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## THE TURN OF THE TIDE.

We are beginning to get a bit accustomed to war news that is almost unbelievably good. The forced retreat of the Germans in Picardy continues, and each day tells of new Allied gains of some importance. Not only has the enemy lost practically all that he had gained since March, but he stands to lose more. Of course the chief explanation of this wonderfully changed condition is the change in the relative strength of the opposing armies. We do not overlook the fact that the generalship of Foch has been superb, but he has lately had the men. The time when the enemy could boast of vast superiority in numbers has passed; and while the Allies are getting fresh troops of the finest quality from America the Germans must depend upon divisions that have been sadly battered, and upon fresh troops that are no match for Foch's splendid fellows who are now flushed with new confidence of victory. Mr. Frank H. Simonds estimates that the Allies now have as many divisions of good fighting men on the western front as the Germans had in March, with twenty-five additional American divisions in preparation, and he truly remarks that while the Germans have entirely lost their superiority in numbers their inferiority will become more and more marked as the campaign goes on. Whatever may occur next year, the Germans have hopelessly lost the initiative for the present one, and Mr. Simonds estimates that next year Foch will have not less than a hundred divisions more than Ludendorff can muster. Thus the gradual exhaustion of German man-power goes on, and the Allies have but to fight on and be on their guard against German peace propaganda to complete their task before the end of next year.

## LOOKING TO RUSSIA.

Co-operation between Russia and the Allies is most desirable for two reasons. In the first place it would checkmate Germany and prevent her from exploiting Russia, and in the second place it would be an assurance of a return of sanity in the latter country and the establishment eventually of a real democratic government. The Bolsheviks are not friends of democracy, but of class war, and they have violated continually every principle of democratic government. Germany has not met with the success she anticipated in Russia. On the contrary, the more the people learn of German methods and ambitions the less they are disposed to submit. The first step to their emancipation is the overthrow of the mob rule of Lenin and Trotsky, which has been marked by excesses of the most cruel nature. Their overthrow would have a marked effect upon the situation in Siberia, which is greatly to be desired.

Germany must not be permitted to exploit Russia. As has many times been pointed out, such a result would lead to another great war. The militarism and the territorial and economic ambitions of Prussia must be thrust aside in order to ensure peace for the future. Russia as a great and well-organized democracy would be a guarantee that German ambitions in the east would never be realized.

## THE SONS OF CANADA.

The seasoned troops from Canada have proved themselves worthy of the highest praise. They could not do less when they remembered what had been done by fresh troops from this country in the early stages of the war. In the years that have intervened our men have learned every phase of the war game, and when they were turned loose upon the enemy in the latest drive there was no denying them their goal. They have made an imperishable record. We mourn the fallen and sympathize with the wounded, yet we cannot but be glad that these our sons have so nobly borne their part in a war that involves the very existence of those principles of human liberty and government in which they were nurtured. The splendor of their achievements will shine upon this goodly land for all time to come, and their devotion will be an inspiration to the generations yet to come. The farm, the workshop and the office have sent out young men untrained in the great war game who yet have proved themselves superior to even the far-famed Prussian guards. It was not the training, but that something a free democracy breathes into the soul of a man, which sustained them in the hour of trial and made them victors in the strife.

In by-elections in Ontario yesterday Hon. Dr. Cody, the new minister of education, and Hon. G. S. Henry, the new minister of agriculture, were elected by huge majorities. The opposition was so thoroughly regarded as factious and unwelcome. It was not supported by the press.

That German agents are trying to supply American army camps with cheap drugs to destroy the health of soldiers may not be true, but nobody doubts that the Germans would do it if they could.

## GERMANY AND FOOD.

Next spring will, it is predicted, find Germany and Austria facing such a food shortage as will not only throw the people into despair but weaken the fighting forces. The Allies, on the other hand, will be able with proper economy and conservation to feed their armies well and also provide a sufficient supply to support comfortably the populations at home. The Germans say they cannot be beaten, but they can be starved. It will take time, but it can be done; and when the cry for food grows loud enough neither organization nor efficiency will meet the requirements of the case. One of the reasons for hoping that Russia may redeem herself is that Germany's eastern food supply may be cut off. The steadily growing and very pressing demand upon Germany's man power will take more and more from the farm and garden, and produce such a condition that even her great capacity for organization and substitution will not avail. This aspect of the war situation concerns the Canadian people, because they have it in their power to increase production and practice more careful conservation, and so help to provide the food for the Allies that will assist so materially in winning the war. The tide of battle has turned, but there is still hard fighting to be done, and the call still comes for sustained war effort, that there may be no possibility of an inconclusive peace.

## THE TURK AND GERMANY.

The Allies have adopted another German method. They are dropping leaflets in enemy territory, but with this difference—these leaflets tell the truth, while those sent out by the Germans have been tissues of falsehood. We are told that British airmen have dropped leaflets in Constantinople and that these are read with eager interest and even posted on the walls of mosques and government buildings. It is also reported that relations between Turkey and Germany are becoming severely strained. One rumor is to the effect that the German ambassador has even threatened to bombard the city. These reports must be received with caution, but the Turk may well be giving serious thought to the future of the war and its effects upon his already battered empire. He is surely clever enough to see now that German policy regards only German schemes of military and economic conquest, and that he has merely been used as a convenient ally to promote German plans of an eastern empire. What the British have done in Mesopotamia and Palestine, and the more and more gloomy outlook for Germany in Russia and on the western front must have a profound influence upon public opinion in Constantinople. If Turkey hoped to profit by the war she must now see how grievously she was misled. This war must free the Armenians and put an end forever to the horrible massacres perpetrated by the Turk with the hearty approval of Germany.

