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The Turkish Position.

Allahabad, April 1.—The Pioneer's Cairo correspondent writes:—

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An American doctor, who served with the Red Crescent, writes to the New York Times that Enver Pasha

circulated throughout Turkey in March, 1914, a sealed war summons to be open on a fixed date.

Copenhagen Conference.**Official Statement.**

Copenhagen, March 11.—The meeting of Scandinavian Cabinet Ministers closed to-night, and the following official communiqué about the deliberations was afterwards issued:—

"The conference of Scandinavian Ministers began on March 9 and ended on the 11th of the same month. The deliberation opened with a general discussion of the questions which have occupied the Governments of the Scandinavian States since the beginning of the war, and particularly since the interview of the three Kings at Malmo in December 1914.

"Various important matters which have arisen during the time which has elapsed since then were discussed. An agreement was reached regarding several special questions of practical interest both as regards the continuation of common measures which had already been taken and regarding measures to be taken in the interest of the three countries.

"The conference, which has strengthened the good relations between the three States, has even fresh expression to the desire to reserve loyal and impartial neutrality. The wish was unanimously expressed that the co-operation which has been maintained up till now should be continued, and that with this object conference of members of the Government or of other representatives of the States should take place as often as circumstances make it desirable."

The conference did not to-day receive peace deputations, but instead M. Seavenius, the Danish Minister of Foreign Affairs, received deputations. In reply to them he stated that the conference was not called to discuss foreign policy, and it would be outside and would contravene the rules laid down for their guidance to act on any outside matters. He would, however, present the appeal to his Government and inform the other Scandinavian Ministers of his action. (Ex.)

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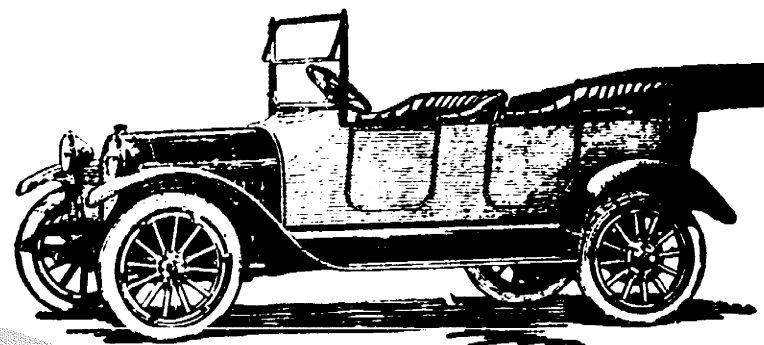
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(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, April 26.

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To-day there was intense bombardment against our positions at Bois Avocourt and the first lines north of Hill 301.

We repulsed attacks against a small post in Lorraine north of Embermenil inflicting losses. In the Vosges we dispersed German reconnaissances in the region south of Colle.

Turks Sustain Serious Losses.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, April 26.

Petrograd.—In the Caucasus the Turks have sustained serious losses in the region of Aschkolin and have ceased counter-attacking.

The Zeppelin Raid.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, April 26.

London.—Zeppelins flew over the counties of Essex and Kent, and London.

French Aeroplane Activity.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, April 26.

At Zebruge one of our aeroplanes carrying cannons from an altitude of four thousand metres fired nineteen incendiary shells on a Zeppelin which appeared to have been struck.

At Ostende an aeroplane carrying cannons hit a German torpedo boat.

We brought down a Fokker near Hoeville north of Luneville. The enemy aviator was wounded and made a prisoner.

French Front.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

London, April 27.

Paris communiqué:—North of Aisne after artillery preparation we captured a small wood south of Buttes Wood.

Our heavy batteries in the Argonne destroyed a German post and wrecked fifty yards of trench.

The Germans exploded a mine on Hill 285, but our artillery prevented the enemy from occupying the crater, from the southern lip whereof we are organising an intense bombardment on Hill 304.

In the districts of Elnes, Camieres west of the Meuse the day has been comparatively quiet.

East of the Meuse there has been a very violent bombardment in the Moulainville sector.

In Woëvre no infantry action has taken place during the day.

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(S. O. SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, April 28.

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The Buddhist Attitude

Towards National Defence and Administration.

(A Review.)

This the title of a brochure being the translation of a Special Allocation pronounced on the occasion of the Anniversary of the Natal Day of His Majesty the King of Siam in the 2458th year of the Lord Buddha (1916), by His Holiness Prince Vajiranaana, Supreme Patriarch of the Kingdom of Siam.

The distinguished scholar who addressed the Allocation to His Majesty the King on the auspicious occasion of H. M.'s Birthday commands the attentive hearing of all congregations in this Kingdom, and if for that and nothing else his words are bound to be received with all respect and reverence. The disciple who is responsible for the translation of this Allocation is the gifted King of Siam, and, in the brief Foreword a reference is made to His Holiness' reputation in foreign parts as a scholar, a historian and a philosopher.

