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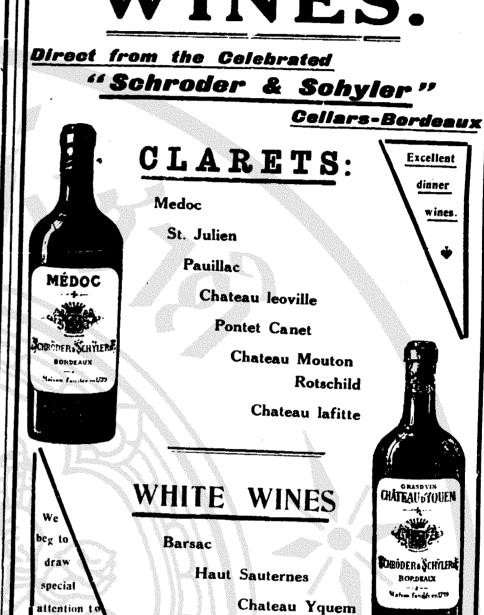
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The Spanish Manifesto To Belgium.

Madrid, Aug. 7. The Roman Catholic manifesto to Belgium has begun seriously to occupy the attention of the Spanish Press. Senor Araquistain analyses the document in the Liberal review Espana and draws from it the following conclusions: -

First, that all good Ca holics must condemn the invasion of Belgium and the atrocities committed there by the Gormans. He who will not admit this rejects the authority of the Pope and is therefore no Catholic. Secondly, by expressing the desire that Belgium should be compensated and restored to independence, these Catholics implicity desire also the victory of the Allies, which is the only means to that end. He who does not admit this does not desire that Belgium should receive reparation, and lies if he maintains the contrary. This being so, Senor Araquistain asks why this document, which all good Catholics are morally bound to sign, has only in fact been signed by some 700, eminent though these signatories are; and why certain newspapers whose directors are among the signatories, the Universo and the A.B.C. have never yet wentured to say a word in favour of the Allies for whose triumph they now profess such an-

Senor Araquistain's question are widely echoed. No doubt the explanation will be forthcoming in time, but ! up to the present the newspapers in question have maintained a discreet

The Corres Espanol which, like the Universo, enjoys Church protection and patronage, is seriously annoyed by the publication of the manifesto, while the Tribuna, another Roman Catholic and Germanophil newspaper. condemns it as a tissue of "absurd misstatements," and heaps abuse upon the signatories, whom he charges with "an intolerable intrusion in the domestic affairs of a friendly country" and of the crime of "causing offence to the German Emperor and his people." It seems as though these strange Roman Catholic journalists are driven at last to a lmit the conflict between the authority of the Pope and the interests of the German Emperor, and while they have not a word of pity for the martyrdom of Belgium or of regard for the sanctity of international law-while they have the courage to brush lightly aside the judgment of the Pope himself, ken with terror and compunction at the bare thought of offend-

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of small States. These malicious and concerted attacks upon a manisfesto which embodies the highest principles of Christianity, and which, alike by its elevated tone and by the prestige of those who subscribe in should be welcomed with joy and reverence by all Roman Catholics, are very deplorable no doubt, but they will help to enlighten many perplexed consciences. Spanish Roman Catholics have had it brought home to them that they cannot serve two masters. A very distinguished company of them have notified their choice in terms which can neither be ignored nor misunderstood, and where they have led the great majority will surely follow.

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No Relief for Poland.

German Refusal of the British Offer.

Further correspondence relating to the proposals for the relief of distress in Poland was issued by the British Foreign Office last month. The refusal of Germany to entertain the British offer, announced briefly in "The Times" on August 2, was conveyed in the following Note, dated July 29, from the German Foreign Office to the United "States Ambassador in Berlin :--

From the very beginning the Imperial Government declared its readiness to offer its assistance in order that the distress apparent in those parts of Russia which are occupied by German troops and systematically wasted and deprived of all victuals for the use of the remaining inhabitants by the retreating Russian hosts be eased by the relief work of the United States of America, which is organized on such a great scale. The Imperial Government has particularly offered all guarantees consistent with the requirements of war that the simported foodstuffs will by the Allied Governments for imporonly serve the needs of the population of the territory occupied. According-ly the American relief might have been per to exist in various districts," and poinrealized several months ago with the same provisions as in Northern Franco had not the Government of Great Britain prevented its accomplishment by clinging to its unfounded and impracticable conditions. In this way it has become practically impossible to convey a considerable amount of foodstuffs from Amerika to Poland by the expiration of the term set, as the end of the relief work is October first.

