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A Division of Death.

Bohemians are Fighting in Italian Army.

Russia, in a fine emotional moment, produced a Battalion of Death—women soldiers with poison phials in their blouses, sworn never to surrender. Bohemia, the enslaved and down-trodden, the mere historical ornament of a nation, has produced its first Division of Death.

It has been known for some time that there were about 20,000 Czech-Slovak troops in a single group with the Italian army—first in training near Perugia and later at the battle front itself. It is not commonly known, however, that these soldiers will never be used on the defensive except in the last extremity, and are being held by the high Italian command to be flung across No. Man's Land when Italy strikes her next great blow.

The reason for this is simple. These men will be hanged if they are captured by the Austrians. Four hundred and seventy Czech-Slovak troops since the war started have been hanged in Trieste alone—over one per cent of the population—for offenses much more venial in Austrian eyes than that of serving in the ranks of the enemy. An army loses most prisoners when it stands on the defensive. When it strikes, its casualties in killed and wounded are higher, but the wounded can be cared for in the rear of the advancing forces. Therefore the Czech-Slovak division will be thrown forward only when the Austrians are reeling backward.

And yet these Bohemians, with the possibility of the Austrian noose always ahead of them, are the happiest men in Italy. They are in arms to realize a dream—to establish a new republic upon the ancient "coast of Bohemia" and in the very heart of the present Austro-Hungarian state.

Throughout Italy they have excited the greatest enthusiasm. They are instantly recognizable, for though they wear the grey-green Italian uniforms they carry on their collar stripes of their national colours—red and white—with another touch of red and white in their Alpine caps. Unlike the Italians, they are mostly big and blond, and as they pass along through the cheering crowds of the towns and villages near the front with flowers behind their ears or stuck in their coats they seem always to be laughing or singing.

They have been assembled from all quarters. Many of them are deserters from the Austrian armies. Others were taken prisoners—most willingly—in successful Italian drives. The Italians repeatedly found Czech-Slovak machine-guns in the mountains attached to their weapons by stout chains forged upon ankle bracelets. Victims of such a practice, of course, furnished ready material for the Bohemian division. Others came

from Russia, creeping through one out-of-the-way channel or another into Italy. Still others volunteered for this foreign service in the United States.

This spring and summer, as the Bohemian movement for independence has grown within Austria itself, recruiting for the Bohemian armies has received a tremendous impetus. In addition to the division already on the front in Italy, another complete division is being organized in France. From Russia 30,000 more Czech-Slovaks are now on their way to Italy over a safe though little known route. The Czech-Slovaks in Russia, tens of thousands of them deserters from the Austrian armies in the early years of the war, and wholly unimpressed by the Bolshevik anti-national doctrines, are especially restless. It is believed that eventually a large proportion of these will find their way to the Italian battle front.

But from the Austrian lines few are coming over now. Bohemians in the Austrian army at present are held in the interior as far as possible. When they are required on the fighting front they are sandwiched in between Magyars, their bitterest enemies, and German-Austrians, and watched like convicts.

The Bohemian division consists of Czechs, Moravians, and Silesians, mingled without discrimination. Most of them are peasants and small workmen—the latter highly skilled artisans, as Bohemia is the very industrial heart of Austro-Hungary. Practically no propaganda on the part of the Italians was necessary to enlist them, as they are intelligent and reasonably well educated. And in Bohemia, perhaps, more than in any subject state of Europe, the fires of an intense nationalism burn undimmed. The gettled Hapsburg policy of division has proved fruitless among them. And Bohemia to-day is one seething ferment of rebellion, ripe for the inevitable explosion.

Throughout Italy it is believed that the Bohemian division is the glowing fuse which will fire this explosion. Here is a trained force, well disciplined, well equipped, well officered, under the immediate command of one of the most highly regarded major-generals in the Italian army. These men are prepared to die—practically sworn to die—but even more, they are prepared to win under the folds of their own flag. Once they fight their way into Austrian territory they know that the repercussion will sound throughout the Austrian state. Swarms of Bohemian patriots will flock to their standard ready to die with them if necessary.

And when that happens Austro-Hungary will be torn asunder, past the power of German cement to mend.

strikes once more, and the war of movement is resumed in a new place and under conditions that may ultimately force the enemy to give up the valleys of the Oise and Aisne without even making a fight for them. The French and American attack, begun recently, has for its immediate objective the pinching out of the salient of St. Mihiel, a narrow wedge-like intrusion of the Germans into the southern part of French Lorraine. This thrust westerly from Metz to the Meuse was made in the early days of the war, when the enemy still hoped to capture Verdun, open the entire eastern frontier to the passage of their armies, and advance upon Paris from the southeast as well as from the Northern front. Verdun remained unconquered, the wave of invasion was everywhere checked, and only at St. Mihiel did the enemy secure to the south of Verdun a footing on the Meuse.