To this we may add that the Royal Asiatic Society of Great Britain has honoured His Holiness with the exceptional distinction of an honorary membership of that Society. It is not possible for us to do justice to this address on so weighty a subject and so little understood even by the vast majority of the Buddhists themselves. As the Royal translator says in his foreword "All that it is intended to give the foreigner practical insight into some of the ideas which really constitute the teaching of Buddhism as approved by the Supreme head of the Church of Siam." The teachings of the Lord Buddha were little understood in Europe and America thirty or forty years ago when the Pali Text Society and distinguished Oriental Scholars began to investigate and translate ancient works on Buddhism. Sir Edwin Arnold's Light of Asia also did much to give the European World an insight into the life and teachings of the Tathagata. The object of the Allocation is to give some idea of the Buddhist attitude with regard to national defence. The words of His Holiness are "Therefore, war must be prepared for, even in time of peace, otherwise one would not be in time and would be in a disadvantageous position towards one's foe." The Dighava Jataka is quoted giving the story of the Kingdoms of Kosala and Kasi, the one with a fewer number of fighting men, arms, accoutrements etc., succumbing to the other which was better prepared. An utterance of the Buddha with the following meaning is also quoted: "As towns that are situated on the borders (of a state) must be prepared both inside and out, so be ye prepared likewise. Let not any opportunity escape you for those who have let opportunity pass by will be completely full of sorrow (as) in hell." Reference is then made to the time when all citizens of Siam were warriors up to the time when the civilian class came into existence and multiplied in numbers till the warrior class became few. His late Majesty greatly reformed the Army and His present Majesty has shown great vigilance in these affairs, promoting the welfare of the Army, improving the Navy, founding the Wild Tiger Corps, in order to teach civilians the practice of war, fostering in boys the Warrior Spirit by initiating the Boy Scout movement. His Holiness attributes to His Majesty the desire to turn the people into warriors as of old thus providing another instance of the policy of governance.

A discourse upon justification of self-defence, nay, even war when it threatens a nation and the co-relative question of administration, a right construction of which is the modelling of self-defence itself, is a matter which comes at an opportune moment and will be of interest to all Buddhists who almost number half the population of the World.

The Allocation ought to be once and for all dispel from the minds of those who possess but a superficial knowledge of the tenets of Buddhism all doubts as to the duty of a Buddhist Sovereign in the matter of the protection of his Kingdom and his People.

Polo And The Army.

(Contributed.)

A few months ago I was talking to an American about Polo and he surprised me very much by telling me that Polo was considered so conducive to pluck, horsemanship, initiative and other soldierly qualities that the United States Army decided to bring it within the means of all of its officers by supplying a certain number of Polo ponies to each regiment and that the scheme had been proved a great success. He was unable to give me any details but I have no reason to doubt his word on that account, and I expect no difficulty would be experienced in obtaining details if they were required.

Everyone has heard Polo praised as a game, especially for military officers, but I had never before heard it suggested that a nation, especially a practical nation like the Americans, should introduce it as a training for Army Officers and I was glad to hear it had been found to be a success. I hope that like the boy scout movement it will be tried everywhere.

I can see no reason why it should not succeed brilliantly in Siam; it is an Asiatic game and Indian players are among the finest in the world.

His Majesty's British Regiment, the Durham Light Infantry, at one time were the finest regimental team in India and could hold their own with the very best Indian teams and I am sure everyone would be delighted if His Majesty were to support Polo here and to be able to turn out a team worthy of the old Durham Colours. It may be objected that the end to be attained would not justify the expense incurred, but there is the American precedent, and moreover it seems to me that Polo may be made to play its part in the improvement of the breed of horses in Siam which is now in its infancy. It was admitted the other day in the House of Commons that the race course is the test of the thoroughbred, and England now has a national stud. The racing of Australian Ponies was introduced into Siam to improve the breed of ponies here. Many of these ponies, though excellent beasts in their way, are not fast enough for racing, they would, however, possibly make excellent Polo ponies. If the Polo height were fixed at 14.2 and under then there would always be a chance that the drawer of a griffin, not fast enough for racing, could either use the pony for Polo himself, or get out of his bargain cheaply. Selling races then would not as now be a dead letter, and the purchase of griffins would be encouraged. Polo also would be possible as the price of ponies would not be prohibitive. I have seen more than one instance where Polo ponies have been used in this war as chargers and with great success, and if the riding of the same ponies were encouraged we might see more of them in the army here. A regiment of boys would provide a very imposing escort for His Majesty, and certainly add to the glory of the Army.

I cannot help thinking that if Polo were given a trial here it would prove a great success and would most materially assist racing in improving the breed of horses in Siam.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE latest lists of steamer sailings of the P. and O. and N. Y. K. appear on page 1.

