

CARE OF THE WOUNDED.

The King and Queen visited the Hampstead General Hospital, Haverstock Hill, on Saturday afternoon, and had a chat with many wounded soldiers just home from France. The King greatly enjoys hearing of the valiant deeds of his Army.

It was a foregone conclusion that "France's Day" in London, on July 14th, would be a great success, for all were eager to do what they could to show their admiration for the French *poilu*, so courteous, gallant and brave. "We used to say," said a British nurse in France, "as brave as a lion, now we say as brave as a *poilu*."

The Joint War Committee of the British Red Cross and Order of St. John led off with a contri-

the work accomplished. The camp was located at San Stefano, the only place where there is a supply of water all through the summer. The staff is located in a beautiful old Greek cottage with a chapel attached, 400 ft. above the sea, with an orange grove stretching down to the shore. Near by is a flat place suitable for the building of the camp. Some old stables were repaved, disinfected several times, whitewashed, and turned into storerooms, and over them were six small rooms which were used as the first wards. The small beginning of a hospital quickly increased to 200 beds, which is now doing excellent work. Major Maude says that he has had to do with the peasantry of many lands, but has never known any so "facile" or "douce" as the Serbians. They are like large, strong children.

Major Maude describes the sufferings of many of the convalescents who, on leaving Vido, went straight from their beds to tramp nine miles through the burning sun with their packs on their backs to the French Camp for Serbian Convalescents. He picked up several in a more or less dying condition and took them home. When the supply of wood for coffins quite gave out he was obliged to invent coffins of bamboo and basket-work made on the premises. They were very pretty, and the Serbians, at first horrified at the idea, became quite reconciled. The end of some of the patients came very rapidly, especially the cases of



DECORATING A GALLANT ZOUAVE ON FRANCE'S DAY.

bution of £25,000, and a large sum has already been received, and collections are still being sent in.

The Vicomtesse de la Panouse, the charming President of the British Branch of the French Croix Rouge desires to convey her thanks to the English people for their "wonderful generosity." She is deeply grateful, and hopes to be able to send to each French hospital a token of English sympathy.

Our illustration shows a sympathetic French nurse in London pinning an emblem on a gallant Zouave, who has been rewarded for bravery.

Major Alwyne Maude, who a few months ago went out to Corfu as Administrator to the Nursing Unit despatched to the aid of the Serbian sick and wounded soldiers by the Wounded Allies Relief Committee, gives an interesting account of

extreme emaciation. They had no reserve power, and used to fall back dead in the middle of their meals.

The Scottish Women's Hospital Committee are now equipping another hospital for the Serbian Army in the East, whenever it may be required. The personnel will be entirely composed of women, the chief medical officer in charge being Dr. Agnes Bennett, from New Zealand. Dr. Bennett is a graduate of Edinburgh University. As the hospital will in all probability be a mobile one it will be housed in tents. It will have an up-to-date X-ray apparatus, a laboratory, and a fleet of motor ambulances attached to it. The personnel will number some 70 persons, and the hospital will accommodate 200 patients. Owing to the great need of hospitals, this offer has been warmly welcomed.

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