

GRIPPING THE GRIP

Drastic as it is, the Closing Order Warrants Acceptance as a Sane Preventive Measure

WITH disease, as with an embattled enemy in war, unconditional surrender is dependent upon unconditional rigor and severity of opposition.

It is highly likely that parleying with the Spanish grip was largely responsible for its extension in this country.

Victory over it, to be complete, can be won by prompt and decisive measures. Doctor Krusen has taken them in issuing his ruling whereby theatres, churches, motion-picture houses and other places of public assemblage are temporarily shut.

Rightly viewed, the rigor and suddenness of the orders should inspire confidence rather than anxiety.

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Such a withdrawal from at least a portion of Belgium is now definitely presaged. Lens was the key, and with it a new door to liberty will be unlocked.

It is perfectly possible to avoid crowds and patriotic rallies and still subscribe for a fine big sheet of Liberty Bonds.

THE DOCTORS' DILEMMA

THE influenza epidemic has emphasized anew the shortage of physicians in Philadelphia and intensified the moral dilemma which doctors who were at once citizens and good patriots have had to face.

Without impugning in the least their spirit of self-sacrifice, it is worth reflection that they also serve who stay at home and work in the homes and hospitals.

The responsibility of the reduced ranks at home is high. The spread of the grip enlarges the aspects of heroism.

THE LOSS OF THE TAMPA

THE loss of the cutter TAMPA and all her personnel of 118 officers and men represents for the United States the major disaster of the war.

Among Brazil's contributions to progress have been the emancipation of her slaves without bloodshed and the conversion of a monarchy into a republic without the loss of a single life.

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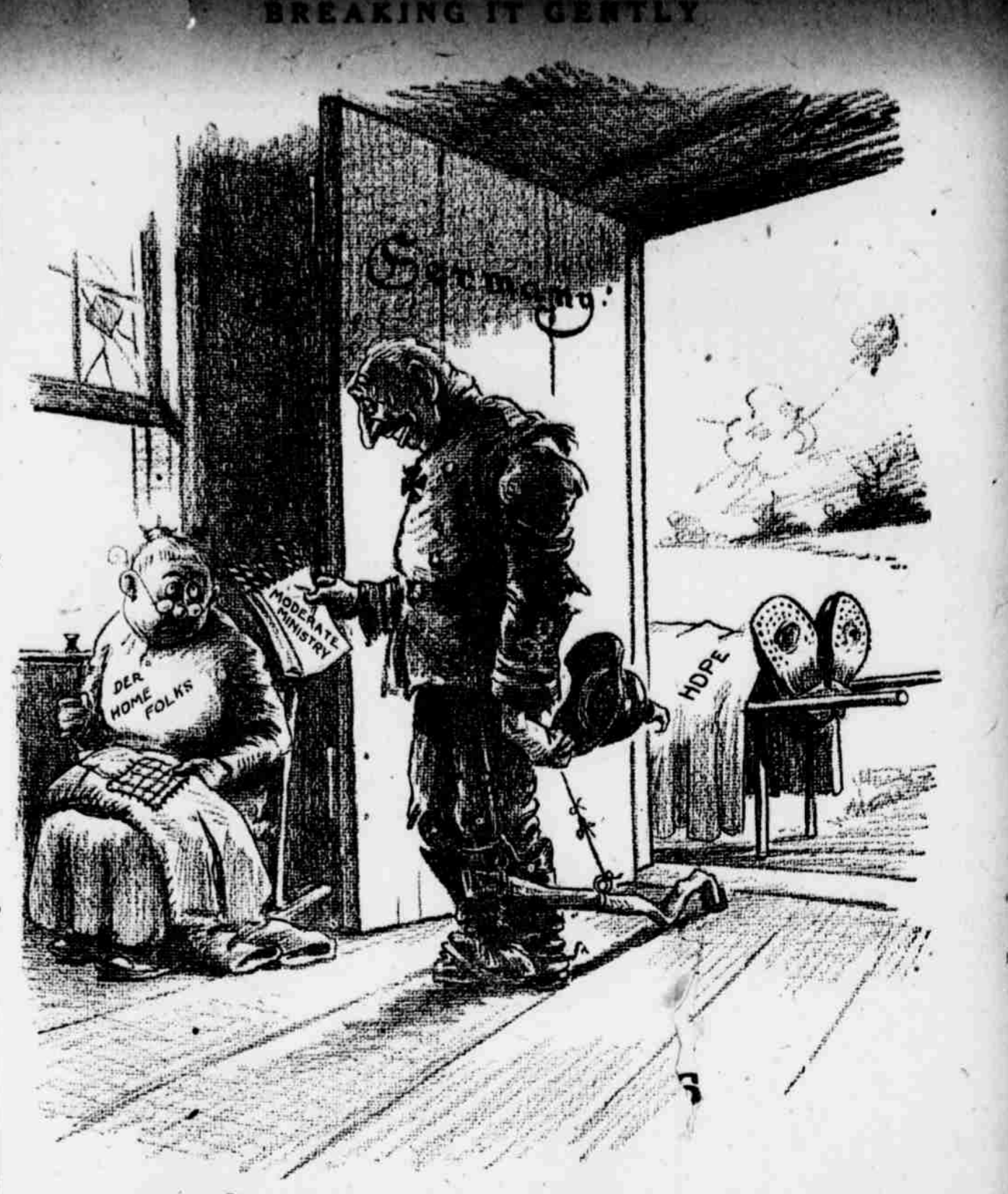
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SUPREME CHANCE NOW FOR THE ALLIES

