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**Gloomy Criticism Will Help in Long Run—Mistake Made in Estimating Quantity of Munitions Needed, but that is Being Corrected—Kitchener's Methods Puzzle the Germans.**

(LAURETTE TAYLOR IN THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE)

London—If it were not for the fact that I can ease my conscience by telling myself that these are epoch marking times and that therefore ordinary conventions may be rightly disregarded, I should not set about telling this story.

It was told me in confidence. And I can respect that confidence to the extent of keeping my informant's name undivulged. That in itself is a pity, because if I named him there would be no question in anyone's mind that he is the one man in all England who is in a position to know "the truth."

Lord Northcliffe and his Daily Mail are responsible for those quotation marks. For weeks now his newspaper has been daily telling its readers that "The Truth Will Out"—referring to the charge that British troops are being needlessly slaughtered because their artillery has insufficient ammunition. But the truth is altogether different.

The important feature of my informant's summary of existing conditions is his contradiction, unequivocal and carefully expounded, that Britain, after eleven months of war is in a bad way.

"Let us admit," he said to me, "that there is a marked change in the attitude of the people and the press since the first of the year. But let us be sure we know what this change means. At the outset of the war we were faced with the necessity of obliterating all conflicting interests in a common unity. For six months we succeeded in suppressing every attempt to deviate from this fixed determination. We kept smothered all old political dissensions.

**Cost of Victory**

"But now we have finally come to a realization of the cost of victory. Its staggering amount has at the same time sobered us and given cause for outspoken criticism of conditions which do not measure up to the standard which must be attained if we are to be able to pay the cost—it has in no sense diminished our faith in our ability to improve these conditions.

"All this growing, pessimistic criticism really means is that Englishmen, after six months of unity, are beginning to revert to type—and are indulging once more in their characteristic industry of stirring each other up. Herein lies the reason for these published warnings against the number of uninterred Germans, the increasing number of suspicious fires, the inadequate output of munitions, the urgent need of conscription. It is not to be viewed with alarm. It is a healthy sign. The results will prove it. We are seriously pledged to the last man and the last shilling. Whatever the cost we must make good that pledge.

"Until now we have been in the war, but not under the war. Even now we are under the war, as France and Russia and Serbia and Belgium are under the war. But we are beginning to appreciate the inexpressible horrors the war has brought on Europe and to appreciate the need of our responding to the calls made upon us on a scale that could not have been conceivable in any human mind

until ten months of the workings of the German military machine had forced the conception upon us.

**Mons and Neuve Chapelle**  
"Germany has proclaimed that this is a life and death struggle. We don't proclaim it; we know it. When the Germans overwhelmed us with their great superiority of artillery fire at the battle of Mons, we had no comment to make. At Neuve Chapelle, after we had pulverized the enemy with our artillery fire, the Germans declared there had never been known in the history of the world anything comparable to the blasting devastation our 300 guns on less than two miles of front wrought in their defences. Again we made no comment. But the fact remains that not one of those 300 guns existed when the battle of Mons was fought.

"The truth, then, is not that we have muddled the problem of making munitions. We have simply and naturally and honestly underrated the amount of munitions that were necessary for a successful prosecution of our task. We have always known in a general way that a naval war was one of the workshop. Perhaps the greatest lesson this war has taught us is that land operations are no less won in the workshop. This is the outstanding lesson of the first ten months of the struggle—the supreme importance of the industrial side of war. We know now there must be an army of labor behind the army in the field. And it is this knowledge that has given rise to our sudden interest in existing conditions among the workers at home.

"Onlookers ought not to forget that for the first six months we were fairly busy creating an army of soldiers. This army now numbers 3,000,000 men in various stages of training. I believe its creation stands unparalleled in the world's history. Lord Kitchener is satisfied with the army. He has said so. As to the times and ways of putting the new armies successively in the field he puzzles the Germans and puzzles ourselves.

"As against the most brutal methods known since the dark ages, we have tried to conduct our affairs as scrupulously in accordance with the laws of humanity and decent warfare as we have known how. We are engaged in crushing German aims. If anywhere anyone thinks that Britain can be intimidated by German threats or practices let them be set right. We have already lived through three phrases of German bugaboos. We have waited a long time for the materialization of the monster guns which were to bombard Canterbury cathedral from the continent. We have waited as long for the trail of ruin visiting Zeppelins that were to blast through London. We have waited patiently for the submarine 'blockade' to accomplish some reasonable part of its declared purpose to starve our cities, stop our transports, and paralyze our merchant shipping.

"German violation of all the usages that have wisely mitigated the barbarities of war have been not only crimes but blunders. From the invasion of Belgium to the campaign of sea murder Germany has only aroused the allies to greater and greater energy and confirmed their union.

"And if Britain, up to now, has fallen short of her very utmost effort—and in so doing has stirred into new activity all the old hostilities of inveterate critics—those who know the truth know that now, as always, Britain's might is beginning to be drawn upon at a time when other's resources have been drained to the last drop."

**Success For Allies**

Of course, I am no strategist—when it comes to warfare. I am first of all a woman, and then an actress—with eight performances a week to keep me out of mischief and out of 'isms. But for all that I should be a rank ignoramus if I could not gather from this man who knows, the fact that children ten generations removed from the British who are fighting in the trenches to-day will still be singing their national anthem long after Prussianism has gone to its final rest.

And just one last thing. Of all reasons in the world, what do you suppose is the true reason Gen. French has sent word to London for more shells? To listen to some of these British critics of the government you would think all the working men in Britain were on one continuous holiday. But that is not the truth at all.

The reason the British in the trenches in Flanders haven't had the artillery support they needed is largely due to the fact that Britain has been sending shells to Russia and Serbia—not to mention the Belgians and French! And the queer part is that among the men who know there is nothing worth mentioning in this, Britain ought to furnish all their allies with shells. That is the way they feel about it. And they won't be satisfied until they can do this—and still have enough left over to supply their own men as well.



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