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AEROPLANE SUPERIORITY IS VITAL IN DECIDING THE PRESENT WAR

(By Captain Henry J. Reilly.)

The armor of the modern soldier is the trench. As a range, rapidity of fire and violence of effect of all arms and particularly of the artillery trench, light and heavy, has increased, the trench systems have increased in complexity until on a map they look like a mystic maze extending not only over miles in length, but also miles in depth. The extent of these trenches is so great and the measure of protection afforded so large that only the most accurate knowledge of every part of them can permit the artillery to know exactly what must be destroyed if their own infantry is to successfully assault them. The artillery may fire literally millions of shells, but if they do not actually hit the machine gun emplacements, the trench mortar and the enemy light and heavy batteries, when the assault comes the attacking infantry will be met by a fire that will entirely stop it or only permit its advance at a tremendous loss of life. This has happened more than once in the present war, particularly in the battle of the Somme.

This example is not given from a spirit of criticism, but because the British misconceptions as to war prior to the present war and during the first part of it were the same as those which obtain in this country at the present time. Therefore, we should take advantage of our late entry to avoid making the same errors, as we will do inevitably if we are unwilling to face frankly the truth even though we may not like it. Accuracy of artillery fire, of course, depends upon a well trained artillery. However, the most perfectly trained artillery cannot smash its target if it does not know exactly its preliminary ranging fire in order that its fire for effect may be overwhelmingly effective. This location of the targets and correction of ranging fire can only be obtained by aerial reconnaissance and observation of fire carried out by aeroplanes.

Must Quiet the Machine Guns

Thus the infantry advance depends upon the artillery smashing the enemy's means of defence, which can create the most havoc among the assaulting infantry. This smashing depends primarily upon aerial

reconnaissance and observations of fire. However, this reconnaissance and observation, can only be performed by flying over the enemy's lines, not once, but day by day. This can only be done if the enemy's aviators can be driven out of the air and kept out, or at least so far back as to be unable to materially interfere.

The best example of the importance of not losing control of the air is furnished by the overrunning of the greater part of Roumania by the Central Powers last winter. General Ilescen, the Roumanian Chief of Staff, in the interview which he gave the New York Herald pointed out as one of the primary causes of the Roumanian defeat the fact that the tremendous German superiority in aviation enabled them to sweep the Roumanians from the skies in the very beginning and thus blinded them. The Roumanian artillery never knew where its targets were, and much less whether or not it was hitting them. The German artillery knew where its targets were and could regulate its fire. The result was it smothered the Roumanian artillery and infantry with bursting shells and enabled its own infantry to advance with relatively small losses.

May Win Despite Inferiority

In the artillery or infantry, guns and rifles, inferior to those of the enemy can be used and success obtained in spite of the fact. In the Russo-Japanese war, the Japanese field guns were inferior to those of the Russians. However, they were better handled. This is in no way true of flying material. Sir Douglas Haig in his official despatch dated December 23, 1916, states that "the maintenance of the mastery of the air, which is essential, entails a constant and liberal supply of the most up-to-date machines, without which even the most skillful pilots cannot succeed". In other words, as soon as one side or the other gets a type of machine which can ascend to a greater altitude and fly more quickly than those possessed by their enemy, they can successfully attack and drive out of the air their opponents.

Recently Mr. McPherson stated in the British House of Commons, in answer to a question, that there had never been a situation which

could properly be described as mastery of the air on the western front, and also that at the present time the mastery of the air on that front was undecided. He further admitted that while the main German concentration of the German air force was before their guns last year, it is now in front of the British forces. In other words the German aviators are maintaining themselves a number of miles further forward than was the case last year, with a consequent stoppage in many cases of complete aerial reconnaissance and observation of fire. Such work as was done could only be partially done, and that as the result of heavy fighting.

