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A SAGA OF WAR-DAY.

CHAPTER IX.

The day was gray and overcast, a typical spring day in the northeast. It was a day of rest and preparation for the following day's battle. The soldiers were exhausted from the constant marching and fighting, but they knew that their victory was at stake.

The officers were gathered in a small tent, reviewing their plans for the battle. They were determined to capture the enemy's stronghold and bring peace to the region.

"With your permission, gentlemen," said the commander, "I would like to propose a plan for the battle.

"The will of the government."