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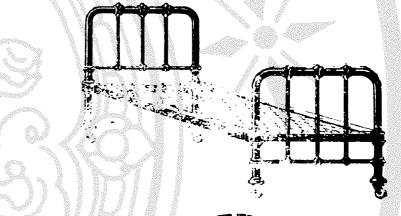
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Dutch War News.

German Economic Position.

There are signs of Rumania intervening shortly. An Allied offensive from Salonika may be expected shortly. The Dutch Government has prohibi-

ted the export of potatoes. A Berlin communique states that Contal-Maison, Hamand Estrees, are all

The Austrian Lloyd tourist vessel Thalia interned at Ameterdam will be

fitted out as a cargo boat and used by

the Dutch authorities. A large condensed milk factory will shortly be erected at Purmerend. Holland, on the co-operative system. The present cheese factory there will be incorporated with it and branch factories opened at Omeer and Zype and in

other Dutch Communes. An American lady recently returned from Germany said that when she interrogated the wife of a German official on the subject, she replied. "We are suffering much, but less than the French did in 1870. They then ate rats and were conquered. We are not eating

rats and are conquerors."

The "Berliner Tageblatt" bemoans the present sausageless state of Berlin. It says: "In the pork shops and delicatessen shops it is impossible to buy a monthful of meat. All that can be bought now is a small quantity of liver sansage. The Berliner accustomed to "Wurstgenuss" is very painfully af-

fected. The Kaiser when at Wilhelmshaven after the Jutland battle telegraphed to the head of Krupp's: "I wish to inform you while celebrating our immense success in the North Sea that our brilliant victory was in great part due to the artillery supplied by you which is without compare and to the marvellous distructive power of the munitions you furnished. Our day of victory is a day of honour for Krupp's.'

The Burgomaster of Am terdam has dismissed two members of the police force, found to be regular members of the German Spy Staff, the first because his name was entered in the notebook of a foreigner suspected of espionage having received a sum of money. In the second instance the individual by

means of a false passport visited the Dutch Aniline Dye Factory at Bussam to enquire how many Germans were employed there. He represented himself as a Police agent from Rotterdam.

A Dutch firm at Enschede says the "Algemeen Handelsblad" has made half a million guilders war profit. The firm recently came to the aid of the Dutch Government and arranged for the sile of quantities of cattle in Germany from the inundated parts of Holland. The Government recently approved of licenses for export of 11,000 beasts and of these the above firm were allocated 5,000. As they profited 100 guilders on each beast they netted thereby the handy little sum of half a million guilders.

At the Amsterdam tobacco sales on Friday, 13,303 bales of Sumatra tobacco were sold. The highest price was obtained by the Senemban Mastschappij who sold 400 bales from their Goenong Rinteh valued at 148 guilder cents per kilo at 336 guilder cents per kilo and the lowest by the Medan Tabak Mastschappij 583 bales from their Two Rivers, Soengei Sikambing, Kwala Namoe Selayang and Rotterdam A and B Estates which had been valued at from 66 to 91 cents per kilo for 1.05 guilder cents per kilo.

German torpedo boats have taken the steamer Lestris to a. German port. She had a Dutch cargo consigned to the Netherlands Overseas Trust.

The Swiss Government is to convoke a conference of neutrals.

The correspondent of "De Tiid" at Cologne says the turn the war has taken is very serious for the internal position in Germany.

Hail and furious storms have done heavy damage to the East Prussian

Germany has sent a memorandum to the neutral powers protesting against the British measures against neutral firms trading with Germany.

A Zeppelin dropped bombs on the schooner Weldaad, off the Danish

The Netherlands Indies Government declares the following foreign areas to be infected with cholera :- Rangoon, Canton, Colombo, The West Coast of India from Karachi to Mangalore, Saigon, Port Said, Alexandria, Bangkok. Calcutta, Bassein, Moulmein, and Hongkong.

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German News Service.

Headquarters, June 21.
Official.—Kastern theatre: The army group of von Hindenburg has successfully advanced northwest and south of Dunaburg, in the Dubalovka district, northeast of Smorgon and on both sides of Krevo: in the district of Dubalovka several Russian positions have been taken, over 200 prisoners have been made and numerous machineguns and minethrowers captured. The enemy suffered severe and bloody losses. German airsquadrons attacked the railway stations of Saljesje and Molodetschno.

The position of Prince Leopold's army is unchanged. The army group of von Linsingen has repulsed in a counterattack near Gruziatyn, west of Kolki, the Russian forces which had crossed the Styr. The attacks of the enemy have been repulsed. Northwest of Lutzk, the enemy strongly resisted our offensive. The fighting is still in progress. At Gruziatyn the Russians lost one thousand prisoners. We are advancing south of the Turya. With the army group of General Count Bothmer, no change has taken place.

