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WILL HISTORY REPEAT ITSELF?

Just what amount of truth there is in the oft repeated claim that history repeats itself, is a matter which has been frequently discussed of late, and a contemporary referring to this discussion seems inclined to the view that a solution to the question varies with the inclination and determination with which people do their share of history making.

History tells us that it was Frederick the Great of Prussia who conceived the theory that he who was prepared to strike first and strike hard and quickly, was practically assured of success on the battlefield. With the highly trained army of 80,000 men which this father of Prussianism found waiting for him when he ascended the throne in 1740, he suddenly launched a campaign against Austria, and entirely defeating her, promptly seized and annexed territory very rich in iron and coal. A few years later, finding a plot against Prussia, or pretending to find one, Frederick again launched another of his lightning quick campaigns against Austria, thus starting what was later to be known as the Seven Years' War, which involved England, Russia, Saxony, Sweden and France finally costing the latter country Canada.

Superior generalship, and the theory of the blow struck quickly enabled Frederick to rush his troops from one side of the country to the other, so as to eliminate his opponents from the combat individually, even as the present German despot has attempted to do. The Allies, of Frederick's time had not yet learned to co-operate, hence his plan of concentrated sudden movement was effective.

In 1870 Prussia caught France more or less unprepared and by a whirlwind descent through Alsace the latter was crushed in a war which lasted only a few months, but the defeat really occurring inside of a few weeks.

All through the history of the rise of the Prussian and Germanic Empires there have been instances such as the conquest of Denmark, of the Teutonic forces attempting and making quick offensives. Certain other European nations have also demonstrated the efficiency of Frederick's theory. It is probably not very astonishing that the present Kaiser should plan to extend the boundaries of his country by the same ruthless, high speed methods. It is perfectly evident that Germany expected to crush France before Britain or Russia could interfere, and then to attack, as Frederick the Great had done, the other Allies, and defeat them in succession. But for once an apparently proven theory in German war methods had failed. For once history has not repeated itself. With the exception of the ruthless trampling of Belgium, the German military system has failed to secure an acknowledged victory anywhere, although they have caused, and suffered, great losses. It is probable however, that history will repeat itself to the extent that Berlin will be captured by the Allies, as it was in the days of Frederick the Great. With the complete organization of the forces and resources of the Allied nations, a rapid crumbling up of the German defence is more than likely. With a determined opposition before them, the exponents of Frederick's "shock-action" theory can no longer hope for an even draw—much less a decisive victory. The Allies have too much at stake to allow any thought of peace to enter their calculations until the Teutonic forces have been compelled to withdraw, crippled and humbled, to emerge no more in history or the ruthless invaders of neighboring territories.

FARMING PROGRESS

We have no desire to become wearisome, but we realize that if a movement is to be started, it is usually necessary for someone to keep hammering at it until success is achieved. An issue or two ago we referred to the desirability of holding an agricultural show in the town every other year mainly for poultry, and agricultural products. This week a local

poultry society not very long established, is holding a show in Fredericton, at which according to the newspaper reports over 800 birds are entered.

Why cannot something of the kind be done on the Miramichi? If other places in the province, not half the size of nor possessing the advantages of Newcastle, can hold shows of this kind, why not our own town? We have a local Agricultural Society, with very capable men connected with it, will not they take the matter up and see what can be done? The thing to do is to get local interest aroused, and if this is done, there should be no further trouble. Why is it that Chatham is allowed to have a monopoly of the agricultural credit that has been gained for our good old county?

SEE THE BIG TUG OF WAR MATCH AT THE HAPPY HOUR NEXT MONDAY.

Chatham Agricultural Society

Had Prosperous Year. Will Ask for Wharves to land Mussel Mud.

The Chatham Agricultural Society held its annual meeting last week. The net revenue of the year was \$212.01. Following officers were elected:

Pres., Geo. E. Fisher; 1st V. P., Geo. J. Dickson; 2nd V. P., W. C. Galloway; Sec. Treas., A. G. Dickson; Directors, Hon. J. P. Burrell, Roger Flanagan, P. S. Bremner, Donald Watling, Dr. W. B. Jones, Frank Jardine, John A. Johnston, W. H. Baldwin, Wm. McKnight, Henry Gordon, Geo. Keating, R. A. Snowball, Geo. W. Loggie, A. R. Matthews, M. F. Noonan, M. A. Galloway, J. L. Stewart, R. Searle, James Falconer, Wm. Scott, Martin McMurray. Delegates to F. & D. Association meeting in Fredericton in March—Messrs. Geo. J. Dickson, Frank Jardine, Wm. Scott and M. F. Noonan; substitutes—Henry Gordon, Michael Murray, Martin McMurray and Geo. Keating.

It was agreed that the society hold a Seed Fair this year. The President, Secretary and Mr. R. Flanagan was added to the Mussel Mud Committee. The committee will approach the Dominion Government with regard to obtaining a grant towards the building of a wharf or wharves on which to land the mud.

A Mother's Duty to Her Daughter

Her Health Must be Carefully Guarded as she Approaches Womanhood.

