with the clipped mane, three white feet

and a wicked eye? Ever see him come

out of the fire engine house on a frosty

morning? What's a motor got to do

with excitement such as that? Why,

such a question is not pursued.

with their wives.

session, we have no desire to read a

customers are scarce, still pursues.

He is honest, not from policy, but

rom principle; he considers success

est?"-Columbus Dispatch.

diality.

ployees.-Backbone.

CONVERTS TO SPIRITUALISM

Dr. A. Conan Doyle a Recent Accession

WAVE SWEEPS PARTS OF ENGLAND

It is Claimed That Mothers are Getting Into Communication With Their Dead Soldier Sons-Dr. Doyle Says

That We are Far Behind Japan. London, May 24 .- A wave of spiritualism such as no country has ever experienced before is rolling over Great Britain carrying with it thousands of persons of high and low that when a man dies he in no way aland letters, with Sir Arthur Conan grave exactly what he was on this. Doyle as the leader, the movement has From their point of view, having passed assumed such proportions that when it, death is not the solemn and serious Royal Albert Hall one of the largest amphitheaters in the world is engag-

membership are the wives and mothers of soldiers slain on the battlefield, and since the recent announcement made by Sir Arthur that no less than thirty women, from his personal knowledge, have been vouch-safed the deep consolation of direct communication with their beloved lost, scores of sorrowstricken women are frequenting the

Says Movement is Leading Him. Holmes of Baker street and Dr. Watson with the needle have "passed lief of Scotland Yard) for the spinner lief to Scotland Yords) for the spinner of the most fascinating of modern detective varns has become an impassiened zealot who conceives it his duty to traverse the country avowing that the dead really live and are clamoring to be recognized. The only books that Conan Doyle will now put his pen to are books on spiritualism. Following closely "The New Revelation", will come "The Vital Message," about to be published. For his lectures Sir Arthur receives no remuneration. He is not leading the movement, he declares; it is leading him. His activities have passed beyond his control."

men and women who have taken up the cult, the quacks are reaping a rich harvest, and, though their seances are characterized by the usual tamborine playing, weird knockings, coat-throwing, table-lifting, etc., the faith of the believers is not shaken.

I attended the great memorial held by the National Spiritualist Union in Royal Albert Hall for the dead-although they do not call them "dead." It was unusually vile weather, but thousands attended. The majority wore the white rosette, the insignia testifying that the wearer believes himself to have received a direct com-

Address Invisible Audience.

It was the most remarkable meeting I ever saw. The visible audience was all but ignored; the invisible audience which all but the unregenerate believed to be actually present, was addressre made electric by the very faith of the congregation, Sir Arthur thanked the vast army whose spiritual bodies they were certain were there for the great service they had rendered civilization, the great service of saving the world from barbarism, of straightening out the boundries of oppressed nations; and the greatest service of all, in his opinion, that of proving by their manifestations that there

Conan Doyle can vitalize a speech on spiritualism with the same magic he employs in vitalizing a mystery story. He is a robustious, effective speaker, and he has the fire that comes only with absolute sincerity. Even to a rank outsider such as myself, his manner of appealing to the great khaki-clad army that has "gone west" was dramatic enough to create for a few minutes the illusion that they must be pre-

Declaring that such a meeting wa unique in the history of Europe, but not in Asia, he recalled how, after the Russo-Japanese war, Admiral Togo went to a barren spot by the seashore and invoked the spirits of his dead seamen. Standing there, Togo rejoiced with them over the issue of the war

Japan in psychical research," said Sir composed the greatest empire in the like ourselves, but the great chiefs of And with it grew the learning and the the army and navy who led these men literature of the people. At that time to battle and to death who will wel- they had the only universities in the come and thank them for their ser- world. They knew that the earth was vices. I know one army commander round long before Galileo; in the towwho is a convinced spiritualist and ers of their churches were telescopes who would rejoice to stand here and later, when the Spanish came, and address his vanished men."

"Ghost Stories" from the Trenches. Everybody knows, of course, by this time that thousands of soldiers have and the crop of "ghost stories" that

contagion. statements made by the officers and 'Aida' is composed of Arabic motifs. German fleet at Scarpt Flow. They declare unequivocally that they heard thorough investigation of the ship, we know Dante, Shakespeare, Hugo, they are convinced the sound they drum, the audible manifestation of the surprise me if a survey of how widely at Britain's latest triumph of the sea.