Accordingly, further negotiations are devoid of purpose. But on the other was needed, was authorized to release hand, thanks to the intense culture of the 2,000 tons of grain asked for by the land effected by the Imperial Government by using all the means available and every effort possible in the occupied territory, and owing to the favourable harvest prospects, a relief action after October 1, 1916, can appa-

rently be dispensed with.

The fact that the population of Poland and Lithuania will, to some extent, suffer until the new crop is lodged and later on will sometimes have to put up with straitened circumstances can therefore not be laid to the blame of the Imperial Government, but to that of Great Britain.

This note was communicated by Mr. Page. United States Ambassador in London, to Viscount Grey, and on August 7 Sir Eyre Crowe, writing on behalf of the Foreign Secretary, said: I will not comment on the vagueness or the inaccuracies of this reply, such

feel, be useless. His Majesty's Government now have before them the present statement of the German Government in regard to Northern Poland, and the statement of the Austro-Hungarian Government in regard to Serbia which I had the honour to bring to the attention of the United States Government in my note of July 20. Both statements are diametrically opposed to the assertions those who submit, constant appeals to the Allied Government on behalf of these occupied territories.

any foodstuffs into Polland before October 1. Such controversy, would, I

His Majesty's Government note that in the opinion of the German Government, which may be now regarded as in control of Austria-Hungary also, further negotiations are devoid of purpose. In these circumstances his Majesty's Government feel that they can do no more, and they must leave it to the Government of the United States to take such further steps, if any, as they shall think right and useful.

The Note of July 20 to Mr. Page dealing with Serbia, mentioned in Sir Eyre Crowe's letter, is also published. It sets forth that the British Government had received from the Serbian Government a strong appeal for the release to the American Red Cross of of 2,900 of Rumanian grain controlled fat on into Serbia, "in view of the des ted out that as Germany and Austria possessed enormous stocks of food-stuffs in Rumania it was for them to provide for the Serbian population. Moreov er, it was alleged in Austria that there was no need for the importation of foodstuff's into Serbia and therefore the British Government would hold Austria responsible for any shortage of food in that country. Purely as an exceptional measure the British Minister at Bukarest, if convinced that relief Serbia.

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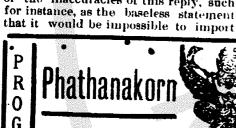
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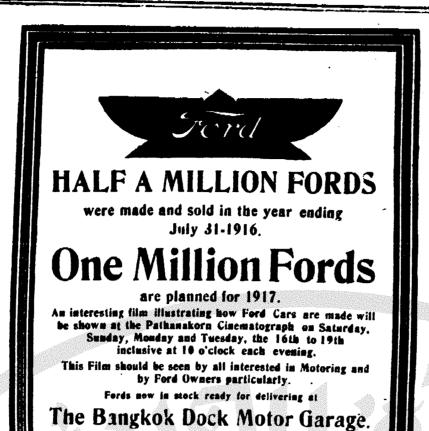
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(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Sept. 21. Athens. -- Greece has decided, in principle, to depart from neutrality. Reuter announces that Greece has despatched an urgent note to Germany demanding the release of the Kavalla garrison which is interned in Germany.

The British Front.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

Loudon, Sept. 21. General Haig's communique says that several determined enemy counterattacks were repulsed.

French Progress.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Sept. 19. Yesterday we took trenches south of Combles. We occupied Deniecourt and pushed our elements towards Ablincourt. We conquered Boqueteaux and trenches west of Horgny. On the 17th and 18th instant we took 600 prisoners. To-day we made progress east of

Berny. The Russians repulsed five attacks in

Champagne.

Mr. Asquith's Son Killed.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Sept. 19. A son of Mr. Asquith has been killed on the Somme front.

German East Africa.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Sept. 19. London.-We have occupied Lindi and Kihindani, two parts in German East Africa.

The Eastern Front.

(HAVAS TRLEGRAM.) .

Paris, Sept. 19. Salonika.-The Servians have reached the neighbourhood of Mont Vetrenic and they have captured the heights of Kjmakalan.

The Franco-Russians have taken Florina, ronting the enemy. Athens.—The Bulgarians have evacu-

ated Monastir.

The Tonkin-Cochin-China Cable.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Sept. 20. In the Chamber, M. Outrez demanded the suppression of the Tonkin-Cochin-China cable which imposed a useless charge on the Budget.

M. Donmergne replied that the cable was indispensable to telegraphic relations between Indo-China and the Chamber.

M. Briand's Speech.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Sept. 20 In the Chamber, M. Briand eloquently eulogised the efforts of all the Allies who all possessed the same admirable energy devoted to the realisation of peace by victory. He said that any other peace would be dishonourable and no Frenchman would accept it. The Chamber voted for the publication of this speech by 420 to 26.

