QUEEN'S MESSAGE TO BRITISH WOMEN

Her Majesty Calls on Women of Empire to Work For Good of Country.

A despatch from Ottawa says:—The following message from her Majesty the Queen to the women of the Empire has been received by his Excellency the Governor-General:

"A few months ago, at the height of our anxiety and strain, I sent a message in the name of the women of our lands to our men fighting for us across the seas. Now, in an hour of thankfulness and hope, I should like to give a message to the women of the Empire. During the war they have been given the high privilege of service; they have risen to the great opportunity, and have proved their courage, steadfastness and ability. I have been allowed to watch and appreciate their work in many parts of the country, and my heart is full of admiration and gratitude for what I have seen.

I earnestly trust that though the toll and clamor of war is over, the spirit of self sacrifice and helpfulness which it has kindled will not wane in the coming days. A new era is dawning upon the world, bringing with it new difficulties, fresh responsibilities and serious problems to be faced. Parliament has secured for the whole Empire glorious opportunities of more splendid and varied education, but it will depend upon the parents whether these opportunities are used to the full.

I believe that plans are afoot for an end to the existence of overcrowded housing as we have known it, almost impossible, more than ever the Empire needs workers, for in the large industrial centres and industrial districts are daily taking a more important place.

Let us be united in all our work and in our hearts, in our sufferings and our sorrows, in our hopes for peace, let us go on with the same unity and resolve that inspired us during the years of war.

(Signed) Mary R."

LAST BARLEY TO LAST UNTIL MAY

Will Open the First Week in January.

A despatch from Paris says—The Allied conference will reassemble on December 16 or 17. The meeting at the Foreign Office on Quai d'Orsay, and not at Versailles, as Premier Lloyd George, the British Minister, expect to come to this city to meet President Wilson and attend the conference, but the latter is expected to visit Great Britain and Italy before coming to Paris.

The opening session of the Peace Congress probably will be held the first week in January. The sessions will be for the consideration of the preliminaries with the view to the early settlement of the terms, which will be presented to the enemy delegates at a later session.

The Congress have not as yet been announced, but it is understood that it will be three members of the British Empire, and possibly a fourth, the British delegates will be Premier David Lloyd George, Foreign Minister Arthur James Balfour, Chancellor of the Exchequer Andrew Bonar Law, George Barnes, Labor member of the War Cabinet, and a fifth delegate not yet selected. It is anticipated that the deliberations will last about three months and, unless unforeseen circumstances arise, that final action will not be reached until early part of May.

FIRST DREADNAUGHTS SURRENDERED AT WILHELMSHAVEN

A despatch from London says—The first battleship visiting Hercules with a British delegation aboard, escorted by a squadron of light cruisers and destroyers, arrived in the Firth of Forth Thursday, says a despatch from the Exchange Telegraph Company from Copenhagen.

Wilhelmshaven is the port of the German naval station at Wilhelmshaven.

Prince Renounces Succession to German Throne

A despatch from Paris says—Prince Frederick Wilhelm has decided his right to the German throne.

A despatch received in Basle from the semi-official Wolff Bureau quotes the Crown Prince in renouncing the throne as having said:

"I announce formally and definitely my claims to the crown of Prussia and the imperial crown which would have come to me by the renunciation of the Emperor-King or for other reasons.

"Given by my authority and signed with my hand. Done at Wieringen, December 1, 1918.

(Signed) "FREDERICK WILHELM."

Conscription in Europe May be Abolished by Congress

A despatch from Dundee says—The British representatives at the Peace Conference will demand general and absolute abolition of conscription throughout Europe.

A BRITISH GUNNER'S NOTEBOOK

GRAPHIC PICTURE OF LIFE IN A BATTERY

Some Realistic Impressions of the Battlefield When the Guns Get Busy.

A lark singing in the sky, with the rosy morn breaking over the plain! But what do we care for natural sensations with 5.9's raining in every direction? The Decaville railway receives a direct hit just outside the battery, and two ribbons of twisted rails sticking straight up in the air bars the ammunition-train that its progress is barred. That bursting shells for a distance of a hundred yards, which causes the crew to be mightily glad because it leaves them outside the little patch of devilish fire which is now a prominent feature of our battery position.

Driving our weary gunners from their hollow pits, and break the news to them. One thousand rounds to be humped, and only forty men to do it! No wonder they shake their fists at the invisible Hun gunners on the other side. Up all night humping shell and gas and what not to the gun-houses in the battery, and then to-morrow fifty hundred-pound shells!

A man launches a half-crazy laugh which we feel his utter indifference to anything that might happen. A shell comes down and the laugh is no more, Jim has gone—merely evaporated into space. Nobody even cries. Poor Jim indeed! Poor fellows. They have to carry on, and Jim has entered a better life. Envy? Well, envy is a mild term for what some of them feel.