Severe critics have arisen to censure Conan Doyle for his advocacy of spiritualism and the publicity that is followed his statement in a recent in- by Mose Witherspoon, a negro renter, terview that "nearly every woman is an on a place belonging to his father, near undeveloped medium."

answer to a question as to how a the negro's house to remonstrate with mother could communicate with her him in connection with a question of son, "since this is when genuine the leaving the premises. Witherspoon son, "since this is when gendine the shot Horton through the head and ran have "motorized" the fire department. munication. What is done must be away. At last accounts he was being pursued in a sparsely settled section of the county over in the neighborhood that isn't sentimental. "Motorizself-deception, and in a reverent and of Great Catawba Falls.

prayerful mood. But if you are in earnest you will win through somehow for our son is probably trying on the

Sir Arthur is convinced that he has had communications from his own son and also from his brother-in-law, who was killed early in the war. He admits there are frauds, "blasphemous frauds", as he phases it, who pass hemselves off as mediums, but he believes that even through "true mediums," playful, mischievous spirits sometimes are not averse to manifesting themselves by the shaking of tamborines, eerie knocks and other freak demonstrations. Underlying Principle.

"The first principle of spiritualism," he asserts by way of explanation, "is degree. Backed by men of science ters. He is on the other side of the a gathering is held in London, the thing it appears to us. If you look at mankind you find that a great number of them are more or less shallow and

rivolous, or fond of practical jokes.

Many of the more crude manifestations

may be put down to this, and ever

some of the false ones." "The desire of the spiritual world is strongly to attract a generation that is materially-minded. What methods are pen? Suppose that beautiful messages arrive without any physical manifestation do you think they would attract any attention? Everybody would say as they did in the old days in the Bible

"Give us a sign, give us a sign!" hand, are wonderfully impressive to those who have witnessed them. We spiritualists deprecate the natural phenomena. What we attach importance to is the direct communication either through clairvoyance, automatic writing or direct voice."

Enormous importance is given by spiritualists to a seance recently held in the north of England, at which they declare, the mother of a dead soldier received a direct communication by voice. The lad had a splendid baritone voice and a favorite song which began, "When the fields are white with daisies", was constantly on his lips. "I As a result of the reputable array of shall sing that when I come back to you mother", he said when he went to

He was one of those millions who will never come back-in the flesh, at least. His mother became a devotee of the seance. She sat at the meeting in question with eight other persons. The speaking trumpet which, it seems, is necessary if spirit voices are to be it is claimed, the boy's rich voice singing his favorite song was unmistakably door for admission. The mother colthe National Spiritualist Union, three liberty engines. vouches for this story, and Sir Arthur

medium is a Mrs. B.

the latest celebrated champion of their cause, the spiritualists have a powerfal convert-getter for in addition to Page and Caproni. Where the forthe millions of friends "Sherlock Holmes" has made for him all over 15,000 feet, the Martin craft took 30 the world, he is a medical man of repute. And the fact that he is but following in the footsteps of other equally eminent men such as Sir Oliver Lodge, William James and Lombroso, gives added weight to his own convictions. Whatever reservations in regard to psychic phenomena one's own skeptical mind may make, it cannot be denied that his very ardor and sincerity, and his willingness to risk friends and acquaintances have showevangelist that appears to the minisositively alarming.

ARABS PLAYED BIG ROLE.

Had Only University in the World in Dark Ages. Few realize the greatness of the role

played by the Arabian culture through and thanked them for contributing to the Dark Ages. As Mr. Gibran told his interviewer the other day: "In the "When we have got to the level of century after Mohammed, the Arabs Arthur, coming back to earth again, history of the world-from within 60 "it will not be the average civilians miles of Paris to the heart of China. conquered, they replaced them with

"When all Europe was dark, in the Eighth, Ninth and Tenth centuries, the returned from the gory conflicts of Arabs had a school of translators of the great war with an unshakable be- Greek philosophy. The Book of Job, lief in the materialization of spirits, for instance, is an Arabic work, translated and adopted by the Hebrews." It have come from the trenches are as was their religion that forbade their numerous as they are picturesque. The sculpturing and painting of nature's Angel of the Marne who thousands of forms, but still these arts have gone inpractical, fighting men are convinced to the conventional patterns of rugappeared to them from out of No weaving. "In music, as well as poet-Man's Land on the now historic battle- ry," said Mr. Gibran, "the Arabs have field is perhaps the most familiar in- made themselves felt in the western stance. Writers, even the best of them world. The songs of southern Russia, such as Edith Wharton, caught the for example, would be well understood and enjoyed by my people, their ori-Fresh fuel has been added to bright- gin being often Arabic. Tchaikovsky en the flame by the publication of and Verdi have felt his influence; crew of the "Royal Oak" of the British Italianized Debussy told me that he Navy which received the surrendered too, had taken our motifs and built upon them some of his works."

