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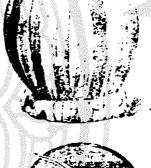
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#### Difference Between War and

Peace Parties.

The difference between peace parties and war parties in Germany always reminds me of the difference between the penitent and the impenitent thief, and I doubt whether the penitence of the penitent is attributable to any more laudable motive than a growing fear of consequences, says Francis Gribble in the Evening Standard. Be that as it may, however, the numbers of the penitent are obviously increasing, and, the talk about peace is consequently assuming a new tone. The changes which occur in that tone from day to day may be too slight to be noticeable, but a careful retrosperive survey shows a developing attitude waich has passed through three distinguishable phases. Three different kinds of place have been proposed, each with its appropriate epithe .- a victorious peace, an honourable peace, a reasonable peace.

The victorious peace is the only one of which the terms have been precisely formulated by persons speaking with authority. Those terms, originally embodied in the confidential m-morandum presented to the Chancellor by six great industrial associations in May of last year, have since been set forth in pamphlets. They include the annexation of Belgium, of the industrial districts of the North and East of France, of the Briey mining district, and of the fortresses of Longwy, Verdon, and Belfore.

It was also a part of the programme to confiscate private property in the annexed regions, and to expel the owners of that property, in order that Germany might be completely master in her stolen house.

Repudiated by the Chancellor.

This is the programme which the Chancellor expressly repudiated the other day in the Norddeutscher Allge-meine Zeitung. It was, of course, only feasible on the assumption that Germany was going . win "hands down." and would be in a position to dictate her terms. As that assumption was gradually seen to be rather remote and shadowy, the talk about dictating a victorious peace was left to fanatics like Be sermann and Reventlow, while men of sense suggested that an honourable peace might be concluded as the result of a square deal, if only the enemies of Germany would take the first conciliatory step. That was the stage at which the Chancel'or invited his enemies to look it the war map and it may be said to have lasted until his enemies had made to quite clear to him that their idea was to alter the war map first, and talk about some convenience if you have it handy. For sale by the British Dispensary.

it afterwards. What he was then pred to give up, and what he was still determined to insist upon, is uncertain, and does not much matter. His hints, in fact, have varied from time to time, though he has been consistent in always wanting the pushing back of the Russian frontier, and certain undefined guarantee with regard to the

future of Belgium. Presumably his mind long has been. and still is, in a state of flux on the idatter; and we shall probably find him, in the course of the next few days, filling into line with that committee which is now sitting, under the presidency of Prince Wedle, to hammer out the conditions of a reasonable peace such as Germany might agree to, under pressure, without too great humifiation or too bitter disappointment. What will those terms be?

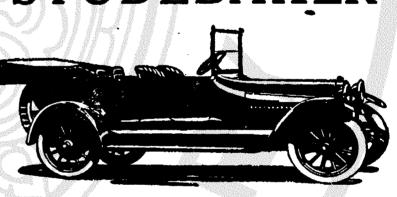
Peace at any Price. No one can say for certain, for the fortune of war may modify German ideas from day to day, but there have been many indications telling us approximately what to exp ct. The claim to annex territory will be dropped, and so will the claim to an indemnity. It is possible—I think it is even probable -that Germany, will offer a partial compensation to Belgium, and a small territorial cession to France. The territory offered, however, will not be in Lorraine where the min-s are, but in the less valuable parts of Alsace; and those offers will not be unconditional. In return for them Germany will ask for certain privileges with regard to ports. railways, canals, and Customs houses. which will enable her to resume her policy of peaceful commercial p-netration, and prepare for a fresh bid for the hegemony under more favourable auspices in ten or twenty years' time.

That, I think, is what Germany will very soon beg us to regard as a reasonable peace; but there is no reason whatever why we should do so. If only we are patient, we shall see this third phase yield to a fourth-a phase in which the hunger and clamour of the populace will constrain the leaders of the people to admit that peace at any price will be better for Germany than the further prolongation of the war. Ex.

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Our Guns in France.
"Yet to-day as I walked I was aware of a vague undercurrent of sound, hardly heard as sound at all, but a murmur shed abroad, a tremor, a crowding of the air; sometimes it came like an echo of remote thunder, and a pheasant crowed sharply in the fern. But it was there all the time-a faint trembling of the heavens. The wind, blowing softly from the south-east, was laden with the ghostly sound, and seemed shaken with it, indistinct and formless as it was. The least nearer sound overcame it instantly, the cartwheels in the lane below, the wind rustling in the wood; but when the silence returned the murmur returned, and I said suddenly to myself : 'That is the sound of our English guns in France!

"I made inquiries later about it and I was told it was undoubtedly so. The sea is only some lifteen miles away to the south, and I was informed that, whenever the wind was in that quarter, and when the papers spoke of our artillery being active, that strange tremor of the air could be heard all day passing across the heaving waters of the Channel and waking this faint echo of their fierce roaring over our quite fields and woods. It seemed hardly credible that it should indeed be so.

