

FERDINAND'S ARMY ADVANCES: BULGARS INVADE GREECE.

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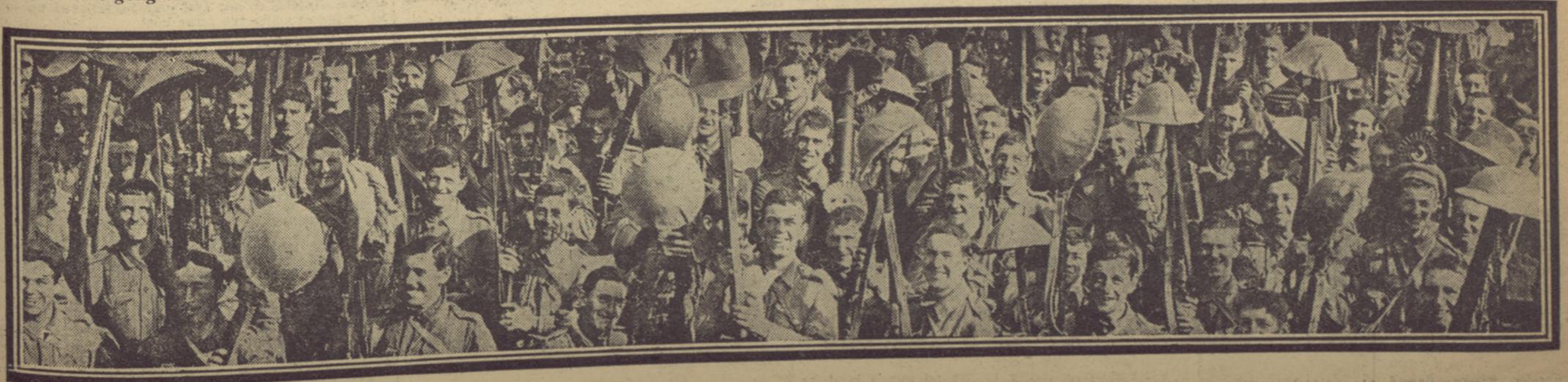
FROM THE SLOUCH HAT TO THE STEEL HELMET.



The gong that warns the troops of a gas attack.



Keeping a sharp look-out for Fritz. The Colonial believes in keeping "cool."



Parading for the trenches. It will be noticed that the steel helmets have been covered in khaki cloth.

Australian soldiers, many of whom helped to make the name Anzac stand for all that is glorious in battle, are now in the first line on the Western front. They have set and sacrifice in fighting the Turk, but we may be certain that these sons of Empire will uphold the traditions of their regiments

KAISER'S PEACE PLOT IN AMERICA.

Machine-Made German Propaganda In United States Congress.

WILSON'S BIG BLUNDER.

Tool Of Hyphenated Politicians In Presidential Elections.

The secret of a subtle German peace movement has just come to light in America. A hundred thousand telegrams were sent out simultaneously to members of the United States Congress, all urging the necessity of peace at any price, and intended to convince the politicians that there was a spontaneous American movement for bringing the war to an end. Unfortunately, for the success of this plot, it has been discovered that all the telegrams were almost identical; they were all variations of this typical example:—

Your constituents urge and expect you to stand like a rock against the passing frenzy of insane and criminal folly on the part of the small portion of interested persons who are clamouring for war. We want peace. Nothing warrants any other action.

AMERICAN TRUTH.

All these telegrams have now been traced to a single organisation—"The American Truth Society"—formed with the object of keeping America out of the war. Its neutral and impartial point of view may be judged from the fact that the members of Cincinnati branch bear the following names:—

Brunhoff.	Schmidt.
Otto Renner.	Schwaab.
Wurlitze.	Kohlsaat.
Zinke.	Schott.

Messrs. Brunhoff and Co. sent out thousands of letters, all containing telegrams with blank addresses to be filled in by the senders. Each recipient was asked to sign and get his friends to sign similar telegrams to be telegraphed to the Senators at a given signal. Except in isolated cases, however, telegrams were not sent out by those whose names they bore, but dispatched in bulk and paid for by the American Truth Society.

"AMERICA IS UNCONCERNED."

Unfortunately for his credit with the Allies, President Wilson, though doubtless himself acting in good faith, has lent himself to the German manoeuvres.

In an address before the League to Enforce Peace, President Wilson used these words:—

America is unconcerned with the causes and objects of the war. The peace of the world must henceforth depend upon a new and more wholesome diplomacy. It is clear that nations must in the future be governed by the same high code of honour that we demand of individuals.

The American Ambassador in Berlin said in an interview with the *Munich Gazette*:—

The main thing is that my Government is really ready to do everything to further the idea of peace, and I add that the removal of German-American difficulties was the first thing required to enable the American Government to deal effectively with the peace question. I am very optimistic regarding the progress of the peace idea, even among belligerent Powers.

ENCOURAGING THE ASSASSINS.

But Congressman Gardner, of Massachusetts, a son-in-law of Senator Lodge, has introduced a resolution into the House declaring that the vast majority of Americans believe that Austria and Germany precipitated the war, and congratulating the Allies for punishing their international faithlessness.

The resolution declares against "any inconclusive or premature peace, which would encourage the world to believe that nations may with impunity violate every law of God or man."

Nothing could be more offensive to British and French, or to Russian and Italian opinion, than peace talk at the present moment.

The actual form in which it is put, suggesting that the war has reached a stalemate and will never be decisively won by either side, is an exact reflection of what Germany wishes the world to believe. It is a measure of their failure before Verdun and of the hopelessness of the future from the German point of view. In the same degree it is a pledge of the expectations of the Allies, whose offensive has yet to be undertaken. When this offensive has been undertaken and has failed, Mr. Wilson may have better prospects of success.

HE CHARGED A MACHINE-GUN.

Lance-Corporal F. Robertson, a Stirling man, serving with the Royal Highlanders, has received the D.C.M. for conspicuous gallantry. With a comrade he charged a machine-gun in action, shot the gunners, and put the gun out of action before retiring.



A movement is on foot among the engineering trades for a general wage increase for all workers. To sell port wine that has not come from Por-

SINN FEIN PLANS FOR IRISH WEDNESDAY'S ATTACK ON LORD KITCHENER.

Hun Ship That Came Too Soon And Spoiled The Plot.

MARTIAL LAW TO CONTINUE.

Martial law is to be continued in Ireland, a proclamation to that effect having been issued on Saturday owing to the "disaffection and unrest" which still prevail in certain parts.

Sir Horace Plunkett will be a witness at the inquiry which will be continued to-day at Dublin, but it is understood that his evidence will not be given in public.

At Saturday's hearing one of the most significant points in the police evidence was the connection of the younger members of the priesthood with the Sinn Fein movement.

County Inspector Rutledge, of the R.I.C., recited the history of the movement in Galway.

About 400 persons were actively engaged in the rebellion in his district. There had been a secret society, he said, in Galway since 1882, and it had been in touch with the Clan-na-Gael and the young men connected with the Gaelic Athletic Association. It had led to all the agrarian crime in Galway, and had been at the back of the Sinn Fein movement.

PLENTY OF MONEY.

Although he had no indication that German money was being received, the police had noticed that people who were not well off had plenty of money. Where it came from he did not know.

County-Inspector Clayton, of East Riding, Galway, R.I.C., said the Athenry and Loughrea districts had been black spots in Galway for a number of years. There had been secret societies in that district at all times for many years. It was the centre of the land agitation, and cold-blooded murders had been committed there.

A famous criminal named Kenny took a leading part in the rebellion, and was now at large—"on the run."

A number of younger priests were connected with the Sinn Fein movement, added the inspector.

What happened in Kerry was told by County Inspector Hill, who, in explaining the growth of the movement in Kerry, said that in October of last year, a deputation of Sinn Feiners waited on Listowel Race Committee, and got them to rescind a resolution that a proportion of the takings should be given to the Comforts Fund for Munster Fusiliers.

CASH FOR SINN FEIN FUNDS.

They also got them to pass a resolution granting one penny out of each shilling to funds of the Sinn Fein Volunteers, but the latter resolution, Mr. Hill added amid laughter, was subsequently rescinded.

Mr. Hill detailed the story of Sir Roger Casement's arrest and the precautions taken to get extra police and military in the district.

It was apparently intended, he said, that there should be a landing of Germans, but apparently the ship came in a day or two too soon.

Austin Stack, who appeared to be the principal man in the movement in Tralee was placed under arrest.

On Sunday, 23rd, 316 Irish Volunteers mobilised in Tralee, evidently to assist the rebellion and the landing of arms. But after the arrest of Stack they seemed to get nervous, and finally the country contingents returned home.

MONTEITH "ON THE RUN."

Mr. Justice Shearman: They were waiting for the leader, but he did not turn up!—The Inspector said that seemed to be so.

With reference to the attitude of the priests, there were only four young ones in sympathy with the Sinn Feiners, and he knew of places where priests refused to allow branches of the organisation to be formed.

The Inspector said Monteith, who landed with Casement and Bailey, was still "on the run," but the police hoped to arrest him.

From what the authorities knew, he added, the Germans intended to force a landing near Fenit Pier.

County-Inspector Gelston, in reply to Mr. Justice Shearman as to the action of clergymen, said that one told the people to arm, and if they could not get long-distance rifles to use shot guns; if they could not get shot guns to get revolvers; if they could not get revolvers to get pikes; and if they could not get pikes every man had either a hatchet or a slasher in his own house.

Some younger priests had Sinn Fein tendencies, he added, but the older men, as a rule, had not.

SOLDIER WRITES TO 'DEAR KING.'

How A Disgraced Tommy Got Back And Made Good.

Mr. Robert Munro, K.C., M.P., the Lord Advocate, told the General Assembly of the United Free Church in Edinburgh on Saturday a little story of how a disgraced soldier got back to the Army.

The man was discharged with ignominy while with the forces in India. After coming into contact with a minister and reforming, he tried to re-enlist in this country, but was refused on account of his record.

He wrote a letter to the King, whom he addressed as "Dear King," and as a result was taken back to the Army.

After great gallantry in the no man's land between the trenches he died trying to save others.

VOLUNTEER HAYMAKERS WANTED.

Chertsey emergency committee is appealing to employers to allow gardeners and coachmen to

Who Will Answer Mr. Churchill's Latest Outburst?

THE REFORMED WAR OFFICE.

From Our Parliamentary Correspondent.

Before Parliament rises for the Whitsun recess the Government will, it is assumed, take an opportunity of replying to the sweeping criticisms made by Colonel Churchill on the Army. These cannot, it is felt, be allowed to pass unanswered, although M.P.s regarded them as of an exaggerated nature.

