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## A Subaltern in Greece.

Few subalterns in the Salonika force are really bored with their existence, but it is the correct thing to affect a lofty disdain for Greece and sigh for a more exciting life in France. The fresh faced lad who, during a hurried day's leave to Salonika, strolls into Flocas and eats with a blasé and detached air half a dozen of the best fancy cakes in Europe is just as "fed-up" as the other who has seen nothing but mountains and his platoon for months. He shares Tommy's conviction that Greece is "no bon," that it is high time we began to strafe the Bulgars, and that "the first five years of a war are always the worst." But he has his tongue in his cheek all the time. If he is young he is probably having the time of his life; if his age is creeping over the precipice that lets you down with a bump into the forties, he realises that he is renewing his youth and storing up health and energy for the good days to come.

Let me tell you something of my own experience during the last two months. I say little of the preceding winter, for I cannot write anything in the least polite about it. It treated us with the utmost rudeness. On our arrival there were snow and mist; then rain, then more rain, and after that wind as unparading as a bayonet charge, then rain again, and so on to the end. Life in those days was as miserable as a wet Sunday afternoon in Glasgow. But the joy of the last few weeks has almost wiped out the memory of that

wretchedness. In a couple of months, in much less, the corn has sprung up and ripened, the mountains have changed colour, the fig-trees have become heavy with fruit, and the voice of the bull-frog has increased from a Scarlatti piquancy to a Richard Strauss fortissimo. If you come here straight from England you call the weather "top-hole" if from Gallipoli the inevitable word is "push"; if from Egypt, it is the weather "of the very rich." Tommy is content to satirise the native orange-seller and call it "very good, very nice, very chee-eeep."

During the winter we built fortifications, but since April we have been almost continually on the move. Where we have gone and why we have gone we have not always known, but it would be hard to persuade some of us that we have not scaled every mountain in Greece and marched round every lake and paddled into the precise middle of every swamp. We are told that we are being taught mountain warfare, but long ago we decided that we had been taught all there was to learn about this exotic form of activity. My own ideas about picketing heights do not always coincide with the C.O.'s, but when my platoon and I have picketed a few more score mountains we shall, no doubt, eventually win the approving smile of Him Who Must Be Obeyed.

The start in the morning is always early: reveille 5.30 breakfast 6, parade 7. By the time we march off the sun is already biting at the back of our necks; by noon it has blistered the new skin on our knees that grew overnight (we wear cotton "shorts"), and by three o'clock we have learned to loathe the music of the water in our bottles—the water that must never, for any conceivable reason be drunk on the march. At five we halt for the night and think desperately of food. It is just at the moment when our company cook, having lit a fire, tells us that a cup of tea will be ready in five minutes, and just at the moment when we see a dozen eggs being put into a saucepan, that my company commander calls out my name, points to an inaccessible height on the horizon, and tells me to march off at once with my platoon. That is one of the moments when I realise most poignantly how rotten the war really is. A long time after (say three years), when I have reached the height and picketed my platoon, I hear the gentle sarcasm of my lads from the North. "As-ta got any sponge-cake, Jud?" "No, I'm 'aving tripe and onions to-night. The missis 'as just gone out for the beer." They eat their bully beef and hard biscuits while the sun drops, darkness falls, and the friendly stars come out.

Well, it is a gorgeous life hard-ship notwithstanding. So gorgeous,

indeed, that we frequently feel ashamed of being so contented and happy when so many of our countrymen and women are going through hell. Our shame changes to a laughable kind of exasperation when we receive letters from female relatives who write as though we were heroes enduring untold agonies for the sake of hearth and home. They refuse to believe anything we tell them of the good times we enjoy; they have raised us on a pedestal, and there, I suppose, we must remain until we return home and disclose the astounding fact that we are only ourselves after all.

I am writing this in my bivouac by the light of a candle. This bivouac is erected on a ledge which I dug out on the steep side of a donga. In a quarter of an hour I shall be asleep, and as I close my eyes I shall think of the good time that awaits me tomorrow. I shall rise at four; there will be a cool wind and a Mediterranean blue sky; a few birds will be singing. I shall slip on my boots, and my pyjama-clad form will creep on hands and knees out of my tannoo and then rush like the wind to the clear stream half a mile away that tumbles musically down the mountain-side. There is a pool with a bottom of fine sand. The sun will be rising, and the jolly little blue flowers whose name I don't know will be nodding and beckoning to me. And, as I am taking off my boots, I shall hear voices approaching, and I shall see a group of my fellow officers hurrying over the rocks to the pool we found last night. Then the thrill of the first plunge, the exhilaration the gasping for breath, the idle floating, the long sit on the shell of rock that the sun has already warmed; and, finally the swinging march back to breakfast. All this is to be mine to-morrow—all this and much more. But the question we keep asking ourselves is this: "When shall we be allowed to take our turn in France." (Gerald Cumberland, in Manchester Guardian.)

