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A GERMAN FAILURE

French military critics, including those who are inclined to be conservative, agree in describing the result of the present great battle as a German failure. One report says: "The enemy has won a strip of territory, not without value, but has sacrificed for it precious divisions without at any point attaining his objective, and without bringing him any nearer a decisive result."

The feature of the fighting, as described both by French soldiers and prisoners taken, has been the appalling losses suffered by the enemy. It is not assumed, however, that there is to be a prolonged lull in the fighting, or that the enemy has struck his heaviest blow. He had hoped by this battle to clear the way for a more ambitious stroke, but has not succeeded, and must try again. One of today's despatches from London says:

"The battle is regarded here as a contest between opposing reserves. The view of the military experts still is that the enemy's main attack has not yet been delivered. There is much speculation whether the attack will be with the aim of reaching Paris, or what is regarded as more likely, with the object of dividing the Allied armies by a drive for the coast."

The present German drive has been far less successful than either of its predecessors. The opposing forces were more evenly matched, the French occupied strong positions, and every inch of ground won by the enemy was gained at great loss. Gen. Foch has done well, and Paris, which is so near the battlefield, is quietly confident that he will continue effectively to hold the enemy in check until a great American army is in the field and ready to strike. There is still very heavy fighting ahead, but the spirit of France is unconquerable.

FOOD AND THE WAR.

The present indications are that this will be a great crop year in Canada and the United States. Not only has a much larger acreage been planted but the weather has been most favorable for the growing crops. New Brunswick can scarcely remember so favorable a spring and early summer, and from all parts of the continent come cheering reports. This is the more gratifying because however large the crops they will not be sufficient to meet the need and build up the reserve that ought to exist. The Allies in Europe have good crops also, but they look to America for vast quantities of food to enable them to continue the war.

Addressing the Society of Friends in Toronto this week, Prof. Zavits said: "To me it is religion to grow a bushel of potatoes or a bushel of any other food. The world is looking to Canada for food. We are only a small population, and probably there are some of us who do not realize the production of this country. Canada's production per capita is greater than that of any other country in the world. If this is the case we see the great responsibility of the farmers of Canada. We see now how it is that the people of Canada are looked to to feed a hungry world. It is not a religious act to do all we can for what we can get out of it. We can grow wheat, barley and oats from a selfish standpoint. We should look to the needs of the people and grow those crops of greatest service, and I feel sure that the returns will come with as great abundance."

That is the spirit which should animate all Canadians in this great hour of destiny. It may truly be that food will yet win the war.

The Methodist conference of Toronto district has approved of mothers' pensions and recommended the legislature to enact a measure providing for such pensions. It further adopted a recommendation that the government pass a law to compel minors to make known where they purchase cigarettes; approved of temperance legislation and a recommendation to the churches to keep up temperance instruction, so that if a referendum be taken in 1919, the organized liquor traffic may be effectively met; and approved also of child-welfare legislation and national protection of the feeble-minded. Other social reform measures were also advocated. It is clear that the churches are feeling a keener sense of responsibility for undesirable social conditions and are not only ready but eager to press for substantial reforms.

The Bangor Commercial says: "One effect of the German U-boat attack off the Atlantic coast is already demonstrated in the rush of young Americans to volunteer for naval service. If Britain thought to horrify the United States by this latest effort it has made another of the psychological blunders that has been characteristic of Germany throughout the war."

The government cannot too quickly intervene in the strike at New Glasgow. There is no time to permit a strike to interfere with the production of ships and war material.

DR. RICHARD F. QUIGLEY.

Dr. Richard F. Quigley is dead. A scholarly, unassuming, kindly gentleman, modest in demeanor but warm in friendship, he will be greatly missed by the circle of friends who knew him best. To his fellow citizens generally he leaves an untarnished name and the memory of an honorable career. Always a student, he was perhaps most happy in his library. Had he cared to seek a public career, it was within his reach; but it did not appeal to him as did the student life and the quiet practice of his profession. Dr. Quigley was always to be seen at Canadian Club luncheons, and the various speakers had no more appreciative listener. As a writer he was a stout controversialist when the occasion seemed to him to call for vigorous expression, and as a champion of the church to which he belonged he received recognition from Rome itself. He had visited Paris as a student, and was also familiar with Rome and other old world cities; and his mind was stored with much literature, art and politics. The sudden close of his earthly life is a source of widespread and sincere regret.

MR. JOHN KEEFFE.