Western Theatre: Spirited artillery

Western Theatre: Spirited artillery and airfights occurred at several places between the Franco—Belgain frontier and the Oise. The patrols in the districts between Berry-au-Bac and Fratelle and east of St. Die brought in French prisoners.

A British aeroplane was shot down by the fire of anti-aircraft guns at Puisieux, northwest of Bapaunie. One man of the crew was dead. A French aeroplane was forced to land at Pont à Mousson; its crew have been captured.

June 22.

A weak British detachment has been repulsed at Frelinghem, north east of Armentières. A German patrol brought in some prisoners from the British position west of La Bassée.

Infantry fighting has started at the Meuse and the Germans have gained some advantage west of Fort Vaux. The Germans shot down with anti-aircraft guns a French aeroplane, south of the Pepper Hill and another one at Ornes. The crew of the latter were made prisoners.

German airsquadrons yesterday morning attacked the cities in the Meuse valley south of Verdun, where troops were stationed and this morning bombarded the railway depot and troop camps at Revigny.

Eastern theatre: At the northern part of the front only successful enterprises of patrols are reported. The railroad bridge across the swamps of Pripiat, south of Luminetz has been bombed. The Russian attacks against the positions on the canal west of Logislin have failed, as well as repeated attacks west of Kolki. Between Sokul and Sinievka, the Russian positions have been captured by the Germans

and are held against strong Russian counterattacks. The repeated attempts of the enemy to dispute the German successes, west of Lutzk, have failed. On both sides of the Turya and further south, on the line Sviniuchi-Gorochov, the Russians were further pressed

The army of General Count Bothmer repulsed strong numerous attacks of the enemy on the line Hajvoronka-Bobulince, north of Przevioka.

Turkish headquarters, June 21.

Irak theatre: The situation in the Felahie district is unchanged. On the Euphrates, our advanced guards surprised the British advance-guard, killed nine British soldiers and captured their rifles. East of Kashishirin, further east and north of Bane, our troops aided by volunteers repulsed the Russians.

Caucasus theatre: On the right wing the situation is unchanged. On the left wing patrol fights have occurred. Weak attacks of the enemy have also been repulsed.

South western theatre: On June 18, after: midnight, two Turkish flyers bombed the aerial stations on the islands of Tenedos and Imbros and threw bombs on two torpedo boats. One torpedo boat was hit and was towed by the other one to Tenedos. At two places of the aerial depots fires broke out. Of the enemy's aeroplanes which attacked El Arisch on June 18, three have been shot down and one flyer has been made prisoner. The first one fell into the sea and sank immediately. The second one fell on a road near El Arisch and the pilot and the observer were saved by another aeroplane. The third one burnt up with the observer, while the pilot was captured by us. Men-of-war have bombarded the mausoleum of the Sheik Hamidieh.

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Eastern theatre: At the northern part of the front only successful enterprises of patrols are reported. The railroad bridge across the swamps of Pri-

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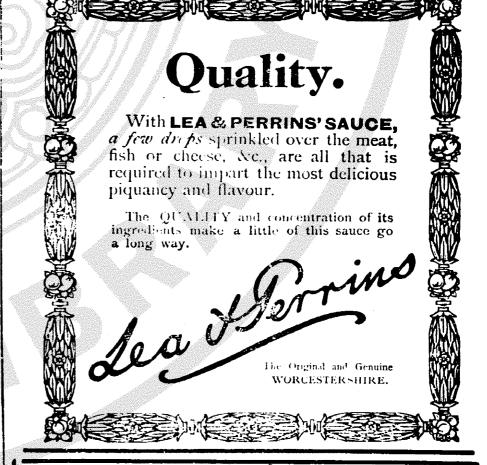
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SUGGESTIONS ON EDUCA-TION.

The Right Honourable Sir George Reid, a former Minister of Education of Australia, has recently made some remarks on the Educational System of Great Britain: He premises his 10. marks by the statement that his experience outside Britain in his opinion qualifies him to see faults and suggest remedies. He practically admits that during the past ten years a number of beneficial changes have been introduced in the English system of education but he says that these improved methods have not yet reached a large proportion of the youth of the country. One of his propositions is thus put in question form:

"Are not the hands the best allies "of the brains of our children? And "may we not therefore ask what is "the extent of the effort which national "education is making to prepare our "millions of children and young people for those struggles in the battle of

which await them?"

'ggestion is that a national
burseducation like that in the
Unite tates be established to watch
over and report annually upon all
educational establishments, but without power to control the system of
education laid down by the States
which alone have authority in this
direction.

