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THE SPIRITUAL IN WAR.

Shortly after the opening of the war a churchman of a western city expressed the conviction that the churches should cut down their religious work to the minimum, and unite all their conserved effort on war work, pure and simple, until the Kaiser was beaten. Doubtless many another loyal Christian citizen felt the same way.

A six months' war might have been carried out on this programme with apparent success, but a four years' war is another matter. Our parents learned this lesson in the civil war. One may drag through the first year with whatever accumulated enthusiasm, hope and spiritual strength he may happen to have. But the strain of a second, a third or a fourth year of war will snap the unrenowned anchor rope of the most buoyant soul.

War, which always calls for abnormal activity in material things, calls also for uncommon activity in things spiritual. This war, particularly, is one in which the grossest German materialism is so set off against the highest and best things of the spirit, that our great strength obviously lies in the holiness of the cause for which we fight. We may well say, as Paul said to the Church at Ephesus:

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world; against spiritual wickedness in high places."

And doing this, we do well to cultivate every source of spiritual strength—the patience that comes of a good conscience; the courage that grows by sustaining a good cause; the high ambition born of high purpose; strength that comes of truth, seen and submitted to. Sir Galahad was not reciting empty poetry when he said:

"My strength is as the strength of ten
Because my heart is pure."

France is holding fast to her battle line by virtue of the spiritual. It is a kind of gloried love of native land, rather than an old religious faith; a love that translates itself into selfishness and uncomplaining endurance to a degree that commands a whole world's reverence. The discouraged in France may enter the churches and receive consolation, for her priests and preachers are spiritualized by sharing danger and suffering with their people. England also is learning as never before that "the things that are seen are temporal, but the things that are not seen are eternal."

But in Germany—the land of physical force, where widows are forbidden to be seen weeping for their dead, and where bereft mothers creep to the graveyards to worship, because in the churches the Kaiser-ruled preachers are so busy ringing the changes on the hymn of hate that they can give no hope, no consolation, no spiritual strength—in Germany suicide has increased to an astounding degree, for suicide is the only refuge against defeat, where victory is won only by physical force.

Where the gospel—the "good news"—is preached, suicide is not necessary, for good news begets hope, and where there is hope there is life—not suicide. In no world struggle has the power of the spiritual flamed out so radiantly as now.

A GREAT STATESMAN.

The Toronto Saturday Night, in commenting on Sir Lomer Gouin's great speech on the Francoeur resolution, says:

"The speech of Sir Lomer Gouin, Prime Minister of Quebec, on the Francoeur motion, was a statesman-like utterance, which all Canadians, irrespective of creed and nationality, can applaud. When he said that if it were given to him to choose between Confederation as it now existed, or revert to the governmental system before it, he would vote for Confederation, he talked plain common sense, and justified the confidence which English speaking public men, even those of opposed political views like the late Sir James Whitney, have in the past reposed in him. When he said that

the people of Quebec lived happily under Confederation, and that up to date Quebec had suffered nothing but some unjust newspaper articles, and oral insults, he said something that was entirely true; and he also showed his knowledge of the other provinces of Canada when he declared his belief that the majority of the people in these provinces bear no ill-will to Quebec."

The compliment paid to Sir Lomer Gouin is undoubtedly well deserved. He is undoubtedly a great and far-sighted Canadian and the ablest man which Quebec has had at the head of its affairs since Confederation. His speech on the Francoeur motion was published in all parts of Canada, and was highly commended by newspapers of all shades of politics.

London News: Margarine came into being as a substitute for butter during the siege of Paris. M. Mouries, a French chemist and scientist, invented it by mixing milk and beef fat. The article that M. Mouries improved and eventually patented was later on manufactured by the Dutch and the Danes. When it was found that there was not sufficient beef fat for the new butter, vegetable oils were experimented with, and so originated margarine as we know it, of which our manufacturers are now turning out about 5,000 tons a week.

The startling news comes today that the Cunard liner Tuscania, carrying 2179 American troops, has been torpedoed and sunk off the Irish coast. At a late hour last night all but 267 of the officers and men had been safely accounted for. It is to be sincerely hoped that the remainder will turn up safely in due course, although the chances are somewhat against them. This is the first disaster to overtake troops while in transport across the Atlantic. It will cause rejoicing among the Huns, but will have the effect of arousing the Americans to greater efforts in the fight against the black curse of Prussian militarism.

Through Our Sieve

What we really want is a permanent shutdown for old Jack Frost.

It doesn't do a particle of good to yawn when some people talk.

Men enjoy doing almost anything they don't have to do.

The sword shall yet be beaten into a plowshare and the brewery into a soap fountain.

Trotzky has the defect that handicaps so many "reformers"—he hates evil more than he loves good.

There ought to be a way to impress upon the average hen in these perilous times the awful sin of slackness.

Can it be that prohibition is responsible for the enormous increase in the amount of water passing through the city pumping station?

Laugh and the world laughs with you! But Charlie Chaplin would rather have the world laugh at him—there's more money in it for Charlie.

Julia Arthur announces that she has patriotically given up two pounds of chocolates a week. One cannot help wondering how many pounds she is still eating!

