

ANZAC VALOR RIVALS OLD CLASSIC TALES

Admiration Is Won by Deeds
in Egyptian Campaigns.

YANK IS CLOSE FRIEND

Men and Officers Stick Close Together—Australians' Plain Clothes Democracy Shocks.

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EGYPT, July 5.—The most important of all the discoveries of the last five years in Egypt and the eastern desert has been "Australia." Out here in the oldest part of the world, amidst the ruins of successive ancient civilizations, this new nation has fixed its place in modern history and established for all mankind's admiration the character of its people. Where Homer sang and Cleopatra loved; where the Pharaohs built and where the Israelites wandered, there Australian and New Zealand soldiers have been, to erect for themselves a reputation that will live above the old designation as a place of kangaroos and emus and gold fields and sheep ranches.
Australia lost cruelly of the flower of her youth at Gallipoli, but she found her soul, utmost consciousness and solidarity, and reverence of the nation's mission among men, have been born over here in the Egyptian desert.
Troy, Sparta, Greece, Rome, Judea, Egypt, have no nobler stories of valor and sublime heroism than credit than may be given to the young men of the unknown land beneath the southern cross. Vaguely, the world has heard that the Anzacs, for when I write of Australians I would include always their kindred New Zealand comrades—fought nobly at Gallipoli and in Palestine and in Egypt; when the full story appears it will be a thrilling revelation. I do not know who will write the book unless it be Captain Bean, the official correspondent, but every intelligent American will want a copy.

Classic Tales Outdone.

Point for point, it will outmatch the classic tales. What was Marathon compared with the ride of a wounded Australian, with one leg and one arm off, on horseback, across 40 miles of terrible desert? All the wounded in one Palestine battle got to medical aid only after this incredible experience.

The public has heard how the Arabs of the Arabian desert or Hajar forces captured Damascus, but it does not know that the Australian light horse troopers had the city surrounded, waiting for the Arabs to come up, because ordered to do so.

In the first battle of Gaza—one of the mysterious disasters of the war about which still swirls the mists of mystery to be done—the British troops were ordered to retire, after the city had been surrounded and the victory had been practically won. A considerable force of the Australian retired right straight through the city, stopping within the walls for a time!

That is typical of these "wild Australians." They prefer the audacious deed. Nobody has to urge demons to hold back. During the Cairo troubles an Australian private was found, apparently intoxicated, on a street corner in a dangerous neighborhood.

"Man, don't you know you're liable to be killed any minute. Get out of here, quick," cried an alarmed officer.

Anzac Look for Trouble.

"Gosh! That's all right. I'm only the butt; there are 15 of my pals around the corner."

An Anzac looks for trouble. More than once I have seen one of these tall fellows wade into the midst of a scene of excitement and straighten it out, while more convention soldiers were looking on from the rim, wondering whether they should mix in.

Six troopers of Anzacs were at Port Said when the Egyptian insurrection broke loose. Their equipment, including horses and arms, had been turned in. They were homeward bound for demobilization. Within two days that force was up and down the railway lines, at remote power houses and scattering over the land to put the fear of law and order into the turbulent mob. It would have fared ill with the British in Egypt had it not been for the presence of these fearless and efficient men from overseas with their genius for meeting emergencies.

To the Egyptian the very name "Australian" is a terror. More friendly to the natives throughout their sojourn here than other soldiers, the Australians are swift and severe when action is needed. Indeed, this very efficiency and unconventionality of the Australian soon won him a reputation at the hands of both British and Egyptians for disorder and excess. He was made the scapegoat for all the misdeeds of the army. Was a village burnt? The Australians did it—even though there were no Australians within a hundred miles. Was an Egyptian held up and robbed? The Australians did it—then though the victim said the soldiers who attacked him wore caps and not hats. Were there disorders or other lawbreaking? The Australians did it!

Discipline Is Strict.

So far as my own personal observation of the troubles in Cairo went, the Australians were kept in better discipline and more closely under the direction of their officers than any other troops except possibly the Indians. On certain notable occasions when I saw the soldiers loose the Australians were conspicuously absent. There must have been almost daily struggle between the general staff and the Australian staff over the lightly flung charges. For your Anzac is not the sort of a man to sit silent under undeserved imputations; and the officers, who have competition, and kept them because they are fit, stand by the men to the limit. Australians may have a democracy among themselves that horrifies a European officer; but it has made a wonderful army, second to none in the world, in proportion to its size.

