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"WE ARE ALL RIGHT"

"Be of good cheer, we are all right!" This was the message brought by Premier Lloyd-George to the people of England from the soldiers at the front, as told in our despatches this morning. We, who have been watching the war from this side of the Atlantic have worried considerably over retirements and apparent defeats, but while the soldiers and their generals assure us they are all right we may well assume that they are.

Since March 21st the Germans have been battering at the wall of steel and iron between them and the channel ports and the Allies are pursuing the same general policy as in the first week—to hold where they can and yield where they must.

Mt. Kemmel, highest of the hills that bounded and confined the German salient toward Hazebrouck on its north side, was a point of great tactical value. Its retention by the Allies would have made enemy operations much more difficult and its loss has already enabled the Germans to draw nearer to Ypres from the east and south than ever before since 1914.

It is probable that this important height could have been held but when the German commanders offered a high enough price in lives it was relinquished, and no real effort has been made to recover it. So the Germans may take other hills and shell-battered towns when it appears to Gen. Foch that the number of lives which must be spent to keep or retake them are more than they are worth.

For Gen. Foch's purpose is to compel the Germans to sacrifice and to keep on sacrificing more men in their attack than do the Allies in their defense, and when he can attain that purpose better by falling back than by holding, he will abandon Mt. Kemmel, or Ypres, or anything else.

On the surface it may seem hard to understand why Ypres, for which the Allies fought so bravely and stubbornly and suffered so greatly in 1914 and 1915, should in any case be surrendered now—why it is not worth as much at one time as another. The answer is that in the early years of the war, when the British army was small and weak, its Generals believed that the only alternative to holding their lines was utter destruction by a superior force. Now they are so strong that no position or succession of positions is invaluable, and whatever policy will draw out and wear down the German reserves, while sparing their own to the utmost, is the policy they will follow.

So, even if the lines hold today, they may be withdrawn again tomorrow or the day after. And we who watch the battle from beyond the Atlantic must expect to see more Allied retreats before there are Allied advances.

It is not easy day after day to sit and read and study the maps, to know that over there the French and British soldiers and our own young men with them are being hammered day and night in the greatest and fiercest of battles. It is not pleasant to see the German flood-lapping forward here and there, but from those who are watching the flood, stemming it here, backing away from it there, comes the cheery message "We are all right." And so we may confidently watch the waves of that flood breaking themselves against a wall that has stood many a storm and many a tempest.

WOMEN FARMERS

In England where every man who can fight is needed in France, where every man unfit for fighting is needed in the munition factories or in the shipyards, the seeding and harvesting of this year's crop is left largely to the women. A call has gone forth from one end of the country to the other for women farmers. The Food Production Department has issued a call for 30,000 women to work on farms. "It is up to the women of England," says a London paper, "to show the Germans that there is such stuff in this Nation that not all the guile and cunning of their statesmen, not all the atrocities of their soldiers, and not all the ruthlessness of their Gothas and U-boats can hope to bring us to our knees. Thirty thousand women can save us. Every woman who volunteers for the land is a real soldier. She is taking the place of a man in France. She is accepting hardships for the sake of her country. Better wages and greater comfort are open to her on every hand in city and town. The villages have

nothing to offer but a pittance, mean lodgings, and back-aching toil. She who accepts this offer for the sake of her country is as true a soldier as any man facing the massed legions of Germany in France."

In this country of ours, in this province of ours, we are raising a hue and cry about the men being called from the farms for military service. It is hard no doubt, it is going to shorten our production probably, it will lessen our profits on the farm no doubt and it will entail a good deal of hardship upon many farmers. But we must not forget that we are at war, and not only at war but fighting for our very lives. Under these circumstances a little hardship is due us, a little privation is our right, and we feel that whatever help our women can give on the farms will be cheerfully given, even if it means blistered hands and sore backs, if it means sunburn and freckles. Even these would mean less than many of our women are enduring now in anxiety over sons and husbands and fathers who are enduring hardship over there.

There are men still doing work among us that women could do as well, men who could work on farms and who would gladly be hired by farmers if given the opportunity. With a united determination on the part of all men and women, there should be no real falling off in production in this province, provided that all should realize that we are fighting for our lives.

