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FOCH TELLS HOW THE WAR WAS WON

Waited Patiently for the Tide
to Turn

Victory Represents Moral
Superiority on Part of Con-
queror, He Says — The
More Obstinate Will Win,
Is Secret of Success.

(Toronto Mail and Empire.)

"I won the war by smoking my pipe,"
said Marshal Foch in the course of a re-
cent talk with a French journalist. He

meant to say that in the mood induced
by tobacco he was able to work out those
problems of strategy that eventually re-
sulted in the German defeat. But he
meant also that having arrived at certain
definite conclusions the fact that his
plans did not go smoothly from the
start did not agitate him. He smoked
his pipe patiently and waited for the tide
to turn. History is likely to rate Foch
even more highly as a strategist than the
present generation. We are too close to
the problems he had to solve to ap-
preciate their magnitude. No other gen-
eral in all history had so many men at
his command. No other general was
ever confronted with such a huge and
formidable enemy. To no other great
general did the moral quality of warfare
ever appear so important as it did to
Foch. War to Foch was not an exact
science or a branch of industry. He does
not believe, as the Germans were taught
to believe after the Franco-Prussian
war, that a war can be decided wholly
by means of plans carefully made long
in advance.

Character Wins Wars.

Besides being a conflict between men's
bodies, war to Foch, is also a conflict be-
tween the souls of the opposing nations.

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He would not subscribe to the cynical
doctrine of Napoleon that God is on the
side of the brave battalions. Foch be-
lieves that knowledge, reasoning, the
greatest tactical and strategical qualities,
however necessary they are, are nothing
if character is lacking. In a recent
work entitled, "Foch as a Military
Writer," Charles Le Goffic recalls that
on the occasion of a retreat, Ney was at-
tacked by artillery on his flank and faced
his columns to the right and cried to
Jomini, who begged him to get back to
first principles: "I don't care anything
for your sacred strategy. I know only
one thing, I never turn my back to can-
non." The words were heroic, but the
action was foolish, as Ney was soon to
realize. It would not be for Foch, the
greatest living strategist, to show con-
tempt for strategy. One cannot defy
circumstances. But if in order to pro-
duce good results character needs to be
supplemented by knowledge and reason,
they in turn, according to Foch, are con-
ditioned by two abstractions from the
realm of morals: duty and discipline,
and the worship, more or less exclusive,
which is rendered to them.

Ideas Conquer Matter.

Thus, says the writer, Foch restores
to war that nobility and that high ideal-
ism which it had lost in the hands of
the Germans. He subjects force to the
great principles of ever-living morality.
Ideas, according to him, have once more
triumphed over matter. Foch, too, might
say that he won the war by never for a
moment doubting that he would win it.
He had no faith in the policy of attri-
tion and obviously does not agree with
Hais, who thinks that the campaigns of
1915, 1916 and 1917 were responsible for
the victory of 1918. A war of attrition
is a war that wears out both armies and
can give no final result, he says. In the
long period of deadlock, according to
Foch, he never wavered in his con-
fidence of eventual victory. He wrote
again and again to the president using
such phrases as: "Victory represents
moral superiority on the part of the con-
queror and moral depression on the part
of the conquered," and "To will more
strongly and more persistently than the
enemy is the supreme resource. He of-
ten recalled a saying of Frederick the
Great: "The more obstinate will win."
That is the whole secret of success."

War Won By Faith.

After the armistice Foch said: "The
war was won by faith." To Andre de
Maretout, another French writer, who
has had several interviews with Foch,
the Marshal said that from the age of
seventeen he thought of revenge. That
was after he had seen the Germans in
1914, and he added: "You know very
well that when a man of ordinary capac-
ity concentrates all his faculties and all
his force on a single object he must ob-
tain it, but for this, these essentials are
necessary: To be strong he must be ob-
jective and never subjective. I mean
that in order to act he must never lose
himself in impressions. The facts alone
count and we must stick to the facts."
It was after this that he made the re-



