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"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved"—H. M. The King.
TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

WILL RUSSIA BE CRUSHED?

A German sergeant recently announced to the correspondent of one of the great London papers that "The Russians are down and out," and then he added that "All we need to do is to finish them off and hold them back with a thin line of men and abundance of machine guns, which done, we then move our main armies back to deal with the French, English and Belgians."

Thus, to the German sergeant, the path that leads to complete victory for the Fatherland over all her enemies is perfectly plain and it only remains for her military leaders by the thousand of their fighting machine to translate these proposals into actual accomplishments to secure for Germany the objects for which she defiantly challenged the fighting forces of a very considerable part of the world.

While the world has learned not to take too seriously all the bragging assertions of the war-maddened Germans, yet it is probably true that the continuous retreat of the Russian army before the German forces during the past weeks has not tended to strengthen the faith of the average man in what the Spectator has aptly termed the "inexpugnability of Russia" and to the minds of some who are sincere well-wishers of Russia has come the thought that perhaps after all the day of fatality for her is drawing near and that, as a fighting force, ere long she must be counted out and her place supplied by Britain and her allies.

Whatever be the condition of the Russian fighting machine, at the present time there is no doubt that, to the German mind, it is most desirable that the world should somehow lose faith in its strength and staying power for the psychological effect of such a world temper would react beneficially upon the cause of the Kaiser. It would not only act as a most timely deterrent upon the undecided Balkan States, but it would also tend in no small degree to allay the feelings of dissatisfaction with the German war party which are increasingly in evidence among a not inconsiderable element of the people of the Fatherland. There is no reason to doubt but that there are thousands of plain, decent German people who are heartily sick of seeing their sons being marched off to be sacrificed to the mad lust of world conquest by which the Kaiser and his militarist colleagues have been obsessed.

It is therefore at a time like the present when the swashbuckler in Germany and the fearful ally of the Allies unite in presaging the collapse of Russian arms that one could wish that the curtain let down by the military censorship might be momentarily lifted and that the world might be permitted to see something more of the increasing might and unconquerable hosts of the Slavonic world.

Meanwhile, let there be no premature confession amongst us that the fighting force of the Little Father is about to be crushed between the forces of Von Mackensen and Von Hindenburg.

Let it be thoroughly understood that whatever be the immediate fate of Warsaw, and of that heroic army which has thrust its lines between that city and the enemy, the conquest of Russia, even under the most distressing happenings to that city and army is far indeed from an accomplishment. Up to the present, the masterful retreat of the forces of the Grand Duke can in no way be construed as a defeat. Time and again in the history of that nation have their armies won victory by means of a retreat, and there is no reason to doubt but that history will repeat itself within the next few months and the Kaiser shall be taught at last the lesson that Potemkin taught Charles XII. of Sweden, that Moscow taught Napoleon, Grimes, the Allies, and Manchuria, Japan, namely that such a retreat upon the part of the Russians is not a defeat, much less a crushing of her striking powers, but rather her method, so well known to history, of involving her enemies in embarrassment and frequently, for that matter, in absolute ruin.

The present condition of the war makes it impossible for the average

man to assuredly know just what is going on behind the lines where the world's greatest strategists are drafting their plans and undoubtedly the retreat of one of the allied powers has tended to sober the minds and chasten the boastfulness of the too ready jingo element which is to be found among all people, yet it is altogether aside from good breeding to offer either excuses for Russia or condolences to Russia. Russia has already, upon at least three occasions, saved the cause of the Allies, and at the present time whatever may be her immediate necessities or tactics, she is only now beginning to control her resources—her all but illimitable resources of men and materials.

Outside of Britain there is no power so well constituted to endure a long drawn out war as is Russia for, in such a protracted struggle, her immense size and absolute self-sufficiency in the matter of food supplies, and fabulous wealth of her people as well as their almost countless numbers, all unite to qualify her leaders to wage successfully a campaign of ultimate conquest of her enemies and when to all these elements that make for her final victory we add the allied military genius and wealth of England, France, Belgium and Italy there seems to be no good reason for doubting but that at last "her winter must turn to spring" and her temporary retreat to a terror-inspiring return.