Another of Sir George Reid's suggestions is that a teacher should be specially trained in knowledge of the human mind and that psychology in its strict sense, should be provided for in all examinations for the teaching profession. He considers the neglect of the English system in this respect is a very serious one. He says: "If tit is essential that an expert in steel should have some sort of knowledge " of the elements of steel, surely it is "just as essential that an expert in "mental training should have an ade-"quate degree of knowledge of the · characteristics of the human mind." He refers to the fact that the Board of Education provides special courses of study of psychology for those who teach the deaf and blind and points out that if this knowledge of the human mind is considered a necessity for the teaching of poor defective children that knowledge should be none the less necessary for the teaching of children who are perfectly sound. Referring to a gricultural education be advocates the employment of experts to go among the rural population and instruct the people as to the best methods of tilling the soil and gathering in harvests. Practical demonstration is the best way to tackle the agricultural classes and this has been done in Australia with the result that an Australian expert who has been in England studying the methods obtaining in that country has certified that in a large number of cases in Australia they could do, especially at harvest time, with two or three men what it takes seven or eight men to do in England. In Siam too among our cultivating classes the chief difficulty is the insufficiency of labour to gather in their harvests and any methods whereby the increase of a man's labour could be effected in this respect would be very gratifying to the cultivating classes of this country.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A ZURICH telegram says the Kaiser himself will design the special medal to be minted in commemoration of the Battle off Jutland.

THE s.s." Katong" will leave from the Borneo Company's wharf at 5 p.m. sharp, on Friday the 21st inst., and should arrive in Singapore on Tuesday at daylight.

THE following passengers arrived by the "Katong":—Mr. E. Hapikin, Mr. T. H. Lacon, Miss K. M. Collo, Dr. G. G. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. Grut, Mr. T. C. Trimble, Mr. K. Kadota and Mr. Hatauo.

New Ads.—Bedsteads and bedding are for sale at the Oriental Store. The Phathanakorn announce a change of programme. The Borneo Co. have a new notice to consignees. A list of the Siam Steam Navigation Co's, sailings up to end of next month appear on page 1.

A New Royal Yacht.

The Nangsu Phin Thai understands that an agreement has been arrived at with regard to the building of a yacht for His Majesty the King by the Kawasaki Dock.

It will be remembered that some time ago Lieut. Niem Vajrastira was sent to Japan to arrange with the Dock Company for the building of the vessel, but he returned without having come to any definite arrangement as the price quoted by the Dock was very excessive.

It now appears that the Dock has quoted a price which is acceptable to the authorities here and a representative from Japan is already on his way out with the necessary papers for signature and is expected to arrive on or about the 30th instant.

The Kawasaki Dock Company engages to deliver the vessel within two years of the signing of the agreement.

This Agent will, it is said, take back

This Agent will, it is said, take back with him the Mahachakkri which will be sold to the Company at a price which has not yet transpired.

A Singgora Libel Case.

Mr. G. K. Wright who left for Singgora by the s.s. "Boribat" on the 15th inst. has been retained by the defence in an interesting libei prosecution in the Singgora Court. The case is brought by Mr. Grant, late assistant manager of a mining company in that district against Mr. Foran, the manager of the same firm. It is alleged that owing to Mr. Foran's representations to the Head Office Mr. Grant was dismissed and the prosecution is based on those representations being false and defamatory.

Siam Philatelic Society.

The Society held its 61st Session at the offices of the Bangkok Times on Monday July 10th, when ten members were present with the President Mr. E. C. Monod in the chair.

The President cordially welcomed Mr. Le May, the Vice President, on his return after an absence of over three years most of which had been spent in the north of Siam.

The minutes having been passed and the general business completed, the President called upon Mr. Williamson to read his paper on the stamps of Malta.

Mr. Williamson commenced with an introduction giving briefly the history of the Maltese Islands from the time they were under the sway of Phoenicians, Carthaginians and Romans up to the present time, and then, turning to the philatelic side, pointed out that the philatelic history commenced in the year 1.57, when the British post office was first installed and the stamps of Great Britain used. The issue of these stamps covers a period of over 27 years, that is up to 1884, and it is only by used specimens that one is able to verify this, that is by the postal obliteration which was either an "M" enclosed in an oval of horizontal lines, or else the cancella-tion "A 25." which later was used in

conjunction with a date Stamp.

The writer next went on to describe each issue in detail, giving the reasons for any change in value or issue of a new value, and supplemented this with one of the finest displays that has yet been placed before the Society and which had the merit of being practically complete.

Amongst other varieties shown may be noted a very fine pair of the Fourpenny brown of the 1865 issue, Imperforate, as also a fine mint copy of the rare halfpenny golden yellow of the 1874 issue. A 2½d, stamp of 1885 issue was shown bearing a red tick in the corner, this having been done by the postal authorities to prevent them being used by forgers to produce the error in the only surcharge of Malta namely the "One Penny," on 2½ of 1902.

With the 1914-1915 issue of the stamps of King George the paper was brought to a close. The President proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Williamson for his most interesting paper and display, and this being seconded by the Vice President was carried unanimously. After general discussion, &c, the meeting terminated at 8.0 p.m.

Some Results of Drink Prohibition in Great Britain.

The sale of beer in the canteens is now 50 per cent, less than twenty years ago, the Council of the Royal Army Temperance Association reported to the twenty-second annual meeting of the organisation at Caxton Hall.

