

In his lecture at Palmerston, Dr. Martin stated that those who fought in the battle of Marne never knew the battle was won till three weeks after, and that 10 per cent. of the wounded returned to the firing line.

Mr. W. S. Glenn, of Wanganui, the "All Black" footballer, who has decided to offer his services for military work, has decided to go to England and apply for a commission. With Mrs. Glenn he leaves very shortly by the direct steamer line.

Miss Olive Herdman, of Hamilton, sister of the Hon. Alexander Lawrence Herdman, has just arrived in London. Miss Herdman leaves for the front very shortly as a member of the Queen Alexandra Military Nursing Reserve.

A good story drifts from Egypt. A little group of New Zealand Battalion defaulters had been set to work to dig holes in which to deposit camp rubbish, no easy task beneath the burning sun. The English Provost Sergeant was called away for a time. When he returned he was astounded to see our brave soldiers sitting in the sand with pipes in full blast and intently concentrated on a game of euchre. A gang of Arabs were shovelling the sand and making the dust fly. It transpires that their services had been requisitioned for one p'astre (2½d.) each to carry through the distasteful job.

For many years past Germany has grown 50,000,000 tons of potatoes per annum, which is equal to about 15 cwt per head of the population. A great proportion of the crop is used for stock feed and for the distillation of alcohol, but this year the tubers are standing the people in good stead as a source of bread, potato flour being mixed with wheat or rye flour.

Dr. Arthur Friedlander, son of Mr. Hugo Friedlander, of Ashburton, has been instructed to proceed to the Dardanelles for service. He is attached to the Fourth Cheshire Regiment. Mr. Rudolph Friedlander, of Ashburton, has received a cable message stating that his son, Dr. Hugo R. Friedlander, has received instructions to go to the front in France. Dr. Friedlander has been at Farnham camp since the outbreak of the war. Mr. Otto A. Friedlander, the other son of Mr. Rudolph Friedlander, is at the Dardanelles, attached to No. 1 Company of the Field Engineers.

Venizelos, the great man whom Greece has declared for in opposition to the known wishes of an apparently dying—and therefore trebly powerful—King, began as a fisherman; was at different times a sheep-farmer in a very small way, and the owner of a nine-acre vineyard; later became an insurgent general and drove his present King's favourite brother out of Crete, and to-day is a barrister. The

Buenos Aires does more shipping business than any other city of the Western Hemisphere except New York, and it now ranks eighth among the great ports of the world.

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A most interesting talk on travel in time of war was given by Mr. W. B. Hudson to members of the Wellington accountant students the other evening. He experienced what war meant when he reached Marseilles. He was there impressed with the admirable qualities of the French army officer, and his attitude towards his men and their confidence in him. The Provencal temperament is supposed to be excitable, but Mr. Hudson found the Marseillaise and others in the South of France quite calm—going about their work and the war without fuss or sensationalism of any sort. And yet the disturbance of commerce must have

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King's party consists of himself, his brothers, his German Queen, and the military officers about the Court, who are pro-German for various reasons—amongst others, because they were taught in a Prussian academy. Venizelos has practically everybody else.

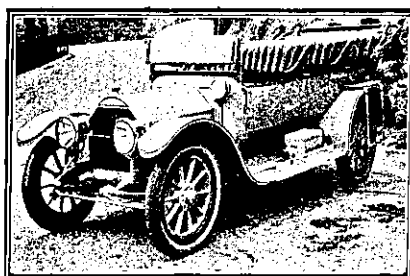
Letters from England state that Mr. Cheeseman, of Christchurch, the well-known English actor, who plays under the stage name of Templar Powell, and is now a captain in the 2nd Lancashire Fusiliers, is another victim of the ghastly work of the German savages. He has suffered severely from the effects of gas during the strenuous fighting around Ypres. The doctors told him that he had strained his heart, from struggling along when the lungs were poisoned with the gas, and his eyes were also affected.

According to a dispatch from the big manufacturing centre of Bridgeport, Connecticut, that thriving State is leading the whole of the American Union in the manufacture of war ammunition and supplies for the countries engaged in the European conflict. It was stated that factories in the Naugatuck Valley were working short-handed a year ago, but are now employing three shifts of employees night and day. One Connecticut concern, at least, it was stated unofficially, will pay a dividend of 100 per cent. on its capital stock as a result of this boom.

caused a great deal of inconvenience and some hardship. Mr. Hudson landed at Messina, which he found to be still a heap of ruins.

Italy has now passed very stringent regulations regarding passports, so that all New Zealanders homeward bound who intend to touch at Naples will have to get their passes vised by the Italian consul before leaving New Zealand. On arrival in Naples it will be necessary to report themselves to the police.

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