

THE WAR AFTER THE WAR

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Whether or not the Kaiser is the "beast" and the "anti-Christ," of the Book of the Revelation, as many in-vidious commentators affirm, it is beyond controversy that the part he plays has more than once been clearly dealt with by the inspired writers. Opportunely, we have to-day a study of the conduct of an ancient Hebrew King in an incident that parallels the rape of Belgium and the lust for another's territory. Crafty King Ahab wanted part of the lands of a proprietor named Naboth. He could not get it by fair means, so his wife Jezebel had the man foully slain. Ahab secured the vineyard of Naboth that his soul coveted—but he also heard, as the reckless ruler of Germany is now hearing, a word of doom spoken in the "Thus saith the Lord."

Both Ahab and the Kaiser missed the big point. They thought that because they had secured their first objective all was well with them. Apparently their "success" had demonstrated the workability of the German philosophy that might makes right, and that the "stronger" is above the common law. Ahab did not try to cloak his deeds under pious professions, nor proclaim himself the mediator of a fearful prophet. In fact, he knew that he was a crook, and so he cringed at the approach of the prophet of God.

The Kaiser's Great Need We should be doing less than justice, both to the Old Testament story and to its modern parallel, if we did not emphasize the place of the preacher in it. Israel had the great pleasure of a fearless prophet. He was not popular, either as a court preacher or as a man for the masses. His words were too uncomfortable straight-tung for that. Whatever the Lord spoke to him, he repeated to the people and to the king, whether his message was well received or not. He had a tumultuous time of it, as every other prophet who freely declares the whole counsel of God is bound to have. Anybody who wants a serene and easy life would better not put on the mantle of a prophet of God. In the centuries, he has vindicated Elijah and the high-grade work he did on earth is being continued in heaven; for he and Moses were the messengers sent, as sympathetic angels, to comfort Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration.

One of the misfortunes of the Kaiser is that he seems to have no prophets at large in Germany. The country used to be famous for its "liberal" theologians; and their teachings have contaminated the entire religious world. Apparently, their philosophy does not frighten the Elijah-type of minister. They have been glib in saying, "Thus saith Haeckel," or "Thus saith Harnack," or "Thus saith Nietzsche," but when it comes to saith "Thus saith the Lord," they are as dumb as oysters. Germany's preachers seem to have become courtiers. They swarm in the ranks of the apostate, and the Kaiser's course, but we know of none who, in the face of clear and admitted crimes against the laws of God and man, has cried, "prophet wise." "Thus saith the Lord," they say. While we are busy defeating Germany and bringing to pass the only possible peace that will have the favor of God, which is the breaking completely and forever of the unholy machinery of Prussianism and militarism, let us be at pains to understand the power that we crush, and what are its real weaknesses. Germany will perish from lack of spiritual vision and sense of righteousness. The old word of Scripture is being vindicated: "Where there is no vision the people perish." She thought the sword a substitute for the cross. Reputing the clear teachings of Jesus, she developed a "super" philosophy which is now being put to the test. If Germany had possessed the brave and alert prophets of God, she would never have come to her present pass. Basic and structural weakness follows in any society which loses its spiritual leaders and leaders. Germany failed in her spirit before ever she met serious defeat on the battlefield. Contrariwise, the American army has been such a wonderful accession to the Allies because of the spirit of the men, and of the nation behind them. God grant that in the tremendous testing times just ahead of us our men of God will not fall to be true prophets. The day of pious perfunctoriness and platitudes and professionalism is past.

