

### ALLIED ATTACK ON DARDANELLES IS NOW DECLARED HOPELESS

Losses in Land and Sea Attack on Gallipoli Have Been Tremendous.

### MANY SHIPS DESTROYED

Mo Fewer Than Six Battleships Ruined by Well Directed Fire From Turkish Ports.

By Captain Lothar Persius.

Berlin, Nov. 10.—(I. N. S.)—Dr. Ashmead-Bartlett, correspondent of various London newspapers, wrote as follows on October 29, under the heading of "A New Armada at the Dardanelles."

"Our mighty armada should have struck terror into the hearts of the Turks, but that stubborn and extremely stupid people have little or no sense of fear, and were probably rather flattered at the immensity of the force brought against them. After all, this same armada failed to force the Dardanelles."

Up to now Ashmead-Bartlett had shown himself as a serious-minded journalist, worthy of respect. He has given us many a valuable elucidation with regard to that unhappy enterprise at the Dardanelles. But his latest perversion of his—his attempt to cover a valiant opponent with abuse—must in itself be regarded as another proof of the complete hopelessness of the English action in trying to find the way to Constantinople. To disparage your enemy is always a sign of demoralization.

How do things stand today in the matter of the Dardanelles enterprise?

### Allied Losses Are Heavy.

Thousands of English and French seamen sank with their ships to the bottom of the sea in their vain attempt to force the straits. They were destroyed by the annihilating fire of the Turkish coast batteries, or by the torpedoes launched from German submarines. Tens of thousands of French and English soldiers met their death in their futile and repeated attempts to storm those admirably defended positions at Ari-Burnu, Gaba Tape and Anafarta.

The attacks of the allies during this eight months' war deserve to be called fantastic. The results actually achieved in contrast to the losses are negligible—in fact, almost nil.

According to the official reports, six battleships and several smaller fighting units were completely lost, eight battleships, two battle cruisers, three armored cruisers, seven cruisers, numberless torpedo boats and submarines, mine sweepers, etc., as well as transport and supply ships, were put out of commission through serious damage.

How many of these must be considered as beyond all possibility of repair and thus, out of the game so far as the war is concerned, we can not

### BRITAIN'S OLDEST RECRUIT



Charles Farmer, a veteran of the Crimean War, who offered himself for service in the British Army at the age of 78 years, after having been out of the service 44 years. And what is more to the point, he was pronounced physically sound and was made a private in the Shropshire Light Infantry.

Judge, since the repairs are kept secret. The value of the expended ammunition, most of it shot away, runs into hundreds of millions. To this we must add the deterioration of the great cannon tubes upon the batteries. A 205-centimeter or 38-centimeter rifle tube can only fire a very limited number of shots. This varies from between 80 to 200. Then the guns have to be dismantled and replaced by new ones.

The English losses on land up to the beginning of October, as compared to parliament, were 96,299. They did not include the colored troops. No one can say what the French losses were and the world must remain in ignorance of this, since the French government does not dare to publish casualty lists.

All these enormous sacrifices were made in vain, for in all human probability it will only be a question of a very short time before the last soldier of the allies shakes the dust of Gallipoli from his boots. Even now nearly all the French troops, as well as

several English divisions, have left Gallipoli.

It may be assumed that the English will try to hold the last positions on the Suvla Heights, if only for the sake of prestige involved. They may succeed in doing this for a little time under the cover of the guns of the warships. But the British army authorities need not base much hope upon this. The mass of the Turkish army is already stationed at another place, ready to meet its enemy.

### Church Bells Are Removed.

Petrograd, Dec. 11.—Nearly 3000 church bells have been removed to Nikolsky convent, near Moscow, where they are stored in a large park. The bells, many of which are of enormous size, come from the towns and villages of Poland, Courland, Lithuania and Volhynia and have been transported into the interior of the empire so that they would not fall into the hands of the Germans, who would have used them for the manufacture of shells and other war material.

### GENERAL JOFFRE WINS HIS BATTLES BEFORE THEY ARE FOUGHT

French Commander Outlines Campaigns After Consulting Large Relief Map.

### ALL IS LIKE CLOCKWORK

By Time Action Is Under Way, French Leader Is Taking His Only Opportunity to Rest.

