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a.m., Friday	Colombo with	
s.s. "Nankin" May 12	s.s. "Kashgar"	June 12
" " " 26	" "Karnala"	" 26
" " " 9	" "Morea"	July 10
" " " 23	" "Khyber"	" 24
" " " 6	" "Medina"	Aug. 7
" " " 20	" "Mongolia"	" 21
" " " 3	" "Malwa"	Sept. 4

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" " " " do do Aug. 21	do Sept. 29

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For China.

s/s	Due Singapore	Connection with	Leaving London
" " " " "	April 30	s/s "Morea"	April 1
" " " " "	May 14	" "Khyber"	" 15
" " " " "	" 19	" " " "	" 15
" " " " "	" 28	" "Medina"	" 29
" " " " "	June 11	" "Mongolia"	May 13
" " " " "	" 25	" "Malwa"	" 27
" " " " "	" 30	" " " "	" 27
" " " " "	July 9	" "Kaiser-i-hind"	June 10
" " " " "	" 23	" "Mooltan"	" 24
" " " " "	Aug. 6	" "Kashgar"	July 8
" " " " "	" 20	" "Karnala"	" 22
" " " " "	Sept. 3	" "Arabia"	Aug. 5
" " " " "	" 17	" "Khyber"	" 19

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"Katori Maru"	" 24	"Kamo Maru"	" 21

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"Sado Maru"	" 27	"Tamba Maru"	" 22

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s.s.	6 May 1916.	s.s.	3. May 1916.
"Asdang"	13 "	"Prachitipok"	10 "
"Boribat"	20 "	"Asdang"	17 "
"Prachitipok"	27 "	"Boribat"	24 "

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A. WILLEKE,  
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS must be sent before noon.

## TIDE TABLE.

DEPTH OF WATER ON THE  
BANGKOK BAR.

FOR MAY, 1916.

May.	A.M.			
	H. W.	Ft. in.	L. W.	(Approx.)
1	4 00	13 8	11	7-0
2	4 00	13 6	11-12	6-7
3	4 30	13 2	11-12	6-0
4	5 00	13 0	12	6-0
5	5 00	12 7	...	...
6	5 30	12 6	...	...
7	5 30	12 5	...	...
8	6 00	12 7	...	...
9	6 30	12 7	...	...
10	6 30	12 1	...	...
11	1 00	14 0	...	...
12	1 00	14 0	...	...
13	1 30	14 0	...	...
14	2 00	13 11	...	...
15	2 30	12 11	9-10	...
16	3 00	12 9	10	7-0
17	3 30	13 7	11	7-0
18	4 00	13 6	12	6-0
19	4 30	13 1	12	6-0
20	5 00	12 10	...	6-0
21	5 30	12 9	...	...
22	6 00	12 4	...	...
23	6 00	11 8	...	...
24	7 00	11 0	...	...
25	7 00	11 0	...	...
26	1 00	14 0	...	...
27	1 00	13 4	...	...
28	1 00	13 2	10	7-8
29	2 00	13 2	9-10	7-8
30	2 30	12 11	10-11	7-0
31	3 00	12 4	10-11	7-0

May.	P.M.			
	H. W.	Ft. in.	L. W.	(Approx.)
1	5 00	13 8	...	...
2	6 00	14 2	...	...
3	6 30	14 8	...	...
4	7 00	14 9	...	...
5	8 00	14 9	1-0	6-0
6	8 30	14 10	1-2	6-0
7	9 30	14 7	2-3	6-0
8	10 00	14 6	2-3	6-0
9	11 00	14 0	3-4	6-0
10	...	...	4-5	7-0
11	...	...	4-5	7-0
12	...	...	4-5	7-0
13	3 00	11 0	...	...
14	3 30	12 1	...	...
15	4 00	13 6	...	...
16	5 00	14 2	...	...
17	6 00	15 0	...	...
18	6 30	15 4	...	...
19	7 30	15 3	...	...
20	8 30	15 1	1-0	6-0
21	9 30	14 10	1-2	6-0
22	10 30	14 7	2-3	6-0
23	11 00	14 3	3-4	7-0
24	11 30	14 1	4-5	7-0
25	...	...	4-5	7-0
26	...	...	4-5	7-8
27	...	...	...	...
28	3 30	11 10	...	...
29	4 30	13 2	...	...
30	5 30	13 8	...	...
31	5 30	14 2	...	...

