

The eternal nexus of past and present is strikingly illustrated by events that have occurred since the last number of this Magazine was issued. Kamerun and Erzerum are words at which Quintilian might have gasped, but they, and Verdun, possess very compelling associations.

The final expulsion of the Germans from the **KAMERUN** Kamerun Protectorate recalls a whole chain of events connected with recent Prussian diplomacy, and particularly with the Agadir crisis of 1911. The exploit of the *Panther* does not stand alone. Ever since 1896 the Kaiser has delighted to astonish mankind by diplomatic pyrotechnics. The Kruger Telegram was one; the announcement of the great Navy Bill on the day after Magersfontein was another; the visit to Tangier was a third; the despatch of the *Panther* to Agadir was a fourth; and a fifth, almost equally spectacular, may be found in the famous tour of Constantinople, Jerusalem and Damascus, at the very moment when England and France were deciding whether they would or would not fight over Fashoda. We have not had time to forget how Germany gained her last slice of Kamerun. Those lands bordering upon the river Sanga came to her by the Treaty of November 4th, 1911, and represent the costly profit she won by trying to club France in Morocco. On the debit side of the ledger must be placed all the *Wilhelmstrasse* lost by forcing Delcassé's resignation, by Lloyd George's Mansion House speech, and by the whole diplomatic fiasco of Agadir—with its very serious and immediate consequences. On the credit side stood the few thousand square miles of Equatorial Africa which France ceded for a clear title to Morocco, and also to let Germany save face. These are what the Prussians have now lost. Five years ago they forfeited the confidence of every chancellery by the brazenness with which they repudiated their Morocco Agreement of 1909. But the decline of their reputation for good faith was not all they suffered through their tactics at Agadir. They so shattered the confidence of Italy, their own ally, that she hastened to seize Tripoli while Germany was embarrassed