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GERMANY'S BITTER PILL.

It is suggested that General Haig's
great advance, along a six-mile front
between Pozieres and Combles, is one
of the most crushing blows the Ger-
mans have received in the whole
course of the Anglo-French offen-
sive on the Somme. Simultaneously
a new thrust has almost completed
the envelopment of Thiepval, while
from the ridges they have won with
so much gallantry the British look
down on Bapaume to the north and
Combles to the south, both within
reach.

As for Combles, its fate is sealed,
South of that village the French un-
der General Foch have advanced be-
yond it, so that it is now command-
ed from three sides. It has become
certain that the retirement of Ger-
man troops to new positions east of
the Arras-Bapaume-Peronne line can-
not be long delayed. Either there
will be a voluntary retirement—if
that can be called voluntary which is
the product of insistently exerted
pressure—or else these forces will be
driven back in actual assault.

The flower of the German army has
yielded to Kitchener's new levies—the
product of forty years of strenuous
and costly preparation to officers and
men who two years ago had never
fired a modern rifle and most of
whom, probably, had never even seen
a modern long-range gun. That must
be a bitter pill for German pride to
swallow.

Scorn and derision long marked
every German comment on the qual-
ity of the British troops. That "they
would not fight if they could and
could not if they would" was the
burden of the Teuton song. For the
French plou the German military
critic always owned a justified re-
spect, but he had nothing but con-
tempt for the polli's British ally.

Now, we rather imagine, another
song will be heard in the land of the
Rhine. It is a mistake to believe a
nation of shopkeepers will not fight
as we of the South found out more
than fifty years ago. Some peoples,
as some individuals, fight more read-
ily and at first more skillfully than
others, but among them all, given
sufficient time for preparation and
sufficient interest in the battle, there
is no great difference. In the end vic-
tory perches on the banners of the
belligerent which can throw prepon-
derating numbers and preponderating
resources into the fray.

A BAD ISSUE TO RAISE

The New York World story, which
the Gazette published yesterday, to
the effect that the Republican Na-
tional Committee is arranging to ap-
peal to religious prejudice by means
of a moving-picture film, represent-
ing certain forms of bandit atrocity
in Mexico, was read with disgust by
most people. It seems at first sight
incredible, both from the standpoint
of good politics and the standpoint
of ordinary political decency. We
cannot imagine that managers above
the grade of imbeciles would link
themselves with so dangerous a pro-
position or would put their party be-
hind an issue that would be so cer-
tain to provoke popular disgust and
indignation. But if such a film is sent
out through the country, the Repub-
lican committee will have to dis-
associate itself from it if it does not
wish to reap the whirlwind. One of
our past campaigns has illustrated the
folly of raising a religious issue;
and though the alleged Mexi-
can outrage photoplay differs from
the Burchard alliteration in making
an appeal to Catholic instead of to
narrow Protestant prejudices, its gen-
eral effect would be the same.

The Baltimore Sun in commenting
upon this movement says it feels
sure that thoughtful Catholic laymen,
as well as Catholic ecclesiastics,
would be among the first to raise
their voices against a political device
that would put their church in a
false position before the country and
make it the cat's-paw of unscrupu-
lous politicians. To represent the
President of the United States as in-
different to the outrages perpetrat-
ed upon pure and helpless wom-
en in Mexico, as virtually acquiesc-
ing in sacrilege and unspeakable
wrong, is an insult to American in-
telligence and to American patriot-
ism. Woodrow Wilson is not the brut-
ally callous person that he is repre-
sented to be in this film, nor a Presi-
dent who has gone to sleep at his
post. Horrible things have happened
in Mexico, things which all Ameri-
cans unite in deploring and condemn-
ing; but to hold Mr. Wilson responsi-
ble for them would be about as fair
as to hold him responsible for the
Armenian massacres.

THE DIVORCE EVIL.

