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eyes droop. "Promise me that you won't-cry again?" "I-I don't know," she says; and a

lovely face. "It depends." "On me?" he says. "Then you shall

ed child, whose tears are torture to witness-"trust me a little. I'll-I'll be a brother to you. Will that reassure you?"

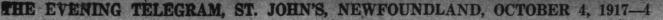
scarlet while her lips quiver.

reproachful. "Is there not even to be friendship between us? Oh, Dulcie, this is hard. Believe me, I would be a faithful friend to you, come what may."

let us shake hands upon it, and then I shall feel that you are reassured, and that you have forgiven me," and he holds out his hand in what he trusts is a fair imitation of a brotherly manner; but his eyes gleam and lighten. and his breath comes fast, as she puts her slim hand into his palm. "There," he says, with a sigh; "and now we're friends, are we not; and there shall be no more-nonsense"with a grim, wistful little smilebetween us! Are you satisfied?" with softly, a short laugh that is full of hidden bitterness and disappointment. She looks up at him with an effort. as if her eyes were heavy to raise.

ing up to a climax.







Sir Charles Harris. ditor Evening Telegram. Dear Sir,-Sir Charles A. Harris, K.C.M.G. was a little over a year old when in the autumn of 1856 his father, he Rev. George P. Harris, M.A., came ere as Head Master of the Ch. E. oys' Academy, now Feild College. nember well both father and son. Ariel' commanded by the late Captain George Hiscock and owned by Messrs. ness on the site of the premises now occupied by Alick Harvey, Esq. The Hon. Mr. Justice Johnson, as well as Mr. Withers, was a school fellow of Sir Charles A. Harris when he attended the C. E. Academy. The passage to England in the 'Ariel' was smooth but long and tedious. On it the Rev. Mr. Harris coached Captain | Hiscock so well in the theory of navigation that the said captain passed very successfully his examination before either the Trinity House or the certificate as master mariner. Qur famous native lawyer John one was a favorite pupil of the Rev. G. P. Harris. The only education ohn Boone had he received at Feild College, and that he possessed literary as well as forensic ability was well known to the men of his time. WALTER R. SMITH. Oct. 4th, 1917. **Bran Bread.** Editor Evening Telegram. Dear Sir,-I have read your recent marks on the potato-bread shown ou by the Agriculture Board, and, inking that you would be equally nterested in other means of econo mizing in the use of white flour. have sent you a half loaf of the kind of bread I have been using for about a ar past. I shall be glad to know is made from four parts three parts ordinary bran, by mea ure, with molasses about one eight. It is raised with a yeast in the rdinary way and seasoned with salt cording to taste. I have found it to with a most beneficial effect upon the imentary system and the digestive organs. Trusting that my experience nay prove helpful to many others inoming the economic stress un-