"I thought of our young soldiers serving, loading, pointing, and firing the sinister grey tubes of metal, the scream and crash of the shells, the harsh whizzing of shrapnel, the fierce shock of high explosives, the wounds, the hurrying figures, the rolling wheels—all the apparatus of death: that fierce scene with all its tragic adventure and tense emotion making itself felt here in these faint movements of sound, mingling with the fresh scents and peaceful rustling of the woodland, and hardly londer than the falling of summer waves upon a sunuy shore.

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#### Arab Revolt Gains.

Constantinople Alarm.

Cairo, 8 July :- The journal Mokat tam reports that the Grand Shereef of Mecca (who recently seized the holy city and Medina from Turkish domination) has ample men, guns, and muni-tions. Constantinople is greatly alarmed at the Arabian revolution, and has ordered a large expedition to the Hedjaz, but the destruction of the railway prevents the sending of troops and

arms in great quantities.
The journal states that Sayed Idris's troops have captured Kunfuda, on the Red Sea coast. The Emir Nuri Shalan has joined the Shereef. This Buir some time ago was loaded with presents by the Turkish Government but refused to join Djemal Pasha and attack the Suez Canal.

It appears that the garrison of the single fort at Taif, which has been holding out, attempted a sortie, but was repulsed with heavy loss, the Arabs capturing 2 guns. The Grand Shereef has ordered the Shereefs commanding in the Hedjaz not to shed a drop of blood, but to besiege the garrisons until they surrender. It is understood that the Arabs from Medina to the outskirts of Damascus support the Shereef.

It is officially confirmed that the Idrissi of Asir have captured the town and fort of Kunfuda, taking prisoners the garrison of 8 Turkish officers and 190 men. The Idrissi's flag now flies over Kunfuda.-Reuter.

struggle that is not only inevitable but infinitely great and hopeful; because only thus in anguish and dread can the new life of the world be borh. I could not discern the secret of it—here a peaceful land, slowly subdued and tilled to serve the use of men, to give them happy, friendly lives, daily work and interests, the home, the community, the nation all learning to live trustfully under tranquil and equal laws : out there, in the battle-thunder, hatred and death and loss and waste and pain, foaming and roaring together; and yet making, I do not doubt, for the same end-the bond of mutual peace.

What the Guns Say.

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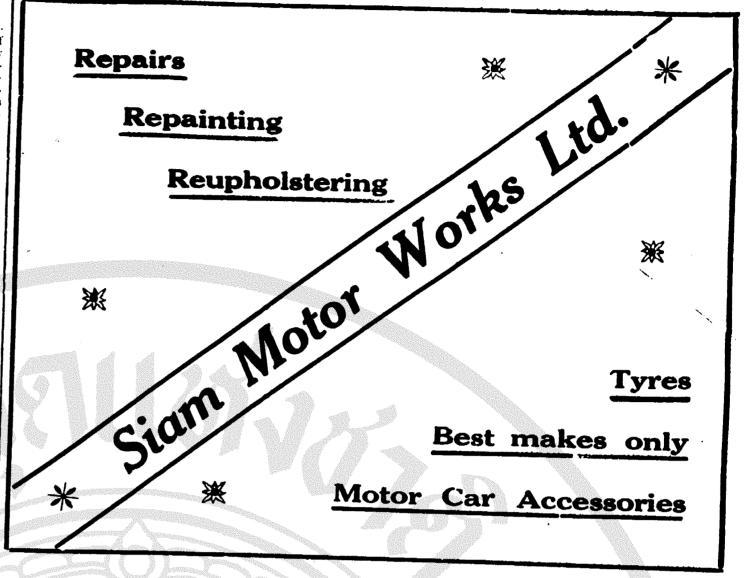
and for neighbourly love has substitut ed a brutal and hideous selfishnessit cannot stand. It is not that they have broken and slighted a human law "Strange and sad and eloquent and a human hope, but a law of Nature was the voice of the wind burdened and a law of God, which is simply this foredoomed to failure, and that fraud and violence, however disciplined and deliberate, can never ultimately win the victory that overcomes the world. strange in the sharp contrast between | and cause the battle-thunder speaks

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### Great War.

#### The Deutschland.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Aug. 25.
Amsterdam.—The submarine Deutschland has arrived at Bremen.

### Rumania Preparing for War.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.) London, Aug. 25.

Amsterdam.—From well informed circles the Bucharest correspondent of the Berliner Tageblatt learns that Rumania is preparing for war. Field Marshal von Hindenburg is playing the fore, most role in the political negotiations at Bucharest.

#### German Efforts Repulsed.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.) London, Aug. 25.

General Haig's communique says that strenuous efforts of the enemy to regain the lost ground between Guillemont station and the quarry were repulsed.

