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THE TURN OF THE TIDE

The swiftness of the change in the war picture between the third week in July and the first week in October will be one of the wonders of history. It is almost impossible to think that three months ago the question that was in everybody's mind was not whether the allies could hold their lines before Amlens and along the Marne, but whether they would not be obliged to abandon Paris. The change came on July 15 when the French and American troops met and defeated the German advance near Chateau-Thierry. From that day to this the story has been one of almost uninterrupted success, culminating in the surrender of Bulgaria. It is too hazardous to venture a prediction of the immediate consequences of this submission, but it is plain to ordinary common sense that in Bulgaria's plea for an armistice we have seen the beginning of the end and that the whole structure which German intrigue built up and German skill in arms sustained is about to crash to the ground.

What is the cause of this sudden breakdown? Is it not that the central European powers are far more exhausted than the people of this country have realized? Four years of incessant warfare has left them skeletons of nations, depleted in economic resources, in money, in man power, and in "will to conquer." Bulgaria's desertion is as good proof as can be needed of the condition of her former allies. The Bulgarians entered the alliance from confidence in the power of Germany. They default because they are in a position to know that German power has all but disappeared. They were accomplices. They have turned state's evidence to save their necks. But there is abundance of other evidence that Germany's strength has been waning. The number of prisoners taken by the allies is proof that they are pursuing a beaten foe. It is all very well to talk of "determined rear-guard actions covering an orderly retreat," but when the rear-guard does not fight, but surrenders, and when the number of heroes who would rather yield discreetly than die on their guns amounts to a quarter of a million, we know that a rout is near at hand. There is fierce resistance at many points, but it is the fierceness of despair that fills the hearts of the leaders. The fighting toward the close of a war is apt to be more savage than at any other time. The allied troops may suffer temporary reverses. It is not wise for them to relax. But the end is indicated by every portent. —Collier's.

BEHIND THE RANKS

Company E will not become tired of army life as long as they are permitted to keep their "Hula" dancer. Corporal Bert Yenne made his debut the first night in the barracks when he set his feet to going to the music of the ukelele. He is now recognized as the best "Hula" this side of Honolulu, at least by the men in Nebraska hall. Each evening he is forced to descend into the canteen, throw off his coat, don the shredded newspaper dress which was manufactured for this special feature, and entertain the boys for a good half hour with his Hawaiian dancing. Talent from Company E, Section A, and Company A, Section B have composed a string quartet to furnish the music for these occasions. Homesickness and fatigue flee when the jazzy cadence begins and the barracks ring with cheers and calls for more.

The steady drilling and long hikes of the last few days have made the men forget to complain about their grub or sleeping quarters—they are tickled to death to eat what is dished out to them and to "hit the hay" at the first note of taps.

MILITARY TERMS DEFINED BY SOLDIER EDITOR

Incinerator—A device which makes the whole camp smell like an abattoir (that means slaughter house, boys) and which covers the kitchen with soot, in order to boil away a gallon of water that the cook washed his hands in.

Kitchen Police—An institution for kindling hatred against the Kaiser. One day on K. P. changes a lamb of virtue to roaring lion, a pacifist into a Roosevelt.

Mule—A reptile with a private's love of work and a sergeant's disposition.

Saturday Morning—An occasion in which the captain has a sudden and deep curiosity about your socks, etc.

UNIVERSITY NOTICES

All law classes start Saturday. Report for assignments at the usual hour.

\$465,000,000 INDEMNITIES TAKEN FROM BELGIUM

The huge sum of \$465,000,000 had been exacted from Belgium by Germany during the three years ending last November, according to Lord Robert Cecil.

"These monstrous exactions will be faken into account when peace terms are arranged," he adds.

This sum is exclusive of enormous "fines" on Belgium cities and confiscatory exactions from firms and persons which have amounted to no more than ordinary theft. These exactions have not been estimated, but no doubt will equal or exceed the "official" payments demanded from the Belgium government.

During 1915 and 1916 the Germans exacted from Belgium an indemnity of 40 million francs (\$8,000,000) a month "for the expenses of administration." At the beginning of 1917, however, the Huns found that, while Belgian industry was paralyzed, the banks still had plenty of cash on hand, so they raised the indemnity from 40 million to 60 million francs (\$12,000,000) a month, which the little country has been paying ever since.

"Walter—hic—bring me a dish of prunes."

"Stewed, sir?"

"Now, thatsh none yer bizness."

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