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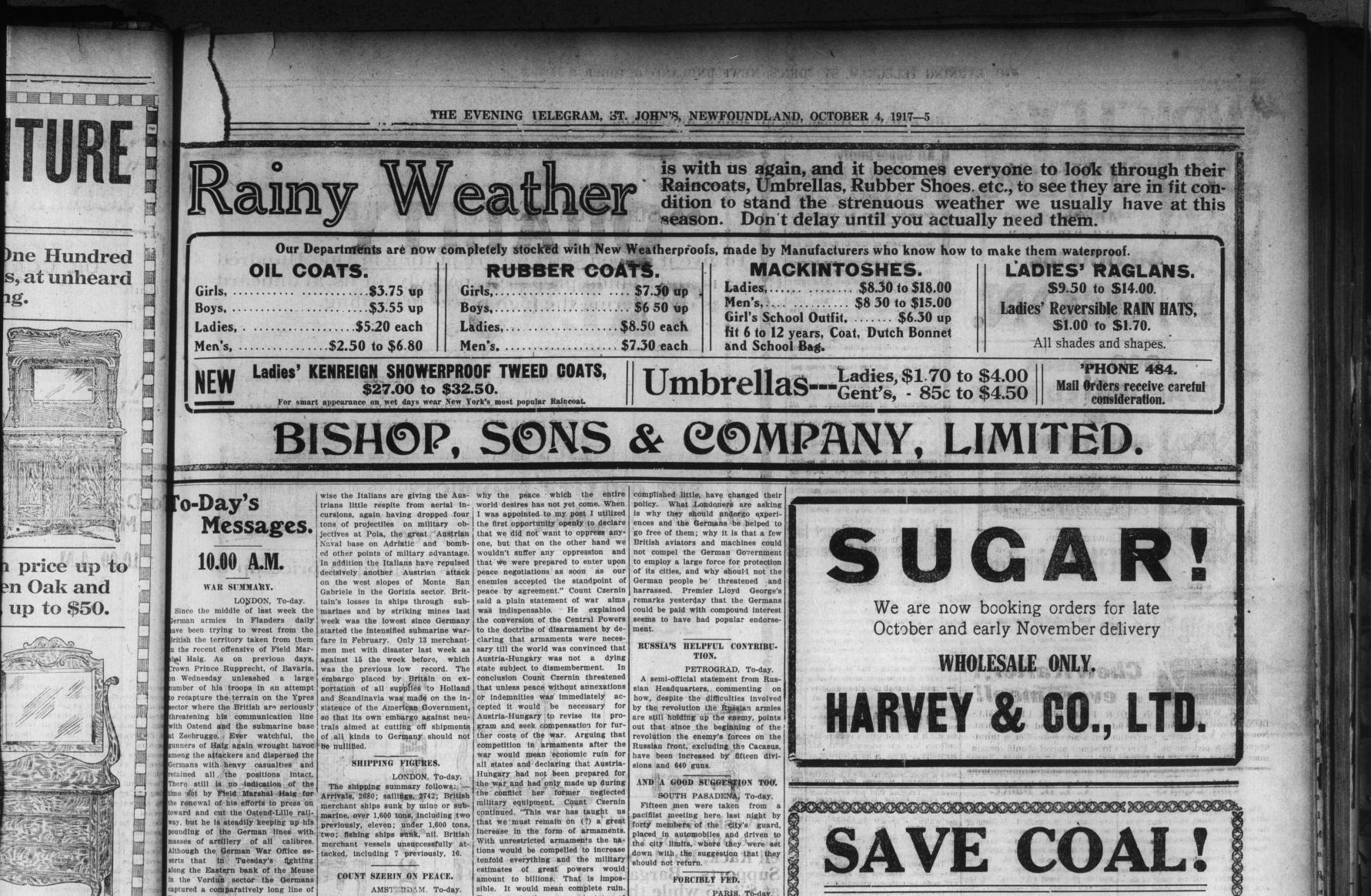
pickled fish.

Sick headache, biliousness, coated tongue, head and nose clogged up with

tongue, nead and nose clogged up with a cold—always trace this to torpid liver; delayed, fermenting food in the bowels or sour, gassy stomach. Poisonous matter clogged in the in-testines, instead of being cast out of the system is re-absorbed into the blood. When this poison reaches the dolloat brain tigged it causes delicate brain tissue it causes conges-tion and that dull, throbbing, sickening headache.

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The authorities have apparently

carried out their decision of forcibly

feeding Bolo Pasha, who since he was

taken prisoner recently on a charge

of having relations with the enemy,

had refused all nourishment. It is be-

lieved he was undertaking a hunger

strike, but a bulletin issued yester-

day respecting his condition says he

Subscriptions to the second liberty

loan bonds in this federal reserve dis-

trict has gone far beyond the \$100,-

FOOLISH SUB. REPORTS.

Navy officers deprecate the publi-

ground, they said; for fooling them

that the submarines have been defin-

itely beaten because the announced

sinkings have improved recently,

while on the other hand there is no-

thing in the present situation that

warrants serious apprehension on the

RUSSIAN CONGRESS DOING GOOD

WORK.

The Committee of the Democratic

Congress announces a plan to aug-

ment itself by willing representatives

from all groups and parties, saying

that this body would undertake to

work out a programme which is to be

brought before Congress later. A

esolution has been adopted to the

effect that the Congress should re-

SMALL ITALIAN LOSSES.

marines for the week ending Sept.

ROME, To-day.

PETROGRAD, To-day.

NEW YORK, To-day.

WASHINGTON, To-day.

SPLENDID RESPONSE.

has improved.

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part of the Allies.



Stop all gasoline leakage. Form habit of shutting off gasoline at ank or feedpipe See that all bearings run freely are well lubricated; friction cons power and wastes gas. Protect the radiator in cold her; a cold engine is hard to and is short in power. -Keep tires fully inflated; soft consume power.

-do not drive at excessive speed. consumption increases at a r rate of speed. Every car has inite speed at which it operates maximum fuel economy.

-Change gears rather than climb wide open throttle; it saves car

-Do not use cars needlessly or ssly. By exercise of foreht a number of errands can be ned so that one trip to town or where will do as well as two.

