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ELEMENTS OF A TRAGEDY IN CHURCHILL'S RESIGNATION

The Government Loses a Vigorous Personality in the Midst of a Great War—Asquith Promises a Reduction of Extravances in War Contracts

(By T. P. O'Connor.)

London, Nov. 20—Winston Churchill's speech swept the House of Commons off its feet and therefore was an immense political success. The loss to the ministry of his vigorous inspired personality in the midst of the great war, and the possibility of his great career being abruptly ended by the chance bullet of a German sniper make the elements of a tragedy like that in which his father foundered disastrously.

There are misgivings whether self defense justified his frank discussion of the great military and naval operations as yet undecided; and there was general approval when Lord Fisher's terse, dignified retort spared the country a disastrous continuance of such a painful and perilous controversy.

The public mood is changing. On one hand the spirit of frank criticism is more abroad, the censorship will have to be relaxed and the era of popular heroes is past. On the other hand, this spirit reveals a sterner determination to carry the war to a successful end and proclaims that no good nature to incompetence, in the field or at home will be tolerated.

It is realized that the attrition of the war leaves Britain more confident than ever that she will be the last exhausted. Though events in Serbia seem inauspicious and Germany occupies more territory, the British mind remains unmoved and pays more attention to the signs of a break-up of Germany in food and lost millions.

TO CUT OFF LUXURIES.

Mr. Asquith's war office regime already promise a reduction of extravagance in contracts. There is even a movement to extend the prohibition of luxurious imports beyond such narrow limits as motor cars and fims. The first era of setting their teeth is now followed by that of Britons tightening their belts if the war requires.

Mr. Churchill's peroration voiced the temper of the country. The tremendous recruiting boom of the first week of Lord Derby's recruiting scheme will prove conscription unnecessary.

JOFFRE'S VISIT.

I leave for a moment the spacious city. It was remarkable that he

battlefield at the various fronts and the broad and turbulent arena of political controversy at home. It may be a relief to my readers to see something about what I may call the little domestic ironies of the war. I begin with the visit of General Joffre to London. Nothing has appeared about the visit except the brief, dry and unilluminating paragraphs of the usual official type, but I have been enabled to gather some extremely interesting details. It is very curious that the London crowd showed a prompter instinct than men in high places. Several of the ministers told their friends that when first they saw General Joffre they were scarcely able to recognize him. He was so different from the impression one derives from his photographs. In the photographs he looks a rather short, stumpy kind of man of a coal black complexion. As a matter of fact, he is of good height; the complexion inclines to fair rather than to dark. In short, his appearance was very much the reverse of anticipations; except that the eyes had the expression of simplicity, softness and straightforwardness which everybody had expected.

SURPRISED THE CROWD.

But the crowd, which had no previous knowledge whatever of his arrival in London, immediately recognized him when he was seen emerging from the Gar plice and cheer upon cheer arose. He is the popular idol in England as much as he is in France. I understand that the general, who has all the transparency of expression of a frank nature, showed his keen pleasure very palpably at this evidence of his popularity.

There was another surprise when he came in the council. He is universally known as a man of few and simple words; but to the astonishment of everybody he burst into a speech lasting from thirty to forty minutes. Vehement, touching, eloquent, and at the end of the speech the doubts and misgivings and hesitations which he had come over to combat had all been swept away and his policy had triumphed. Naturally, a man so intensely interesting had every single movement watched, with friendly, but intense curiosity. It was remarkable that he

tasted, though only to the extent of a sip, every one of the two or three good wines that were placed on the table at lunches and dinners. He belongs to the robust Southern French race, has a modest income; himself has a vineyard property and like ninety-nine percent of Frenchmen, does not oscillate between the Anglo-Saxon extremes of total abstinence and rather incautious self-indulgence. I remarked the same thing when I was on the Irish mission to Paris. Nearly all the Frenchmen around me just took a sip of the different wines—but only a sip; scarcely one of them was, or affected to be, a total abstainer. This must have been a somewhat galling sight to the Britishers whom the French commander-in-chief met. Most of them now are rigid teetotalers. It is more than half a century since the British statesman who was all the better for good liquor has entirely disappeared. No man could live in public life today who imitated the hilarity of Pitt and Fox in one generation and of even Disraeli in two generations, later, for the greatest of the modern Jews had the love of good liquor which belonged to his youth, when he was the bosom friend of Louis Napoleon and Tom Moore, the Irish poet. Nowadays, and especially since the war, teetotalism has arisen to a fashionable craze as well as a patriotic demonstration. Half or three-quarters of the men you meet in politics drink nothing but Perrier water. The other day Sir Edward Clarke, who is now seventy-four years of age, wrote a letter to the papers to say that since he joined the Old Men's Brigade of Volunteers and gave up all

liquor he felt younger than he had done for years. The members of the cabinet have nearly all given up alcohol, though one or two have been compelled by their doctors to fall back again on small amounts of alcohol as a necessary tonic during the tremendous fatigues.

Mr. Lloyd George, who has been nine-tenths of his ordinary life a teetotaler, of course finds no difficulty in applying the self-denying ordinance and cannot be induced to touch anything but water.

Pointed Paragraphs

Lots of infant industries never grow up.

More often than not the inside tip fails to win out.

He who never does wrong never does very much, anyway.

Many a man's phenomenal success is a surprise to himself.

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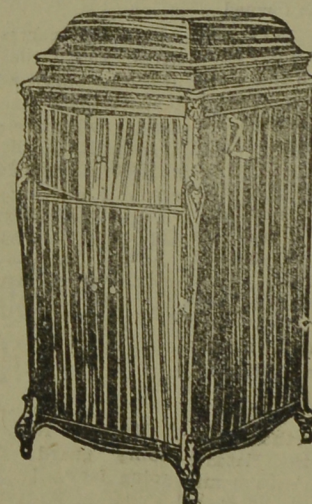
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