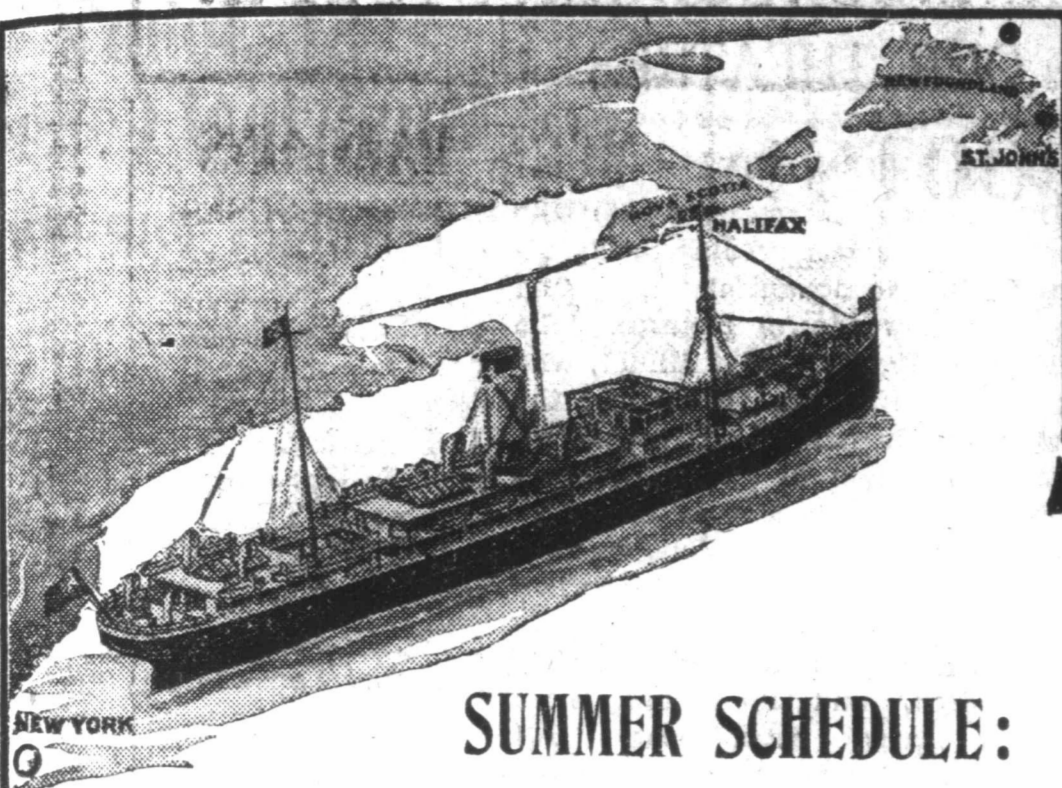


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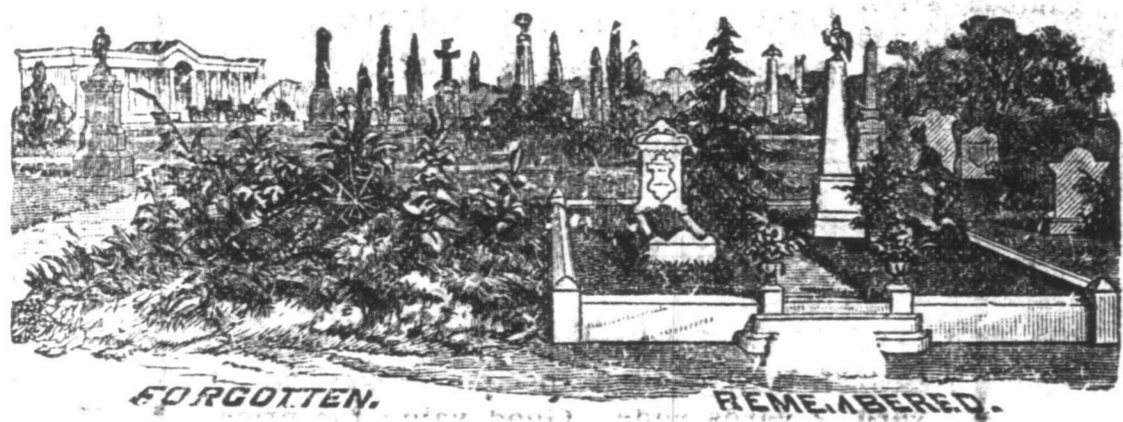
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How Anzacs Chased the Turks