C. H. E.

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 - James; Callista Pittman, C. E. High,
 - Trinity; E. Alice L. Peyton, C. E. High,
 - Twillingate; Emma F. Pynn,
 - Meth., Centenary Hall; Clara Perlin,
 - Bishop Spencer College; A. L. Payne,
 - Bishop Field College; Jessie Pike,
 - Meth. College; A. J. Power, St. Bon's;
 - Bride Power, St. Bride's College, Little
 - dale; T. J. Quinton, C. E. High, Hr.
 - Grace; Jantle Ryans, Meth. Sup., Adam's
 - Cove; A. Rose, R. C. High, Arg-
 - gentia; H. J. Rees, C. E. High, Bon-
 - avista; Mildred Rowell, C. E. High,
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 - emy, Ferryland; Florence Reid, Meth.,
 - Lower Island Cove; Emily G. Ryan, C.
 - E. High, Pouch Cove; Gertrude Ryan,
 - St. Patrick's Convent; Helen Roge-
 - son, Bishop Spencer College; Jean
 - Ross, Bishop Spencer College; Gladys
 - Roberts, Meth. College; May Roberts,
 - Meth. Coll.; J. F. Ryan, St. Bon's;
 - Mary Riggs, St. Bride's College, Little
 - dale; Lulu Swyers, Meth. Sup.,
 - Bonavista; Ellie Shea, Convent, Car-
 - bonear; Gladys Saunders, C. E. High,
 - Carbonara; Ginevra Smith, Meth. Sup.,
 - Capids; Lucy E. Sullivan, E. C. Acad-
 - emy, Grand Falls; Susie M. Snel-
 - grove, Meth., L. Island Cove; T. Snow,
 - C. E., North River; Maggie St. Clair,
 - R. C., Hall's Town; R. Sellars, Meth.,
 - Ochre Pit Cove; Maude Sullivan, R. C.,
 - St. Kyran's; Mary St. Croix, Convent,
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 - Bay; Jennie Shapter, Presentation
 - Convent, Cathedral Square; Edith
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 - Soper, Meth. College; Pearl Squires,
 - Meth. College; S. J. Smart, St. Bon's;
 - Lacy Stack, St. Bride's College, Little
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 - bridge; Winnie Thistle, Meth. Sup.,
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 - Square; Ada Tompman, Sp. Spence-
 - con College; W. T. Vetch, St. Bon's;
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 - Bank; Mary H. Walsh, R. C. Academy,
 - Grand Falls; Edna Whittemarsh, Aca-
 - demy, Grand Falls; Mary R. Wood-
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Rev. W. H. Thomas, who preached his farewell sermon at the Congregational Church yesterday, left by today's express en route to Toronto, where he will assume the pastorate of Broadwood Avenue Congregational Church on Sunday next. The Telegram wishes the rev. gentleman, Mrs. Thomas and family a very pleasant journey and much success in his new field of labor.

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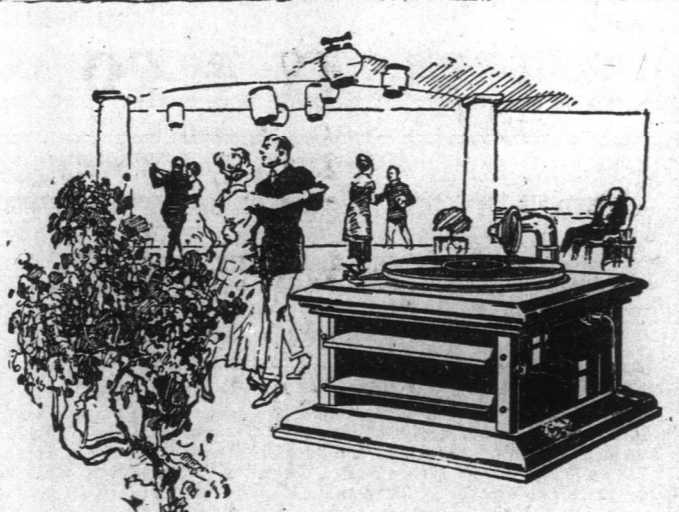
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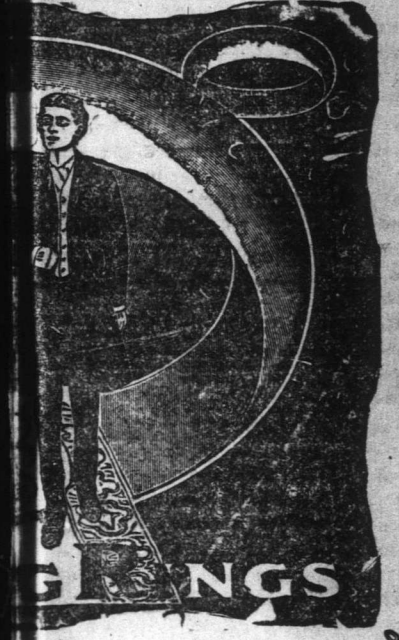
Keeping the Huns Moving.

(From The Toronto Globe.) The Germans started out in March to show what could be done on the Western Front to win a speedy victory by a war of movement. They kept the Allied armies on the move for almost three months, and unquestionably caused anxiety and fear as to the result. But since that great day in the world's history—July eighteenth—when Foch began to strike back and the second battle of the Marne ended in a second disastrous German retreat, the Allied Commander-in-Chief has been showing the Hun what a real war of movement looks like. Last week on the battlefield along the Somme and Oise the Germans were everywhere scurrying for the shelter of the Hindenburg line. They had no desire to continue the controversy in the open field. They had been convinced by the loss of half a million men—excluding over a hundred and fifty thousand prisoners—that the defensive was Germany's only hope. And now, just as they were beginning to breathe more easily after their home run to the Hindenburg defences, the implacable Foch

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