Nineteen detention barracks had been closed, and the inmates of the remaining ones were extremely few. being little more than two per 1,000 of the average strength of the Army.

Court-martial had been reduced by

Court-martial had been reduced by more than a half, fines for drunkenness had been still more reduced, and the awards of the medal for long service and good conduct had been more than doubled, compared with any previous period.

According to the last returns, there were altogether in the Bulgar Army and the new armies, 159,614 total abstainers.

THE

Great War.

Kaiser at Battle of Somme.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, July 18. A Berlin official report says that the Kaiser is at present at the battle in the sector of the Somme visiting the hospitals, distributing iron crosses and delivering speeches.

Germans Uneasy in Belgium.

(BEUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, July 18. Amsterdam. - The "Telegraaf" learns from a reliable source from the frontier that the Germans in western Belgium are very uneasy. All sorts of precautions are being taken and the official papers have been removed from Ostend to Brussels.

Russians Capture Volhynia.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, July 18. Petrograd.-An official report yesterday says that the Russians have captured Volhynia and have taken 317 officers, 12,637 men and thirty guns including seventeen heavy guns.

The Western Line.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, July 17.

Yesterday we progressed on the right of the Mease. The British have reinforced their new positions and have discovered five new heavy howitzers and four cannon in Champagne.

To-day we repulsed reconnaissances north of the Aisne, in Champagne and Lorraine.

We made progress west of Fleury and took 3 machine-guns.

Baiburt Captured.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.) Paris, July 17.

Petrograd.-We routed fierce attacks in Volhynia in the Ostrof-Goudine sector and captured heavy and light batteries. We took 3,000 prisoners.

In Armenia we have captured Baiburt and have progressed in the region of Taurus and the basin of the upper Tcharak.

Various.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, July 17. A new Russian contingent has disembarked at Brest and has been sent to a camp of instruction.

Rome.-We have progressed on the

Posina front. Athens.--The fire at Tatoi has been mastered up the seventeenth kilometre on the road from Tatoi to Kiffissa.

A decree has ordered the dissolution of Parliament which will re-open on the 1st of August. The elections have been fixed for the 17th of September.

Tin Going Down.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.) Singapore, July 19. Tin is quoted at \$79.95 per picul.

The Submarine Deutschland.

Washington, July 12 .- The Anglo-French embassies have represented to the State Department that the Deutschland is potentially a warship though designed as a merchantman.

London, July 12 .- An Admiralty Official interviewed said a message had been received showing the cargo of the Deutschland was 375 and not a thou-

Washington, July 13.—The Entente diplomats and the State Department received information that a neutral merchantman convoyed the Deutschhand from Bremen almost to Norfolk, Virginia, acting as a shield and tender. The American consul at Bremen has been asked why he did not confidentially advise his Government of the Deutschland's departure.

British Legation Telegrams.

(British Legation telegrams are not to be regarded as oficial communiques from His Britannic Majesty's Representative, unless they are marked "oficial.")

The British Thrust.

(Official.)

London, July 17. Further important successes have been gained by our troops. North-west of Bazentin-le-Petit wood we stormed and captured the German second line positions on a front of one thousand five hundred yards. The large number of German dead in this sector bears evidence to the very heavy casual-ties which the enemy has suffered since our advance began. East of Longueval we still further widened the gap in the German second line by capturing the strongly defended position of Waterlot farm. On our left flank in Ovillers and La Boisselle where there has been continuous handto-hand fighting since the 7th of July we captured the remaining strongholds of the enemy together with two officers and one hundred and twenty four guardsmen, who formed the remnants of its brave garrison, the whole village

being now in our bands. Captured documents show the very heavy casualties which the enemy has suffered in the recent fighting : in one instance "company was reduced to the strength of one officer and twelve men and these few so totally exhausted that the men cannot be counted on.'

Another company "has completely ost its fighting value, the men left being so exhausted that they can no longer be employed in fighting. If heavy artillery fire continues the company will soon be entirely exterminated. Relief for the company is urgently

requested." Another battalion "consists at the present time of three officers, two noncommissioned officers and mineteen

The Case of Ireland.

Redmond's Indignation.

July 12 .- Mr. Redmond in a manifesto in reply to yesterday's speech of Lord Lansdowne says he regards the speech as a gross insult to Ireland. It amounts he says to a declaration of war on the Irish people and the announcement of a policy of coercion. If the speech represents the attitude of the Government to Ireland there will be an end of all hopes of a settlement. He is of opinion the speech was deliberately intended to wreck the negotiations.

London, July 13 .- The Nationalists state that Lord Lansdowne's speech is the first intimation of the restrictions of the Irish executive. Mr. Asquith will be asked whether Lord fansdowne's statements are sanctioned by Government.

London, July 13,-It is stated that the Irish situation was easier after the Irish leaders had conferred with some of the Cabinet Ministers yesterday evening, but the general feeling is that Mr Asquith should make an explicit statement.

