weight had to move with it. It might

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Mobilization of the Bal-

kans Would Mean a Quick

Finish to Turkish Cam-

London, May 28.—Commenting

on the situation at the Dardanelles.

"The latest news does not en-

the central European powers.

The Shortest Road.

"The shoreest road both to Con-

upon which Bulgaria claims rest.

manoeuvring will allow escape from

At all these places the same regu-

lations apply. Cafes, theatres and

moving-picture houses are closed:

inside; carriages and automobiles

are forbidden to use electric or gas

lamps, and the use of brilliant lights

inside houses is forbidden. Railroad

stations are darkened. People re-

gard this as most significant. A spe-

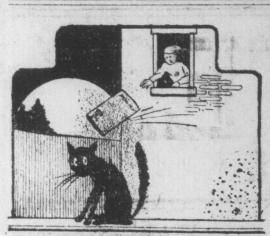
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kept at Bologna because of the lo-

posts have been established on the

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TO THE ALLIES



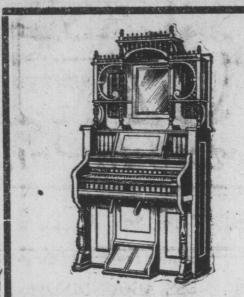
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PECULIAR HISTORY OF H.M.S. 'TRIUMPH'

How a Miscalculation in Gun Construction Was Overcome

The good ship Triumph is one make coil the barrel has to rest in a truly British battleship to pay toll before bored steel cradle, lined with the the Turkish gate to the Black Sea. smoothest of bearing metal. Huge There is only one other ship like the recoil cylinders, filled with glycerine Triumph in the navy; and when that and water or oil have to be attached sister ship, the Swiftsure, has equal- to the cradle, to absorb the shock of led the Triumph's record for effective the recoil. Running-out springs, also work in the present war, the British very heavy and flexible and strong, people may feel that they made a have to compress under the blow good bargain after all when the two and, when the force of the recoil is ships were bought in 1903. spent, the spring rush the gun barrel

The Triumph and Swiftsure were (sixty tons) back again to firing posibuilt in private British shipyards for tion, four feet along the cradle. Chile. They were not entirely of the The centre of gravity of all such re same high standard as warships markable automatic mechanism, and built for the British admiralty. They of the breech-block and the telescopic were lighter in construction, and car- sights and numerous other parts all ried a main armament of guns differ- have to be arrived at and allowed for. ent from the British naval pattern. After months of designing and cal-British ships comparable with the culation, the ordnance engineer hav-Triumph are armed with pair 12-inch ing arrived at a definite result, the guns, and they carry a secondary ar- drawing is issued to finish the gun mament of 9.2-inch or 6-inch guns, cradle with trunnions complete. When The Triumph's main guns were pair the Triumph's 10-inchers were finish-10-inch, with a secondary armament ed and mounted in their cradles a misof 7.5-inch guns. The 10-inch gun is calculation appeared. The trunnions not favored in the British navy. Con- were off then centre of gravity. The sequently the purchase of the battle- gun barrels, instead of balancing ships completing for Chile, and known horizontally, tipped down at one end. under construction as the Libertad ut what could be done? The cost of a and Constitucion, introduced an odd 10-inch gun is perhaps \$40,000. The sized gun into the navy. Special 10- Triumph's 10-inch twins could not be inch shells had to be manufactured, scrapped. They were placed tenderand special stores and spare parts ly in their cradles, and each one had kept for the two ships, re-named Tri- to endure a huge cast-iron balance 1st Battery and it is a tough sight.

The reason for buying two odd have done all right for Chile. But the sized and more or less experimental British naval standard is something am writing this between the lulls in given much publicity at the present Triumph has played a brave part in and Russia. It got abroad in the Bri- - "The Citizen." tish press that Russia intended to buy them from Chile. Two such battle- BULGARIANS ships added to the Russian navy might have altered the balance of power to a menacing degree against Japan. A section of the press made great outcry against Russia being allowed to ac-A quire the Libertad and Constitucion. There is no evidence that Russia actually intended to buy them. Indeed it has been said some other European power would have been the actual purchaser. But the settle the matter the British government became part of the British navv.

Now the Triumph is at the bottom the Daily News says: of the Mediterranean Sea, it is interesting to recall a peculiar feature of courage hopes of a speedy decision. her 10-inch guns—a feature probably Face to face with a prolonged camnever before given to the public. Ow- paign in the Dardanelles and with ing to a miscalculation in the design, need of a good base, we are comthe Triumph's 10-inchers were con- pelled to see the necessity of diplocondemned to go about the seven seas matic strategy co-operating with with what might be described as a military and naval strategy. If we millstone around the neck of each can mobilize the Balkans we can gun. The millstone took the form of finish the Turkish campaign quickly a mass of cast-iron acting as a bal- and open up a new line of attack on