A. B. C. c/o this paper advertises a Winchester rifle and a four-seater Fiat car for sale.

A FRESH stock of Danish, Dutch and Manila Cigars, Egyptian cigarettes and tobacco has been received at Nai Ler's store.

THE President of the Bulgarian Sobranje announced in the House that Bulgaria would hold and annex all the territory so far won.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Malay Peninsular main line is in order as far as Chumpoon. Other lines are in order.

DIFFICULTIES having been raised in Turkey with regard to the introduction of the Gregorian calendar, it will not be introduced on March 14, as was originally announced.

THE second handicap Cup of the season will be shot for on Sunday the 30th instant at 5 p.m. Practice shooting will commence at 4.30 p.m. and it is expected that a good number of members, especially new members will turn up.

WHEN a Harrow clerk applied for exemption on the ground that he was the sole support of his widowed mother, it was stated that the mother had been interviewed, and her comment was: "Take him away, and he will learn to value his home." The tribunal took the advice.

DURING the war eleven prisons have been closed in Britain, five will be closed shortly, while four others are partly closed. The "Times" says this is partly due to the war and to such measures as the restriction of the sale of drink, but points out that there have been signs of diminution since 1904.

The Development of the Royal Siamese State Railways

And the Opening of the New Bangkok Terminus.

(Contributed.)

In his most interesting and valuable Sukhothai stone inscription the brave old King Phra Ram Kamhaeng of Sri Sajanalai Sukhothai praises the power, the riches and the welfare of the people in his Kingdom.

There are indeed many sure signs that this country of Siam was several hundred years ago more populated and comparatively richer than in our days. Many mighty ruins now hidden away in the dense forests are to the interested scholar strong living witnesses of the ancient prosperity and refined cultural development of this country.

And last not least the wealth of mediaeval Siam is confirmed to us by many glowing descriptions handed down to us by Portuguese, Dutch and French writers.

In those days the Kings of this country did even entertain a flourishing commerce by sea to foreign countries such as China and India.

Why is it then that this country in spite of its natural rich resources was until a few decades ago regarded as comparatively poor from a financial point of view, and why is it that the country in many districts shows a thinly distributed and often poor population.

The answer may be found in the historical annals of this country.

Situated within the heart of Further India and surrounded by unruly neighbours the History of Siam from beginning to end is a record of never-ceasing wars for the hegemony in this Peninsula. May it be said to the praise of the Thai that in most of these fights they easily held the upper hand and invariably kept their foes at bay.

But this country too experienced dark days. Once in the middle of the 16th century the Mon Burmese managed to capture and plunder the Capital and bring the country under their sway for a few decades. Thereafter when the oppressors had been chased out and decisively beaten by the great Thai Monarch Soudet Phra Naresuan, the country again experienced a period of flourishing prosperity from the second half of the 16th up to the middle of the 18th century. Then the Burmese again swept down upon this country—this time with the firm desire to extinguish the race of the Thai. This object of the second invasion is amply proved by the fact that the invaders in spite of being Buddhists themselves did not merely satisfy themselves by burning and plundering the towns and villages but even went so far as to crush the temples and smash the images of the Buddha.

The fall of Ayutthya which was utterly ruined by the Burmese in 1767 marks the deepest point in the downfall of Siam. Thousands and thousands of her inhabitants who had not fled into the forests or outlying provinces were taken by the invaders and led away into captivity.

Thus the country was not only entirely devastated but was also robbed of a great part of its population.

After the foundation of Tonburi and the new Capital of Bangkok, the first rulers of the Chakri Dynasty were indeed faced with a most difficult task, the task of creating a new Kingdom of the Thai on the ruins of the old country.

The conditions prevailing in those gloomy days must have indeed been appalling and are fully confirmed by European travellers who visited Bangkok during that period.

It is due to the never resting activity and wise policy of the present Dynasty that Siam was able to emerge from that deep state of poverty, and during the course of the Nineteenth Century to re-gather her forces and to re-reach the safe road to general welfare.

One must, however, not forget that there were still other factors that impeded a rapid development of Siam. A main reason in this respect is the geographical situation of Siam in the corner of a washback-gulf far away from the great highways of international commerce.

The era of discoveries followed by a mighty rise in the development of European world-commerce left Siam practically untouched and this too is one of the reasons why Siam was during those centuries able to maintain her independence.

This state of commercial stagnation in Siam did as a matter of fact continue to the second half of the 19th Century. Thereafter the introduction of steamships and improved means of sea communications brought Siam into nearer connection with the European world, and since those days we may verily speak of strong progress and a new beginning of general prosperity in this country.

However, during several decades commercial enterprise was for lack of efficient interior commercial routes still confined to the export and import business at the port of Bangkok.