(Richmond Times Dispatch)
While the evil effect of the con-
stantly growing number of divorces
in this country cannot be questioned,
there is grave reason to fear the Pro-
testant Episcopal Church will go too
far in its efforts to counteract this
menace, if it adopts the recommenda-
tion, made by a commission of bish-
ops, clergymen and laymen, to de-
clare marriage indissoluble for any
after-arising cause. For that would
be the effect of the proposed canon
prohibiting the marriage of any di-
vorced person during the life of the
former consort.

Heretofore, this church has recog-
nized only one cause for divorce as
sufficient ground on which to justify
its clergy in performing the marriage
ceremony, and then only in case of
the innocent party to the divorce.
Now it is proposed to eliminate even
that exception to its rule. If this
step is taken, it will mean that there
will be men and women in the church
against whom so great a wrong has
been done that even the Bible, as well
as modern law, provides for their
freedom from the bonds of matri-
mony. Yet the church would consider
them only half free. It would absolve
them from the duty of continuing in
the married state with the offender,
but at the same time would forbid
them to marry again, no matter how
blameless their own lives may have
been.

It is well open to question wheth-
er this position, if now assumed in
contravention of its long-established
practice, would be half so potent in
checking the increase of divorce as
in driving from the fold of the church
innocent sufferers from infidelity.

APPRECIATED TOO LATE

There is an old saying, "There's
no good wife in the universe, and
every man thinks he has her." But
unfortunately too many fail to realize
this until after the woman who has
been, in a sense, a part of the man for
many years, has passed unto her re-
ward. It is too late then to render
praises she should have received when
she, with patience, presided over the
household.

Grief over the death of his wife,
several months ago, resulted in Dr.
J. Gerbert Keenan, a lifelong resident
of Elizabeth, N. J., ending his life
Sunday night. Before sending a bul-
let through his right temple, as he
stood before a mirror in his room,
the physician wrote the following note,
which he addressed to the police:
"I am tired out and worried about
my dead wife. She was the best-woman
man ever had, but I did not appre-
ciate the fact until she was taken
from me. God forgive me for this
act."

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Under the above heading the Gazette
will be pleased to give reasonable
space to any person who desires to
make comment upon matters of gen-
eral interest to the public. Writers
will of course be responsible for their
utterances. A guarantee of good
faith, the name and address of the
writer of any article submitted for
publication will be required in each
instance.—Editor Gazette.

**REV. GYPSY SMITH, JR.: AN
IMPRESSION.**

Editor Alexandria Gazette:
What has come over the citizens
of Alexandria? They are not the
same they were two weeks ago.
They are not thinking the same
thoughts; they are not discussing the
same topics. As you pass along the
street you hear such expressions as
these: "were you at the tent last
night," "that was a great talk," "it's
the best yet," "my, that was a crowd,"
"wasn't the music fine," etc.

What is the cause of all this talk?
Rev. Gypsy Smith, jr., is in town!
Who is he, what kind of a man is he,
what good is he doing, and how does
he do it?
He is an evangelist, a prophet of
God, who speaks as he is moved by
the Holy Spirit. Of gypsy descent,
he did not accept Christ as a personal
Saviour until eight years ago; four
years ago he commenced to work as
an evangelist, and only one year ago
was regularly ordained a minister of
the gospel.

He is a man of attractive person-
ality and of unusual ability filled
with the love and power of God, in
dead earnest and thoroughly sincere.
He is highly educated and can hold
the attention of the multitude, the
simple as well as the wise; refined,
he treats subjects of a delicate na-
ture—subjects which unfortunately
are too often tabooed—in a manner
not to offend even the prude; his il-
lustrations are apt, and his stories
well-chosen and to the point. He is
severe in his denunciation of evil, but
tender as he tells of the love of God
for the sinner; he is pathetic and
humorous as occasion demands. His
delivery is direct and forceful; his
gestures are vigorous; his enuncia-
tion so clear that he can easily be
heard all over the tent, and even by
those on the outside unable to get in.
A favorite expression is "listen," and
what follows is worth listening to.
He is master of his audience and can
sway them as he will—men, women
and children, old and young, the man
in the church and the man on the
street. He is magnetic and popular
with men, a good conversationalist,
a man deeply interested in his work,
respected and honored by those who
know him personally, and greatly be-
loved by those who know him inti-
mately. He is God-fearing, a man of
prayer with a passion for leading
others to the foot of the cross. His
message is simple and clear—sur-
render of self, then filling the heart
with the love of Christ.