## PHASES OF THE MOON.

May, 2nd	○ New Moon	11 p.m.
" 10th	☾ First Quarter	3.29 p.m.
" 17th	☽ Full Moon	8.53 a.m.
" 24th	☾ Last Quarter	11.58 a.m.
June 1st	○ New Moon	2.19 a.m.

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CHANDABURI.  
Saturday 6th 10 a.m. s.s. Chutatchul  
SONGKHLA.  
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COPENHAGEN.  
Monday 8th 3 p.m. s.s. Bandon

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## To-day's Quotations.

LONDON—	Bank Bills, demand	1/6 7/16
	Bank Bills, 4 months' sight	1/6 17/32
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GERMANY—	Bank Bills, demand	—
NEW YORK—	Bank Bills, demand U.S.A.	35 3/4
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## New Egyptian Front.

Strenuous Work East of the Canal.

Malcolm Ross, official correspondent with the New Zealand Forces writes as follows:—

The second season since the war began is in full swing at Cairo, but the tropic suits and gay gowns of the rich cosmopolitan tourists are conspicuous only by their absence. Khaki still reigns. Generals and colonels and majors and all the other official ranks fill the two dining-rooms and the grill room at Shepherd's. A band plays at dinner, and on Saturday evenings there is a dance in the splendid domed Moorish Hall. At the Continental it is very much the same. Other well-known hotels are shut or are used as hospitals. The Helopolis Hotel—the largest in the world—houses only sick and wounded. There are few of the latter now. The Semiramis boards and lodges 150 nurses—mostly unemployed. Later there may be work for them to do. At present there is no fighting in our zone.

The new Colonial troops are rather interested; the old ones "fed up," because a year ago they had their fill of the desert. But just at present our men are, as one officer put it, "frightfully fit, and against any soldiers in the world they would give a good account of themselves. From a damp dug-out on Gallipoli to the white damask of Shepherd's is a far cry and a pleasant change, but after a time the conventions and even the means of civilization begin to lose their novelty and their charm and you long for change. The day comes when you feel a sense of elation in buying another camp bed and a canvas bucket and all the other odds and ends lost, stolen, or strayed on Gallipoli.

It is not so easy as it seems to get to the new front. Leaving your camp in the early morning, you have a long day and varied means of locomotion ahead of you. First a motor-car: then a motor-launch along the canal. A hundred and fifty miles away at Beersheba the Turkish Headquarters are nearer their goal than they were a year ago. A patrol away out in the desert—a spy caught swimming the canal—these are the only near evidences of possible attack.

Across the Desert.  
Stripped on the banks ready for a bath, the overseas Apollos give us a friendly hail as we go by. Leaving our launch, we climb a sloping road-way on the eastern bank and find ourselves at a divisional headquarters. The zigzag line of the old trenches with their entanglements of barbed wire are still there. Now wire has been added to make the barrier more formidable. Here the problem of further transport faces us. Every man, every horse, every mule, every camel is at work. In due time the journey is resumed—in a motor-wagon.

Running out into the desert are a road, a railway, a pipe line, and a telegraph line. They fade away and become lost in the sandy spaces ahead. Four of our men are sweating at the railway, packing up the sand under the rails. "I was a bank manager in New South Wales, now I'm a blessed navy, says one. Yes, they are "fed up" with the desert—nothing but sand for miles and miles and then more—sand.