Reduce the amount of riding nere pleasure by shortening such or cutting down their frequency.

sure your property with IRES & WINTER, Bank of a Scotia Building, Agents GLOBE & RUTGER'S Fire arance Company, New York.

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Budapest dispatches received here To return to the armament status o trenches, the French official nakes no mention of this and asserts say that at a dinner given by the Hun- 1914 would be great reduction, but nerely that violent artillery fighting garian Premier, Dr. Alex. Wekels, in there would be no meaning in not and spirited patrol engagements took honor of Count Czernin, the Austro- going further and actually disarming, While British and French air- Hungarian Minister of Foreign Af- since complete disarmament is the nen continue bombing operations fairs, the latter, in reply to an invi- only issue from the difficulty." Giganagainst Germany's submarine base at tation to make a statement concern-, tic fleets will have no further purpose burgge and points of military im- ing his peace policy, said. "To Tal- when the nations of the world guarortance behind the lines, the French leyrand has been ascribed the saying antee the freedom of the seas and wiators are keeping up their attacks that words are given man to conceal land armies will be reduced to the on German towns and cities in re- his thoughts. It may be that this level required for the maintenance of risal for the shelling by German air- saying was true for the diplomacy of internal order. Every state will have craft of the open town of Bar le Duc. his country, but for the present time to give up something of its independ More than 15,000 pounds of explo- I can hardly conceive a phrase less, ence for the purpose of securing world sives are reported to have been drop- accurate. Millions who are fighting peace. Probably the present generaped on numerous German settlements, in the trenches behind the lines wish tion will not live to see the complemong them the famous town of to know why and for what they are tion of the great pacific movement. It aden, famed as a health resort. Like- fighting. They have a right to learn can only be realized slowly, but I

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consider it our duty to place our selves at the head of the movement to do everything humanly possible to accelerate its relaization."

cation of reports that go too far in cation of reports that go too far in either direction as to the progress of ONLY TWO THIRDS THE GERMAN the campaign against German sub-CLAIM. marines. There is no reasonable

LONDON. To-day. The total loss of the worla's shipping since Germany's ruthless U-Boat war went into effect aggregates about two-thirds those claimed by Germany in a statement on September 1st. At that time they alleged that an average of 900,000 tons had been sunk

monthly for seven months. The actual totals of the tonnage sunk compiled here show that not even during the most successful month for the U-boats, April, has the figure reached any such proportions, while the August losses dropped to almost half

of the April figures. 1.00 P. M. ALL FOR REPRISALS. LONDON, To-day.

main in session until the organization The possibilities and importance of a coalition government is accom of air warfare have been brought plished. ome to the British military and civi-

ians by the campaign of the past ten days as only experience could bring them home. The result is that vir-Italian shipping losses by mines on tually the whole press and public opinion now demand that the policy 30th in all seas were two sailing vesof passive defence for England and sels of more than one hundred tons he watch word "Composure" which and three sailing vessels of less than he Government heretofore has urged 100 tons. One small sailing vessel pon the people be dropped and that escaped when attacked by a submar

an air raid offensive against Germany be taken immediately. Even papers like the Manchester Guardian, which MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES. CURES DANDRUFF. iave taken the line that air riads ac

Ash Sifter on the market, selling at the very low price of \$1.40. MARTIN ROYAL STORES HARDWARE CO., Ltd. (Successors to Martin Hardware Co. & Royal Stores Hardware)

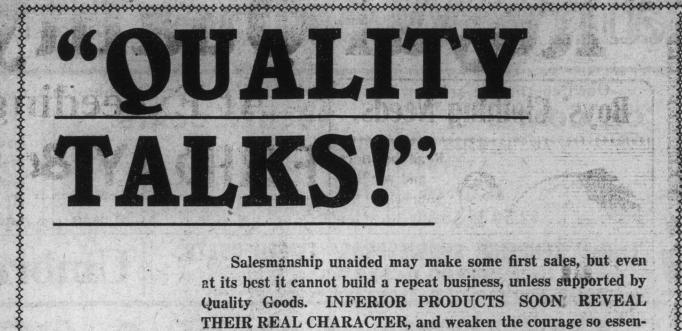
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American counsel that has moved Sweden must fill her own needs and haviour towards his better half. Britain to take the steps, a fact which so preserve her supplies to herself. speaks volumes for the thoroughness But she must create future supplies, of our new Ally and removes appre- and to that end employ all available To Study for hensions on Britain's own account. labour. "Much of it will be withwhose needs will be well looked after drawn from the production of other by the States. It is expected, the commodities which have been going message says, that in three months to Germany, notably iron. In Ger-Mr. Patrick J. Kavanagh, son of Mr

