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## THE GREAT DRIVE

Now that the long expected German drive has started there will naturally be a good deal of anxiety while it lasts whatever its length may be. While we know that the Germans have made every preparation for this drive and are prepared to make limitless sacrifices to attain their object there is good reason to believe our Allied armies are prepared for them. It is quite possible that our troops may be obliged at the outset to yield ground; this has been the history of all offensives since the war began, whether launched by our troops or by the enemy. The forces attacked are at a disadvantage at the outset as the attackers choose their own ground, but when it settles down to actual fighting the advantage remains with the stayers, with the bull dog that cannot and will not let go. This has been the characteristic of the British army in all its battles; it can back so far but no farther.

Our military authorities have warned us that there may be some retirement at the outset and if our despatches of the next few days tell of such there should be no pessimism. Our generals know how far they may safely retire to save their men and a few miles more or less of ground either gained or lost counts for little. It is position and staying power that counts.

There is good reason to believe that the Allies hold the mastery in the air and no doubt aeroplanes will play an important part in the present drive. We must not suppose however that the Germans have been even approximately driven out of the heavens as our recent despatches would seem to indicate. They have not been idle during these days of comparative quiet. They were fully prepared for the drive and have launched it at the time and place of their own choosing.

That the battle will be fierce, and possibly long we may be prepared for; that we shall win out we may rest assured of.

### HELPING TO CARRY U.S. TROOPS

In another way Canada is helping in winning the war. The New York Journal of Commerce says that Canadian ships of a total tonnage of 200,000 tons have been lent to the United States to help move its troops. Sir George Foster told the House of Commons a few days ago of ocean services from Canadian ports being cut to pieces because of demand for vessels for more urgent purposes. Between British requirements, the need of troopships for the United States, and our own sea transport, there does not seem to be much chance of ordinary commercial routings for vessels capable of war service.

The Canadian people will be delighted if ships belonging to this country are freely turned to the highly important war service of getting United States troops to France. The United States has a sea transport task far beyond the capacity of its own merchant marine. Representative Caldwell, of New York, gave out figures in Congress that show the purpose of the Washington authorities to move across the sea at least 10,000 troops a day. In the first ten days of May, 90,000 troops were sent over. By about July or August, it is expected that the half-million or more troops now in France will be built up to a million. A movement of 300,000 men a month across three thousand miles of water, much of it infested with submarines, has to be supported by all possible resources, and the Canadian vessel tonnage mentioned would be helpful.

This contribution of tonnage, out of a service greatly reduced by requisitions for British military purposes, is direct aid for our own men along the Lens-Arras front. The United States troops going overseas are the factor which it is hoped, will turn the scale of war finally and decisively for the Allies.

### BABY OR SOLDIER

Statisticians have estimated that the mortality among men at the front is twenty in every thousand, or two per cent. The death rate among babies in the United States before they reach their first birthday is one hundred and forty in every thousand or fourteen per cent. We have no reason to believe that the mortality among infants in Canada is any less than in the United States. According to these figures it is much safer to be a soldier than a baby, and those who were lucky enough

to escape the perils of babyhood may find some satisfaction, on enlisting for military service, in the fact that the worst is over.

While it is not creditable to our civilization that, in order to make the world safe for democracy, it is necessary to kill off two in every thousand of those engaged in the salvage, it is still less creditable that our ignorance or neglect or crime should cause the death of one hundred and forty.

Except possibly among the fishes, whose families run into the millions and whose young become the prey of myriads of other fishes, there is no such mortality as among the human young. Nothing like the human death rate above mentioned is to be found among our domestic animals. In the latter case death from natural causes in infancy is comparatively rare. Does it not look as if, while making the world safe for democracy, an effort should also be made to make democracy safe for the world?

Physicians inform us that a very large proportion of the deaths in infancy are preventable: that very many of them are traceable to known causes such as unhealthy environment, improper feeding, ignorance and neglect. It is true that the human infant is the most helpless of all young but it is also true that the human parent is supposed to be endowed with sufficient intelligence to care for the young. It is as natural for the human young to live as for the young of other animals and, given a chance, they would live. This would appear to be one of the reforms needed in our manner of living. War is a terrible scourge but when we remember that we have been enduring for ages a greater scourge, the horrors of the latter should begin to be felt especially now, while we are being so impressed with those of the former.