But the adaptability of the Arabs is Drake's drum the entire time that the the great hope for Mesopotamia and British fleet was closing around the the rest under the coming new order. Admiral, captain, Mr. Gibran says that there is hardly commander, officers and men of the an educated man in Syria who does not "Royal Oak", on which the drum was know English and French besides his heard, have asserted that after a own language. "In Syria and Egypt the French poets from Villon to Maeheard was none other than Drake's terlinck," he says; "and it would not spirit of the great sea captain rejoicing Shakespeare is known among us were to show that we read him as much as

- Luther Horton, a well-to-do farm-A storm of disapproval er of Kershaw, was killed last Friday Kershaw. Full particulars of the kill-"Let her try her own powers of ing have not been obtainable; but the automatic writing," he continued, in understanding is that Horton went to

ou do, if not more.'

BUILDING OF AIRPLANES.

American Energy Met With Greater Difficulty Than It Expected. Admission that both military and civilian experts overestimated the he didn't touch his forefeet to the country's capabilities in setting out in 1917 "to accomplish the impossible task" of producing 222,000 airplanes in 12 months is made in the official history of the government's efforts to Columbus Dispatch. build up the industry made public a few days ago by the war department. Realization of this error resulted almost immediately in the placing of men Honest?" The purpose of the contracts in France for 5,875 planes of

the Spad, Nieuport and Bregeut types. The report shows that by May 23, 1918, American factories had delivered 5,270 planes, or 24 per cent of the ambitious program while the French had delivered 31 per cent of the number promised on that date. Up to November 11, a total of 11,364 airplanes had been produced in America, but these were largely training machines, fighting planes completed during the war period totalling only 3,328.

"Broadly stated," the history says, the United States produced for the army alone in her second year of manufacture, as many airplanes as England produced for her army and navy in her third year.'

Organization of the manufacturing ndustry is declared to have been the smallest of the air service's problems, an alarming shortage of cloth and varnish, or "dope," for the wings developing at the very start. Lack of an adequate supply of linen was overcome quickly through the assistance many things and some of them are of the United States bureau of standpuerile, but some of them, on the other pounds to the square inch. Production of this material was soon at the rate of 1,200,000 yards per month.

"Cotton proves not only to be an admirable substitute for linen, but even a better fabric than the original cloth," the report says. "No matter how abundant the supply of flax may be, it is unlikely that linen will ever again be used in large quantities for airplane wings."

Search for varnish to protect airplane wings resulted in the establishment of 10 large chemical plants to produce acetone, the principal ingred-

"Had the war continued," says the history, 'these new plants would have taken care of all American and Allied military needs, allowing the production of private plants to fill commercial needs.'

Development of aircraft was so rapid that frequent changes in modles and designs were before the service experts for consideration. At the time materialized, became active. Presently of the armistice, the whole production machinery had been, or was about to be, turned over to putting out a new audible, so audible, in fact, that the De Haviland, known as 9-A; the Leboy's dog, hearing the voice, came pere, a two-seater built around bounding from another part of the liberty engine, and the great Handhouse and scratched impatiently on the ley-Page machine for bombing work. Experiments also were under way with lapsed. Mr. Ernest Oaten, prosident of the Italian Caproni, to be driven by

"But American invention was able and Lady Doyle give it their entire to bring out a strictly American bombcredence. Sir Authur's own favorite ing plane that promised to supercede all other types in existence," says Undoubtedly, with Conan Doyle as plane which, with a wing spread of 75 feet, attained a speed of 118 miles per hour against 100 for the Handleyeigners required 46 minutes to climb

One entire chapter of the history is given to the evolution and preparations for the production of the liberty engine. First drawings were made May 29, 1917 and the 8-cylinder engine was delivered July 4, 1917. On August 25, the first liberty "twelve" successfully passed a 50 hour test.

"As an achievement in speed in the development of a successful new enthe shafts of ridicule many of his gine—this performance has never been equalled in the motor history of any ered upon him, make him a potent country," the report declares, quoting British officer statement that more ters of denominational religions to be than one year from the conception to completion must be allowed in such cases. The performance was possible, it added, because all the inventive and manufacturing talent of the country was turned over patriotically to the government for use without stint, even secret patents and processes being

brown into the common pool. Deliveries started with 22 motors in December, 1917. This was increased to 39 in January, 1918, 70 in February, 122 in March, 415 in April and 620 in May. By October the daily production was 130 complete machines. The report asserts that as a fair standard of comparison it could be said that the most famous British aviation engine never reached a larger produc-

tion than 10 machines a day. Liberty motors comprised about onehalf of the aviation horsepower produced in this country, the remainder geing divided between the Hispanouizas, Le Rhones, Gnomes, Curtisses, Hall-Scotts and one or two experimental types. Disappointing results met efforts to produce the British Rolls-Boyce and the French Bugatti engines in this country, this being attributed largely to insufficient data obtained

from the originators. Vivid description is given of the development of the various special equipment for war planes, such as the synchronizing device, permitting the aviator to fire through his propeller, the special compasses and sights the camera "gun" and many types of ombs. As an illustration of the adaptability of American factories, the report cites the case of a manufacturer of skates who turned out thousands of demolition bombs daily.

