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The King to American Soldiers.

(London Times.)
The letter which the King has written to the American troops, "on your way to take your stand beside the armies of many nations now fighting in the Old World the great battle for human freedom," is addressed to American soldiers as individuals, and a copy of it will be given to each of them. This we believe is a departure from precedent, but it is none the worse for that; and the message has certainly been made abundantly and with a wise intention. It symbolises the spirit in which the men of the United States enter the warfare. Theirs is the conviction of right, animating every individual. They are no mere units in a machine, though they have that to play and have shown already that they know how to play it. We read to-day in a message from the United States that the forecast of Mr. Baker, United States Secretary of War, that early in this year there would be more than 500,000 American



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troops on this side of the Atlantic, has been surpassed already. Many have been for some time in the fighting line. Their work begins to tell. As their numbers grow, as the rapid process of their training comes to completion, it will tell more and more. Necessarily the progress of the training of the American divisions is not a subject fitted for descriptive accounts at the moment, but we shall violate no confidence if we say that we have excellent news of it. The Americans have set themselves to learn as rapidly as possible the intricate business of modern war. They are keen, open-minded, very quick to learn, and that the quickest way to learn it is to take advantage of British and French experience. This adaptability is just what those who know the real genius of their country would have expected. The King says truly that "the Allies will gain new heart and spirit in your company." To this we may add that the self-deception of the enemy about the impossibility of the American Army's ever reaching France must by this time be wearing most unpleasantly thin.

Following is the message of welcome written personally by His Majesty:
Windsor Castle, April, 1918.
Soldiers of the United States, the people of the British Isles welcome you on your way to take your stand beside the armies of many nations, fighting in the Old World the great battle for human freedom.
The Allies will gain new heart and spirit in your company.
I wish that I could shake the hand of each one of you and bid you God speed on your mission.
(Sgd.) GEORGE, R.I.

12,500 Sailors Killed.

Sir Albert Stanley, announcing in Parliament the new badges, said 12,500 men of the Mercantile Marine have been killed since war began, and the amount paid to dependants is about £170,000 a year. The rate of these pensions is engaging the attention of the Government.
Mr. Peto suggested a permanent pensions scheme for the Mercantile Marine.
Mr. Wardle promised the Board of Trade would consider whether there could be built up on the war-risk scheme a system which would give adequate pensions for the widows and children of all men who have lost their lives in the service of their country in the Mercantile Marine.
MINARD'S LINIMENT USED BY PHYSICIANS.

The Real British Officer

(From the Brockville Recorder.)
That the American soldiers should not judge the British officers by the peculiarities of their manners and speech, is the warning given to the "Sammyes" by Lieut. Macquarrie, of the Royal Field Artillery, who advises the Americans not to be coarse in any "joshing" lest they be classed as "rough-necks." In "How to Live at the front," Macquarrie says:
"If you see on one of the platforms a young officer wearing a monocle, very smartly turned out, and looking rather pleased with himself, the fact that on the stage in America you have seen a similar fellow does not pardon your calling him 'Algy.' Nothing will happen to you for doing it, because you will be able to dart back among the others. On the other hand, it will have the effect of making the said officer regard you as a bunch of roughnecks, and his opinion of you and your army will be prejudiced. Later, when you have been to the front and seen a similar officer looking precisely the same, just as well turned out, even with the monocle, standing in precisely the same way in the midst of great danger and heartening his men in a well-bred voice, your ideas will change. I met a New Zealander in a hospital once who had been driven mad while out on a fearful patrol after the battle of Loos. During this patrol, while he was creeping along, quite close to the Germans, he found two guard officers, both wearing monocles. With their corporals they were all that was left of their platoons. Standing in a big shell-crater, talking in a perfectly

modulated tone, they were discussing the haunting of the year before. My friend got down with them and they offered him some sardines. My friend had to continue his patrol, but he later heard that a few hours after the incident the officers were both killed. Perhaps such British officers may appear to you to be fops and almost effeminate, but I desire to remark that you will find them very brave men."

Letter of Sympathy.

Mrs. Martin, 8 Sebastian Street, has received the following sympathetic letter from the Secretary of the Newfoundland War Contingent Association, referring to the death of her son Pte. James J. Martin, killed in action April 13th, 1918:
LONDON, 17th May, 1918.
Dear Mrs. Martin,—Please accept my very sincere sympathy in your loss. I am most truly grieved; after all you had gone through in the way of anxiety it is very hard. You must try and remember what a brave soldier he was, and how proud everyone must feel who knew him, for all the work he did for his Country. Just at first that will not be what you will think most about, but later it will comfort you, I feel sure, to know that although his life was not a long one, he had time to do great things in it.
With much sympathy,
Yours sincerely,
S. KNOX, Secretary.
Mrs. Martin,
8 Sebastian Street,
St. John's.

Holy Fire Ceremony at Jerusalem.

A Tribute to British Order.
On May 4 there took place in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, at Jerusalem, the annual ceremony of the kindling of the Holy Fire.
In Turkish days it was the custom to provide a guard of not less than 600 soldiers in order to keep peace between the Greeks and Armenians, as disorders almost invariably occurred. On this occasion there was no guard of any kind other than the ordinary police, and the ceremony took place without any sign of disturbance.
The ceremony of the Holy Fire—at which, it is held, flame comes by a miracle from Heaven to kindle the lamps of the Holy Sepulchre—apparently began in the ninth century, and was formerly attended by leading representatives of all the churches. These have long ago withdrawn from it, and it is now attended by members of the Greek and Armenian Churches, mostly ignorant pilgrims of Eastern Christendom. Many enlightened members of the Greek Church discouraged the ceremony, as the vast crowds of frenzied people attending it had to be kept in some sort of order by Turkish soldiers. At the appointed time a bright flame of burning wood appears through a hole in the Chapel of the Holy Sepulchre, the rush to obtain this new fire is overwhelming, and it is handed on from taper to taper until thousands of lights appear. A mounted horseman takes a lighted torch to convey the sacred fire to the lamp of the Greek Church in the Convent at Bethlehem. In 1854 hundreds of lives were lost in the violent pressure of the unruly crowd.—The Times.

Household Notes.

Cocoa should never be made too thick.
Water is the best and cheapest drink.
If eaten slowly fats will not upset the liver.
It is better, if possible, never to wash meats.
Onions and macaroni scalloped are a very good dish.
Fresh air is one of the best of pacifiers for babies.
Pie crust will not crisp if not baked in a hot oven.
Always air the dining room first thing in the morning.

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