By PHILIP GIBBS

It is now October, and the men who are advancing today belong to the same divisions as those who fought back in the desperate rear-guard actions when the enemy flung his massed armies against them in March.

They have lost many comrades on the way—this wake of war is scattered over and over the globe.

One young Tommy, rudding along the road, is a Canadian for all Australia.

Knowing the frightful hours ahead of them, they are the full cost of victory, they go and claim it.

Not only the men, but their young officers and their headquarters staff do not spare themselves the last scrap of vitality.

Every other day now they seem to shift their lodgings in the earth to some spot further forward.

These men were not romantic fellows, like Greek heroes. They were bootmakers from Leicester and lacemakers from Nottingham and potters from Arnold Bennett's five towns.

South of the city English and Scottish troops are in the suburbs and streets close to the Faubourg St. Sulpice and the Faubourg-de-Paris.

The enemy has organized a strong machine-gun defense of Cambrai under some commander who knows his job and posts his guns on the roofs of Cambrai.

After successful orgies of looting in which officers joined with their men, the city was put out of bounds to all German troops.

On both sides of the valley the Germans had their guns. The gunners were firing and cutting down two Germans who tried to kill him as he crossed the bridge.

The enemy's withdrawal from the La Bassée neighborhood was preceded by a heavy bombardment as a final salute from his guns which had ravaged this mining country for four years.

In Cite St. Auguste, that mining village northeast of Lens, into which some Gordons went on the first day of the battle of Lens in September, 1915, and never came back again.

There were Wednesday's rear-guard machine-gunners and fighting took place before the British routed them out.

Elsewhere scarcely a shot was fired, and the enemy went away rapidly to his new line of defense.

to confirm that by certain knowledge. In any case, however, the British are far forward from their own line of yesterday and from ruined villages like Salome, and they are staring at the chimneys and roofs of Lille, which seems near, though perhaps a river of blood away if we tried to take it now.

Meanwhile, further south, in the real storm center of the present fighting, Cambrai still remains in German hands, within a close strangle of British lines.

Here the enemy had a strong defensive line, which is part of the Beaurvoir-Maenier line, broken further north, and in front of it there are a number of villages.

One village called Sequehart has been the scene of fierce fighting for two days or more by the men of the Thirty-second and Forty-sixth Divisions.

Beyond Vergies and north of them the Australians have gone forward south of Le Catelet, and Gouy.

It is wonderful weather, with sunshine like liquid gold in the face and a sky of unclouded blue.

An ingenious improvement has recently been made to the already familiar steel shrapnel helmet in use "over there."

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