#### Yacht Zaida Destroyed.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.) London, Aug. 25.

The armed yacht Zaida which was engaged as a petrol store was destroyed in the Gulf of Alexandretta and is given

The Turks report the capture of twenty three of the crew. Ten are

#### Russians Reoccupy Mush.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

Petrograd.—The Russians have reoccupied Mush and have captured 2,300 prisoners.

#### Enter Rumania?

According to to-day's telegrams Rumania is preparing for war. It is not clear against which side she is ranging herself although the source from which the news comes seems to indicate that Germany has brought her influence to bear upon the present

This new phase in the war will no doubt bring about a material change in the happenings in the Eastern theatre-Russia has been doing remarkably well since her last big offensive and it was thought that in view of her splendid achievements Rumania will not be long in siding with her. If it is to be construed that Rumania has joined the Central Powers the fact is prominently brought forward that Rumania, in spite of the efforts of her great eastern neighbour, has still doubts of the latter's ability to force her way much further. However, there is no knowing to what extent this new phase in the war will effect not only the situation in the Eastern theatre but the situation on the other fronts.

Rumania has a population of over 7,500,000. In time of peace the field army consists of four complete army corps with headquarters at Craiova, Bucharest, Jassy and Galatz; besides an independent brigade in the Dobrudja and a separate cavalry division with headquarters at Bucharest. The peace strength is 101,348 and the war strength is over 500,000 probably. The infantry rifle is the Manlicher; the field gun a Krupp quick-tirer. The field army is maintained in a high state of efficiency.

The Rumanian navy is divided into two squadrons; one for the Danube with headquarters at Galatz; one for the Black Sea with headquarters at Constanza.

#### 7 Generals Dismissed.

Rotterdam, 16th July.—The "Berliner Tageblatt" announces that the Kaiser has decided to pension seven generals of the Prussian Army holding important commands in the war. The generals have all tendered their resignations.

Five generals—namely von Bredow, von Wienskowski, Glokke, Cramer, and von Bauer—will definitely leave the army. The other two generals—von Kleist and Krahmer—have been given home garrison commands. No reasons are given for these wholesale dismissals.—Exchange,

#### H. R. H. Prince Svasti.

We learn that H.R.H Prince Svasti will be returning to Bangkok for a week from the scene of his labours at Hua Hin. Perhaps it is not generally known that the Prince is busy day and night with the translation &c. of the Civil Code and the Criminal Procedure Code, which he has promised to have ready for issue on His Majesty's forthcoming natal day.

#### LOCAL AND GENERAL

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THE marriage of Chao Mun Chong Bhakdi Ong Gwa with Miss Phieng Pradipasena which was to have taken place on the 24th inst. has been postponed for next Monday.

THE What Not's will give two more performances in Bangkok, to night and to-morrow night, when some new turns will be introduced. To-morrow (Sunday) booking will be at the Commercial Hotel.

MR. K. Ohasi and Mr. M. Kuromiya (commercial travellers) arrived by the s.s. "Anna" to-day. Mr. A. Blikfeldr arrived by the s.s. "Haldis" from Hongkong. There were 799 deck passengers on board this vessel.

SAYS the "Hongkong Telegraph":— This morning Sergeant Cockle seized 1,158 tacls of prepared opinin aboard the s.s.—"Haldis" which is leaving for Bangkok. The drug was found in the seamen's quarters concealed under a few sacks of rice.

MR. W. P. Chua writes to record the brave act of the four-year old child of Mr. B. C. Neoh who pushed his little sister sway and held up his hand to prevent a football dropping on her from a height of 50 feet. The boy, it is said, injured his wrist rather seriously in the act of thus protecting his sister.

JUDGMENT which was to be given to-day in the case in which Messrs. A. Markwald and Co., Ltd. claim the sum of Tcs. 6,000 from Phya Choduk, the proprietor of Chop Seng Ju Thye for breach of contract in respect of the sale of 100 bales of gunny bags, has been postponed till next Saturday.

A NUMBER of race horses arrived by the s.s. "Kuala" on the 23rd inst. for Nai Cha Yong who had purchased them at Singapore during his stay there. Among the lot is La Vie, a well-known racer in the Straits. In the Selangor races on August 10th it ran a five furlong race carrying 8.2 and won in 1 min. 7 4/5 secs.

#### Austrians' Balkan Army.

Berne, July 11.—Nearly 100 military trains conveying some 60,000 troops passed through Temesvar, in Hungary, during the last few days transporting to Transylvania the Landstrum troops which occupied Serbia and Montenegro. These are to oppose the Russian advance.

It is also reported that the German

It is also reported that the German officers commanding the Bulgarian troops have been recalled.—Reuter.

Some confirmation of this is afforded by the news published yesterday that the Monteneggin ex-War Minister, General Vechovitch, is leading a rising in Montenegro and that the Austrians have evacuated the villages north of Cettinje, the capital. The enemy yesterday announced a reward of £2,000 for the head of General Vechovitch.—

#### PAUDY REPORT FOR AUG. 25.

Nasuan 2250 coyans at Tcs 83/105 each 8amruang 760 n n n 7/82 n 75/76 n total Coyans 8310 n

#### " Driftwood "

Nemo.

