

Old Sea Dogs Are In Charge of Britain's Fleets in Near East

ADMIRAL TROUBRIDGE, a descendant of a naval officer who served under Drake, is in Serbia with the British naval expeditionary force which was allowed to pass through Greece. He may have Balkan experiences more exciting even than those of Admiral Mark Kerr, as Troubridge is operating close to the headquarters of Crown Prince Alexander, the commander-in-chief of the Serbian army.



ADMIRAL DE ROBECK.

Dardanelles against the Goeben and Breslau, the two German battle cruisers which were at sea in the Adriatic when war was declared and escaped to Constantinople as if by magic past the waiting British ships in the Mediterranean under Admiral Troubridge. Through the extraordinary prowess of a German spy, so close to the inner circles of the British Admiralty in London that he was able to discover the secret code, changed every few days, through which orders were transmitted to the fleet, the Germans sent Admiral Troubridge by wireless a code message to return to English waters. He cleared the path for the German boats and arrived in London to undergo court-martial. However, when he produced the despatch in code, there was no doubt of his innocence, and the question of the guilty man has never yet been answered.

Admiral de Robeck, in command of the British naval expedition at the Dardanelles, will very likely be directing the attack of the Anglo-French ships against Bulgaria. Operations at the Dardanelles will soon be rendered impossible on account of the weather, and it is known that Admiral de Robeck will not return to England, but will busy himself with matters in the vicinity of his present quarters. He is a younger brother of Baron de Robeck, now airing his financial troubles in the Bankruptcy Court, but the family, which owes its title to King Frederick I. of Sweden, conferred in 1750, came into possession of a great fortune by marriage in Ireland some generations ago.

The admiral's grandfather fought as a cornet in the Seventh Hussars under Sir John Moore, and the men of his family have long been associated with military and naval affairs. Their motto, significant of the admiral's position to-day, is "Fortis sub forte fatiscit" (The strong yield to the strong).

Cars for Fire Fighting.

The management of the Government railways has made material progress in fire protection in Quebec since taking over the line of the National Transcontinental for operation. A tank car, for fire-fighting purposes, has been equipped and will be stationed at some convenient point between Edmundston and Quebec. This car has a capacity of ten thousand gallons and is equipped with hose to reach a fire five hundred feet from the track. The question of placing two similar cars at convenient points between the City of Quebec and the Ontario boundary is under consideration. Special fire patrols will also be necessary, and the details are being considered. Hon. Frank Cochrane, Minister of Railways and Canals, has announced that the same measures for fire protection will be taken on Government railways as are required by the Railway Commission of lines under private ownership. The measures referred to above constitute an excellent beginning. The Government railways are not under the jurisdiction of the Railway Commission.

Never Wore the Crown.

The King of Bulgaria has a crown that he has never worn in public. In 1902 "Prince" Ferdinand thought the time ripe for proclaiming himself king, and ordered a diadem from Brussels. The "Concert of Europe" ordained otherwise, and the crown was relegated to a cupboard until 1908, when the Prince was elevated to kingship. Austria, however, prohibited Ferdinand's coronation, so that he has not yet worn the crown publicly.

Fighting Jews.

It is computed that nearly half a million of Jewish soldiers are fighting in the war, 20,000 in our ranks. Two of them—one an officer and the other a private—have been awarded the Victoria Cross.

Calling of Gallieni Was Great Stroke on Part of Premier Briand

OBservers of the change in the French Cabinet have studied chiefly the change from Viviani to Briand. In the opinion of military men, the great change has been from Millerand to Gallieni. Since war is the great business of both the British and French Cabinets, the Minister of War is the most important man in each Cabinet. Whatever may be the difference of opinion as to Asquith's qualifications for the post he occupies, there is no question that the shifting of the portfolio from Kitchener to somebody else would make a more profound impression than a change in the Premiership. So, argues "Ex-Attache," we should concentrate our attention upon the change from Millerand to Gallieni rather than from Viviani to Briand in the new French Cabinet. France has come to the conclusion that the war ought to be handled by professional soldiers rather than by politicians. She has put aside Millerand, or rather Millerand, a very able man and one greatly trusted by the army, has consented to stand aside in favor of a real soldier, to wit, Gallieni.

