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The British advance continues. The will we learn that they should not count Canadians are sharing in the glory of at any time? And then the inspiration these fateful days. pressing hard upon the Germans along came out to tell of his comrade's death,

the whole British line, and every day brings news of some further success. The the words: "But he will still carry on— in leap year, as they say, Mary?" he brings news of some further success. The the words: "But he will still carly one and the beat a thing like that can't stop him." And asked. enemy resists, but is forced to give a thing like that can't stop him." And "Not unless she was obliged to," was

enemy resists, but is forced to give a time net that can't step the lonely one more—the picture of the lonely the reply. "Not unless she was conget to, the reply." hold in check the victorious hosts who grave with the ill-spelled inscription:

hold in check the victorious hosts who have been waiting and planning for this soul mean marghing on the we quite "But, Tommy," hour when they would drive the foe into the open. We can imagine the joy with which they are welcomed by the people who have so long been at the mercy of the Um more insistently as we listen to the not! I-*, And the banns will be called very

the Hun. It is useless for the German press to words of men like these of the Military soon and the local jeweler is doing very attempt to minimize the importance of Y.M.C.A., who have looked into the eyes well this week,

the gains made by the British in the of men on the firing line, and come away last ten days. Not a foot of ground with the consciousness that neither life was willingly given up. The Germans nor death weigh in the balance when retired because they could not hold the duty points the way to such as these. retired because they could not note the pris-line, and the war material and the pris-oners captured prove that they were un-cheery lad whose hand had been blown E. Wilson united in marriage W. Judson able to retreat fast enough to get off off-"I offered my life to Canada, but Burden and Mrs. Lydia A. Morecraft. with a whole skin. We know there are she only took my hand." Are we still great German armies to be reckon- worthy of the devotion of a soul like

ed with, but they cannot be concentrat- that? ed on one front without leaving another

drawn corer tighter as the weeks pass. an unsuccessful attack made on the lat-and is employed on the Maine Centra The good news that came on Saturday ter on the Bapaume-Cambrai road yeswas followed yesterday by still more terday morning. In the battle of Arras ville. cheering intelligence, and today's reports the British have captured two hundred cheering intelligence, and today's reports show more clearly how well the British are doing their work. The French also are gaining ground. The effect of the combined advance must be to upset the German plans, and to depress the spirits of the German troops. Upon the Brit-of the German troops the effect is exish and French troops the effect is ex- the rank and file pay much less atten-

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LIGHTER VEIN.



actly opposite, and their enthusiasm i actly opposite, and their enthusiasm is unbounded. We are still far from the and of the war, but the outlook daily signs of discontent and consequent weakend of the war, but the outlook daily signs of discontent and consequent weakness will multiply as time goes on. A improves. letter found on one German prisoner

THE WAR AND AFTER contained this sentence: "It is no longer Surely the Central Powers must now, a righteous cause-of that I am convincrealize that they have lost. Neither by ed." When this conviction becomes force nor by intrigue, nor by a com- more general the fighting spirit will die bination of both, have they been able in the armies of the Kaiser, and each to confine the number of their enemies new success gained by the British or to those nations arrayed against them French will contribute to that result. at the outset. All their plans have ut- Then will come revolution and the end terly failed of accomplishment. With the exception of Belgium and Serbia, not one of their enemies has been ever, to speculate as to the time yet overcome; and there are still Belgian necessary to bring the desired end. and Serbian armies, pitifully small but still formidable, in the field against

The Chatham World says: "Almost them. France, Britain, Russia, Roumania, Italy and Japan are not only unsubdued but more powerful than at unsubdued but more powerful than at stinds kinds right presenting, of odoriferous memory, is the regulation that changed the been added the United States, with her immense resources; Brazil, and some of in official documents. It is to be hoped the smaller American republics; while that the new government will wipe it China also stands ready to render what-China also stands ready to render what-ever aid is within her power. It is the world against the Central Powers-democracy against autocracy-and with every passing week the situation of au-tocracy grows more desperate and hope-less. Surely the rulers of Germany, Aus-tria and Turkey must now see the handvote for or oppose the Flemming whitewriting on the wall. The fear is expressed by some that wash.

. . . . the entry of the United States and We are told in today's cables that the other powers into the war at this late Germans withdrew from the Somme and date may at the end result in more the Ancre because they could not hold favorable peace terms for Germany; but, those positions, but that they left Vimy since these nations are taking part in Ridge because they were kicked off. the conflict because they realize the dan- An illuminating report received today ger to democracy, they cannot fail to tells of the superiority of the British see how essential it is to future world-artillery, all the army divisions being peace that Germany be made incapable amply supplied, and it gives the asof ever again putting forth an effort to surance that the next German position dominate the world. Her violation of will be taken whenever the British guns treaties, of international law, and of all are ready, unless the enemy greatly the rules of civilized warfare, have re- weakens the eastern front by withdrawvealed the innate savagery of a race ing men and guns from service in the whose civilization was nothing more than a veneer. Whatever tendency there sia will not be idle. might be to sympathize with a beaten

people, the world's welfare demands that Now that four Canadian divisions are Germany be placed within bounds, and engaged in fighting the need of men to her people compelled to pay dearly for fill the ranks of the reserve divisions as the devastation their madness has these in turn send drafts to the fighting wrought in these three years of war. The units becomes daily more imperative. nations must think of Belgium, Serbia, And yet recruiting in Canada is almost Armenia, and the portion of France at a standstill. We read of those who overrun by armies whose blood-lust re- enlist, but do not take account of those vealed itself in murder, and whose lust who desert or are discharged. Some for pillage converted rich areas into ver- thing must be done to speed up recruit itable deserts. When the price for all ing. Meanwhile the government at Ot-this has been exacted, there will still tawa continues to mark time. Canada remain the necessity for such a recon- is a country without a leader. struction of the map of Europe and of

part of Asia as will make it forever im- Halifax citizens subscribed \$15,000 topossible for Germany to loose the dogs ward the military Y. M. C. A. fund in of war in a mad desire to subjugate the three days, and will raise it to \$20,000. world. All this must be clear to the na- St. John is off to a good start in its tions who are now entering the war. They will have no disposition to for-right. The people only need to be shown get the cause of the war, or the record the need, and their response is prompt of Germany, or the needed safeguards and hearty.

of the future. They will help to shorten the war, and they will also help to make A renewal of activity on the Mace such a settlement as will buttress the donian front indicates that weather confoundations of democracy for all time ditions are more favorable. Little has

to come. been heard from that region for months past. The plans of the Entente Allies ARE WE WORTHY?

are obscured, and we must simply The people of St. John will carry viv- await developments. idly in their minds the pictures of the

front which Capt. Cameron has brought The Germans have abandoned their to them. None is more impressive than defences at Dixmude, on the Belgian that of the stern, serious faces of the front, and the Belgian army has taken men, listening at night to the message possession. No explanation of the withof the preacher, and going at morn into drawal is given, but it is another straw the trenches, knowing that to some of showing which way the wind is blowing

them it was the last message they would hear before the final summons. Distinc-Lens and St. Quentin will soon ine tons of creed do not count with the men within the British lines.