Two Days Air Record

During one two-days' period of March, 56 aeroplanes were brought down, 33 of them Allied, and 23 of them German. The more the situation is examined, the more it is evident that one of the primary requisites to complete victory on the western front, the front on which the war will undoubtedly be decided, is to blind the Germans by an overwhelming air superiority, and that the French and British have not been able to manufacture a sufficient number of the right type of machine and to educate a sufficient number of pilots. Here is a place in which immense resources in material and man power can be utilized. However, before we can furnish the assistance needed, we must realize that we are looking at the problem on too small a scale when we continue military aviation as a branch of the Signal Corps, itself an auxiliary service, and when we maintain that our machines and their engines are of an adequate type when every observer who has seen them and the European ones know they are decidedly inferior.

In Europe, the aviation service is no longer considered an auxiliary service, such as the Signal Corps, Medical Corps or Engineering Corps, but as a fighting branch of the service and on a par with the infantry, artillery and cavalry. Not only is it a separate service with its own generals in command, but also it has a separate supply service in the rear, which deals directly with the manufacturers.

MADOC

Dr. S. Eagleson lost a valuable horse on Monday. It had been on pasture and that morning had been put in the stable. When he went to the stable at noon the horse was dead.

Pathmaster John Lewis and men are repairing the road west of the village.

Messrs. Johnston & Burnside shipped a car of livestock Tuesday. Prices are a little lower.

Hiram Wannamaker, a highly respected farmer of Eldorado, died Monday, June 26, at his residence. The funeral, which was largely attended, took place Wednesday from his late residence to the family plot at Hazard's Corners.

Mr. Jas. Irving, who some years ago conducted a jewelry business in Madoc, died at the House of Refuge, Belleville, Monday, June 25, 1917. The remains were interred in Madoc cemetery on Wednesday. Rev. E. A. Smart, of the Anglican church, conducted the services, which were held at St. John's church.

Mr. Grady, of the Ontario Government staff of engineers, is in town this week making a survey of the road that is to be built along St. Lawrence St. by the Government and the county.

Reeves Thos. Thompson and Jas. Moore returned from Toronto Wednesday where they had been on business in regards to the Madoc road. Prevost Marshall Graham and Sergt. Major Hayes, of the Barrfield military staff, were in Madoc Tuesday and Wednesday after deserters. We hear that they secured their men at Pitfaton.

Mrs. Jas. Whytock, sr., returned from Napanee Tuesday where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Alex. McGregor.

Mr. Edward Hallstone is visiting his son, John, at Deloro this week. A lawn social and open air concert will be held on the lawn of Mr.

Benson O'Hara on Monday, July 2, at 7.30 p.m., under the auspices of the Epworth League of the Methodist church. A number of members of the Aviation Camp at Deseronto will take part in the concert. Proceeds for Patriotic Funds.

The village schools closed Thursday, June 28, for the summer holidays.

At last the oil has arrived and the streets are being treated. The merchants in the future had better see to the oiling of Front Street themselves if they want to be free from dust.

The crops and gardens around Madoc never looked better, and with the beautiful rain of Thursday night everything will fairly jump. The meadows are simply great this year and the outlook is that hay should be cheap. We must ever remember the Great Providence who is so kind and good to us, and may we not forget to give Him the thanks and the praise.

The Kingston Presbytery was held at St. Peter's church Tuesday and Wednesday. Services and meetings were held afternoon and evening and Wednesday-morning. The visiting clergymen were entertained by the congregation and a luncheon was served in the church Wednesday noon by the ladies. Needless to say that it was perfect in regard to satisfying the inner man. After luncheon the clergymen were treated to a drive around the town by some of our local motorists. Madoc will be pleased to again welcome such a fine body of men.

Queensboro Loyal Orange Lodge has extended an invitation to No. 2 District to visit Queensboro July 12 for a basket picnic. This will probably be the best manner in which to celebrate this year, as it would be impossible to get up a large dinner with help so scarce and produce so high.