What the Soldiers Talk About This entire war is the best of commentaries upon the present lesson. Evil is to be conquered; righteousness must reign. There you have the proposition. No other great war has, in its final analysis, had so clear an issue between good and evil. On the one hand, a mighty power, with a monstrous mania of egotism, has set its ruthless ambitions above all considerations of integrity and honor and justice and righteousness. It wants its own way regardless of God's will or human law. Opposed to it is a combination of Christian powers, accepting President Wilson's entirely Scriptural definition of justice which have solemnly resolved to defend the right to the uttermost. They have declared that justice is more important than life. Their young men have gone forth, in the knightliest and most chivalrous fashion, to offer their lives in the defense of what they solemnly believe to be the very principles of eternal righteousness. These men fight for a cause which they believe to be one with the goals of God. This emergence of the supremacy

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of the right is the greatest fact about the war. All the convictions of Christian civilization have crystallized. Now we all see, in the new light that shines from the world's battlefields, that God and good are breaking the cost, but righteousness is worth it. Now we know that there is no easy road to virtue.

Soldiers in France push the logic of the case to its conclusion. They are to be fought so must injustice be fought in Belgium is fought in Boston and Bombay. If oppressors of childhood and womanhood and France, in like manner they are to be expelled from America. If the "square deal" between big nations and little is to be enforced, so also employers and employees, between producers and the public, between the rich and the poor, the favored and the friendless. There is widespread discussion among the army officers and men during the spaces of time when talk is the only possible recreation of the new and nobler war. "The rising tide lifts all ships." Far, far more than the defeat of Germany is being encompassed on the fields of France.

Getting the Main Idea Conventional churchianity will be a victim. All the long catalog of man-made sins will be burned up in this world-conflagration. Self-complacency and censoriousness will be characteristics of pious people. Sectarian strife will stop. Professional ecclesiasticism will stop. The pertinence that has so long been associated with organized religion will pass away.

Something is in the coming—something so big and vital and important that it will compensate for all the losses of the war. Men will say that it is coming out of the war, really, and out of the nature of the Bible great something is a new sense of the intolerableness of evil and the indispensableness of righteousness.

This is the main idea. Unless it grips the churches, they also will pass, and God will express himself through other agencies. Somehow, through the divine day of essential goodness must dawn. Truth, as well as written in treaties, will have a new seal and sanction. Chastity, for men and women both, will come to the fore. Good will and helpfulness will supersede selfishness and strife. The common welfare will take its rightful and paramount position. Personality in every man and every nation, will enter into a new inheritance of respect. Comradeship will take the place of conflict.

In the pursuit and guarding of these aims, there will be a new militancy. Religion and righteousness will be synonymous. Saccharine and self-centered "spirituality" will give

SPROUL IS FIRM ON PROHIBITION

No Change in His Attitude and No One Has Tried to "Silence" Him on It

Senator William C. Sproul, Republican nominee for governor, yesterday declared to the Philadelphia Public Ledger that in spite of the Palmer speech he had not changed his attitude on prohibition. The Ledger gives this account of the Sproul interview: "In a telephone conversation from New York the Senator answered the charges made in the statement read before the Democratic State Committee by A. Mitchell Palmer at Harrisburg, Wednesday, by asserting he had not amended his platform and that he had no intention of so doing. "I have not been silenced," said the Senator. "I have reiterated my platform time after time. I have repeatedly declared that I stand on my platform and I have no intention of changing it."

"Have you talked on prohibition recently?" the Senator was asked. "I have as I said, reiterated the provisions of my platform at least fifty times." "Can you say when you discussed prohibition last?" he was asked. "Not exactly. But I can say that I have had constant correspondence in reference to prohibition, and I say again that I have not changed nor amended my Swarthmore declaration."

In a lengthy statement issued at Washington Senator Penrose denied the Palmer charges and whacked the Democratic boss. The Philadelphia Press in prefacing the Penrose statement says the Democratic party in Pennsylvania has been "split wide open" and the Ledger says the same thing. Both papers have backed up and praised the Palmer-McCormick methods of reorganization in the past.

