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FRANK H. SIMONDS WRITES OF CAMPAIGNS OF 1915-OTHER WAR BOOKS

by the destruction of Serbia and the

binding of Bulgaria to their charlot

be turned to defeats. The blunders

back again, in Mr. Simonds's opinion.

well as the military moves with the

tached from the conflict. His con-

clusions may have to be revised when

we have fuller evidence, but they are

just and fair so far as the testimony

at hand makes possible. Of course

he does not confine himself to the de-

feat of Russia. There are chapters of

the submarine campaign, on the en

battles of Ypres, on the Gallipoli finsco

It closes with the end of 1915. The

"The merit of this history lies in

was the battle which made the Germans to believe that they were

DUNAJEC, THE SECOND GREAT BATTLE OF THE WAR wheels. Dunajec was the battle which made Mitteleuropa a possibility, and

Frank Simonds Explains How the Making of Mittel- winning the war and could not be Europa Dates From Mackensen's Victory in Galicia

IT WONDER how much longer the a short campaign and then to dispose German people will consent to of the Russians at their leisure. The has had the war map held up before fight a losing war," said Doctor Mc- resistance of the Belgians enabled the it showing its victories, but the day Fabre. He had just been reading of French to mobilize their armies and to will come when those victories must our progress in raising an army and organize resistance. The German efgetting it to France.

I asked.

out waiting for the doctor to reply.

tending from the North Sca nearly western front and massed them on to Bagdad, and their armies are tak. the east and they fought another bating more of Russia almost every the which Mr. Simonds also calls one its evident impartiality. Mr. Simonds a powerful American army they may outcome, but the success of their "The taking of Warsaw?" hazarded

courage up."

light before." Doctor McFabre ad- "I never heard of it." Owen remitted.

"Most of us have ignored the German successes in the east and have Gorlice." regarded the western front as the only "That does not help me." said Doctor and on the campaigns in the Balkans important field of operations. I have McFahra

Middle Europe. If you want to have The Russian army was massed being what is probably the best war campaigns of 1915 and their effect on sian line ran south from Poland and the creation of a Central European made an elbow at this point where it HISTORY empire. So many things have hap- extended east into Galicia. General pened since 1915 that those of us who Mackensen elaborated the tactics of have been following the war from day Field Marshal French at Neuve Chato day are in danger of losing sight to day are in danger of losing sight of the significance of the events of the vector where French failed. The Brit. past. Mr. Simonda's book will refresh ish commander massed 300 heavy guins

our memories.



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defeated." "They must be learning better now," Doctor McFabre remarked. "I hope so," said I. "But it will take time to convince a nation which

fort failed at the battle of the Marne, of the British have conspired to con-"But do they think they are losing?" which Mr. Simonds justly describes as firm the Germans in their view. In one of the great decisive battles of the the summer of 1915 when the Ger-

"Ot course they do," said Owen, with- world. In the course of the succeed. mans were busy on the castern front

ing winter they concluded that it it would have been possible for the "I would not be too sure about that." would be impossible for the British to English to break through the westsaid I. "Look at what they have done, get a formidable force in the field for ern front if the men sent to Gal-They have succeeded everywhere save another year, and they planned an lipoli had been sent to France instead. on the western front and they have eastern campaign. They proposed to and if the shells wasted there had been held their own there for nearly four dispose of Russia and then turn to fired at the Germans. The French and years. They have created on the war France again. In accordance with British could then have gained ground map a Central European empire, ex- this plan they took troops from the that the Germans could not have won

week. Now that they are confronted of the great battles of the world, on studies the politics and diplomacy as with the certainty of having to meet account of the events which flowed from it. What battle do you suppose calmness of a student completely debegin to have some doubts of the final that was?"

armies has been such as to keep their Doctor McFabre. "I had not thought of it in that jee," said I.

marked.

"The Germans call it the battle of transe of Italy into the war, on the

just been reading the second volume "The Dunajee." I explained, "is a next volume will take up Verdun and of Frank H. Simonds's history of the tributary of the Vistula which rises the campaigns which revolved about war which deals with the making of in the mountains east of Cracow, that great siege. Mr. Simonds is mak-

"No. It was the battle of Duna-

your thinking clarified you ought to tween the Dunajec and the Biala. a history that was ever written about a read it. Mr. Simonds discusses the tributary of the Dunajec. The Rus- way while it was in progress GEORGE W. DOUGLAS.

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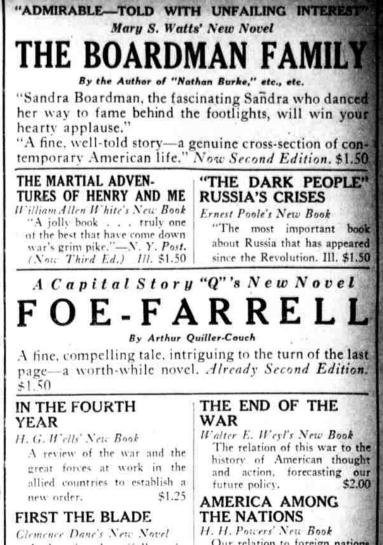
Traces of sincerity and vitality may be found in a few of the latest books of war poems, but for the most par they do not require detailed analysis o Show an our require equire analysis of comment. It is each that Captain Cyrill Morton Horne's "Songs of the Shrapnel Shell" were written under fire in the trenches. A mind distracted and benueed by the imminence of death is not in the ideal mood for the creation of poetry, but Captain Horne has writ-ten some good verse. The most spot-lateous and sincers things in the book The some good varies in the most spon-taneous and sincere things in the book are "To the Leve of a Year Ago." with its muniting wistfulness and England, obviously written in the glow of pus-sionate pride and love

There is a far causer lift, and far greater vitality and variety in the Rough Rhymes of a Padre." by 'Wood-bine Willie" (G A. Studder-Kennedy, M. C., C. F.). There is not a pretention We C, C, F.). There is not a preten-tions poem in the collection, but the unpolehoid slargy speech of Terminy in the trenches is reproduced with a de-Riew of naturalness and a lack of af-fectation that never strains the reader's sense of reality. Ensentially different in spirit are the fragment. War," and the optimistic. "The Spirit," but they are linked by the pervasive note of real umanity which dominator the book burnanity which dominates the book. Typical magazine verses of fair merit comprise "To Arms?" by Laura E. Richards. Erropounty they just avoid degenerating into doggerel, but they have the right ring. While net primarily a volume of war verse. Marietta M. Andrews "Songs of a Mother" contains half a dogen or more verse innered directly by the war.

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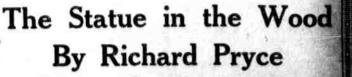
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