HUN EFFICIENCY AS IT LOOKS TO-DAY

AN AMERICAN ARRAIGNMENT OF THE "SUPERMAN."

After Two Years of Arrogance, Egotism and Frightfulness, Ending in Failure.

The New York Times reviews the first two years of the war in a striking article, which is here given in abbreviated form:

The Empire of Efficiency began the War of Frightfulness on August 1, 1914. On August 1, 1915, the outlook for liberty and democracy was at its darkest. The first year ended with the Supermen everywhere in the ascendant; the second year ends with the common men and the little people coming toward their own. On the eve of August 1, 1916, what had been the general faith on the eve of Aug. 1, 1914, what had seemed a broken creed on August 1, 1915, is coming out plain again from the murk — that arrogance, egotism, cruelty, and tyranny cannot conquer the world.

A year ago Efficiency was driving the Russians pell-mell before it, held the western allies helpless, was about to begin the destruction of Serbia and the working of British disaster in the Ottoman Empire. Only at sea and in Africa were the allies dominant. To-day Efficiency and Frightfulness are surrounded and beleaguered; they have no longer any chance of resuming their offensive, and their only hope now is to resist so stubbornly that the result will be a draw—a peace of exhaustion, a time of recuperation, and the whole thing to be fought out again when the wounds are healed.

The two-headed God of Efficiency and Frightfulness is not, after all, superhuman, invulnerable, invincible, or—what is more to the point—infallible. Efficiency blunders, Frightfulness flees. On paper, in advance, Efficiency was all-wise, Frightfulness irresistible. Efficiency launched the war of the Superman against the common man at the perfect moment, seen unerringly. Its infallible secret service reported to it that England would not enter the war, for fear of an Irish revolution and an industrial revolt; that Russia could not lumber up upon her ponderous feet before Paris was in Efficiency's hands; that France was populated by nerveless decadents—here is where Efficiency's scientists gave their omniscient evidence—and had no more resisting power than Paraguay; that Belgium would not resist the entrance of Efficiency's armies; that Italy would fight for Efficiency, and that the sympathy and moral support of the United States were certain. It was the divinely right moment. Efficiency's methods were as certain as arithmetic.

Efficiency's Blunders.

But the moment Belgium's soil was touched Britain declared war, and the sea was closed to Efficiency. Efficiency must feed herself unaided: Somehow, Efficiency had blundered; her diplomats and spies had misinformed her, their salaries and expense accounts had been wasted in a manner that smelled, somehow, of Inefficiency; for what they had reported to her was what any mere Inefficient, with eyes in his head, who had spent a month in England, could have told her was not true. No matter; the conquest of France was easy, Russia could not fully mobilize before she would be grappled with, and Britain, with her "contemptible little army," could be forced to a favorable peace.

Belgium unexpectedly resisted, and was slaughtered; and the sympathy and moral support, not only of the United States, but of nearly every other country, were sundered from Efficiency by that act. Inefficiency could have done no worse. The old-fashioned, hit-and-miss, go-as-you-please mental processes which were to be superseded by infallibility never stumbled into such a blnnder as this. Efficiency carried her armies almost to Paris, and then Decadence arrested her descending arm at the Marne. That blow has never fallen to this day, and the whole infallible plan was split and shattered by the ordinary human mind of a French general who did not believe in Efficiency, in Frightfulness, or in the divine right of one nation to rule others.

The system of Frightfulness is not alone a system of atrocities; it is not limited to the slaughter of women and children by Zeppelins, submarines, and individual enterprise. It is the system of warfare by which you continually appall your opponent; it destroys his nerve by its unexpectedness and its violence.

What Frightfulness Did.

Frightfulness, like Efficiency, is infallible. All you have to do is to keep it up, and the inferior race is sure to get into a panic. It was part of the war of Frightfulness, therefore to launch Ireland at England's back, to attack the Suez Canal, to set India and Egypt afire at a moment when England was expecting nothing but an attempt to attack Paris again. So, suddenly, Frightfulness attacked England's nerves by bursting into Serbia when such an attack was least expected. But the Suez Canal did not fall, nor did England's nerve flutter. She was aroused instead, and gave Kitchener the 4,000,000 men he had asked for.