That journey from Puket to Bangkok shows some of us that the South rn Line Railway construction is going ahead with a tremendous bang. Practically the line from Trang to Bangkok is ready for traffic or nearly so and this state of things reflects great credit on Mr. Gittins and his staff. I suppose that there will be all night trains and sleeping cars from the start right on, so that the journey without stoppages ought to be done within 40 hours.

I learn that at the next meeting of the Bangkok Dock Company there will be some discussion as to the possibility of extending their usefulness in the direction of shipbuilding as advocated by me in your columns for some time past. This is certainly a move in the right direction and the Dock Company, if capable of extending its operations to include the building of freight carrying sea-going vessels, will certainly have earned the gratitude of posterity.

There is some talk of the formation of a Siam Turf Club on the lines of similar institutions elsewhere. However much the R. B. S. C. may do towards racing it can hardly give its unfettered attention to the improvement of the Sport of Kings. There are many things that might be done here towards encouraging and furthering racing if that was the sole object of the R. B. S. C. For instance there has always been a chance of some kind of affiliation with neighbouring race clubs to the benefit of all concerned but no steps have ever been taken in this direction.

I do not say that affiliation would be absolutely beneficial, but if horses from Singapore and Penang were to come up to compete here with our own it would surely give a new impetus to the sport. We are having two ponies purchased in Singapore that will run at the next meeting. If Singapore owners find these animals doing well they might be tempted to send horses here, epecially when there is a direct train service. All these things want looking after and that degree of attention given which a promoter gives to his own pet scheme.

Of all industries that I have heard of during this Great War I hardly expected that a tannery would come to stay. I hear that there will soon be such an establishment and that an American specialist has already been engaged to superintend erection &c. and that this gentleman is now here. All this sounds well and I hope augurs well. The subject of a tannery was mooted to me several years back and though I studied the scheme very carefully I was afraid that it would not be that success which promoters and shareholders all aim at.

Some months back a friend said he and some of his intimates had some spare capital and would like to put it in a paper-making concern, which he argued would pay well considering the quantities used in Siam. When one comes to argue from mere generalities it becomes difficult to convince the ordinary man that the actual conditions in Siam are against the details working out correctly. For instance I pointed out to him that the great drawback with all industrial concerns in Siam is the heavy cost of labour. In India, China and Japan the cost of labour is so small that 3 men could be paid for with what one man wants in Siam. It is so, but, why I don't know, for the cost of living to the working man in Siam is hardly more than that required in any of the three named

### Gold Stripes for the Wounded.

All British officers and men wounded in any campaign since August 4, 1914, are to wear a gold stripe, according to

a new Army Order.
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In the case of omeers the lower the of the first strip of gold braid will be immediately above the upper point of the flap on cuff. Warrant officers, non-commissioned officers, and men will wear the gold braid on the left sleeve, the lower edge of the braid to be three inches from the bottom of the sleeve. The additional strips of gold braid, marking each subsequent occasion on which wounded, will be placed on either side of the original one at half-inch intervals.

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### The Anglo-Japanese Alliance.

Baron Makino, Privy Councilor, beyond doubt speaks for the best there is in Japan. He was fermerly Minister for Foreign Affairs, Minister of Education, Minister to Rome, Ambassador to Vienna and has been closely identified with every international movement in that country. When called upon, he readily responded to the request for a statement as to the Anglo-Japanese alliance and the agitation recently conducted by a few newspapers and writers.

Baron Makino said:

"During the past quarter of a century the great nations of the world have consummated many important international alliances and ententes. These have now been called into active operation to an extent which even their wisest negotiators and signatories did not anticipate. But the making of these treaties has now proved to have been vital."

"If we review the history of these alliances and ententes, the Russo-French Alliance, the Anglo-French Entente and the Triple Alliance, we must readily realize that all sorts of criticisms were directed against the treaties and their makers. Those strictures, though sometimes forceful, did not disturb or alter the fundamentals of any of the great pacts.

"The Anglo-Japanese Alliance has been favourably received ever since its inauguration. Few treaties written into the pages of diplomatic history were completed with greater smoothness. Criticisms naturally there have been on both sides, but they have made no difference. This alliance has been most i eneficial to the contracting parties, both in times of peace and in this present war. The peoples of Great Britain and Japan are fully aware of this fact."