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	Millimetres.	Millimetres.	Millimetres.	Millimetres.	
Ministry of Agriculture	11.7	21.8	578.7	496.4	
Dhanyaburi	No report	50.1	—	615.0	
Samudprakar	—	10.3	—	550.7	
Krung Kao	43.7	33.3	741.1	625.9	
Anglong	89.5	11.5	1070.3	639.1	
Lobbur	81.5	43.5	815.2	584.7	
Jainburi	108.4	25.5	926.2	669.6	
Udadhani	38.0	33.4	876.7	617.7	
Bienloke	38.9	189.9	1263.0	846.0	
Khaxongao	No report	51.6	—	562.2	
Prachin	94.9	69.0	969.2	744.3	
Nagot Pathom	5.0	16.1	820.8	818.3	
Bejaburi	83.3	28.5	616.2	750.6	
Rajaburi	16.4	5.6	718.6	876.9	
Xiangmai	77.9	35.6	735.8	492.9	
Singora	40.2	8.0	560.9	270.8	

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### Wounded From Pozieres.

The first wounded from Pozieres have reached London. They include a considerable number of Anzacs and men belonging to the Territorial regiments. Few are gravely wounded, and the majority appear to be suffering slight injuries inflicted by the German machine-guns.

The unanimous verdict of all the men is that the battle for Pozieres was one of the worst of the whole war. British and Germans alike, they say, fought like fiends.

A young London officer, in an interview, described the assault as one of the most difficult the British have ever seen since the offensive began. "The Germans coveted Pozieres, and set their hearts on retaining the village at all cost," he said. "So did the British Command, and a word of encouragement was that 'Pozieres must be taken.'"

"The cream of the German Army were pitched against us. All the crack Guards regiments were employed and flung on us in great numbers. To their credit be it said, the enemy showed an inclination to fight to the last man. Some terrible bayonet work was carried out by the Anzacs, who went for the men with a vengeance. After a fierce contest we obtained the upper hand, and succeeded in driving the Germans out of the main thoroughfare of the village and capturing a number of guns and other war materiel."

"I tell you that it was the most horrible night that any soldiers have ever been through. The bombardment by our artillery and the counter fire of the enemy were kept up to the end, but at daybreak we had firm footing in the village."

"There may be greater tests in store for us, but after Pozieres there is nothing we cannot meet. The Anzacs can face a wall of iron, and go through it into the bargain."

#### Five Years' Sentence Wiped Out By Valour.

Telling of a number of gallant deeds performed during a trench raid by a party of men from Otator, Captain Malcolm Ross, the official correspondent with the New Zealand forces in France, writes:—

Two lieutenants, though they did not belong to the party, went bravely over the parapet under heavy machine-gun fire to assist in binding up the wounded, and one was himself badly wounded. The privates and a sergeant, after safely reaching our trenches, went out again and again under heavy machine-gun fire to bring in wounded. This they did in spite of the fact that they had been through a two hours' heavy bombardment.

One man when his lieutenant was wounded tried to shelter him with his own body. There was another private

who was under a suspended sentence of five years' penal servitude, who was seen by the trench officers boldly standing up under fire and lifting wounded men over the parapet. It almost goes without saying that his sentence was remitted next day.

#### Soldiers' Tales.

Here is a little story of a private soldier who did his bit on the left of Pozieres. A company quartermaster-sergeant, who was wounded by a stray bullet at a ration dump well behind the lines, gave me a note for an officer now in hospital in London. I found out what hospital he was in from the R. A. M. C. staff at Southampton, and wired asking permission for the publication of the note I was sending him. His reply was: "Anything you like that will do justice to so fine a lot of men as any officer ever had."

Well, I don't think this little note does them any injustice anyhow:— "I am bringing you the wristlet watch that was—'s wrist. He was with the front line on the left of Pozieres, with the rest of his platoon. His mates tell me his rifle had been knocked out of his hand. The shell holes there must have been hard to cross at the double, in the dark, with such a heavy fire on, too. But—somehow managed to get his watch all right."

"When they found him he had on enemy's bayonet and rifle in his right hand, and his left hand was at the throat of the German he'd killed. He was lying right across the man, and he had a bullet through his head. We think a machine-gun bullet got him while he struggled with the German on the ground after sticking him with his own bayonet."

"So you see, sir, your batman died pretty game, like the rest of our boys who went west."

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### Installation of the Sultan of Perak.

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Singapore, Sept. 6.

Visitors from all parts of the Straits and F. M. S. are flocking to Kuala Lumpur to witness the installation of the Sultan of Perak. The celebrations are to be on a big scale. High Commissioner Young arrived yesterday and was received by the Sultan, who afterwards introduced him to the Chiefs of State.

### Promotion.

His Majesty has been pleased to confer the title of Phra Pradipat Paban on Luang Sunthorn Kosa. Thus a familiar name for the past quarter of a century disappears.

### Personal.

Mr. L. de Mello Flores, Secretary of the Portuguese Legation is leaving on Friday per s.s. Kuala en route for Home after several years residence in Siam. He has obtained a year's leave and expects to be away till the end of 1917.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

MESSRS. the Borneo Co., Ltd. have a notice to consignees.

MESSRS. Whitaway, Laidlaw and Co., Ltd. have on show latest novelties in gents' neckwear.

THE Acting Medical Officer of Health reports that there was one death from bubonic plague during the week ended 2nd September.

THE s.s. *Drufar* is reported to have stuck on the Bar last evening. She is expected to get off and come up the river with the rising tide to-day.

TENDERS are invited for the renting of refreshment rooms and rest houses at the stations of Tung Song and Chumphon on the Royal State Railways, Southern Line.

