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Tales of the Turks

Two Good Turns By A War Correspondent.

The Turks are not naturally a sea-going people, and there are many good stories told of Turkish naval enterprise. One of the best concerns an officer who was ordered to take his gunboat to Malta for some needed repairs which could not be effected in the shipyards of the Golden Horn. He set forth, and got through the Dardanelles in safety. Then he studied his charts. But these had been folded up so long that their folds had become frayed. So he conscientiously stuck the broken pieces together, with the result that portions found themselves where they did not rightly belong. On his guidance he sailed the seas!
For months that warship traifed round the Mediterranean coast, until the gallant commander, his coal gone, his stores exhausted, had burns up his desks and cabin fittings to keep the vessel going.
Then one day he found himself at a place he recognized as the entrance to the Dardanelles; and managed to struggle through to his home anchorage.
Whereupon he put on his best uniform, long boots and "gilt spurs," and went ashore to report at the Admiralty. The Minister received him sympathetically, but our hero was just a bluff seaman, with no flowers of speech in his vocabulary.
"Malta, Yok," was his report. (There is no Malta). This was accepted, and the following week he was made Under-Secretary of the Admiralty!

Mr. Frank Scudamore, who recounts this delightful story, in his book, "A Sheaf of Memories," is one of the most celebrated of war correspondents, and, naturally, has had many interesting experiences.
During the Greco-Turkish war he was watching the opening artillery duel from inside an important Greek fortress, and when the firing ceased at dark, he and a fellow correspondent sought a quiet spot where they might write their despatches undisturbed.
This was not easy to find, as everyone was so pleased with the results of this first day's work that merry parties were being held all over the place.
At last, however, they came upon a storeroom of sorts, in which was a profusion of great and small cases, and long boxes, together with innumerable bulging sacks.

This, writes Mr. Scudamore, was obviously the place for us. We settled ourselves on a couple of sacks, and placed two candles on another such bag that lay between us.
We had been working for, I suppose, a couple of hours, when suddenly a curious noise came from the doorway. I looked round. At the entrance stood a Greek officer, his face ghastly white, his eyes dilated, and his lips parted. For a moment I stared at him, perplexed. Then he pulled himself together.
"Mr. Scudamore," he said in Greek and very quietly, "will you bring me that candle." I hastened to pick what was left—it wasn't very much—off the sack.
"And the other went on the dull voice. I picked that up also and strolled towards him. He seized them both, flung himself back against the wall of the corridor, and laughed long and hysterically. Then after a moment he took me by the hand.
"This is the powder magazine," he said, "and your candles were planted on a sack of explosives. Had they burnt another inch, not only would the fort have been blown up, but with it the whole Greek cause."

Do you want a pleasant evening and a delicious cup of tea? Come to George Street Lecture Room, March 17th.—mar17,4f

Unusually Warm Summer Forecast

PRESENCE OF MANY SUN SPOTS WILL CAUSE SUN TO SEND MORE HEAT.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Those who cannot stand the stifling heat of the city during the warm months had better pick their shore and mountain retreats early this year—for the coming summer will be unusually hot.
After studying a report giving the daily values of the sun's heat since 1920, experts of the Smithsonian institution have concluded that the solar heat during the last two years has been below normal, but that it is now coming back strong, and will arrive at normalcy by this summer.
It is all a matter of sun spots, according to the experts. When there are few sun spots, as in 1923 and 1924, the sun burns low, like a fire that is not stirred. The time for many sun spots is now approaching and, like a fire when the fresh coals are raked forward, the sun will soon send out more heat.

See the gentle peasant maidens and rough citizen soldiers of France in "Footprints," on St. Patrick's night, at Cochrane St. Lecture Room.—mar15,11

Athirst in the Desert

How The Servance Of A Custom Nearly Cost Two Men Their Lives.

