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It may be we won't use the gun to shoot the sawdust from the Hun. It may be that there will be peace, that all the rioting will cease, before we get ourselves in shape to feast on Germany with crepe. For this unpainted people hope, though unsupported by the hope, which indicates a long, long war ere Kaiser Bill's account for. And though we may not seek the field, all loaded down with sword and shield, we have a mighty task to do—to send the Hun things to chew. They look to us for corn and wheat, for hams and yams and bread and meat. 'Tis ours to load our ships with grain, and beans to beat the hand. And every time we raise a hill, we take a fall from Kaiser Bill. The towns are full of idle agents who cannot fight, and send them over the sea, to be at war's alarms—they should be drafted for the farms. The loather who sidesteps the foe must do his bit with plow and hoe.

DECISIVE BATTLES IN WORLD'S HISTORY

Battles of Arras and Marne, in Present War, Should be Included

A correspondent is curious to know what were the decisive battles of history, and if any battle in the war fought up to the present moment may be considered decisive. The great authority on this subject is Creasy, who produced some sixty odd years ago a book which has become a classic, and is being reissued with the decisive battles which had been fought up to that time. He explained, as a reason for writing the book, that some of the battles in which the greatest number of men had been engaged and killed, and which on this account had figured prominently in the history of the world, in that they did not settle a question affecting the world, or merely confirmed a verdict given in an earlier court of arms, and said that he had been inspired by a remark of Hallam, in reference to the victory of Charles Martel over the Moors at Tours: "It may justly be reckoned among those few battles of which a contrary event would have essentially varied the drama of the world in all its subsequent scenes, with Marathon, Assin, the Metaurus, Chalons and Leipzig."

Marne a Decisive Battle. As Hallam saw and as Creasy understood there have been battles in the world's history insignificant in so far as numbers are concerned but epoch-making with regard to their events. The men who fought at Marathon were a corporal's guard compared with the men who fought at Mukden. Yet the battle of Marathon made world history; Mukden made only Japanese and Russian history. Verdun saw more men killed and wounded than fought at Blenheim, Valmy and Waterloo. Yet Verdun was not one of the world's decisive battles, and the other three were. Verdun merely emphasized what had been established at the Marne. It will be celebrated in years to come as one of the most glorious feasts of French arms. Yet it did not end the war. The Marne, however, might well be included in Creasy's list, if the work is to be revised. It marked the end of the German effort to conquer France. The battle is yet to be fought which will end forever the dream of the Kaiser. It will be a decisive battle. It will profoundly alter human history. Arras was a bigger battle than the battle of the Marne, and Arras may yet develop into the last great fight of the war and take its place as the greatest of the great battles of the world.

Creasy's Battles. The fifteen battles which Creasy held to have altered human history are as follows, and if among our readers there are those who never heard of some of them, they are in good company. Anyone who pretends to know what they were about or who fought them ought to be asked, for instance, whether the combatants at Valmy, or in what century Arbelia was fought. This is Creasy's list:

- 1. The Battle of Marathon, B.C. 490.
2. Defeat of the Athenians at Syracuse, B.C. 413.
3. The Battle of Arbelia, 331 B.C.
4. The Battle of Metaurus, B.C. 207.
5. Victory of Arminius over the Roman legions under Varus A.D. 9.
6. The Battle of Chalons, A.D. 451.
7. Defeat of Attila the Hun by the French.
8. The Battle of Tours. Defeat of the Saracens by Charles Martel, A.D. 732.
9. The Battle of Hastings. Victory of William the Conqueror over the English, A.D. 1066.
10. Joan of Arc's Victory at Orleans, A. D., 1429.
11. The Defeat of the Spanish Armada, A.D. 1588.
12. The Battle of Blenheim, A.D. 1704.
13. The Battle of Pultowa, A.D. 1709.
14. Victory of the Americans over Burgoyne at Saratoga, A.D. 1777.
15. The Battle of Valmy, A.D. 1792.
16. The Battle of Waterloo. Defeat of Napoleon by Wellington, A. D. 1815.

Decisive Not Unknown. Everybody knows about the Battle of Hastings, the Spanish Armada and Waterloo to make any explanation of their causes and the questions they decided superfluous. The Battle of Marathon was significant, since it established for all time the principle that the civilization of the East, as represented by the Medes and Persians, was not to dominate the civilization of the West, as upheld by the Greeks. Conversely the Battle of Syracuse proved to the Greeks that the West could not establish itself as proprietor of the East. The third battle, in which Alexander the Great defeated Darius, was in the nature of a confirmation of the verdict of the Marathon. The fourth battle was the rise of Rome, for when Hannibal saw the Roman stranger appear in the German camp, he exclaimed: "Rome will now be mistress of the world." The prediction was fulfilled, and many victories were fought to thus establish her. Then we come to the next decisive battle, in which the German horde under Arminius gained a victory over the Roman legions and motion the forces that led her to her downfall.

When the Huns Were Turned Back. The attempt of the Hun to overrun Europe was checked and ended at the battle of Chalons, at a spot not far from the Marne. Again did the French save the world's civilization when the Saracens were defeated at Tours. In the Battle of Tourselle only a few hundred fell, but what would now be regarded as a mere incident was in fact the most significant fight in which

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NEWS OF NORFOLK

Continued from page two. of the town's debutantes, formerly sold to Toronto brokers, has been sold locally and it has been suggested that effort be made to interest might be successful if purchasers were given the benefit of the middleman's commission. Norman Kelly Wounded. Word has been received that Pte. Norman Kelly, who went overseas as a signaller in the 133rd, has been reported as at present in No. 11 General Hospital, Camiers, France, suffering from concussion received in action on May 9th. Norman's parents, now in Brooklyn, were formerly Torontonians and his father was a member of the Queen's Own. Norman came over from Buffalo and enlisted here. He stopped while in Simcoe with the Franklins on Lywood Ave. Wm. Layland is the only signaller of the 133rd, who continued as signaller overseas. He was an expert with much previous training. He is now in France and quite ill. Given His Freedom. After lying a week in great awaiting the conveyance of the powers, the German stranger appeared in court yesterday afternoon and was examined through Mr. J. Bernstein as interpreter. He came to Canada via Detroit from Brooklyn. He was not in the fatherland fighting because he had but one life and did not care to lose it just yet. He knew little of the war as he could not read English, German papers were not to be had here and he did not understand English. He was allowed to pass on condition that he should lose no time in getting over the border to his friends back of Detroit. Mr. Bernstein gave the local broker, who is present, to let the delivery boys may forget. Last evening some seventy of our subscribers failed to get the Courier. We had at the rain prevented our meeting it successfully.

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