"IF THAT LINE WERE TO BREAK"

"If that British line, part of which our men are holding breaks, I don't know where you would get a market for your produce. You must realize that this is a grave responsibility cast upon the government, and that we did not take up this measure without the most serious consideration. It is a question which might make any man of any proper feeling and real imagination sweat blood before they could reach a conclusion. We came to the conclusion to which duty seemed to impel us. I, for one, cannot bring myself to adopt any course which would not provide for reinforcements for the men over there." —Sir Robert Borden in address to delegation of Ontario farmers.

A TRIBUTE TO OUR SOLDIERS

"I have seen the Canadian soldiers in the camps and in the hospitals, wounded sorely, and never heard them grumble; I tried them and tested them and I could not make them grumble; all they would answer was "Everything is alright sir." I have gone into France and watched them coming out of the trenches, cold, wet, hungry and dirty with faces stamped with the traces of weariness, with their lips drawn but with their minds filled with the determination that they would never lay down the sword until their task was accomplished to the end—Bishop Richardson of N. B.

"DAMAGED GOODS"

Yesterday the now world famed film "Damaged Goods" was exhibited privately in the Prince Edward Theatre, before a number of leading citizens, including clergymen, doctors, newspaper men, civic officials and a goodly number of women. First as an artistic production "Damaged Goods" is a gem, showing real life in the higher as well as the lower levels of society, beautiful homes; beautiful costumes also the dens and the tinsel and the squalor of vice and poverty. Also, it reveals social conditions which we are assured on the best authority exist to an alarming extent in all cities—and the direful consequences of these conditions, the victimizing of the pure and the innocent, the visiting of the sins of the parents—or parent—upon the children. These conditions are shown with unsparring realism and the moral lesson cannot fail to be impressive and salutary. There is a prudery and mock modesty that would hide these conditions from the young and the innocent, that would hide but not heal them. This film, because of what it reveals, has been strongly endorsed by the clergy, by doctors, by health officials both in Canada and the United States. The aim of the author of the book, "Damaged Goods," which the film portrays, is to arouse the nations to a realization of existing social conditions as to demand legislation making physical examination before marriage compulsory and the reason for such is most convincingly shown by the picture. "Damaged Goods" may be seen by men and women in all walks of life to their advantage.

NOTES

The anti-German feeling in Austria is growing. The Austrians are watching the present offensive with intense interest and they evidently have no great faith in its success. When its failure has been demonstrated Germany's chief ally will be troublesome.

VIGOROUS DEFENCE OF SPY DETECTIVES

Because it is necessary to keep most information secret makes it almost impossible for the Bureau of Intelligence, or Bureau of Investigation as it is called in the Department of Justice, to defend itself from innuendos and even direct lies. This applies to all countries, but reference is particularly made to the Washington Bureau, which of late has been much criticized. Zealous but misguided Americans have stated from time to time that ammunition manufactured in their country has been shipped recently to Germany and likewise that 14 German spies secretly have been shot. The case of Walter Spoorman was featured in hundreds of papers, it being stated that Spoorman came over in German Submarine No. 53 to Newport; that he was a high officer in the German army; that his trunk was filled with incriminating correspondence with von Bernstorff, Bay-Ed and others; that he visited American military camps in uniform of a captain of the United States army; that he was detected in the act of lighting a fuse to blow up the arsenal at Newport News, etc. It has also been stated, writes Thomas F. Logan in Leslie's, that the Department of Justice has paroled large numbers of spies to enable them to attend to their private business and that they are at large without any restraint.

Good Intelligence System

It can be stated authoritatively that there is not a scintilla of truth in any of these statements. They are cited as examples of the kind of false rumor that work harm to the interest of the United States Government; that incite prejudices and passion and destroy faith in a Government that has a definite and intelligent policy in dealing with a great national war problem. The largest part of the intelligence system of the United States Government is under the direction of the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice. The Navy Department also has an excellently organized and aggressive intelligence bureau. So has the War Department, under Gen. Van Deman, whose headquarters are at the War College. The State Department has an intelligent bureau, under one of the ablest secret service operatives in the country, familiarly known in Washington as "Bill" Nye. The Treasury Department has its own secret service, which is largely engaged in counterfeiting and smuggling cases.