### GERMANY AND RUSSIA

According to the latest cables Germany is making use of the chaotic economic conditions in Russia to increase her own influences and control over the financial and commercial institutions of that country. Russian capitalists and corporations are threatened with ruin and see no escape except to sell their property to the Germans. Meanwhile the Germans continue to advance into Russian territory and to stretch out their hands for everything of value, which, if not yielded through persuasion, is taken by force. If Russia had been actually beaten to her knees the terms on which she is permitted to live "at peace" with Germany could scarcely have been more humiliating.

Not content with taking a territory of over 120,000 square miles from Russia, Germany demands more of Russian soil, and is demanding also important trade concessions. For instance, there is a stipulation for the free entry of all her products into Russia, by which she means that the Russians shall buy nothing from anybody which Germany can supply. To guarantee this Germany is to have command of Russia's greatest export and Germany's most urgent need, wheat, for fifteen years. Remembering that these are the minimum demands and yet reduce to slavery all that part of Russia which the German revolutionary agents, Lenine and Trotzky can pretend to deliver, it was but to be expected that with these terms granted, control of the Baku oilfields would be demanded also.

What then will remain of Russia? Her trade will be absolutely Germanized. The reign of liberty and license, which the crazy Socialist leaders have promised vanishes into thin air. A commercial tyranny like this necessarily involves an industrial tyranny, while the monopoly of the wheat export, which will, of course, pay tariff duties at the German border, brings the agrarian population of Russia under the yoke. People must indeed be blind and disorganized when they can purchase peace at the price of such a slavery as this.

### NOTES

The new German Gotha is said to have three engines, each of 300 horse-power, and accommodates nine passengers. The time may be coming in aviation when machines will have six or eight or ten engines, lifting machines large enough to carry a military company. Aviation is yet but in its youth.

Out in Kansas they have found out or devised 101 different ways of preparing potatoes as food. This is no theory. The girls of the home economics department of the Topeka High School actually did it a few days ago. They prepared an all potato dinner, and the guests survived and kept their appetites up to the cigars. But it was a strain on the cooks, and the potato which never has been used as a symbol of intelligence, must at least have been surprised at its own masquerading ability—Hartford Courant.

## EDUCATED FEET OF EUSAPIA PALLADINO

Eusapia Palladino, most notorious of modern "mediums," is reported dead at her former home in Naples. She is said to have prophesied that the war is to end in September of this year, and should the event justify the guess no doubt her champions will insist that she should be regarded as a wonderful prophet and psychic, instead of a fraud. That she was a faker of remarkable merit is not to be denied. She fooled some of the most eminent scientists in Europe, and for awhile had an equally distinguished company of dupes in the United States. This was before she was exposed by Prof. Muensterberg. Even after that she did not lack for adherents, so eminent a man as the late Prof. William James, of Harvard, believing to the end that she was a woman of extraordinary supernatural knowledge, which she was too shy to display except to a favored few.

### Illiterate and Eccentric, but—

Palladino was a woman of undoubted intellect, with a convincing manner, but she could neither read nor write. Her illiteracy was no handicap to her in her career as a medium, for it tended to disarm critics who too easily succumbed to the fallacy that because one is without an education, in the ordinary sense of the word, he lacks brain-power and the ability to perpetrate successful frauds. She was born near Naples, and when she was a little child her father was killed by brigands. To this early tragedy was attributed the somewhat hysterical and nervous temperament which she possessed. At the age of eight she suffered from hallucinations, and had the idea that eyes were watching her from walls. In fact, the gifted Eusapia was what the uncultured might call a trifle nutty. In her career, therefore, a great encouragement for others who are not quite 100 per cent. from the ears up. Her lack of education did not prevent her from earning huge sums of money, nor from being regarded with the most profound respect by men like Cesare Lombroso and Sir Oliver Lodge.

### Exposed by Hodgson

Few mediums were ever more thoroughly investigated than this illiterate Italian woman, but however eminent were the investigators they proved childishly inadequate. Probably an average detective would have exposed her trickery in ten minutes. When she attempted to deceive men like Richard Hodgson, of the Society of Psychic Research, she was speedily detected. Hodgson was perhaps the most famous investigator of spiritualist fakes, and knew as much about their tricks as Ty Cobb knows about baseball. He exposed Mme. Blavatsky and scores of less celebrated fakers. Notwithstanding the Hodgson exposure, Eusapia survived and came to this continent. The newspapers were full of her exploits. She gave but two seances a week, to which no more than seven persons were admitted. It is said that

## DAILY SELECTIONS FOR GUARDIAN READERS

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### I WILL NOT FEAR

I will not fear,  
 Though storm clouds gather fast;  
 Though kingdoms fall and mountains  
 crumble into dust.  
 When every ship comes home with  
 broken mast,  
 And every doubt on earth and hell as-  
 sails my trust,  
 Then, whether heaven above be dark  
 or clear,  
 My anchor chain will hold—  
 I will not fear.