Two stories concerning Australians have now an international vogue. The first is a favorite with the Australians. During the early fighting in France an English officer was asked about the Australian troops. "Oh, they're very good soldiers in battle; they fight jolly well. But they're socially impossible, you know."

The other story is current with the British and Americans. After the big push in France that brought the Americans into action an Australian officer who had been brigaded with the Yanks was asked by King George the all-prevalent question, "How do the Americans fight?"

"Very well, Your Majesty; but they are a bit rough." Anybody whom the Australians call rough may be written down as in no wise ladylike.

Anzac and Yank Friendly.

As an important matter of history, it should be known that the Australians and Americans have a keen affinity for one another. Their antecedents and environment and spirit have taught them to think alike. Australians want to go home via America. I have been

as surprised as pleased to find the real essence of the Australian troops from the top to the bottom to know America better.

And assuredly it is the duty as well as the privilege of America to cultivate closer friendship with these congenial spirits far to the southwest of us, who are leading the way to the solution of problems kindred to both nations.

Upstanding, outspoken, unconventional, the Australian is himself alone. Only pioneer peoples like the Canadians and Americans understand him—except the Scotch. Between the Tommy and the Anzac there is what Charles Lamb called "imperfect sympathy," but Jock is a man whom the Australian heartily likes. It is of more than passing interest that this war has discovered a real affinity between the Americans, the Canadians, the Australians and the Scotch. If Armageddon comes again, these four will be found standing together.

Practical Joke Enjoyed.

Like all out-of-door men the Australians are practical jokers. It was they who hung a nose bag on the big bronze horse which the effigy of Ibrahim Pasha bestrides in Opera square, Cairo.

During the early days of the insurrection, when airplanes had put a wholesale dread of punishment from the skies into the hearts of all rioters, and even Cairo was familiar with the sight of these low-flying policemen, a British Australian and the British played upon one of the popular cafes where effendis gather. Two Australians stood in front of the cafe, quickly gathering to themselves all the effendis and his watch in his hand; both scanned the air. For two or three minutes the soldiers stood, alternately looking at the watch and at the heavens. Then, with a notion of desolation and haste, they strode rapidly away.

Instantly the cafe customers, some with guilty consciences, saw that a bomb was to be dropped upon them, scampered away in panic, stumbling over one another and the tables and chairs in their mad haste to get from under the expected air raid. From across the street the Australians watched the success of their little joke, laughing heartily the while.

Australians' War Records Good.

All sorts of surprises await one who is observing the Australians. From a new country, with a total population of but 5,000,000, one might reasonably expect only the pioneer qualities with edge a bit ragged—"diamond in the rough," you know.

Instead, it is found that Australia has developed scientific efficiency to a degree that suggests New York or Chicago rather than the wide spaces of this virgin land. War records of all sorts are kept by a card index system with a completeness that delights an American. One may learn the essential facts about any one of Australia's 60,000 soldiers within a few minutes.

How completely equipped the Australians have been, in essentials as well as in such auxiliary matters as the Y. M. C. A., nursing sisters, etc., is known to all who have come into touch with the Anzacs. They are also the highest paid soldiers in the war, a fact which has subjected the men to cruel exploitation by the harpies of the great cities.

The Australian staff has completed while awaiting demobilization an extraordinary set of maps and charts covering the position of every Australian unit in every section and at every stage of the fighting. Historians will not have to rely upon the time-dimmed recollection of survivors for the record of Australian troops in the campaigns in France, Gallipoli and Palestine. It is all down in print, on map and chart and strategic diagram. War colleges of the world will find a rare set of Australian documents to study.

War Work Is Recorded.

That is a matter of technical interest. For the average person there are photographs and paintings, the work of experts, covering every phase of Australia's activities in the war. Some of the most interesting pictures of the Holy Land ever taken are those made by the official Australian photographers. These are supplemented, in the case of Gallipoli and Egypt as well as Palestine, by paintings made of the spot by officially appointed artists who are creating a great Australian war gallery—which, it is to be hoped, will be sent on tour through Great Britain, Canada and the United States ere it settles down to its permanent home in Australia.