## PENSIONS FOR MOTHERS.

Social service workers in Ontario are endeavoring to get the government of the province to adopt a scheme to pension mothers who would otherwise have to go out to work and leave their children to be cared for by public institutions, which the people are called upon to support. It is held that the money spent for pensions would be partly saved through less expenditure for institutions, while home life would be better for the children. It is suggested that \$40 per month and \$6 for each child would be a fair pension. A Toronto paper says: "If it were made possible for the mothers to remain at home in this way, the children who are sent to institutions and the hundreds of children who are left at home during the day without any supervision would be properly cared for. It is said that on the \$40 a month scale, with \$6 a month for the government would be \$1,500,000. Part of this sum would be offset by the reduced cost of maintaining public institutions. It is estimated that the cost of pensions for Toronto mothers at the same rate would be \$386,000 a year. Under the existing system, it is pointed out by social workers, the children are forced to go to work too young. Thus the children's future, except in rare instances, is spoiled and the mother is broken in health." Illinois and some other American states have already proved the value of mothers' pensions. A general adoption of the principle is only a question of time.

The Canadian Club is fortunate. Today it had as its guest Prof. Munroe of Columbia University, an authority on international law, who discussed The Freedom of the Seas. Soon it will have Hon. Dr. Beland, than whom no speaker could be more welcome in St. John at this time.

Today's war reports bring further good news from the western front.

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## THE OLD LADY MAKES JOHN A SOLDIER

A Story That Made Convert of a Conscientious Objector

(By Edith Barnard Delano of The Vigilant)

When big John Graham stood up in the store and said he would not accept the draft without a mighty big protest, if he were drafted, and gave as his reason that he was a conscientious objector, nobody doubted he was telling the truth, and nobody doubted his courage; he had proved that for many years, and his people were of the Society of Friends, although John went to the white church. The Old Lady was one of those who heard him say it, and she suddenly tottered, put out her hand, and said—

"Somebody get me a chair—" she gasped; it was big John Graham who did so, and eased her into it gently and tenderly. When she felt better she looked up at him and smiled her thanks. "You're a good boy, John, and always were," she said. "I'm real glad you won't get into that awful mess over there and see the sort of things I—I was remembering, and that made me go faint like."

Everybody looked at her. John Graham did not seem to find anything to say. So the Old Lady did the talking. "I haven't been feeling well's usual, since day before yesterday," said she. "I was in town, and I met that nice little Miss Conroy from Canada, the one that nursed Junior through the typhoid two years ago, and we all got so fond of her. She was pounds thinner, and she looked—she looked—satisfied. I never did see a woman look worse. I was that shocked! At first I scarcely dared to ask her what the matter was, but I just had to. She told me—

"Miss Conroy is the sort of woman ought to 'a' had ten children of her own. Stead 'o that she mothers all she comes across. The one she mothered most was her own nephew, a young lad about Junior's age—twenty-two, maybe. She used to tell us how kind and handsome he was; he wrote her regular. He

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had enlisted in Montreal, and he was an aviator. First time I ever come near to knowing an aviator was when his aunt nursed Junior. We used to talk about his flying young and so handsome. He was good too, and he was all but engaged to a girl Miss Conroy liked. She was with us on his birthday, and Junior was sitting up then, and we had a birthday cake for Tom Conroy with nineteen candles on it, and ice-cream— even though he was across the water at the time.

"Well—Miss Conroy was just back from Canada, the other day, and she had seen him—her Tom—her young birdman. He had been shot down behind the German lines, been taken prisoner, and he was transferred back through Switzerland because—because he belonged to, and what not. Presently he came to Tom Conroy—and 'twas the day we were having his birthday cake for him, as it happened. The officer asked him who his wife was, and Tom told him. When he said he was an aviator, the officer's face got red and—oh, I'm glad you won't have to see such things, John Graham!—and that officer brought his sword down full length on young Tom Conroy's right arm.

"The officer's sword had cut through the bone, but there was still something to be done, as they took the boy, our Miss Conroy's nephew Tom, to the hospital. Anesthetics are pretty scarce over there, they say. Anyway, they wouldn't waste any on a mere young Canadian lad. They used white hot iron to cauterize with—'twas just as safe as any other way. Antiseptics are scarce too—why, what's the matter, John Graham?"

Tall John Graham with the Quaker ancestry, had turned his back and raised clenched hands to heaven. "God, God," he prayed aloud. "God, let me get at 'em! Just let me get over there to 'em, God!"

He turned and looked down at her. "I am," said he, "and I shall always remain so. But for the duration of this war my conscientious objections to fighting are asleep—without anesthetics!"

The Old Lady reached up and patted him on the cheek. "There, there, John," she said, with trembling lips. "There, there!" And the tall man stooped down and kissed her.

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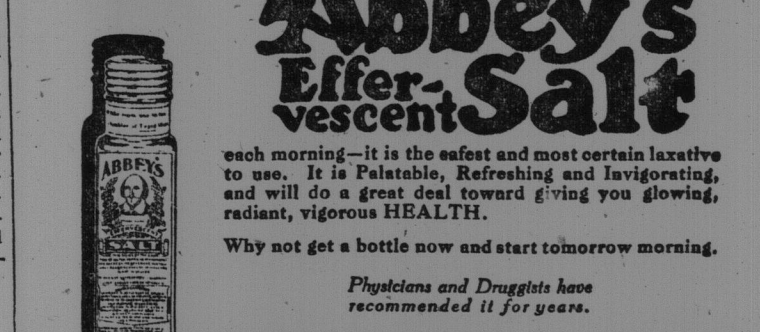
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