THE s.s. *Kuala* will leave from the Borneo Company's wharf at noon sharp, on Friday the 8th inst., and should arrive in Singapore on Monday about noon.

THE "What Nots" are giving their farewell performance at the Phthanalai Theatre to-morrow night. An exceptionally good programme has been arranged and a crowded house is assured.

IN the Boreahap Court to-day a Chinaman was charged with selling spirituous liquors without a license. After the hearing the man was committed to trial in the International Court. The Attorney General appeared for the prosecution and Mr. G. K. Wright for the defence.

THE s.s. *Lingphong*'s propeller damaged a loaded cargo boat that was astern of her, in the way of navigation as it is alleged, to such an extent that the cargo boat sank in the river. Salvage operations are in progress and some of the damaged rice cargo is being brought up.

### The Fate of the s.s. Tungus.

There is some speculation here as to the fate of the Norwegian steamer *Tungus* which used to trade between Bangkok and neighbouring ports. She gave up the Bangkok trade in April last since which time she is stated to have been trading in the China Coast. About a couple of months ago she was reported to have left for America with cargo but she has been overdue at her destination for such a long time now that fears are entertained that she has foundered somewhere.

### Siam Steam Navigation Company.

The 16th General Meeting of shareholders of the Siam Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., was held this afternoon at the offices of the Company.

The chair was taken by Phra Montri. Others present were Messrs. S. H. Hendrick, O. Paludan Muller, E. Leth and O. Bjorling. After the minutes of the last General Meeting were read and confirmed, Mr. Leth proposed that the Statement of Accounts and Report be adopted and a Dividend of five per cent. for the half-year be declared. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hendrick and carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks to the chair proposed by Mr. Bjorling and seconded by Mr. Leth brought the meeting to a close.

### Football.

#### The Ministry of Justice

versus

#### The King's Mahadleks

This match was played yesterday evening at Suan Dusit and proved to be very interesting. There is no doubt that the Mahadleks well deserve the win they obtained yesterday. They showed very clever play and their tactics were much admired. Coleby, the man they had to take most care of, was well marked and he was not able to shoot at ease.

The play started immediately after His Majesty's arrival about 4.40 and the first shot at goal was tried by Coleby who put it over the posts. The Mahadleks then took up and Leng was called upon to save about three times which he did in fine style. A hand ball was given against the Mahadleks from near the centre line and the ball was again kept in their territory. Coleby's dodging was much applauded but he could not get near enough to shoot. The Ministry stubbornly pushed forward but their opponents' full backs did good work.

In this half each side was given a corner kick but resulted in nothing. The Mahadleks took the ball up and got clear of Pongso, but Leng saved excellently. Lek put in a hard shot and this was also saved. When half time was called there were no goals scored by either side.

After an interval of ten minutes the second half started, with the Mahadleks strongly on the offensive. Their efforts brought for them a corner which was neatly kicked and the ball dropping down right in front of the posts was easily netted. After ten minutes of mid-field play the left half of the Ministry took the ball and when shot in struck the overhead post and came back into play. Immediately afterwards Coleby put in a strong shot from a distance but it went a couple of inches above the post. Thad receiving an injury to his foot had to play at goal while Leng came up. This was a bit of hard luck for them as Thad was doing very well where he was. With ten minutes in hand the Ministry started to push on but could not penetrate the back line of the Mahadleks. Another five minutes did not pass before the Mahadleks were able to score their second goal. A couple of minutes before the final whistle the Ministry had an easy chance of taking a goal but evidently through excitement the shot went wide.

Prince Siddhitarat acted as referee. The final for the Senior Cup will be played on the same grounds on Sunday next between the Mahadleks and the Mahorabols.

### Hiding The Truth.

#### English Papers Stopped.

The Germans have stopped the English newspapers from entering Germany, clearly with the purpose of preventing news of the true position from reaching the people. It is for the Allies a significantly satisfactory step. The British correspondents at the front are evidently providing an only too accurate picture of the progress that is being made by us and, not least, are giving incontrovertible evidence of the greatness of the enemy's losses.

Amsterdam.—Ostensibly in order that Germany should be supplied with the "real truth only" no English newspapers are allowed to cross the frontier from Holland. An Amsterdam newsagent has had all his newspaper parcels returned from the German frontier.—Reuter.

### Prof. Metchnikoff.

#### Advocate of The Sour Milk Cure.

Professor Metchnikoff, whose death was announced in a Reuter's telegram from Paris, was a scientist of international reputation. His fame became widely established as a professor of the Pasteur Institute, but before that he had done excellent research work in Russia, his native country.

His greatest discovery was that among the white corpuscles of the blood are some which have the remarkable power of attacking and devouring foreign organisms which may gain entrance into the blood. They fight the microbes which seek to kill the body, and if these phagocytes, as they are called, are sufficiently numerous and well organised they expel the enemy.

From this he was drawn on to the investigations into the causes of senile decay. Here his inquiries took him to Bulgaria, where centenarians are proportionately more numerous than in any other country. He adopted the theory that this longevity was principally due to the custom of drinking milk soured by a special process, which killed the bacillus which was the cause of degeneration of the tissues. Death, he declared, was premature if it came before the age of 100, and strong people ought to live to 120. He himself died at 71. The sour-milk cult still flourishes, and has been widely adopted in England.



