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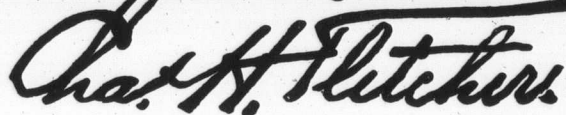
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## PROGRESS CONTINUES.

Russian Armies Keeping Up Their March on Mosul.

LONDON, May 22.—The Russians are continuing their march toward Mosul (ancient Nineveh), according to Sunday night's Petrograd official report.

A Constantinople correspondent says that Field Marshal Liman von Sanders is assembling a strong force of Turkish troops at Sivas, in Asiatic Turkey, to oppose the advance of the Russians. The Turks are equipped abundantly with artillery.

The correspondent also says that Turkey has called out recruits of the ages of 17 and 18.

The Russian occupation of Sakiz and their advance upon the village of Ban is of extreme importance, and establishes a direct line of communication between the two Russian groups which are operating against the Turkish Mesopotamian army.

"Four thousand German troops are expected at Bagdad in June," says The Times' Bucharest correspondent. "Twelve thousand Austrians already are there. The Turks are weakening the defence of Constantinople, sending all possible reinforcements to Asia Minor and concentrating a large force at Marash, three days' march north-east of Alexandretta (on the Mediterranean in Northern Syria), where they fear an attempted landing by Entente allies."

Although little has been known regarding the military operations in this immediate district, which lies between Lake Urumiah and Khanikan, on the Persian border north-east of Bagdad, Kurdish bands, supported by Turkish regulars, have been for a long time attempting to make inroads into Persia, and, by cutting off from each other the Russian armies advancing toward the Mesopotamian border, make their progress impossible. It is apparent that in these efforts they had been so successful as to capture the Persian towns of Sakiz and Ban, but, as officially announced, the Russians recently ousted them from the positions, and the danger created by this wedge into the Russian line has been removed.

Ban is near the Turkish border, and along a 200-mile front the Russian armies are now drawn up close to the Mesopotamian frontier. Military experts believe that further progress for the Russians should be considerably facilitated by this straightening out of the Russian line and the establishment of direct communication, which not only makes further Kurdish inroads impossible, but lightens the difficult task of provisioning, which delayed the Russian progress in Asia Minor.

## COSSACKS JOIN BRITISH.

Body of Russian Cavalry Reinforced Lake in Mesopotamia.

LONDON, May 22.—The first news of the operations on the Tigris since the fall of Kut-el-Amara, sent Sunday by Lieut.-General Sir Percy Lake, commander of the British forces in Mesopotamia, although it shows that the Turks are still holding the Sannayyat position on the left bank of the Tigris, where the British check made it impossible to carry out the relief of General Townshend, brings the welcome but astonishing intelligence that a body of Russian cavalry, after an adventurous ride, has succeeded in joining General Goring's forces on the south bank of the Tigris.

How this important junction was effected is still unknown, and the story will be awaited with intense interest. The supposition is that this detachment came from the Russian army which is threatening Khanikan, but it still remains a puzzle where and how the Russians succeeded in crossing the river.

Their sudden appearance with General Goring has also raised the question whether the Russians have already cut the Bagdad railway at Mosul. In any case the unexpected appearance of this body of cavalry is as great a surprise as was the first landing of the Russian troops at Marseilles, and is another instance of the swift and stealthy movement of the Russian forces in Asia Minor.

An official communication issued Sunday night concerning the situation along the Tigris follows: "General Lake reports that on the 19th the enemy vacated the Bethalesa advanced position on the right bank of the Tigris. General Goring, following up the enemy, attacked and carried the Dujailam redoubt. The enemy is still holding the Sannayyat position on the left bank of the river. "A force of Russian cavalry has joined General Goring after a bold and adventurous ride."

## PEACE IS IMPOSSIBLE.

President Wilson is Told of Determination of Allies.

WASHINGTON, May 22.—"The die is cast. Germany must fight on to the bitter end and cannot escape retribution by useless appeals to neutrals for peace."

This is the answer of the Entente Allies to the steadily increasing peace talk which has reached official circles here from Berlin. The Allies' position, it is explained, has been made perfectly clear to President Wilson.

Both the President and Secretary of State Lansing have been informed confidentially from sources close to the Entente capitals that peace proposals now were out of the question. The time is not ripe, it is explained, and the time will not be ripe until Germany's military dominance has been completely broken.

