

THE ACTUALITIES OF WAR.

One of the most striking pictures of the war is found in the pages of the London Magazine, where the editor, Mr. Arthur Mee, describes his ride to the "End of Civilization," and what he saw there. He says:

"I have spent three days in a ruined world. I have watched civilization fighting for its life. I have seen the work of a wild beast with the brain of a man that leapt across the Rhine and tore to pieces the face of beautiful France.

"I have heard the trumpet blast of the armies of the powers of darkness. I have listened to the thunder of the guns that tried to shatter human Liberty. I have stood in the spacious solitude of a broken world.

"Yet, though the things a man sees bring tears to the eye and break down any heart not made of stone, behind the visible things is an invisible something greater still; and there, in the dim peril of Ypres, on the conquered heights of Vimy Ridge, in the bitter desolation of Bapaume, I felt again the eternal hope of man. My eyes have seen what no words can tell, and my heart believes in God."

This is the way he brings the actualities of war home to his readers.

"Thirty million men are killing one another, thirty million other men are making things to kill with, and we are riding to the heart of all this woe. Ten million men who did not want to die lie dead upon these fields that not long ago were smiling with the homes of happy children, and we are riding to this Red Earth. Fifty thousand million dollars have been spent upon this war, and we are riding to see what men have done with it. We know what we have done with \$50,000,000; we have given our aged poor a little comfort in their closing days. How much happiness could we buy, then, with a thousand times \$50,000,000? Surely we could change the very face of the earth with the power of ten thousand millionaires. Well, these ten thousand millions have changed the face of the earth. Come for a ride with me and see.

"If you have ever been for a ride in France you will remember the miles and miles of trees that line the roads, you will remember the little white houses everywhere and the smiling fields and gardens that have made the peasant the master and the strength of France.

"We are riding through them from Agincourt, through the pleasant plains, through the villages and the little towns, through the endless avenues that give their cooling shade in summer and stand in winter like cathedral aisles; and the world seems a beautiful place. The sun is out and the loveliness of autumn is about us; in deed and in truth we ride in joy through France. The people go about their work, the children go to school, we can almost fancy bells are ringing—and then—

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"We have come to the end of the beautiful world. The sword has gashed the face of France, the trees are withered and blasted, the avenues are no more, the roofs of the houses are broken, the walls are toppling down, the rooms are heaps of rubble, the people have gone, the cathedral bells will never ring again. The world slows down; the joy has passed from the face of it.

This was written before the last great German drive. What must the picture be like now? The same writer says at the close of his article: "We have had our failures—enough to break our heart, but the greatest success of the war is the British soldiers, made in a month or two to endure for all time. And so I am an optimist for I have seen the men who know and the things these men have done, and I know that good will conquer evil."

The Democrats Must Meet the Issue. The women's potentiality is inevitable. The national organization has decreed that women must be advisory members of the National Democratic Executive Committee. That being true, North Carolina women are going to demand of the State Democratic Convention when it meets here April 10 that this convention declare itself in favor of equal suffrage, and just how a party that is nationally committed to the "cause" will ignore it in State convention is not easy to explain.

Congressman Zeb Weaver, of the Tenth, is all right. He voted for suffrage, but all the other Democratic members of House and Senate, Hood, of the Third, excepted, seem against it. Republicans have gone a trifle further than the Democrats have.

There is no promise to give the Republicans trouble in their Greensboro Convention; it is the Democracy that is catching it.

That's hard luck No. 1. The Democrats must face it. The men in charge are not long on facing things. They have been able to face sideways, backward, any old way. But they must meet this issue. The women are not going to be put in the attitude of being recognized abroad and ignored at home. They will ask indorsement, they say.

HEROISM OF THE ALLIES

German Advanced in Swarms—But Determined Resistance—British Machine Gunners Fire Until Sick of Firing.

All the stories that come from the battlefield tell of the cheerful determination of the allied troops to hold on. And they have held on in the face of tremendous odds. Here is one report.

Everywhere cheerfulness was to be found and perfect confidence in the future. Both officers and men, whether French or British, tell narratives of wonderful heroism on the part of individuals and units.

The gunners of a battery of French 75s in the neighborhood of Chauny were surrounded for three days without food, but fought until the last round was fired; then, taking advantage of some confusion in the course of the third night, they through their machine guns, and escaped, carrying their wounded companions with them.

Men belonging to a dismounted French cavalry corps, acting as infantry, fought a rear guard action day after day, against immense odds. The troopers declare that the enemy came forward in such deep waves that it was only necessary to fire point blank to hit with certainty. These cavalrymen fired into the company so rapidly that the Germans fell in swaths, yet still others came on, until the French defenders were compelled to cease fire, because both rifles and machine guns were red hot.

The advance of the Germans was similar in character everywhere, were succeeding wave in closest succession. When the first German division was exhausted, another immediately took its place. In some cases a single division of the allies, while retreating, was attacked successively by six German divisions.