It is due to the far seeing and wise developing policy of His Majesty the late King that an entire change was brought about in this respect by commencing the construction of a railway-

net, by introducing irrigation and by using all possible means to improve communication on land and water with a view to bring even the most outlying districts into direct reach of the Capital. This policy has been vigorously continued during the reign of His Majesty the present King and in a very near future Siam is sure to witness an era of rapid commercial agricultural and industrial development hitherto unknown in this country.

The year 1897 and the opening of the Ayutthya railway line marks the commencement of this new period. Already three years later the railway was, in spite of strong natural obstacles offered by the mountainous character of the region, brought up to the important town of Korat. 1901 saw the completion of the line up to the ancient Royal residence of Lobburi, this being the first section of the main northern line to Paknampho, Bhismulok, Lampang and Chiangmai, which has now already passed beyond Lampang and will in a few years hence have reached the Northern Capital of this Kingdom.

To a greater extent than the Korat line has this northern railway offered strong obstacles to the engineers. Broad rivers had to be bridged, huge embankments to be built through regions flooded to a considerable depth during the rainy season, long tunnels had to be pierced and many other natural obstacles of no mean order had to be overcome.

A branch-line leads from Ban Dara to the town of Savankhaloke on the important Yom River. In another 3 or 4 years the main track and its branches will be entirely open to public traffic right up to the fertile heart of Northern Siam, and thereby a work will have been completed which will be of the highest importance for the development of this Kingdom. This great value of the general railway-system will still more be increased by regulating the riverways, by developing irrigation and by the building of navigable canals and roads to outlying districts. Difficult journeys formerly lasting for several weeks will be easily completed within 2 or 3 days, and commercial centres and resources hitherto out of practical reach will be brought into rapid commercial connection with the Capital and port of Bangkok. In 1908 an independent railway line branching off from Bangkok was opened up to Pettau as a link to the eastern and south-eastern provinces.

Meanwhile a narrow-gauge railway had been built connecting on the western bank of the Menam connecting Bangkok with Nakhon Pathom, Zujuri and Bejraburi. This railway, being a distinct system was later completed through the entire length of Siam's provinces in the Malay Peninsula.

This railway will in no less a degree than the broad gauge system become a most prominent factor in the economical development of the peninsular provinces, chiefly too because the coastal regions of those northern districts on the Gulf of Siam have no convenient ports for sea-going ships. But furthermore too this Southern Railway will accelerate the goods-mail and passenger-traffic from Europe as also from India and countries on the Bay of Bengal to Bangkok.

(To be Continued.)

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American's Advice to His Countrymen.

Dr. C. W. Eliot, ex-President of Harvard, a close friend of President Wilson, contributes to the "New York Times" a striking letter on the international situation and the problem confronting the United States.

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In the Hands of Destiny.
Dr. Max Dessoir, Professor of Psychology at the University of Berlin, who has returned from a research visit to the front, has been lecturing on the war as it relates to his particular branch of science. The first psychological effects of the war—an extreme tension and excitement, a storm of enthusiasm—has gradually given place to a sort of "exalted spirituality" of a more sedate character, of which the first and most evident outcome is generous sacrifice. Psychologically considered, the fighting army is a group of individuals who have become separated from their accustomed surroundings, and are now held together by a new unity of object and will. Their gigantic performances inside the new limits are only explicable by this unity of will. What has been accomplished is fabulous, all the more because it has not been accomplished by intellectual athletes, but wholly and entirely by men who willed. And this will has shown itself so almighty because it is in the service of a super-personal task.

With regard to life in the trenches Professor Dessoir thinks that its most striking characteristic is the animalistic, the return to original types. The decadents and the aesthetes have again learnt the "raptures of the customary." But intellectual life is not at a high level. What the men read is only calculated to amuse them. If they attempt literary production their work is far below their opportunity. Music is the most popular art, but it is only used as a "rhythmic stimulant." Noticeable is what Herr Dessoir calls a rare elevation of the inner man, a re-enlivening of the religious sense. It is not, of course, the lecturer is careful to explain, religion in the confessional sense. Of this there is not a trace. The religious phenomenon hangs together with the "healthy emotion and upheaval" which has been awakened in so many by a feeling that outside the powers which have been brought so near to them there are other powers collectively called Destiny. This takes the shape of a feeling of separation from all that is not in touch with actuality, from all that has only "a certain unending shadowiness" to recommend it.

The religion Dessoir speaks of has nothing, he says, in common with the belief of those who seek in creeds and dogmatic formulas some strengthening of their faith in the supernatural, or with the belief of those who regard certain shadowy Powers as loving,

gracious, just and paternal. It is a religion which simply says. Beyond those stern terrors with which I am in daily or hourly contact there is an overwhelming Something in whose hands is my Destiny, something omnipotent, omnipresent, inscrutable, unknowable, inevitable. Professor Dessoir says that this feeling of utter importance in the hands of Iron Destiny grows less acute when the soldier exchanges the trenches for life at the rear.