The Passing of the Fire Engine Horse.-Of course it is all right; it norse would be displaced to some extent But the passing of the last horse from the fire department of this city-well, "things ain't what they used to be in

gine horses rushing madly down the street at breakneck speed? It wasn't eally breakneck speed, of course; it only seemed so. Any boy could himwith it, but-speed? Why, all of us have imagined that galloping horses jumping almost straight up and down and hauling an engine at the rate of things on earth.

There isn't any more fun in the world for the boy who knew the fire engine horses by name, now that they ed," indeed! What about the "old bay". WAR BLOWN TO ISLAM.

Mohammedans Lost Heavily to Chris- ant. tians in Great Conflict

One of the most striking results of e world war is the new prestige ground until he was around the corwith which Christianity, as a world reliner; just reared up and away he went, pawing all the time with those white ley O. Howard of Troy, N. Y., points out feet. Say, but "them was the days."an article in the New York Herald, that the gigantic conflict was in no sense a Are Women Honest .- A friend has religious war. Christians and Mosent us a pamphlet, entitled "Are Wodocument and what it is about we do other. The struggle was primarily benot know and shall not know, as it tween Christian nations. In the aggrewas immediately thrown away. Any gate, however, and as an incident of the war, Christianity has made imwriting that seeks our attention with mense inroads into the ranks of Mo-Of course women are honest-and hammedanism

under the most trying temptations. The three great centers of Islamism Even if they were not more inherently Jerusalem, Bagdad and Constantihonest than men their religion would nople, have fallen into Christian hands. cause them to be honest in most cases. Judge Howard tries to envisage for us Women take their religion seriously, the significance of this one fact.

as they should. They believe in fu-"There will, of course, be absolute ture rewards and punishments to a reedom of religious worship in all greater extent than do men. They are the conquered lands of the Turkish nore sentimental, and sentimentality territories, and the Mussulman will at the bottom of honesty if you by as much at liberty to cry out to Allah as ever he was: nevertheless, If women were not honest, half the the dethronement of Moslem rulers husbands in the land would be robbed and the exaltation of Christian govevery night of the money in their pockernors will exert a deep influence ets. Probably about that per cent of upon the minds of the Mohammedan the husbands of the country do not peoples. And the advantages and setake the pains to inquire if their wives curity of the Christian civilization will need money, and a large number of have a tendancy at least to incline those who do inquire give grudgingly them toward the superior civilization. and only when they feel compelled to Moreover, their communities will be do so. Men, as a rule, are more liberal invaded by groups of Christian colowith everybody else in the world than nists, secure now against Turkish outrages and oppression, and there will The large employers of this country be intermingling of family and buswill tell you that women are more honiness interests. est than men. They are more con-

"Industrial enterprises stimulated scientious, as a rule in regard to their by western zeal and money, will spring work-and that is certainly a matter up in Jerusalem, Tarsus, Damascus of honesty. Even the I. W. W. doesn't Bagdad and other Mohammedan cities, try to induce women to practice saband revolutionize the customs of the otage knowing that the women would people. Commercial houses and mannot respond to their inducements. So ufacturing establishments will be built, with all of this knowledge in our posrailroads will be stretched, mines developed and wells bored, and all these pamphlet that asks the question right enterprises will be directed and finanin the beginning, "Are Women Honed by the people of Christian nations."

But most destructive of all to the power of Mohammedanism is the de-The Successful Man .- He pushes for feat of the sultan of Turkey. This more business in busy seasons, and, if Ottoman monarch was head of the Moslem church. His person sacred in He practises strict economy and the eyes of every Mussulman, and his loes not condescend to penuriousness. debasement and impotence must con-He pays promptly and collects as he vulse Mohammedanism to the foundapays, rather than pays as he collects. tion and shake even the fanatic faith He is courteous in manner and apof the/Islamites. preciates the commercial value of cor-

> On Purpose.-Insurance man putting questions to cowboy:

lacking self-approbation as failure in "Ever had any accidents?" "No," was the reply.

"N'ever had an accident in your life" speaks last and concisely. "None. A rattler bit me once He possesses executive ability to a though.' degree which renders him appreciative "Well, don't you call that an acciof the most valuable points in em-

"Hell, no. He bit me on purpose."

"Give your commands more clearly!"

"Yes, sir!"

"The other day one of your officers aid the colonel to the young lieuten- cleared his throat and the entire com- over in the Mayflower." pany about faced." - Detroit Free

Ouch!--He--"My ancestors cam She-"It's lucky they did; the immigration laws are stricter now."



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