The Fear They Have.

Hell behind and before! Hell on every side!

With what rare relish do we feed the guns. Somewhere yonder our shells are falling. We can almost feel them fall and quiver with delight. Shells huge, yellow-painted shells, lie about—blue everywhere; boxes of fuses piled with utter disregard of order; handspike and oil and ropes, and the reek of sweating humanity.

That's the stuff to give 'em! That's the stuff to give 'em!" ever the cry goes up.

You cannot separate the sounds that beat like a muffled drum on the inward ear. All are combined in one mighty roar of battle. The shriek of one shell stands out alone. That is the one clearly defined note that leaps above the tumult, and that you feel rather than hear.

Over yonder behind the pall of smoke and separating sea one feels that even a pale reflection cannot come. Thank God, imagination has its limits, and people are spared the hell. A man wrote from somewhere in Fleet Street that fear has been killed for ever. I could write like that in Fleet Street, having never been there.

But there is fear, overwhelming, horrendous fear, that petrifies the brain and freezes the heart. Fear, not of death and pain, but for the future of mankind—fear that human ideals based upon illusion, that truth is never to be snowed under a crushing weight of hypocrisy and unreason, that horror unknown may be transmuted into "glory everlasting."

By the night descends we are out across the fields, turning to glance momentarily at the blazing mess of material in the battery. We shall go there again when the fire slackens, and clear up the rubbish that remains. Then shall belch fire at the Huns two shells after with a fresh pile of shell in our direction.

The Meaning of it All.

We are in the village now, half encircled by the Hun line.

The dreadful thing happens in the night, when the hideous sound of war is magnified to a deafening roar, and the sky is ablaze with star-shells and gigantic fountains of silver light. The shells come, gas-filled and murderous. The little streets are filled with a hissing, and the deadly vapor drifts into house and cellar.

Ere the dawn breaks we go back to the guns, filled with insensate madness, to batter and pound away at the unseen foe over the hill. Do we need incentive beyond that which springs from the craving for retaliation? I think not; but if we did we should find it in these very streets, in the terror-struck woman that is running out and away from it with the babe in her arms coughing and choking from the deadly fumes it has inhaled.

We begin to feel that the man who laughed missed something after all. He missed the glorious chance of putting in a blow for that frenzied woman and her choking, dying infant.

Pruning Currants.

The only pruning currants require is to occasionally cut out the old wood and shorten the most vigorous of the young growth. If too many shoots appear and the plants become crowded, a portion of them should be cut out, so the air and sun may reach those remaining. All dead and diseased shoots should be cut out every year and the most vigorous ones preserved.

Boys' boots can be made almost waterproof by rubbing often with melted mutton fat and vaseline.

FUNERAL OF GENERAL LIPSETT

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Funeral of General Lipsett near the lines. Taking the coffin from the gun carriage. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales following the coffin.

FAMOUS HERO OF THE EAST

ALLENBY'S EXPLOITS OBSCURED BY VICTORY

Mighty Events on Western Front Distracted Attention From Amazing Feats in Palestine.

At any other time General Allenby's victories in Palestine and Syria would have made him the most famous man of his day, says the military critic of the London Times.

So complete was his victory in the Plain of Esdraelon that after it his advance to Damascus and Aleppo was obviously conditioned not by any resistance that the Turks could offer, but solely by the success with which the difficulties of transport could be overcome. The result is, that everything that General Allenby has since done has been taken for granted, and the press of more tremendous events elsewhere has prevented his exploits from being estimated at their real value.

There are two main routes between Asia Minor (which really belongs to the European system of geography) and Asia proper; one along the shores of the Black Sea, to which belong Trebizond, Erzerum, and the routes through northern Armenia into Persia, the other along the southern shores of Asia Minor, through the gates of Silicia into Syria and Mesopotamia. The occupation of Alexandretta would mean that we had definitely crossed the pass between the Asiatic Empire of Turkey and its European extension.

The tide of conquest (in this case we ought rather to say of liberation) has usually flowed the other way, but General Allenby has taken his place in the long roll of generals whose exploits have been transfigured by the romance of the East. Alexander the Great was not the best soldier of antiquity, but his campaigns have undoubtedly fired the imagination of more famous soldiers than any other campaign in history.

It has taken two British campaigns—that of Mesopotamia and that of Palestine—to cover the span of Alexander, but let it never be forgotten that the British army in this war has covered the span of Alexander, and that as a kind of extra to its chief business on the Western front. Truly, we live in the days of the heroes.

Policy in East Defined.

