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## PERSISTENCE AND TENACITY

"There is a suicide point in the German character," remarks Ambassador Gerard. Well, it is suicide that the Germans have been pursuing clear from St. Quentin to Bapaume. And perhaps the willingness of the German Army to make a holocaust of itself proceeds from a misery no longer tolerable to the German sensibility. Such an explanation of German eagerness to die is entirely reasonable, considering the unreason of these extraordinary times.

Almost in the next paragraph Ambassador Gerard propounds an interesting inquiry. He asks whether lack of persistence is not a defect of the Russian character, and recites instances in Russian history when in the hour before victory the Russians have given up. They had Frederick the Great beaten and then simply desisted and went home. They were before Constantinople in 1878 and at the last moment surrendered their great opportunity to the threats of Disraeli.

Persistence is the final virtue which wins the victory. The Russian fights magnificently until the eleventh hour, but then becomes disillusioned, does not want what he has been struggling for, quits, "lies down," is conquered by homesickness, yields to a nostalgia of mixed regret, compassion, longing, disgust and renunciation.

The German persists somewhat farther and in a different manner. He will persist under the behest of this sentimentality to the death. But what he dies for is not for the good, not for liberty or justice, but for such romanticisms as Kultur and Empire. He has no very strong faith; in reality no faith at all in the survival power of goodness and truth, as witness his aphorism that "Might is Right." So, pursuing his bloody course in behalf of Might, when Might begins to fail him, when Right outraged commences her revenge, he turns Berserk, immolates himself, strews his corpses as a carpet for the field over square miles of Picardy. He makes the greatest battle in the history of mankind, but the battle is his suicide as unconsciously, if not consciously, he knows.

Tenacity is a sublimated persistence. Tenacity comes out in defeat, whereas persistence is a following after victory. But in the history of empire tenacity has won more than persistence has done. Tenacity saved old Rome again and again; it has saved England likewise on many a stricken field. Tenacity accounts for what freedom the world has and what justice mankind possesses. Tenacity is holding in northern France today as it held before Ypres three years ago, and before Verdun two years ago.

The despot and his minions may exhibit persistence. Tenacity is the prerogative of those who are aiding right, of freemen fighting for their homes, or righteous soldiers dying for the cause of justice and the future's sake.

## Y. M. C. A. WAR WORK.

On a Sunday in a small country town the people gathered for worship as usual. The clergyman who officiated was a stranger to the congregation. He had a good story to tell of how the Gospel of Christ was proving itself a great asset of our race in this present time of great need, and by way of illustration he told the story of the work of the Y. M. C. A. for our boys in summer camps and winter barracks and naval ports in Canada and in Britain; also the work that is being done in France from the seaport town right up to the front trenches. Then he expressed the hope that his hearers would not see this very practical form of Christianity suffer for lack of funds to do their very best work.

The service closed, and four farmers waited at the door to speak to the man who had made that appeal. They all wanted to make their contributions right away to assist in this work. The preacher could only protest that he had not any authority whatever to receive contributions—"the canvass will be made on the 7th, 8th and 9th

of May, and you will be asked to make your contributions then." The amounts pressed upon that clergyman by those four farmers totalled \$74.00, and this is only one illustration of what may be expected in every section of our province when the canvassing teams set forth to gather in returns for the Y. M. C. A. work overseas. Let every one help.

London Express: The world is loud in its tributes to the British troops who, north and south of the Somme, are facing and stemming the German flood. It is impossible for us to read the generous appreciation that comes from Paris, from Rome, from New York, from every city where men love freedom, without profound emotion. Every word said of our men, however, can be said with equal justice of the French. Theirs indeed is the greater joy, for theirs has been the greater trial. Great Britain stands shoulder to shoulder with France "in the linked and steadfast guard set for peace on earth." America is hastening to their assistance. Against the alliance of liberty, against this armed friendship of free men, all the powers of hell cannot prevail.

London Chronicle: The returned soldier is making his influence felt on the land. The county distinction, a championship flag offered by the Board of Agriculture to those ploughing the greatest acreage, has been secured in Worcestershire by two private soldiers who, having fought in France, were discharged medically unfit. It is less than six months since they had their first lesson in tractor ploughing. Today they are the ploughing champions of the Midland county of hops and cider.

London Globe: Potato bread is no novelty. A letter written by Voltaire in April, 1775, to Parmentier speaks of the philosopher's success in making bread composed half of potatoes and half of a mixture of wheat and barley. Voltaire described the product as "very tasty" and related that his agricultural laborers at Ferney had eaten it "with the greatest success" during a period of famine.

## Through Our Sieve

You can't lift yourself up by pulling others down.

The more a man knows the less he boasts.

All love isn't blind; some of it is merely near-sighted.

Hindenburg started going somewhere, but roads are getting worse.

The instinct which causes a woman to attend a murder trial makes a man give up \$10 to see a prize fight.

When some women cast their bread upon the waters it comes back in the form of a bread pudding.

Now they're predicting a shortage of soda water. Oh, well, the soda-water business always has been a fizzle.

Bagdad has a motion picture theatre. That's where the Arabs spend their Arabian Nights.

To get a man to keep a secret, inclose it in an envelope and give it to him to mail.

