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MARGINAL NOTES

By Commentator.

THE WAR.

The past week has witnessed the first phase of the great German offensive. More or less successful at first, it has not so much because it was held up by surprise as through sheer weight, it was held up with increasing effect by the heretism and devotion of the foremost defenders of their efficiency and reserve strength opposed an absolutely impenetrable barrier to a further advance. The messages have sufficient shown how far the utmost achieved the enemy fell short of the mark at Amiens at the very least, would have fallen long ago; whereas the condition precedent, is in British hands.

With the resumption on Thursday the offensive, the German "confess" that they are committed to the "advisable" adventure on which they marked a fortnight ago. There will be no attack of any importance on any part of the line, at least not by heavy guns, allowing the Allies absolute priceless advantages by the delay we can look forward to another tremendous attack and fighting the same huge and intense character before. But the Allies' line will be little this time. Indeed, their heavy appears plainly now to be a defensive until the enemy has been himself in repeated and fruitless attacks; then, at the proper moment, which will make no mistake the result. The situation to-day, at rate, is one which should cause mingling in our hearts. If the want encouragement, they have read Count Czernin's speech, beneath his hypocrisy and men's gathering fear is easily dispelled; the moment chosen for its very announces more distinctly anything else the consciousness the Central Powers that their great has already failed.

SELECTIVE CONSCRIPTION.

The Government can at least console themselves that their re-arranging meeting of Wednesday night a great effect, though a very different one from that anticipated and needed by them. It has evoked an unanimous demand by the newspapers for the only just and

adequate measure left, selective conscription. The Herald clearly is of that opinion, its only doubt being as to the practicability of the idea, so that the Advocate is alone in its opposition. There is nothing surprising in that splendid isolation. The Advocate is the Government's mouth-piece, and the Government have made up their minds that there will be no conscription of any sort. It remains to be seen which is to prevail, the will of the country or the will of the Government.

Since the Telegram, News and Star have made their views unmistakably plain—and I congratulate them on the courage with which they have done so—I should like to notice briefly here, the objections which the Herald raises against the actual adoption in practice of selective conscription. I will take the points in my own order.

Primis, I think it will be absolutely fatal to consider, as the Herald suggests, what will need to be done if the present effort at recruiting fails. That moment has long since passed. The effort is bound to fail and it think it will be a great pity if it does not. This is not so strange a thing to say as it may seem at first sight. If voluntary methods produce any more recruits, they will be the wrong men. They will be the men who have been doubting, torn between the call of country and the call of duty to others, and now decided to sacrifice the latter for the former, married men, that is, men with dependents, men in responsible positions, men with a conscience, men who can ill be spared; the eligible slackers it will leave untouched and unmoved. Further voluntary recruiting will merely accentuate and continue the injustice that has already gone too far. And in any case it will not produce half the men required. Why in heaven's name wait until it has failed, to take the action that is absolutely imperative now!

Secondly, the Herald points, as it has done before, to the "failure" of conscription in Canada. Has it occurred to the Herald that equivalent results here would bring in nearly 1,000 fresh men?

Thirdly, the Herald's contention that those districts which have not given their quota should first be compelled to do so before others which have, like St. John's, are called upon,

appears to me not merely strangely illogical and unjust but most mischievous. It would be making invidious distinctions and inevitably set one district against another. As a matter of fact, compulsion applied to all parts of the country evenly would automatically correct the inequality the Herald refers to: those districts which have given least would thus obviously give most, and vice versa. Besides, this idea of applying a question like this to districts is altogether unjustifiable; it is a matter for the individual solely. Why should a man, altogether eligible and without any excuse to offer, claim exemption from the fact that his district has done little, and that his friends have shamed him by their example?

Fourthly, the Herald objects that selective conscription would work injustice by making further drains upon families that have already given generously of their sons. The very thing it would NOT do. What is the good of having it selective if the remaining sons of such families cannot at once be exempted on that ground? The truth is, the Government can make any rules they please as to such exemptions, making them wide or narrow as they may decide. The great point is, that those who have NO claim whatever to exemption shall be MADE to go.

Fifthly, it is frequently and generally argued that conscription cannot be enforced here. In answer to which I would say that (1) it need not be enforced up to the hilt: we want 500 or 1,000 men more, not half the island; (2) it is unthinkable that any place would seriously offer resistance when it came to the test; (3) so few men would be taken from each place that no objection would be raised when the real meaning of the measure became plain; (4) it can be enforced if necessary. Newfoundland cannot be compared in that respect with the United States, with a population of 100,000,000, containing up to 10,000,000 Germans, and an army of less than 100,000! Yet the States adopted conscription at the very beginning, and it was a marvellous and brilliant success.

I could add many other arguments, but space is short and they are really unnecessary. The combined justice and necessity of some form of compulsion are too obvious to everyone, except the Government politicians, to need emphasis. There is not a word to be said against it, not one in favour of the voluntary system. As the Telegram puts it, SELECTIVE CONSCRIPTION HAS GOT TO COME.