As far as the road runs there is much traffic. A train with narrow wagons and a funny little George Stephenson engine comes rumbling past. On the road motor-lorries and mule carts come and go, and out on the right there is another little railway with a still narrower gauge. The little trucks are drawn by mules. They carry stone

for the road—a friable Harstone that binds fairly well after it is watered. Each truck has an Australian soldier and one or two "gyppies" on it; one man generally riding pillion. The black and the white work cheerily together, Christian and Mahomedan in the common cause.

## The Water Problem.

Mile after mile the 6in. pipe-line winds its way across the desert. Presently we come to the railroad and the end of the road, but the telegraph line still goes eastward and the pipe-line branches, stretching several fingers farther across the sands. The time is beguiled in conversation with a Colonial officer, who was a plumber and has been promoted from the ranks. He would not appear to great advantage in Boudstrect nor feel quite at ease in a London drawing-room, but he has been at Anzac all the time and has an amazing singleness of purpose in his work. He is married—a wife and three kiddies—and they are beginning already to ask when Daddy is coming home, and the youngest one doesn't know him.

Somewhere out in the desert as well, be readily surmised, there is a line of defence for the canal. As we reached the farthest outpost perched on a camel men with musket and shovels were coming back from the front line. We walked out to it and saw that it was well made. The trenches were in strange contrast to those we had dug on Gallipoli. Here the drifting sand was, and always will be, a problem but it can be dealt with, though it must be heartbreaking to find on the morrow that your digging of yesterday has to be done all over again. Returning to the rail-head, we passed the camel trains coming in with pipes and other camels going back with the empty water cans. In this war in the Near East the water problem seems to be ever with us.

We got back to camp in time for a late dinner, having tried almost every available means of locomotion except an aeroplane, and we had seen the new front and the new firing line. Whether there will ever be a shot fired from it none of us can say. But we live in hope.

## THE OFFICE MAN

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" " " "	5-00	"
Fairfield First Quality " " "	3-50	"
" " " "	4-10	"
Tekoa Linen Bond " " "	2-75	"

## OCTAVO SIZE (For Mercantile Work).

Strathmore Parchment 8 1/2 x 11 Tcs.	3-50	Per Ream
" " " "	4-20	"
Fairfield First Quality " " "	3-00	"
" " " "	3-60	"
Tekoa Linen Bond " " "	2-10	"
" " " "	2-50	"
Certificate Bond " " "	1-75	"
" " " "	2-00	"

## PRINTING PAPER.

News, Ledger, Bank, Foolscap and Linen paper of every description and sizes. Prices on application.

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## The Violin of Piatro.

Says the "Malaya Tribune" the disaster which overtook the instrument of Miss Sybil Keymer, of the Humphrey Bishop London Star Company, who has been kept in the Victoria Memorial Hall, brings back to mind a similar mishap which happened to the violin of M. Piatro, the Russian violinist.

The Russian virtuoso carried his audience by storm, while in this town, and the violin, which so much attributed to his advent being yet deeply impressed on the minds of the music lovers who nightly listened attentively to Beethoven's Kreutzer Sonata, Wieniawsky's Carval, or Lalo's Symphonie Espagnole, had a very narrow escape from being prevented to do justice to Piatro's art.

While in Manila, the tropical heat exercised such an effect on his violin that it almost collapsed, the seams giving way under a tropical heat it was never before asked to bear. Built by a disciple of Stradivarius, the artist was verging on despair by the loss of the instrument, when he was told by a European antiquary in Manila, of a Manila man whose work on patching of idols, spears and mosaics had made him very clever in this work. M. Piatro gave him the cherished instrument and, to all surprise received it not alone with its beautiful tone still intact, but repaired, that it will withstand any exigencies of climate. Noed it be added that the Manila man has become famous, or that artists on Eastern tours bent are forwarding their instruments to him at Manila, to prepare them for the tropics? That the Manila man says that it is a secret how he makes his glue and that such has been carried down through tradition by the last surviving member of each family as the heirloom of his house? Quien sabe! As long as the long nursed secret of repairs to violins which will give us the delight of again listening to such music as was heard in the Victoria Hall when the Russian artists were here and is now heard from Miss Sybil Keymer, as long shall broken violin owners be advised to go to Manila to have theirs repaired.