Rumanian and Serbian Successes.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Sept. 20 Salonika. -The Serbians carried

Mount Kajmakianlan. Bucharest.—An official communique announces Rumanian successes in the Dobrudja region,

Rubber and Tin.

(" S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, Sept. 22. The Rubber Auction lasted two days. The prices generally were higher on Wednesday in sympathy with the London market. Yesterday prices were lower. Prices.—Smoked sheet \$128. average \$125; pale creps \$127, average \$126. Of 6.6 tons offered, 380 tons were sold.

Timis quoted at \$83.62.

Red Cross Concert.

A concert in aid of the British Red Cross Fund will be held at the Royal Bangkok Sports Club (by kind permission of the Committee) on Saturday,

September 30 at 9.30 p.m. Members may take guests, but seats must be booked in advance.

The New French Loan.

On October 5, 1916, the French Government will issue a new 5% loan, at francs 87.50.

The subscription list will close on

October 29. Conpons and bonds of the Défense Na ionale bought previous to October 1 will be accepted as cash in payment of subscriptions to the loan.

Annual Meeting of the South Siam Mission.

(Communicated.)

The 1916 meeting of the South Siam Mission was called to order by its Chairman, the Rev. C. E. Eckels, of Nakawn Sritamarat at 2.30 yesterday afternoon. All the members of the Mission were present except those on furlough and Dr. Wachter and Dr. and Mrs. Von Metre of Nakawn Sritamarat.

We were glad to welcome Miss Gertrude Shearer who comes to join the Mission. We are also very glad to greet the Rev. Hugh Taylor D.D. and he Rev. L. J. Beebe of the North Siam Mission, who come as the representatives of their Mission, also the kev. Royal Hall ond Mrs. Hall who come

out to join the North Siam Mission. There were some committees appointed after which the annual reports of the five Stations of the Mission were read. They gave encouraging summaries of the work of the Stations for the past year. Tap Tiers reported extensive touring by the Rev. F. L. Snyder, and that the school and hospital were increasing in usefulness. Nakawn Sritamarat showed much that had been done and much more that remains to be done in most departments of the work. Bangkok reported that the Bangkok Christian College and the Wang Lang High School for Girls were in a flourishing condition, that the Boon Itt Memorial Institute had a greatly increased membership and that a promising educational and evangelistic work on a new site had been begun among the Chinese. Petchaburi Station showed a large increase in church membership and a very successful Christian Workers Training School. Pitsanuloke reported extensive touring by the Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Jones, the school showed a larger enrollment than any other outside Bangkok and the hospital had the best year in its prosperous career.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Tcs. 2,172,200 was the total of the subscriptions to the Cruiser Fund on September 18.

THE s s. " Produce" left Singapore for Bangkok on Wednesday the 20th September at 12 noon with the European (English) mail on board.

THE following passengers left by the s.s. "Koala" to-day :-Mr. and Mrs. Fagart and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ford and two children, Monsieur Cottret, Mr. Norman Sutton and Mr. Hork Guan.

THOSE who are players at the Bridge Drive at the British Club at 9 p.m. to-morrow evening are kindly asked to be punctual as one late player or pair may retard the whole drive. White coats or dinner jackets may be

THE Acting Medical Officer of Health reports that only one death from bubonic plague occurred in the City of Bangkok during the week ended September 16. There were no cases of cholera or small-pox during that period.

PADDY REPORT FOR SEPT. 21.

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Humanities of the War

One of the band of French aviators who are doing such splendid service at Verdun has been confined to his hut for thirty days because after he had brought down a German aviatik he stood drinks to the German airmen at the nearcet café.

The shortage of petrol has placed the young wife of a well known financier in an awkward position. Owing to the difficulty in obtaining supplies, her husband decided to abandon temporarily the use of motor-care, and gave orders for a favourite brougham which he imagined was stored in one of his coach-houses, to be cleaned and brought out for his inspection. But some time ago his wife, being short of money to pay her gambling debts, sold the vehicle, and her husband's discovery of its disappearance has led to very strained relations between the pair.

Thanks to a bright idea on the part of the captain, one of the biggest English liners was able to avoid capture by the raider Moewe. One bright starlight night a suspicious looking ship was sighted astern, evidently in pursuit of the liner. The latter put on full speed, but was unable to shake off her pursuer, which was slowly creeping up. Then the captain hit upon the strategem of sending out uncoded wireless messages giv. ing his position and the words. "Suspicious ship following." It was, of course, picked up by the raider, who took alarm, promptly altered her course, and vanished.

Two young brothers who were serving in hopes of preventing an advance on ing in the same section of trenches during the Big Push have just had a postponing it. remarkable re-union. One had been badly wounded by shrapnel while own line he saw his brother going over the parapet, with others of his com pany, to attack the enemy. They bade each other a harried farewell, never expecting to meet again. A few days later the two brothers found themselves in beds in the same ward of the same hospital in "Blighty.'