these neutrals will be compelled to many itself the same interaction takes Edward Kavanagh of New Gower St. forbid absolutely the exportation of place. She is short of coal, not beleft yesterday en route to Scranton any of their own supplies. The Allies cause she does not possess it, but be Pa., U.S.A., where he enters the Van will not worry overmuch, but Ger- cause she lacks the labour to work and Apostolic School (conducted by many will be dealt a blow under the and distribute it. Further draining the Fathers of the Catholic Foreign force of which she will fairly reel. of the labour she has, in order to Missions) to study for the priesthood. It is a favourite speculation, when meet the further requirements of the Mr. Kavanagh, who is Newfound the war is under discussion, how it food problem, will naturally aggra- land's pioneer student to the Venard will be brought to an end. When vate that situation. And this is only Seminary, has offered his services to first the blockade was instituted by one of a thousand matters that are the Foreign Missions and will, on Britain, early in 1915, prophecies interdependent and intricately invol- completion of his ecclesiastical course, were plentiful of the speedy starva- ved. take up his duties in one of the heath-

As for actual proof of shortage, it en countries. His many friends wish tion, actual and physical, of the enemy. Then, before this could hap- is abundant enough even when we the young student every success in pen, it was said that he would run out allow for exaggeration and false re- his arduous vocation which is of his munition supplies: lack of cot- ports. A high Austrian official, writ- worthy of emulation.

ton in particular for his explosives ing in a Swiss newspaper, has said would speedily bring him to terms, that Austria and Hungary cannot Failure of man power was empha- hold out for another winter, because sized, we remember, during 1916, and soldiers and civilians would starve. financial collapse has been time and Crops have been destroyed in the best

bine to bring about the inevitable for cattle and pigs, which will have

end, but it is not sound, on the other to be killed. A country is a short step

The s.s. Prospero, Capt. A. Kean again predicted. Finally, different districts by cold and rain. The rail- sailed last night for northern ports forms of strategy have been advoca- way cars were needed for the army taking a full freight and these saloon ted at different times-the war must and could not distribute the Roumapassengers: Const. Parsons; Messrs. be won in the air, it must be won by nian crops. Fathe has been pre-Noble, Hender, Sceviour, Howard, Pte. dicted in the Austrian Parliament if Humphries, Wheeler, Clark, Facey, es, it must be won in the west, it the war should go on for another Rodgers, Jones, Dowden, Burton; must be won in the east, it must be three months. Medical certificates in Mesdames Breen, Downey, Noble won via Italy. It is perhaps not very the newspapers showed that men were Donovan, House, Sainsbury, Facey, intelligent reasoning to insist upon dying of hunger, and thousands that Earle, Burton, Bowden; Misses Snelone or another of these separate survived were too ill-nourished to do grove, Barbour, Coffin, Kelly, Taylor, agencies as the deciding factor, when efficient work. In Germany the crops Melandy, Bowden and 40 in steerage. it is certain that they must all com- are better but there is little fodder

Obituary.

Prospero Off.

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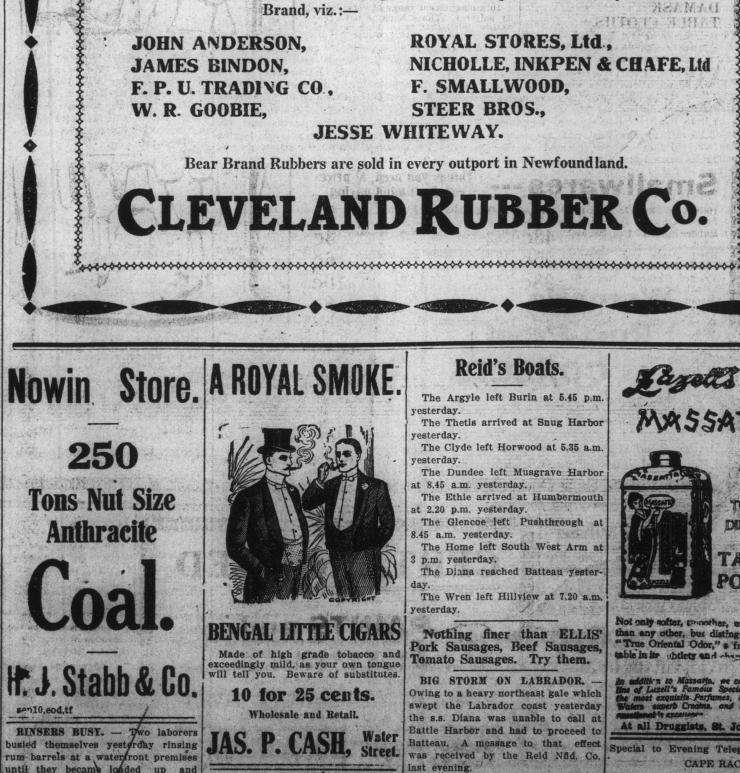
His Wife.