Strange to say, this was the effect of Frightfulness everywhere. Infallible Efficiency foretold that an attack on a fishing village, a Zeppelin raid over London, the sinking of a liner, the shooting of an English nurse, must shatter England's nerves. Instead, it filled the slow Englishman with fury, and he entered the army by the million. To-day there are hundreds of thousands of Englishmen in the armies that are pounding Efficiency to pieces on the Somme who would not be there if it had not been for Efficiency's masterpieces—Scarborough, the Lusitania, the Zeppelins, Louvain, Edith Cavell. Once, this year, Efficiency sent her ships out to fight manfully, not murderously. After the battle was over, nothing was changed; the sea was still a foe. And at home Efficiency is busy arranging, not conquest, but resistance.

Liberty, menaced in 1914, in desperate danger in 1915, holds to her long-endangered faith in 1916 and sees in the future the salvation of that faith. Some things are plain enough already. The old things are not so easily destructible. The two-headed god is a false god. Fallible, Efficiency, Frightfulness unfeared, constitute together no Superman at whose coming the world must fall on its face.

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Lord Buckmaster, the Lord Chancellor, who has been urging everybody to economize and save all they can in war time, is one of the most important men in the Cabinet, for it is through him that King George signifies his consent to anything signed in his name.

The Lord Chancellor is technically "the Keeper of the King's Conscience," advising his Majesty in regard to signing all State documents. Furthermore, the Lord Chancellor is the custodian of the Great Seal which figures on these documents. The Seal is kept in an elaborate purse made of the finest purple velvet, heavily embroidered in colored silks with the Arms of England—the lion and the unicorn, surmounted by the Imperial crown. Below is worked in silk a motto in Latin meaning "For God and My Country."

A "Queenly" Chancellor.

It is an interesting fact that the Lord Chancellor takes precedence of every temporal Lord and anyone who is not a member of the Royal family, and of all Bishops except the Archbishop of Canterbury.

An interesting confession was made by Lord Buckmaster on one occasion to Mrs. Alex Tweedie, who relates the incident in her recently-published reminiscences, "My Tablecloths." "The most interesting thing about the office," said Lord Buckmaster, in a note to Mrs. Tweedie, "is that it was held by a woman, Queen Eleanor, when her husband went to the wars. The result was disastrous, as feminine justice did not appear to agree with the proud stomachs of the city."

The appointment of Lord Buckmaster to the Chancellorship in 1914 astonished a good many people, for his promotion to the highest position on the Bench with $50,000 a year came after only two years as one of the Law Officers of the Crown. Lord Buckmaster, however, was, before his appointment as Solicitor-General in 1913, one of the leaders of the Chancery Bar, where he had a very large practice. For some years he was a Chancery "special." "Specials" do not appear for a lower fee than 100 guineas.

Youthful Dignity.

His Lordship, who is fifty-five years of age, is famous for his energy and youthful appearance. He only looks about thirty-five, and it is related that on one occasion a client remarked, "It's a nice thing to pay a boy like that such a big fee." But after Lord Buckmaster had won his case for his client, the latter made a further observation: "There's no knowing what fee that young man will want when he reaches sixty."

Lord Buckmaster, however, has known the rough and ready life of the junior barrister who practices in the county courts for small fees. When briefs of his own were scarce, he "devilled" for busier friends, doing their work cheerfully and well. Undoubtedly his energy and industry have been the secret of his wonderful success. Furthermore, he is held in high esteem for his personal qualities, and, when his legal duties permit him to do so, there is nothing gives the Chancellor greater pleasure than to hie himself to the country with a fishing rod and spend hours on the river side.

GAY SHAWLS FEWER.

Effects of the War in Breton Country.

A war correspondent in France writes:

At St. Thegonnec, a village of Finnisterre, I stood by the famous old church, watching the peasants come out from high mass on a Sunday. The region is noted for the gay shawls the women wear on holidays; but now only a few young girls had on colored shawls. All the rest were black. It is the custom for the entire congregation to stroll down the main street after church and once around the graveyard before going home. As I watched them pass, the innkeeper's wife said to me:

"Ah, no, monsieur, it is not like the old days. Hardly a family hereabouts but is in mourning. Some have lost one son, some have lost several. And how will it all end? Who knows? There is the Kerlennec family. They had four as fine sons as one could wish. Three are dead, and one is a cripple for life. How are they going to go on working the land now? They have a big farm, but the father is getting feeble, and no help is to be had. The only thing they can do is sell the farm. Ah, oui, monsieur! And they will not be the only ones. It is sad."

I tried to overcome the woman's depression by telling her of the heroic name that the Breton regiments have won for themselves—how they are known and honored throughout France—but she only said:

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I learned later that she herself had lost a son at Dixmude early in the war.