Many French ladies have adopted for the war lonely soldiers, the idea being to write every week and send comforts. One godmother or "marraine" had been sending gifte to a poilu and receiving letters full of gratitude longing for the time when the writer could call in person and express his thanks.

A few days ago a soldier presented himself at her house, stating that his friend not being able to obtain leave, had sent his best respects by him. He was received with open arms and invited to lunch. But his replies to questions about his friend were so vague that the lady became suspicious. Perceiving this, her guest expressed a wish to depart : but, making an excuse, the lady got on the 'phone to the police. The latter promptly put in an appearance, and on cross-questioning the soldier they discovered that he was a deserter, and had got to know by chance that the lady was the god-mother of the other poilu, and thought he might be able to have a good time by deceiving her. He is now awaiting trial by court-martial.

One of the most interesting groups now interned is that of a wealthy Turk and his wives. He brought the ladies to this country on a pleasure trip some two and a half years ago, and when trouble was looming in Serbia decided to return. But his wives had taken a fancy to England, and refused to go back. On the war extending to Turkey escape was impossible, and thus the whole family had to be interned.

An influential Parliamentary movement is on foot with the view to inducing the Government to recall the large number of M. P.'s who are with the forces, in order that they may be in their places when Parliament meets in October. It is felt that the importance of the matters that will then come up for discussion makes it advisable that as many members as possible should be in their places.

A wealthy City merchant, who strongly disapproves of mixed bathing, recently paid a surprise visit to the small seaside resort where his wife was staying. Arriving rather late in the evening at her hotel, to his annoyance he heard that she had gone for a starlight swim with some young officers and their friends. On reaching the beach, however, he was assured by the only party of swimmers there that his wife had refused to accompany them and had gone for a stroll instead, and when he got back to the hotel the information was corroborated by his wife, who stated that she had just returned from her walk. But the truth of the matter was that an obliging friend, having seen her husband arrive at the station, had passed the information on to the bathers, and the lady, slipping on the overcoat and cap of one of the officers, had hurried back to the hotel, passing her husband, who naturally failed to recognise her on the way.

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Christianity and War. Mr. Bonar Law on the

Lord Hugh Cecil, M. P., in the course of an address in the church of St. Martin-in-the Fields on "Christianity and War," said that if the Beformation could have been guided by a man like Erasmus, rather than by Luther and Calvin, and if the unity of Christendom could have been preserved consistently with its purification from many evils, the gain to Christians would have been enormous. We could not unite Christendom at present, but we could largely diminish the earls of schism, as we had already done in the strictly ecclesiastical sphere, getting rid of the bitterness and uncharitablen ss which had arisen out of schism.

A similar change was not impossible in international relations. We must look to achieve by a growing catholic sentiment the unity of the spirit before there could be any real hope of Christian union and the solving of international problems, of which Christian union gave far more hope than any other state that could be conceived.

Details of the Fall of Corizia.

For more than twelf months the Italians have been confronting the town of Gorizia. Previously two great sustained attacks were launched on its approaches, one in July and the other in October. Each achieved partial successes, but hitherto the defenders' artiflery has proved too strong. The Austrians poured troops into the Trentino

The operations which finally caused the fall of the stronghold were carried carrying out his duties in No Man's out with marvellons rapidity. The Land, and as he painfully regained his seizure of the surrounding heights and the bridgehead and the crossing of the Isonzo paved the way for the entry into the town.

Trieste is now threatened seriously by the victorious Italians who have won possession of great bastions. There remains, however, will to be conquered the bulk of an extensive natural for-

Thousands of inhabitants who for weeks pust had been hidden in underground rooms and cellars come out to meet the troops, waving flags and handkerchiefs and covering them with flowers. Thousands of enemy soldiers were found hilden in caves and made prisoners.

The number of prisoners official y announced is 21,700, but this total is continually being added to.

Depots of provisions and munitions have been found intact, and several batteries of heavy guns have been captured.

The engagements in the town of Gorizia were terribly desperate. Houses were captured one after another, and the Italians threw the Austrians from the windows.

The Castle of Gorizia avas taken with the bayonet, and the Italian flag was immediately hoisted. There is no longer any Austrian soldier in Gorizia.

Mr. Churchill and the "London."

A remarkable piece of journalistic enterprise has just been carried through by the editor of the "London Magazine," who has secured the services of Mr. Winston Churchill, M.P., to write for the magazine a series of articles under the title of "The War, On Land and Sea."

The fee paid to Mr Churchill for these articles is the highest ever earned by a writer in the history of British journalism. The first article appears in the "London Magazine" for October. on sale September 20.