Mr. Redmond's manifesto was provoked by an obscure passage in Lord Lansdowne's speech which is interpreted as meaning that the settlement scheme was only provisional as regards parliamentary representation and permanent as regards the exclusion of the Ulster Counties. The Nationalists were also concerned at the threatened delay in introducing the amending

The Daily News does not believe that Lansdowne's speech was intentionally wrecking, but was intended to conciliate the Unionist extremists.

London, July 13.—Lord Lansdowne in reply to Mr. Redmond says he believes that he represented the views of Government.

Turkey Restive.

Rumours of a Break With Central Powers.

London, July 13 .- The report that Austria has asked assistance of the Bulgarians against Russia has apparently made Turkey apprehensive of isolation in the Balkans. It is stated that Turkey is desirous of negotiating with a certain Entente power. Germany is uneasy regarding the conferences held in Switzerland between Ahmed Riza Bey, who is the President of the Turmembers of the Opposition who demand an immediate rupture with

Bulgaria and the Contral Powers. Paybooks on German prisoners show that Germany is preparing to call up the 1918 class.

MAJOR Raynal, the gallant defender of Vaux Fort, was taken prisoner, and is now in Munich. As a mark of respect for his gallant resistance he has been allowed to keep his sword.

Personal.

H.R.H. Prince Damrong and family have been at Bang-pa-in during the Khao Warsah holidays.

Monsieur de Laforcade of the Code Commission with Madame de Laforcade have been to Lopbburi for the holi-

Monsieur and Madame Laurent were also at Lopbburi having arrived there on the 14th instant.

Phya Arthakara returned from Anthong last evening.

H. E. Phya Boran, Lord Lieutenant of Ayuthia, has been down at Bangkok since the 13th instant.

Our Singapore correspondent wires that Mr. Noel Walker, the well-known amateur rider, was killed in a riding accident at Kuala Lumpur race course yesterday morning. His pony kicked him in the abdomen and he died half an hour later persumably from internal hemorrhage. He was 44 years of age and had been in Malaya for 22 years.

Fighting in the West.

Verdun Actions.

Paris, July 12 .- The German attack on fort Sonville was made after a fierce artillery preparation. The infantry at ten in the morning debouched from Fleury, the village of Vaux, and Chapitre Wood and notwithstanding the violence of massed assaults on a narrow front, the only German gain was a little ground in the vicinity of Chapelle Sainte Fine on the inter-section of the Fleury Vaux roads.

A fierce bombardment continues in the whole region of Sonville, Chenois

and Laufee. London, July 13.—The Paris communique says there is nothing to report on the Somme front. The attack of six Gernan regiments on Fort Souville, right of the Meuse gained only a little ground and cost enormous

Haig's Men at Work.

London, July 12 .- General Haig reports the enemy, largely reinforced, strongly attacked our new positions at several points but was beaten back ex-cept at Mametz Wood and Trones Wood where he regained some ground. We are actively bombarding the enemy's positions between the main bat-We also raided the enemy's front line. A party of Irish Fusiliers penetrated the strongly held trenches southeast of Loos remaining tventy minutes during which in heavy fighting many Germans were killed. Two companies of the Seaforths after stiff fighting penetrated trenches opposite the Hohenzollern redoubt killing many of the enemy, bombing their dugouts and taking prisoners.

There were many aerial combats. We destroyed a German machine and one of ours was brought down by gun-

"You will Hear from us Again." London, July 16 .- A French correspondent says the battle of Trones wood was probably the bloodiest and most obstinate struggle in the war. The wood was a mass of trenches full of Germans. The British launched a brilliant attack which carried most of the wood then the Germans furiously counter-attacked several times. When

the British yielded ground a Colonel turned back and shaking file fist called "Wait gentlemen, you will soon hear from us again." Then the British bat-teries opened up followed by another charge headed by the Colonel. A terrible melee ensuel during which the Germans were reinforced. Finally after six hours sweating hand to hand fighting the British neatly trapped the Germans by advancing in crescent formation and the horns closing in forced the enemy to run to escape annihila-

London, July 14.-The chief characteristic of the fighting in Mametz Wood and at Contal Maison has been the determined effort of the British to take and hold a number of copses and small forests between the first and second German lines. Hence it is called the Battle of the Woods. Of these Trone's Wood has constantly changed hands and they have christened it Tommies Hell-hole Wood. It was originally a copse but so frequently has it been shelled that cover is now impossible. The Germans when the original possessors never fortified it. Hence it was easy to concentrate an annihilating shell fire on its occupants. But the Wood no longer hinders development of the British advance.