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## Post Bellum Trade.

Commenting on the recent powerful speeches of the Hon. W. M. Hughes in England, briefly, reported by Reuter at the time, the Spectator contends that they have helped to strengthen the English determination not to tolerate the trade methods Germany has employed for political ends. On this issue there is no difference of opinion between Free Traders and Protectionists. The former can combine with the bitterest Tariff Reformer because they realise that Germany is constitutionally incapable of playing the game fairly and therefore must be treated as an outcast from the comity of Free Trading nations. Germany's methods in South America and China are a real danger which cannot be met by trade regulations applying to the United Kingdom alone. Our main stand-by against Germany's overseas competition is in supplying goods at a lower price than Germany can supply them.

Need for United Action. Merely to exclude German goods from the home markets would intensify German competition across the seas. There must be collective and consistent action with the other portions of the Empire, and also the aim of securing similar arrangements with the Allies. We have already reached the stage where none of the Allies will concede favoured nation treatment to Germany. One of the peace conditions ought to be that Germany's tribute should be paid in the particular German commodities which are most useful to us; for instance, the potash mines of Saxony should be vested in a body representing the Allied Powers.

A Suicidal Policy. The Daily Chronicle asks: Does any one suppose that England ought to refuse after the war to have any trade dealings with the 150 millions of people in Central Europe? Such a policy would mean that we would lose our commercial pre-eminence, to which the United States would succeed. New York would take London's place as the heart and nerve centre of the world. Mr. Lloyd George could be no party to so disastrous a policy. He is no cosmopolitan, but a fervent patriot who holds that the chief thing to bear in mind is what is best for the welfare of the mass of the people of the Empire.—Ex.

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	1	2	3	4		1	2	3	4
	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.		a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.
Paknam Dep.	6.30	9.30	12.45	3.45	Bangkok Dep.	7.45	10.15	2.00	5.00
*Maha Wong "	6.35	9.35	12.50	3.50	Sala Deng "	7.52	10.52	2.07	5.07
*Ban Naeng Greng "	6.40	9.40	12.55	3.55	Klong Toi "	8.00	11.00	2.15	5.15
Chorakhe "	6.45	9.45	1.00	4.00	*Ban Kluei "	8.05	11.05	2.20	5.20
*Samrong "	6.50	9.50	1.05	4.05	Prakonong "	8.10	11.10	2.25	5.25
Bangna "	6.55	9.55	1.10	4.10	Bangjak "	8.15	11.15	2.30	5.30
Bangjak "	7.00	10.00	1.15	4.15	*Bangna "	8.20	11.20	2.35	5.35
Prakonong "	7.05	10.05	1.20	4.20	Samrong "	8.25	11.25	2.40	5.40
*Ban Kluei "	7.10	10.10	1.25	4.25	Chorakhe "	8.30	11.30	2.45	5.45
Klong Toi "	7.15	10.15	1.30	4.30	*Ban Naeng Greng "	8.35	11.35	2.50	5.50
Sala Deng "	7.23	10.23	1.38	4.38	*Maha Wong "	8.40	11.40	2.55	5.55
Bangkok Arr.	7.30	10.30	1.45	4.45	Paknam Arr.	8.45	11.45	3.00	6.00

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			I.	III.	V.	VII.				VI.	VIII.		
			A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.				A.M.	P.M.		
	Km.	Bangkok Dep.	7.00	9.00	2.00	4.00		Km.	Meklong Dep.	9.00	2.00		
33.1		Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya Terminus Arr.	8.20	10.20	3.20	5.20		33.8		B. Hlamme Terminus Arr.	10.20	3.20	
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Distance from B. Hlamme.	STATIONS.		Train No.		Distance from Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya.	STATIONS.		Train No.					
			III.	VII.				II.	IV.	VI.	VIII.		
			A.M.	P.M.				A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.		
Km.		B. Hlamme Terminus Dep.	10.50	3.50		Km.	Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya Terminus Dep.	7.00	11.00	2.00	4.00		
33.8		Meklong Arr.	12.10	5.10	33.1		Bangkok Arr.	8.20	12.20	3.20	5.20		