The courage which German soldiers display in extreme danger and crisis is not the physical courage of the ordinary individual, nor yet the courage of moral conviction, nor yet that of the sportsman. In the very climax of danger it is not this ordinary courage which possesses them, rather is it the conviction that it would be senseless to resist the unalterable, and that almighty Destiny rules the hour for weal or woe. The fearful weight of these impressions, and the regularity of their recurrence, banishes the desire for self-preservation.

Professor Dessoir does not think that the psychology of the trenches will outlive the war. He hopes not. The souls of these men are not lovely or lovable. But the spirit of sacrifice may remain, also the cold ruthlessness which will tolerate no master in the world.

Nice Feels The Pinch.

Bankruptcy is staring Nice in the face, says the "Figaro." The Mayor has called an emergency meeting of the Town Council to consider what further measures can be taken to keep the wolf from the door.

Nice is the land of sunshine and smiles, but the world has other things to think about just now than to bask in the sun. Generously, the town has thrown open its doors to the sick and wounded, whose gratitude is great, but whose purse is slender.

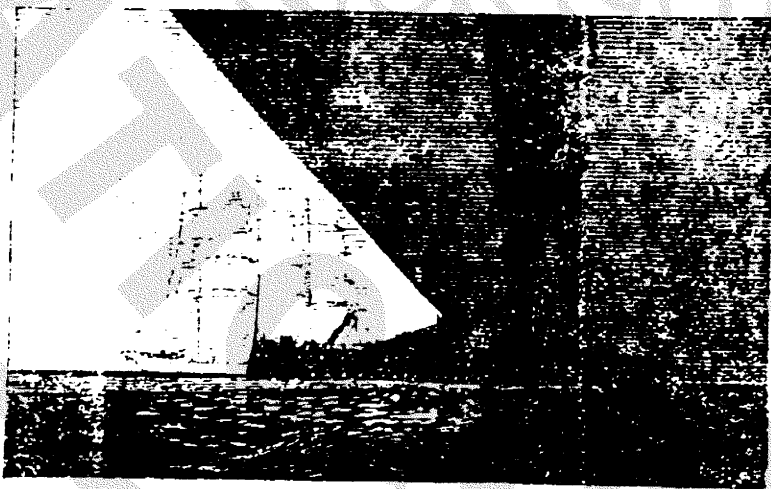
Fun and frolic, giddy gaiety and splashing splendours are essential if the wheels of Nice are to run smoothly; and since the war started Nice knows none of these. The Casino is closed, and the "rien ne va plus" of the gaming rooms has become a hideous reality. The city reaped a rich harvest from the spin of the roulette wheel and the turning of the baccarat cards. All this is stopped, and Nice is now beginning to feel the pinch seriously.

The town was never more crowded with people of a sort, but they are not of the sort, to make Nice thrive. She is pleased enough to see them, even though they are not of much help to her in her distress.

What can Nice do now to avoid having to file her petition? The question is more easily put than answered.

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Portugal Enters the War.

Comments of the Dutch Press.

Commenting on the entrance of Portugal into the war, the "Nieuws van den Dag" remarks:—

This reduces the number of neutrals in Europe to eight, leaving Luxemburg out of consideration. As Portugal is tied to Britain not only by a political Treaty but also by a number of other ties and is therefore considered in the Central European countries as nothing but a vassal state of Britain, the little State was expected to act against Germany and her Allies at the beginning of the war, the more so as Portugal has nothing to fear from Germany and is dependent on Britain. Indeed, a cause for a breach with Germany seemed to have been supplied shortly after the outbreak of war by the reported invasion of Portuguese Angola by a German force. But peace was preserved and Portugal remained neutral with a certain friendliness towards the Entente.

A few weeks ago the interests of the Allied countries demanded a change in the position. The British Government was contemplating measures against the increase in freights, or rather the shortage in cargo space, which was the cause of it. And evidently one of these measures was the hint to Portugal to capture the German merchantmen, a great number of which had entered the mouth of the Tagus at the outbreak of war. Portugal's participation in the war can have little influence on the course of affairs; only this—that the Portuguese and German Colonies in Africa are adjacent, and as German East Africa is not yet in the hands of the enemy, the Portuguese can lend a helping hand there. The result is that the German troops in German East Africa will, if hard pressed, not be able to find neutral territory to withdraw upon, for the German Colony borders upon British and Belgian territory.

Unrest in South American Republics.

Havas learns from Lisbon that the reason given by Germany for its declaration of war on Portugal is merely a subterfuge, as Italy requisitioned the German ships in Italian ports without a declaration of war from Germany following. Havas also states that the German ships had become the centre of plots against the Republic.

Portuguese ports also harbour Austrian ships. They have, however, not yet been taken over, says the *Wiener Fremdenblatt*.