A Job for Professionals.

In England a real soldier is at the head of the army. It would have been better if a real sailor had been



GENERAL GALLIENI.

at the head of the navy. In some respects Balfour may be an improvement upon Churchill; in some respects he will be no improvement at all. A proved naval expert would be an improvement upon both. If Admiral Fisher had been in absolute command of the navy we should never have embarked upon the Dardanelles expedition, which, however successful it may be eventually, will be tremendously costly in life. Up to the present time in Great Britain there have been more than military reasons to consider. There have been diplomatic problems to solve. Fisher, probably, took account of only military problems. It appears that France has now come to the point where she regards nothing but military success. Therefore M. Millerand has stepped aside cheerfully, and while promising his support to the new Government, has been willing to see Gallieni, a real soldier, take his place.

France's Kitchener.

Gallieni is a real soldier. They call him the Kitchener of France. Like Kitchener, he is a veteran of the war of 1870, and like Kitchener, his military career has been spent almost wholly in the little wars of the colonies. He spent nearly twenty years in campaigning in Indo-China, and sixteen years in military and geographical expeditions in Central Africa. Both French and British societies recognized his services as an explorer. His greatest success was in Madagascar, where he spent ten years in converting this barbarous island into a remarkably peaceful and prosperous dependency of France. Like Kitchener in Egypt, he not only accomplished the military task assigned him, but before he left had become as popular with the natives as Kitchener was with the natives of Egypt.

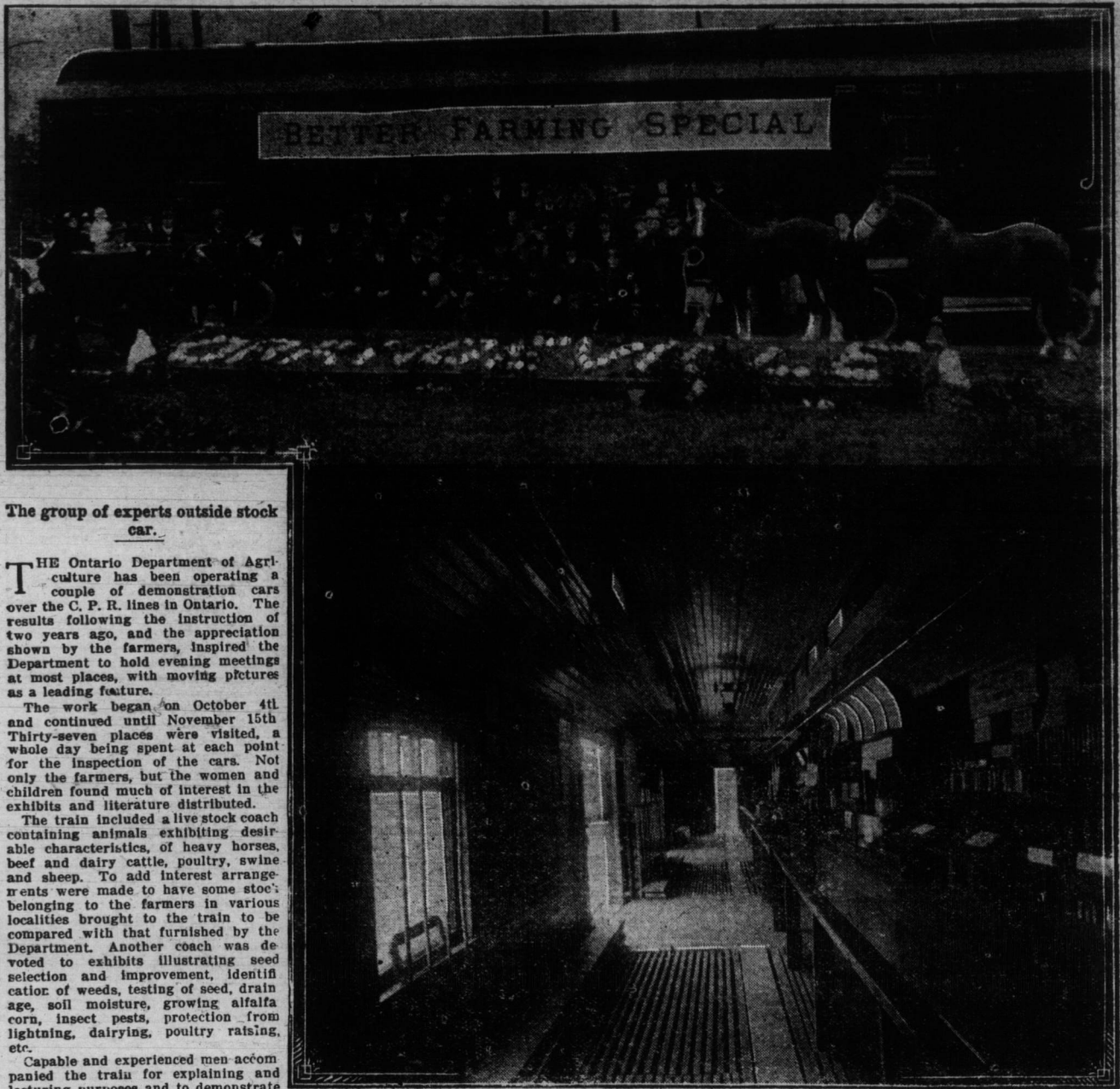
The Saviour of Paris.