In the designing of a big gun, where the barrel may weigh forty tons, or sixty or even as high as eighty tons, stantinople and Vienna lies through accurate balancing of all parts is a Bulgaria, for Bulgaria is the key to very important matter. A well-design- the Balkans. It is not necessary to ed big gun is usually so accurately argue over again the ethical ground balanced it can be elevated and depressed by hand machinery: although An alliance with Bulgaria is of great it would only be in case of emergency value to the allies. It is worth the -such as in the event of the hydraul- price, asked and can be obtained ic or electric power being cut off only by paying the price. These are that the gun crew would be called up- the naked elements of the situation, on to operate the big twin guns by and no fine phrases and no subtle

To get the palance of the gun cor- them.' rect to within a few pounds it is essential the gun trunnions are fixed THE ADRIATIC at the right point-on the line of the centre of gravity. The trunnions are the pivot points of the gun for elevating and depressing; if they are too Every Precaution Taken To far forward, then obviously the breech ale end; if the trunnions are too near

The ideal gun will lie perfectly level with orders issued by the authorities in its cradle with the trunnions highly ties, all port onthe Adriatic are finished and smoothly fitted into their now in darkness at night. This rebearings in the gun carriage; and, gulation includes Venice, Ancona, without any locking device or check, and Brindisi, and it is being made the long barrel-perhaps fifty feet to apply also to certain inland cities tween the Meuse and the Moselle, we finely balanced that the pressure cia and Udine.

of a hand will tip it up or down. It is plain the work of calculating the true centre of gravity, for fixing the trunnions, is a task calling for the most minute accuracy. The centre of gravity of the gun barrel and all moving parts connected with the barrel, has to be worked out in the early designing of the gun-before it is made. In the old days of the cast-iron muzzle-loader the trunnions were cast on as part of the gun barrel. The modstructed. The barrel is turned coil freely when fired. In a 12-inch gun the barrel will recoil four feetthe whole sixty tons of steel barrel jumping back four feet in one-fifth of

To take care of such a terrific re- at Milan.

NERVE-RACKING WORK ALONG YPRES CANAL

Colonel E. W. B. Morrison Describes His Position

In a letter to Mrs. Gilbert Allan, of McLeod street, Col. Morrison, D.S.O., commander of the 1st Artillery Brigade, gives an interesting account of his command. Their homes front on the Driveway and Col. Morrison's local reference in describing his position makes it quite clear. In part the letter reads:-

"We are sleeping in deep holes cut in the Ypres canal bank so that if a 'Jack Johnson' lights it saves burial expenses. Perhaps this sounds flippant, but fater this continuous day and night performance a wound is looked on with joy, and death as pretty near what the preachers unctuously term 'a welcome release.' British colonel commanding a brigade near me here has gone crazy, but up to date I am feeling fine, and my horses are safe.

"It is just as though we were dug into the banks of the canal in front of our house, and the enemy is methodically dropping shells among our brigade, as it were, from the Ottawa East bridge to the Deep Cut. Each one is like a car of dynamite exploding. As they work along this way I don't know whether to be glad or sorry. However, my officers and men are working their guns as coolly and cheerfully as if firing a salute.

Shell Takes Three Men. "Now they are 'blacks mithing' the The telephonist tells me three gun sergeants are gone with one salvo. I you particularly, but it may give an idea of our life from hour to hour in this great battle. The variation consists of occasional salvoes of shells' containing poisonous fumes which make our eyes water and smart and our throats dry up.

"I wish some of those 'deal gently with Germary' people were there. would shackle them to my gun wheels until they had a change of

"However, give the thanks of my elf and my men to our club. know of nothing more useful they can do than make socks and make them thick, notwithstanding the warm weather. They wear longer.

"Our 1st Division has been sadly cut up, but Canada and Britain have had value received for every man who has 'gone west.' They were providentially in the right place at

"Thanks for passing on news of the brigade. I am very proud of it No men could do their work better and there is not a sign of let up."

THE OPINION OF MAJOR MORAHT

Germany Will Depend Large ly on Artillery to Win **Decisive Victories**

Rotterdam, May 28.—Reviewing the war situation in the Berliner Tageblatt, Major Moraht, while generally very optimistic, says with reference to Italy's interventions:

"Germans must not expect that in one conquering fight our flags will be carried to their goal. Good news will alternate with bad, but our confidence, which has withstood the greatest trials, need in no way b

Western Situation

As to the situation in the west **Evade Possible Attack** "The allies chose an unfavorable By Aviators

point in the line for their spring offensive, and the question now arises, will they try their luck in a new Rome, May 28.— In compliance district when, perhaps, their Italian auxiliaries have answered their cry

Italy's Artillery

"The active artillery fighting belong and weighing sixty tons-will be like Milan, Bologna, Verona, Bres- must look upon as preparation for coming events by our enemies, for they can only attempt an offensive there after our artillery has been street cars run with only one light pect at all of this and as Italy's artillery does not stand at such a height that it can strike a decisive blow, we can answer our new enemy's guns with our usual calmness.

Division of Forces

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