The Portuguese Foreign Minister declared in Parliament that Portugal had not undertaken the seizure of German ships without the knowledge of Great Britain, which had pointed out the conditions of the Anglo-Portuguese Treaty.

The Portuguese Minister at Berlin has left for home via Basle.

Portuguese interests in Germany have been entrusted to the Brazilian Legation; those of Germany in Portugal to the Spanish Legation.

Enthusiastic demonstrations in favour of the Allies have been held at Rio de Janeiro.

• According to a message from Val-

paraiso the Chilean Government is considering how it might get possession of the German steamers of the Kosmos Steamship Co. interned in the Chilean ports. These ships would then be incorporated in the Chilean fleet.

The Keys of Erzerum.

In the Palace at Tsarsko Selo the Tsar, who was accompanied by the Tsarevitch, received a deputation from the army of the Caucasus, consisting of two officers and nine soldiers, who presented to his Majesty some trophies from Erzerum, notably four keys of the Ottoman fortress and nine Turkish flags.

The Tsar graciously conversed with the deputation, asking for particulars of the circumstances in which the trophies were captured, and bestowed on each member of the party the Cross of St. George.

His Majesty commanded the deputation to thank the glorious army of the Caucasus for its valiant efforts.—Renter.

What Headaches Point To.

When a patient mentions headaches the doctor seeks for the cause, and in most cases finds it in some derangement of the nervous or digestive system. Headache, as is well known, is one of the commonest symptoms of a weak disordered stomach, or exhausted nervous system and, therefore, one of the surest signs of impure and watery blood. That indigestion, stomach weakness, and nervous troubles arise from a faulty blood supply is proved by the prompt improvement which follows a blood- tonic treatment.

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German News Service.

Headquarters, March 20.
Official. Western theatre: Favoured by good weather, artillery and aviators have been very active on both sides. In the Meuse region and in the Woivre plain, artillery duels are continuing with particular violence. In order to hinder further German advance against the fortified positions in the sectors of Fort Donauumont and the village of Vaux, the French counter attacked with parts of newly arrived division. The attack remained without result, the enemy suffering heavy losses.
In an airfight over the enemy's lines west of Lihons, Lt. Baron von Althaus shot down an enemy aeroplane. This is the fourth aeroplane brought down by von Althaus.
Lt. Boelke over the Forges forest, on the left bank of the Meuse, shot down his twelfth enemy aeroplane. Another enemy aeroplane was brought down in an air fight near Chuing, west of Forges Forest, and two other enemy aeroplanes were shot down by anti-air craft guns. One of these aeroplanes fell down, wrapped in flames, near Rheims, while the other, tumbling over several times fell down near Ban-de-Sapt, behind the enemy's lines.

March 21.
West of the Meuse, after a careful preparation, Bavarian regiments and Wurttemberg territorial stormed the entire strongly fortified positions of the enemy near and in the forest northeast of Avoourt. The French suffered very considerable losses while up to present 32 un wounded officers among whom are 2 regimental commanders and more than 2500 men were made prisoners by the Germans.
Further more, plenty of war material not yet counted, was captured by the Germans. The enemy's counter-attacks brought them no advantage but only increased the losses. East of the Meuse, the situation is unchanged.

March 21.
Eastern theatre: The Russians are extending their attacks to the extreme northern wing. South of Riga, further on the Duna front, the enemy were repulsed, with severe losses. Strong enemy reconnoitring detachments were repulsed west of Jacobstadt. The Russians, by night and day, continued their strong but useless attacks against the German front, northwest of Postavy between the Narotsch and Widely Lakes. The enemy's losses are in proportion to the attacking masses. A small far advanced German position, immediately south of the Narotsch Lake, was taken back by several hundred meters to the heights near Bleniki, in order to prevent encircling fire.
Berlin, March 20.
The Admiralty reports: Three Ger-

man torpedoboats had a successful encounter with five British destroyers, on March 20, off the Flanders coast. The British left the scene of action at high speed, after having been hit several times. The German boats have damage of no account.

Vienna, March 20.
Official. Russian theatre: Yesterday after six months brave defence, the bridge trenches northwest of Usciecko was evacuated: it was changed into a heap of ruins. In the morning, already the Russians had succeeded in blasting a breach 300 meters in length. Nevertheless the Austro-Hungarian soldiers, who were attacked by eightfold superior forces, still withstood, in spite of all losses, for seven hours, under a most violent artillery and infantry fire. Only at 5 p.m. the commander Colonel Planck, decided to evacuate the position and totally destroyed the trench. Small detachments and wounded gained the southern bank of the Dniester on boats, but soon a concentrated fire of the enemy made it impossible to cross the river. The Emperor's dragoons and rappers, not wanting to surrender, had only the choice of fighting their way on the northern bank of the Dniester, through the town of Usciecko, which was strongly occupied by the Russians and to join the Austro-Hungarian troops established of the heights of north of Zaleszczyki. This march through the enemy's positions succeeded. Under the protection of the night, Colonel Planck led his troops to the vanguard, northwest of Zaleszczyki, where they arrived this morning.