ROMANI, Egypt, Aug. 12.—(By W. T. Massey.)—I can now give fuller details of the Anzac mounted division's sterling work. For a week, a brigade of Australian light horse was in touch with the Turks twenty-four hours out of forty-eight, two brigades taking turns. The first brigade got in touch with the Turks a few minutes after midnight Thursday, and with the second brigade fought almost uninterruptedly till darkness Saturday.

The horses were many hours without water, and many of the men had little food. Saturday there was scarcely a drop of water to relieve the agony of thirst. The first brigade of light horse held off three thousand Turks in darkness on a line of nearly four miles. Retiring very slowly, they prevented the Turks from obtaining ground between the hills south-east of Romani before daylight, their intention being to seize and cut the railway west of Romani and isolate the garrison of that important place and prevent reinforcements reaching them.

Hold Wellington Ridge.

Holding on doggedly, the first brigade stopped that attempt, and when reinforced at daylight by the second brigade held Wellington Ridge for hours in face of heavy artillery and infantry fire and desperate Turkish attacks. The Turks occupied Mount Meredith and Mount Royston, but never secured Wellington Ridge.

The battle was made absolutely secure when the New Zealanders threw the Turks off Mount Royston, and the infantry thrust them back, towards Katia. There we some desperate fighting early in the morning, and the Turks' strong advance line threw itself furiously against the light horse, shouting their new battle cry "Allah, finish Australia!" and rushing against our outposts with the bayonet. The light horse listened to the cry with immense amusement, and liked it to "Gott strafe England!" They shouted "back derisive answers, and showed that they were more than a match for the Turk with steel.

I saw the light horse on Wellington Ridge when the shrapnel was bursting over them with wonderful accuracy, but the Australians never showed a sign of movement until the Turks attempted to rush them. Then they poured a terrible stopping fire into the attackers and the appearance of the battlefield supports the story of the accuracy of the Australian marksmen.

In the afternoon there was a combined attack at Katia. Three Anzac brigades galloped three-quarters of a mile into action across extremely difficult country. The gallant horses carried the cheering men at such a pace that the Turkish artillery was at sea, though it attempted to launch a barrage fire.

This charge on a three-mile front filled the men with enthusiasm. The horses were brought within a short distance of the firing. On the left the Warwickshire and Gloucester Yeomanry came into the action line. They got half-way across the swamp, and were several hours under the heavy howitzer and mountain gun fire, but as Hamimah could not be carried before night, the first and second light horse withdrew at dusk so the men and horses could get a rest.

The wisdom of the charge over the desert was shown by a crowd of Turks rushing helter-skelter from their positions, doubtless fearing that the mounted men would meet them with steel. During Friday morning a few light horse, with fixed bayonets, and using their rifles as lances, charged into a party of astonished Turks.

Another Big Crop For Saskatchewan

Many Districts Will Harvest Almost as Much as in 1915

Regina, Aug. 7.—With normal weather prevailing until cutting time the farmers of Saskatchewan will be confronted with the problem of harvesting a crop which in round figures will consist of 125,000,000 bushels of wheat and 100,000,000 bushels of oats, with barley and flax thrown in for good measure. The Department of Agriculture for the province estimate that the acreage of wheat will this year be 6,058,441, that of oats 3,025,210, slightly in excess than three hundred thousand of barley. A decrease of 826,433 acres in wheat is thereby shown, but the increased sowings in barley and oats and flax brings the net loss in area down to 622,026 acres.