Like Kitchener, Gallieni is a taciturn man, without personal fear, and relying upon organizing ability rather than upon flights of military inspiration to accomplish his ends. He is tall and stern, and conveys the impression of great physical power. Continuing the comparison, it may be said that when the war broke out Britain turned to Kitchener to save the country, while Gallieni, though retired, was looked to as the saviour of Paris. Of course, the armies in the field have saved Paris from siege; but the hostile armies in the field were nearer Paris than London, and yet London is visited frequently by Zeppelins. Paris sees them rarely. The reason is, or one of the reasons, that Gallieni has grappled with the Zeppelin menace, just as Britain has grappled with the submarine menace.

The Prince's Scarf.

A new scheme for raising Red Cross cash has been started in New Zealand. The idea is for the knitting sex to make a scarf for Queen Mary, no one to knit more than a single row and to pay a mere shilling for the privilege. Everyone who has a hand in it will write her name and address in a book. When the scarf is finished it will be forwarded to the Queen with the book of signatures

Farm College on Wheels



The group of experts outside stock car.

THE Ontario Department of Agriculture has been operating a couple of demonstration cars over the C. P. R. lines in Ontario. The results following the instruction of two years ago, and the appreciation shown by the farmers, inspired the Department to hold evening meetings at most places, with moving pictures as a leading feature.

The work began on October 4th and continued until November 15th. Thirty-seven places were visited, a whole day being spent at each point for the inspection of the cars. Not only the farmers, but the women and children found much of interest in the exhibits and literature distributed.

The train included a live stock coach containing animals exhibiting desirable characteristics, of heavy horses, beef and dairy cattle, poultry, swine and sheep. To add interest arrangements were made to have some stock belonging to the farmers in various localities brought to the train to be compared with that furnished by the Department. Another coach was devoted to exhibits illustrating seed selection and improvement, identification of weeds, testing of seed, drainage, soil moisture, growing alfalfa corn, insect pests, protection from lightning, dairying, poultry raising, etc.

Capable and experienced men accompanied the train for explaining and lecturing purposes and to demonstrate the judging of live stock.