He is neither sensational nor vul-
gar, being free from many of the of-
fensive methods of certain well-
known evangelists. When he invites
a man or a woman to accept Christ
he uses no clap-trap methods, but
rather pleads for them to let the
light of the Gospel into their hearts,
and extends his invitation in a simple,
manly, straight-forward manner.
He has recently conducted cam-
paigns in Warrenton, Culpeper and
Leesburg, and judging from the re-
sults in those cities we cannot fore-
cast the good that surely will be done
in Alexandria. Already one thing is
evident, during the past two weeks
Alexandria has witnessed such an
outpouring of the Holy Spirit that
no one dare presume even to prophesy
what the result will be after four
weeks' preaching and pleading. It
will not be possible to determine the
exact number of those who have been
turned from the bondage of sin unto
the freedom of the glorious liberty
of the sons of God, but we venture
to say that many will publicly con-
fess Christ and openly identify them-
selves with His Body—the church.
There will be others who will
acknowledge Him, but secretly, and
seeds of truth will be lodged in the
hearts and minds of a third class
which will not bring forth fruit pos-
sibly for years; of the number of
these there will be no means of deter-
mining.

May this, Alexandria's great op-
portunity for witnessing for Christ,
be rich in numbers and blessing!
J. W. H.

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NEWS OF THE DAY

Raymond Asquith, son of the Brit-
ish prime minister was killed in a
battle in northern France.

Four persons were killed yesterday
at the grade crossing of the tracks
of the New York Central railroad
north of Girard depot in Erie, Pa.,
when a fast mail train struck the
automobile of Mrs. Percy Sieger, of
Pittsburgh.

Thomas W. Weaver, until recently
prominently connected in the automo-
bile business at Montgomery, Ala.,
but who claims to be an ordained
minister was arrested at the door of
the church in which he was about to
preach. The arrest was made on a
requisition from the Government of
Florida, in which embezzlement is
charged. He will be returned to Ver-
non, Washington County, Fla.

With a deep gash in her head and
suffering from a fractured skull, a
woman believed to be Catharine Lie-
beck, about 39 years old, was found
Sunday night in a Philadelphia street.
She was sent to the Hahnemann Hospi-
tal and died while being admitted
to the institution. According to the
police, the woman met with foul play
and policemen in every district in
the city were ordered to arrest on
sight Frank Beck. The police say
Beck and the Liebeck woman were
quarrelling during the evening, and
it is believed the latter received her in-
juries during the altercation.

Shot in the heart during a quarrel
over a card game in the Italian Re-
publican Club, Germantown, Pa., Sun-
day night, Umilo Mallezo, 30 years
old, was instantly killed. His mur-
derer escaped in the resultant con-
fusion.

Michael Ferguson, of Galesburg,
Illinois and Bert Sapp, of Monmouth,
Ill., were arrested at Alledo yesterday
charged with the murder last Tues-
day of Mrs. Emma Larkin. Accord-
ing to a confession which the police
say Ferguson made, the woman's
body was placed in a trunk and ship-
ped to Monmouth. The trunk was
thrown from the train by the two men
near Biggsville.