How Enemies Escape

The supreme direction of these forces quite naturally has fallen into the hands of Thomas Watt Gregory, the Attorney-General of the United States, and the man who has formulated the policy of the Government in this delicate problem. When matters of policy arise they are referred to the Attorney-General. His policy is not accidental, nor is it merely an evolution of experience in handling many cases. It is based upon a careful study of the problem of a mixed population of many nationalities living in a democracy, under free institutions, guided by a Constitution, which lays great stress upon liberty and free speech and

DAILY SELECTIONS FOR GUARDIAN READERS

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TRAVELLERS

Down this little world we travel, heading for the land of Dawn, sowing wood and scratching gravel, here today, tomorrow's gone!

Down our path of doubts and dangers we are toddling, mile on mile? transient and inquiring strangers, dumped into this world a while.

Let us make the journey pleasant for the little while we stay; all we have is just the present—all we need is just today.

Let's encourage one another as we push along the road, saying to a jaded brother: "Here, I'll help you with your load!"

Banish scorn and vain reviling, banish useless tears and woe; let us do the journey smiling, all our hearts with love aglow.

Let us never search for sorrow, since the journey is so brief; here today and gone tomorrow, what have we to do with grief?

Down this little world we wander, strangers from some unknown spheres, heading for the country yonder, where they have no signs or tears. Let us therefore cease complaining, let us be no longer glum; let us all go into training for the joyful life to come!

which at the same time defines treason as the giving of aid or comfort to the enemy. Outside of this provision in the Constitution which defines treason, there are few specific statutes under which a person against whom there is evidence of treason can be tried. One of the men who have done most to create pacifism to discourage the draft and to undermine confidence in the war aims of the American Government has come close to the constitutional definition of treason, but his statements have always been punctuated by shrewd "ifs," "ands" and "buts," and with conditions and hypotheses that would save him in a court law, although not in the court of public opinion.

Fifteen Hundred Cases Daily

The Department of Justice is ready to try any man who may be charged with treason. Let a jury convict any man of treason while the war lasts and there will be a prompt execution. But the American Government, true to its traditions, will not prosecute any man unless the evidence indicates guilt. Fifteen hundred cases are reported to the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice alone every day. Each one must be investigated with the greatest care. Most of the fears represented in these complaints naturally are baseless, but a number lead to real clues, which must be followed. Prosecution results in many cases, internment of enemy suspects in others. Most of the real Austrian spies, however, quit the country with Dumba, and most of the real German spies—that is to say, the directing heads—quit with von Bernstorff.

What Spies Want to Know

What Germany is concerned most about is the location, number, time of departure, and character of the cargoes of ships. That is why the cables, wireless and mails are censored so rigidly. Little, if anything, is now getting through. The Department of Justice has its well-organized force covering the whole country. In addition the department receives considerable assistance from the American Protective Association, which is well organized and which is approved by the Department of Justice, but which has no other official standing. This association has done good work. Many loyal Americans have been annoyed since the war began by having their movements watched by some amateur Nick Carter. But, while many foolish complaints have been made, the civilian adjunct has helped measurably to safeguard the nation's interest.

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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.

TEMPERANCE:—You do not overstate the importance of temperance as applied to alcohol, but there is danger of not spreading the doctrine over the entire range of human passions. The body of a man is an animal and if left without restraint will plunge into ruin. The soul should control the body, but alas, I fear that the majority are controlled by their bodies. "The flesh" controls the spirit. Self control is most difficult, but must be done if we are to save the race from degeneracy; boys and girls must be taught concerning their physical natures; the necessity of self denial and continence.

ANXIOUS INQUIRER asks, "Is it a sin to ask God's protection and success to a business which one is interested in, not so much for one's self but more on account of others who are interested with him. Would it not be a selfish prayer?" If your view of selfishness is correct then all prayer for ourselves is selfish. It is not necessarily wrong for us to pray for things that we need, whether it is for success to our business or for any other thing. If the business to which you refer is a legitimate business you have a perfect right to pray for its success. Whether you are interested in the business or not I do not see how it can be wrong to pray that it may be prosperous.

This Postmaster Found Them Good

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