

OBITUARY

Mr. E. Ashmead-Bartlett

A Reuter message from Lisbon yesterday announces the death there of Mr. Ellis Ashmead-Bartlett, the well-known war correspondent. He had contracted a severe cold, which settled on his lungs, causing a severe congestion, and he died yesterday morning at ten o'clock.

Ellis Ashmead-Bartlett was the fourth son of the late Sir Ellis Ashmead-Bartlett, Bart., and was born in 1881. His first service as war correspondent was in the Græco-Turkish War of 1897. He was with the Turkish army, and was taken prisoner by the Greeks. Two years later he was again present at a war, but this time as a soldier serving in South Africa with the Bedfordshire Regiment. He represented the "Daily Telegraph" with the Japanese army in the Russo-Japanese War, with the French in the Morocco fighting in 1909, with the Italian army in the invasion of Tripoli, and then with the Turkish headquarters in the first Balkan War, where his dispatches were the first which really explained the situation. His book, "With the Turks in Thrace," is a first-hand authority for the war. He was with the Serbs in the second Balkan war.

The Great War found him one of the best known of the younger generation of war correspondents, and he was selected by the Newspaper Proprietors' Association to represent the London press throughout the Dardanelles campaign. He followed the campaign to its end, and then represented the London press at French headquarters in 1916. After the war he toured Central Europe, but forsook journalism for a time for politics. He had fought Normanton and Poplar in the Conservative interest in 1910, and in 1924 he won North Hammersmith for his party, representing that constituency till 1926. Later he rejoined the "Daily Telegraph" as special correspondent, and had represented that paper in Egypt, India, and through the Spanish revolution. He had gone to Portugal to report the political crisis there when he was taken ill.