Mr. Tennant, as the spokesman of the War Office in the House of Commons, will doubtless deal with the technical side of Colonel Churchill's statement, but the general hope prevails that a Minister of Cabinet rank, such as the Prime Minister or Mr. Bonar Law, will also speak on the subject, so that our Allies may not be in any doubt as to the real policy of the Government on matters of such high military importance.

On Wednesday the House of Commons will discuss the salary of the Secretary of State for War, when some M.P.s propose to launch an attack on Lord Kitchener in connection with his conduct of affairs at the War Office. These malcontents are not very considerable either in importance or numbers, and the House has little sympathy with the movement.

Mistakes have been made, without doubt, but recent changes in the personnel and powers of the Staff, and the creation of a War Committee of the Cabinet have worked great improvements in the direction of military affairs.

In this case also it is expected that Mr. Asquith will speak for the Government, as he never fails to come to the defence of an attacked colleague.

TIPPERARY MATINEE.

Two Queens To Be Present To-day At The Palace Theatre.

The name of Tipperary has now a practical as well as a sentimental significance. It is fitting, therefore, that there should be a Tipperary matinee.

And this is the day of the Tipperary matinee. There will be an assembly representative of all provinces, of all parties, and of all classes in Ireland at the Palace Theatre this afternoon, when a special performance of "Peg o' My Heart" will be given by Miss Moya Manning and the Globe Theatre company. It is in aid of the wounded Irish soldiers at the Command Depot, Tipperary.

Mr. Alfred Butt and Lady Limerick (notwithstanding the incessant demands of her soldiers' buffet at London Bridge) are responsible for the arrangement of the matinee, and they have been assisted by Lady Maud Warrender, while Lady Oranmore and Browne has co-operated as secretary.

The King has given his patronage to the matinee, and Queen Mary and Queen Alexandra have announced their intention of being present. The list of patrons includes representatives of practically every family belonging to the Irish nobility. It is supported, too, by Sir Edward Carson, Mr. John Redmond, Lord Wimborne, Lord Kitchener and General Sir John Maxwell.

Mrs. Townshend, wife of the hero of Kut, is showing her practical interest in the undertaking by selling programmes.

The band of the Irish Guards will play selections, and among the audience will be a number of disabled soldiers who were released from Germany last week.

SIXPENNY QUART SCANDAL.

Evidence Of The Milk Combine's Work Among Farmers.

Although the milk trade has assured the trustful Board of Trade that the increase in price to 6d. a quart is "in the public interest," the *Daily Sketch* adheres to its view that such a high price is unnecessary at the present time, and that the advance is due more to the operations of the big dairy firms than to the rise in the cost of production.

Confirmation of this is provided in a letter from a "small" dairyman in East London:—

We are selling pure new milk at 4½d. a quart. We make little profit, but as long as we can rub along until the war is over, that is all we require.

You ask is it a fact about the milk combine. I most emphatically say "Yes." Long before contract time they had their spies out finding out the smaller man's farmers and then going to them and offering a big price. Consequently, when contract time came, the small man had to pay more than the combine's prices to retain the farmer, as most farmers like to sell to large dealers.

We lost farmers who had served us for years because the combine offered beyond our prices. Only last week one farmer whom we had bought of cheaply refused to send us any more milk unless we paid him 2d. a gallon more, making the general price paid to the combine.

NO SHORTAGE OF BACON OR CHEESE

Concerning the dear food scandal, a "Father of Five" writes from Wandsworth:

Only yesterday I was walking through one of our principal docks, when I saw quite 3,000 cases of bacon lying in the sun, and I ascertained there was no room in the warehouses, these being full up with cheese.

THE KING AND HIS FIGHTERS.

The King is visiting centres of naval and military training, and is expected to be away from London until Wednesday evening.

FLAWS IN HUSBANDS' RELIEF SCHEME.

Insufficient Assistance For Men With Small Shops.

BUSINESS RIVALS.

Dangers In Government Plan That Must Be Averted.

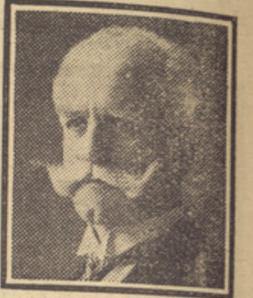
By A. W. Yeo, M.P.

I am more firmly convinced every day that, excellent as is the Government scheme for relief of married soldiers in many ways, it requires most careful watching.

The intention of Parliament and the country is good. That intention must be worked out in satisfactory practice.

In saying this I speak from behind the rampart of a huge pile of letters and telegrams I have received from all parts of the country. No fewer

than 3,000 people have written me asking advice or voicing some complaint or apprehension, and communications are coming by every post.



MR. A. W. YEO, M.P.

WILL LOSE THEIR ALL.

Many are from men with small businesses, which they are terribly afraid will be lost if they are put into khaki without any adequate assistance from the State.

The scheme provides that an applicant may be relieved to a maximum extent of £104 a year. But in numbers of cases I am convinced that this won't cover the probable loss.

Take the case of a man who has two shops. Plenty have. There is a mortgage of £200 on one and £300 on the other. Interest and repayment cost him about £65 a year. Rates and taxes account for £35. There is thus left £4 for all other charges.

WIVES CANNOT CARRY ON.

It may be argued that the wife of a man like this should be able to carry on the business, and that things would then be all right. But it isn't every man who has a wife of that kind, and you can't instil business ability into even a shopkeeper's wife in a hurry.

Men of this class point out that Mr. Hayes Fisher said in the House that "no application will be entertained for assistance in discharging ordinary debts."

Now what is worrying some of them is the question as to whether this refers to the debts which they owe to the wholesale houses which have supplied them with their goods. If it does, and those houses—as is most likely—come down on them in a hurry as soon as they know the men are going into the Army, what is the position created?

EXISTING ON CREDIT.

Small businesses—and large—exist upon credit. Otherwise they couldn't, very often, exist at all, for the shopkeepers themselves have given credit to their customers.

If the man is to be swamped at once with demands for payment of all he owes, how is he to meet those demands? It cannot be done, and it looks as though the business must go under.

If the shop fails in his absence, the man returns from saving his country to find that he has to begin life all over again. For a man of middle age, with a family dependent upon him, that is by no means a pleasant prospect.

CASE OF WAGE-EARNERS.

The position of the wage-earner is rather different. The £3 10s. man mentioned in Parliament, who may receive £1 10s. from Army pay, allowances and so on, and may be relieved up to £2, is not at all in the same boat.

My suggestion for the men of whom I have been speaking is that they should not be put into the Army direct.

They should, in my view, be made to do training for four hours a day and kept at that as long as possible, with a view to their being used for home service and only sent abroad as a last resort.

That would give their wives a chance to become familiar with the details of the business and the home might be saved.

TRADE RIVAL DANGERS.

A further source of worry to some of my correspondents is the multiplicity of details required to be sent to the Commissioners. Many a little business man has the most elementary idea of book-keeping, and some keep no books at all.

One real danger lies in the attempts which are being made by some people to get the Commissioners assisted by local advisers, who are supposed to understand the local conditions.

"We know what happened at the tribunals," future applicants say. "Some of us have had to go before men who were our rivals in trade. The questions they put then were bad enough, but for us to have to divulge to them the inner secrets of our affairs would be ten times worse."

And so it would. It would be giving away what is an important asset. I can quite conceive that it would be an advantage to the Commissioners, who are barristers, to have the advice of business men, but for heaven's sake don't let them be the neighbours of the applicants.

BULGARS INVADE GREECE: STRATEGIC POINTS SEIZED.

BULGARIANS INVADE GREEK TERRITORY.

Enemy Take Possession Of Some Important Posts.

25,000 INVADERS.

Rupel Fort And Demir Hissar Station Occupied.

ADVANCE UPON KAVALLA.

Tsar Ferdinand has struck his first blow in the new Macedonian campaign by forcing the Greek frontier pass at Rupel, five miles north of Demir-Hissar and about 55 miles north-east of Salonika.



TSAR FERDINAND.

The Bulgarian invading force at this point is estimated at 25,000 men, and no resistance was offered by the Greek commander of the fort defending the pass, although one Greek company, mortified by the sight of Bulgars on Greek territory, opened fire. They were compelled to desist and retire by an order from Athens.

Twenty-four hours' notice to evacuate the fort was given to the Greek commander, to whom it was explained that the place was "essential for the Bulgarian defence," and that it would be occupied "in accordance with the general policy of neutrality as interpreted at Athens."

Demir-Hissar station (10 miles within the Greek frontier), where the bridge was blown up by the French, has also been seized, as well as some other Greek forts.

One Bulgarian division from Xanthi is stated to have crossed the frontier with a view to occupying Kavalla, the Greek seaport east of Salonika, which Bulgaria has always claimed.

According to one message the Bulgarian occupation of Kavalla was expected to take place yesterday.

General Sarrail and the Allies' other commanders have doubtless gauged the full value of Ferdinand's latest move.

With the French and British forces in the Salonika region is the reinvigorated Serbian army, burning to get to close quarters with the treacherous despoilers of their country.

ONE GREEK COMPANY SHOWS FIGHT.

Position The Key To The Serres-Demir Hissar Plain.

SALONIKA, Saturday.

Some five miles north-west of Demir Hissar, where the broad valley of the Struma contracts into a narrow gorge in order to cleave a way through the Belashitza and Chergel ranges, the Rupel Pass marks the strategic gateway into Greek eastern Macedonia.

The frontier runs six miles north of Rupel, which is defended by a fort and earthworks manned by Greek troops.

The position is practically the key to the Serres-Demir Hissar plain, and constitutes the neck of the bottle as regards the Struma valley to the north.

WITHIN 24 HOURS.

On Thursday the Greek commander received an intimation from the Bulgarians that he must evacuate Rupel within 24 hours as that place was essential for the Bulgarian defence and would be occupied by them in accordance with the general policy of neutrality as interpreted at Athens.

The Greek troops withdrew, but one company occupying the Kula position, and unable to bear the mortification of seeing the hereditary foe invade Greek soil unopposed, remained and opened fire on the advancing Bulgars.

BULGARS RETURN GREEK FIRE.

The latter returned the fire, but refrained from pressing on, and finally categorical orders received from Athens compelled the company com-

most significant developments of the last few months.

It was known that the Bulgarians had already strongly fortified the Kresna Pass, which bars the Struma Valley, some 40 miles further north, but the seizure of Rupel seems to indicate that they were not satisfied with the defences of what is really the most direct route to Sofia.

Although the Bulgarians have shown little regard for Greek susceptibilities and rights, having raided Greek villages, arrested and carried off Greek notables and priests, to say nothing of their bombings and bombardments of Greek towns and villages, this is the first case of an actual invasion and occupation of Greek territory.

INDIGNATION—AND INACTION.

