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THE DRUMS OF THE GORDONS.
REGIMENT WELCOMES THEM BACK.
AFTER TWENTY YEARS.
-Aldershot-

The termination of an episode of the fortunes of
war. With Lieut.Col McClintock, commanding the Gordon
Highlanders, General Sir Ian Hamilton
arrives to formally restore to the
battalion its old regimental drums.
Sir Ian Hamilton was instrumental in setting on foot
and
carrying out the negotiations which resulted in their
return. The drummers who take the instruments are not those
who left them as Ostend, but three of the original men
-then boys in their teens- are on the parade ground
watching the ceremony. Two are
now sergeants, and one is a corporal. President Von
Hindenburg's gesture in handing the drums back illustrate
the chivalry which, he says, should
exist between late enemies, and is an
act of courtesy between nations now desiring peace.
The big drum embellished by a
German general's autograph will, it is
expected, be placed-1 accepted by the War Museum of
Edinburgh. There, silently, it will speak its history.