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BANGKOK-MEKLONG.					MEKLONG-BANGKOK.						
Distance from B. Hlaing.	STATIONS.				Train No.	Distance from Mahachai.	STATIONS.				Train No.
					III. VII.						II. IV. VI. VIII.
					A.M. P.M.						A.M. A.M. P.M. P.M.
Km.	B. Hlaing	Terminus	Dep.	10.50 3.50	Km.	Mahachai	Terminus	Dep.	7.00 11.00 2.00 4.00		
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## Great War.

### The Western Front.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)

London, May 4.

During April seventy-six aeroplanes  
forty-eight of which were German in-  
cluding a number of Fokkers were  
accounted for. In the western front the  
British lost only four but felled eleven  
German.

Paris.—The French were most suc-  
cessful in repulsing minor attacks at  
Somme, Champagne and Argonne. The  
communique states that artillery ac-  
tivity continues around Deadman Hill  
while the French at dusk made a  
brilliant attack southeast of Daugumont  
and captured five hundred metres of  
enemy positions and numerous pris-  
oners.

### French Reports.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, May 3.

Yesterday our artillery fire on Ger-  
man batteries in Champagne caused ex-  
plosions.

To-day, after bombardment with  
lachrymatory bombs, the Germans took  
a footing on elements of advanced  
trenches between Harazee and Four de  
Paris, but they retired suffering serious  
losses.

There was great artillery activity in  
the region of Verdun.

### Russian Reports.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, May 3.

We repulsed a German attack in the  
Riga sector.

In the Caucasus we sabred Turks,  
and in the direction of Diarlekir we  
took prisoners.

### British Reports.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, May 3.

London.—German attack east of  
Ypres and north of Albert failed.

Five Zeppelins flew over the north-  
east of England and north-east of Scot-  
land throwing bombs.

In the House of Commons Mr.  
Asquith introduced a bill instituting  
obligatory service.

### The Cattle Trade.

His Britannic Majesty's Consul-  
General has today received telegraphic  
information from the Government of  
the Straits Settlements that the probi-  
bition of the importation of cattle into  
the Straits Settlements from Bangkok  
enforced in March last has now been  
withdrawn.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

MISS A. Tiseman was among those  
who arrived by the s.s. "Asdang" yester-  
day.

SAYS the London and China Express  
of March 28: Rice quiet but steady.  
Rangoon two Stars on the spot old  
crop 16s. 3d. to 16s. 6d., new crop 16s.  
9d., Japan 22s. 9d., and Garden Siam  
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unchanged.

KING George has been pleased to give  
and grant unto Mr. Cecil Bedell Follett,  
Divisional Superintendent of Police,  
Bangkok, His Majesty's Royal licence  
and authority to wear the Insignia of  
the Fourth Class of the Order of the  
Crown of Siam, which decoration has  
been conferred upon him by His Ma-  
jesty the King of Siam in recognition  
of valuable services rendered by him.

THE London and China Express  
states that the East Asiatic Company,  
Ltd., has sold the motor vessels "Ban-  
don, Chuonpon" and "Pangan" to  
Norwegian owners. All three vessels  
were built at Glasgow in 1909 by  
Messrs. Barclay, Curle and Co., Ltd.,  
and are of 2,182, 2,168, and 2,234 net  
tons respectively. A report from Nor-  
way states that the vessels have been  
acquired by the Norwegian Govern-  
ment.