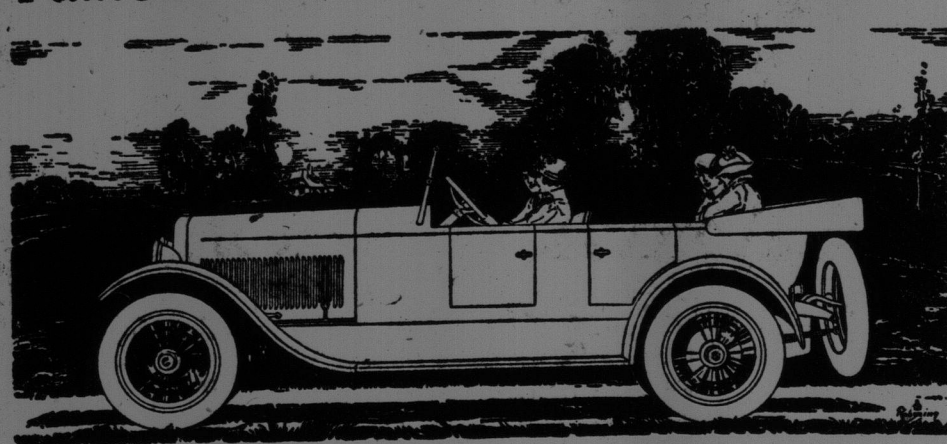
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mark about smoking his pipe. He said
that the task was a difficult one for the
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sional soldiers of the first order. But
there was no Moltke the Elder. "The
latter would never have been so impru-
dent as to make war without first trying
to neutralize Russia. Or if he had had
to swallow the pill all the same, I prom-
ise you that he would have conducted
the war very differently." People had
often asked him, he said, if he expected
a long war, and he said, "I know no-
thing about that. It wasn't my busi-
ness. The future never belongs to men
and it is a loss of time and thought and
so of energy to diagnose it to the de-
triment of the needs of the moment."

Divine Interposition.
To Foch the evils of each day were
sufficient. He handled each day's prob-
lems as they arose, never for a moment
doubting what the end would be. He
did not as to make war without first try-
ing to handle the forces at his command.
He was dealing with human beings and
not with chessmen. He had to camou-
flage to his soldiers. He had to get them
to do the same thing they had been do-
ing, and at which they had been beaten,
to a different tune. He had to make the
army believe he was trying something
else when he was but repeating the old
thing under a new guise. Foch is a dep-

HURLED A KNIFE AT PATRON'S HEAD

Toronto Chinese Restaurant
Keeper Charged With
Wounding.

(Toronto Mail and Empire.)
Haggling over the price of a meal
which he had consumed in Harry
Chow's restaurant at 209 York street,
Saturday night, Fred Skeene, precipitated
a quarrel which culminated in a badly-
gashed head for himself and the arrest
of Chow on a charge of wounding.
Chow's story of the effect that
Skeene ate a meal in his place, and then
protested against the price charged. A
quarrel ensued, and Skeene charged the
chairman into the kitchen, where Chow
picked up a table knife and hurled it at
his pursuer. The knife glanced on
Skeene's head, cutting it badly, then
crashed through the restaurant window.
P. C. Grosse heard the crash of the
glass, investigated, and discovered
Skeene bleeding badly. He arrested
Chow on a charge of wounding, and sent
Skeene to St. Michael's Hospital.

MAKING COURTS MORAL HOSPITALS

Judge Lindsey, known to fame as the
promoter of the juvenile court idea, is
now advocating the institution of what
he calls chancery courts, a system which
has been in operation in his home state
long enough to show that it works. The
procedure of these courts, it appears,
attempts to try society along with the
criminal. "I am not a maudlin sym-
pathizer with criminals," says the judge,
"but I am a sincere sympathizer with
victims of circumstances, and when a
person is placed on trial I am for placing
society on trial at the same time."
"To find the cause of crime is as im-
portant as to punish the criminal. A
doctor, when he treats a typhoid case,
does not stop there; he seeks to find
where the typhoid comes from. I no
longer classify people as good and bad,
but just as people; and in what are
known as bad people you cannot cure
badness without knowing the cause."

Judge Lindsey says the chancery
courts will be moral hospitals.
After all the idea is merely an exten-
sion of the maxim that the proper study
of mankind is man, and his social en-
vironment. It is properly enough an af-
fair of courts, which have in the past
been concerned with the administration
of laws which often placed property
rights above personal rights. Lord Ly-
tton relates that his father told him how
condemned to death for stealing a small
ball of cloth, and how the woman's child
was torn from her arms as she was led
to the scaffold. Society hardly did its
duty by the child in that case.

Such courts as Lindsey advocates
would do much to develop a social con-
science and an intelligent understanding
of the influence of now little understood
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