"It is important, it is imperative, that all who believe with us in the philosophy of freedom, who know that only the removal of all barriers to personal and economic liberty lies the way to progress, and the only road toward national greatness, should join with us to aid in the work of making more rapid progress toward this goal. This Dominion has problems now to solve, it will have more in the near future; a real solution will make this a Nation of Freedom, temporary makeshifts will hold it back and leave a land of tenants burdened with taxes unwarrantably levied and unnecessarily retained."

The criticism that has been offered in relation to the alleged failure of the single tax in Vancouver, has not dampened the ardor of its advocates. They are able to point to the fact that Sydney, the largest city in Australia, has adopted the single tax, and there is a general movement toward placing a larger share of the burden upon the land. Nova Scotia has taken a decided forward step in tax reform. In the August number of the American City we read:

"At its 1916 session the legislature of Nova Scotia passed an optional assessment act whereby any municipality may, upon the authority of a plebiscite, tax land and building values alone, and may also gradually eliminate the tax on the building value until, at length, the tax will fall entirely upon the land. This act, of course, goes into effect only if a municipality wishes to take it up, and on the majority vote of the people. The Tax Reform Association of Nova Scotia helped to bring about the taking of this step, by urging the matter upon the legislative council. Upon two previous occasions the lower house had passed the optional assessment act, and the upper house had thrown it out. This year, however, it was shown that there was an interest in the matter, and an effective argument was put up. A special act affecting the city of Halifax was also passed at the last session of the legislature. It substitutes a business tax for the tax on merchandise, and a household tax for the tax on personal property, fixing the rate on improvements at \$1.80 and throwing all the rest of the burden of taxation on the land."

While the single taxers cannot say that their views are making rapid headway they have at least the satisfaction of knowing that progress is being made in the general campaign to place more the burden of taxation on the land. They are no longer mere fanatics, and therefore the conference at Niagara Falls this month will be of interest to a great many people throughout Canada and the United States.

## Would Give No Free Aid

They are getting up a charity concert in the small provincial town, and the committee determined to work hard to make a great success of it. The local magistrates and tradesmen were called on, and to one of the latter, a coal merchant, whose native place was somewhere in the north, appeal was duly made.

"A'm very sorry," was the coal merchant's reply to one of the committee, "but A've stopped subscribin' tax a' these things."

"Well, you'll give us an order for an advertisement on the programme?" suggested the caller. The coal merchant shook his head. Then a sudden inspiration seized him.

"A'll tell you what A'll do, though," he said. "A'll get docther's tax for ye."

"Right you are," said the other. "What will you put her down for?"

"Keep the Home Fires Burning."

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(Edgar A. Guest)

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Whatever the price was, square,  
Than to claim the joy of a far-off goal  
And the cheers of the standers-by,  
And to know down deep in your in-most soul  
A cheat you must live and die.

Who wins by trick can take the prize,  
And at first may think it sweet,  
But many a day in the future lies  
When he'll wish he had met defeat.  
For the man who lost shall be glad at heart  
And walk with his head up high,  
While his conqueror knows he must play  
The part  
Of a cheat and a living lie.

The prize seems fair when the fight is on,  
But save it is truly won  
You will hate the thing when the crowds are gone,  
For it stands a false deed done.  
And it's better you never should reach your goal  
Than ever success to buy  
At the price of knowing down in your soul  
That your glory is all a lie.

## LIGHTER VEIN

A Belgian visitor has got into a certain lady's black books. Hearing a little girl called "Kitten," he consulted his dictionary as to the meaning of the word. Subsequently he was introduced to the young lady's mother, and with a profound bow remarked: "I think I have the pleasure of addressing the old cat!"

The teacher had explained that a monarch is a country ruled by a king. The pupils got that.

"If the king dies, who rules?" the teacher continued.

"The queen," some one suggested.

"Yes, under certain circumstances, which I shall explain later, that is true. Now, if the queen dies, who takes her place?"

Only one boy ventured to reply.

"The jack," he said.

"I want to get this check cashed," said the young wife to the paying teller at the bank.

"Yes, madam; you must endorse it, though."

"Why, my husband sent it to me. He is away on business."

"Yes, madam. But just endorse it. Sign it on the back, please, and your husband will know we paid it to you. She went back to the desk and in a couple of minutes came back with the check endorsed:

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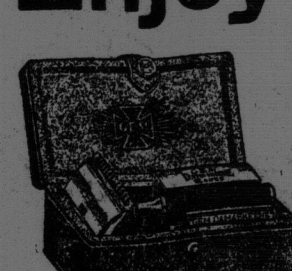
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## AND AFTER?

(By John Galsworthy in the Observer, London.)

It will be heart-breaking if from this stupendous cataclysm no lasting good to the world and to Britain can be brought forth. Its horror, even now, few realize who are not at the front.

One who was many months on ambulance duty in the French lines wrote thus: "They talk of the war! Let them come close in! Let them see lying around emaciated heads with no bodies within a couple of hundred yards; let them see the bloody confusion of heads and entrails and limbs which is showered around when a trench is mined; let them see the heads with ears and noses bitten off as if by mad dogs; let them see the men driven insane by the sights and sounds of the battlefield, who turn and rend their comrades, and have to be shot down by them; let them come where hundreds of wounded men are lying on contorted, screaming the whole night through (and not one in a million has been heard a man scream!) and then talk of the war!"

What then?

If from this horror, fought through and endured, as we believe, for the future of our land and the future of mankind, there is to come no blessing, no advance to peace and health and justice—

Nothing will be easier than to take up again the peace life of Britain as it was, and worse than it was, because coarsened by the passions of war and embittered by the strain of a great economic stress. Nothing will be easier than to give rein to the instincts of greed, pugnacity, and rancour, now hard held by sentiment and the common precept, to step back and walk blindly in a country where all is faction; where class against class and men and women are bitterly opposed; where the young of the nation is all the time running to where children go hungry and millions throughout the land are miserably housed and fed; where the aged to justice often still beyond the reach of the poor; where helplessness is not yet a guarantee against ill-use. Once the war-effort is over, nothing will be easier than to become a resolved and united nation—to become a great power, that, without view and without regard to vision, seeking purse and place, or

## THE PALE BLOODLESS YOUNG GIRL

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(The "Star," London.)

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There is a letter in the "Times" which will help us all to live and work. It was written by a young officer to his parents on June 30, on the eve of the battle of the Somme. The writer was killed on the following day. This is his letter:

"I am writing this letter to you just before going into action tomorrow morning about dawn.

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Let the wind that blows across the Channel from the Somme cleanse our hearts of all this perils stuff which is making for discord in Ireland and elsewhere. Let War Savings Week purge our spirit as well as our pocket, our mind as well as our money. Otherwise those "costs" over there are a vain offering to the motherland, and brave men who die for their country will be robbed of the fruit of their dying. We do well to be uneasy in our conscience. We do well to feel sensitive in our moral fibre. For our dead are calling to us to be worthy of them, and our utmost and utmost reply is but a poor small thing, after all.

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