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Fault-Finding One of the Most Dangerous Tendencies of the Time

AMSTERDAM, July 24.—The speech which the German Emperor recently made to a gathering of army chaplains at main headquarters is reported in the Vossche Zeitung by Chaplain Dr. Ott.

"It is a time of sifting," said the Emperor. "The word war is separating the chaff from the wheat. You gentlemen have the task of teaching the German nation to take things seriously and to accept the present as a time of trial. It is important to understand that life is a trial. We need practical Christianity to bring our lives into harmony with the personality of our Lord. We must live simply, according to His acts and deeds.

"Gentlemen, how fascinating and marvelously manifold is His personality. We must study it thoroughly; we must live with the Lord.

"Suppose Christ entered at this moment through yonder door. Could we look into His face? Going to church once a week is not enough. We must make Him the ideal of our practical life; we must determine to live according to His teachings. You must bring sharply before us the vision of God, Who, perhaps, as the Judge, is now passing through the world. You must represent Him and show Him to us."

Fault Finders Scored

The Emperor then dwelt on what he said he regarded as one of the most dangerous tendencies of the time—one which might deprive the German nation of the spiritual benefit of the war, namely the tendency to find fault to complain to criticize.

"I often ponder how this tendency can be cured," he said. "Certainly not by repression, or laws or orders. The remedy cannot come from outside of us, it must come from within. There must be peace in our hearts; then we will be strengthened for bad days, and what is more difficult, for good days.

"The man who is now in the trenches will return home a different man spiritually than when they left. Impress upon them that they must retain in the future the thoughts which fill them now.

"Everybody must admit that our nation is great, that it is without complaint or hesitation, sacrificing everything for a great cause. This is an inspiration derived from God. Give the men in the trenches my greeting, and at the same time tell them how important it is that they keep firm reliance on God."

Aircraft in Jutland Battle

Admiral Jellicoe's full report of the Jutland battle clear up—among other things—the question of the participation of aircraft, about which at the time there was much dispute. The first criticism of the London press laid stress on the absence of air scouts on the British side. Admiral Jellicoe ordered up one from the Engadine. "This order was carried out very quickly, the seaplane getting away at 3.08 and her first reports were received by the Engadine about 3.30." Owing to clouds it was necessary to fly very low and in order to identify four enemy light cruisers, when within 3,000 yards the seaplane had to fly at 900 feet. She was of course fired upon "which in no way interfered with the clarity of her reports. The achievement indicates that seaplanes under such circumstances are of distinct value." This was on the first day. The report—at the time—that German Zeppelins were used for their service was denied. Sir David Beatty reports—in the proceedings of June 1: "Our position must have been known to the enemy as at 4 a.m. the fleet engaged a Zeppelin for about five minutes, during which time she had ample opportunity to note—and subsequently report—the position and course of the British fleet." These two achievements for so great a battle do not seem to the military observer of the Boston Transcript, to have been as adequate a service by airships as is certainly possible in sea fights. There is an unverified rumor of British origin of serious damage to British ships by bombs dropped from the air.

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THE STAKES ARE ENORMOUS—GERMANY WILL DO ALL POSSIBLE TO STEM THE BRITISH ADVANCE

On the Western front both the British and French commanders express themselves as well satisfied with the progress made. It has been slow and methodical, but the checks in the fortnight have been insignificant and temporary, and have been purchased at a great cost by the Germans. The British advance has been less rapid than that of the French, but it is realized in France that the Germans expected that the strongest blow would be struck by the British, and naturally they made the greatest resistance in the British path. Frank Simonds, the American expert, points out in the New York Tribune that the British are playing for the great stake, and that if they should win it even after fighting all Summer, they will have been amply repaid, for it will mean that the Germans will have been forced out of France. Nevertheless, it is yet too early to state definitely whether the operations of the past fortnight have not been mere feints, and that the attempts to land the "knockout blow" will be made at some other point on the line where there has been comparative quiet.

Like American Civil War. Mr. Simonds finds a parallel to the present situation in the American Civil War. From 1861 to 1863, from First Bull Run until the third day of Gettysburg, the Confederacy fought for a victory by successive offensives; the North, with greater numbers, resources, and command of the seas, failed to co-ordinate the movements of its great armies and to obtain mastery that permitted it to control the offensive. In 1864, however, Grant came east with one clear intention to attack on all fronts, and simultaneously there was to be equal pressure on all fronts, continuing casualties, never-ending wastage in men and resources until attrition, if nothing else, should end the war. The general situation in Europe now is like that in 1864, when Grant in Virginia, Thomas in Tennessee, and Sherman from Atlanta to the sea, struck their simultaneous blows. Next year the Confederacy collapsed. For the first time in the war Germany is now on the defensive on all fronts.