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hand, hastily to reject any of them from famine which has to kill off it WILLIAM OTTO CHANCEY. merely because it has not yet proved | live stock from such a cause. Com itself or shown any signs of doing so. plaints are common in the papers The death occurred this morning at 2 o'clock of Mr. William Otto Chancey The signs and the proof are with the that the potato, bread and meat raenemy, who will not betray them un- tions are too small to support the at his home, 64 Pennywell Road. Deceased, who was 23 years of age, was til they can no longer be concealed, strength necessary for labour, We but they are there in one form and must remember that if some of the a member of the Nfid. Highlanders, another none the less. We can saw a reports that reach us on the subject, and it is expected that a guard of honor from the Battalion will take straight-standing tree clean through are untrue or purposely overcolourpart in the funeral, which takes place and leave it still erect, to all appear- 'ed, we are allowed to learn only an ances as firm as ever. A push will inkling of the real state of affairs. The at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday. To the sor rowing relatives the Telegram offers bring it in an instant crashing to the Allies, at any rate, are not considerdeep sympathy. ground. Germany will be "sawn | ing the question in an academic fash-

through" some day: for all we know | ion. They are using at last with full WEATHER REPORT-The weather she may be nearly in that condition force a very terrible weapon. It may across country is light S. W. wind not achieve peace of itself, but it will and fine, temperature 38 to 50 above. This absolute embargo of Britain achieve much to bring peace nearer

and the States again suggests the question whether, apart altogether from other matters, though it is in-separably bound up with them in fact, BOWRING BROTHERS, LTD, coming express reached the coming express reached the coming express reached the city at 1 of the law. They each had to pay \$1 this morning for their release,



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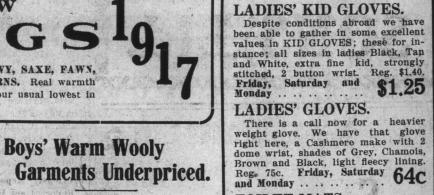
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On the Western Front

(Toronto Globe.) In the writings of some commentators there has lately appeared a strain of pessimism regarding conditions on the Western Front. They think that the Allies are in duty ound to attempt a great blow be fore the winter sets in, and present a variety of reasons for their conclu-sions. It is generally believed by the military experts that no such stroke will be attempted, particularly since the utter collapse of the Russian armies has completely upset the calculations of the Allied strategists. That does not mean that Generals Haig and Petain would not embark upon a mighty offensive should the occasion offer. If, for instance, the theory of the military critics that Hindenburg is anxious to retreat for a considerable distance in Belgium and northern France has any basis in fact, the opportunity for the Allies may come. It is conceivable that with the steady pressure that is being exerted upon the German lines such a withdrawal may be forced at a time when weather conditions would not be so great+ ly in favor of the foe as was the case on his last retreat. Then it was impossible for the Allies to bring up their heavy artillery at a pace that would almost certainly have turned the "strategic retreat" of the fee into a rout. The situation to-day is that the Allies could break through at almost any spot they chose if they were willing to pay the price. If they can compel a withdrawal by their unceasing pounding of enemy positions, and by a succession of victories such as that won by the British on Thursday last, there would seem to be no need for risking a major engagement, unless the odds were all against the foe. In the opinion of men who make a study of war the danger to the enemy of a great disaster grows with the passing weeks. If he elects to hang

on he does so at the risk of eventually being forced into a great battle under conditions of the Allies' choosing only; if he decides to retreat he may find that his flanks are open to attack, and that he must make ghastly sacrifices to extricate himself. In the meantime the Allied blockade is now beginning to be exerted to a degree that was impossible before the United States entered the war, and another winter of trench campaigning has more terrors for the foe than for the Allies. By next spring there will be a much larger force of United States troops on the Western front than is there now, with millions to follow if Russia is to become an absolutely negligible quality in the war, the other Allies will still be more than a match for the Teutons, though the end of the conflict may be delayed for a longer period than is hoped. But if Russia is able to do no more than hold a big force of the enemy on her side of the fighting line, the end

will come more quickly and the Al-lied triumph will be more decisive. ing the natural anxie