Another murder mystery, the sec-
ond in as many weeks, is being inves-
tigated by police authorities of New
York. The victim of this killing was
Harry Yanovitz, 18-year-old son of
Ignatz Yanovitz. The boy's body was
found Sunday in a vacant lot. He had
been strangled with a piece of strong
cord after having had his skull
cracked in many places by blows from
a heavy club.

Military officials at Laredo, Tex.,
yesterday afternoon received a re-
port from Tampico, Mexico, saying
that a train had been held up near
there last Tuesday and that \$62,000
had been taken from the express car.
The following day, the report said,
a train carrying soldiers who were
sent in pursuit of the bandits, was
blown up and forty soldiers were
killed.

Food riots have broken out in Vien-
na, said a Geneva dispatch. Beef is
selling at \$4 a pound and rice at \$2
a pound. There is terrible distress
among families of workmen.

Classifying his parishioners who
disagreed with his views as "old
skins," and stating they were so
"dead" that what Martha said of
Lazarus when he had been buried
three days, "He stinketh," was true
of them, the Rev. Mercer Green
Johnston preached his farewell ser-
mon Sunday morning as rector of old
Trinity Episcopal Church, Newark,
N. J. Mr. Johnston also accused the
Right Rev. Edwin S. Lines, Bishop
of Newark, of having entered into
"a covenant" with the vestry of Trin-
ity Church to oppose him. The bish-
op declined to make any comment.

Details of the killing of Jack Welch
a freighter, by a monster grizzly bear
in Yellowstone park, several days
ago, have been learned. Welch and
another man were asleep beneath a
wagon and a third man was sleeping
on top of the wagon when the bear
seized Welch, dragged him from his
bed beneath the wagon and proceed-
ed to eat him alive. The animal strip-
ped the flesh from Welch's arms, bit
into one of his lungs and partially
disemboweled him, devouring his en-
terails. One of Welch's companions
fled and the other distracted the bear's
attention by throwing it several sides
of bacon. He then fled, with Welch's
body held in front of him, on one
of the horses.

Crazed by unrequited love and think-

Chronic Dysentery.
"An old gentleman of this town
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with chronic dysentery some time ago
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dents of Baer's Station can testify to
the truth of the above and were aware
of the old gentleman's condition."
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ing that the priest could help him,
Joseph Lyness, of Brooklyn, a sol-
dier in the United States army, tried
to drag the Rev. Patrick J. McGiv-
ney, pastor of St. Charles' Church
from the altar at Bridgeport, Conn.,
yesterday causing the 9 o'clock mass
to end in a general commotion, with
scores of women fainting and others
in a panic. Most of the communicants
feared the fanatic was attempting to
kill the priest or blow up the church.
Lyness waited until Father McGiv-
ney had completed the communion
service and then while the 1,000 per-
sons in the congregation were kneel-
ing in prayer, slipped up behind him
and grabbed him. The priest called
for help and a number of men ran
forward and overpowered Lyness, who
was arrested.

A squad of police armed with riot
clubs, fought an angry and panicky
crowd of depositors in the bank of
Schiff and Co., Chicago yesterday.
Alarmed by the numerous failure of
private banks in Chicago in the last
month, the depositors started a run on
the institution soon after it opened its
door yesterday morning. The crowd
stretched a block on either side of
the bank. In it were moaning women
who became hysterical. The depositors
were mostly foreigners, and the
thought of losing their savings made
them frantic. Officials of the bank
said that it is solvent and that all
depositors will be paid.

Harry Daugherty, who was noted in
his home town of Gary, Ind., as a
"model young man," started back
there yesterday in the custody of
Chief of Police Heins. Daugherty is
charged with embezzling \$40,000,
from the Gary State Bank, where
he worked as a bookkeeper. When ar-
rested at Eagle River, Wis., he had
\$1,790, and according to the police
readily confessed his crime. Daugh-
erty did not smoke, chew or swear.
His only diversion, so far as the po-
lice could learn, was hunting. He was
satisfying his one hobby and had sev-
eral high priced guns and shooting
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