The mother who calls to mind her own girlhood knows how urgently her daughter is likely to need help and strength in the years between early school days and womanhood. It is then that growing girls droop, become feeble, bloodless and nervous. Nature is calling for more nourishment than the blood can supply. Signs of distress are plainly evident in dull eyes, pale cheeks, weak and aching backs, fits of depression and often a dislike for proper food. These signs mean anaemia—that is bloodlessness. The watchful mother takes prompt steps to give her girl the new rich, red blood her system calls for, by giving her Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, which transform weak, anemic girls into a condition of perfect health, through the rich, new blood these pills actually make. No other medicine has ever succeeded like Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and thousands of weak, disheartened girls have proved their worth. Miss Mabel Sinclair, Coburg, Ont., says:—"About three years ago I was a very sick, nervous and run down girl. At the least excitement I would tremble and faint away, and the slightest noise would annoy me. I had severe pains about the heart, and would often take dizzy and smothering spells. I lost in weight and the color all left my face. My mother got all sorts of medicine for me, but all failed to do me any good and I was still going down hill. One day we read in the newspaper of a similar case cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and the next time my mother went to town she got three boxes. In a short time I felt the Pills were helping me, and from that on every day they helped me more. I took altogether nine boxes and felt like a new person. I was ready for all my meals, gained in weight; the color came back to my cheeks, and I was again enjoying perfect health, and have ever since enjoyed that blessed condition. I earnestly advise all weak girls to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a fair trial, as I am sure they will do as much for them as they did for me."

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THE 73rd REGIMENT SAY THEY ARE GOING TO WIN THE TUG OF WAR MATCH. THE 132ND SAY THE SAME. IT WILL BE SOME TUG.

Lieut.-Col. Percy A. Guthrie Speaks in Newcastle

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came at once a hero—an honor to his country. Whatever anyone in Newcastle should do for one of his "boys" he would take as done to himself. If they had a chance—if not too much temptation were placed in their way—they would be all right. At the front he would take as great care of these boys as possible. He would not send his boys through any holes he would not go himself—very few of his men would not let him help them. He wanted all to attend their church. Church was a good place. There was no danger there. A bad man could not be a good soldier.

Col. Mersereau said he agreed with all that had been said by the previous speakers except one remark—the wish that the 132nd might not reach the fighting. He would not like to come back without having had a grip with the enemy.

In a barber shop in Chatham, recently, a young man had remarked that he would enlist if he were sure the war would be over before he got to it. The coward had, very properly, kicked out of the shop. Three or four of his soldiers had, lately, been overheard discussing the advisability of asking a certain party to enlist, but they decided not to do so, as the man was addicted to drinking, and they knew the Colonel would not like such a recruit. That had pleased him very much. He wanted sober men in his battalion. He had about 800 now, who might possibly on the final physical test, be reduced to 700, as Dr. Park was very wisely strict in his examinations. Only the men who could stand hardship were fit to be soldiers. Gen. Joffre had won the Battle of the Marne by making his men fight to the last ounce of strength. That was why he (Col. Mersereau) gave Temperance addresses to his men. Men cannot rise to their full strength unless they keep clear of alcohol.

Ald. F. C. McGrath, M. D. Ald. McGrath said he represented the Mayor, who was absent because of a bereavement. He was glad to be able to be there and to have the opportunity of honoring the hero returned from the fields of France and Flanders. Who should say that Col. Guthrie was not worthy all the honor that could be done him? On behalf of the Mayor and Town Council and the citizens of Newcastle he welcomed Col. Guthrie and offered him the freedom of the town.

Lt. Col. Guthrie When the cheering which began the moment he was called upon, had died down, Col. Guthrie began his speech and at once took the audience by storm.

He said that in all Britain and the world no greater struggle had ever been faced by any people. He was pleased to see so many pretty women and so many stalwart young men. If ever there were a time that young men were required to keep the old flag flying it was now. The previous speakers had said things that touched him very deeply. But he had done only his duty. He accepted the praise, however, on behalf of the gallant boys he had had the honor to lead—the remnant of whom were fighting still in Flanders to defend our homes. This was some war. There were some people who did not yet realize what this war meant, nor what their share was in it.

This war was not of our making. Since 1870 Germany has aimed to dominate the world. Everyone in Germany had done his part in that preparation for crushing the world. We had been very slack and slothful not to prepare for the crisis. We saw the Germans training, but we waited till the avalanche was almost upon us. And some are waiting yet. When the little squabble arose between Austria and Serbia, did Germany wait for diplomacy to settle it? No! she felt she was ready, and she struck. What was little Belgium's fault? Merely that she lay between the two great powers, and defended her neutrality as she had guaranteed to do. All must have felt proud of King Albert when he stood upon his treaty rights and marched his 300,000 men to meet the onrushing Huns. Belgium might have given the right of way and saved the lives and property of her people, but she chose to keep her honor although it meant her country's ruin.

Britain refused to hearken to Germany's insidious proposals that she stand aside. Instead, she declared war, and how proud we are of her for having done so!