The Madoc band is making fine progress under the leadership of Mr. G. B. Foote and we hope in the near future to hold weekly band concerts at the band stand.

Mrs. Alex. McBain left town to reside in Niagara Falls this week.

Mrs. Harry Jones and little daughter, of Vancouver, B.C., arrived in Madoc Wednesday to visit her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stephenson, with whom she will remain for the summer.

A large number of citizens spent the half holiday at Moira Lake picking. The weather was delightful, the roads good and many went motoring, while others spent the day trimming up the garden.

The Public School Board met at Benson O'Hara's store Thursday evening. Important business regarding the securing of teachers etc., was considered.

FORECASTS NEW POLICIES

Germinating in the minds of the women of the province are ideas of government and public welfare which when they become expressed will profoundly influence politics.

This is one of the conclusions reached by Mrs. Margaret Hyslop, Organizing Secretary of the Ontario Women's Liberal Association, who in the past two months has visited a large number of places and come in touch with women in various localities. Mrs. Hyslop has found real interest in public affairs in cities, towns and villages alike. In her opinion the principal thing that women want and are asking for today is information in regard to public issues. Even before the granting of the franchise, many women kept themselves in touch with developments, others did not. But at any rate all women today are naturally more interested in the government of the country than they ever were before, because now they are no longer outsiders but are voters, the same as the men. Mrs. Hyslop anticipates from her observations of the last two months that the interest of women will largely revolve around issues affecting the home, the farm and the factories and places of business where women work. In other words there interest will be a very human one defined in terms of people rather than property.

Mrs. Hyslop has been greatly impressed by the high type of women who are associating themselves together in women's Liberal clubs to study public problems. She is also struck with the democracy of these organizations and the fact that their membership is taken from women of varying interests and occupations.

There are now twelve clubs affiliated with the Ontario Women's Liberal Association of which eight have been formed in the last few weeks. These new ones include Owen Sound, Grimsby, St. Catharines, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Wingham, St. Mary's, Mitchell and London. In addition to these are the ones already in existence at Toronto, Hamilton, Warrington and Brampton.

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SAM CARTER'S DYNAMICS

It is not only during the session of the legislature that Samuel Carter, M.P.P., maintains his unflagging activity. During the rest of the year also he is constantly engaged in some sort of public work addressing meetings under different auspices. Within the last two weeks he has appeared before the Hamilton Methodist Conference, has taken the pulpit twice in Preston, has addressed several public bodies and spoken to at least four women's societies and to several Liberal gatherings.

The main topics Mr. Carter is discussing these days (apart from the direct war situation) on which he feels very keenly) are the need of greater vision in the public life of the country, the beneficial influence of the patronage civil, which he believes has dulled and lowered the level of politics and public life, the necessity of an ever increasing measure of actual public control of affairs and the recent encroachments in this field of democracy. Among these he includes (1) The extension of the franchise to women, formerly excluded; (2) the victory of the Ontario Opposition in forcing the Government to tax the International Nickel Company more stringently with the result that in the years 1914-17 the provincial treasury will be enriched by one and a half million, which it otherwise would not have received, thereby relieving the people of that expense; and (3) the further victory of the Ontario Opposition in the agitation for the suppression of race track gambling during the war because this action removes the inequality formerly existing between rich and poor before the law.

The warm weather does not seem to affect Mr. Carter's vitality or vigor, and in these addresses he has been the same old whirlwind of excitement and enthusiasm.

PRESENTATION TO RETIRING PASTOR

Last Wednesday there was a large gathering of friends from Stirling, Carmel and River Valley in the school room of the Methodist church there, when a presentation of a purse of money and the following address was read to Rev. Mr. Trill, who is just closing a four year's successful pastorate on this charge.

Dear Pastor— Time rolls its ceaseless course and the Methodist itinerant wheel again sends a Pastor and his family to another field of labor. As friends, we desire to express to you our appreciation of your service for the past four years. In entering houses of sorrow you have come with sympathy, in your

preaching you have shown a wide range of reading, as well as a keen insight into Gospel Truths. Your heart has been in the winning of souls.