The Entente Allies have translated Germany's peace pleas into the meaning that the Imperial Government now sees the handwriting on the wall, and is taking measures far in advance to an effort to end the war. This Government also has received official reports from its own agents tending to show that Germany is beginning to feel the effects of the "drag" much more deeply than is generally known.

## SWANS TAUGHT TO SWIM.

The Black Necked Variety Are Afraid of Water When Young.

You're acquainted with the proverbial phrase, "Like a duck takes to the water." That may apply all right to ducks, but there are some water birds which have to be taught to swim, just as we do. They hate the water at first just as much as a boy hates the bathtub. One of these birds, which takes swimming lessons from its parents, is the black necked swan.

The swan babies are called cygnets. They are hatched in an elaborate nest which the parent swan builds along the edge of a pool. The little cygnets are able to walk and run as soon as they are out of their shells, but they can't swim.

So the mother swan takes them for a little ferry ride. She puts them on her back and starts out across the pond. The baby swans, frightened at first, soon get used to seeing water all around them.

One day the mother swan turns her long neck and gives her babies a gentle push into the water. Such a scramble and splash! The babies flounder around and try their best to get back on their mother's dry feathers. Finally they learn that their feet are webbed paddles, given to them for swimming purposes, and they are able to glide over the water as gracefully and as easily as their parents.

## ANCIENT FLOATING PALACE.

The Wonderful Ship Built For Hiero, King of Syracuse.

The antiquity of ships may not be gauged, for in Genesis it is recorded that ships were even old on the Mediterranean in the days of Jacob. Fully 1850 years before Christ, Ammon built long and tall ships with sails on the Red sea. Ninety years later the ship Argo was built, "the first Greek vessel which ventured to pass through the sea without sight of land, being guided only by the stars."

The wonderful vessel built for Hiero, king of Syracuse, excited curiosity and wonder. The craft was constructed under the direction of the celebrated mathematician, Archimedes, by a ship-builder at Corinth, from wood cut on Mount Etna. Her decks were paved with small and odd tiles, on which were depicted with wonderful art scenes from Homer's "Iliad."

On the upper deck was a gymnasium containing gardens planted with many kinds of shrubs, with walks between them overshadowed by vines and ivy, the roots of which were nourished in moistened earth. Near this apartment was a dining room dedicated to Venus, paved with agates and precious stones. The walls and ceiling were of cypress, and the doors of ivory.—Argonaut.

## No Law's Delay Here.

In Perak, in the Malay peninsula, lawyers find no business, for a modified form of trial by ordeal decides all disputes. In place of the legal practitioner the pleader is a native boy who is assigned to one or the other of the sides and is given a bamboo tube, in which is sealed the pleading of the person or party whom he represents. When all is ready two stakes are driven into the bed of a stream, and by aid of a bamboo pole the heads of the two boys are submerged at the same time. By grasping the stakes they are enabled to remain under water for quite awhile after their natural inclination would bring them to the surface, but at last one of them gives in and, releasing his hold of the stake, comes to the air. He is immediately seized, and the tube he holds is cast aside. The other lad is led ashore, his tube opened, and the document contained therein stands as the decision in the case.

## Postmen in Fareoff Days.

Postmen have a very respectable antiquity. They were known, the Sunday at Home points out, in the faroff days of King Hezekiah's reign, some 700 years before Christ. In the thirtieth chapter of the second book of Chronicles we read that "the posts went with the letters throughout all Israel and Judah," and, further, that "the posts passed from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh." The postman of old was a swift runner, who received the letter from the sender's hand and carried it direct to the person to whom it was addressed.

## Sounded Queer.

A man in telling about a wonderful parrot hanging in a cage from a window of a house which he often passed said: "It cries 'Stop thief!' so naturally that every time I hear it I always stop."

He couldn't understand why his friend began to laugh.

## Specifications.

Tom—Do you know what I am going to buy you for your birthday present? Kitty—No, only I'm sure it will be something new, stylish and elegant and awfully expensive. You dear, reckless boy, you!

## In Golf Terms.

"Yes, I am learning to shave myself."

"What progress?"

"Oh, I can go over the course in 110 or thereabouts."

## Wanted to Know.

Mrs. Newrich—I am determined that Clara's debut shall pass off with great eclat. Newrich—What's eclat, Maria—expense?

Presently the present will have gone, never to be recalled.—Lucrétius.