Italian theatre: At the Goerz bridgehead, the Austro-Hungarians yesterday morning, set fire to the enemy's positions in front of the southern part of the Podgora height. In the afternoon the Austro-Hungarian artillery heavily shelled the enemy's front before the bridgehead. At night, they ejected the Italians from a trench before Serna. The engagements at the Tolmein bridgehead continue. The Austro-Hungarian troops holding firmly in hand the two conquered positions. The number of Italian prisoners made now reaches 925. Seven machine-guns were taken. Several attacks of the enemy made against Mazy and Kron broke down. The Austro-Hungarians also conquered a position in the Rombon district taking 115 prisoners and 2 machine-guns. The lively action on the Carinthian front continue.

Vienna, March 21.
Russian theatre: The activity has increased especially on the front of General von Plauzner-Baltin's army.

Italian theatre: The situation is generally unchanged. Enemy attacks against the positions conquered by the Austro-Hungarian troops on the Rombon and Mirzivat have been repulsed.

By a new enterprise on the Rombon, 61 more Italians were made prisoners.
Balkan theatre: Austro-Hungarian aviators at night, successfully bombarded the port and barracks of Valona. In spite of heavy shelling, all the aviators returned safely.
Montenegro and Albania are invariably calm.

Berlin, March 21.
Deutsche Ueberseezeitung. Reports from Vienna state that the Austrian Red Cross, in a letter to the international Red Cross organization, protests in the most solemn manner against the torpedoing of the Austro-Hungarian hospital ship "Elektra." The Austro-Hungarian Red Cross states that the submarine which sank the Elektra covered with indecipherable shame the navy to which it belongs. On account of the fact that the nationality of the submarine is not known, the Austro-Hungarian Red Cross ask the Geneva Red Cross to forward the protest to all enemy navy commanders, through the respective national Red Cross committee.

The leading German Catholic paper, the Koelnische Volkszeitung discussing the letter of General von Bissing to Cardinal Mercier, state that the German Catholics bitterly lament that a high ecclesiastic understands his high office as Cardinal Mercier has done in his last pastoral letter, which even does not deserve the name of Pastoral. "From a religious standpoint, Cardinal Mercier's attitude of meddling religion and politics is most grievous to us."

The Koelnische Volkszeitung further condemns the Cardinal's words by which he expressed the hope that the German armies might be destroyed by epidemics. The paper points out that the Cardinal deserves the sharpest criticism, not for his political hatred against Germany, but because of his indescribable misuse of his clerical position and it finally praises Governor-General von Bissing, who has always shown great patience and forbearance.

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LINE 2—TANON TOK TO PAKLAT in connection with Paklat Tram Cars Thahin
Boats leave Tanon Tok every full and half hour from 6.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m.
After 7.30 when sufficient passengers.
LINE 3—THA CHANG WANG LUANG TO KLONG BANGKOK NOI.
Boats leave Tha Chang wang Luang landing a.m. 7.30, 9.30, 9.30, 10.30, 11.30, and 12.30 and p.m. 1.30, 2.30, 3.30 and 4.30 daily.
LINE 4—KLONG SAMRONG LOCK TO BANG HIA.
Boats leave the Lock in connection with the Paknam Railway train: 10.45 a.m. from Bangkok.

ROYAL STATE RAILWAYS.

(Broad Gauge Lines.)

TIME TABLE

In force from 15th Dec., 1915.

Station	Dep.	a.m.	p.m.	Station	Dep.	a.m.	p.m.
Bangkok	Dep.	7.00	9.45	Ban Meh	Dep.	9.7	...
Ayuthia	Arr.	9.3	11.41	Chang	Dep.	...	9.7
Ban Phaji	Arr.	9.47	12.20	Den Chai	...	...	12.35
Ban Phaji	Dep.	9.57	12.37	Utaradit	...	...	12.35
Lopburi	Arr.	11.5	1.55	Ban Dara	Arr.	8.16	3.26
Chengket	Dep.	12.33	3.38	Sawa'loke	Dep.	7.10	...
Pak'pho	Arr.	2.17	5.40	Ban Dara	Arr.	8.1	3.11
Pak'pho	Dep.	2.26	6.30	Ban Dara	Dep.	8.24	3.32
Pitsaloke	Arr.	6	11.5	Pitsaloke	Arr.	10.43	5.30
Pitsaloke	Dep.	...	7.1	Pitsaloke	Dep.	1.45	...
Ban Dara	Arr.	...	9.5	Pak'pho	Arr.	6.20	...
Ban Dara	Dep.	...	9.10	Pak'pho	Dep.	...	7.20
Utaradit	...	...	10.5	Chengket	Arr.	6.21	...
Tha Sao	Arr.	...	10.15	Lopburi	Dep.	...	7.10
Den Chai	...	...	11.57	Ban Phaji	Arr.	...	8.30
Ban Meh	...	...	...	Korat	Dep.	...	7.12
Chang	...	...	...	Gengko	...	...	7.12
Ban Phaji	Dep.	10.10	12.30	Ban Phaji	Arr.	...	8.22
Gengko	Arr.	11.7	1.26	Ban Phaji	Dep.	...	8.27
Korat	...	...	6.8	Ayuthia	...	...	7.13
Bangkok	Dep.	7.45	3.50	Bangkok	Arr.	9.28	11.35
Petrieu	Arr.	9.33	5.38	Petrieu	Dep.	...	7.30
				Bangkok	Arr.	9.38	5.43