Following within so few hours the death of Dr. Quigley, the equally unexpected death of Mr. John Keefe is a further shock to the friends of both. Mr. Keefe was not only a very capable and successful business man, but took a lively personal interest in public affairs, and in promoting the industrial and commercial welfare of the city. He was also closely identified with Catholic institutions, and at all times a busy and useful citizen. During the voluntary recruiting campaign he was heard with other speakers almost nightly, urging young men to join the colors; and all patriotic and benevolent work found in him a sympathetic friend and helper. A man trusted and respected by his fellow citizens, successful in business, upright in life and generous by nature, his death is a distinct loss. He will be missed by the business organizations of which he was a member, by the boards and societies with which he was connected, and by the citizens at large to whom he was so well known. The sympathy of all goes out to the family, which has sustained an irreparable loss.

It is quite possible that the German submarine will bring the war closer to Canadian Atlantic ports, but there is no ground for serious apprehension. The city council does well, however, to prepare for any eventuality. Experience has shown that Germany has a long arm.

The Germans are busy circulating falsehoods to bolster up their cause. Having sunk a hospital ship they say Great Britain was responsible. "Peace can only come by trust," says President Wilson. Who can ever trust Germany?

Every parent in the south end of the city is interested in playgrounds for the children. They should attend the meeting in King Edward school next week to take practical steps to secure a playground for the boys of that section.

French aircraft put some German batteries out of action in the great battle of the last few days. This illustrates the tremendous advantage that goes with supremacy in the air. On Wednesday the French also destroyed fifteen German airplanes.

The British food controller has delivered the goods. He has fixed prices, introduced rationing, and earned popular approval and co-operation. He does it. Say a thing cannot be done. He does it.

More than a million American soldiers will be in France in the near future. As soon as they can be transported there will be two millions, then three, four or five as the case may require.

It will not do hereafter to describe the venerable members of the senate as "old ladies." They are really repudiated by the Women's Council.

The increase in the pay of civic employees points inevitably to an increase for the school teachers. It is a situation the citizens must face fairly.

Food conditions in Austria are bad. The Ukraine is depended on for a supply until harvest time.

VON SEYDLER RESIGNS

London, June 13.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Amsterdam reports that Dr. Von Seydler, the Austrian premier, tendered his resignation to Emperor Charles on Wednesday. The despatch adds that the emperor has not yet accepted it.

Y. M. C. A. Boys Working.

Thirty-three per cent. more patriotic than they were credited with being is the splendid record set by Canadian boys who in the Earn and Give campaign of the Y. M. C. A. pledged \$101,850 instead of the \$60,000 set before them as their objective, was the statement of R. M. Atkin, head of this campaign for the Y. M. C. A. in Canada, who is at the Royal Hotel.



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"Don't you want to lend a hand to our soldier boys on the other side?" asked the orator of the women's meeting. "Lend a hand?" piped out one of the sweet young things. "Why, I gave my hand to one before he went over!"

Medical Lieutenant (in Judge)—And what is your ailment?

Aviation Recruit—The roof of my mouth is sunburnt, sir.

Medical Lieutenant—The roof of your mouth?

Aviation Recruit—Yes, sir, I've been watching the airships.

"Bobby," said his mother, "you haven't been begging cookies from Mrs. Ned's door again? You know I told you you mustn't do such a thing when you went in there?"

"No, mamma, I didn't," answered Bobby. "I just said: 'This house smells as if it was full of cookies, but what's that to me?'"

"Two pennorth of bicarbonate of soda," cried the chemist, who had been aroused at two a. m. "when a glass of hot water does just as well!"

"Well, well," returned Sandy hastily. "I thank you for the advice. I'll no bother ye after all. Gude night!"

A woman left a baby in its carriage in front of a department store, reports the Boston Transcript. A policeman

found it there and believing it was abandoned he wheeled it to the station nearby. As he passed down the street, a gamin yelled: "What's he kid done, of ficer?"

A black woman halted in front of a produce store in a Georgia town, says the Saturday Evening Post, and addressed the proprietor, who was also of color: "Is dese aigs fresh?"

"I ain't sayin' dey ain't," he answered back.

"I ain't axin' you is dey ain't," she snapped. "Is axin' you is dey is. Is dey?"

What's in a Name.

It is said that among the applicants for a change of name before a Detroit judge was one Stein. He asked that his name be changed to Abraham Jablonsky as being more American. The petition was granted.—The Argonaut.

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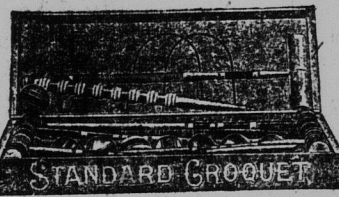
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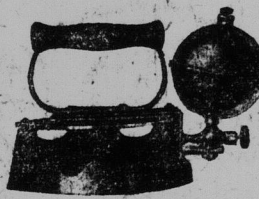


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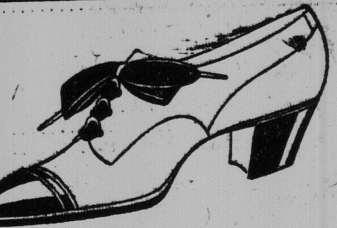
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