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Deutschland Seen Off Newfoundland

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 13.—The German submarine Deutschland, which sailed from Baltimore for Bremen, was sighted on Sunday night last off the Grand Banks by the Norwegian S. S. Meteor, which arrived here to-day.

Capt. Johnson of the Meteor, on his last trip out from Baltimore bound for England, encountered the Deutschland going into Baltimore. What he saw of the vessel at that time makes him positive of his identification of the submarine which he sighted off the Grand Banks.

The Meteor was in the regular steamship lanes making for Philadelphia when she sighted the undersea boat. It was getting dark at the time the submersible was encountered. The submarine circled around the Norwegian steamship and then heaved her eastward course.

Trouble in Greece Only Beginning

ATHENS, Aug. 15.—The trouble in Greece is just beginning, is the opinion of a neutral diplomatist here.

"King Constantine cannot logically accept the result of the coming elections calmly; for they seem almost certain to mean the return of Venizelos to power, and Venizelos is determined at any cost to make it impossible for a Greek sovereign ever again to seize the reins of power as Constantine has done. But I believe Constantine will actually abdicate before he will consent to surrender or any part of his prerogative.

"Still worse, from the King's point of view, is that Venizelos, returning to power, is expected to bring Greece into the European war on the side of the Allies. They say that Venizelos and his followers are already placing orders for the necessary munitions and armaments for the Greek army in that event. Can you see Constantine leading his men against the forces of his brother-in-law, the Kaiser, while Venizelos, whom he regards as his arch-enemy, governs the country in the Royal name?"

From outward indications, the King, as leader of one of the two political parties, still has good hopes of defeating Venizelos in the elections, but even should this hope fail, he may pick his crown on a last attempt to override the election itself.

Yes, you can get prohibition by buying ice-cream that ain't fit to eat.

THE JARCON OF DIPLOMATS

Novelist's Account of Dialogue Before the War

(Both Tarlington, in the Metropolitan.)

Studying the case, the public discovered that there is a horrible kind of jarcon in use among diplomatists. It should be done away with as soon as possible, for it is seventeenth century, not twentieth; but it belongs to the repulsive courtesies of the duello, and will probably be found necessary so long as nations remain duellists. Our public was shocked to find that governments use euphonies to cover blasphemies; they talk freely of throat cutting, ear-splitting, and disembowelling, but always in words that suggest the degeneracy of some morbidly truculent collage professor, save as cold cream and sinister as Sitting Bull. Now, disentangling the meanings and releasing them from "diplomatic usage," we found that the following bit of dialogue had preceded the war:

Austria (to Serbia)—"You scoundrel, get down on your knees and eat ten mouthfuls of dirt! Do it in one minute, or I'll shoot!"

Russia (to Austria)—"I'll shoot you if you do. (To Serbia)—Eat all the dirt you possibly can; do your best to keep him from shooting. I don't want to have to shoot."

England, France and Italy (to Austria)—"Please wait a minute. (To Germany)—Austria is your brother; he does exactly what you tell him to do. Ask him to wait just a minute longer before he shoots. We can arrange this to satisfy Austria if you'll get him not to shoot."

Germany—"No."

Serbia (on his knees and swallowing)—"There! I've eaten nine mouthfuls, and I will eat the tenth if you'll give me just a few seconds for digestion."

Austria—"No, your minute is up and I shoot."

England and France (imploping Germany)—"Please stop him! You are the only one who can. Won't you say a word to stop him?"

Germany—"No."

Russia (beginning to load his old-fashioned shotgun)—"I hope you'll stop him. See here, Austria, can't we talk things over and see if there isn't a better way out?"

Austria—"Perhaps we could if—"

Germany (interrupting)—"Russia, quiet loading that gun!"

Russia—"I can't while things are in this shape, but I will quit loading at once if Austria will promise not to shoot Serbia."

Germany (interrupting)—"I love peace and I have done more than mortal may to preserve it. The sword is forced into my hands, evidently by God, and I defend myself." (Draws two well-oiled and loaded pump-guns of a magnificent new model and begins to shoot, while France and England run home to get their guns.)