Austria wants no territory. She is even willing to pay her own bills, if everybody will just stop fighting. This would have been a most sensible view in July, 1914.

BIG STORM IN WESTERN N. S.

Yarmouth, N. S., Feb. 6.—Yesterday's storm was the worst experienced in this part of Nova Scotia for several years. The Halifax and Southeastern express due here last night encountered snow difficulties all along the western section of the road and was reported several hours late at Arcadia about three miles from Yarmouth. The train got stalled in what is known as the Starr's road cut and is still in the snow.

The passengers were brought into town by teams. The railroad section men with their workmen are clearing the cut but it will be some time before the train gets through.

The highways all about the country are more or less blocked and in some cases almost impassable.

WILL ASSIST SOLDIERS' WIVES

Sydney, Australia, Feb. 6. (Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—It is officially announced that the government of New South Wales will grant assisted passages to soldiers' wives coming to Australia.

HUNS CONTINUE MOVEMENT OF THEIR TROOPS

Now Stronger on the Western Front Than at Any Time During the War.

(Canadian Press direct wire.) London, Feb. 7.—Major General F. B. Maurice, chief director of military operations, at the War Office today resumed his weekly interviews with the Associated Press after a month abroad.

"The chief incident of military importance in the past month," he said, "has been the continued movement of German troops to the western front. We long ago calculated the rate at which this movement could be carried on, and it is not going any faster than needed. The Germans are now stronger on the west front than at any time during the war, but they are not yet numerically equal to the Franco-British forces. That being so, I do not know that the situation need at present cause us any great anxiety."

General Maurice, who was in Paris during the recent air raid, declared that the air defences of London are far more complete and effective than those of Paris.

PRAISE FOR CHIEF JUSTICE

(Canadian Press direct wire.) "Looker On" in the Boston Record has the following interesting paragraph concerning Chief Justice Hazen:

"Chief Justice John Douglas Hazen of New Brunswick tells the Looker On that he visited Boston thirty-four years ago on his honeymoon, and that after all these years of happily married life—and his genial smile and pleasant manner show he has been happy—he seemed glad to again be in the historic city. He is a man of high education and wide learning, well fitted indeed to be the chief justice."

GREAT DAMAGE FROM FLOODS.

Brisbane, Aus., Feb. 6. — The number of casualties in the town of Mackay, recently overwhelmed by flood, is 120 and the damage is estimated at £1,500,000 sterling.

PERSONAL.

Mr. E. O. McLean of Newcastle, is a guest at the Barker House.

Sir Thomas Tait of Montreal, is registered at the Queen.

Mr. Edgar H. Fairweather of St. John, is in the city.

Hon. P. J. Veniot of Bathurst, is a guest at the Queen.

Sheriff Albion R. Foster of Hartland is at the Queen.

Hon. J. P. Byrne, Attorney General, arrived in the city last night.

Newcastle Advocate: The many friends of Mrs. Allen Williston, who underwent a serious operation at the Victoria Hospital, Fredericton, on Monday, are pleased to know that she is doing as well as could be expected.

LOCAL NEWS

Lieut. Governor Arrives. His Honor Lieut. Governor Pugsley arrived in the city last night for the session of the Provincial Government. He is registered at the Queen Hotel.

Pigs in Woodstock Woodstock Press: In order to help out the food supply, the Board of Health on Thursday passed a resolution allowing pigs to be kept in town, limiting the number to two for each family living in congested districts. Permits may be got from Inspector Manuel.

Met With Bereavement Maritime Baptist: Rev. Dore R. Sharpe, recently appointed Superintendent of Missions for Saskatchewan, has been called to pass through deep waters of affliction by the death of his wife. A "personal" in the last issue of the Western Baptist told of the advent of twins into the Sharpe home in Moose Jaw. The late Mrs. Sharpe was a Miss Holdsworth, of Digby, N. S. Mr. Sharpe is a native of New Brunswick and took his college course at the U. N. B.

Important Conference. Mr. W. R. Reek, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, is at Toronto attending a conference of the Wool Growers of Canada. He will also attend several large gatherings of live stock breeders before returning home. The Deputy Minister of Agriculture is a live one and during his sojourn in the Upper Provinces he will no doubt pick up a lot of information which will be put to good use in the greater production campaign to be carried on here next season.

SOCIETY NEWS.

Miss Jessie Hunter is here visiting her aunt Mrs. Rupert Taylor.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Fred Baird have gone to New York, where Mr. Baird will receive treatment for his eyes. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Baird of Andover.

Mrs. C. C. Jones returned yesterday from Chipman where she was called on account of the illness and death of her father.

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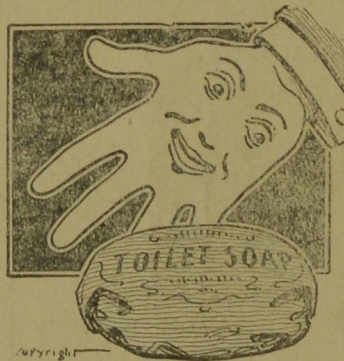
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