A Death Sentence Commuted.

The Secretary of the British War Office makes the following announcement:-

Two prisoners who were charged with espionage, and tried by general court-martial in London during July, were both found guilty.

In the one case sentence of death was passed, and in the other sentence of penal servitude for ten years.

The findings and sentences have been duly confirmed, but the sentence of death has been commuted to one of penal servitude for ten years.

Clyde Deportees.

In the House of Commons Dr. Addison, in answering Mr. Barnes, said that the Ministry of Munitions had decided to allow certain of the Clyde deportees to return home, provided that they would accept the employment that would be provided for them, and that they would enter into their own undertakings as to future conduct. The cases of the other men could not be considered for another two months.

War Prisoners' Correspondence.

In the House of Commons Lord Robert Cecil, in answer to Mr. Malcolm, said the British Foreign Office had no reason to believe that the delay of six weeks in delivering letters to prisoners' camps in Germany was intentional, but if they had reason to believe that it was so they should have to consider the advisability of treating German correspondence to prisoners here in a similar manner.

Cabinet.

A Frank Speech.

Mr. Bonar Law addressed the Na tional Unionist Association at the Queen's Hall in response to an invitation for his views, sent about the time of the Irish crisis.

"There have been differences of opinion among us (Unionists in the Cabinet) on the question," he said. "Although we came to the same con-clusion we arrived at it from different roads and holding different views." He should greatly have felt any difference for which he was partly responsible, "but I must say to you, as I said in the House of Commons, and to the party at the Carlton Club, that I was prepared even to run the risk of a disquion in the party for a course which at the time I thought right. I am glad to say that difference have good for the that difference has gone. ("Hear, hear.") The question will come up again, but when it comes we have this satisfaction, but there was no personal animosity or dislakes or j alousies connected with it. When the time comes we shall strive to find some means of acting together as a united party, and while that strong feeling is sincerely held it is generally possible to find a way for giving effect to it."

The Young Lady of Rige Mr. B par Law repeated the history of the Coalition following the shell semdal and the resignation of Lord Fisher. He thought the Opposition would soon have beaten the Govern-ment, but that would have meant a bitter election. The Coalition was distasteful to them, for they knew when they joined there could be no success s in the war for mouths. Some thought the Unionists had Leen absorbed, but those Unionists who had joined the Government had never been remarkable for their spirit of docility, and that spirit had been in no way altered since. They in no way occupied the position of "the young lady of Riga, who went out for a ride on a tiger.

Laughter.) The agreement was that the status luo must be preserved, but they were aware that must be bad for their party "Take fiscal policy. I think it is hard for our party to feel that no steps have been taken in that question. ("Hear, hear.") But the war has caused two feelings to be held by the overwelming majority of this country. One is that never again will our German eneowed to use our markets in the way they used them before the war. (Applause.) The other is that what has happened in the self-governing Dominions has made a tremendous difference in the point of view which everyone has not only as to the political but also the economic conditions which ought to exist in the future.

"Thinking that is the feeling of this country, it would be quite easy to utilise it, but it all depends on what you want. If you want a party triumph you would use it in one way; if you want to get the thing done in the best way you will use it in an entirely diff-

I want to get it done in the best way.

Applause.)
The Right Thing. "Surely the right thing is to have the whole question inquired into from the new point of view and find out to what extent there is general agreement in this country and then to see whether it is not possible to carry it with general agreement without a party fight, either at home or in any other part of the Empire. There may come a fight. If so, I know which side I should like to be on. Remember. that behind any trade question there is the bigger question, the closer union of the British Empire."

He had been amused to see Liberals accuse Mr. Asquith of having sacrificed his principles at the bidding of Unionists, "but if I had the powera d I have not -to compel the Prime Minister to go back on the principles of his party during this Government formed for the war, without reference to the exigencies of the war, I should not consider I was playing the game, I and I would not exercise the power even if I had it." ("Hear, hear.")

The Tired House.

He argued that compulsion had come smoothly, even if belated, because of the Coalition, and that the splendid sacrifices of the working classes would not have been made so readily if asked for by what these classes falsely called i the party of privilege. You got the best out of the country by trusting it, and the fact that the Government was not on party lines helped. The Cabinet, like the nation, had organised itself, and how the war had changed!

"I am not one of those who think the present Government is indispensable. ("Hear, hear.") But the system which got rid of party fighting in the midst of this terrible conflict -I think that was almost indispensable. As to the men, I think honestly they are an efficient Cabinet as Cabinets go.