Different Objectives. Mr. Simonds says that the British task at present is incomparably greater than that of the French, who are advancing beside them, for the French could make considerable progress on their present front, and they would merely force the German lines back father from Paris and regain possession of some more French villages. But it would have to be achieved far indeed before it would constitute a real menace to German military strategy, before it would threaten important railroad lines now in the hands of the Germans. The British advance, on the other hand, appears to be a spear launched directly at two roads which alone make it possible for Germany to maintain her hold on Northern France.

A Blow at Vital Lines. All the railroads upon which the Germans depend to supply their lines in Flanders and Artois run parallel to the British front and relatively near to it. The British are now aiming at Bapaume, which is a town on the road to Cambrai, and if they reach Cambrai they will cut one trunk line—that from St. Quentin to Lille—and if they can get to Le Cateau they will cut the other—that from St. Quentin to Brussels, and to Germany by Liege. Mr. Simonds judges that these are the real objectives of the British attack. The stakes are enormous, and naturally Germany will throw every man she can spare into the path of the British advance. There will be great casualties before the end is achieved or before it becomes an admitted failure.

Heavy Losses Inevitable. But one of the objects of having great armies is to be able to stand huge casualties, and still to have strong forces. Again Mr. Simonds finds a parallel in the American Civil War. The British under Haig may be compared with the army under Grant in his operations from the Rapidan to Cold Harbor. Grant's losses were terrific, and in the end he did not get Richmond; Lee's losses were much lighter, yet because he could not stand them they proved fatal ultimately to the army of North Virginia. If the British fall this time it will not be because they have not the men and the munitions. Nor will it be because of the undue impetuosity of the infantry attacks. Nor, says Mr. Simonds, will it be because they do not expect to succeed. They have absolute confidence in ultimate victory; and it is to be remembered, too, that it was the first time Mass was celebrated in the chapel, built by King Louis to receive a relic of the Precious Blood since the French Republic came into existence after 1870. Monsieur Poincare was also present in person at another interesting Catholic ceremony, the decoration of the Superioress of the Military Hospital, Luneville, with the Cross of War. It came as a great surprise to the good

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Ceremony Performed by Pres. Poincare Who Reminded the Good Sister That When at Bar-le-Duc She Had Nursed His Mother and Aunt

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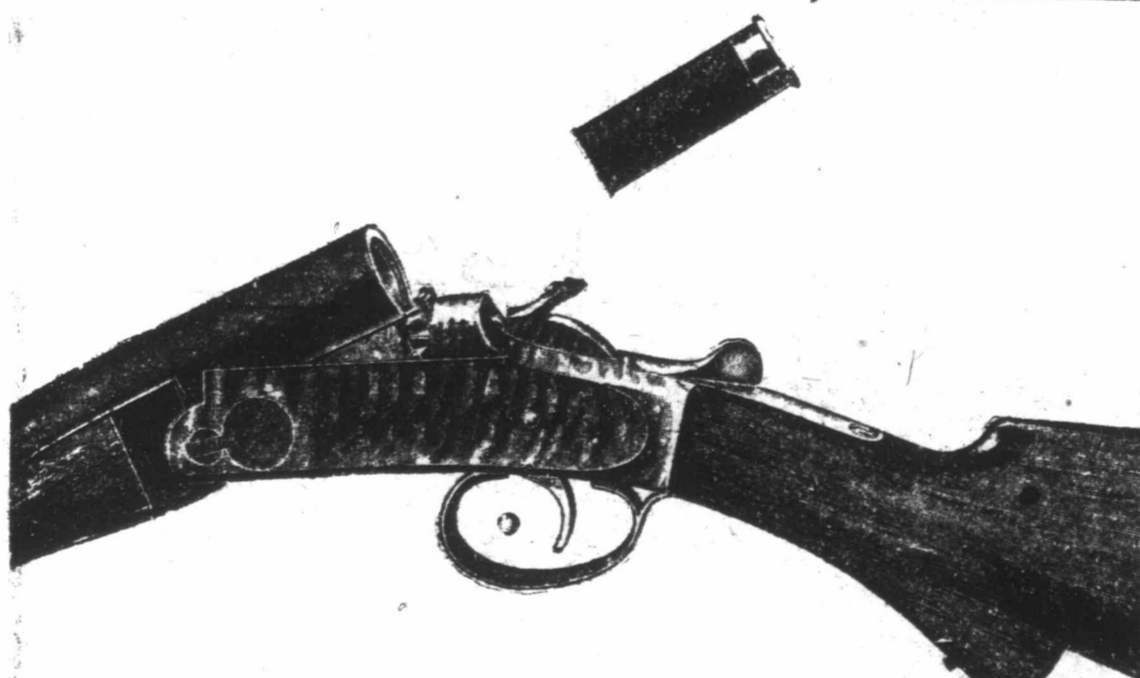
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