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ALL AT OLD PRICES.

A Cruel Injustice.

By RUTH CAMERON.



Of all the non-sense that is written and talked about the failure of the woman of to-day to measure up to her grandmother's standard, nothing irritates me more than the trick of criticizing individual women because they have few or no children.

In the first place, take the idea that the greatest thing the woman can do for the world is to add as largely as possible to its population. According to that the millennium will be the day when the world is so crowded with people that food will be scarce and existence difficult.

Again, have you any right to blame any given woman because she doesn't have so many children as her grandmother or even because she has none at all?

The Man May Not Care For Children. Not by a good deal. The woman may be just as anxious to have children as you are to see her have them, and it may be that her husband does not want them.

We hear so much said about the woman who refuse to have children because they want to have a good time and don't want to be tied down. For every such wife there is at least one husband who doesn't want to face the self-denial that will be necessary if he has to divide his income among three or four instead of between two.

She May Hate Her Quiet House. Besides, many women who want children cannot have them for the reason or another. Many a woman is criticized for not wanting children when she is eating her heart out because her home is orderly and silent instead of being untidy with the blessed litter of childhood and noisy with the pleasant din of children's voices and laughter.

The Cause Is The Substitute.

Another absurd injustice is that which blames the club or the cause or the amusement with which women thus deprived fill up their time, for their childlessness. That is confusing cause and result. In the majority of cases the woman is merely trying to find a substitute for what she has missed, instead of choosing those things in preference to motherhood. What would her critics have, the childless woman do? Sit at home and twirl her thumbs?

Of course, the childless woman cannot go about explaining to her neighbors exactly why she has no children. She cannot justify herself. Which is all the more reason why people who cannot possibly know the ins and outs of the matter should refrain from criticizing her.

Maharaja of Patiala's Message to the Sikhs.

"It is our bounden duty to try our utmost for the victory of the King-Emperor, and never to think of peace until the enemy has been completely worsted and a permanent peace secured for the coming generations. Let our enthusiasm to support our armies with an unlimited number of men, with money and other necessary materials, run high. Let our efforts in this direction be continuous and incessant, and let them not slacken in the least until the desired goal is reached. Let us pray daily before the Akal Purkh (the Immortal One) with hearts, pure and sincere for the final and speedy success of the British Government."—The Sikh Review (Delhi.)

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A Wonderful Army.

THE SERBIANS FIGHTING FOR LIFE.

(From the Correspondent of the Manchester Guardian with the Serbian Army.)

The more I see of the Serbian troops of the army of the East the more my admiration of them increases. I had already a good idea of what King Peter's army could do. I saw it at work last year when it had to face three times its numbers. But all that the Serbian generals could do at that time was to oppose such resistance as they might against the odds. Victory was out of the question; they could only hope to delay the advance of the enemy long enough to allow the army then landed in Salonika to come to their assistance, or, at the worst, save the remnants of the army by a retreat into Albania. Everybody to-day knows how admirably they achieved the latter part of their work.

To-day they are not fighting a rear guard battle, they are struggling for victory. It is not a question of delaying Serbian territory but of fighting their way back to it. Their numbers are few, but the spirit which inspires victory is there. In addition I doubt if there ever was a better fighting army. It has a war experience such as no troops have had since the time of Napoleon. Every man is a veteran who has for five long years fought over the whole blood-stained Balkans from the Danube to Tchadaja, from Pirat to Durratze. They have suffered summer droughts and winter snows; they have fought in the mountains and on the plain. Such troops need very little leading. Every man knows what he has to do and how to do it. Every company officer, after five years' campaigning, is a strategist and a tactician. One has only to watch a company taking up a new position in the mountains to see that they know their business from Alpha to Omega. The men are placed with skill and precision, every natural feature is taken advantage of and every inch of cover utilized.

Apparently Impossible Achieved.

It is on account of this that the Serbian army has accomplished the apparently impossible. It has driven an enemy superior in number—an enemy whose bravery and tenacity no one who has seen them at work can deny—holding a range of mountain fortresses, from one position after another. They have scaled the sides of precipitous mountains, they have dragged heavy artillery to positions that a mountain goat might have found difficult to climb and have driven the enemy from one mountain crest after another. But it must not be thought that this is a mere "hammer and tong" style of fighting. Mere human valor would have availed nothing without the military skill and experience of Serbia's generals.