Where is the old fashioned school-teacher who used to vary the monotony of school work by tanning hides?

The man who charged his 76-year-old wife with flirting is a mean old spoil sport. He ought to have congratulated her.

A schoolgirl defined a vacuum as nothing with the air sucked out of it. That's the place of exile for the Kaiser.

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## CONSCRIPTION FAVORED BY BOTH SIDES

Dublin, May 6.—The opening of the election campaign in East Cavan today brought to the constituency about twenty Irish members of parliament and numerous representatives of the Sinn Fein organization. Attempts to make arrangements for rival speakers to use the same platform were unsuccessful and numerous rival meetings were held.

Priests who made addresses, spoke on opposite sides, but generally urged the bishop's appeal for a compromise by the withdrawal of both candidates. Both sides agreed in favoring conscription, but the Sinn Fein repudiated the action of parliament and claimed that Ireland's case must come before the peace conference.

In Dublin today the collection for the anti-conscription fund resulted in the payment of first instalments averaging £300 to a parish.

## MARYSVILLE HAPPENINGS

Marysville, May 6.—The pastors of the different churches appealed to their respective congregations on behalf of the Y.M.C.A. Triangle Fund at the services yesterday. The great work which this organization is doing among the soldiers was fully portrayed and an urgent appeal for substantial assistance during the campaign which will be carried on during the next few days was made. An active committee has charge of the work of canvassing in this town and good results are looked for.

A program of special patriotic music was carried out at the evening service of the Methodist church yesterday, including solos by Sergt. Nolan of Fredericton.

Mr. J. McP. Peterson sang a pleasing solo at the evening service of the Penniac church yesterday.

Mrs. Malcolm Dennison and Miss Jennie Dennison are visiting relatives at St. John.

Mr. Norman Buchanan has arrived here from Auburn, Me., having been called by the serious illness of his brother, Albert Buchanan.

Mr. Fraser Saunders left this morning for Chatham in connection with his duties under the Prohibition Act.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Godbout are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a young son at their home yesterday.

Mrs. M. A. Christison has recovered from her recent illness.

Mrs. H. McDuff of Doaktown, is visiting relatives here.

The ordinance of baptism was administered to four candidates by Rev. E. W. Lester, pastor of the Reformed Baptist church, yesterday afternoon.

## HELP THE Y. M. C. A.

An Appeal to Friends of the Boys Overseas.

The Y. M. C. A. of Canada is about to ask friends of boys overseas to make a contribution of \$2,250,000 to enable the "Y" to do yet more effective work for the boys who are fighting the battles of empire. The cause is a good one and is heartily endorsed by chaplains, commanders and officers of all ranks, as well as by the men in their commands; but the "Y" would make its appeal to men on leave and to men who have "done their bit" and have been granted an honorable discharge. You have been "across." You have seen the work the "Y" is doing. Can you endorse this work? Do you approve of a forward move in this work? Will you encourage your father or your chum to contribute to this cause? Your testimony will weigh more with persons who know you than long addresses by men whom they do not know. If you have been helped by the "Y" overseas, tell it to others; tell it in your home, to your friends; tell it in the moving picture halls and wherever you have an opportunity. This will tend greatly to strengthen the appeal the "Y" is about to make and you will be doing something while at home to advance the cause overseas.

## GOUGH SPEAKS OF FIFTH ARMY

Belfast, Ireland, May 5.—General Sir Robert Gough's first public statement regarding the conduct of the fifth British army, which he commanded in the retreat from St. Quentin, comes in a letter to the Lord Mayor of Belfast in which the general pays an enthusiastic tribute to the work of the Irish troops. The letter follows:

"The fighting of the Ulster division as, indeed, of all the divisions in the fifth army, against the greatest odds, hurled on any body of troops throughout this great war, was magnificent. The main features of the situation to which the fifth army was exposed are known to every one and give some idea of what these odds were—fourteen infantry divisions against forty German divisions on March 21, reinforced by some eight to ten more German divisions during the subsequent two days.

"I cannot speak too highly of the splendid calmness and doggedness with which my fellow countrymen met and fought this storm, and though many laid down their lives, their splendid tenacity saved the British Empire and France.

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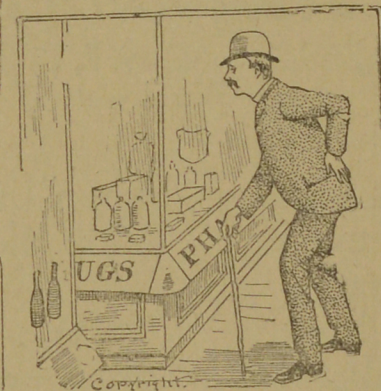
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## ANTI-JEWISH OUTBREAK.

Moscow, May 5.—An anti-Jewish outbreak, planned by anarchists, has occurred at Vitebsk, where the rioters declared their purpose was to expel the Jews from the Soviet and Soviet institutes, but instead looted Jewish stores, theatres and a hotel, causing large property losses. Riots were started simultaneously in different parts of the town, but were checked by the local revolutionary troops and Red Army forces, seven rioters being killed and twenty wounded. The remainder were arrested.

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