## Siamese Affairs.

Mr. S. E. Mathieu of Tong Song writes in the "Pinang Gazette" under date 22nd August as follows:—

Sir,—In your paper of the 8th of Aug. I find a long article on Siam from the pen of Mr. Shelly Thompson, Legal Adviser to the Government of Paket, in reply to "Progress's" criticism of the officials and administration in general of Siam-Malaya, and I beg for space in your widely read paper to express my concurrence with Mr. Thompson and to add a few remarks of my own.

"Progress" must be one of those who visit the country periodically to pick up stray exclusive prospecting licenses and options, and with such in his pocket hawk them in the streets of Penang or the towns of the Federated Malay States, with the idea of making a big haul at little cost and trouble. Such men are not wanted in Siam, and in saying so I think I voice the sentiments of the officials in charge of the Mining Department.

I have spent a good many years in this part of the country, and have had extensive dealings with Siamese officials, and in not a single instance have I been refused admittance or told to call again; and, above all, a Siamese official is the essence of politeness, and "Progress's" remarks grossly libel officials.

The different Government Departments are in the hands of educated men, most of them are able to discuss business in more than one foreign language, and I can assure "Progress" that these men are far-sighted and able to pick the genuine prospect or business man from the speculator and waster.

It amuses me to read "Progress's" criticisms of the Police Department, and I do not think that "Progress" has ever crossed the threshold of a Siam Court. Admitted that this department has still plenty of room for improvements, it is not in such a state as "Progress" would make one believe. Take for example the case of Captain Nicholich, who was murdered on the Estate near Taptieng. The culprits were safely rounded up and tried within a fortnight of the occurrence. The principal in this affair was shot whilst trying to escape, and his two assistants sentenced to 20 years' hard labour. Some months back I had the misfortune of being robbed of a fairly large sum and within ten days the culprits were behind bars. Can one expect anything better? "Progress" has only to attend the courts at Nakon and Trang to see the number of prisoners that are rounded up by the Police each day, and his opinion of this department will undergo a great change.

Let it be understood that this is Siamese territory, and as such the laws and regulations of the country must be respected. A foreigner, especially a Britisher, is looked upon by the natives as the essence of righteousness and justice, his conduct is keenly watched, and as long as he behaves himself he can command respect. I say this as the bad behaviour of a few, fortunately a few, has been brought home to me very forcibly, and I was unable to defend their conduct.

The laws governing the mining industry are all one can desire and the Government awaits with open arms the genuine capitalist and prospector.

One word of warning, before I conclude, to those who intend putting their savings in mining ventures up this way. Beware of the man who comes to you and says, "Look here, old chap, I have a good thing up Siam way, I'll give you half share in it provided you pay me five hundred now just to defray the fees, as I am not financially flush at present." I say beware of these men, your money is safer in your pocket than in the hands of such men.

## Ancient Methods.

## Steel Shields Proposed.

London, July 28.—Sir Conan Doyle strongly advocates the use of body armour to stop machine gun bullets during the rush across No Man's Land. He says that a shield of steel 7-16ths of an inch thick will stop a bullet at pointblank range. If a shield were 2 feet broad and 3 feet deep its weight would be 30 pounds; but it only need be carried a few hundred yards. If the first line stormers carried shields and helmets, with a bag of bombs, they could clear out the machine guns. Some of the attackers would be hit in the arms and legs, and high explosives would claim some victims, but many casualties would be averted. Sheets of steel cut to the size mentioned and furnished with a double thong for the arm grip would suffice, and they could be turned in any direction and form a screen for snipers and wounded men.

## Manners for the Motorist.

It is not good manners to come honking and squeaking up behind a brother motorist who happens to be jogging at the respectable rate of 20 miles per hour, as if you were coming through at around 60. Then, when the 20-mile man draws politely aside and lets you pass to pull over in front of him and drop into a 20-mile jog yourself and give him the benefit of the dust for a mile or two as a reward for politeness.

## Russia's Diplomacy.

Petrograd:—On his return from General Headquarters, whither he had journeyed in order to report to the Emperor, M. Sturmer, the Premier and new Foreign Minister, handed to the newspaper representatives awaiting him a typewritten document. This expresses firm belief in the final victory of Russia and her faithful Allies, the bravery of whose armies is so gloriously apparent alongside the successes of the Russian arms and the heroic feats of the Russian troops.

"The war is of Germany's making," says the document, "and she carries it on with complete and avowed contempt for civilisation. She must be made to feel the consequences. Our watchword must be 'war to the end'; for this we must work with all our heart and soul and strength. The Foreign Office will no doubt do all it can with the vigour and decision befitting the dignity of Great Russia in pursuit of this aim."

M. Sturmer declined to discuss other matters. "This is the time for actions, not words," he said.

With regard to his new office he stated that he had assumed it during a terrible war at a time when all the thoughts and efforts of the Russian people were turned towards overcoming a stubborn foe. Although he was not versed in diplomacy he had always been interested in foreign affairs. "In studying them," he added, "I have paid particular attention to everything especially dear to Russian hearts." The last sentence must be read in connection with an inspired statement that M. Sturmer will organise the Foreign Office "more in accordance with Russian principles, and make its diplomacy European in form and Russian in spirit." The Premier's declaration should have a reassuring effect on public opinion, which is now inclined to accept the view that the change is due mainly to internal politics.