What seemed humanly impossible was gloriously done by the Anzacs at Gallipoli and in Palestine; their achievement has discovered Australia and New Zealand to themselves and to the world. Now we may expect from these returned soldiers, dauntless argonauts as great in spirit as in physical frame, a new world message in literature, art, prophecy and statuary. Australia will be heard from in the tomorrow of peace as she has been heard from in the today of war.

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Old Scheme of Flooding Foreign
Countries With Cheap, Trashy
Goods Is to Be Abandoned.

COBLENZ, Aug. 30.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—German manufacturers are planning to rehabilitate their world trade by a "new policy," according to a writer in the Deutscher Handel Warte of Nuremberg. It contemplates nothing less, he says, than abandonment of the "flooding" of foreign countries with trashy goods.

Admitting that the outlook for German exports is "unfortunate," in view of the progress in manufacturing made by Japan, America, England and other countries, the belief is expressed that these nations are so busy trying to increase their industrial production that they are becoming lax in the matters of beauty, quality and price.

Quality Now German Aim.

"America seeks to drive Germany from the world markets," says the article. "The entente concerns itself also with working against our exports in neutral countries. Yet all this cannot scare us. It is thereby made clear what boundless esteem exists for German manufactures in enemy countries. The goods which are best, most beautiful and cheapest will find their way into other lands."

"Through improvement of our scientific methods our government must promote German export business. The means are already at hand. We possess research institutes for coal, iron, leather, textiles and food chemistry. We must step in rather along this road. Besides, professional schools are to be improved in order to raise the general level of labor. Technique and science must work together to save the raw material."

Business Renewal Promised.

"Already foreign firms are seeking German goods. In Berlin a German-American merchandise exchange has been organized. A number of American chambers of commerce have raised the demand to renew business with Germany as soon as possible. It is known that in South America there is a great need for German wares. The sharp competition which is already apparent between England and America will be profitable for our exports."

"The earlier flooding of foreign countries with trashy goods will cease. We shall lay emphasis on goods of quality, for only the best value products will henceforth gain entrance to the world's markets. If peace and order can be restored in the fatherland then we need not be uneasy about the outlook for the future."

CORK WANTS U. S. TRADE

COMMISSION WILL PROMOTE
IRISH INTERESTS.

Project to Make Galway Great Trans-
Atlantic Port Calls for Big
Expenditure.

DUBLIN, Aug. 10.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The Cork industrial development association has decided to send a commission to the United States to promote Irish trade interests there, and Irish manufacturers and other buyers or sellers in the American market are showing keen interest in the enterprise.

In this connection the reports of five Irish banks are made public. They show that the amounts they hold on deposit and credit accounts total \$96,000,000, being an increase of nearly \$25,000,000 over last year. It is estimated that when the results of the Royal bank and of the three Belfast banks are



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known and added the total Irish bank deposits will be seen to be about \$150,000,000.

The project of making Galway a great trans-Atlantic port has been revived. The scheme proposed would cost \$2,000,000 of which parties interested would put up \$700,000 and ask the government to supply the balance. A deputation to the government has been arranged.

Since the Irish housing bill has passed through parliament the local authorities have submitted for the approval of the local government board proposals for 224 sites comprising more than 1934 acres. Of these 41 have been approved already covering 789 acres and sufficient for 5556 houses. The city housing activity so far is in Munster, which has put forward more than half of the projects.

St. Helens 37th Legion Post.

With \$6 local posts of the American legion already organized in the state, St. Helens promises to make the 37th, announced Attorney Berge E. Leonard, state treasurer, yesterday. At a meeting at the city hall of that town next Wednesday evening it is expected to elect temporary officers and apply to the state organization for a charter.

George A. Gore of St. Helens is active in the interests of the organization. Mr. Leonard and others may go from Portland to address the meeting Wednesday.

Chinese Vegetable Peddler Beaten.

Hun Dun, a Chinese vegetable peddler, appeared before Deputy City Attorney Lansing at police headquarters yesterday and swore out a complaint charging an unknown Italian vegetable man with assault and battery. The Chinese displayed a badly battered face as gruesome testimony of the assault. He said the Italian beat him up because he refused to sell a sack of corn for \$1.

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