

## Life on French Hospital **GERMANS NEW-KIND DEATH-DEALING SHELL** Ships at Salonika NEW YORK, Dec. 27 .- The World ABOARD THE FENCH HOSPITAL dish covered with a heavy glass

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SHIP CHARLES ROUX, Harbour of plate to keep out any extraneous Salonika, Dec. 10.-Quite the most substance. Each specialist has hi agreeable fate that can overtake an own operating room, in addition allied soldier in the Balkan campaign which there is a very complete phar is to be ill-or slightly wounded. Not macy, a biological laboratory; an X that the hospital facilities of the an- ray apparatus with the necessary cient Turkish city are famous, or even facilities- for photographing the in adequate. They are not. But there sides of the patient and a perfectly are four French and one British hos- equipped dark room to develop' th pital ship in the roads of Salonika photographs. In completion of the and they constitute by far the most picture, there are the silent, efficient comfortable, not to say the only sani- little Sisters of Charity, their great tary, spot in the Balkan Peninsula, white, wing-like head dresses bobbing The French have been better pre- and nodding as the wearers hurry pared from the very outset of the hither and thither, a chain upon present Balkan campaign in every which are hung the keys to the supdetail of military organization than ply closets dangling from their waists their British allies. No better exam- a tin of baked and sterilized ban ple of the thoroughness of this pre- dages under one arm-or a packet of paration could be given than the ar- books and magazines destined for rangements for caring for the sick some convalescent patient. and wounded. Long before there was All of this is the work of the woactually any need for it, and simul- men of France-the organization taneously with the landing of the known as the "Succor for Wounded first contingent of French troops on Soldiers," whose committee even now Greek soil, the French hospital ship is in Salonika looking after arrange-Sphinx was lying ready in the har-ments, criticizing, making sugges-

bor at Salonika. As the number of tions and charging themselves with troops disembarked increased auto- securing from the great hearts of the matically more hospital ships put in French women all that may an appearance. First the Dugay needed to see that the soldier Trouin, with its sheltered decks and the French Republic, however far he high stern like the poop of a Spanish may be from home, shall have every galleon, all porches and awning and proper care and comfort. lounging places for the convalescent;

next this ship, the Charles Roux, with Mr. Casey bought a pig in the fall has been done to try it out, is taboo its operating rooms, its surgical clin- paying seven dollars for it. The pig's In French eyes, however, its appear cs and its complete provision for feed during the winter cost eleven ance has been greeled with a certain the care of the more seriously wound- dollars. In the spring he sold the satisfaction, as conclusive evidence ed; and, finally the Canada-all with pig for seventeen dollars. of the failure of previous devices for full complement of nurses, surgeons, A neighbor said, "Well, you didn't propelling asphyxiating gases. physicians, sisters of charity, and all make much on that transaction, did Its coming, the French argue, dethe rest of the paraphernalia of the you? monstrates that the Germans have aftermath of battle. realized at last the fact of which "No," said Mr. Casey, "but sure In many ways the Charles Roux is had the use of the pig all winter.' every French soldier has long been the most interesting, especially as it aware, that gas clouds driven foris the principal operating theatre of The man who can drink ward by the wind are powerless to the floating hospitals of Salonika, and it alone nearly always drinks. inflict material damage on troops especially as the surgeon-Major, Dr. properly equipped to withstand the Heitz-Boyer, is one of the best Nothing makes a man forget that fumes. known and most distinguished surge- he hs been jilted as the society of "We are handicapped in this sort ons in Paris. The ship was converted another woman. of game," an officer of Gen. Humfrom one of the larger passenger bert's staff remarked. "because the steamers that in time of peace made Considering the fact that there Boches know we won't compete with the voyage from Marseilles to Alger, was no woman in the case, the them in so loathsome a competition. As such, it is roomy enough, for not married life of Adam and Eve was We leave the gases, the Lusitania only have the saloons not required as singularly infelicitous. and secret warfare on neutral naoperating chambers been turned into a tions to them. Yet, even though wards to add to the accommodations of the cabins, but the great broad decks have been glassed in, making Waterproof they have the field entirely to themselves, they can invent nothing which really benefits them, nothing the most agreeable of sun-parlors in for which we are not well pre which cots are set in long rows so paied." that the sick and wounded, in the One of the many methods by warmth of the afternoon sun, may which the French dispose of this lie quiet and look out at the splendid new peril may be mentioned, be view the Bay of Salonika affords. cause it was touched upon in the View From the Ships. official communication of last Wed nesday in a laconic sentence: "Between the Argonne and the Meuse near Bethincourt, our batteries de molished reservoirs of asphyxiating gas."

We extend the prints the following special cable from field headquarters of the French armies in Argonno Shells emitting poisoned gases, one breath of which means instant death are the latest nover v displayed by the Germans on the western front. Flung into the French trenches from a distance of two, three or four miles, and bursting with a force as destructive as any, high a explosive shell of like calibre, they spread their sinister contents about so quickly that men many yards away fall dead before they have time, to adjust their respirators and masks. That, at least, is the idea underlying this newest and foulest of weapons, tests of which, French officers inform me, have been carried out recently under the eyes of the Crown Prince.

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That much real, unadulterated news I have been able to extract from the manifold impressions which have poured in upon mc during my four days visit to the Argonne section of the front. I may add that, although the use of the new projectile is as yet in the experimental stage, the French general staff already has found means to combat successfully it fiendish ingenuity.

What that means is, one naturally

is forbidden to disclose. Even to

venture upon a detailed description

of the German invention and

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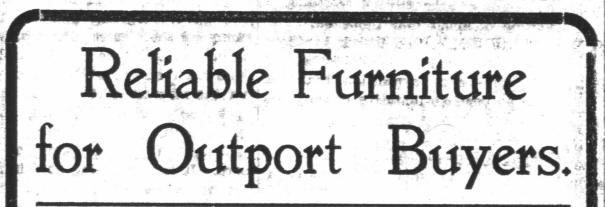
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Here, too, the convalescent, proped up with pillows, sheltered, excellently cared for and competently nursed by volunteer French women who have passed the necessary examinations and had the requisite experience, gather strength against the time when they may go back and "have another go at 'em" as the

Standing just behind one of the 120-millimetre (4.7-inch) howitzers in this sector, I saw coursing through the air shells destined to rip asunder



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