The papers admit that the late Minister, M. Sazonoff, was trusted by the Russian people and respected as an authority on international affairs throughout Europe.—Ex.

## Mr. Hughes' Call to Act Now.

Mr. William Hughes, Australian Premier, in the course of an interview said: "The Paris Conference has done a great work in formulating the terms of an economic treaty which will revolutionise not only trade relations between the Allies and the Germanic Powers, but also the economic fabric of the Allies. The potential effects of the resolutions are almost infinite, but we must get to work immediately."

"The Allies look to Great Britain to lead the way. If we act promptly, the resolutions can be made an effective weapon against our enemies during the war. They can shorten the duration of the war and assure to the Allies the fruits of victory, economic independence after the war, and the lasting peace of the world."—Reuter.

## New Pompeii Excavations.

Naples, July 25.—The Italian Minister of Public Instruction yesterday visited Pompeii and was shown the recent excavations. One of the most recent was the house of a great personage—Trebio Valente. Its peristyle, dining hall with table, garden and tablinum or "summer-house," are intact, and on its facade, protected by an enormous roof of tiles, is an album of inscriptions.

Another beautiful house has a coloured relief representing the fight between Achilles and Hector, and a splendid hall with grand paintings of elephants and seated figures. In another recently excavated house were a fine portico and triclinium, the mural paintings of which have been detached from the old walls by a new method, which preserves them on the spot, as if in a museum. These pictures represent scenes from the Iliad.

## Artist's Death From a Scratch.

At Fulham an inquest was held on the body of Cyrus Cuneo, painter, aged 37, the artist and illustrator.

Dr. Pollard, of Queen Anne-street, said he attended Mr. Cuneo for ten days for blood poisoning of the face as the result of a scratch from a finger nail. Septic pleurisy supervened, and he died on Sunday.

Miss Dorothy Loist, of King's-road, Chelsea, said that on June 10 a farrow gathering to some officers was held at her father's studio. After dancing had finished there was "some fooling about." Cuneo caught hold of her, and in pushing him away her nail caught his nose. He only said, "You have scratched me," and treated the matter very lightly.

Dr. Spilsbury said death was due to blood poisoning, following an injury to the nose.

The jury returned a verdict of "accidental death."

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## Airman Rammed.

Paris. The records of aerial self-sacrifices furnish no more stirring narrative than the story of how Sergeant Maquart de Terline gave up his life rather than allow his enemy to escape from him.

At four o'clock one morning the sentinels in the trenches saw a German Albatross traverse the French lines at a great height, flying in the direction of Chalons. The enemy airman's presence was immediately telephoned to that base and some miles from the town the audacious pilot, a red haired giant nicknamed "Arminius" by the French pilots, met with such a warm reception from the anti-aircraft artillery that he and his companion turned and made off.

In the interval the alarm had been given in the adjoining camps, where the chasers are always ready to give battle to enemy pilots. A few minutes later three French airmen were mounting rapidly through the morning mist impatient to get at close quarters with the invader. The German had the start, and if the Frenchmen were to prevent him from getting back to his lines only ten miles away they must not lose a second. In ten minutes it would be all over.

At a height of from 1,000 to 1,200 feet the breakneck race began, the Albatross speeding for home and the three Frenchmen, one behind and one on each flank, hotly pursuing. The Nieuport chasers had the advantage of superior speed, and every moment they were overhauling "Arminius." Soon they were near enough to open fire, and while they left the air at 75 miles an hour their machine guns opened on the fleeing Albatross.

## Watched by Thousands.

But the German kept on. Surely for him lay in flight. So far he had not been hit. Thousands of men in the trenches and camps strained their eyes and watched the evolutions of the light, rising, falling, veering, swaying from side to side, the four airman jockeyed for position, their machine guns firing all the while, until one wondered why the aeroplanes did not crash into one another and come tumbling to earth. It was a miracle "Arminius" was still alive, and while he forced along the Albatross at an amazing speed his comrade served the machine gun, turning it to right and left upon his pursuers.

The distance was gradually lessening. In a few seconds they would be over the German trenches and then the fight would be finished. Ammunition was running low. A moment later the chasers, having spent the last cartridge in the band, with one consent took a supreme resolution. Rather than waste time for recharging and allow the enemy to escape they would close in on him and go down to death together.

"Arminius," grasping their intention, began to descend. The Frenchmen did the same, diving swiftly to earth. Those below gazed motionless at the tragedy going on 600ft. above them. Suddenly two of the French pilots in their eagerness to overtake the flying enemy, overtook too close to one another. There was a violent shock, a sinister cracking and tearing, and the spectators saw the two broken Nieuports turn over and over and fall to the ground. Later it was learned that their pilots had suffered only slight injuries.

## The Death-Lock.

But Sergeant de Terline and "Arminius" were left to fight it out. At that moment the Frenchman's comrades watching the combat in their throats, their glasses, remembered his words of the day before. "If in a fight with a Boche my machine gun should jam I would ram him." Fear chilled their hearts. Would he do it? They were not left long in doubt. In another second, while the German officer was spitting bullets at him twenty yards away, the Frenchman bore down upon his adversary and cut him almost in half. Locked together, the two machines dropped headlong. A moment later they separated, and those who witnessed the final act of the drama state that as the crippled aeroplanes fell to earth a hundred yards apart in the French lines they saw the figure of "Arminius" and his enemy still upright among the shapeless debris.