The Greek newspapers express the most intense indignation at the action of the Bulgarians, but beyond the inevitable protest no complications are likely to ensue.

According to the Greek Press, the majority of the German troops have been withdrawn from Macedonia, only one division remaining before the Allies' front.

The Bulgarian troops have, however, been stiffened with a certain proportion of German officers and non-commissioned officers.

During the past week there has been increased activity on both banks of the Vardar, and there have been a number of minor infantry engagements.—Reuter Special.

WILL BE RETURNED—AFTER THE WAR.

German Officers Take Part In Surrender Negotiations.

ATHENS, Saturday (received Sunday).

Concerning the occupation of Rupel Fort the evening papers give the following details:

"The Greek outposts in this region offered a lively resistance. The army and fort batteries fired 26 shots against the advancing troops.

"A deputation of Germano-Bulgar superior officers waited upon the officer commanding the Greek troops, to whom they intimated that as a result of formal orders they were obliged to occupy the fort. They explained at the same time that the occupation was with the view of assuring the Bulgarian left wing against an eventual attack by the Allies.

"The officer asked instructions from his Government, after which he withdrew his troops.



The occupation of Rupel was effected at three o'clock in the morning.

"A protocol was signed between the Germano-Bulgar officers and the Greek officer, according to the terms of which the former undertook to give up the fort again as soon as the reasons for its occupation no longer existed, and holding themselves responsible for any damage that might be caused."—Exchange.

GREEK GOVERNMENT CONSENTS.

ATHENS, Saturday Night.

It is announced this evening that the Greek Government, in consideration of the concessions made by it to the Entente Allies and its desire for the observance of strict neutrality, has consented to the occupation of the fortress of Rupel by German and Bulgarian troops.

It is further announced that the Government will issue a statement pointing out that no other course was possible, since the Germans threatened to have recourse to force and hostilities would inevitably have followed.—Reuter.

THE KING DECORATES NAVAL MEN

Last night's Court Circular, issued from Admiralty House, Portsmouth, states that the King was present yesterday morning at church parade, held in the Royal Naval Barracks, and on parade decorated Acting-Lieutenant George G. Rose, R.N.R., with the Distinguished Service Cross and Acting-Gunner Seth Barratt with the Distinguished Service Medal.

In the afternoon the King visited the hospital ship Liberty, the naval camp and the Royal Naval

FRENCH OBJECT ACHIEVED AT DOUAUMONT.

Germans Compelled To Sacrifice Important Reserves.

TROOPS FROM BRITISH FRONT.

From H. Warner Allen.

PARIS, Sunday.

It has been incorrectly stated that the two German divisions which made the counter-attack on Douaumont Fort had been withdrawn from troops holding lines facing the British Army.

The two divisions, which formed the 1st Bavarian Corps, were, in point of fact, being held in reserve at Cambrai (opposite the Arras-Albert section of the British front), and were part of a general reserve which was being held by the German high command with a view to future operations.

Men of this corps who have been captured state that this general reserve was to be called on later for a grand and final offensive against Verdun.

Important Reserves Thrown Away.

It is satisfactory to note that the French attack at Douaumont Fort has forced the enemy to have resort to troops which he was reserving for a far more important and, as he hoped, decisive blow.

The main object of the French attack on the Fort of Douaumont has been fully accomplished. If the enemy has succeeded in recovering part of the ground he lost he has had to pay for it at a price far above what it was worth. The actual holding of the ruins of the fort is of no importance, and did not form part of the French plan.

The French, therefore, having accomplished their object in inflicting enormous losses on the enemy, fell back on lines they are now holding about 200 yards from the edge of the fort.

GERMAN RAID ON BRITISH TRENCHES FAILS.

Gas Shell Bombardment Of Positions Near Ypres.

British Official News.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS, FRANCE.

Sunday, 9.55 p.m.

About 11 p.m. last (Saturday) night, after a short but heavy bombardment, the enemy made a raid against our trenches east of Calonne.

The attempt failed, and not one of the enemy entered our trenches. An enemy patrol was met by one of our patrols near Hebuterne last night, and was put to flight, leaving one man dead.

During the night the enemy blew up a mine about 1,000 yards south-east of Neuville St. Vaast, also two camouflaged south of Loos and one east of Souchez.

The mine did some damage to our trenches, as also did the Souchez camouflaged, but no casualties were caused.

Early in the morning for half an hour the enemy heavily shelled the area south-west of Zillebeke Lake (south-east of Ypres) with gas shells, and followed it up later by shelling our communication trenches east of Zillebeke.

To-day there has been rather more hostile artillery fire than usual in the Fricourt and Mametz sectors, in the Hohenzollern Redoubt and about St. Eloi.

We shelled enemy trenches west of Beaurains and opposite Hannescamps with good effect.

The enemy's trench mortars were active about Authuille, west of Serre and the Quarries.

Yesterday our aeroplanes, taking advantage of the fine weather, accomplished much useful work. Hostile aeroplanes were inactive.

PRISONERS FOR SWITZERLAND.

It is announced by the Foreign Office that the first party of wounded or invalid British prisoners will arrive in Switzerland this evening.

The Berne correspondent of the Wireless Press says the party, numbering about 500 officers and men chosen for internment in Switzerland until the end of the war, will leave Germany by way of Constance, where they will be transferred to a Swiss special train and to the care of the Swiss officers assigned to receive them.

With receptions and festivities at Zurich, Berne, Lausanne and Montreux, the journey from the Swiss frontier to Château d'Éx will occupy 15 hours. At Château d'Éx the officers will be conducted to their quarters, and the men will be sent to the billets assigned to them. About thirty consumptives will be detached from the main body and sent to Montana.

KINGSTON'S FIGHTING PARSON.

The Mayor (Alderman C. H. Burge) and Corporation of Kingston-on-Thames have accepted an invitation to attend the Kingston Baptist Chapel next Sunday morning, that being the last day the pastor (the Rev. R. F. Guyton) will officiate before going to camp as a Derby recruit.

He is the only minister in the town who has

5 a.m. Edition.

ENEMY'S STRENGTH HALF GONE.

800,000 Troops Used, And Only 400,000 Left At Verdun.

"RIVETED TO VERDUN."

"14 Weeks Of Futile Efforts And Bloody Losses."

HOW CUMIERES WAS RETAKEN.

"The battle of Verdun is still following the same rhythm," says the French semi-official review. "After powerful efforts the enemy's offensive is lulled for the time necessary for the regrouping of the impaired divisions and the renewal of material, then it reawakens with increased vigour and new means.

"Meanwhile on our part we are taking advantage of the present truce. Thus, during Friday evening, we counter-attacked the village of Cumières, which consists in reality of one street parallel to the front. After several hours of fighting at a short distance, and even hand-to-hand, the advantage rested with us.

"We reoccupied finally all the ruined houses east of the village in the direction of the Meuse and several German trenches north-east of the Mort Homme, making some prisoners and taking some machine-guns.

"We also gained some ground east of Hill 304, south-west of the Mort Homme.

"STILL VIOLENT."

"To finish with the sector of the left bank, the cannonade is still violent in the region of the Avocourt Wood and Hill 304, where trench engines are taking an active part in the struggle.

"On the right bank the Germans renewed, at six o'clock in the evening, the fruitless attack of Friday afternoon to extend their positions at Fort Douaumont, of which we hold the immediate approaches; but the return to the offensive was again broken before our resistance.

"It appears as though the enemy, by their attack at Navarin, wish to sound our Champagne front. These are doubtless only diversions, for the enemy is riveted to Verdun—the fatal Verdun—by fourteen weeks of futile efforts and bloody losses."—Reuter, from Paris.

GERMAN TROOPS DISPIRITED.

Attacking Force Of 800,000 Reduced To Half Its Strength.

BERNE, Sunday.

Colonel Feyler, the Swiss military expert, states that the German losses before Verdun up to May 15 amounted to 300,000.

He has definite information that the morale of the German troops engaged before Verdun has been seriously diminished by the enormous losses which have occurred without any appreciable gains. One German division, which participated valiantly in the earliest assaults against Verdun in February, was almost annihilated, and withdrawn from the front. The gaps were filled, and the division returned to Verdun, fought with equal valour, and again suffered colossal losses. Again the division was withdrawn, and recently made its third appearance before Verdun, but this last time the men's spirit was broken, and they showed the greatest reluctance to leave the trenches to attack the French lines.

Colonel Feyler affirms that five fresh German divisions carried out the Verdun attacks of the last few days, as all the troops previously engaged are utterly unfit.

These reinforcements raise the total of the troops used before Verdun to 800,000, of which, if the heavy losses of the last ten days are added to the known 300,000 losses up to May 15, only a fraction over one-half are still available.—Wireless Press.

LULL IN VERDUN BATTLE.

French Official News.

PARIS, Sunday Night.

In Champagne our artillery blew up an enemy ammunition depot in the region of Ville-sur-Tourbe.

On the left bank of the Meuse there was a violent bombardment of the entire region of the Dead Man and of the sector west of the Thiaumont farm.

On the right bank there was no infantry action.

During the day there were intermittent artillery actions on the remainder of the front.—Reuter.

PARIS, Sunday Afternoon.

In the Argonne at Hill 285—Haute Chevauchée—we occupied the southern lips of three craters caused by the explosion of German mines.

In Alsace two attempts at an attack north-east of Belschwiller—north-west of Altkirch—were stopped by our fire, which prevented the

THE ROLL CALL BEFORE LEAVING TO FIGHT.



Calling the roll of an Indian regiment before leaving for the front in Mesopotamia. Our Indian troops are earning new honours in the fighting on the Tigris.

FOR THE SAKE OF OUR PRISONERS OF WAR.



Society programme sellers paying in their receipts to Col. Hanky after the Albert Hall concert in aid of the Household Brigade Prisoners of War Fund.

A BALACLAVA VETERAN AND HIS D.C.M. COMPANIONS.



Sergt.-Major Parkinson (centr), who, as one of the 11th Hussars, took part in the charge of the Light Brigade at Balaclava, was among the guests at a Birmingham garden party. With him was Sergt. Recs. D.C.M. of the Royal Irish Rifles (left) and Sergt. A. Cummins (right).

HIS QUIET MOMENT.



Mr. Hughes, the Australian Premier, finds an odd retreat in which to snatch a quiet moment from the crowd at York.

"DADDY LONGLEGS."



"Thanks dear for the cake"

— I spent my birthday in the shot and shell of the firing line, and not at the customary party. Some of the cake you sent me I gave to my pals, so we had a little party after all." *Extract from a Soldier's letter.*

SEND YOUR SOLDIER FRIEND A CAKE.

