

only a desire for new territory, containing vast resources in the way of raw material and foodstuffs, but a realization of the fact that the old Eastern Routes can be again utilized by a system of railways, and a new and dangerous menace thus established against British communications. Asia Minor and Mesopotamia have always been the clearing-house between the East and the West, and in seizing Turkey the Germans believe that they have acquired the key not only to these regions, but to India on the one hand and to Egypt on the other, as well. India, of course, is in itself a complete goal; Egypt represents a simpler problem, but is also a right of way to other regions in Africa.

The establishment of a network of railways through these regions means a very serious change in the whole relation of military and trade communications.

NOTE V. Another subject is the question of shipping. Every year the market of international trading by sea becomes more important. We in Canada, for example, are especially interested in the question of ocean freights. We cannot allow the principle of "what the traffic will bear" to be applied without restriction to ocean freight rates. Railway rates have been legally regulated, but there is no such control of the carrying trade on the ocean, which must inevitably be in the hands of a very few. The accumulating interest on our external debt and the amount of our necessary imports make the matter of our export trade increasingly important. The whole question of our shipping relations with the rest of the world is well worth a very careful consideration.

NOTE VI. Most of us have read widely about the countries at war, our allies and our enemies. Elsewhere in The Round Table publications detailed suggestions are given as to the field of study. Germany to most people is perhaps rather well exploited, and we are familiar with the Teutonic system and methods by which every department of state was made subservient to the one supreme end. Austria-Hungary offers a different picture. To students of the British Empire the dual monarchy is of special interest. To what extent does its constitutional system solve the racial difficulty? What is the nature of the Hungarian element in the government? A study of