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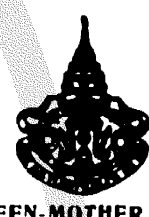
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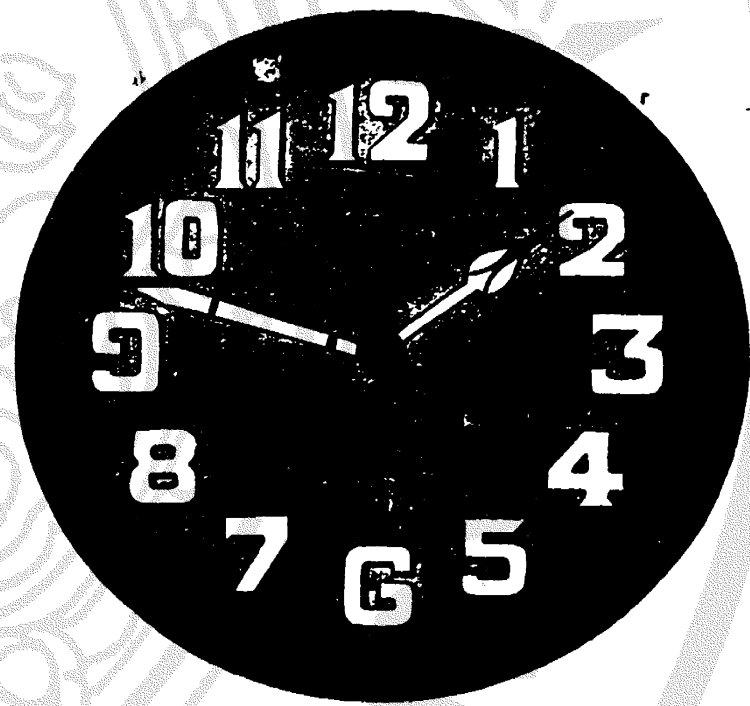


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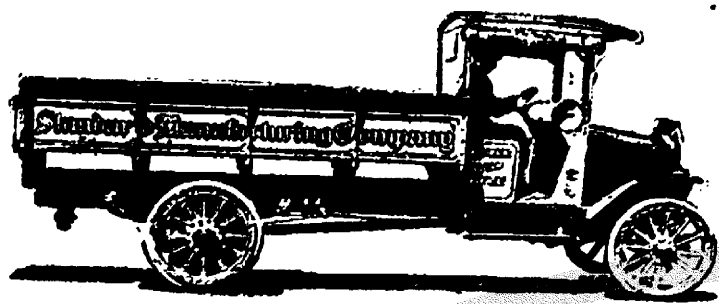
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#### Importance of Salonica.

From the "Daily Mail."—After the failure of our secondary military expedition, it is intelligible that we should be loath to embark upon yet another, particularly as it is also a great over-seas war with all the attendant difficulties of transport and the constant danger of submarines. None the less, the Salonica base has been established; the armies are there, and, what is more important still, the hour, the place, and the objective are strategically of almost decisive military importance.

The weak point in the Germanic defence to-day is Austria, who, thanks to the unexpectedly formidable onslaught by the Russians on the Eastern front, now finds herself in the predicament which faced her at the end of 1914: with this difference, that, whereas then her reserves had not been raised, they are this summer, potentially at least, pretty well exhausted. Linked up economically and militarily with Austria-Hungary, dependent, in fact, upon her power of resistance, the secondary German arm, which may be called the Balkan Alliance of Bulgaria and Turkey, stands or falls; constitutes absolutely the heel of Achilles, or the vulnerable spot in the enemy lines of defence, to which must be added the unpleasant propinquity of a doubtful Romania.

Now the Pan Germanic scheme aims primarily at what the Germans call the "economic hegemony" of the East. In Turkey it is this economic power, not land, which is the German purpose, and it may truthfully be said that so long as the Germans hold the railway line through Serbia to Constantinople not only is the goal of Pan-Germanism attained, but the military conditions are established which ensure the faithful attachment to Berlin of the Austro-Balkan belligerent group. Incidentally it is the reason why the Germans are ready for peace. Not the West but the East is their objective. Not Belgium but the German way to Constantinople is their coveted prize, whence they hope to pursue their aims eastwards and southwards to the Persian Gulf.

Healthy Selfishness.  
It was with this object in view that the Anatolian Railway system was initiated as well as the Kaiser's policy of infiltration, which dated from 1898 when he entered the Holy City on a white charger and addressed the Mohammedans as "his friends" over the grave of Saladin.

Turkey to Germany is a "healthy selfish" interest. Cotton, wool, naphtha—these are the things that Germany wants, and the fertility of Mesopotamia. And this "Drang towards the East" has been the life and soul of

Pan-Germanism, it being clearly recognised by all German writers and authorities that "whole work" can only be accomplished with and through Austria; success, in fact, depending on the fate of Austria, on whose fate that also of Turkey, as a German interest, is inevitably involved.