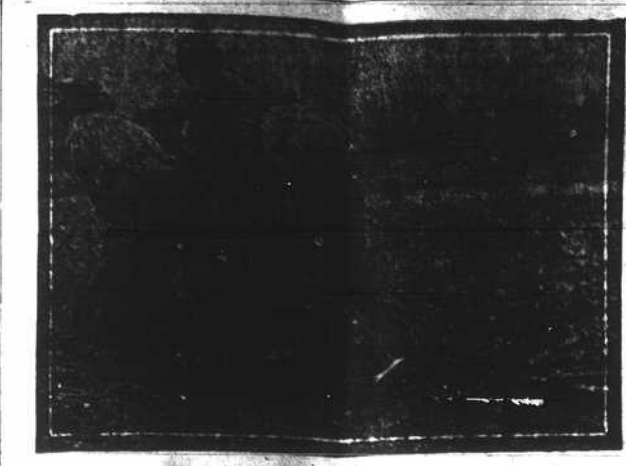
Such a continued series of shocks from fresh troops was bound to tell on tired men, and eventually the allies were forced to give way. But they did so still fighting.

A special cable from London to the Greensboro News under date of March 29th says: "Wounded men arriving in London tell amazing stories of the fighting. Men in a front trench west of Lecatelet on the 21st knew what date and time the enemy attack was to be launched exactly and expected it any minute. In one semi-circular trench wherein were 100 machine guns the enemy in dense masses swarmed right and left all of Thursday and Thursday night, falling by the hundreds, by enfilading machine gun fire. Over piles of dead and wounded men and horses, the enemy kept pushing in, filling the gaps. Our men fought on without food or water, orders having gone out not to touch their rations, owing to the risks of poisoning from gas attack. Dawn Friday disclosed enemy dead thick on all the surrounding ridges. The narrator says: 'Two things drew us from our trenches—the enemy's numberless men and our own exhaustion from want of food. We had had nothing to eat since Wednesday night. I got nothing until I reached Peronne Saturday except a little of my rations which I ventured to consume at the risk of being poisoned.'

It was between 10 and 11 o'clock Friday morning when two advancing columns threatened to take us, flanked on either side, that we began to leave our trench. As we left we continued to enfilade them and our fire reduced their numbers while our own ranks were getting thinner and thinner. We returned some more, fighting all the way, sometimes hand to hand, then decided to make for Saulcourt to reorganize there our forces. The two groups took different routes and as we retired we continued to take toll of the advancing column, which closely pursued, while every few minutes we could hear our mines blowing up and tearing holes in their formation. Our party, in charge of a sergeant major reached Saulcourt, but I did not hear what happened to the three other parties for I was knocked out by a bullet between Villiers and Paucourt.

"At Saulcourt another division took over the rear guard action from us and we passed through their ranks to the rear walking over wounded, making for the casualty clearing station at Peronne. Three miles back on the way we saw our heavy artillery coming into play. Our division had 10 divisions opposing it and the battalion on the extreme right was badly cut up. The last time we saw them they were engaged in hand to hand fighting with two or three battalions of German infantry and cavalry. The division which took over the fighting from us repulsed four cavalry attacks."

The sergeant of a regiment attached to the 24th division held part of the front between Peronne and St. Quentin considered that the enemy in spite of his great number, could not have broken through this sector but for a gas attack. "I talked with the wounded of six divisions and they all agreed it was impossible to hold our front lines under the weight of the enemy's numbers and gas shells. All agree that in the German storming waves there was a big majority of young men. The enemy used for the first time a certain amount of dye in his gas shells. This dye stained the craters caused by the shells explosion; as the gas hangs around the craters a



HEROIC WOMEN OF FRANCE

DR. ALONZO TAYLOR  
My words are not powerful enough to do even scanty justice to the most heroic figure in the modern world, and of the healthy men who are engaged in the military service in France, practically all are engaged either in transportation or in the manufacture of munitions, leaving the agriculture absolutely to the women. Not only this, but they have stepped into the place of work animals; you can go into any section of France today and see women of magnificent, noble womanhood plough and cultivating the soil. All of the agriculture rest upon their shoulders. The home, always an extremely efficient home, maintains a few old men, the wounded and the tubercular. Uncomplaining, with high devotion, with an attitude that amounts almost to religious exaltation, the women of France bears the burden.

Now, conditions being as they are, does it lie within the heart of the American people to preserve and hold to every convenience of our life at the expense of adding an additional burden to the womanhood of France? This is the exact question that is involved in our substitution of other cereals in place of wheat.

The women of France must be enabled to hold up the morale of the French soldier until next spring. The morale of the house decides the morale of the soldier in the fighting line. We can do this by giving to them the greatest possible freedom in their food supply, and of this, wheat is the chief factor.

SACRIFICIAL CONSCIOUSNESS MUST COME TO ALL BEFORE WAR IS WON

Raleigh—"A war consciousness—a sacrificial consciousness—must and will come to every individual unit of our people before this war is won." This conviction was expressed by United States Food Administrator Henry A. Page who has just returned from a conference of State Food Administrators with Mr. Hoover and his staff at Washington.

"There must be a reconstruction of our personal relations and of our attitude. Our relations and attitude must be determined by a consideration of their influence upon the winning of the war.

"There must be intensified effort in every phase of life. We must not only substitute, but we must economize. We must save wear less, spend less money for non-essentials, conserve not only food-stuffs and clothing but labor as well. Every hour of man-power should be made to produce as nearly as possible 100 per cent efficiency toward the winning of the war.

"This war consciousness must come. If it doesn't come before, it will come when our casualty lists begin to come in showing a loss of several hundred brave American boys each day. If not before, it will come when a large proportion of women you see on the streets will be wearing black for boys who have fallen 'Over there.'

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