Search as we might, we could find no true substitute for this dialogue. We have read and listened eagerly—yes, anxiously and hopefully—to everything the Germans had to say; we wanted to see the case of their government in a happier light; but nothing altered the substance of the governmental conversation just given.

16 Suits Are Filed Against Cunard Line

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—Sixteen suits against the Cunard Steamship Company, Limited, for damages aggregating \$1,099,000, growing out of the loss of the Lusitania, were filed in the Federal District Court to-day by Hunt, Hill and Betts, representing the plaintiffs. Seventeen more suits are to be filed in a few days. The complaint in each case filed was precisely the same.

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THE BLOODHOUND

No real reason exists for the common belief that the bloodhound is a fierce animal, ready to tear the person whom it may be tracking to pieces. It is, on the contrary, rather noted for its gentleness, even seeming timid, unless specially trained to attack. The origin of the breed, according to Count Le Couteux de Can teleur, the greatest living authority on the subject, is from St. Hubert of St. Hubert's Abbey in the Ardennes. It dates from the earliest ages, and the breed certainly existed in the time of the Gauls. As regards the name bloodhound, the Count Le Couteux believes that when fox hunting in something like its present form was instituted it was found that the sleuth hound was not fast enough for the purpose, and the present foxhound was evolved from various material, and about this time it became usual, in speaking of the old hound of the country, to call him a bloodhound, meaning the hound of pure blood (as might be said of a blooded horse) to distinguish him from the new hound or foxhound.

Will See the War To a Finish

Chatham, July 22, 1916

Dear Sister,—I now take pleasure in answering your most kind and welcome letter of the 26th of May which came to hand but a few days ago, so you see it was a long time coming. I was beginning to think that you had all forgotten me as this is the first word I heard from home since April when I was in Hospital.

Well Annie, I have nothing worth relating to you. Things are running very smooth with me now, the wheel revolves so easily that I can scarcely find it going around. I am quite well now, and I hope you all are the same. I do not feel anything the worse for all the suffering that I went through while I was in the Hospital. I was there three months from day to day, so you bet I know just what Hospital life is like. I do not want to go in any more if it is God's will, I have enough of it, but then I am not going to give up for that, I am going to carry on my work in the navy, as I have signed on for the duration of the war, no doubt you will all be surprised when you read this.

I suppose you were expecting me home for good. Ah! No. I could not do that, my nerve would not allow me to give up now when I have come so far. If God spares me I will see the end of it and come home victorious, and that will be the best of all. I would not be able to give up like some chaps did and go home and the war not near finished. There are some fellows leaving here and going home every week. I am sure I don't know what they are thinking about.

There is one thing that I would like, and that is conscription in Newfoundland, so as to force some of the young men to come. Then they would have to come and no thanks to them. That would show them up a bit, seeing they did not have the pluck to come on their own accord.

You said father had written me, I have not got the letter yet, I would like to get it so as I may find out who are his crew this summer.

In the first part of this letter I said that I would not be home, as I had signed on for the duration of the war. I now find I will be home, if I am spared, as I have a month's leave. It will be very good to a month home with one's own. Some old Reserve men asked for a month's leave and it was granted, so I did the same. Orders came through from the Admiralty for all Newfoundlanders in Depot that have been here over a year to have a month's leave home.

I think I have said enough for now. Remember me to mother and sisters. I cannot say what time I will be coming, but will let you know later.

Your loving brother,
PERCY.

(The above writer is Percy P. Coles, formerly of Brooklyn, B.B.)

Big Copper Purchase In United States

NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—Manufacturers supplying the allies with munitions are negotiating for the largest copper purchase ever made in the United States.

The amount required will be 250 million pounds—about 15 per cent. of the country's entire prospective output for 1917. At present prices \$70,000,000 will be involved.

The agreement on prices is the only detail that is being up the order. One of the principals in the deal is away from the city, and when he returns the order will be completed at once. This it is expected, will be in about three weeks.

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