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TURNING POINT OF WAR

A confident prophecy that the turning-point of the war is at hand was recently made by Mr. Hilaire Belloc, the most inspired of all the military critics now engaged in writing on tactical themes. His Prophecy seems to be based upon the somewhat mysterious operations now taking place north of Arras in French Flanders, and Major Moraht, the expert of the Berliner Tageblatt, agrees with Mr. Belloc in thinking that events are shaping to what both writers term a "decision." It is curious that these critics should agree on such a point at a moment when the fighting on the western front seems to the uninitiated to be quite uneventful, and when the attention of the world is turned to the eastern front watching the triumphant advance of the Germans in Galicia. It is remarkable that Major Moraht should see in a few exchanges of trenches in northern France events more significant as decisive factors than the dramatic recapture of Galician strongholds by the German arms. Mr. Belloc, lecturing in London, is reported by the Daily News as saying:

"I want you to remember that within the next few weeks you are certain to have the turning point of the war. It does not mean victory, but that the enemy will be getting further away from an inconclusive peace.

"You will get the offensive, and not on one point, but on many; and for some days you will not know where the weakness is showing itself on the German lines. If it succeeds it will be shown by the Germans either shortening their line, or they will hang on too long and it will break. Alternately it may not succeed, and the test will be that after the expenditure of this mass of accumulated ammunition and after an appalling casualty list the German line remains unbroken. In this latter alternative our decision to continue must remain. It will be a very critical turning point in the war. If the German line has to retire then you have the war not ended, but decided."

Major Moraht, writing in the Berliner Tageblatt, thinks that this offensive has begun, and he continues:

"Between Arras and Armentieres things are very lively. It is an offensive of the enemy with strong forces, and therefore the 'beginning of the war in May' announced by Lord Kitchener. That announcement was not unwelcomed by our army command. That Lord Kitchener approximately keeps his word is due perhaps more to the peculiarities of a 'coalition war' than to the completion of the much-advertised army of many million white and colored Englishmen. Transports have undoubtedly brought notable new forces into France, but in any case not millions. What France has brought into

the field for this offensive is difficult to say. It may be the great army of defense from Paris, which does not feel itself threatened just now, or it may be newly trained young reserves, or perhaps troops rested after fighting in Champagne and between the Meuse and Moselle.

"Although we have every confidence that this offensive will not lead to driving us out of Flanders and Northern France, as the enemy hopes, still an attack with great numerical superiority may bring about a 'backward and forward' battle which may go on for a long time without reaching a positive decision. In these circumstances it must be remembered that the giving up of individual points on an extended front is not a catastrophe, and the trenches which the French have taken from us between Carency and Neuville they have had to defend with bloody losses and without any certainty of keeping us out permanently.

"The general situation on the western front is that a development toward a decision will lie in the question of whether we are stronger in defense or the enemy stronger in attack."

The military critic of the Manchester Guardian takes a similar view, and, speaking of this continual exchanging of trenches which has marked the fighting in that region, says:

"In themselves the military effect of these combats is often little more than a mutual slaughtering in which that side wins which puts the greatest number of men out of action. 'Eye witness' has himself drawn attention to this aspect of the war. Ultimately numbers will win—numbers of men and numbers of guns. The allies, especially since the entry into the war of Italy, have the greater resources in men. If, therefore, they succeed in putting out of action more or even only as many Austro-Germans as they themselves lost—and do not fall behind in armament—they are fighting a winning battle."

The fighting in this region, in which the famous "Labyrinth" is situated, has been very severe, and the London Morning Post tells us that the now-captured Labyrinth, which lies to the south of Neuville-St. Vaast, contains in an area of some two square miles a perfect maze of trenches over 15 miles long in the aggregate.—Literary Digest.

COUNTY ADVISERS FOR WOMEN

It seems that yesterday when we had the first county adviser for the farmer. Farmers were rather suspicious of this. What advice did they need? We earnestly commended this movement, predicting that its extent would be limited only by the number of men capable of being advisers; for a man must be a pretty big man to be a successful county ad-

viser. He must know about as much as the college professor. He must be a mixer; must know men and how to handle them. Then he must know farming, actual farming, and be familiar with all its details. The time will come when every county in the agricultural sections of the United States will have a county adviser.

The latest brand-new thing is a county adviser for women. This comes to us a sort of surprise. We really had not thought of that; and we are not prepared even now to predict with any degree of certainty its success. We have them in New York, Massachusetts, Missouri, Oklahoma, and quite recently there has been appointed one in Illinois, Kankakee county.

We don't know how the movement originated in the other states mentioned, but in Illinois it originated with the women themselves. We have a strong suspicion that it will never succeed till the women take it up. A hundred farm women got together, originated and planned and proceeded to carry their plan into execution by getting about 1500 women in the county to give or pledge a dollar a year each for three years toward securing a county adviser, to whom they pay \$1800 a year.