"I regret to see, however, that of late, in this country a few publicists and writers appear to have become seized with an altogther erroneous conception of the real purposes and the real value of the alliance. Their criticisms, as I read them, are based upon relations in China of Englishmen and Japanese. But if we look into the troubled waters a little deeper, we must soon find that these critics have only seen things that appear on the surface They have failed to give due weight and consideration to important things that underlie the lighter and more trivial. In my opinion, these dissentients do not, by any means, constitute a lever that can over, shift the cornerstones of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance. "The well informed on diplomatic affairs of this and other countries do not, by an overwhelming majority, fail to give ample recognition of the important part the Alliance has played in preventing the Far East from becoming much more deeply involved as a theatre

"There are some, I believe, who assert that the value of the Alliance will largely be lost after the present war. This is thoughtless; it is, in fact, a dangerous contention. I firmly believe that after the war this Alliance will be come increasingly effective and active, because the Chinese situation will remain a serious problem in the Far East and the Anglo-Japanese Alliance, which strongly upholds the peace of the Far East, and the integrity of China, will be certainly a controlling factor in the shaping of destiny in the Orient. Moreover, Great Britain is a great sea power, so also in a lesser degree, is Japan, and the waters of this globe unite these two friendly nations everywhere. The co-operation, therefore, of these two powerful maritime empires will be a most effective factor in keeping the peace of the world, as they have been effective factors during the present war."

"Those who fail to appreciate the full value of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance might test their position by placing themselves, for the moment in the position of not having this Alliance. They will then have a better perspective. The removal of this great guarantee would at once reveal a menace and a

source of great anxiety."

"I must again assert, without any fear of effective contradiction, that the criticisms we have seen do not injure the foundation of the existing Alliance. Moreover, I emphatically believe that after the war, this great alliance will be the main stronghold of Japanese diplomacy. There may be found some minor clauses that require alteration to bring the whole into harmony with changed conditions, but no minor change in verbiage will affect the main body of this splendidly conceived and loyally supported alliance."

"I wish to emphasize the necessity for, and the great usefulness of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance in the advancement of civilization: the final maintenance of honourable and beneficent peace and the security of nations."

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#### In Other Days.

#### Cilimpses of Bangkok Twenty-Two Years Ago.

(Week Ending Sunday Ang. 26, 1894.)

Leaving.—Mr. Barber having severed his connection with the Bangkok Dock Co., leaves for Europe to-day by the Medusa. Luang Naritsorn, Commissioner of Puket, will leave by the first mail to Singapore on Government service, and will then return to his post. Mr. Prayune Srisaracks is also leaving by the same opportunity for a trip to Singapore.

Traveling Without A Passport.—An Indian British subject, named Krishnan, was sent down by the Siamese authorities from Nongkhai for travelling without a passport. He was produced before Mr. Beckett, H. B. M. Consul yesterday, when he admitted he had been four years in Siam, but had not registered. He was ordered to pay Tcs. 20 but not having the money he is now doing 7 days hard labour.

A Picture Gallery In Bangkok,—Mr. B. Aptroot's show of pictures and mirrors over Messrs. Kerr and Company's stores, are well worthy of an inspection. Some of the pictures are productions of such well known artists as Zickendraht and Arnold. There are about 80 pairs of pictures, and the collection is a varied one consisting chiefly of oil paintings of great men, and pretty women, fine sceneries, and sporting pictures. The mirrors are of all sizes and appear solid and substantial.

Arrivals.—The Phra Nang, Captain Watton, arrived yesterday from Hongkong. She brought Mr. Fricker of the Bangkok Dispensary and 290 Chinese for this port.

Indisposed.—Mr. Fix, the manager of the Paknam Railway Co., is reported to be laid up with a sharp attack of fever, Dr. Hays went down to Paknam and saw the patient on Monday last.

Suipe have arrived.—Mr. Michell, one of our oldest sportsmen, got three birds yesterday morning down Sapatoom way. They were in fairly good condition.

#### Church Services.

Assumption Church.

August the 27th, 14th Sunday after Pentecost, 5.45 a.m. 1st Mass for the Native Community, 8 a.m. 2nd and last Mass for the

Foreign Community.
4. p. m. Rosary, Instruction, Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament.

WEEK DAYS.

5.30 a.m. 1st Mass. 6 a.m. 2nd and last Mass. Devotion of the Month: The Immaculate Heart of Mary.

#### Christ Church.

Service for 10th. Sunday after Trinity. Evensong at 6 p.m.

Processional Disposer Supreme.

Hymn Psalms: 126,130,131 Chants by Torle.

Magnificat and Read's Service in C.

Nunc Dimittis

Hymns: Behold the Lumb of God. The

Voice of God's Creation found me. Angel Voices, ever singing. A shortened form of the Litany will be sung at this Service. Vesper: With Thy Benediction.

#### S. Mary's Mission.

Sunday, Aug. 27.—10th. Sunday after Trinity. 7.30 a.m.—Holy Communion.

9 a.m. — Mattins and Sermon.

Hymns: They kingdom come, O God.

Around the throne of God a
band. Soldiers of Christ, arise.

4 p.m.—Sunday School.

Wednesday, Aug. 30.

6.30 p.m.—Short Service of Prayer for those engaged in the War.



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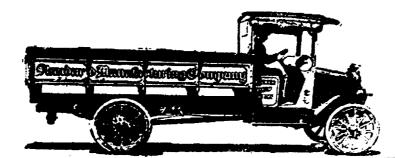
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#### Brusiloff.

