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LUDENDORFF'S OWN STORY, by Erich von Ludendorff (2 vols., 8vo, 950 pages; Harper), gives a G. H. Q. view of the war from August 1914 to November 1918. It has a certain quality of forthrightness which makes its fallacies and mistakes apparent to the reader even when they escape the author. Ludendorff's thesis is that the war was lost because the army at home had not another Ludendorff to direct it—hence unrest, disaffection, slackness, and ultimate disaster. With his Fatherland prostrate, only Ludendorff's self-complacency remains erect among the ruins. Whilst his country writhes in defeat his code and outlook stand stiffly in their pre-war attitude of "Attention."

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