One of your own baking. He'll enjoy it all the more if it comes from home — and from you. Send him one of those light, delicious, wholesome, home-made cakes which rise so beautifully and taste so good, and are so easy to make with

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Made by Brown & Polson of Corn Flour fame.

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IF YOU WORRY, READ THIS.

Worry never brought any good to anybody. Still, you say, "I don't worry because I want to; it is because I can't help it"; or, "I worry because I have so much to worry about."

We all have our troubles, and worry, of course, makes matters worse. The patient generally recognises this fact without being influenced in any way by it.

The doctor who could meet this nervous condition and cure it would be the most popular man alive. He cannot do it, however, because the form of nervous exhaustion known as neurasthenia, of which worry is a characteristic symptom, must be cured by the patient. That is why you should write to-day for the book, "The Nerves and their Needs," and read the chapter on neurasthenia. So many people have read it and written, "This describes my case exactly; I am giving the treatment a trial and being benefited," that the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co. has had a number of these books printed, and will send you a copy free if you address a postcard request to the Post Dept., 46 Holborn Viaduct, London.

Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people are a true nerve tonic that acts through the blood; they are particularly suitable for nervous, neurasthenic people. Most dealers sell them, but make sure to ask for Dr. Williams' in order to avoid substitutes of no reputation.—Advt.

HAVE YOUTHFUL HAIR!

Grey Hair Will No Longer Rob You of Your Youthful Looks If You Try This Simple Home Recipe.

If your hair has begun to turn grey, or has a faded, lustreless appearance, you can readily darken it and bring back its beauty by using this home recipe, which is neither expensive nor difficult to prepare. In half-a-pint of water mix these ingredients, to be had at any chemists.

- Bay Rum1 oz.
- Orlex Compound1 small box.

This preparation is also fine for the scalp, allays all itching, removes dandruff and stops falling hair. Apply once a day until the hair is darkened, then once every two weeks will be sufficient. Be sure the chemist gives you Orlex Compound for

IS IT TO BE ALL WORK AND NO PLAY?

YES, that is what you munition-workers say, I know, when you read Mr. Lloyd George's plea and the demands of a certain section of the Press that you shall take no holidays this Whitsuntide. Many of you have been working night and day, seven days a week, and the strain is almost more than you can bear. The nerves of many of you have broken down, and all of you feel quite worn out. You were looking forward to Whitsun. That would be a break, anyhow, in the eternal grind, and you had planned little excursions into the country with the wife and kids, or with a few familiar friends. Must that notion be scrapped? Must there be no break? Must you just keep on and on and on till the war ends or you break down in health?

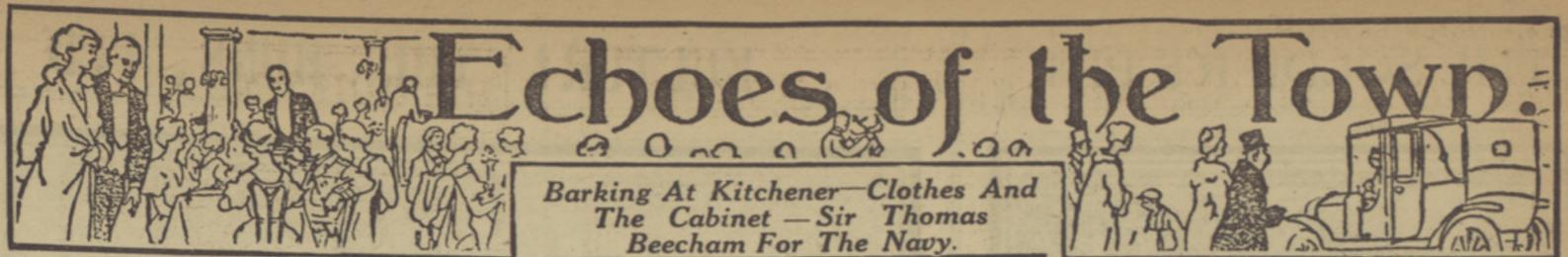
You have put that to yourself, and I think you have decided to go on working—anyhow during the holidays.

MOST of the newspaper talk makes no impression on you. If you listened to it it would put your back up rather than anything else, for you know how in many papers the munition-worker has been vilified since the war began. And the protests of some other classes merely make you smile. Fancy these loungers, still indulging themselves to the top of their bent, daring to preach to men like you.

NO! it is because you realise how much depends upon you. It is because you realise that a slackening in the output of munitions at this vital moment might mean the loss of the war, and would, anyhow, mean wounds or death to tens of thousands more of your own comrades. It is because you realise that, pestered and irritated as you have been and are in some instances, the fate of your country is in your hands, and you dare not play your country false.

YOUR responsibilities are enormous. And this should be, I think is, your pride. The silly talk of slacking does not bother you, and you know there have been manufacturers who have held up production for selfish ends. You see clearly that it is Tommy Atkins and you will win this war, and you are determined that if you cannot die for your country (and how often many of you curse that you cannot be in the trenches!) you will, anyhow, wear yourselves out for it. How much we shall owe you no man can measure; but be assured that, even though no medals be handed out to you when the war is over, history will remember how the munition-worker helped Britain to beat Germany with the guns.

OF course, as a matter of public economy, you ought to have holidays—but not all of you at once. We treat you as blocks of stone, instead of as very sensitive instruments. But perhaps one result of this discussion will be that you will be given in turn a sufficient number of single days off, so that your nerves may not be completely broken before your task is done.



Barking At Kitchener—Clothes And The Cabinet—Sir Thomas Beecham For The Navy.

The Lion.

THIS WEEK we are doomed to an orgy of talk-talk. The principal affair is to be the debate on Lord Kitchener's salary on Wednesday, and it is understood that Winston Churchill, that rather discredited Liberal Ginger Committee and certain others are going to do wonderful things. All of which reminds me of Francis's saying about Pitt: "The lion walks alone; the jackals herd together."

Grey Hats In The Park.

THE MARVEL to me is that anyone not pinned down by work, or not entirely destitute, should have stayed in London at all yesterday. And yet lots of people did. Even a duke or two were about the place, and both in the morning and the evening the West End was as full as I have ever known it. The Park was full of tall hats, too, just before lunch-time, many men favouring the "Gilbert the Filbert" grey variety. These are much smarter when worn with a black band. King Edward, however, used to discard the band altogether.

Dukes And People.

MRS. PATRICK CAMPBELL was wearing what I believe is known as cornflower blue taffeta, but I wouldn't swear to it. It is good to know that she returns to the English stage for the revival of "Bella Donna" on Wednesday, after far too long an absence. She looks every bit as youthful as her daughter. The Duke and Duchess of Somerset were together, his Grace in a cool-looking grey frock coat. (This is he.) All the free seats were full



(although their occupants were not ducal), and, with reckless disregard of war economy, people were flinging their money about on the penny green chairs.

Where Is Our Reserve Of Munitions?

NO ONE seems to have pointed out the really disquieting thing about Lloyd George's appeal to munition workers. After all this time (and all this advertisement) are we really in so parlous a state that the Whitsun holiday will make a real shortage of munitions? If so, it is time that the question be gone into very closely indeed. If "publicity" is any guide, we ought to have great reserves by this time. If not, what is going to happen in a really big move? What should we have done had we had fighting like that before Verdun?

Adaptability.

ALTHOUGH few people would suspect it, Lloyd George is as a matter of fact one of the best-dressed men in the Cabinet. He isn't a dandy (no dandy would wear hair that length), but his clothes fit him, suit him, and he knows how to wear them. I saw him the other night in an exceedingly well-cut evening overcoat, with a decided "waist" to it, and a pair of patent leather boots. 'Twas not ever thus. It is the adaptability of the man even in such details as dress that is a part of his genius.

The Worst-Dressed.

THE worst-dressed Minister? I fear Mr. Asquith. It took the country some months to recover from that dreadful day when he, as temporary War Minister, went down to Aldershot, and thousands of troops had to march past and "eyes-right" and all that sort of thing before a man in a pair of grey trousers, turned up at the ends, a black tail coat, and a bowler hat. This was, of course, before funny men from America set the fashion.

Baronetcy Claims.

THE BARONETAGE COMMITTEE of the Privy Council, which to-day considers Captain Charles Dunbar Hope's claim to the baronetcy of Dunbar of Baldoon, is a modern institution. It was established six years ago as a result of the formation of an official roll of baronets, the Home Secretary being given the power to refer all petitions to be placed on the roll to the Committee.

Nasty.

I WOULD LIKE to bring to notice the dangerous tendencies of a young subaltern of my acquaintance. He says that after the war he intends to introduce legislation making it impossible for any man to become a solicitor or barrister unless he has previously served a term of penal servitude.

Giraffe For Sale.

NEXT WEEK is the great fair at the Caledonian Market in aid of the Wounded Allies' Relief Committee, which will be attended on the first day by Queen Alexandra, the Princess Royal (with Princess Maud), and Princess Victoria, as well as the Grand Duchess George of Russia. Lady (Arthur) Paget's stall (there will be 1,500 altogether) will be a sort of menagerie, for I am told that a giraffe and an elephant (alive) will be on sale. The Hon. Mrs. Charles Craven will have the only flower stall, and it will be decorated in mauve. She is an expert at the flower business.

Stalls Of The Grand Alliance.

THE STALLS of Allied Nations are being made a great feature. Lady Lister-Kaye will work with the Marchesa Imperiali at the Italian stall. The Countess Torby and her daughters will be at the Russian stall, the Princess of Monaco will be at the French, and the wife of the Belgian Minister at the Belgian. Mrs. Andrew Fisher and Mrs. Ryan will be at the Australasian stall.

Harry Tate, Auctioneer.

A TREMENDOUS CROWD is expected the second and last day, when everything remaining over will be put up for auction, and sold for what it will fetch. And Jimmy Welch, Harry Tate, and Henry Ainley are on the list of auctioneers.

Bad Form.

IS IT TRUE that some of the women who are going to sell at the Caledonian Market are to disguise themselves as ooster women? Because if so I hope they will think again. It doesn't seem in the best taste to go into ooster land in an imitation of the costume of the dwellers therein, and they are likely to hear some very frank criticism of their disguises. Why not dress as usual?

M.P. As Shoeblick.

I WAS ASKED the other day, "Who has the most brilliantly polished boots in the House of Commons?" The answer, I am told, is Mr. A. W. Yeo, of Poplar. If this be so there may be one reason for it. A friend who called on Mr. Yeo the other day found him in his shirt-sleeves with a pair of newly-burnished shoes in his hand. "Just finished them," he said. "Have cleaned my own boots and shoes ever since I had any. Won't let anyone else touch them."

Imprudent.

