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**EDITORIALS**

The use of asphyxiating gas by the Germans is something new in warfare. It is a great deal simpler and very much more humane to put a man to sleep than to shoot him, but in the case of the Germans it appears that they put him to sleep only that they may bayonet him with greater ease. The manner in which the gas is administered is not clear from the meagre information to hand, but it is likely from exploded shells. The first mention of it was when the Germans apparently accused the British for the use of it, although there is no evidence that they had done so. At any rate, there is no secret about it and either side can use it, if it becomes a recognized method of warfare. In case both sides begin its use the tide of battle will depend upon the way the wind is blowing.

The use of this gas revives the stories recently told about the deadly gas of which the British held the secret and which was so destructive that they decided not to put it into practice. The story went on to say that a whole army could be snuffed out in a moment by a few puffs of its fumes. How much there is in the story it is difficult to say, but the general impression it gives seems to imply the color of a myth. If such a gas could be employed there does not seem to be any very sound reason why it should not be employed. If its destructiveness could be dem-

onstrated even once, no more bullets would be used and the Germans would soon sue for peace. Indeed, in reality it would be a godsend for it would mean the end of war as we know it now. In all probability, however, the story is without foundation.

One can easily understand and appreciate the anger of the Canadians when they found the Germans bayoneting their asphyxiated comrades. An asphyxiated man is already in the power of his foe and the proper procedure is to take him prisoner. To turn on him with the bayonet in his helpless condition is nothing less than murder and murder is a capital offence. When the Canadians, therefore, turn on the Germans and refuse them quarter it becomes a just punishment for their heinous crime. War, of course, is itself a crime but once the object sought is attained there can be no excuse for additional cruelty. A few lessons like that given by the Canadians may bring the Germans to their senses.

The possible duration of the war is the one topic that interests everybody. Not only would it be a relief to feel that no more men would be butchered on the field of battle but the prosperity and welfare of the world is hanging in the balance. Looking at both armies at present there is nothing to indicate that the end is near. The Germans are as

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strong as ever and have millions yet to fall back on. Unless a shortage of ammunition will affect them, there is nothing to prevent them pursuing the war for a few more years, at any rate. The Allies, of course, are stronger than ever, and there should be no fear of the Germans making another successful offensive campaign. Put on the defensive, however, they can probably hold out for considerable time. It will be some months yet before it will be safe to predict the possible duration of this terrible conflict.

**ITALY NOW WANTS MORE CONCESSIONS**

London, April 27.—It is now an open secret that Italy has been promised by Austria and Germany, as the price of her neutrality, the Italian provinces of Austria, and no more.

Until a month ago, Italy was content with that, but when it became apparent that the Allies intended to finish Turkey-in-Europe, Italy put forward a claim to Smyrna city and province and a number of Turkish islands, as well as a slice of the Austrian territory on the Adriatic.

It is not believed, however, that the Allies intend that Italy shall have any of the territory of Turkey-in-Asia. Smyrna will go to either Greece or France. It is to big a prize to add to the price of Italian assistance.

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Officers commanding companies will render to the Adjutant by Thursday, 29th inst., nominal rolls of their companies.

O. C. companies will ascertain and report to the Adjutant how many men under their command are in possession of complete uniforms, this report to be rendered by Thursday, 29th inst.

O. C. companies will render to the Adjutant by Thursday, 29th inst., the names of any men having knowledge of bugling or who are desirous of becoming members of a bugle band.

"A" Company will parade on Wednesday, 28th inst., and Friday, 30th inst., at 8 p. m. in Drill Hall.

"B" Company will parade on Thursday, 29th inst., at 8 p. m. in Drill Hall.

The bayonet class will be held on Monday, 26th inst., at 8 p. m. W. S. MARSHALL, Lieut. 96-101 Acting Adjutant.

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