All alone and terribly unprepared Russia has fought against at least four million men—men armed with every weapon of the most scientific nation on earth, and he it said of a nation whose military leaders have proved themselves to be absolutely without humanity or conscience, and yet we have seen her heroically stand up to her task with a resolution and faith worthy of the world's greatest heroes. Let there be no mistake or misgiving as to the future of Russia. Her marshalled forces represent a power far greater than that of mere military might; underneath all her tactical manoeuvres there is the power of a great new born soul that is panting for emancipation; the soul of a great people that has been quickened by sacrifice and shriven by months of suffering and now at length consecrated by the countless wounds of her hero sons who have lived and died as the martyrs of a cause that is not to be denied its goal.

Let there be no mistake about Russia, for Russia, whether advancing or retreating, throughout all the many and varied vicissitudes of her campaigning is surely marching on to Berlin. Like the crusader of other ages Russia has faithfully carried the cross and like every faithful crusader she shall surely wear the crown.

To prevent Russia from ultimately getting to Berlin will require more than "a thin line of men and an abundance of machine guns" it will in fact require more men than Germany will ever be able to throw across her path.

THE CARTER ALLEGATIONS

Commissioner Chandler has quite properly decided that it does not come within his jurisdiction to permit Mr. E. S. Carter to fish for evidence in support of his allegations that liquor men in the city of St. John contributed sums of money for the purpose of influencing members of the legislature in their attitude toward legislation affecting the liquor interests, or for a campaign fund. The way is now open for Mr. Carter to make a definite charge against one member of the Government, or of the legislature, in support of the allegations in which he has so freely indulged.

Mr. Carter knows full well that if he can name one member of the Government or of the legislature who received money from a liquor dealer for campaign purposes, or to influence legislation in any way, that gentleman will not be tolerated for a minute as a supporter of Premier Clarke or as a member of the legislature. The Chandler enquiry was organized to investigate charges against the administration of departments of the provincial service. Mr. Carter's latest allegations cannot be so classified. There is, however, abundant opportunity for the Liberal organizer to produce evidence if he has it.

The Standard can state on the au-

thority of the Government of New Brunswick that no member of the Government, or of the legislature, has received, demanded, asked for or solicited in any way contributions of money from liquor dealers in the city of St. John, or from any other person; that no campaign fund has been received, demanded, asked for or solicited, directly or indirectly, from these people or from any others.

Thomas H. Haley, president of the Liquor Dealers' Association in St. John, declares openly and in unmistakable terms that no such money was paid by liquor men or asked from them. Mr. Carter alleges such payments were made. There is an easy way to determine which party tells the truth. There are forty-eight members of the provincial legislature, forty-four of whom are supporters of the Government. Let Mr. Carter name any one of these forty-four men in support of his allegations. Let him place his information in the hands of the Premier of this province. He may be assured that the subsequent action will be prompt and satisfying.

The Woman's Toll

(Ruth Duffin, in the Nation.)
O mother, mourning for the son who keeps

His last dread watch by unfamiliar streams,
Or for that other, gay of heart, who sleeps
Where the great waters guard his secret dreams,
And your tears take comfort for a space,
They showed them worthy of their island race.

O wife, who heard across the wintry sea
Death's trumpet shrill for him who rides
Riding at dawn with that brave company
Whose fellowship no mourning shall restore.
In its dark heart your bitterest hour shall bring
Seen from the scattered petals of the spring.

O maid, with wondering eyes untouched
Of grief,
War's dreadful shadow spares your innocent years,
Yet shall you learn the ways of sun and shine brief,
Paying long hence your toll of hidden tears
For love that cherished ere the web was spun,
And children that shall never see the sun.

Will the War Last For Several Years?

Several years of indecisive warfare unless France wins a notable victory this summer, is the forecast of R. R. McCormick, one of the proprietors of the Chicago Tribune, who has represented his paper with the Russian forces since the early stages of the war.

At the outbreak there were two great armies—German and Russian. There were two secondary armies—Austrian and French. There was a necessary handful of regular English troops. The plan of the war from the German point of view was for Germany to overwhelm France while Austria held Russia in check. The plan from the allied point of view was for Russia to smash Austria and, at the same time, make a sufficient diversion against Germany to save the French army; then for the French, English and Russian to crush Germany. What has happened in this? Russia did smash Austria, and it did make enough diversion to save the French army.

Now it was the turn for the allies to plan to put into effect. This also went astray. Instead of the allies developing reserves of strength, Germany has done it. Russia, with large national military arsenals had practically no factories. England had practically no military arsenals but many factories. France and Germany had both, but France was ill-equipped at the outbreak of the war. Russia has been unable to increase her army for lack of arms. England has done vastly more in the way of creating an army from nothing than anyone ever dreamed possible, but this army is not yet capable of meeting the German troops in the field.