Thus, if the Germans were to walk out of France to-morrow and Belgium the day after, yet keep Serbia and maintain their Turco-Bulgarian military and economic partnership, in great part the Pan German scheme would be realised, and Germany, as she could end the war on such terms, would uncontestedly have gained the chief part of her objective.

And this idea it is, which Germans designate as Austria's "ethnic land-slide," without which all Pan-Germans agree there can be no chance of success.

This is what the Germans are fighting for, what they hope to maintain, and as it is the Germanic central objective, so, military, it is the weak spot in their armour. The Austrian principle of Government, "Divide and Conquer," is not suitable in war. Pressed on all sides, Austria is in distress, and because Austria is in jeopardy so is the Austro-German policy in the Balkans, on which hangs the allegiance of both Turks and Bulgars, and its point of danger is from Salonica.

#### Hastening the End.

Without Austria Pan-Germanism has neither meaning nor power, for the whole essence of Pan-German Imperialism lies in the territorial expansion of Austria-Hungary by means of which alone pressure can be brought to bear on Turkey, and through Turkey on the Balkan peoples.

A decisive blow struck upwards from Salonica, breaking through the Bulgarian resistance and liberating Serbia, and Pan-Germanism will receive a mortal wound from which in this war there can be no recovery. The Young Turks joined Germany because of their belief in German arms, and Bulgaria joined Germany also for the same reason. But if the Bulgarians are defeated and driven into their own country, Turkey will find herself cut off, stranded, reeling into helplessness, and the hour of Austria's fate will have sounded.

That is why the offensive from Salonica is of such enormous importance. It is there that the German heel of Achilles lies. It is there, if we strike well and victoriously, above all if we strike now, when the Austro-German armies are fully engaged, that a decision may be reached of overwhelming military and political significance which would not only frustrate all Germany's ambitions but inevitably hasten the end of the war, if only by process of disintegration.—Ex.

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The Rumanian first line is about 325,000, the second line about 275,000, and the third or organised militia, about 100,000 strong. For a Rumanian army corps is an exceptionally powerful unit of its kind, numbering well over 50,000 men, and comprising three infantry divisions (forty-two battalions, thirty-nine of the line, three of chasseurs), one cavalry brigade of two yeomanry or light horse regiments (composed of farmers, who in return for providing their own mount and kit, undergo a short training period only), twenty-nine field guns and four field howitzer batteries, or 136 guns in all. There are in addition the usual pioneer and other technical troops, one regiment of mountain artillery, and two companies of fortress artillery, not to mention the Royal Regiment of Horse Guards and the Gendarmerie.

The Rumanian field and horse artillery are armed with 75 mm. Krupp patterns (1904 and 1908), very superior to the 77 mm. used by German field artillery, as alike the carriage, the tracks, and the sighting apparatus were specially designed and perfected by the Rumanian engineering corps with a view to the exacting conditions of warfare postulated by a mountainous country where the road accommodation is mostly poor. The field howitzer batteries, there of 4-in and one of 4.7-in, calibre per Army Corps, are also products of Essen. On the other hand, both the 75 mm. mountain gun and the 5.9-in. heavy howitzers embody the very latest pre-war types from the Schneider works, Creusot. The artillery tactics, as, indeed, the four-gun battery system, have been based, with slight modifications, on the French model. Rumania breeds a sturdy mountain race of horses, particularly suited for artillery draught, while oxen teams are harnessed to the heavier cannon.

The most remarkable feature of the Rumanian engineering corps is the material for the rapid setting up of a semi-permanent pontoon bridge, nearly a mile broad, across the Danube. This bridge, which comprises no fewer than 180 sections, does not interfere with the river navigation.



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Paknam Dep.	6.30	9.30	12.45	3.45	Bangkok Dep.	7.45	10.45	2.00	5.00
*Maha Wong "	6.35	9.35	12.50	3.50	Sala Deng "	7.52	10.52	2.07	5.07
*Ban Nang Greng "	6.40	9.40	12.55	3.55	Klong Toi "	8.00	11.00	2.15	5.15
Chorakhe "	6.45	9.45	1.00	4.00	*Ban Kluei "	8.05	11.05	2.20	5.20
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*Prakonong "	7.05	10.05	1.20	4.20	Samrong "	8.25	11.25	2.40	5.40
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Klong Toi "	7.15	10.15	1.30	4.30	*Ban Nang Greng "	8.35	11.35	2.50	5.50
Sala Deng "	7.23	10.23	1.38	4.38	*Maha Wong "	8.40	11.40	2.55	5.55
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If you wish to feel the full humanity of a tale of battle hear and see the men who, writes Mr. W. Beach Thomas in the "Daily Mail," have fought through it all the very day after they have left the field. Earlier is too early; for as they come back into billets or camp they are one and all weighted down with sleep. You wonder sometimes whether they will tumble down with the burden, though they walk briskly and sing in snatches.

The Pozieres battle, of which I have heard much to-day from soldiers and officers of all grades, lasted six full days. A brigadier-general had slept just 14 hours in the six days. One of the soldiers had slept not at all for four days; but except for a shrapnel hole in his helmet and a shrapnel scratch on the lip, showed small sign of the fighting in person or in kit. He was setting off quite cheerily on a three hours' walk.

