

THE GERMANS ALONE FORESAW THE VALUE

Of Heavy Artillery in This War--Hilaire Belloc Says That the Allies Gessed Wrong.

The Failures of the German Strategy Are Noted--The Enemy Needs a Big Win Before the Late Autumn or He Will Wear Out.

By Hilaire Belloc. Two of the German guesses as to the probable turn modern warfare would take, can be dealt with briefly, for in each the Germans were thoroughly in the right, and the Allies, as a whole, in the wrong. These two points are the use of heavy artillery in the open field--with which high explosive shells, not only against permanent fortifications, but for general operations--and the value, especially upon the defensive, of a very large provision of machine guns.

Effect of Trench Warfare. After all, what is it that renders the use of heavy and high explosives of such peculiar value at this moment? It is that the war settled down months ago to trench warfare, which is essentially a defensive line, hence its fluctuation, and if certain of the Balkan States should enter upon their side complete mobility would certainly be restored to the eastern front to our advantage, as it has already been recently partially restored to the enemy's advantage.

Enemy Proved Right. On the second point, the ample provision of machine guns and the training of many officers and men in their use, there is nothing to be said except that the enemy has proved entirely in the right. It is perhaps, if we survey the war as a whole, the only point in which the enemy's theories are open to no criticism at all. The French theory of a most highly-performed quick-firing field piece has proved upon their side the one unchallengeable preparation for modern war.

Prominent Women Work in Factories. Wear Overalls and Butcher Blue Caps and Live Together. London, Aug. 21.--A squad of 45 women munition workers who have just been added to the staff of employees at the Vickers factories at Erith includes several women of social prominence. Lady Scott, widow of Capt. Scott, the explorer, has joined the electrical department, where her deftness, acquired in her art as sculptor, makes her invaluable for certain work requiring great delicacy of touch.

of the great munitions firm, has joined the next squad of workers. The rates of pay for the women workers are the same as for the ordinary workmen. Messrs. Vickers declined to take voluntary workers. The women mentioned above are earning from \$4 to \$5 per week of six shifts of 54 hours. They wear overalls of butcher-blue, caps to match, leather gloves and strong boots. They live together in a house leased for the purpose close to the factory.



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SOME OTTAWA GLIMPSSES

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Is British Columbia Next?

Ottawa, Aug. 21.--Politicians here are pointing out that the Conservative press has been mighty quick to draw a moral from the Manitoba election. The moral is that the defeat in Manitoba must not be linked up with the Government at Ottawa. Of course there are other morals which might be mentioned, such as the need of pure politics, and honest Cabinet Ministers. But the most practical one is that the sins of the Roblin Government must not be visited on the powers at Ottawa, even though the Honorable Robert Rogers is one of them. The Conservative press, jointly and severally complain that it is unfair to link the Borden Government up with the doings at Winnipeg. No doubt the people of Canada will play fair and refuse to do any more linking up than the Borden Government has done on its own account. When Premier Borden took the Honorable Robert Rogers into his cabinet, he to a certain extent linked up with Mr. Rogers' reputation as the Manitoba Boss. When he allowed Mr. Rogers to take four months off from his job at Ottawa to handle the Manitoba election he carried the linking up a step further. When Mr. Rogers received a telegram from Mr. Caldwell saying "This means more to you than it does to us," the linking up received its final touch. Bob's part called to him in there is no need of alarm on the part of the Conservative newspapers. The people of Canada will not do any more linking up than the Borden Government sanctioned and the circumstances warrant. The Rideau Club, which is the unofficial center of the political alarms, shows a disposition to make the Hon. Robert Rogers the goat. The truth is that the Minister of Elections did his best, or his worst--whatever you call it--but the job was too big for him. Like General Buller in South Africa, he was put up against something which it was impossible to do with the means at his command. If he had been given a general Dominion election when he first wanted it, Manitoba might still be in the Conservative list. So far as blame is concerned they ought to wobble a little. Bob is getting it all. Another source of panic is British Columbia, where Attorney-General Bower is the little boy with his finger in the dyke. If he ever pulls it out the mess will be terrible. Even now the temper is rising and the flood of wrath is almost upon him. The clergy of the lower mainland and a number of good citizens have banded together and are demanding a Royal Commission to investigate. The figures submitted by their experts are bare as Mother Hubbard's British Columbia, looking was just in its infancy in Manitoba. Where the Manitoba crowd took millions, the British Columbia outfit got away with tens, perhaps, hundreds of millions. They're no pikers out there in Victoria. When they play pokes with the public resources the roof's the limit. It was a brisk game while it lasted, but the province is about gutted now. A Royal Commission in British Columbia would show the treasury as bare as Mother Hubbard's cupboard, and nothing to line the shelves but the worthless promissory notes of the exploiters and speculators. However, there is little prospect for this proposal to get Premier Borden a general election at the time that suits him best. Hopes are expressed that the Liberal party in the House will do the way out of that the Liberal press will do no snarling on the side. Along with this scheme to get the inside position, goes the faint outline of the policy on which the Government may appeal to the country--namely, closer relations with the United States. This policy is based on the fact that Premier Borden was an invited guest at an Asquith Cabinet meeting, just as Lloyd George was an invited guest at a Ross Cabinet meeting on his last visit to Canada. Although no change of imperial relations followed, this act of courtesy toward Lloyd George, some of the Conservative party managers think, that the Borden incident ought to be of considerable value in a general election. It may be that the closer imperial relations consist of having a Canadian Cabinet Minister as High Commissioner in London--this has long been a hobby of Premier Borden's--but in any event the idea would give rise to a fine flow of sentiment and would serve well as a party slogan. There would be no harm in trying it and perhaps some advantage. --H.F.G.

The Man on Watch

Major Sears' 3rd Battery has put the cart before the horse. The Lampanman submits that it should have enlisted a doctor before it accepted an undertaker into its ranks. By robbing a young clergyman of six dollars while he was in swimming at Lake Ontario Park, some "kidnappers" have made a discovery. They now know that preachers carry money like other mortals. If Kingston did all that the Fire Underwriters' demanded, its Council might just as well hand over the town to that association. According to the Portsmouth Philosopher, when a man gets to be a grandfather he should act like one. The Lampanman agrees with this, but would not draw the line so tight on the young grandmothers. If old Frontenac does not want to be classed with the province of Quebec for lack of patriotic endeavor, some of its moneyed men had better untie the strings of their money bags and distribute part of the contents for war purposes. The farmers, despite the recent bad weather, are the best off people in the whole county. Alfred street residents may be troubled with a rooster crowing early in the mornings, but the rooster's crow is nothing to the troubles of the University avenue inhabitants who claim that frogs have begun croaking in the ponds in their roadway. The Lampanman is told the story about a quaint old Kingston woman who was walking along a street and was laughed at by a couple of young fellows who were clad in white duck trousers. "Yes my good fellows, --THE TOWN WATCHMAN