"Though the situation in regard to the war is very favourable, I do not think the political situation is specially bright. I think this House of Commons, which is rather tired itself, is getting rather tired of this Government. ("Hear, hear.") If the House of Commons really is tired of us we had better have a change. I would say this, especially to my colleagues in the House of Commons: 'Don't make

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yon believe that something better will

The Call for Mr. Hughes. Mr. Leo Maxse urged that Mr. Bonar Law should insist on Mr. Hughes, the Australian Prime Minister, being recalled and admitted to the War Coun-

Mr. Bonar Law thought this question ought not to be addressed to him. and he was not prepared to answer. Mr. Charles Marston, Wolverhampton, suggested that Mr. Bonar Law should confer from time to time with members of the party. Beneath the surface there was a good deal of dis-content, particularly among business men who were Unionists. He thought if Mr. Bonar Law would occasionally confer with the party he would not

find his time thrown away. Mr. Bonar Law said he would be glad to hear deputations at any time.

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Romani, Aug. 12.-It was mainly due to the extraordinarily wellsustained efforts of the Auzac Mounted Division that the Turks to day abandoned their advanced base at Bir-el-Abd. On August 9 fighting between the two forces was determined and exceedingly bitter, but the Australian Light Horse, the New Zealand Mounted Rifles, and the British Territorial Horse Artillery and Yeomanry fought with superb resolution. Their skill and courage overcame attacks launch d with desperation, and forced superior numbers back behind their defences. Our guns got within 2,000 yards range of the Turks, who threw an amazing number of high explosive shells.

In the afternoon the srtillery duel was much more intense than at the battle of Rom mi, and all engaged who were in Gallipoli agree that nothing in the Peninsula was so consistently fierce. The Turks thrice attacked, the third time late in the afternoon. This was a very determined attempt to reach our line, and could only have been delivered in such an impetuous manner by fresh troops. It failed completely owing to the heavy gusts of shrapnel and the steady and disciplined fire of the Anzac marksmen. In front of our position the enemy dead were very numerous, and the Turks buried many next day.

Yesterday constant pressure was kept up. The Turks found that the holding of Bir-el-Abd was too costly (though here they were out of range of our monitors in the Mediterranean) and crept away in the moonlight along the route which may still be a troubled path. There is no doubt that the original estimate that the enemy lost a third of their effective strength has been largely exceeded.

Though, by rapidly falling back on positions previously prepared, the Turks prevented the employment of any substantial portion of our infantry, since yesterday week they have had to fight almost incessantly. This is the finest tribute that can be paid to the Anzac Mounted Division. They have borne the heat and burden of eight days' continuous fighting, and for nearly a fortnight previously were night and day engaged with the enemy outpost line. It is the unanimous opidion that no troops in the world could have fought better. By their daily life in peace they are fitted to endure the heavy trials of heat and other hardships of the desert. They have display-

have overwhelmed most men, and their training for the particular kind of warfare in this barren country turned them into a "corps d'élite." Remarkable powers of endurance and enthusiasm to fight the Empire's battles, and a sporting refusal to regard the big odds against them as a reason for yielding ground have characterized their daily work, and neither they nor any other Australian troops have done anything to surpass in military value the brilliant achievement which has made the battle of Romani one of the important victories in the war.

From the moment when the infantry were compelled by the natural obstacles of the country to cease their pursuit the Anzacs bore the entire weight of the enemy attacks, except almost at the end, when a mobile column which had marched for several days came up to threaten the enemy left flank. This time the Turks were always in superior numbers, but the Anzac's initiative and mobility proved more than a match for the large battalions.

Among the important captures of last week were a company of German machine-guns-very ingenious weapons, and tools compactly fastened to mules or camels. The machine-guns are dated

Rainfall.

We have received the following telegraphic reports of rainfall from the Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Lands and Agriculture:

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Mr. Runciman's Conferences.

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Milan, Aug. 12.—Mr. Runciman, with Mrs. Runciman, Sir Rennell Rodd, the Italian Ministers, Signori Arlotta and de Navs, and the other British and Italian officials who took part in tho conference at Pallanza, arrived here this afternoon, where they received a warm welcome, the people shouting "Long live England!" and "Long live our Ally!"

The party proceeded to the chamber of commerce building, where after some formal proceedings luncheon was served, at the conclusion of which Signor Salmoiraghi, the President of the Chamber, read four telegrams which had been sent by the Chamber respectively to King George, to King Victor Emmanuel, to Signor Boselli, the Prime Minister, and to General Ca-

In the course of a speech Mr Runciman dwelt on the Anglo-Italian fraternity with had inspired his conferences which Italian statesmen at Pallanza.

That conference [Mr. Runciman declared] not only enable i us to appreciate more clearly what has been done by each nation, but has thrown a clearer light upon the internal needs of the two Allies and the measures which each of them could adopt to help the other and to carry on success fully the struggle to attain the triumph of the common cause. One of the results of the conference was to dissipate misunderstandings which had arisen and to solve a number of difficulties."