Reuter's Account.
London, July 13.-The representative of Reuter at headquarters describing the battles for Mametz wood and Contal Maison emphasises their extraordinary desperateness and the almost appalling formidableness of the defence Both places were literally honeycombed with boche-nacked dugouts the inmates of which remained hidden till we entered and then poured out dragging machineguns and bagefull of bombs in their wake. Innumerable individual and sectional combats of the fiercest and bloodiest kind ensued before the places were finally in our hands. The capture of Mametz wood brings the British at the point within three hundred yards of the front trench of the enemy's secondline.

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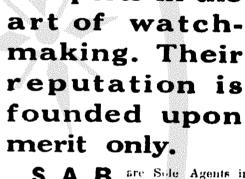
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Air Defence.

In the British House of Lords recently Lord Northeliffe in a maiden speech, spoke on the question of Air Defences. He contended that the aeroplane was infinitely more important as a weapon of defence to Britain than to any other people in the world. Three essential points wanted attention and these were encouragement to inventors, encouragement to manufacturers, and encouragement to men training as tlying men.

General Wire News.

London, July 13 .- The Bank of Engand discount rate is 6 per cent.

London, July 12 .- In the House of Commons Mr Samuel announced 460 Irish rebellion suspects had been re-

London, July 13 .- A submarine sank wo trawlers and two smacks off Whitby. The crews were rescued.

Petrograd, July 13 - The Commander in Chief has authorised the employment within the Minsk Government of Chinese and Koreans.

Amsterdam, July 13.- A Sofia telegram says the Bulgarian Government is placed in a minority owing to the defection of the Stambuloffists.

Hagne, July 13 .- A Bill authorising an extraordinary war credit of 75 million floring has been indroduced in the Second Chamber.

London, July 13.-Labourite members of the House of Commons have given a banquet to the Dominion visitors. Mr Henderson presided.

London, July 12.- In the House of Commons Mr. Asquith said the Government approved the resolutions of the Paris Economic Conference.

London, July 12 .- The engagement is announced of the Reverend W. II. Carnegie, author of several church works, to Mrs. Joseph Chamberlain.

Petrograd, July 13 .- The communione says: West of the lower Strypa we took prisoner two hundred men and captured a gun and machineguns.

munique says: An enemy attack on our new positions north of Val Zugana was driven back in disorder with heavy loss by our fire.

London, July 13.—The Italian com-

London, July 13 .- Reuter learns that the British Government has asked the Netherlands Overseas Trust to prevent the export of cotton goods from Holland to neutrals.

Commons Mr. Asquith introduced a bill to make the re-election of Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Montagu unnecessary. London, July 12.—The French Ministers, M. Thomas (Munitions) and M.

London, July 12.—In the House of

Ribot (Finance) and the Russian Minister of Finance M. Bark have arrived in London. Hague, July 12.-A procession of revolutionary Socialists presented to

the Ministry of the Interior a petition signed by 67,000 people protesting against the Government's foodstuff's policy. The Premier declined to receive a deputation. London, July 13 .- In the House of

Commons Lord R. Cecil said the terms of the Russo-Japanese treaty were communicated to Britian by Japan confidentially before publication. Britain thereupon expressed great satisfaction to Japan and Russia, otherwise there had been no communication between Britain, Japan and Russia.

London, July 13.—The King has written to Mr J. J. Virgo, General Secretary of the Y M C A, who is going on a special mission to the Dominions, India and the Crown Colonies asking him to convey to the Young Men's Christian Association organisations of those countries His Majesty's congratulations on their successful work

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The Irish Settlement.

London, July 10.—In the House of Commons Mr. Asquith said the main provisions of the Irish agreement are the exclusion of six Ulster counties, an Irish purliament composed of the pre-sent Irish members of the House of Commons. The appeal court in Dublin would be appointed by the Imperial

London, July 10 .- Continuing his speech Mr. Asquith admitted there had been some misunderstanding in the Cabinet regarding the precise point whereat the Cabinet should review the negotiations. He announced that the Imperial representatives would be responsible for the administration of the Defence of the Realm Act and other emergency legislation. The time limit would be struck out from the Home Rule Act. The bill would contain provisions regarding the future of the excluded counties. The Nationalist members of the House of Commons would continue to vote in the Commons after the Dublin parliament was established.

The Government had not yet received any specific proposal from the Unionists of the South and West of Ireland, but any such proposals would receive careful and sympathic consideration. He emphasised these were mere features of a settlement which none would have voluntarily chosen

had not the war compelled.

The new bill will provide for the imperial control of the navy, army and all matters airsing out of war. By agreement it is provided that the bill remain in force during the war and for a year thereafter. If the government has not then made permanent provihas not then made permanent provisions for the government of Ireland, the period will be extended to enable such provision to be made.

The bill will probably be introduced

next week.