AN ARTILLERY officer was remarking to me that it seemed a most imprudent thing to allow the flag-sellers on flag days (they don't seem to be dead yet!) to be admitted freely into forts and places where no ordinary civilian is permitted to penetrate. Of course in 999 cases out of 1,000 the risk may be infinitesimal, but—

A Zepp. Is "He."

I AM TOLD that the War Office has just arrived at a momentous decision. In all official reports, when a Zeppelin has to be described by a pronoun, it must be the masculine "he." If the war authorities could only succeed in assigning Zepps to the past tense they need not worry about the gender at all.

Allowances.

"DO YOU WISH to make any allowance for your wife?" they asked the new recruit. "Sir," he said, "if you had the privilege of knowing the lady, you would realise that I have to make all possible allowances."



THE GERMAN SOLDIER ON LEAVE.
THE WIFE: Six days' leave! Have you brought your food?

From *Le Petit Journal*

The High C's.

DON'T BE surprised to find Sir Thomas Beecham leaving the Queen's Hall before long for the King's Navy, and exchanging the high C's for the high seas. In naval uniform he will look more like Captain Kettle than ever.

Countess Percy.

CONGRATULATIONS are due to the beautiful Countess Percy, who has just presented a daughter to the heir to the Dukedom of Northumberland. This is the first girl, but there are two boys, the eldest four years old. Lady Percy was Lady Helen Gordon Lennox, youngest daughter of the Duke of Richmond, and Lord Percy served in South Africa, the Soudan, and the present war, in which he acted as one of the official "Eye-witnesses," and was mentioned in dispatches.



(Ernest Brooks.)

Another Literary Find.

"I HAVE MET a fellow to your literary night watchman," says a correspondent (apropos my paragraph about the man who reads Meredith). "When I hired a standing taxi the other day I found the driver reading Carlyle's 'French Revolution.' On the seat by his side was a battered copy of 'Pepys' Diary.' Also, he was extremely polite."

Charpentier's New Work.

GUSTAVE CHARPENTIER, the famous composer of "Louise," is at work on a new opera—not unconnected, I hear, with a war subject. "Julien," the sequel to "Louise," didn't cut much ice, although it has not yet been submitted to London. The new work is, of course, to be concerned with Charpentier's beloved Montmartre. And why not?

Work For The Midgettes.

FOR THE last ten years or more Charpentier has been more concerned, perhaps, with social work among the midgettes of Paris (you remember he introduced them into the third act of "Louise"?) than with music. He has formed clubs for them, and, of course, they adore him. He has now transferred his activities to hospitals, and being miles beyond military age, is doing his bit for our splendid Ally in the best possible way.

Massed Bands.

I LIKE to see soldiers in the jolly old scarlet and gold, and the Albert Hall was full of fine sights as well as fine sounds on Saturday afternoon. The Guards' Bands, massed magnificently, fairly let things rip. It must have been thirsty work. Captain Mackenzie Rogan, the High Priest of the occasion, conducted with splendid dignity, as befitted the occasion. The King and Queen were present to hear the National Anthem, and the "1812" Overture was played, to cement the camaraderie between France and Russia. Possibly.

More Bric-a-Brac.

THERE IS excellent stuff in the second edition of "Bric-a-Brac," although it made me perspire more than ever to see that fur number. Sable, chinchilla, fox, mink (also minxes) seemed to have been hired, or bought, with reckless prodigality, as they say. George Tully, that fine actor, has made good in revue, Gertie Millar dances deliciously, Herman Finck has written some Russian music, and the indefatigable and obliging Palace girls go through their steps on the steppes of Siberia.

Too Much Revue.

A LOT OF money is going to be lost in the revue world in the not very distant future. The Lyceum is the latest to join the revue houses, and I hear of feverish preparations for a mammoth affair in Sir Henry Irving's old home. You've got to remember the stupendous doings a few yards away at the London Opera House and Drury Lane, to say nothing of existing attractions. Someone's got to go to the wall. It's absolutely inevitable. There simply isn't room.

Where Flowers Are Cheap.

THE street market in Soho is the place to buy flowers in these times. The little restaurants there were gay with scarlet peonies during the week-end, twopence buying an armful of the flowers, or, in the words of the vendor's offer, "As many as you can carry away."

MR. COSSIP.

THE SOLDIER'S PET.



A British soldier feeding his pet gazelle. The animal was too weak to drink milk, so Tommy rubbed the milk on his lips. Can you beat our lads?

THEIR DOUBLE DIVE.

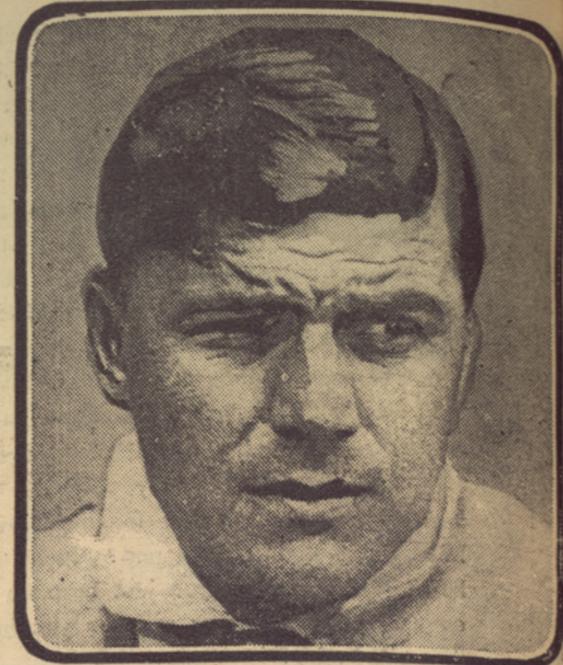


Two expert Cromer swimmers preparing for a double dive—no easy feat.

KULTUR! THE HUNS FED THESE BRITISH SOLDIER



Some of the 98 disabled British soldiers who have been returned to England. They tell a terrible tale of starvation and brutality.



Private Blackwall, 4th Middlesex, was struck by a Hun with the butt of a rifle and injured for life.

The Huns are now treating British prisoners better in Germany. "The rats would not eat the food England get better food than man"

JACK'S LITTLE HUMOURS AT SEA.



Jack delights in dressing up for the amusement of his messmates. Here is a comical "bridal-party" photographed aboard a warship at sea.

A SABBATH SCENE IN THE STREETS OF SALONIKA.



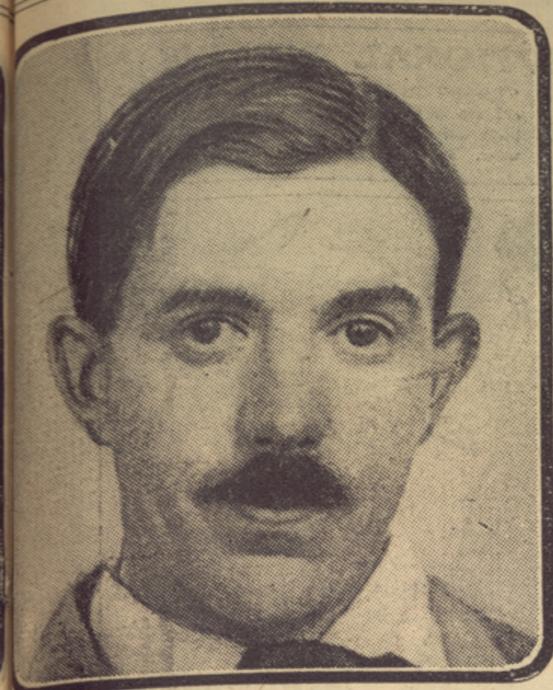
Salonika Jews taking a Sabbath walk. They still wear the fur-lined gaberdines of their race and speak the language of their Spanish ancestors of five centuries ago.

THE MEN WHO BAGGED



The control officer and seaman gunlayer in charge of... and destroyed the Zeppelin

ON FOOD THAT CAMP RATS WOULD NOT EAT.



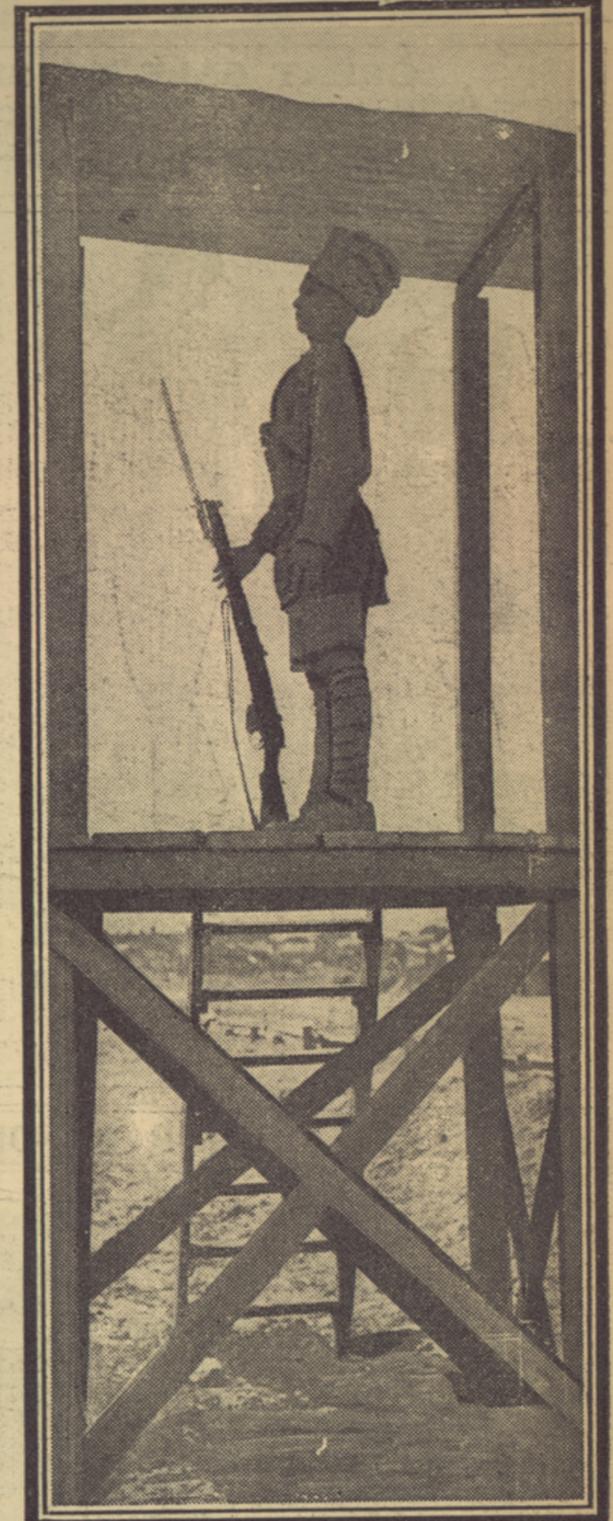
Fagan, of the Connaught Rangers, who was in Limburg camp when Case ment called.