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A Dame of Industry

Miss E. A. Halleran, 21 Monkstown Road, has been a member of the W.P.A. since its inception in 1914. Owing to continued ill-health Miss Halleran has been unable to attend at the work rooms of the Association, but nevertheless has not been weary in well doing for the comfort of the Regiment. During the years from the beginning of the war to the end of 1917, this energetic lady has knitted 416 pairs of socks, 12 mufflers and six helmets, and since January of the present year has turned 30 pairs of socks out of her capable hands, a grand total of one thousand and ten articles, an average of nearly one article per working day. The bulk of this work has been sent through the W.P.A. Numerous articles, the material for which was purchased by Miss Halleran herself, were given by her to the boys in khaki before they left for overseas. These are included in the figures above. The Telegram was shown some of the socks knitted by Miss Halleran, and the soldiers who are lucky enough to get them will be envied by their friends, as the knitted work and shape of the socks make for foot comfort. Miss Halleran is to be congratulated on her energetic and industrious labor, and is deserving of some recognition. "Honor to whom honor is due."

Pernicious Literature.

The "official" distributors of the literature (?) which is being distributed about town for some time and in the country for years have had a damper put upon their ambition through the action of those capable officers, Detective O'Neill and Sergt. Byrne, in confiscating some 30,000 copies as well as some sets of books. The filthy stuff which has been prohibited from the mails of Canada and the U. S. A. has its origin from the Bible Students' Monthly, which association is an organization of the late Pastor Russell in Brooklyn, N.Y., from whom this "bunkum" seems to originate. Their presence, at least in their "official" capacity as distributors of this new brand of literary effort, are not desired in this city, and we will go further and say they should not be tolerated. In Revelation, on chapter 18 of Book 7, which the author has been pleased to call the finished mystery (and we hope it is "finished" as far as this city is concerned) the reader will find among a series of similar sentences the following: "War is an open and utter violation of Christianity"; and continuing the author asks the question, "Why is this war not waged against England which is an equal, although far less terrible, violator of covenants between nations?" Then having finished with this "bunkum" seems to originate. Their presence, at least in their "official" capacity as distributors of this new brand of literary effort, are not desired in this city, and we will go further and say they should not be tolerated. In Revelation, on chapter 18 of Book 7, which the author has been pleased to call the finished mystery (and we hope it is "finished" as far as this city is concerned) the reader will find among a series of similar sentences the following: "War is an open and utter violation of Christianity"; and continuing the author asks the question, "Why is this war not waged against England which is an equal, although far less terrible, violator of covenants between nations?" Then having finished with this "bunkum" seems to originate.

Its prosecution will be a crime. Coming north then he feels Canada has defended the rights of civilization to the detriment of Germany (to which country by the way, the author should have been deported) and makes war on the preachers there for their interest in recruiting; and because he finds a Church of England clergyman walking the streets with volunteers, goes on immediately to compare him with a bull which they have at one of the Chicago stock yards. We quote these sentences for the most part verbatim for no other reason than to give our readers an idea of the brand of literature that has been going the rounds and which has found its way into the homes of some of our most respected citizens, though much against their will. There is no excuse whatever for the circulation of such stuff nor is there any excuse for the existence of such people in our midst. Therefore they are the root of evil from which many branches may grow and may be the probable cause of untold trouble. We understand one most indefatigable woman has spent some three years at this work. We hope her next three years will not be spent in this Dominion engaged in this same occupation. We further understand that this woman who seems to possess an unlimited supply of energy for this purpose, spent a portion of last winter in a certain inland town and was enabled to distribute large quantities of similar dope. Should this item be read by these female carriers (and seeing their pamphlets have all been taken from them, it is quite conceivable it will be read by some of our men) we would strongly advise them to adhere to our suggestion and quit the job. We have no doubt employment of a more profitable nature can be had in this city. Sergt. Byrne and Detective O'Neill have rendered the country a great service in disposing of this fake literature. The only fitting ultimate end of this "stuff" is to make fuel other than that originally intended, for the furnace.

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This Needs an Answer

Editor Evening Telegram.

Dear Sir,—An item appeared in the local press last week stating that the coal miners of Cape Breton had instructed an agent to proceed to Newfoundland and employ 1,000 men to work in their mines.

I should like to be informed if this item has come before the notice of the Minister of Militia.

Also if those men are to be permitted to leave Newfoundland, free from military obligations to this Colony with no effort made to recruit them for our Regiment and its on arrival in for our Regiment and its on arrival in

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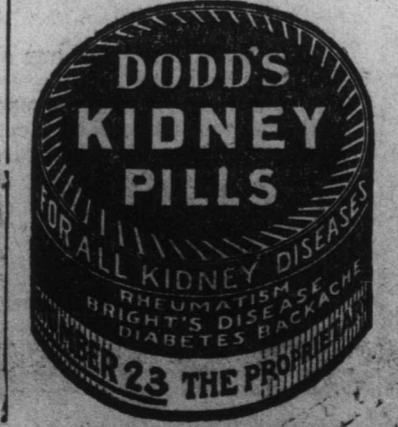
Canada they are not to be exempted from military duty there, or if recruited in Canada, are they to be absorbed in the Canadian units, or whether on enlistment these arrangements will be made to return them for duty with the Nfld. Regiment.

Yours truly,
April 6, 1918. SOLDIER.

Poor Argus!

It has always been known to school boys that Argus was a mythical personage, supposed to have a hundred eyes, but a correspondent of the Advocate has transmuted him into an octopus. Some metamorphosis—what? We wonder if this genius is the same who once told us that he had read of a raccoon being killed which weighed eight hundred pounds.

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