Mr. Asquith emphasised that the union of Ireland could only be brought about with the free assent of the excluded area. He appealed to the House to seize an opportunity which might not recur to arrive at an agreement which might lead to a lasting settle-

London, July 12.—Eighty Commoners have joined an Imperial Committee of which Lord Salisbury is Chair-

man, to oppose the home rule settle-ment. It issues a manifesto shortly. London, July 11.—In the House of Lords Lord Landsdowne outlined the provisional system for the Irish Government, coming into force after the abolition of martial law until the establishment of the new Government. There would be an Irish Secretary with probably a military adviser. Carrying *arms would be prohibited from to-morrow. There would be no amnesty. A garrison would be kept in Ireland and there would be special safeguards for the Loyalists in the south and west. There would be a new chief of constabulary who would be a soldier who knows all parties. Lord Lansdowne understood that the Sinnfein movement was waning. The passage of the bill embodying the settlement would take some

Mr. Lloyd George.

It is understood that a bill will be introduced to obviate Lloyd George seeking reel-ction. It is believed that Lloyd George is considering an appeal from munitioners to postpone the August holiday to September.

London, July 11 .- The Earl of Crawford has been appointed President of the Board of Agriculture.

The Flying Corps.

London, July 10 .- A tribute to the work of the Flying Corps on the Somme is paid by Reuter's representative at headquarters who says the mastery of the air was never so completely ours. The enemy airmen are somewhat demoralised by recent disasters and ours harrassed the Germans to such an extent that the latter were unable to discover where the present offensive was likely to develop. Fokkers were quite outclassed and the position is such that the Flying Crops is virtually unmolested now during reconnaissances except by anti-aircraft

Indian Cotton.

London, July 11.—In reply to Sir George Toulmin, Mr Chamberlain gave a return showing the exports of raw cotton from India to Japan, Italy, the United Kingdom, China and Spain which had largely increased since the war. He would be glad to give Sir George Toulmin detailed information and efforts were being made to in-crease the cultivation of long stapled cotton in India.

London, July 12.-The Admiralty reports an Austrian cruiser sank two damaged and two British patroldrifters in the Adriatic. Ten men were killed and nine wounded and several made

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Mr. Asquith's Speech.

London, June 14.—"The assistance of the British troops has been offered to General Joffre, and all decisions taken will be in accordance with the best strategy.

This important statement was made to-day by Mr. Asquith, the British Premier and Interim Secretary of State for War, in the course of a speech to his constituents at Ladybank, in which he outlined the general and Military situation and declared that it "filled him with admiration and hope."

Lord Kitchener, Mr. Asquith said: " No one more than I knows with what untiring devotion Lord Kitchener served his country since the first day of

the war.
"Although he was not an optimist in temperament, Lord Kitchener never for a single instant, even during the dankest days, manifested the least discouragement.

Continuing, the Prime Minister referred to the Compulsory Military Service Act. "Although the principle is foreign to British traditions," he said, "it had been adopted by the conn. try as the sole practical means of recruitment to meet present requirements. Lord Kitchener has bequeathed us a vast army. It is for us to make the best use of it in the common

Referring to the general military situation, Mr. Asquith said: "If we take a glance at the various theatres of war, we are filled with admiration and hope. The resistance of the Italian troops and the valour shown by the French at Verdon are worthy of all praise. The assistance of the British troops has been offered to General Joffre, and the decisions which will be taken will be in accordance with the best strategy. Each of our enterprises is the result of carefully-studied cooperation. Every month this co-operation becomes more complete between the Allied General Staffs. This war is not only a struggle between armies, but it is also one of economic and material issues, and that is, perhaps, one of the factors which in the end will decide the victory.

NAVY HAS DONE ITS DUTY. Mr. Asquith then returned to the subject of the navy said :-

Its purpose is to guard our coasts from invasion and protect our transports, and that is a task as important as that of assuring the liberty of the seas to the merchant marine of the Great Britain and Ireland, but between Allies and of maintaining the blockade. These tasks, though relatively obscure, necessitate a very complete organisation and it is impossible to study. exaggerate the efficiency with which In conclusion the Prime Minister they are accomplished by our fleet. said: "It has been my lot to bear a heavier burden of care and responsible to the cause of the Allies owes an incommensurate debt to our fleet.

"The result of the North Sea battle was worthy of the highest traditions of the British Navy. The enemy at first dared to give the name of vic- whom, since the first day of my politory to what was in reality a rout for | tical career, I have always endes youred him. After two more such victories to serve."

Mesopotamia Muddle.

London, July 12.-In the House of Commons Mr. Asquith said he did not think the moment was opportune to discuss the Mesopotamia campaign. The Government was most desirous of discussion and did not desire to keep back anything.

Sir E. Carson intimated he would put a question on Mesopotamia next week and if the reply was unsatisfactory he would move the adjournment. He affirmed that many who had communications from Mesopotamia were most anxious.

Mr. As nith said there were reasons which could not properly be disclosed why a discussion was inopportune at present. The question of the condition of the troops in Mesopotamia was engaging Government's attention daily and most careful steps were being taken to remedy defects and supply immediate necessities.

London, July 12.- In the House of Lords, Lord Crewe said delay in publication of Mesopotamia papers was due to military objections to certain portions.