The village from which I write is in the centre of a broad plain through which wanders miles wide, the dry bed of a stream which in spring transforms the whole country into a vast lake. Five miles away rises a range of rocky mountains beyond which lies the plain of Monastir. This range runs for twenty miles towards the east. The Serbian objective is to drive back the Bulgarians and to seize the plain of Monastir as far as the town of Prilep. Once this is accomplished the army will again be in possession of a large section of Serbian territory. A few short weeks ago the whole mountain range from foot to summit, as well as the town of Florina, was in the hands of the Bulgarians. To-day Florina has fallen, and they have a precarious hold on a few mountain crests from which they should soon be driven. They are praying for the first winter snows as the only hope of preventing the Serbian success. "General December" would do more for them than any of their commanders now in the field. I more than doubt if he will have time to come to their assistance.

Mountain Slopes Carried.

The first task of the Serbs was to drive the Bulgarians from the mountain slopes. This required weeks of constant effort, but finally it was accomplished and the Bulgarians held only the crests. The next task was the construction of roads on the face of the mountains up which guns and howitzers could be dragged. This titanic labor was successfully accomplished, and soon mountain guns, field batteries, and howitzers were hammering the Bulgarian positions on the summits.



"TOO—LATE!"

Don't wait until that Cough or Cold develops into the Cough that you are not able to throw off. If you have contracted a Cough or Cold (which no doubt you have) don't keep on saying: "Oh, it's only a cold; that will wear off after a few days!" This is what you are making one of the biggest mistakes in your life. Nine cases out of ten it doesn't wear off.

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In mid-October I rode to the Serbian positions on Mount Pojar. The last positions from which the Bulgarians had been driven were astonishing. They consisted of deep trenches protected by four to six rows of barbed wire crowning an escarpment of the mountain. How it was possible for the Serbs to carry such a position, dominating a slope so steep, to be climbed only, so it seemed, on hands and knees is a mystery. All I know is that the Serbs did it, in spite of the desperate resistance of the Bulgarians, to which the scores of dead that filled the trenches bore eloquent testimony.

On all sides were hand grenades, exploded and unexploded, showing that the fighting had been hand-to-hand. The conquest of Mount Pojar will count among the most remarkable achievements of King Peter's army.

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Your Boys and Girls.

When a child is doing something that he should not be doing, or when he is crying, it is a simple matter to frighten him into silence or inaction. Untold harm is often done in that way.

Not only is the child's physical well being affected—for we know the effect of fear upon the heart and glands is very injurious—but the mental and moral effects are often serious. It is cruel as well as unintelligent to frighten the baby and then taunt the boy because of his resulting cowardice.

We must try to teach our children to be fearless in action but cautious in planning. They must have courage and caution, both as a result of a fuller knowledge of the world and its dangers.

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War News

Messages Received Previous to

OFFICIAL LONDON.
To Governor, St. John's.
From France and Italy nothing special to report. The enemy has occupied the Roumanian army drawn virtually intact. The Allies have declared ade of Greek ports.

DENOUNCE CONSTANTINOPLE

PARIS.
A despatch to La Liberte ca, Crete, says the municipality held a largely attended meeting and passed a resolution the dethronement of King Constantine, and denouncing him to his country, for having arms of Greece against the liberators of the nation. The monarch also was denounced as having, it was declared, ally tried to impose a peace on the country's traditions and aspirations of the present, the despatch adds, crowns from their uniforms patriotic songs.

WHAT'S THE MATTER JOFFRE?

WASHINGTON.
Private advices from Paris received here to-day, telling of secret proceedings of the French Chamber of Deputies during the night confirm previous reports that the defender of Verdun to succeed General Joffre in command of all the French army on the western front as a result of the radical changes in concentration of the command in the war in a small command been done in England. Joffre is little known outside French army. He was named the outbreak of the war.

WILL ATTEMPT TO RE-MAIN LINE

BERLIN.
A correspondent of the Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung says German army in France is on the verge of new attempts to break the German line must be expected. British officers who have seen prisoners, says the newspaper, unanimously declare that the command will continue to attack they do break through the line. The conquest of the line in the area of Bapaume and before Christmas was predicted, and the realization is a great honor with General Joffre.

ALLIED AIR RAIDS.

AMSTERDAM.
The Telegraph reports that Entente Allies made important raids on various parts of Belgium. The newspaper says a dozen planes reached Zebrughe anti-aircraft guns replied vigorously. An airplane also attacked the military works at Brudenarde and Louvain. Traffic has been impeded as a result of the raids.

PREMIER BRIAND'S VIEWS.

PARIS.
Premier Briand was busy all Sunday seeing not only political but prominent business men manufacturers in view of the combination, to facilitate which Ministers and Under-Secretaries hand in their resignations. In meantime, according to the high mand in the army, being an official administration position, not be settled until after the Government makes its move in Chamber on Tuesday and is ended by a vote of confidence. In addition to forming a war council of five members, on the model of that in hand, continues the work. Premier Briand has decided in his interest.