#### Russia's Great General.

Mr. Humilton Fyfe describers below his impressions of General Brusiloff when he visited him at Army Headquarters before the Russian offensive

Were I King, Emperor, or Sovereign People, I would have no generals in my service older than forty-five. If a man is not capable of commanding an army at that age, he never will be. After that age he loses more and more every year the energy, the enterprise, the desire to be up and doing, not waiting to see what the other side intends; all the qualities which are so necessary in

Yet to this rule I would make an exception, and it would be in favour of General Alexis Brusiloff. Never did anyone illustrate more aptly the true saying that "a man is as old as he feels." General Brusiloff is sixty-three, feels." General Brusiloff is sixty-three, only two years younger than General Ivanoff, whom he succeeded recently in the chief command upon Russia's south-western front. In everything but fact there is twenty years' difference between the two men. Ivanoff is big, slow-moving, old fashioned in his views. Brusiloff is spare, alert, modern. As I sat and talked to him in the bare room from which he directs the bare room from which he directs the operations of one of the three groups into which the Russian armies are divided. I felt at once that his mind worked quickly, that he is for neverceasing "push and go," that he is first, last, and all the time a man of action.

His face tells this. Dark, steady, searching eyes and a nose with a high, commanding, curved bridge give him the look of an eagle. No pale cast of thought here. No student or professor, this. Firm chin, vigorous jaw-line. When this man begins a task he will carry it through to the end, as he carried his Carpathians campaign. It was he who overcame all the difficulties of that surprising adventure. Spite of winter spite of deep snows and terrible cold, he pushed on till he had won the whole ridge of the mountains and was ready to push his troops down into Hungary.

No fault of his that the efforts and the victories naught availed us. He has his place in history. He has made new records in the annals of war. Never before, I believe, has an army taken prisoners to the number of twice its own strength. General Brusiloff's

guns?" I asked him. "I forget. Thousands," he replied.

His success he attributes to the courage of his troops and to the policy which he followed of never giving the enemy any rest. "The best strategy and the most successful tactics lie in attack," he told me. "Don't let the enemy choose where he will hit you. Hit him first; keep on hitting him. Give him no rest." The general's close-cropped, stubbly hair seemed to bristle as he spoke. His longish but thin and little-noticed grey moustache quivered. "Yes, that is the way. Always attack. Even if he is stronger, attack him. Keep him guessing. Puzzle him. Make him wonder what you are up

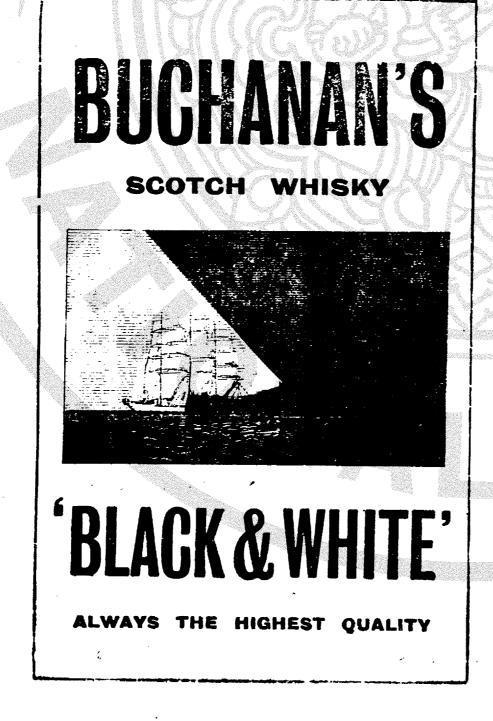
"But what means heavy losses!" "No, no, not if your attack succeeds. Attacks which fail, like the German attacks at Verdun, are terribly expensive. But successful attacks cost very little. If only we had had munitions this time last year.

fully. He half-closed his eyes. He could see again the dim vista of the plains of Hungary, upon which he looked down from the Carpathian crests. He was thinking of what might have been have been. . . . But men of action do not give way to futile regret. •

"Now it is different," he said briskly. "We have abundance of everything, as you have seen for yourself. We are ready, and we shall be very glad when we get orders to prove it."

General Ivanoff was immensely popular in this south-west command, but General Brusiloff, by his record and his character, has already, I think, inspired more confidence. In almost every way the two men are curiously unlike. They have only one thing in common, that they both belong to the Regular Arym and not to the General Staff. In Russia, as in other Continen-tal armies, staff officers are separated, usually from the very start of their career. As a rule they are given the high commands. Both Ivanoff and Brasiloff reached their positions without the aid of this valuable stepping-stone, and both reached them by hard, useful work. In every other respect they are at opposite poles.