I will not fear,  
 When dearest friends turn back,  
 And earthly ties are snapped by un-  
 expected strain;  
 When those once dear now follow on  
 my track  
 And rend me, then, though bleeding, I  
 will not complain.  
 I shall expect my Lord will then ap-  
 pear  
 To shield his trusting child—  
 I will not fear.

I will not fear,  
 When everything goes wrong;  
 When losses, crosses, pains and sor-  
 row overwhelm;  
 When days are dreary, nights are dark  
 and long,  
 And storm blasts hide from view the  
 Master at the helm.  
 I see him not, but while his voice I  
 hear,  
 Unflinchingly I'll wait—  
 I will not fear.

she received enormous sums for her performances, but the patrons felt that they had their money's worth.

### Had Highly Educated Feet

The table moved, unseen hands plucked sleeves, mysterious ghost breezes wayed the curtains, and the awe-struck witnesses or worshippers were keenly conscious of a mysterious, unseen presence. There were, of course, other messages from the world beyond, quite as vague, as general and as mistaken as those which are delivered by lesser mediums. The "control" of Mme. Palladino was one John King, the shade or reincarnation of Sir Henry Buccaneer, the Morgan, who held the record until Tirpitz came upon the scene. After the exposure by Hodgson, Muensterberg and Prof. Miller, of Columbia, it was explained that the foundation for Eusapia's success as a medium resided in her toes. Long practice had made them as useful as fingers. She could do with her feet what most people can do with their hands. In other words, she had two pair of hands, and to hold the pair that were attached to her wrists was still to leave with her 50 per cent of her manual dexterity.

### The Exposure and the Explanation

Either because of a natural gift, or through long practice, she could remove her feet from her shoes, while the stupid investigator on either side thought he was pressing on her foot with his own, and then throwing herself into a most unlady-like attitude, as one would suppose, upon her shoulder blades, with her hands imprisoned and her boots checked up, she would manipulate her feet in a manner that baffled and impressed the gaping spiritualists grouped around her. In one of these fights an investigator stretched out his hand and enclosed the educated foot of Eusapia. The lights were turned on and the fraud exposed. The incident inspired the following lines:

"Eeny-meeny-miny-mo;  
 Catch Eusapia by the toe;  
 If she hollers that will show  
 James' doctrines are not so—  
 Eeny-meeny-miny-mo."

It was explained on behalf of Eusapia, however, that she was so temperamental, so keenly psychic that a suggestion of trickery on the part of one of the investigators was enough to make her play tricks. That is to say, the investigators came expecting fraud, and Eusapia, in her trance, responded to the suggestion and resorted unconsciously, to trickery. Of course, when an explanation of this sort is accepted, it is time to conclude the article.

## YOUR PROBLEMS SOLVED

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Dr. Linscott in this column will help you solve your heart problems religious, natural, social, financial and every other anxious care that perplexes you. If a personal answer is required enclose a five cent stamp. No names will be published; if you prefer, sign your initials only; or use a pseudonym.

AN OLD BRIDEGROOM:—A widower seventy years old says he is very lonely and asks my advice about marrying again. There is no use in my saying don't do it, because if you have made up your mind you will marry again anyway. Nor would I give such advice except I knew more of your circumstances. If you are well to-do and are practically alone in the world it may be a great blessing for you to marry again if you can get a suitable woman to be your wife. However I have heard that "There is no fool like an old fool" so look out that this saying does not describe you.

HUMANITY OF JESUS:—"A Christian" sends this question, "Is it possible, or probable, that Jesus ever had a lover?" I do not see why he should not, although this will doubtless shock many unthinking people. If, however, Jesus was just as much a man as if he were not divine as we are told, I do not see why he should not have had a lover. Some have thought that Mary, the sister of Lazarus occupied this relationship to Jesus, and if this should prove to be the case it would not diminish my love and veneration for the man of Galilee.

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The potato bread made in England is better than the regulation war bread. Why should not every Canadian woman who bakes her own bread get into the habit of using a certain percentage of potatoes. Those who have tried it out are enthusiastic about the results.

It is a fact that we scarcely know the value of potatoes in this country yet. Germany's wise use of potatoes helps to hold out against the Allies. Ourwise use of potatoes would further strengthen our aim in bringing victory nearer. Germany eats three times as many potatoes as we do in Canada. Now is the time for us to show some practical patriotism—to Push, Offer, Talk, Advertise, Think, Order, Eat and Sell POTATOES.

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