These soldiers suffered torture while imprisoned "save us," said one man. Germans interned in our soldiers' wives can afford to buy.



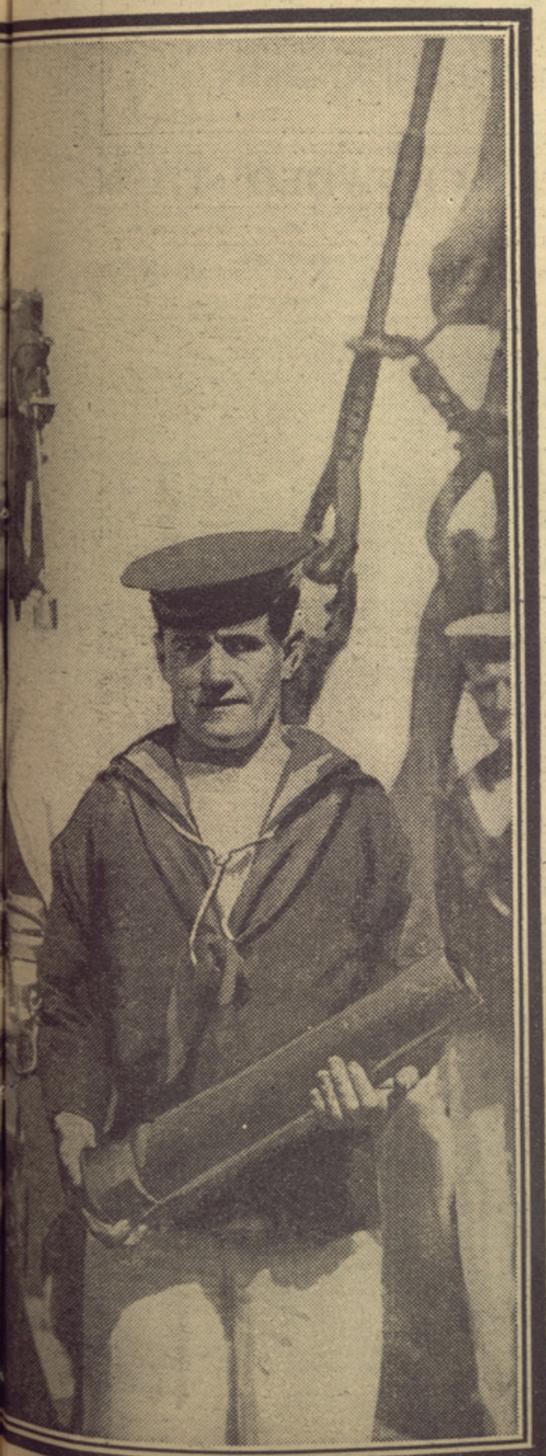
These brave lads look all right now, but they will never forget their sufferings. Only the parcels from home enabled them to live.

HIS NEW SUNSHADE.



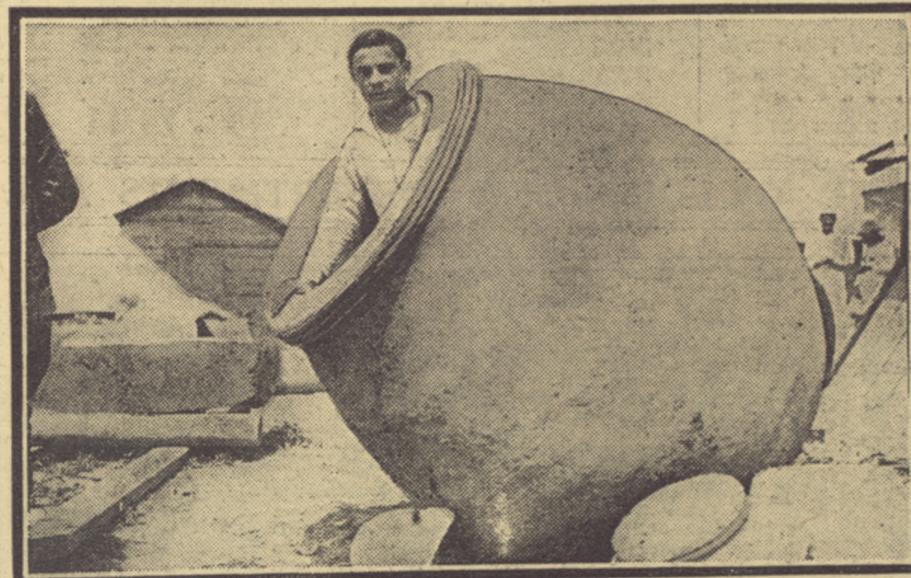
An Indian sentry guarding Turkish prisoners in a barbed-wire camp. A piece of corrugated iron makes an excellent sunshade for his sentry-box.

FERDINAND'S ZEPP.



anti-aircraft gun at Salonika which brought down (British Official Photograph.)

THE SORT OF VASE THE ANCIENTS MADE.



The size of this old Greek vase, unearthed in Salonika during trench-digging, is seen by the fact that a French sailor can stand inside it.

A MOTHER'S WELCOME TO HER WOUNDED BOY.



A Leicester mother has a chat with her son, Pte. Holt, who, wounded for the third time, has just arrived on the hospital train.

HONOURED BY THE KING.



Superintendent-Nurse Rait received the Royal Red Cross Medal at Buckingham Palace.

SELFRIDGE'S

In every department throughout this House the spirit of the season is reflected in the display of those articles which are needed now and for holiday time. Dainty summer wear in the Fashion Departments, lighter wear for the men, and sports and games for the young, in fact, everything for the summer holiday and the season of outdoor life.

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Should there be any Whitsuntide holidays? Mr. Lloyd George has suggested that munition workers should forgo the pleasures of Whit Monday and spend the day making shells and cartridges and fuses and bullets for the men at the front.

But we are not all engaged, nor can we all engage, in that urgent and necessary national occupation. Some people will be having a day away from the office and the shop. The *Daily Sketch* would not suggest that it should be otherwise.

But there is no need to idle all the day away. For one thing, it may rain.

How One Will Work.

A correspondent shows how at least some part of the day may profitably be spent.

I do not like to feel (she writes) that while the munition girls are working their hardest I should be justified in doing nothing, even though it be a holiday.

So as an act of conscience I am going to put in some hours at what I consider in some senses as important a piece of work as the other girls will be doing.

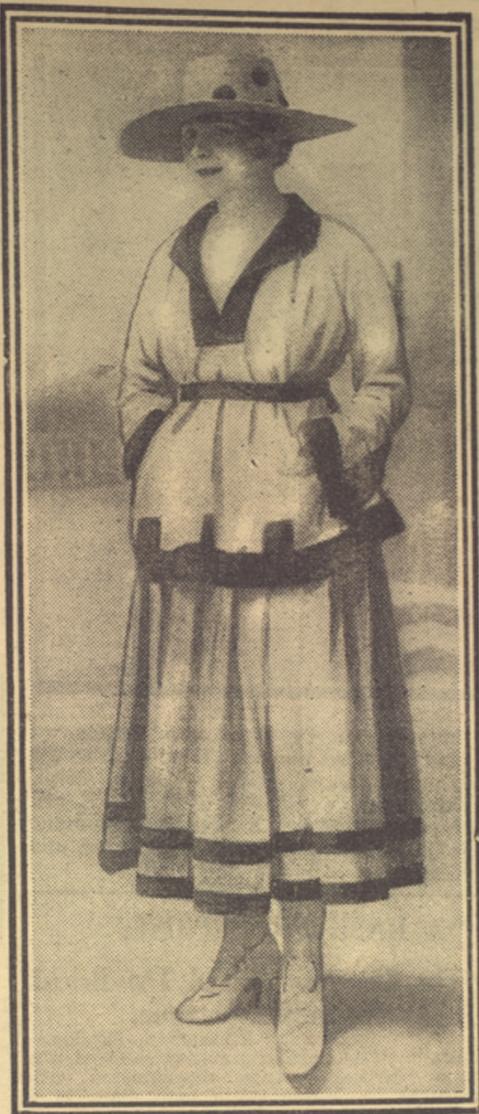
Will Do Some Stitching.

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WHITELEY'S ROAD, LONDON, W.

DONOGHUE'S DOUBLE AT THE GATWICK MEETING.

Field Of 27 Runners In The Ashdown Handicap.

NEW DERBY PROBABLES.

If not over-exciting, there was fairly interesting racing at Gatwick on Saturday, when Donoghue rode a couple of winners, one starting at 100 to 8, the other at 8 to 1, which was a very nice double. But for the intervention of Oros, in the Mart Plate, the little Irishman would have completed the hat trick.

He took the chief event—the Prince's Handicap—on Cromdale, an inmate of Pesse's stable. The colt had not run so well as had been expected in the race won by Hasta at Newmarket the week before last, otherwise he would probably have been a more popular fancy, but the inference is that the form was useful, for Cromdale was on Saturday followed home by Wolfaline, who had also been unplaced in Hasta's race.

Brownii did not do so well as at Windsor, and the favourite, Anguilla, after taking the lead a quarter of a mile out, was beaten into third place. After a rather bad time at the Newmarket First Spring Meeting, Robinson's stable has again struck its form, and with Rot colt out of the way Oros found his task in the Mart Plate a comparatively simple one. The St. Blair gelding, who was considered the danger to Oros, caused a lot of trouble at the start, but when the tapes were released the Foxhill colt jumped off in front and was never headed.

Analogy looked the pick of the nine starters for the Marlborough Plate, and the market suggested Gilbert the Filbert would be the only danger. The favourite took charge of the latter readily enough, but he found more than his match in the unquoted Baronvale, who won by a neck.

After a long series of failures Calder Vale resumed acquaintance with winning form when taking the Apprentice Handicap, while Loxwood beat a big field in the Ashdown Selling Handicap. As on the opening day, V. Smyth rode the first winner, this being Paraffine Lass filly, but the result probably came as a surprise to the stable, as more confidence seemed to be placed in Katusha filly.