Ivanoff, the son of a peasant-proprietor, has remained in essentials apeasant all his life. He lives in the simplest fashion. Prefers soldier's food to any other. Sleeps on a soldier's truckle-bed. When he was in command at Kieff and had a place to live in he furnished very plainly three small rooms and lived in these, leaving the rest empty. army averaged about 180,000. It never a lineed hardly add after this, that he is exceeded 200,000. At times it dropped as low as 100,000. He captured in all himself by marrying a rich wife. He 36,000 Germans and Austrians, with preferred to be a bachelor and play his



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almost morbid length. One of the censors on his staff told me be was quite angry because a newspaper telegram was passed praising his conduct of certain operations! A man accustomed all his life to working continually, he liked doing for himself many things which a commander-in-chief ought to fake others do. A self-made man, in short, with very fine qualities and character, but with the defects of hisequalities appearing more plainly as age crept upon him.

General Brusiloff's career has been as different as possible from that of General Ivanoff; therefore his mind and temperament have developed along different lines. He is of good family went to the Russian Eton (the "Pages" Corps"), and then began life in a fashionable cavalry regiment. Ability and influence combined to make his alvancement rapid. He held many good positions, was reckoned a favourite at Court, distinguished himself as a daring rider, encouraged cavalry officers to go in for polo and cross-country steepelchases, was popular in Petrograd society. Then came the war to try out the capacity and characters of men. Most of the "fashionable" soldiers went under very quickly. It was the studious, strictly professional type of officer which came to the front. Brusiloff is almost the only one of the prominent social figures in the Army who has made good.

He began in 1914 as the commander of an army corps. Soon he had an army under him, and his army did the most brilliant work that has hen done by any of the combatants. Now he has descreedly been promoted to a still higher command, and all who have worked with him are sure that he will win further fame. "He is so straightforward," one of his officers told me. "and so direct. He knows what he wants, and what he wants he must have." In his m de of life he follows the habits of Western Europe. His in-terests are those of cultivated people. He talks French like a Frenchman and says he will fearn English after the war.

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At 7.30 on the morning of July 1 the Iron Division opened the attack in the direction of Curlu. The first position they had to carry was a steep cliff known as the "Gendarme's Hat." The Germans had turned this cliff into a f. rmi-lable fortress with a line of trenches at its base, a second line cut mid way across its steep face, and a third hewn along its crest, all these being connected by communication trenches that zigzagged down its precipitous

In balf an hour the aeroplanes announced that the whole of the "Gendarme's Hat" was taken, and the watchers be' ind could see the young soldiers of the Iron Division cheering themselves hoarse and waving their handkerchiefs on the trenches they had so brilliandly carried.
Church Shattered.

The troops advancing along the river bank had by 5 p m. reached Curlo, but in the village itself, on the higher ground round the church and cemetery. they met with a desperate resistance. The French artillery had demolished all the complicated defence works in the village itself, which was no more than a pile of ruins, but a portion of the very powerful under ground fortress in the cemetery and the vaults of church had e-caped, and one or two machine guns remained uninjured.

At six o'clock the fire of every gun available was concentrated on the church and cemetery. In half an hour church, cemetery, and all the German defences had been shattered. The French infantry swept forward relentlessly, and by nine o'clock the whole village was in their hands.

Nothing is more pathetic than the appearance of such a graveyard after a battle. Headstones with their pious inscriptions and the failings round the graves have been torn up to form barricades. Family vaults have been opened and their coffins taken out by irreverent hands and thrown no one knows where, so that the Germans may have a secure shelter many feet below the ground without the trouble of alig-For terms and particulars please ging Underground passages link vault with vaults beneath the church, while cunningly contrived shelters for machine guns are set at every point of



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#### The Truth About Mesopotamia.

The Daily Mail has the following article by Mr. Lovet Fraser in its issue of the 17th July :-

Mr. Asquith has promised to make to-morrow a full statement on the Mesopotamian campaign. He has much to explain.

The Mesopotamian misadventure makes the Crimeun scandals of last century seem mild by comparison. The very first thing Mr. Asquith ought to tell the country is the number of men Mesopotamia has cost us, through casualties and sickness, from the outset

The initial cause of our troubles in these regions was that when the Great War began the Army of India trie! to do too much. It was organised for operations on and beyond its own frontier, but not for over-seas expeditions on a spacious scale. In the first months large forces were sent from India to France, Egypt, East Africa, and elsewhere. Heavy calls were made on Indian stores.

The possibility that Turkey might enter the war was evidently never fully considered. When the Turks drew the sword the Indian authorities were soon in difficulties.

They began by doing the right thing well. Their one obvious task in a war with Turkey was to seize the delta of the Tigris and Euphrates at the head of the Persian Gulf in order to deny the Turks access to the sea, and to prevent the enemy from damaging the extensive oil wells acquired by the Admiralty in this area. They sent a single division under General Sir Arthur Barrett, which drove back the Turks, captured the important scaport of Bussorab, and established an advanced base at Kurna, 116 miles from the sea, at the head of the deep-water channel. Had the operations stopped there, as they ought to have done, and as they were originally meant to do, thousands of homes in this country might not be mourning to-day.