One begins to believe that the power or will to do without sleep is the greatest of all battle-winning gifts or forms of courage. To murder sleep is certainly one of the aims of modern tactics. One company in this battle fought eight long and distinct bomb-fights up German trenches subsequent to the first charge. The enemy was using almost exclusively his newer little and light bombs, each about the size of an egg. A good cricketer could throw one a hundred yards. A German can throw one seventy-five. We replied with our bigger and more dangerous bomb, and the struggle oscillated up and down two parallel trenches almost continuously day and night.

The German soldiers were at times in a vice of a new nature. They could move neither way; for their officers stood at one end of the trench; the British moved up from the other; and the Germans were as much afraid of the devil as of the deep sea. In this fix they fought well, and great numbers were killed, including officers.

Our Australian soldiers saw hereabouts what infantry can seldom see—the actual course and effect of their own shrapnel. They describe it as swishing up the length of the trench, as a bucketful of water is swished over a deck or spoutful of grit over a roadway. Nothing they saw more cheered them; but essentially it was an infantry fight. Wonderful journeys were made in what is called the open, both for attack and with messages to and from the rear. These were only made possible in the promiscuous sweep of machine guns by the mesh-work of shell holes so closely linked that you need never travel five yards on the old surface.

Where these bombing attacks had been most successful and therefore the enemy were furthest removed, the hardest work of all was to be endured. The enemy, as I had seen from a respectful distance, was using some of his biggest guns, not singly but in salvos. I may say definitely—on a point that has been much canvassed—that he bombarded Pozieres with guns of calibre just over 9 in., as well as with 8 in. and 5.9 howitzers. The great shells fell in groups and in lines, in such regular time as to make a sort of rhythm.

I asked a young soldier (whom I had visited because I knew his people) what he thought of this part of the battle. "Oh, I didn't pay much attention to that," he said. With bombs in his hand and Germans in the same trench, Vesuvius two hundred yards away was of no interest to him.

"It was a great battle"—I quote the refrain of a colonel who was in the hurly-burly. The surprising feature on the right, where my young friend happened to be, was that after repeated charges to and fro over many hundred yards our men advanced half a mile up one trench while the enemy was still holding a parallel trench quite a few yards away.

It is nothing in this war to dance in and out among the enemy. Infantry only less than artillery have trouble to know where their friends are, where their enemies are, and they have the peculiar trouble of trying to know where they themselves are. What wonder that an odd gun five or six or seven miles away may sometimes shell lines reached by their own infantry, when the soldiers themselves are within an ace of shooting or bombing one of their own companies. The Germans have on occasion simplified the difficulty by deliberately shelling places where their own men were thought to be in a minority or likely to surrender.

### Unprecedented Shelling.

The annals of Delville Wood, in which few though the acres are, many men have fallen, were lengthened and intensified to-day by the hottest bombardment yet known and a succession of charges which won us much valuable ground. The shell-metal, German and British, within the wood must begin to approach the weight of the trees. The German bombardment and ours have been both beyond precedent at certain junctures—as between 6 and 9 this morning—and the firing has continued with small interruptions for a full fortnight.

The wood, including the north of Longueval, has certainly swallowed over 100,000 shells besides much "small stuff," and machine guns have seldom ceased to rattle. Think of some pretty English corpse about 150 acres large, and imagine its beauty before

and its terror afterwards: its sides, these "cloisters of a sanctuary" dug and pitted, its foliage scorched and beaten to the ground, its trees ripped and felled, every yard trodden and retrodden and every other yard pitted till the roots are an entanglement.

If I could tell every atom of the ruin and convey the sense of it as seen by men fighting in a din audible twenty miles away, I should still not have touched the meaning of the battlefield. It is not "the beauty's ruin" but "the life's defeat" which makes the wood what it is. The faces of the prisoners we took there are witness of what it means to live awhile in a wood of the dead.

## Modern Bucharest.

Bucharest is a modern collection of villages, somewhat after the fashion of Budapest, but the city is less advanced in architecture and town planning. So far to the south, the climate is excellent in spring but leaves the summer heat scarcely provided for, inasmuch as shade is wanting. In days to come the avenue will improve greatly, but the trees are too small yet. The Boulevard through the centre of the city has a beautiful vista and its gardens are excellently kept. There is much that is characteristic in the roofs and gables of the private houses with the wide overhanging eaves and decorated balconies. Down near the mouths of the Danube at Ismail at Kilia, the people are Rumanians on both shores though the north bank is in the Russian Empire. So the gendarme in the Tsar's uniform fraternizes with the travellers, for he and they are of one nationality. It is rather interesting to see the Russian soldiers mounting guard on one side of the channel and the Rumanians on the other. The brown uniforms of the soldiers and their outfit generally seem quite serviceable, and the officers are much better get up than is usual in Russia.

In the Carpathians on the way to Transylvania and Budapest, there are vast oil wells along the lower hillsides, through further on these give place to pine wood all about Sinaia and the Royal Palace, so splendidly situated amid mountain scenery. The traveller is received at the frontier station of Ploesti by Hungarian officials; everything bears the Royal Magyar insignia, and there is no recognition of the Empire of Austria in these parts. This is the coveted land of Transylvania, and it is quite clear that Hungary is the ruler in these parts and the Power with which Rumania has to deal is based on those of the Latin Union.

Most of Rumania is flat, and the

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