NEW HUNY GAS BLINDS MEN PERMANENTLY, IT IS SAID

With the American Army in France, Sept. 6.—The central powers, it is reported, are soon to make extensive use on the Italian and French fronts of two new gases of lachrymatory type, from which they expect great results. The gases are said to cause permanent blindness.

way to a robust devotion to the holy will of God. The comrades of the Cross will be crusaders. Right will be robust. The Crucified Christ will be understood—not only as a sacrifice, but also as a Conqueror and King. Surely we are justified in expecting that the war after the war, the consummation of hopes that have persisted, through time's darkest night, will be a new conquest of evil and a new enthronement of good—good that is vitalized by the pulsing presence of the Spirit of the living God. If any vast design whatever is traceable in the world cataclysm, this surely is it—God vindicated in a new world order wherein righteousness is the rule.

36 PENNA. MEN IN CASUALTIES; 517 WOUNDED

Hanover, Burnham, Altoona and Pottsville Soldiers on Pershing List

Washington, Sept. 6.—The double list of war casualties to-day contained 744 names, of which 36 are Pennsylvanians. The officers killed in action included two lieutenants, one sergeant and four corporals. The list was divided as follows: Killed in action 50 Missing in action 139 Wounded severely 263 Died of wounds 26 Died of accident and other causes (degree undetermined) 254 Died of disease 10 Total 744

KILLED IN ACTION

Salvatore Sciarronne, Erie. Bernard J. Dolan, Ashland. MISSING IN ACTION Privates William J. Bauer, Philadelphia. George Djakovich, Brownsville. Fred W. Harman, Altoona. James Robert Hastings, Orviston. Milburn Sloan, Everett. Claire C. Taylor, Milltown. Harry I. Wagoner, Rosedale. Joseph Yakubsin, McAdoo. Joseph Malinowski, Reading. Norman L. Roe, Ellwood.

WOUNDED SEVERELY

Corporals George McClelland Riley, Duquesne. Richard E. Sherlock, St. Michael. Privates William H. McCutcheon, Wayne. Frederick W. Roth, Pittsburgh. Joseph F. Norris, Jerome. Edgar A. Holland, Catawauqua. Edward F. McDonald, Philadelphia. Fred W. Zartman, Hanover. Benjamin G. Valentine, Rochester Mills. James J. Costello, Pittsburgh. Ferdinand Sauvageot, Philadelphia. Stephen C. Braxley, Burnham. Daniel J. Gleason, Philadelphia. Louis Jenkins, Phillipsburg. Charles W. Richards, Oil City.

DIED OF WOUNDS

Private Walter Helms, Connessville. WOUNDED (DEGREE UNDETERMINED) Lieutenants George B. Hadeney, Jr., Pottsville. James B. Koonz, Philadelphia. Joseph R. Winokur, Philadelphia. Sergeants William Jefferies, Germantown. Privates Wayne A. LeVan, Allentown. Joseph J. Jazierski, Dixon. John Ross Porter, Hays.

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Private Wilmer Founce, Philadelphia. PASTOR ON VACATION New Cumberland, Pa., Sept. 6.—The Rev. C. H. Heiges, pastor of the Church of God, has been granted a two weeks' vacation. He and Mrs. Heiges left on a motor trip to Adams county to visit relatives. There will be no preaching services until Sunday, September 22.

YANKEE OFFICERS FALL LEADING MEN

Details of Terrific Fighting Told by Returned Men and Letters Home From Front; Many Daring Deeds Related

Philadelphia, Sept. 6.—How Captain Walter W. Gearty, of this city fell while leading his command, Company A, 109th Infantry, in an advance at the Marne was related yesterday by a Philadelphia officer, who has just returned from the front. The officer is Lieutenant Wilson H. Stephenson, who was with Company I, of the 109th, in the same battalion with Companies L and M, which suffered heavy casualties in the battle. Lieutenant Stephenson's story of how the Pennsylvania boys not only helped stop the German attack but drove the enemy back, adds glory to the Iron Division and the 109th. This regiment comprises the former First Infantry of Philadelphia, and the Thirteenth, of Scranton.