The expedition was increased in size. and in April of last year General Sir John Nixon took over the command from General Barrett From that moment caution was abandoned and the operations spread far and wide. When General Nixon arrived we were holding Kurna, we had a brigade at Ahwaz, on the River Karun, to guard the pipeline, but the bulk of the forces were still ground Busserah. By June 3, General Nixon had advanced up the Tigris to Amara, 87 miles above Kurna. By July 24 he had sent another exan entirely different direction to Nasiriyeh, on the Euphrates,

I know the reasons put forward in support of these advances. If they are sound, we might equally well have tried to march to the Black Sea and the Mediterranean; but they were not sound in view of the drain on the resources of India. We should never have gone out of reach of the deep-water channel. While General Nixon pushed on, no adequate attempt was made to organise river transports, and the question of building light railways never seems to have been seriously considered.

The Turks concentrated at Kut el-Amars, 143 miles above Amara a d 346 miles from the sea by the river route. General Nixon resolved to a tack them, and by his direction General Townshend fought the succe-stul battle of Kut on September 28. Thence-forth misfortune dogged our footsteps

in Mesopo amia.

Baghdad is 100 miles from Kut by the direct land route and 227 miles by water, while it is 573 miles from the sea by the river route on which supplies depended. Erroneously believe ing that Baghdal was lightly held. General Nixon desired to take it General Townshend asked for reinforce ments, but never got them. General Nixon sent rosy reports of the prospects of taking Baghdad, which were transmitted through the Government of India to the Home Government.

Here we come to the first great mystery. Who ordered the advance from Kut to Baghdad? Undoubtedly the Home Government, Why? I suggest that the order was given, not for military purposes, but because the Ministry, realising that withdrawal from the Dardanelles was inevitable. wished to glock their failure there by an empty friuntph at Baghelad. The Government of India most unwisely concurred. The men most to blame were Sir Beaucham Duff, the Commander-in Chief in Iolia, who kn w the risks, and Sir John Nixon, whose invincible optimism misled every-

We all know what happened next. General Townshend advanced to Ctestphon, a few miles from Baghd al, where he fought on November 22 at d following days. The Turks produced new divisions whose presence was unsuspected, and ho was driven back to Kut with heavy loss. It was at this stage that the transport, commissiriat, and medical arrangements first gravely broke down and that the sufferings of our wounded began.

General Townshead was then besiezed began under General Aylmer on Janu- tragic enterprise rests upon Mr. always be on shard ary 4, and various actions were fought Asquith's Government. They were British Dispensary

between that date and January 21. about which the public has been very imperfectly informed. We were told that the Turks were in flight, but we were not told of the mistortunes which belell our own troops, largely owing to misjudgment of the enemy's capacity for resistance. About this time Sir John Nixon, who had undoubtedly become seriously ill, left Mesopotauria, and the command was taken over by General Sir Percy Lake.

The later operations to relieve Kut failed, but in spite of the floods, the mud, and the misery, there was at least one moment when they ought to have succeeded. A strong British and Indian force made a night march on the right bank to Es Sinn, the strong Turkish position astride the river, less than eight miles from Kut. General Aylmer was in command. At dawn on March 5 a brigade under General Kemball (now wounded) was in front (within 500 yards) of the great Dujailar redoubt, which was almost empty, as were the adjacent lines. A battation colonel i egged to be allowed to take it, but permission was refuse l. Our men had the mortification of lying for hours watching the Turks assemble. The sugrestions made are that the orders were to at ack at 9 a.m. or 10 a.m. (after a night "aurprise" morch), and that these orders were blindly a fbered to; further, that our articlery, which was at no great distance, might have shelled our own troops.

Under the circumstances, further explanation is required, for neither of these pleas scenis admissible. "The fact remains that the way to Kut lav open for hours, and Kut might have been relieved." The ultimate attack failed, and a day or two later General Aylm r left Mesopotamia. He was givan command of the Mhow Division. one of the military prizes of India. Later attempts to relieve Kut were also unsuccessful, General Townshend surrendered, and ever since we have kept a large force immobile in Mesopotamia I have recited the bare facts of this Mesopotamia madness, and have said

little of the losses and the sufferings of the troops, who even now write letters complaining that they are on halfrations. Others are telling, in Padiament and elsewhere, of the privations and the endless mismanagement. The points I wish to emphasise are that the publie have never been officially told who is to blame, "that no one has been punished, and that these things are still going on.

I will only say one thing. When you have said all that can be said about in Kut, and reinforcements were hur tithe erring generals and the defects of ried to Mosopotamia to relieve him. I the Indian system, it is still undentable The advance of the relief columns, that the ultimate responsibility for this

not ignorant of the risks, and they were capable of assessing the rash eagerness of General Nixon and the weak acquiescence of General Duff. It is not enough to accept responsibility for sending this expedition across 500 miles of desert and swamp. Those responsible should pay the penalty.

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