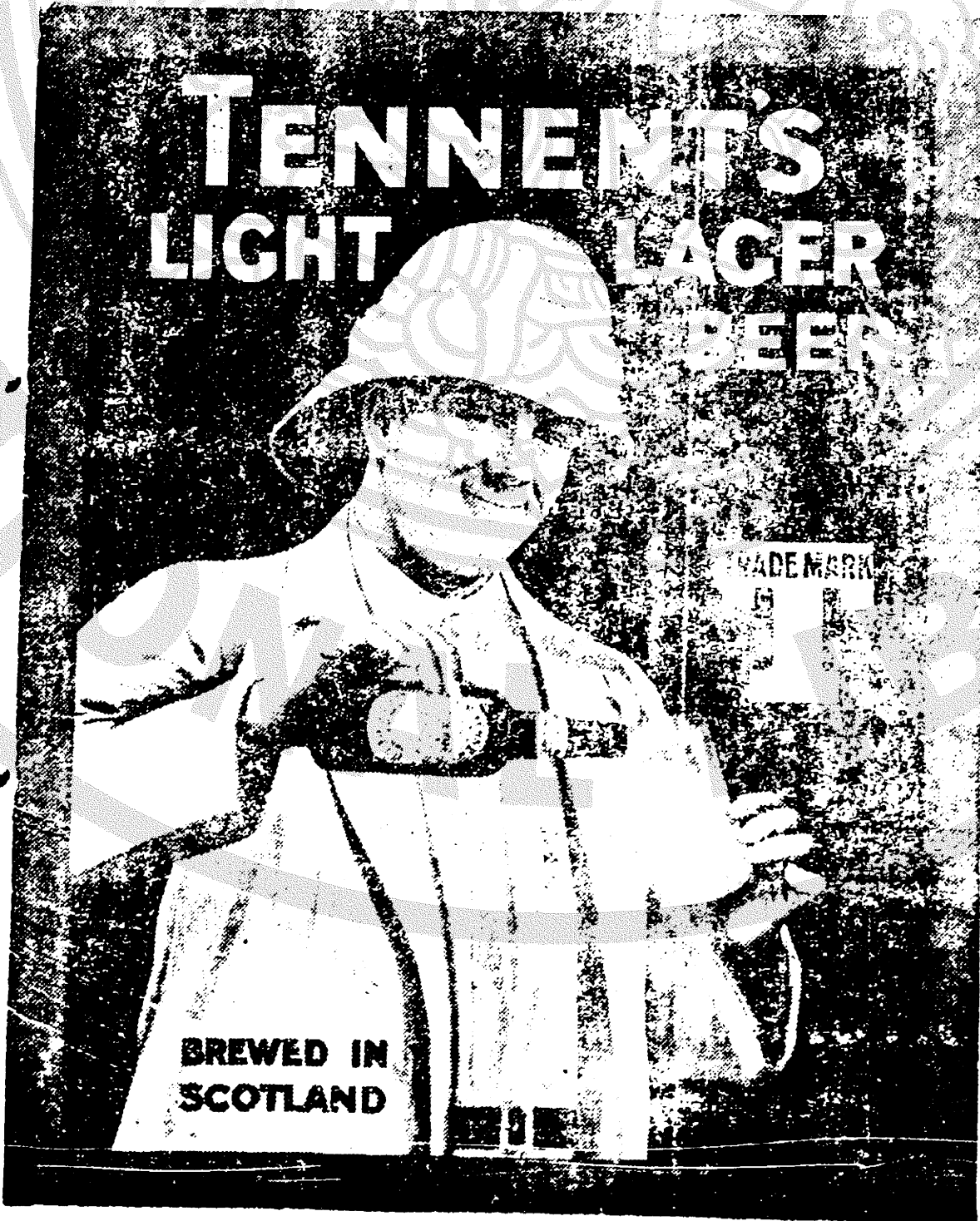
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