## TWO FACED JANUS.

He Was the Ancient Sun God as Well as the God of War.

Poor old Janus! Do you know how shamefully posterity has maligned him? You have heard all your life that January was named for the Roman god Janus and that Janus was the god of war, hence the first month of the year must be turbulent. Or perhaps you have gone deeper into the significance of the first month's name and have been told that it was given the honor of heralding that gory god because he had two faces, one looking into the past and the other looking into the future, as the first month of the year naturally would do. But through it all you have held rigidly before you the fact that he was the patron, the devotee, perhaps even the instigator of war.

As a matter of history, Janus was a venerable and thoroughly established deity before the little band of Trojans carried eastern culture to Italy, when the primitive Italians had not begun to suspect that war was an institution which called for a "goat." War needed no justification or excuse. Men fought because that seemed the only thing to do. As for Janus, he was their greatest sun god. He presided over the rising and setting of the sun, and hence he was the god who looked after the propitious beginnings and happy endings of all undertakings. He was represented with two faces, which looked to the east and the west. His temple in Rome was closed only in time of peace, and as there seldom was peace it was usually open. Hence he was called the god of war.

## SPECIALISTS IN CHINA.

They Know to a Nicety Just Where Their Work Begins and Ends.

The Englishman knows how to serve, and he knows how to be served, says Isaac Taylor Headland in "Home Life in China," but in the matter of service and serving even the Englishman must take a second place, for the Chinaman has specialized service such as has never been done in Great Britain.

We sometimes think we are specialists in the west. We have our eye specialists, a kind of servant, of course, although I simply use them to illustrate what I wish to say here, but they often combine with the treatment of the eye that of the ear, the nose and the throat. They have not got down to a last analysis of specializing as the Chinese doctor has.

A man had been shot with an arrow, the head of which was buried in the flesh. He tried to pull it out, but the skin had closed over the head, and he was not able to do so. He went to a physician to get him to remove it. The doctor promptly sawed the shaft off close to the skin and then demanded his fee. "But," said the sufferer, "the head of the arrow is still inside."

"Quite right," said the doctor. "I am a specialist. I deal only with outside diseases. If you want the head taken out you will have to go to another specialist who cares for inside ailments."

## TRIBUTE TO THE MULE.

With All His Faults He is a More or Less Noble Character.

The mule is singularly free from the ills to which horseflesh is heir. He has more days' work in him in 365 consecutive days than any farm animal or farm engine. He requires less feed when at work than any horse that can approach his capacity, for when he is idle he can forage successfully where the draft horse finds the picking too slim. He takes pot luck with any owner cheerfully and keeps fit upon it.

In peace the mule is man's most faithful servant, although the gentlest of his kind is not entirely free from original sin and the oldest may experience unaccountable sporadic outbreaks of devilment.

In war the mule retains his character as a hard toiler, a good scout and a homely figure about whom the poets and painters at the front do not grow enthusiastic. Although he is unsung when living and not greatly honored, he is not unwept when at thirty or beyond he lies down, sighs peacefully rather than regretfully and gives up his Spartan spirit.

If there is a hereafter for animals the mule's paradise is a series of Elysian fields with fences that only a good jumper can clear, with colts to chase, with something alive and preferably two legged to kick and with plenty of rough, plain victuals and a few goats to play with in sportive moods and negro drivers not brutal, yet not too indulgent, for human companionship.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

## Portuguese and Codfish.

It is an interesting fact that the fishermen of northern Portugal started and developed the fishing industry on the "banks" off the northern coast of America, and, though they now send fewer ships, their taste for salt cod from Newfoundland is unabated—in fact, it is a national Portuguese dainty. It is found in every little grocery shop, hard and brown as a board. A number of Portuguese have made their homes on the islands to the south of the mainland of Massachusetts, and there the dark eyes of the Iberian maiden, raven locks and a certain picturesque element in dress are not infrequent. This connection with Portugal dates back many years, the ships of Marthas Vineyard bridging the distance over sea and returning with Portuguese crews.—Exchange.

## Royal Nicknames.

Louis XIV. was "Le Grand Monarque." His court was the model for European princes.

Louis Philippe was the "Citizen King," at one time he was "King Smith," the name he assumed when he escaped from France.

Mary, queen of Scots, was the "White Queen."

Mary of Modena, wife of James II., was the "Queen of Tears."

The "Nine Days' Queen" was Lady Jane Grey.

Christian III. of Denmark was the "Father" of his people.

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