The beautiful temple in which you worship, is a monument to your untiring zeal, as is the enclosed shed at Carmel. We wish you and Mrs. Terrill to accept this purse as a small token of our esteem.

Wishing you and yours God speed, and a long and happy life of joyous service.

Signed on behalf of the donors, Mrs. R. A. Elliot, Mrs. Iruman Bailey, Mae Holden, Gertrude Graham, Kathleen Dixon, Clara Martin, Stirling, Ont., June 27th, 1917.

NOTES

R. Stewart Muir, of Toronto, who in 1914 contested Dundas County with Sir James Whitney, is dead. Mrs. C. F. Smith is president of the new Women's Liberal Club in St. Mary's.

The Hospital Branch of the Toronto Women's Liberal Association gave a delightful garden party at Oaklands to swell their funds. G. G. S. Lindsay presided at the meeting to organize a Provincial Liberal Association for North West Ontario, and Wm. MacDonald, M.P., of North Bruce, was the principal speaker. Ever since his series of noteworthy speeches in the Legislature this session, Mr. MacDonald has been in great demand. MacDonald is in some respects the Lincoln of the Ontario Liberal Party, a democrat among democrats. His nickname is 'Peter Pan' owing to his never-falling youthfulness. At the North West meeting Mr. MacDonald developed his favorite topics, ridiculing the red tape and futility of the Department of Education; censuring the extravagance and exclusiveness of Government House and outlining the great hope arising from the women's votes.

ENTERTAINMENT AT HOLLOWAY STREET

At Holloway Street Church on Friday evening, under the auspices of the Epworth League, a very successful entertainment was held. The party was to have been held on the church lawn, but weather conditions made necessary the holding of the program in the church parlors. Notwithstanding the adverse impression given by the weather man, a large crowd was present. Gaily decorated booths dispensed refreshments of fruit, ice cream and candies. The pastor, Rev. J. N. Clarry, presided over a short but interesting program

in which the following were the main features:—Remarks by Mr. Clarry and Mr. Austen Gay; solos by Mr. O. H. Pimlott, Miss Lobb, Miss Ketha Wootton; piano duet, Mrs. Clarry and Miss W. Pearce; readings, Miss Eva Stecker and Miss C. Turney; and selections by Mr. Mastin's Victrola. The function was in every way successful.

A HIGHLAND RESORT

Many of the returned wounded officers of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces are sojourning and recuperating their strength at the Highland Inn, Algonquin Park. 2,000 feet above the level of the sea, this delightful spot is just the place to regain health and the Inn offers most comfortable accommodation at reasonable rates. Splendid fishing, good boating, billiards, lovely walks, are featured publication telling all about it sent free on request. C. E. Horning, Grand Trunk Railway, Union Station, Toronto.

THE FISH ARE BITING

Splendid sport is being enjoyed this year in Algonquin Park. The fishing is better this year than for many years past. Splendid catches of salmon trout and speckled trout are brought in daily by the guests at the "Highland Inn". The bass season opened on July 16th. Get out your fishing tackle and enjoy a few days rest and pleasure. A publication telling you all about the place sent free on application to C. E. Horning, Grand Trunk Railway, Union Station, Toronto.

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2nd.—Eugene Corrigan, 1st.—Anna Hunt, George Golden.

Pr.—Kathleen Walsh, Mary Hunt, Joseph Golden.

WANTED IN TORONTO

Leonard Thompson, a young man, was arrested yesterday in Prince Edward County by County Constable Dempsey on an old warrant sworn out two years ago. Thompson was brought to Belleville police station and locked up. An officer of the Toronto police department was expected on Saturday to take Thompson back to stand his trial. Thompson is about twenty years of age.

There is no poisonous ingredient in Holloway's Corn Cure, and it can be used without danger of injury.