To-morrow will see the decision of the New Derby Stakes at Newmarket, for which the following are the

PROBABLE STARTERS AND JOCKEYS.
GILBERT THE FILBERT, b c, by Earla Mor—Rainproof (Mr. J. W. Burton), 9-0 (H. Sadler) E. Wheatley
CANYON, b f, by Chaucer—Glasalt (Lord Derby), 8-9 (G. Lambton) F. Rickaby
KWANG SU, b c, by Cicero—Galicia (Mr. Fairie), 9-0 (A. Taylor) E. Templeman
PEROX, b c, by Willonyk—Faye (Mr. C. E. Howard), 9-0 (F. Darling) F. Fox
FIFINELLA, ch f, by Polymelus—Silver Fowl (Mr. E. Hulton), 8-9 (R. Dawson) J. Childs
SIRIAN, b c, by Sunstar—Sweet Lassie (Mr. J. B. Joel), 9-0 (R. Day) F. Bullock
FIGARO, b c, by Sundridge—Sirenia (Mr. L. Neumann), 9-0 (Gilpin) A. Whalley
NASSOVIAN, b c, by William the Third—Veneration II (Mr. J. Sanford), 9-0 (Butters) N. Spear
FLAMING FIRE, b or br c, by Radium—Flair (Mr. F. C. Stern), 9-0 (R. Dawson) S. Donoghue
FOREST GUARD, ch c, by White Eagle—Witch Elm (Col. Hall Walker), 9-0 (Mr. Dawson) F. Hunter
***CONDOTTIERE**, b c, by Sir Archibald—Mincian (Lord Harewood), 9-0 (C. Leader) C. Childs
POLYDAMON, ch c, by Polymelus—Damia (Mr. C. T. Garland), 9-0 (Pickering) E. Lancaster
 *Doubtful starter.
GIMCRACK.

GATWICK RESULTS.

1.15—LEONARDS PLATE—PARAFFINE LASS F, 8-6 (V. Smyth), 1; QUEEN CAMILLA G, 8-11 (C. Trigg), 2; KATUSHA F, 8-6 (Balding), 3. Also ran: Johnnie H., Turba Nova, Bon Vivant, Greenwich, Liza Johnson g, Murray's, Wild Countess f, Yes, Hongroise, Trivia f. Betting: 2 to 1 Katusha 3 to 1 Queen Camilla g, 10 to 1 Johnnie H., PARAFFINE LASS F, Murray's, 100 to 6 others. 2 lengths; 1/2 lengths.
 2.0—ASHDOWN HANDICAP—LOXWOOD, 8-5 (Donoghue), 1; QUE SERRA, 8-2 (Dick), 2; CARLOS, 7-9 (Southery), 3. Also ran: Nistawah, Cincinnatus, Jugurtha, Kanran, Vendome, St. Alphonso, Hill Fox, Capital, Brazil, Bouton Rouye, Reciprocate, Thaddeus, Ranelagh, Happy Days, Puyfoudu, Wolf's Ford, Marie's Pride, Electro, Carol Singer, South Parade, Billeter, Wandering Wolf, Sporting Parson, Flotation. Betting: 9 to 2 Wandering Wolf, 5 to 1 Jugurtha, Ranelagh, 7 to 1 Capital, 100 to 8 Loxwood, Que Serra, Wolf's Ford, South Parade, 100 to 7 Electro, Flotation, 25 to 1 others. Length; 2 lengths.
 2.30—PRINCE'S HANDICAP—CROMDALE, 8-10 (Donoghue), 1; WOLFALINE, 8-8 (J. Clark), 2; ANGUILLA, 8-8 (J. Childs), 3. Also ran: Trois Temps, Peter the Hermit, 8-8 Thomas, Frustration, Brownii, Regal. Betting: 2 to 1 Anguilla, 4 to 1 Brownii, 9 to 2 Regal, 8 to 1 CROMDALE, 100 to 8 Trois Temps, Wolfaline, 100 to 7 Peter t Hermit, 20 to 1 others. 2 lengths; 3 lengths.
 3.0—MART PLATE—GROS, 8-7 (E. Wheatley), 1; PORRINGER, 8-10 (Donoghue), 2; VERA MAUDE, 8-0 (R. Cooper), 3. Also ran: Andreas, Araminta f, Bellatrix f, Sissie Ida c, Midnight Sun, St. Blair g, Laugh, Lady Randy, Lilium f. Betting: 6 to 4 GROS, 2 to 1 St. Blair g, 7 to 1 Vera Maude, to 1 others. 2 lengths; same.
 3.30—APPRENTICE HANDICAP—CALDER VALE, 7-11 (Walker), 1; ROYAL BUCKS, 6-7 (W. Balding), 2; BILLYCOCK, 6-4 (J. Mason), 3. Also ran: Tomlin, Sir Artegaal, Curvet, Sang Bleu, Fulving Mills, Montmartre, Ypres, Triple Blue, Rock Aboy, Charger, Blisworth. Betting: 2 to 1 CALDER VALE, 5 to 2 Billycock, 4 to 1 Royal Bucks, 100 to 8 Ypres, 100 to 6 others. 1/2 lengths; 1/2 length.
 4.0—MARLBOROUGH PLATE—BARONVALE, 8-7 (Dick), 1; ANALOGY, 9-0 (J. Childs), 2; GILBERT THE FILBERT, 8-7 (E. Wheatley), 3. Also ran: Polly Jack, Polynetta, Armandave, Arius, Roderic, Old Castle. Betting: 11 to 10 Analogy, 5 to 1 Gilbert the Filbert, 8 to 1 Polly Jack, 10 to 1 Armandave, Old Castle, 100 to 6 BARONVALE and others. Neck; 4 lengths.

ATHLETICS AND FOOTBALL.

The Irish Football League has decided not to play any competitions next season. The Belfast and District League, consisting of Linfield, Distillery, United, Glenavon and Cliftonville, will continue their competition.
 L. Cummings was the first man home in the Surrey A.C. four miles inter-team race at Erith on Saturday, in 20min. 35 3-5sec. Surrey A.C. won the race, Inns of Court being second.
 Private Hodge, A.S.C., a Hampshire athlete, won the mile, half-mile and mile races at the Artillery and Engineers' meeting at Eltham.
 Mr. W. B. Goodwin, president of the Midland C. and A.C., and a one-time prominent road racing cyclist, died on Saturday at Birmingham.

THE NEW DERBY MARKET.

3 to 1 Kwang Su (t and o), 7 to 2 Figaro (t and o), 4 to 1 Canyon (t and o), 8 to 1 Fifinella (t) to 1 Nassovian (t and o), 100 to 7 Flaming Fire (o).

COUNTY CRICKETERS IN ARMY TEAM.



The Kent Fortress Engineers' team, who were beaten by one run by the Artists' Rifles at Gravesend. It includes Woolley, the Northants player, and five Kent players. Reading from the left, back row, R. S. M. Holcombe, Corpl. C. N. Woolley (Northants), Corpl. Oldfield, Corpl. Faircloth and Corpl. Birchett; middle row, Lee-Corpl. Fairservice (Kent), Sergt. Blythe (Kent), Capt. Wellington, Lieut. L. R. A. Shuter, Lieut. H. Rogers (hon. sec.), Sapper Holt (scorer), Sapper Brooks (umpire); front row, Sapper E. Jennings (Kent), Corpl. D. Jennings (Kent), and Corpl. Povey (Kent).

HOLIDAY MUNITION OUTPUT.

Trade Union Leaders To Meet Mr. Lloyd George To-Day.

To-day representatives of trade unions whose members are engaged on war work are to meet Mr. Lloyd George at the Hotel Metropole conference room "to discuss rearrangement of holidays in relation to war output."

Telegrams inviting executive representatives to attend the conference were sent out by Mr. Arthur Henderson.

At the executive of the South Wales Miners' Association at Cardiff on Saturday a letter was read from the Admiralty suggesting that the Whitsun holidays should be restricted to one day. The executive of the men's unions decided to at once issue a circular urging miners to adopt this course.

Colonel Norton Griffiths, D.S.O., M.P. for Wensleybury, has issued a circular to all munition workers in the country urging them to dispense with Whitsun holidays this year. He bluntly puts it this way:—

A Whitsuntide holiday would be given to the people of this country at the price of ten to twenty thousand casualties in the field.

RAILWAY STAFFS' WAR SERVICE.

Mr. R. H. Selbie, general manager of the Metropolitan Railway, has appealed by circular to his staff to "do their bit" in the war, men and women alike.

The Amsterdam *Telegraaf* learns that a great espionage case which has been tried in Brussels ended in ten persons being sentenced to death.

Four old boys of the training ship Exmouth, now serving with the Navy, have been rewarded by the Russian Government for services in mine sweeping.

"A RASH ENTERPRISE."

How The Cossacks Joined The British Troops In Mesopotamia.

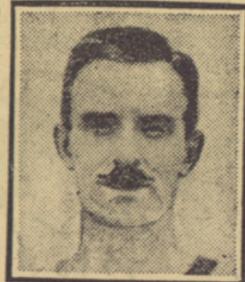
According to the latest information received, the meeting of Russian cavalry detachments with British troops in Mesopotamia took place in a region where nobody expected it, namely, on the southern roads, which are extremely difficult and almost impracticable.

The junction was effected by Cossacks, who were given full liberty by General Baratoff as to the choice of route to be taken.

When the British were informed as to the route chosen they did not believe, even up to the last moment, that the rash enterprise would be successful, and looked upon these brave cavalymen as irretrievably lost.—Reuter.

A.S.C. WINNER AT ARTILLERY SPORTS.

Private Hodge, of the Army Service Corps, who won the quarter, half and one mile races at the R.G.A. sports held at Eltham in aid of the Red Cross funds.



LLEW EDWARDS BEATS HERB McCOY.

In a 20-round boxing match held here to-day for the lightweight championship of Australia Llew Edwards, the English featherweight champion, easily defeated Herb McCoy on points. The match drew 7,000 spectators.—Reuter.

THE BOXING "STARS" OF THE MUSIC HALL.



Gus McNaughton, the 10-stone champion of the music-hall profession, receiving the "Joe Elvin" Cup at the Vaudeville Club last night. Behind the table are the other music-hall boxing

THE DECLINE OF METHODISM.

Loss Of 13,000 Church Members Officially Reported.

For the tenth year in succession the annual membership return of the Wesleyan Methodist Connexion shows a decrease.

The total membership now reported of 595,686 is 13,279 less than in 1915, this decrease being the largest returned for 60 years. The decrease of junior members is greater than in any year since that class of membership was instituted in 1878.

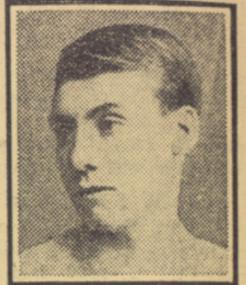
The biggest membership losses are in the Leeds, Nottingham and Derby, Manchester, York, London, Cornwall and Lincoln districts.

A YEAR'S NAVAL WARFARE.

Brassey's *Naval Annual*, the text-book of all students of naval war, has just been issued for 1916. There are inevitable gaps in the information given in peace time; but the tables of warships include brief particulars of all the larger vessels added to the Fleet, and a note on the fate of those which have been lost during the war.