The most desolate stretch of country on the face of the globe outside the Polar regions is that which has been christened "The Dead Heart of Central Australia," lying north and west of Lake Eyre.
Only along certain routes, and at certain seasons of the year, it is traversed by caravans of camels in charge of Afghan drivers. But even camels cannot exist indefinitely without water, and to meet this need the Government has put down bores at intervals along the caravan routes to Queensland and the North.
The routes between the bores are patrolled by members of the Australian Mounted Police, and it is to two of them, Messrs. G. Horne and G. Aiston, that we are indebted to much interesting information concerning the country, contained in their new book entitled, "Savage Life in Central Australia."
These stony, wind-swept plains are known as "the gibbers," a native term, the origin of which is obscure. On the gibbers men lose their way and die for want of water.
An important part of the duty of the police patrol consists in trucking down those unfortunate who have become "bushed" on the gibbers, and while thus engaged Mr. Aiston himself came within an ace of sharing the fate of the man whose life he was trying to save.
He had set out on the trail of a lost Afghan camel-driver, taking with him a comrade of the mislasing man. After riding hard all day they came upon what the crews had left of his horse.
The next day, till late in the evening they followed his unmistakable tracks, for obviously he was nearly finished.
First they found his turban. Further on, strewn along the ground was the rest of his clothing. And at last they came upon the body of the intemperate camel-driver, who had died for want of water.
Aiston had laid down, leaving the Afghan to fill in the grave, when, happening to glance in his direction, he was just in time to see the last precious canteen of water being emptied over the sandy mound, in conformity with some Mohammedan burial custom.
He yelled aloud and jumped up, but it was too late. "Me make flowers grow" was the only explanation vouchsafed by the optimistic Afghan, whose religious scruples quite outweighed his fear of perishing.
In the morning they set out on the return journey—with empty canteens. After two days' journey they reached a shallow well, known in Australian parlance as a "soak"—to find it had gone salt.
Their horses collapsed and they were compelled to finish the last stages on foot. Fifteen miles out the Afghan stumbled and fell in his tracks, unable to walk any further.
Aiston struggled on, though delirious from thirst, and the next thing he remembers is lying under the bored water trough at the station and listening half-consciously to the beat of hoofs as his comrades galloped out to the rescue of the Afghan.
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Anglo-American Co-Operation

London Daily Telegraph: The possibility of the British and American battle fleets being arranged against one another in action is not one to be contemplated. Any such development would not merely be an act of madness from the standpoint of both these branches of the English-speaking race, but might prove the death-knell of the peculiar phase of liberal civilization which both peoples have done so much to promote. Their continued co-operation is essential to the well-being of humanity. It was in that spirit that this country abandoned its traditional Two-Power Standard nearly four years ago, and agreed to the ratio of equality in capital ships. If any other conception than that of continued joint participation, side by side, in consolidating the peace of the world had been entertained on this side of the Atlantic, the people of this country, in association with their partners in the Dominions, would certainly not have responded as they did to the courageous lead which was given by the late President Harding, or have given to Mr. Hughes unqualified support in arranging the details of the Treaty.

Get a glimpse of London and the world at large at George St. Lecture Room, March 17th. mar12,4f

Why Are Russians Buying Flour?

The very large order for Canadian flour which was recently received from the Russian government, amounting to some 1,500,000 barrels and worth approximately \$12,000,000, treated some surprise in view of the

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fact that the Bolsheviks were thought to be none too flush as regards gold, or its equivalent, and people are wondering how the money was raised, for it is taken for granted that no credit in the ordinary acceptance of the term.
From one conversant with the deal we are informed that Russia has for months been preparing for this purchase. Jewels, works of art, furs and other articles that are readily ex-

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It has been pretty generally accepted that this flour was purchased to relieve the famished areas of Russia. However, our informant is of the opinion that such is not the case. His view of the situation is that the purchase is purely military; that the Bolsheviks are going to start something and that the flour purchased will not get beyond the army and the powers that be. In other words the Russian peasants and a goodly share of the population of the cities still have to fend for themselves.
As philanthropy has never entered seriously into the present Russian Government's plans, the view that it

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