The first chapter of the history to be written of this war should be a eulogy of the British fleet and the way in which it has kept the enemy off our shores.

We remember, said the speaker, how Gen. French with his 52,000 landed in France, and the call came from all parts of the Empire to come to the help of the Motherland. Tien brave men, responding to that call, went to Flanders, and the remnant of them are waiting for comrades to join them.

to feel out the enemy. When they meet the enemy they quickly fall back on their man body and melt into the firing line, lying prone on the ground. Back of the firing line are the supports, and back of that the reserves. The firing begins. Then a shell whizzes over your head like the wall of a lost soul. Then comes the aeroplane of the enemy searching out our firing line. Then our airships meet him. Then a battle in the air—the last word in the science of Hell made possible in this war. The enemy's artillery has found our line. Then a charge with the bayonet—a struggle that would delight Mars—brave men in a death grip—the ground soon clear—many dead—the wounded being carried to the rear.

The general, directing from the rear, decides that no further advance is advisable for the present, sends the words, "Dig in!" No one raises a hand above his head—it would be shot off. But he takes his little trench and slowly digs a hollow deep enough to hide him, carefully saving the sods, to be put on the face of the dirt thrown up. At night, if dark, there is more freedom to work, and shovels are used. So for several days until the trench is 2 1/2 feet deep, 2 feet wide along which one can crawl safely. On lower land, where trenches would fill with water, a wall of sandbags is raised up four feet high, faced with sods. As a straight trench could be swept by a machine gun, the trenches are zig-zagged, so that at the corners one or two men can keep a Company at bay.

Reconnoitering parties go out by night to try to cut the enemy's wire entanglements. Sometimes they meet a patrol—grim things happen in the dark.

The communicating trenches leading to the rear are all zig-zag. There is more wire in the eleven lines of trenches than would wire the world. 24 hours provisions are brought up to each man.

Airships take photos of the land in front. From them maps are drawn. Col. Guthrie then described what Major Jack Mersereau did in April last. After two days and nights of fighting, Guthrie's men were ordered to charge the Germans over an open hill. The brave boys rushed to the top of the hill, then found that the right and left flanks were not coming up. Mersereau goes himself with the order to stop the advance and dig in. He had been hit with a shell and could hardly stand. He zig zagged up the hill, and fell at his (Guthrie's) feet. The order came just in time to save the 10th from annihilation. When he told the boys that Jack Mersereau had saved them they could not cheer—they cried.

Col. Guthrie then appealed to the young manhood in the hall to rally to the flag tonight. Newcastle had done well, but not well enough while there was one young man between 18 and 45 unenlisted. The call that came 17 months ago seemed not yet to have been heard by many. We sing about the flag. But live not for what your grandfather did—but for what we are up against now. Belgium is all gone but a little fringe. The coal areas of France are gone. Every acre of Serbia is gone. Montenegro is about gone. Only one thing we can boast of—England still commands the sea.

Why is the German fleet not sent out? Cannot we believe that they are manufacturing bigger guns than we have? Superior guns decide things now. The German people do not asleep. They threw shells into Dunkirk 22 miles.

The time to beat the enemy is now. Don't delay training. The work of war is most scientific in the world. Beat the enemy on land and we shall not need to beat them on sea. We can't fight forever. This war must be wound up soon.

The boys are writing back. "We're tired out—we want sleep. Wake up the N. B. boys to come to our assistance." 30,000 Canadians had held back hordes of Huns, till only one man was left for every seven yards of the firing line. Gen. Smith Dorrien sent to them, "The fate of Calais is in your hands, Canadians,—han; on!" They are still hanging on. But is it fair play for the boys fighting 24 hours a day, 6 days at a time? Give them a night shift. Trot up to the table tonight, and go to reinforce them.

If these things do not move you, what of vengeance? What of poor little Edith Cavell? Of the children at the bottom of the sea? Of the 150,000 women of Serbia who fought alongside of their men?

If these considerations do not move you, where is the call of your own home? We have in Canada the noblest womanhood in the world. Are they worth fighting for? Do not wait until Canada is attacked. Do you think that after the armies of France, Russia, Italy and Britain are conquered, that the Canadians can stand the tide? No! but then with German guards, you will listen helplessly in the middle of the night to the cry of your womankind, as the Bel-

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Women Organized  
At the close of the general meeting Col. Guthrie addressed the women who remained behind, advocating the organization of a Women's Recruiting Committee. Some 15 or 20 ladies

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were present. The meeting organized with Mr. Fish temporary chairman and Miss LaBillio's secretary. The following officers were elected: President—Mrs. Major W. H. Belyea Vice-Pres.—Mrs. Capt. A. L. Barry. Sec.—Miss Alma LaBillio. Treas.—Miss Minnie Ingram. Col. Guthrie defined the duties of the Committee. They would be expected to meet and welcome returned soldiers, and induce as many eligible young men as possible to enlist. C. J. Morrissey said that the Men's Recruiting Committee had a Reception Committee, and that this Committee would be pleased to have the ladies act with them. Col. Mersereau briefly addressed the ladies upon the good influence would could exercise. Adjourned.