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Day of rest for men.

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Telegram from Buchenow announcing the death of poor Mr. Arnold at Lisbon on his way to America. Fortunately Mrs. Arnold was with him. I have been expecting his death at any time since his stroke last spring. He practically sacrificed himself in his efforts to protect German interests in Egypt, — an absolutely unnecessary activity which accomplished nothing. He had the easiest task of any of our ^{diplomatic} ~~diplomatic~~ in belligerent countries and he made it into one of the most difficult. I did my best in 1914 to put him on the right road and instruct him in the true causes of the war but he would not listen. I am very sorry to see his life ended

a few years before his time, but if I had known exactly what had happened I would still have been obliged to take the action I have taken to have him removed.