On the subject of coal, he pointed out the difficulties which Great Britain had to overcome in view of the increased demand and the falling off of production. Great Britain had shown from the first her anxiety to meet the needs of Italy, and it was probable that as a result of the conversation he had had with Signori de Nava and Arlotta that in the near future the supply of necessaries to Italy would be assured.

He asserted that the high price of coal in Italy was due to the necessity of having recourse to neutral shipping to transport it. The question was, however, thoroughly discussed in the recent conversations, and he believed that the result would be to bring about a reduction of the price of coal in Italy. The co-operation and the good will of the British shipowners and colliery interests would not be wanting, and would result in such a success as had been achieved in the case of France.

During his conferences with Signori Arlotta and de Neva (Mr. Runciman i isters were of the most frank and cordial kind, and they were able to reach complete agreement on a number of questions of great importance for the two countries. The French Government was co-operating with them in this matter of the union of the commercial interests of the Allies, And M. Clèmentel, the French Minister of Commerce, had authorized him to state that the French Government was very willing to facilitate the transit of Italian products through France to England, notably by concessions in regard to the speed of freight trains.

Mr. Runciman congratulated Signor Arlotta, as Minister for the Mercantile Marine, on the advance which he wish-

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ed to bring to the Italian merchant marine, and declared that, in accordance with the instructions of the British Government, he would examine the question of the possibility of giving to Italy tangible proofs of British support in this direction -Reuter.

Victory On the Horizon. King of Italy's Message to His Army.

Rome, Aug. 13 .- The King of Italy, who is at present in the war zone, has sent the following order of the day to the Army;—

Soldiers of Ita'y but a choes time has elapsed since, with a bravery and tenacity which were more than admirable, you succeeded in noting up an upassable burrier agains. the powerfai forces which attempted to debouch from the Trentino men the fertile plains of Italy. To-day, with conewed valour and ever-firmer faith, you have brilliantly conquered the powerful fortifications for which the enemy

has fought with us so long. Thanks to you, our joyous country welcomes Gorizia to her bosom. Thanks to you, a new and important step has been made on the har i but glorious path which is to I ad us to the accomplishment of our holy aspirations.

Sol liers of Paly, victory already appears on the horizon, and you will certainly reach the goal. May the memory of your brothers who have gloriously fallen spur you on, and may the heroes of our national renaissance, who fought with an ardour and containing equal to your own against the enemy of centuries, be your constant example.

Proud to be your leader, I thank you in the name of our country, which watches you with admiration, love and gratitude.

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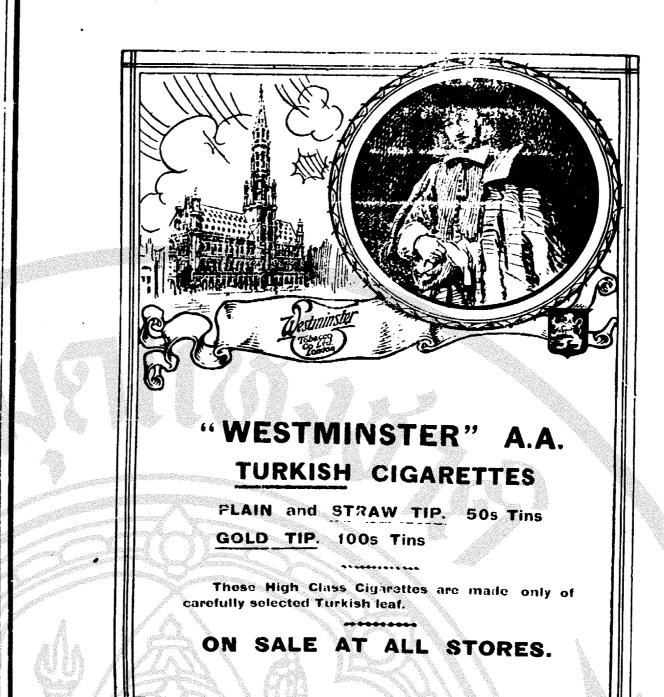
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A Stricken Battle Area.

Visit to Ovillers.

British Headquarters, Aug. 8.—There is probably no more dreadful region in all this stricken battle area than that which lies about and beyond Ovillers-La Bossele. There are no adjectives in which to describe its hideousness. my object in being there to-day was to push up as far as a civilian might over the ground just won to the west of

As far as La Boisselle itself you can take your motor-car along the main Albert-Bapaume road, though you will have the road to yourself when you do it. La Boisselle on the right of the road is not more than a flat layer of pounded grey stones and mortar on the hare face of the earth. Of anything like a village or individual buildings there is, of course, no semblance. On the left of the road the ground dips steeply down for 50 yards or so, then slowly rises to what is called Ovillers-La Boisselle, because that was where a village of that name stood until a few weeks ago. To-day, if La Boisselle is almost obliterated, Ovillers-La Boisselle is non-existent.

