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The Duke of Westminster has been invalided home from Egypt. Like hundreds of other British peers, the Duke has done his "bit" in this titanic struggle. The Duke is the richest peer in Great Britain, owning a large section of the business part of London, and was already famous as an aviator, polo player, hunter and all-round sportsman. He added to his list of achievements by defeating the Turks in Egypt, and generally making himself useful in that far-off country. Some three months ago he excited very favorable comment as a result of taking an armoured motor car section many miles into the desert and smashing up a Turkish encampment. This is not his first taste of war, however, as he served in the Boer War as A. D. C. to Lord Roberts. Two years ago when hostilities opened he was attached to the staff of Gen. French, but found staff work too tame, and got transferred into the real fighting game. During the retreat from Mons he particularly distinguished himself by saving the life of his cousin, Capt. Grenfell. The Duke is thirty-seven years of age.

Prince Louis Francis of Battenberg, the youngest son of Admiral Prince Louis of Battenberg, has just graduated from Davenport and has been attached to the battle cruiser "Lion," the flagship of Vice-Admiral Sir David Beatty. His elder brother George, is a lieutenant in the navy, and has been serving since the outbreak of war on the battleship "New Zealand." The father was First Lord of the Admiralty at the outbreak of war, but owing to his German connections was forced to resign his command and retire to private life.

Dr. Bernardino Machado, President of the Portuguese Republic, is the "man behind" that country's entry into the war. Some months ago Portugal got ready for the fray by seizing thirty-six German and Austrian vessels at anchor in the Tagus. Since that time the country has been taking stock of its resources and is now putting an army into France to fight alongside her ancient ally the British. Dr. Machado became President of Portugal about a year ago. He was formerly Portuguese Minister at Washington, and also spent some years in Portuguese East Africa, where he became a close friend of the late Cecil Rhodes. Then followed a term as Ambassador to Brazil, from which country he was recalled to assume the premiership and later the presidency of the Portuguese Republic. Machado, who is a man of great wealth, was educated in England, which probably accounts for his marked friendship for that country.

The Crown Prince. Seven German princes have fallen in the field to date, but none of the six sons of the Kaiser are among the list of those who have made the supreme sacrifice. Undoubtedly, the Kaiser, the Crown Prince and their war lords were responsible for the outbreak of hostilities, while the Crown Prince kept up his reputation as a blood-thirsty individual by slaughtering his men at Verdun. He himself, however, has kept at a safe distance, and it is said that there is quite a sentiment growing up in Germany against the Hohenzollerns for the care they are taking of their own hides, while other princes and heads of dynasties throughout the Empire are being killed off.

Mr. W. J. Carrique, of Montreal, whose death has just occurred, was president of the Canadian Street Car Advertising Company, and was known from end to end of the Dominion. Mr. Carrique was born in Halton County, Ontario, forty-four years ago, and for some years was connected with newspapers, first as advertising manager of the Hamilton Herald and later as advertising manager of the Ottawa Citizen. He resigned the latter position a dozen years ago to organize and take over the management of the Canadian Street Car Advertising Company. This controls advertising space in the street cars in every city in Canada, a connection which made Mr. Carrique known to the business men in all parts of the Dominion. He is survived by a wife and three children.

Thomas Mott Osborne.—There was a good sized riot the other day in Sing Sing when Thomas Mott Osborne was restored to his former post of warden. The riot was the expression of the prisoners' joy at having Osborne returned to them as head of the Sing Sing Prison, a position he was forced to relinquish a few months ago until charges against him could be investigated. The head of the Sing Sing Prison is one of the most unique characters

in the United States. Some years ago he was a millionaire manufacturer in Auburn, N.Y., when he became interested in prison affairs through a prison located near his factory. He then took up the study of crime and prison management, and among other things voluntarily entered a prison to see what life on the inside was like. About a year and a half ago he was appointed Warden of Sing Sing, and then set about applying Golden Rule methods to the management of that institution. This aroused the hostility of certain factors and Osborne was accused of mismanaging affairs and of misdemeanors, but he has been cleared of the charges and returns to his post. A few years ago he was a candidate for Lieutenant-Governor of New York State, and has always been a prominent factor in the politics of the country.

Brigadier-General J. Lyons Biggar. — It is now Brigadier-General J. Lyons Biggar. The announcement has just been made that Col. Biggar, director of transports and supplies of the Militia Department, has been promoted. Col. Biggar has had a busy time since war started two years ago, as he had to look after the transport of soldiers from their recruiting stations to training camps, and from there to England. The efficiency of his work is shown in the fact that not a single mishap has occurred to either a train or troop-ship. The new Brigadier-General saw service in the South African War and repeatedly made efforts to go overseas in the present conflict, but has been kept at home where his valuable services are now recognized. He has a son on the firing line.

Italian Royal Family.—The members of the Italian Royal Family are taking an active part in the fighting with Austria. A few days ago the King of Italy entered Gorizia at the head of the Italian troops. His son, although only in his early teens, has been acting as a boy scout, helping guard stations and acting as a guide. The Duke of Aosta is in command of the Italian Forces which defeated the Austrians a few days ago. The Duke of Abruzzi, a first cousin of King Victor Emmanuel, is admiral of the Italian Fleet, which has bottled up the Austrian navy in Pola and Trieste. In many respects the Duke is the hero of the Italian people, being one of the most romantic and picturesque figures in Italy. He is wealthy, handsome, fond of adventure, and has already made a name for himself as an explorer and big game hunter. Among other things he has climbed Mount St. Elias in the Yukon, conducted an expedition through the wilds of Central Africa, and climbed some of the highest peaks in the Himalayas.