Germany had at the beginning of May three courses open to her, two of which were military—namely, to strike once more for Paris and the channel coast or to strike through East Prussia, to cut off the Russian army from the capital.

The difficulty in doing either was that twice she had sacrificed her ally in making just these attacks, the second time she even changed a pre-conceived plan of campaign and caused the loss of the fortress of Przemyel and its garrison of over 100,000 men. Austria appeared to be breaking up, Italy and the Balkan states were on the verge of declaring war. For political and not military reasons the surplus army corps were thrown at Tarnov instead of Arras to Grodno. Up to the present they have won a partial moral victory in keeping the Balkan states out of the war, but they have not succeeded in keeping Italy from the conflict. Undoubtedly they have encouraged the entire German and Austrian peoples.

The Austro-German armies have now reached a point where they compel the evacuation from Warsaw or even cut off and capitally defeat a large portion of the Russian army.

In the first of these contingencies they can expect the rest of the summer to deal with France and England. In the second they will have several

Little Benny's Note Book.

By LEE PAPE

Noobdy likes our Sunday Skool teacher, being a skinny man with glasses awn his nose awlways taking them awf and putting them awn agen, and last Sunday he sent me hoam befor Sunday Skool was ovfr and afterwards he send Sam Krawas erround to our house with a note for me, saying awf it. Dear Mrs. Potts, The reason I sent Benny hoam ery today was because he was very impewdent to me, yure, sincerely, Adam Rockitts.

Benny Potts, wats the meaning of this, sed ma.
Of wat, I sed.
You no verry well wat, sed ma, Mr. Rockitts ses you were impewdent to him today, and I want an explinayshn.

Hes krazy, ma, I sed.
You wont help yure cause eny by making statemnts like that, sed ma. Mr. Rockitts ses you were impewdent and I want to no wat you sed to him. I didnt say anything to him, I wasnt impewdent at awf, ma, he did awf the tawking and I didnt say a word but Yes sir and No sir, I sed.

O, then he sent you hoam for being extremely pullite, sed ma.
Yes mam, jest for saying Yes sir and No sir, I sed.

Let me take the witness a wile, sed pop, theres moar to this than appears awf the surface, as the professor remarked about the ocean, Benny sposses you try to remembre in full yure conversayshn with Mr. Rockitts in wich you took go Chesterfieldian a part.

Mr. Rockitts told me to stop tawking to Annie Simkins wile he was tawking the lessin, I sed, and I stopped tawking and he sed, Dont you think I am able to manidge this class by myself.

Well, sed pop, and what did you say,
I sed, no sir, I sed.

Ah, sed pop continue the narrative, and I sed, And then Mr. Rockitts sed, O, is that so, well then I sippose you think you cood manidge it bettir yourself.

Yes, and wat was yure anser to that questshn, sed pop.
I sed, Yes sir, I sed.

O, the ideer, sed ma, farthir, I sertenly hope you are going to punish him well for that, and pop sed, Well, if it had bin enyboddy eits but Mr. Rockitts my wrath wood know no bounds, but as it is I will let him awf with a siveer reprimand, Benny, considir yureself siveerly reprimanded.

Yes sir, I sed.

years to accomplish the result. If they fail in both it appears to me that an Austro-German victory has become impossible. The moral effect of the reconquest of Galicia will wear off. The Balkan peoples are anti-German and anti-Turk, and sooner or later probably will enter the war against these enemies, although it is a distinct possibility that Bulgaria may erupt at any minute as a Turco-German ally.

In no event must an early German defeat be looked for. France appears to have reached her limit. It will apparently tax England's resources for some time to come to maintain an army of 2,000,000 men, and it will be at least another year before such an army will be in condition to manoeuvre in aggressive warfare—probably twice that long.

Russia has trained men and trained officers enough to hold the German frontier and over-run Austria, but she has not equipment for them. She cannot make it. And the surplus equipment of her allies is being used to equip untrained men incapable of taking the field. The English nation cannot comprehend this fact, just as our nation cannot comprehend that it would take us at least three years, probably more to make an army of 2,000,000 men capable of making war as the German armies and Russian armies make war.

Thus the situation is that Germany may win a military victory in France this summer. Failing this, there will be several years of indecisive warfare until the resources of the commercial allies are put at the disposal of the military allies.

The only other contingency appears to be a decisive battle, such as this war has not yet seen, and such as many military authorities believe to be impossible.

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MAXTER.—At his home at Andover, Met