Standing on the edge of the white road in the glaring sunshine, with the roar of our own guns behind one and other guns ahead, one feels oneself the only landmark in a waste. The whole ! earth's surface, before and around, is torn with shell holes and seamed with lines of trenches, all white, because the soil here is chalk. Such land as there is between, unscarred, is almost bare of vegetation, with only here and there a thin coat of sickly grass or a dusty tuft of cornflower, mallow, or white camo, ; or three others like it, mere holes in was heat, and that almost intolerable mile. Opposite, crowning the gentle slope before you, a few ragged stumps, as they are buildings at all. Of superfragments of tree trunks some 10 ft. high, with bits of splintered lower branches sticking from them, stand gaunt against the sky and mark where Ovillers used to be.

An Old Front Line Trench. Heading for Ovillers, we-for an officer was with me-left the road and went down across the torn and blasted earth to the white line of what was once the German fron line trench. It is a trench no more. It was not much of a trench by the time our gons had done

with it at the begining of this battle. After that, it was pounded day and night through all the desperate fighting which went on for the possession of Ovillers. Since then, the enemy has devoted a certain number of shells a

of walking along it. The parapet is mostly strewn all over the ground. In places it is mixed with, and fills up, the trench, so that you go on the level of the ground. Then a few yards may be decently intact, so that, half chocked with rubbish as it is, it gives you shelter, perhaps, waist high. It, and the ground around, are littered with equipment. Cartridges, used or nnused, and unexploded bombs and bits of shells, or whole shells, "duds," are everywhere beneath your feet. In the hot sun the chalk is intensly white and the heat beats back on you from the baked earth, and the air is thick with the dreadful smell which belongs to battle-fields and with the buzzing of flies. It is truly a vile place.

Where Ovillers Once Stood. At last you come to a parting of the way, where an old German sign still sticks up from the fire step of the trench, one hand of it pointing " Nach Pozieres." You turn where it tells you and go on-in the trench or beside it, it does not matter-till you pass the ragged bits of tree trunks, and you are in Ovillers. You would not know it but for the tree fragments, and, when you look, you see that there is a quantity of broken brick and stone mixed up with the kneaded earth, and also you come to a hole in the ground which, being square and lined with brick, is obviously not a shell hole, but must be a cellar which once had a house above it.

By this time I have seen a good deal of ruin, but I have talked to experts who have seen more than I, and they agree that Ovillers is more utterly destroyed than any other village in the battle area.

No village could be more destroyed, because there is nothing left but he cellar which I have mentioned and two was Monquot Farm. And all around the ground and minus quantities, so far atmosphere. structure to the earth there is none. One point there is which those who go there speak of as a place to take your bearings from-a sort of Green wich in this sea of desolotion—and it is called "The Church." Undoubtedly a church once was there, because the maps say so, and there is still one fragment of a wall which may have been part of a church, and by it two graves. Why these survive it is imp ssible to say. If it was not for them no spot in Ovillers above ground would be different from

Dug outs For 2,000 Germans Underground it is different, You have already heard how it was estimatand did hold, 2,000 Germans. It is It about a little more. It is a futile occu-pation, because no one, except an inqui-sitive visitor like myself, would dream rai, though the entrance to Dispensive.

most are battered in by shells, and groped about by the light of matches among the litter and the darkness. There is one great dug-out-I mentioned it from hearsay at the time--where 80 dead Germans were found, the place, it is supposed, having been used, in the last days of desperate fighting, as a kind of vault into which the dead were hurriedly thrown with the intention some time of wrecking the place or sealing it up, or otherwise making it into a tomb.

Another large dug-out there is which the Germans used as a dre sing station. is admirably constructed, and besides the main entrance from the trench, another opening for exit which gave upon a road where run a trainway line by which the wounded could be taken from the very door of the dressing at tion back behind the lines.

On through Ovillers we went by the winding trenchee, not knowing when we left the village behind any more than when we entered it. And here one does not climb out of the trench to look. One cannot put a periscope up without its being shot to bits. Close at hand the rifles spat continuously and machine-guns stuttered and growled, and we had trench mortars at work. which heaved projectiles into the air so slowly that you saw then sail majestically to where the e emy was hidling in his trenches, there to explode prodigiously. For short ranges they are as serious as any shell of their size from a great gan.

To our right, close by, we were assured was Pozieres, though I confess I saw nothing of it, and to our left, a little forther off, was Thiepval, which also, though I have seen it from other places. I did not see from here. And ahead

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