

have taken has not affected the food supply of Great Britain. Our troops have been guarded by our wonderful fleet of destroyers and though many, many precious lives have been lost on the sea and much valuable property destroyed, we have been able to convince our enemies that victory for them does not lie with the submarine.

Our Canadian soldiers on land and in the air have won fresh laurels for themselves and our great country. They played their part in the terrible battle of the Somme, which raged for months over weltering fields of mud and ended in the long retreat of the Germans to the Hindenburg line. Theirs was the victory at Courcellette, and many another hard fought field, and then in April came the wonderful victory of Vimy Ridge where the Canadians captured and held a hill from which the Germans had overlooked their lines for three long weary years. And even now is raging still the battle for Hill 70 and the great French coal city of Lens, which again and again our men have striven for, and the ruins of which they will in a few days undoubtedly hold.

And in the meantime our wonderful French allies, exhausted in men and material, are doing their noble part. The Italians in their rocky battle grounds are steadily driving back the Austrian enemy, and the troubles in

outside countries have been quieted.

The two outstanding events of the last few months have been the Russian Revolution and the entry of the United States into the war. As you grow older and read more of Russian history you will realize more and more how wonderful it is that a country where men have been slaves for so long should now become free so quickly and so easily, and you will understand why Russia has been not a help but a hindrance to her allies for the last few months, and why Germany has been able to pour down fresh men on the eastern front against our own war-weary men. With the coming of the United States into the war all the English-speaking peoples in the world are now united against the enemy, and with their assistance in money, food and ships, and later men, we should be greatly strengthened after our long weary struggle.

If the men and women of our own Canada will only do their part now, there is no reason why we should not hope that before the next 4th of August comes we may have placed our enemies in such a position that we may dictate our own terms of peace, and they will have to accept them. But we can make up our minds, young and old, big and little, that until we hold our enemies in this way we will not "lay down the sword, which has not been lightly drawn."

OUR COMPETITION

Our October stories should be in as early in September as you can send them, and the November papers should be in before October 15th.

Subject for October:—What do we know about Russia?

Subject for November:—Draw and decorate a calendar for the month of November. The design and drawing to be original. Each drawing should be certified by the teacher.

HONORABLE MENTION STORIES FROM THE JUNE NUMBER.

What It Means to be a Canadian

I am a little Canadian, as I am only nine years old I cannot tell you all it means to be a Canadian very well. For our flag we have the good old

Union Jack as we are a colony of England. We love and honor the British flag and try to be good children to our mother land. Canada is a fine country and we Canadians are proud because