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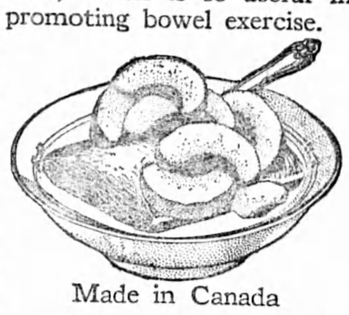

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How Did it Happen?

Mrs. Clarke came running hurriedly to her husband one morning.

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Soldiers and Women Rapidly Asquiring the Drug Habit.

Startling statements as to the increase of the drug habit among soldiers and certain women have been made in a case against a porter of Soho, says the London Globe.

He was charged with the unlawful possession of cocaine, and for selling that drug in boxes not distinctly labelled with the name of the article the word "poison," and the name and address of the seller.

It is declared to be highly desirable that special legislation should be introduced to cope with what has become a serious social evil. The use of cocaine is now largely on the increase among women and soldiers, particularly those belonging to oversea contingents.

SAVE THE WESTERN CROP.

No Lack of Men to Gather in Canada's Greatest Asset.

Statistics from the Government authorities show that the wheat crop this year promises to be greater than ever but the problem that is troubling the minds of the farmers in Western Canada is how can the crop be harvested? That is the predominent problem of to-day in Canada apart from recruiting for overseas. The railways are providing special excursions to carry the men to their destinations but the effort will almost be fruitless if the labor does not come forward for the work in view. There is no disguising the seriousness of the situation this year so many men having gone to the front or are on their way. Despite this fact, however, there should be no lack of men to gather in Canada's greatest asset if the country is to still continue the good work of the past two years in helping the Mother Country in the greatest war the world has ever known. While Canada has sent some hundred thousand men to the war there are still hundreds of thousands more left who have not enlisted and who are not assisting in the making of munitions. These have now an excellent opportunity of doing a little bit at home to help the war abroad. Canada's crop is of vital necessity to Great Britain and her Allies so that everyone who helps in gathering in the harvest will in some measure be assisting in carrying on the war to a successful issue. The effort will not only be a health giver but give excellent remuneration.

You who are not helping your country directly are invited to take the trip West for a couple of months and not only earn three dollars a day and board but also feel that you are helping the powers to end the war successfully for our side. Any railway agent will furnish you with all the information to enable you to go to Western Canada and do your little "bit" by helping the farmers to harvest the great crop on which so much depends.

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MEDALS TO MEN IN RANKS.

Eighty-Six V.C.'s Have Already Been Awarded.

A statement issued by the British War Office shows that up to the present the following medals have been awarded to warrant officers, non-commissioned officers, and men: 86 Victoria Crosses, 130 Military Crosses, 6,150 D.C.M.'s, 1,700 Military Medals.

The text of the announcement made by the Secretary of the War Office is:

A desire having been expressed for the issue of information as to the medals which may be earned by soldiers for war service, the Secretary of the War Office announces that the medals in question are the following:

The Victoria Cross—The conditions under which this is awarded are well known. Up to the present date eighty-six Victoria Crosses have been awarded in the present war to warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and soldiers.

The Military Cross is awarded for "distinguished services in time of war," and may be won by warrant officers, as well as by commissioned officers of rank not above that of captain. One hundred and thirty warrant officers have received the Military Cross up to date.

The Distinguished Conduct Medal is awarded for individual acts of distinguished conduct and for devotion to duty in the field. This medal has been earned by about 6,150 warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and soldiers during the present war up to date.

The Military Medal, which was instituted some two months ago, is awarded to non-commissioned officers and soldiers for individual or associated acts of bravery in the field. About 1,700 of these have been conferred up to date.

The General War Medal, the issue of which is not decided until peace has been concluded.

Left-handed Flattery.

"Oh, if I were only beautiful," she sighed artfully.

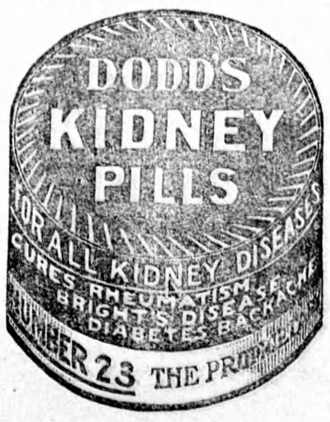
"I wouldn't care if I were you," he said, "you are very intellectual, and you have a sweet disposition. Besides, you are nice to your mother; and all that is much better than being beautiful."

And he was never invited to see her again.

One, Anyway.

"I don't believe that the Wrangles have one thought or wish in common."

"Oh, yes, they have. Both of them wish they hadn't married each other."



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