There is room for a clearer statement that has yet been attempted of the problems of defence in the East, and, above all, it is necessary that the identity of our interests as an Asiatic power with the cause of liberty should be vindicated. The tyranny which a phrase like imperialism can exercise, even over noble minds, needs very careful exorcising, for on that depends true appreciation of the true ends of British policy in the East.

Briefly, these ends are twofold. In the first place, we desire to maintain our old policy of setting up buffer States between possible enemies and our Indian empire. This buffer state in the past was Turkey, but Turkey has proved her unfitness, after long and patient trial, to fulfill what was her true role in the East. She can never again be trusted as an imperial power, though it is to be hoped that there may be a future for her in the parts of Asia which are still mainly inhabited by people of Turkish race.

Secondly, in place of the old Turkish obligarchy we propose to set up an Asiatic Balkans, consisting of a new Jewish State in Palestine, a new Arabia, an autonomous Armenia, and a revivified Persia. Our system of buffer States is no longer to rest on alien misrule of a magnificent estate, but on the creation of a number of new States, each renewing its ancient and onpressed patriotism in the fires of this world-war. Very imperfect justice has as yet been done to the grandeur of this political reconstruction even in this country; in other countries, and especially in America, its elements are hardly yet grasped even by those who, if our policy were better understood, would feel the warmest sympathy towards it.

Conditions of Success.

What are the conditions of success in the new experiment that we are making? They are these:

First, there must be an end of Turkish rule under any form in the provinces of Arabia, of Palestine, Armenia, and Mesopotamia. If we are creating new States in which the experiment of freedom is to be tried, let us do it boldly, and have done once for all with the old policy of relying on Turkey. Oil and water will not mix. By no incongruity can we reconcile the philo-Turk traditions with the new policy of reconstruction in the Near East.

Secondly, more work needs to be done on the difficult problem, which has troubled thousands of years of statesmen, of the delimitation of frontiers. Whatever political solution is reached, the idea of a condominium must be definitely rejected. If we are setting up a Jewish State in Palestine, let us do it whole-heartedly, in reference alike to the historical past of the Jews in Palestine and of the problems of the future defence of the country. On such questions as these, which are partly military, partly political, there is no one who can speak with such authority as General Allenby, and he should certainly be given a voice in their settlement. Similarly with regard to Armenia and Mesopotamia, no one is more competent to speak on these mixed questions of politics and strategy than those who have taken a part in the direction of the Mesopotamian campaign.

One's only fear with regard to the East is that future settlement should depend on accidental and extraneous political circumstances. Those who have made history in the past and present should make it in the future. It is for the politicians to lay down the general conditions—in this case the great ideals of our settlement. These should, however, be interpreted by those who know these new countries, their geography, and all that is comprehended in the phrase "political strategy."

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MINERAL WEALTH OF BALKANS

Peninsula Can Become Immensely Rich, Says Red Cross Worker.

The mineral deposits in the Balkans are of such extent that the Serbs, Bulgarians, Greeks and Roumanians may make the peninsula immensely rich after the war if they quit fighting and settle down to business," says a Red Cross worker who spent eight months with the Allied armies.

"Why, the principal pastime of a lot of French soldiers there was washing out the gold from the river bottoms. The mountains are rich in coal, copper, zinc, lead, gold, silver, iron and oil. This is particularly true of the territory claimed by the Serbs. Last winter the soldiers about Monastir kept themselves warm by digging coal. I saw one group of soldiers dig holes two feet down and strike a six-inch vein of coal, and on digging further down they struck a vein which did not give out after a depth of eighteen feet.

"In going about among the poor families of the country I frequently found them in possession of pieces of almost pure gold. They told me they had picked it up out of the beds of nearby streams.

"Austria and Germany expected to open up the East by their Bagdad railway and pick up the Balkan wealth as they went along.

"The only way to settle the Balkan question seems to me along racial lines, making the Serbs an independent State. I am of Serb origin myself and have studied the question. The Serb State ought to have its boundaries determined by a neutral commission speaking the language and going carefully over the ground. If this is not done, if the boundaries are determined arbitrarily, there will be more trouble.

"The Serbs have not yet lost their spirit, despite all their war troubles. During the last advance on the Bulgars and Germans the Serb soldiers fought savagely, and when wounded let the surgeons operate on them without flinching, despite the absolute lack of ether or chloroform. All the wounded asked was a cigarette during the operations."

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In addition to these apprehensions the Germans feel keenly the humiliation at the idea of leaving Alsace and Lorraine. While the Germans acceded in giving newer parts of Metz a Teutonic appearance, and have given German tone to town life so far as participated in it, those Germans who immigrated or settled there as functionaries or merchants have themselves undergone mental modifications.

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