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FOUR YEARS' WAR FOR PEACE

(Continued from last week.)

The secret of the rally which amazed us and stunned the central empires by its very unexpectedness is but a product of that loyalty which is expressed in that word "Mother-country."

The tie of Empire was loose, the strands did not break under the strain, and four years of cumulative slaughter could not change that determined mien of the allied nations and particularly the sons of Empire.

The period of equilibrium, arrived at after three years of war, falsely called "stalemate," as a result of a slowing down of the offensive of the Teutonic alliance, gradually changed to one of initiative for the allies, and at the end of four years we find the initiative in our hands.

The overwhelming balance of power put into the struggle by the United States has now brought "Junkerdum" to its knees. It is grovelling in the dust for a means to extricate itself with an imaginary military honor which it never possessed.

The Beginning of the End.

We may take the beginning of February, 1917, the date upon which the German unrestricted warfare began, as a starting point. That warfare is in itself an authentic index of the desperate straits

to which the German high command had arrived. The simple catalogue reads like a "Book of Doom" for the central powers. On February 24th General Maude took Kiev; on the 25th the Germans retired on the Anere; on March 8th the French opened their attack in Champagne which, with

the concerted British pressure, forced the German retreat on the 17th. Meanwhile, Bagdad fell on March 11th, and the following day the Russian revolution. At the end of March the British advanced towards St. Quentin.

As a result of the submarine warfare, the U. S. A. declared

warfare on Germany. On April 9th the British opened up on the Lens to Arras offensive, followed a week later by the advance of the French from Soissons to Rheims and in the next week the British advanced on the Scarpe. The month of May saw both British and French in offensive, and on



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