We imagine we see the eyes of some of our farm girls snap when they think of that \$1800 a year, and of the fun there would be in riding around in an automobile over the country, and talking to women about, what? Domestic economy, social life, co-operation in church and school, better ventilation, better arranged houses and especially kitchens, perhaps poultry. When women generally get to doing this there is going to be trouble for some of the old fellows who seem to think that anything is good enough for their wives.

It is going to take a pretty big sort of woman to handle that sort of a job, and she is well worth \$1800 a year. And the county will be fortunate if some farmer doesn't see what she is worth and pre-empt her. We are not positive about it, but it has always seemed to us that women are a little sensitive when their household operations are criticized, and it will require rare tact and discretion and sound judgment.

Let us have these county advisers where women want them, are willing to pay for them, and when the advanced women are ready to stand by the county adviser. Otherwise it will be of little use. The agricultural department, through the Lever bill, helps out these women, first, in getting them advisers, and then in giving them half as much money as they raise themselves. In the case we have mentioned they have practically raised \$1500 and so will have to use for the salary only \$250 of the money given them by the government, and have \$450 left for other expenses outside of salary.

We should very much like to hear of a county adviser for women in every county in which Wallace's Farmer circulates. We are ready to give the movement a boost, but, mind you, only a boost. We are ready to play Apostle Paul to these farm women. You remember he said: "Help these women that labor with me in the gospel." We can only help; the women themselves must lead.—Wallaces' Farmer.

FRANK HOLT

That Frank Holt, who wounded J. P. Morgan, was a lunatic, is plain enough; with the same order of mind that Giteau, who shot President Garfield, possessed, except that Holt was an accomplished scholar, which made him more dangerous. The chief underlying traits in such creatures are vanity and selfishness; the desire to enjoy honors or emoluments or both, which they had never earned and failing, to get revenge in some spectacular way which will draw attention to them. Had there been no European war, Holt's mind would have progressed and found vent in some other tragic way.

His education only ministered to the devilish desires which were all the time latent in his selfish soul. All that would have been needed would have been some exciting cause.

Disappointment in any direction would have been enough to have started the thought that he had been personally wronged, or that some theory of his had been disregarded or trampled upon, and then revenge in some spectacular way would have been his study. All the time, too, while planning a sensational tragedy he would have concealed with a devilish subtlety his real nature. With such creatures all sense of justice is dead, and it is their habit to finally conclude that what ever interferes with their desires must be unjust.

If this man Holt's real history could be obtained we suspect that it would be found that he was born to unloving parents; that through life he has never had any respect for the

laws; and that no discipline ever controlled him except through his personal fears.

The mental disease in this form is latent from birth, if not pre-natal, so all that is needed is some exciting cause to set the germs into active growth at any time, and without any particular cause they begin to grow and culminate in some tragic form soon after the age of 40 years is reached.

There should be more study of the mental tendencies of the youth of our country in the schools, and more and more should be impressed the truth that unloving marriages are crimes. Holt should be commended for his final act, for he rid the world of a monster.

The foregoing was written before the story of Holt's life was wired. That shows that he has been a dangerous lunatic since birth, at any time ready to commit murder, if anyone crossed him or made him trouble or offended his vanity; like the old story of the man that had sold his soul to the evil one for a promise of a life of pleasure and freedom from physical pain, only it is clear that Holt was so sublime an egotist that he had determined to make an unheard of sensation, and at the same time counted on escaping, as he had done before.

He evidently was one of the most dangerous perverts that there is any record of.—Goodwin's Weekly.

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N. P. RY.
East Bound
No. 312—To Spokane... 11:20 a.m.
No. 314—To Spokane... 3:30 p.m.
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No. 311—To Lewiston... 11:50 a.m.
No. 313—To Lewiston... 7:17 p.m.
Genesee Branch
Leave
No. 665—Except Sunday... 6:40 a.m.
No. 321—Daily... 12:10 p.m.
Arrive
No. 322—Daily... 10:35 a.m.
No. 666—Except Sunday... 5:00 p.m.
Note—Genesee train No. 322 returns at 3:15 p.m. on Sunday.
O. W. R. & N. RY.
No. 81—Motor to Colfax 7:55 a.m.
No. 83—Motor to Colfax 1:50 p.m.
No. 85—Mixed to Colfax 5:30 p.m.
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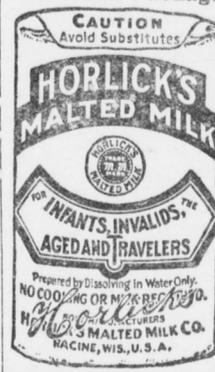
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