The Times trusts the War Office will make every effort to remedy the commissariat deficiencies believed to exist in Mesopotamia. It admits the difficulties are great and demands a searching inquiry into the whole expedition. London, July 13.-Official. Despatches from Mesopotamia report minor encoun-

ters in which we punished brigands. Enemy artillery and aircraft ineffectually bombarded our lines at Sunniyat. London, July 13.-In the House of Commons Mr. Bonar Law announced that Mr. Asquith will make a full statement on the Dardanelles and Mesopotamia on Tuesday and has promised facilities for discussion.

London, July 12.-Lord Derby unveiled a memorial to Lt. Warneford, V. C., in Brompton Cemetery.

there would not remain much of the German fleet. Mr. Asquith also touched on the Irish question.

MUST REMODEL EMPIRE. "We shall never be able," he said, to return to our old methods of government. It will be necessary to remodel the structure of the British Empire. Relations not only between the United Kingdom and its dominions must necessarily be submitted in the near future to a precise and methodical

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Holidays & Munitions,

London, July 12.—In the House of Commons Mr. Asquith amounced that owing to war needs the Government proposed the postponement of all holidays until such time as might be announced. Negotiations with the workers on the matter were proceeding.

The Government would see that holidays were merely postponed and not abandoned. The August bank holiday would be suspended by proclamation. No greater service could be rendered by the workers to the Army than giving the latter the encouragement and the evening the discouragement of the certain knowledge that the present intensity of bombardment as the assault continued would go on indefinitely if necessary (cheers).

THE SITUATION CHANGING.

A great, and he thought he was entitled to say, very favourable, change, had been produced in the military situation by the Allies offensive which was only beginning. It required for success a great and continuous supply of munitions whereof there were ample at present (cheers) but the daily consumption was enormous, therefore he appealed to the patriotism of the workers and the public generally to postpone their holidays in order that the attack as brilliantly as it had begun might be as brilliantly carried to a triumphant conclusion.

French Loan in U. S.

New York, July 14.—A statement has been issued by Messrs. Morgans and Browns regarding the French loan. It says that an American corporation will be formed known as the American Foreign Securities Company, which will issue ninety five million dollars for three years, at five per centum. Its notes here will be secured on a basis of a twenty per centum margin by obligations of the governments of Argentina, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Switzerland, Holland, Uruguay, Egypt, Brazil, Spain, Province of Quebec, shares of the Suez Canal Company, bonds and shares of American Corporations. It is expected that the Notes will be quoted on the New York Stock Exchange.

Question of Prisoners.

London, July 13.—Lord Rebert Cecil said Germany decied she had not recognised her obligations to feed the prisoners at Ruhleben, and threatened to prohibit parcels and reduce the rations of British prisoners if we reduced the rations of German prisoners.

Germany indicated she was willing to release British prisoners if we released all German prisoners, but Britain could not agree to exchange 26,000 Germans for 4.9.00 British. He would press for an exchange of civilians over fifty and unfit men over forty-five and the internment of the remaining civilians in a neutral country. Britain was perfectly free to retaliate if no cessary.

The Life of Parliament.

London, July 12.—In the House of Commons Mr. Asquith said the life of Parliament must be prolonged to a certain extent owing to the impossibility of getting a register recely by Sept. 30. This question and the Parliamentary Franchise had been discussed in the Cabinet but raised questions of grave difficulty for which they had been unable to find an adequate non-controversial solution, therefore he proposed to ask the House to appoint a select committee which would not include Cabinet ministers.

Telegraph Lines.

The Post and Telegraph Department reports that Nougk i line is imperfect working beyond Kerat. Puket line is still interrupted between Prang and Puket. Malay Peninsular main line is in order as far as Chumpon. Other lines are all right.

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An Indian Act.

London, July 12.—A deputation of the London Chamber of Commerce consisting of Messrs, C. C. Meleod, J. M. Dick, and W. K. Eddis visited Mr. Chamberlain yesterday on behalf of the Indian Chambers of Commerce to protest against clause two of the Government of India Act amendment bill and urged the bill should not be sanctioned by the Imperial Government until much greater consideration is given to the views of the Indian community and that the words to which exception is taken should be withexeption in the bill and made the subject of a separate measure after reference to responsible bodies in India and full consideration by them of the proposed alteration.

Mr. Chamberlain replied he was unable to withdraw clause two as the withdrawal would affect much le rislation to which no exception was taken and which the deputation agreed was necessary or harmless. Referring to the objections arising from the moment he pointed out the Indian Government had already issued a communique expressing willingness to reconsider the Burma act in the light of recent criticisms. He was impressed by what the deputation said and undertook to examine carefully their suggestions and trusted a solution would be found which would secure to the Indian Government the necessary powers whilst protecting the community against their abuse in the manner feared by the deputation.

Bucarest, July 13.—Nine thousand Austrian and Bulgarian deserters are interned in Rumania.

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