Captain Granville Fortescue, former military aide at the White House under Theodore Roosevelt, has seen as much, if not more, of the war at close range as any other correspondent. His observations are included in a series of articles written for "The New York American" and "The Oregon Journal."

By Captain Granville Fortescue.

Forty-three days is the average life of a soldier in the firing line trenches. Keep that fact in mind. Remember that the men in the trenches—fathers, sons, husbands and brothers—men like yourselves—in many cases have but 42 days to live.

I have seen the dead, as many as 60, friend and foe, buried side by side in one of these long, narrow trenches, and the damp earth is piled on top of them, but armies take up their fighting again.

A fighting line today is run from a central office. You can understand that it is physically impossible for any general to place himself in a position where he could watch 400 miles of fighting front.

The general staff is the head office—the board of directors of the war. The headquarters of an army corps, division and brigade are the branch offices.

A network of wires connect each one of these sub-units with the active brain that gives direction to the whole military forces of France.

### General Joffre's Map.

In a room at General Joffre's headquarters there is a table about 25 feet square. On that table is a relief map, built in clay. That map shows the whole western battleline from the English channel to the Swiss mountains. Every feature of the landscape is depicted—every river, every road, every hill, every hollow, each tree, each trail, field, forest, culvert, ditch fence, mountain, is physically represented on the map.

It is as if you were poised in an aeroplane above the center of France and could see the whole country from Dunkirk to Belfort, 400 miles. Every inch of that map shows one mile of certain, dangerous ground. It runs the line of the French trenches. Beyond them are the enemy positions.

Along each section of the front a number of movable blocks are placed. These blocks represent units of the French army—a corps, a division, a brigade, even a battalion, each varying in size. The approximate force of the enemy is also thus depicted.

With this great map before him, General Joffre meets every attack and counterattack, every move of his enemy. In the room adjoining is a telegraph office. In times of activity as many as 500, or 1000 telegrams (call them telegrams, although if they are in military language they mean dispatches) arrive in a single day.

The telegraphic and telephonic aides of the general compile and classify all information instantaneously for the commander-in-chief.

The great man is left alone with his maps. His mind concentrates upon the information he has received. He foresees the object of his enemy.

A few blocks are moved on the map.

In an instant the thousands of wires that spread out from headquarters are vibrating with the message from the chief. Thousands of soldiers are set marching, artillery moves from point to point. The supply wagons, everywhere follow the fighting force and ambulances and field hospital follow the ammunition trains.

### When Commander Rests.

Like clockwork at the appointed hour a bombardment begins. It may last days, day and night, before the infantry charge is ordered. Thus begins a great battle. After the commander has given his orders, he may rest. Really that is the only time when he can rest.

Generals win battles, but soldiers aid nations. In wars, as Kitchener says, "But it is brain power that wins in every walk of life. This is as true of war as it is of peace, and General Joffre has a 12-cylinder brain."

You have all heard of the courage of the troops in the fighting line. Deeds as wonderful are done every day in this war as any that have been performed by the heroes of ancient Greece or Rome, or the splendid fighters of our own civil war.

### Officials Dismissed For Levying Graft

Warsaw, Dec. 11.—Several employees of the board of health of Lodz have been dismissed and some of them will be prosecuted for bribery and extortion. The discharged officials, who have been in the service of the city for years, tried to keep up the old Russian custom of making "extra money" in the discharge of their duty.

There was nothing wrong in this, as the bribes collected by them were always considered as "legitimate graft" not only by themselves, but also by the public, and they could not understand why things should be run different under the German rule.

The discharge and arrest of the grafters was the result of a proclamation which gave the citizens the assurance that they would not have to fear the vengeance of dishonest public officials if they reported cases of graft to the police.

### Blind Man's Thumb Print in Forgery

Madras, India, Dec. 11.—(I. N. S.)—A clever scheme to forge a blind man's thumb print has just been disclosed in the high court here. While Jagannath Chetty, a blind man, was traveling on a train, his companion, Chinniah Chetty pretended to massage his fingers and took a thumb impression, which he used for forging a receipt of payment for a certain claim he had against the other. The blind man successfully fought to have the claim paid, despite the forged receipt.

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