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MORAL QUALITIES

A writer on "Moral Qualities in War," emphasizes these: "patriotism," "discipline," "a strict sense of duty," "readiness to accept responsibility."
In war or in peace these are the qualities that make men, and their development should not be delayed until war breaks out.

Why do we talk so much today of patriotism, of discipline, of duty, of responsibility? Because our empire is in danger and because its salvation depends upon these qualities in its people—in us.

When the war broke out, when the enemy was on the march, all armed and ready for battle, we in Canada began to get our men together, to drill them, to clothe them, to prepare them for battle.

We need these qualities as much in the piping days of peace as we do in times of war. We need discipline, that discipline which will yield unquestioning obedience to authority, which will yield respect to the laws of our land.

This is not wholesome, nationally or individually, and it will produce an unwholesome harvest, nationally and individually—if not remedied. We are having a survey of the city. If conducted honestly and fearlessly and with a view to seeking and applying a remedy it will make for better civic conditions morally and socially.

We need discipline; it must begin with the young. The young are taking their lessons diligently from their elders, and "whoso shall offend one of these little ones, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck and that he were drowned in the midst of the sea."

WAR STORIES

The war has brought out the usual crop of stories, believable and unbelievable, of theories probable and improbable. When the whole story is finally told, as much of it doubtless will be, it will tell, as all other wars have told, of heroism and cowardice, of mercy and cruelty, of daring and of disgrace.

The engines of destruction that are being used for the first time in this war, will naturally appeal to the imagination and no doubt many imaginary devices and their imaginary effects will figure largely in the fictions that will constitute a large part of the aftermath.

Perhaps the strangest story yet told in connection with the present war is that of the use of "Turpentine," the new and deadly gas bomb that on explosion kills every living thing within a certain area.

Still the resources of science are infinite and the impossibilities of a few years ago are the commonplaces of today and we cannot afford to call anything impossible. It will of course be recognized that such gas shells or bombs as the one referred to are forbidden by the Hague Convention, but we know also that the Hague Convention's rules have not been held as altogether sacred in the present war.

The London Daily Express works out the details of the Turpentine story in a way that compels some attention.

We give it for what it is worth: Eugene Turpin, who developed the use of nitrated hydrocarbons in explosives and who claimed the invention of melinite and lyddite, is said to have been annoyed by ill-treatment at the hands of the French War Office, and to have set himself to finding an explosive that should make both the lyddite and melinite obsolete in war.

This is the "vril" of Bulwer's "Coming Race." It is the dream of romance come true, if it has come true. The world will hold its judgment in suspense. Time will tell whether the stories are pure fabrication, or mixed fabrication, or wholly reliable.

THE OTHER SIDE

In a war that has seen so many reversions to barbarism under the claims of "culture," says an American exchange, it is good to learn from minor incidents coming from the fields of slaughter, that a distinction is to be drawn between the men of the rank and file and the monarchs and the brutalized aristocrats of militarism.

"It is stupid, this war," said a Frenchman from Montmartre to a Luxembourgian lying within a yard of him. "You and I were happy when we were good friends in Paris. Why should we have been made to fight with each other?" And he died with his arms about the neck of his old schoolmate.

Nor on this side, let us hope, after this colossal crime has run its course.

"Don't cheer, boys; the poor devils are dying," as the gallant American Capt. Evans said at Santiago, is a sentiment that must come upon the world with awful impressiveness these days.

ATTITUDE OF SOUTH AFRICA

Much the most impressive testimony to the solidarity of the British Empire, under the pressure of an unprecedented war, says a United States exchange, is that furnished by Louis Botha, premier of the South African Union. That Canada and Australia should respond to the call of Great Britain was to be expected.

On the contrary, we have the spectacle of the ablest of the Transvaal generals temporarily quitting his political duties as premier of the Union, to lead an armed force against German East Africa and pending the complete organization of his army, taking the public platform to urge loyalty to the empire and active support from those capable of bearing arms.

Some are now advocating an international police force to preserve peace and maintain order throughout the world. There has been one for many years, although only one nation paid the bills. It is called the British navy.

The London Times vouches for the truth of a report which says that the Kaiser called upon his soldiers to walk over General French's "contemptible little army." The goose step may be high, but if it was far higher still it would not be equal to such a task.

The fleet requisitioned to carry Canada's expeditionary forces to Europe consisted of thirty-one great ocean liners, with a convoy of eleven battleships. Never was there such a sight on the Atlantic Ocean as this great procession of forty-two noble ships, carrying an army from the New World to the Old.

"Outrages should incite us to overthrow the outrager. That is all. The women he has defiled cannot be restored to happiness by the unhappiness of yet other women, a dead German child will not bring a dead Belgian child to life again.

The war continues to make sad havoc in the ranks of the peace party. Maxim Gorky, who says of himself that he had always been ready to do anything to make war impossible, now says it is the simplest duty to help the Russian soldiers, the simple heroes, who are seeking to destroy the Germans who have laid filthy blood-stained paws on most holy places, stopped the grass from growing and shown themselves to be without culture.

In times of peace our soldiers' advice is not taken any great notice of, but in times of stress and strain the nation looks to them to save the cause for which our Empire stands. Sir John French our Commander-in-Chief in France gave the following as his opinion a few years ago: "You must prepare. When the time arises I have no doubt there will be tens of thousands willing to defend their country, but unless they have been previously prepared, they are useless for that great duty."

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P. O. MONTREAL: We have failed to get the information. We wrote the Secretary and the Law Agent but our letters remain unanswered.

WHAT INVASION WILL DO.

ROME, Oct. 5.—News from Russian headquarters says that the invasion of Hungary, throughout the Carpathians, has two objects. The first is to insure the Russian army operating against Przemysl and along Sen river and second is to open a new centre of action in Hungarian plains where it can frighten the populace, disturb the drilling of Hungarian reservists and recruits and cut railway communication.

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