Vilhjalmur Stefansson.—A message has just come through from the far north stating that Vilhjalmur Stefansson, the Arctic explorer, is safe. He sailed from Victoria, B.C., in June, 1913, on a four years' exploring trip in the Arctic Regions, but his ship, Karluk, was crushed in the ice and for a time it was believed that the whole party had been lost. Stefansson was born in Manitoba in 1879, and has had a most chequered career. He was educated at various universities in the United States and has been in turn a farmer, a cowboy, a school teacher, a life insurance agent, a lecturer, a newspaper reporter, a missionary, and a college professor. Between times he has explored Iceland, the Mackenzie River District, and then spent four years in the Arctic Regions, where he discovered data relating to the country. His present trip was made under the auspices of the Dominion Government. A short time ago a relief ship was sent from Seattle to try and find Stefansson and his party.

General Panyotis Danglis, ex-minister of war for Greece and chief of the general staff during the first Balkan War, has been "fired" by King Constantine from his position as aide-de-camp. Danglis was minister of war in the Venizelos Cabinet of a year ago, and only recently was elected president of a league formed by the adherents of Ex-Premier Venizelos to counteract the influence of the Greeks who favored a connection with the Germans. Evidently the King is determined that Greece shall not go to war on the side of the Allies. Danglis, who is an able soldier, is generally credited with being one of the inventors of the famous French three-inch gun, the "seventy-five" millimetre which has been doing such havoc in the present war.

Major William Congreve.—Those who remember the part played by Walter Congreve at the Battle

of Colenso, in South Africa, will regret to know that his son, Major William Congreve, has just been killed in the present war. At the Battle of Colenso Col. Congreve won the Victoria Cross for volunteering, along with the only son of the late Field Marshal Lord Roberts, to recover the lost guns. Congreve was wounded, but managed to bring back his mortally wounded companion, young Roberts. Since that time Congreve has been promoted and is now a general. He rendered very efficient service during the present war, services which were more than equalled by his son, who has just given his life for his country. At the Battle of St. Eloi, Major Congreve captured, practically single handed, seventy-four Germans, of whom two were officers. For this work he has been recommended for the Victoria Cross, and already has received the Distinguished Service Order and the French Legion of Honor. Young Congreve was married less than two months ago to a daughter of Cyril Maude, the well known English actor.

Sir George Turner, formerly Premier and Treasurer of Victoria, and one of the outstanding men in the Australian Commonwealth, has just died. The late statesman had a lengthy political career, holding practically every portfolio in the gift of his native state before he became Premier of Victoria in 1894. Later he was treasurer of the Australian Federal Government, and a member of its National Federation Convention.

Dr. John B. Murphy, of Chicago, one of the world's great surgeons, has just died. Dr. Murphy had an international reputation, people coming from all parts of the world to place themselves in the hands of this famous surgeon. By many he was regarded as the world's greatest surgeon, and in the medical world his name was a household word. He was born in Wisconsin in 1857.

Major Geoffrey Parnell.—At a time when Ireland and Irish names are occupying a large place in the public eye, the announcement that Major Geoffrey Parnell has fallen on the field of honor will recall the part played by the head of the family, the famous Charles Stewart Parnell. Parnell is the seventh officer of the family killed at the front in the present war, but there are seven more still fighting, some in the North Sea, some in France, some in Salonika. The head of the family, Lord Congleton, is serving as a lieutenant on board Admiral Sir David Beatty's flagship.

Gen. Sir Archibald Murray, who inflicted such a crushing defeat on the Turks east of the Suez Canal, has already made a big name for himself in the present conflict. He was with Gen. French in the retreat from Mons, was twice mentioned in despatches and praised by French. He was later appointed Chief of the Imperial Staff, going from there to Egypt. General Murray was born in England in 1860, educated at Sandhurst, saw service in Zululand and in the South African War, where he was dangerously wounded and won the D. S. O. and other decorations. Previous to the outbreak of war he was Chief of the General Staff.

Col. Arthur Lee.—Canadians will be specially interested in the announcement that Col. Arthur Lee, for five years professor at the Royal Military College, Kingston, has been knighted as a result of the services he rendered in connection with the manufacture of munitions. The new knight, like so many of Britain's big men, has served in many parts of the world. In addition to the years spent in Canada, he was military attaché to the British Ambassador at Washington, and took part in the war between the United States and Spain. On his return to England some sixteen years ago he entered Parliament, where he has been regarded as one of the best students of Britain's military and naval problems. Lee went to the front at the outbreak of war, but later was recalled and given charge of an important post in connection with the manufacture of munitions.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen, first Provisional President of China and the real creator of the Republic, has just returned to his native land after years of banishment. During the regime of the late President Yuan Shi Khi, Sun Yat's presence was not tolerated in the Celestial Kingdom, and he was forced to live in the United States. Under the new order of things he has been enabled to return to his native land and it is said his old time influence will again be exerted. Sun Yat was educated in the United States and is generally credited with being thoroughly imbued with Occidental ideas.

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