Since the inauguration of the "Better Farming Special" three years ago, the scheme has had extensive developments. Not only the people of Ontario, but the rural districts throughout the whole Dominion, have benefited. The Provincial Governments, with the assistance of the Agricultural Colleges, have used the "Farm College on Wheels" as a means to educate the

farmer, his wife and children to higher standards of farming, and have met with considerable success. The "better farming" methods demonstrated by the professors who were on the train were listened to with great interest, and the questions asked by the farmer were further evidence that the visit of the "special" was doing incalculable good. C. P. R., the Guelph Agricultural Col-

Interior of Grain Coach.

The experts on the train were drawn from the Agricultural College at Guelph, one of the most up-to-date in the country. An interesting incident occurred during the tour. A thoroughbred Shropshire weaver gave birth to a lamb on board the train, and the question arose as to who it belonged to, whether the "special" was doing incalculable good. C. P. R., the Guelph Agricultural Col-

WORN WORRIED WOMEN

Her Many Duties Affect Her Health And Often She Breaks Down Completely

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Stuffed Potatoes.

A nice way to vary baked potatoes is to cut a slice from the top of each and scrape out the inside. Mash, season with salt, pepper, chopped parsley (if liked) and butter, and heat in a little hot milk; add two well-beaten whites of eggs. Refill the skins, sprinkle with grated cheese, and bake in a hot oven about six minutes.

A Fateful Game of Chess.

It is a Spanish tradition that the fate of Columbus overhung on a game of chess. For years the great navigator had haunted the Spanish court, trying to interest some one in his plans, but at last he determined to abandon the country and visit France. The night before his intended departure he sought an audience with the queen to communicate his intentions and to take his leave. The queen asked him to wait while she made another effort to interest the king. She found Ferdinand engaged at a game of chess and, disturbing him by her entrance, caused him to lose a piece. Annoyed and irritated by the incident, the king, after rudely denouncing Columbus and his schemes, informed Isabella that the result of the petition would depend on the result of the game. It grew worse, and the chances were all against the launching of the expedition. But the queen, overlooking the board, whispered to her august spouse a suggestion relative to a move that would be advantageous. The king followed the advice, the complexion of the game was quickly reversed, and Columbus' dream of years was realized at last.

Prolific Fungus.

An average sized mushroom will produce as many as 1,500,000,000 spores, and a common toadstool shaggy cap has been shown to produce as many as 5,000,000,000. Fortunately for the other inhabitants of the world, however, the probability of successful growth of any given spore is somewhat remote. The mushroom or toadstool plant is formed by fine filamentous threads which ramify beneath the soil, and if we assume that a successful plant of the mushroom or shaggy caps produces as many as ten mushrooms or toadstools we find that the chance against successful growth to maturity is respectively about 18,000,000,000 and 50,000,000,000 to one in the two species mentioned. Even more prolific than the mushrooms and toadstools proper is the giant puffball, a large specimen of which has been known to produce as many as 7,000,000,000,000 spores.—London Knowledge.

Domestic Bliss.

Mrs. Newed (to her husband)—I cook and cook and cook for you, and what do I get? Nothing! Mr. Newed—You're lucky. I always get indigestion.

Ancestry of the Hen.

Darwin believed that our domestic fowls are descended from the jungle fowls of India. As other authorities have sometimes disputed his view, the statement of Charles William Beebe, curator of ornithology at the New York zoological park, is especially interesting: "After studying all four species of feral Gallus in their native haunts as well as many examples of natural and artificial hybridizing and reviewing the evidence from all points of view I can find no reason to attribute the ancestry of all varieties of our domestic fowls to other than the red jungle fowl of India."

Inquisitive.

"Yes, Henry writes very good letters from college. They show a strong thirst for knowledge. He never writes without asking for information." "That's fine. What does he ask?" "He always asks, 'When are you going to send me some more money?'"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

All the Same.

The "horny handed" calls what he lives on "pay," the skilled mechanic "wages," the city clerk "salary," the banker "income," a landowner "rent roll," a lawyer "fees," a burglar "swag," but it all comes to the same in the end.—London Scraps.

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