"Captain Gearty fell at the beginning of a charge by his command," said the lieutenant. "He had just started to lead his men over the top, when a Hun bullet got him. It's the way many of the officers go—they are bound to be out there in front. "We went into line at the Marne July 6, and the Pennsylvania boys were still in touch with the Germans at the Vesle when I was sent home in August. "In the German attack on July 15, they thought they could break through the line where the Pennsylvania boys were stationed. They soon found they couldn't break through. Then our boys started through the Germans.

"We drove them back to the Ourcq, which is a very small stream, but the Germans thought they could hold us there. Again they misjudged the power of the Americans. The Germans decided that they had a date further back and they kept on retreating. "The Vesle, their next stand, is a

Troubles Nearly Drove Him Crazy

P. R. R. Machinist Tried Remedy After Remedy in Vain Search For Relief

TANLAC AIDS HIM AT ONCE

"If there ever was a wonderful remedy it is Tanlac," says George C. Smith, of 1947 North street, Harrisburg, Pa. "I had a sort of eczema all over my face and body. Doctors told me that it was caused by the oils from the machinery as I was working as a machinist in the P. R. R. Shops, so I quit my job and got another on a street car, but the itching didn't get any better and I was almost insane from the torture. "Then one day I decided I'd take a crack at Tanlac and see what that would do, for I'd heard a lot of wonderful reports about it and I sort of had a hunch. "Well, sir, believe me, it did the work. The second dose brought relief and it was only a matter of days until my skin was all healed up, the itching stopped and the eczema gone entirely. "Tanlac is now being introduced here at Gorgas' Drug Store.—Adv.

They were not hurt." Lieutenant Walter E. Ettinger, of Company D, 11th Infantry, in a letter to his father, Philip Ettinger of Phoenixville, written August 12, describes some of the later fighting in which the Pennsylvania boys have maintained their record for gallantry. "We have been chasing since July 1," he writes, "and it keeps us busy to keep up to the Germans. We have been in some hot places, but our company came out lucky. We are now on ground the Germans held only two days ago. "We had three meals to-day, the first for a long time as most of the time we have to send for our meals at night and only get one a day. Our cook was about three miles back, and about the time we would start to eat, the Germans would send some gas. The air is just full of planes all the time. That is how they get the range on us." Private John T. McLaughlin, of Ashley, with an ambulance unit at the front, was twice buried when shells exploded near him. One explosion he relates, destroyed his prize collection of German helmets, buttons and coins. "A companion and I were carrying a French polli to a first-aid station on July 23," his letter continues. "The polli, on a litter, was talking to us who were carrying him, when there was a burst of flame around us and a deafening noise. "For a minute I was dazed and could not speak. Then I looked at my hands and found them empty. My companion stood rooted to earth and between us lay the gallant Frenchman, on the ground, looking up at us as though he wondered why we had let him fall. "When a shell fell between them, it proved to be a 'dud,' however, and both ends. Not one of us was hurt."

Another Iron Division officer back to serve in a training camp is Lieutenant Adolph Timm, Company E, 110th Infantry, of Mahanoy City, who describes the fighting of his company around Chateau Thierry. At this battle, two Mahanoy City boys, George Reese and Joseph Hall, were killed and a dozen or more were wounded. "Privates Harry Dennis and George Llewellyn were lying prone on the ground," the lieutenant relates. "When a shell fell between them, it proved to be a 'dud,' however, and both ends. Not one of us was hurt."

"They were still in touch with the enemy when I left and the boys were anxious to go at them. They were all talking about how lucky we were to get into the scrap so soon after landing in France, whereas some of the men who had been over there a year had not been in a big fight yet."

"The litter was snapped off at both ends. Not one of us was hurt."

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WOUNDED IN FRANCE Blain, Pa., Sept. 6.—A telegram has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Milton Moreland, of Jackson township, stating that their son, John Frank Moreland, was severely wounded in France, August 7, and was taken to the hospital. He is a member of the 112th Regiment.



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