Among the professional articles the most valuable are Sir Francis Pigott's learned study of the blockade question, Mr. Alexander Richardson's "Machinery Developments," the editor's "Strategy and the War," an article on "Aircraft and the War," and Commander Robinson's summary of a year's war at sea.

BIG TASK FOR WILDE THE WIZARD.



Jimmy Wilde, the wonderful Welsh boxer, meets Tommy Harrison at the Oxford Music Hall this afternoon in a 20-round contest. Harrison is to weigh 8st. 4lbs., which means that Wilde is conceding something like a stone to his opponent, who is certainly in the front rank of boxers at his weight.

SPORTS ITEMS.

Falkner beat Newman 16,000 to 15,637.
 Inman beat Stevenson. Scores:—Inman 16,000, Stevenson 15,555.

Charley Hardcastle and Young Lippo will provide the chief contest at the National Sporting Club to-night.

Rifeman Harry Wood, of Newcastle, retired in the eleventh round in his fight at the Ring on Saturday with Fred Jacks, Hackney, who took the place of Alf Wye.

All Wye, A.S.C., outpointed Private Ted Bull, Royal West Kents, in 15 rounds, and Rifeman Cowley, 11th London Regt., and Bert Watts, Charlton, drew in ten rounds, at the Theatre Royal, Woolwich.

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COLISEUM. 2.30 and 8 p.m.
 "Pretence," Arthur Bourchier in "THE LIAR."
 MARGARET COOPER, MALCOLM SCOTT, The Welsh Play Dancers, etc. Gerrard 7541.

HIPPEDROME, London.—Twice Daily, 2.30, 8.30 p.m. New Revue, "JOYLAND!" HARRY TATE, MADGE LESSING, and Super Beauty Chorus. Phone Ger. 650.

MASKELYNE'S MYSTERIES, St. George's Hall, W. At 3 and 8, 1s. to 5s.; children half-price. Phone 1543 Mayfair.

PALACE.—"BRIC-A-BRAC," at 8.35. VARIETIES at 8. MAT. WED. and SAT. at 2.

PALLADIUM.—2.30, 6.10 and 9. Chas. Gulliver presents "THE ONLY GIRL," a new Musical Comedy in 3 acts; Miss Clarice Mayne and "That"; G. H. Chirgwin; Daisy James; The Decars and Tomato, etc.

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The Journey In The Night.

For some moments Gordon Kemp was too agitated to comprehend clearly the news that was being told him over the telephone.

And when he did understand it had far from a calming effect upon him.

Martin had met with a serious accident in the streets, and was at that moment lying in a hospital. That was all the information that had been telephoned from the hospital to the office. On the one point about which he wished to be satisfied he could obtain no information.

Had Martin met with his accident before reaching Mafeking-terrace or afterwards? On the answer to that question everything depended—from Gordon's standpoint. He cared nothing about Martin—whether he was likely to live or die—but he did care whether Eileen Marsh had been warned in time to prevent Jim Stratton from finding her.

A few moments before his accustomed mastery of himself had been shaken by the curious freak of fate which had placed Jim Stratton in possession of the name and address of the girl who had been used to blacken his character in the eyes of Hester Gervais. . . . Had Fate again interposed to help Jim Stratton?

Gordon felt he must know. Given facts and figures, he could deal with a situation with a cool brain and a calm mind; but faced with these intangible, mysterious data, he was hopelessly at sea.

Like many another man who had devoted himself to the material side of things he was helpless in the face of the unknown.

He must know, and as soon as possible. The idea of sleep was out of the question. There was no train up to town, but his car would take him there in little over an hour.

Without waking his chauffeur he made his way to the garage, and, unlocking the doors with his private key, filled the tank with petrol, lit the lamps, and finally steered the machine out of his own grounds into the road. Towards half-past one he threaded his way through the dingy streets of Kentish Town and came out in the suburb of Gospel Oak that clusters about the fringe of Hampstead Heath.

At Mafeking Terrace.

Two hours before Jim Stratton had made his way over the same ground in a taxi-cab.

After some difficulty the driver had found Mafeking-terrace, and had left his fare standing on the rather worn step of a little brick villa, awaking the echoes of the neighbourhood with the knocker. Presently a window above was thrown open and a head was thrust out.

"Who's that?" said a rather sharp female voice. Stratton stepped back to obtain a better view of the speaker. He had a vision of a wrinkled face surmounted by some very sparse grey tangled locks.

"I'm mighty sorry to worry you like this, but I want to see Miss Marsh, if she's at home," he answered.

"Who might you be?" inquired the voice. "My name's Stratton, and I want to see Miss Marsh on very particular business."

The woman thrust her head still further out of the window, as if she were anxious to speak in a whisper.

"My daughter hasn't come back yet, and I don't know what you mean by coming here like this. This is a respectable house, and I'm not going to have men calling at this hour. You're the second to-night. You clear off, young man, unless you want me to fetch the police."

Before Stratton could recover from his surprise she had drawn back, and he heard the window close with a bang.

"Nice old fiery lady, she is," he muttered to himself.

He made a movement towards the knocker again, but checked himself. No purpose would be served by having any further argument with Mrs. Marsh. Miss Marsh was the person he wished to see, and she hadn't come back yet. He would wait till she did come back.

He walked out into the road, and, lighting his pipe, began to pace stiffly up and down the pavement.

At first he went no further than the houses on either side of No. 2, but gradually he extended the limits of his walk. Presently he found himself at the end of the terrace, and he was about to turn when the figure of a man standing near one of the unlighted lamps attracted his attention. He took two or three turns, and always when he came back the man was standing there.

Jim Stratton was sociable by instinct, and as the time passed he became very weary of his own society. Finally he crossed the road and went up to the man standing by the lamp-post.

The Accident.

"Fine night, mate," he said.

He had noticed that the man had seemed anxious to avoid him—had, indeed, made as if to move away from the lamp-post when he saw him crossing the road, but had then changed his mind. Stratton saw that he was a well-dressed man of about 45, with the stamp of the city strongly upon him.

"Yes, it is a nice night," he replied.

"You and I seem to be making a beat of this terrace," Stratton went on with a laugh. "Are you waiting for somebody like me?"

The man was obviously uneasy.

"Yes—that is to say, in a way—"

He paused abruptly, as if regretting having said so much.

"All right, mate, I'm not curious," Stratton retorted. "I only came over to speak to you for something to do. I thought perhaps you might like a stroll instead of standing there holding up that lamp-post."

As he spoke there came from a distant street the sound of a taxi. It drew nearer and nearer, and presently from up the street, that ran at right angles to Mafeking Terrace, appeared a pair of dimmed headlights.

Stratton, in the hope that this might be Miss Marsh returning home, turned down the street. At the same moment the man pushed violently past him, and gaining the road ran towards the cab.

Stratton, taken aback, stood where he was looking after him. And then he called out at the top of his voice and leapt forward.

"Steady there!" he shouted.

He had seen the man run towards the cab and then slip upon the cobbles. His warning came too late for the driver. The next moment, with an ominous bump, the cab had passed over the prostrate figure and had drawn up a few feet further on—too late.

"You've done for him," Stratton cried, running past the frightened driver and bending over the figure that lay motionless on the ground.

He raised him in his arms. The man hung limp and lifeless. Something dark was streaming from his mouth. Stratton knew what that was.

"Here, cabby, you'd better make tracks straight for the nearest hospital. It looks to me as if there's going to be a funeral in this poor chap's family."

The cabman was down on his knees by the side of the man.

"I never saw him. What was he running about in the middle of the road for?"

"He can't answer you, so it's no use asking him questions," Stratton retorted. "Lend us a hand and we'll put him as comfortable as possible in the cab."

Auburn Hair.

Stratton was just stooping down to raise the man's legs while the cabman went to his head, when he became aware of a woman standing by him.

She had stepped unnoticed out of the cab, and now, as if terrified to look but attracted by some dreadful fascination, she had taken up a position just behind the Anzac. Then, unexpectedly, she ran forward, and, dropping on her knees, peered closely into the man's face.

"It's Mr. Martin!" she cried. "Mr. Martin!" There was an hysterical note in her voice. She glanced up at the cabman as if expecting him to understand.

"If you know him, miss, you'd better go along with us to the hospital. It's a bad job for the poor fellow."

Stratton found himself staring at the woman curiously. She wore a black silk hood over her head, completely covering her hair and partially obscuring her features, but there was something reminiscent in her mouth and chin.

"Where does the poor fellow live?" he inquired. "We'd better let his people know."

The girl shook her head. "I don't know—I used to work with him at an office in the City. I don't know where he lives—not in this neighbourhood anyway. I don't know what he was doing here."

"We'd better get a move on," Stratton said. "This is a case for the dressing station right away."

The woman rose to her feet as they raised the limp figure, and stood back. As tenderly as they could they carried him into the cab and propped him up in a corner.

"Come along, miss," Stratton said. "You'll be wanted, I expect, to answer questions. I'll help you with the patient until we get there. Take her along steady, cabby."

very slightly the black silk wrap that she wore round her head. A strand of vivid auburn hair stood out against the black silk.

"Sorry," he growled. "I'm a clumsy brute, I'm afraid."

He made her sit with her back to the driver, himself taking a seat next the unconscious man with his arm round him, to support him and ease the jar whenever the cab passed over some uneven patch of road.

"Just One Moment."

Neither of them spoke until the cab arrived at the hospital. There was considerable delay while they were questioned as to the cause of the accident.

Jim Stratton and the cabman had soon exhausted the information at their disposal. It was left to the woman to fill in the details.

"He's a Mr. Hugh Martin, and he is employed by Messrs. Kemp and Co. He works on the night staff."

She gave the address of Gordon Kemp's office.

"Perhaps we'd better communicate with the office and tell them what has happened," the official said. "Do you know the number?"

The woman gave the necessary particulars, and the official disappeared into another room to communicate with Gordon Kemp's office. All this while Jim Stratton had kept in the background, only speaking when he was required to answer the questions that were put to him.

Now and again he was conscious that the woman was looking at him curiously, but his own face was like a mask.

The official came back presently, bringing with him a policeman, to whom they had again to recite the details of the story.

"It looks as if it was going to be an inquest," said the hospital representative. "Fracture of the base of the skull—that's what the doctor says."

They came out at last, about an hour later. The driver went to his cab, and turned the starting handle. The girl opened the door, and was about to step in when Jim Stratton put his hand on her arm.

"Just one moment, Miss Marsh," he said. "I want to have a word with you."

She looked at him quickly. When he was being cross-examined, Stratton had purposely written his name and address down on paper instead of replying by word of mouth. She had not heard his name.

"You don't remember me, perhaps, Miss Marsh? My name's Jim Stratton—the man about whom you told all those lies at Heaton Chevril. . . . I reckon we'd better have an explanation."

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