### PADDY REPORT FOR MAY 4.

Nasran 1530 coynas at Tcs.	79/34 each
Samruang 1220 " " "	73/84 "
Namuang 130 " " "	67/89 "
Total Coyas	2880

## Siam Commercial Bank.

The 19th general meeting of the  
Siam Commercial Bank, Ltd. was held  
yesterday afternoon when there were  
present Mr. E. Florio (Chairman), Phya  
Boribun Raja Sombat, Phya Jaiyos  
Sombatt, Phya Boribun Kosakorn,  
Luang Narongron, Mr. W. Brehmer,  
Mr. L. Weiler and Mr. A. Willeke.

The directors' report, a copy of which  
is appended below, and the balance  
sheet for the half-year ended 31st  
March 1916 were passed and carried  
unanimously.

Mr. Alex. H. Donaldson, was re-  
elected auditor.

### Directors' Report.

The net profit, after making ample  
provision for all bad and doubtful debts,  
deducting rebate on bills not due and  
allowing for interest accrued to date  
upon fixed deposits and for other con-  
tingencies, amounts to Tcs. 260,804.66  
including Tcs. 105,787.84 brought for-  
ward from the last account.

The Directors beg to recommend  
that the accrued profit be dealt with as  
follows:

1. There be transferred to the Ord-  
inary Reserve-fund in accordance with  
the Statutes Tcs. 15,501.70. 2. And  
transferred to the Extraordinary Re-  
serve-fund Tcs. 50,000.—3. A dividend  
for the half-year be declared at the  
rate of 5% p.a. Tcs. 82,500.—4. There  
be applied as statutory remuneration  
to the Board Tcs. 2,850.80. 5. And as  
bonus to the staff Tcs. 3,831.—leaving  
to be carried forward to the next ac-  
count Tcs. 106,118.16. Total Tcs.  
260,804.66.

## Siamese Mails on the Sussex.

The British Post Office announces  
that the s.s. "Sussex," which was tor-  
pedoed in the English Channel by a  
German submarine, carried mails for  
(among other ports and places) the  
Malay States, Straits Settlements, Siam,  
and Dutch East Indies, containing all  
registered letters which reached Lon-  
don between the morning of Monday,  
March 20, and the morning of Friday,  
March 24, and all ordinary letters for  
those destinations which reached Lon-  
don between Wednesday morning, the  
22nd, and Friday morning, the 24th,  
also a few newspapers.

## Abstract of Foreign Trade.

Total number and tonnage of for-  
eign steamers and sailing-ships which  
have called at the Port of Bangkok  
during the month of April 1916.

Nationality of Flag.	Steamers No.	Tonnage.
British	30	26,887
Norwegian	27	21,615
Japanese	5	5,011
Chinese	2	14,87
Dutch	2	2126
French	2	800
Danish	1	2183
TOTAL	69	60,106

Passengers	Cabin	Deck
from Singapore	32	159
" Hongkong	8	127
" Swatow	26	5655
" Hoihow	325	
" Saigon	4	10
" Copenhagen	1	0
Total	71	6276
Grand total		6347

## Chapter Endings.

F. F. sends to a Sydney paper some  
chapter endings which he thinks typi-  
cal of the authors named:—Maurice  
Hewlett.—"So, horribly cursing, the  
great-jowled filibuster fell to his sup-  
per of twelve hogs livers roasted, and  
for aught I know was carried to bed  
drunker than his wont." Campton  
Mackenzie.—"Before going to bed,  
where it was his practice to draw the  
upper sheet as far as his neck, Guy  
fastened his pyjamas. They were of  
silk and not buttoned, but secured by  
cords, the knot on one side slipping  
into the loop on the other. Guy began  
at the top, and went methodically  
down the loops, ending with the fourth  
below his waist line." H. C. Wells.—  
"And then there was Marjorie. . . .  
The birds outside my window kept  
twittering. . . . Charles Garrice.—  
"With melting eyes, she strove in vain  
to read the misty chapters in the Book  
of Love which Geoffrey had opened  
for her." Henry James.—"She blew  
out the light and snuggled." Sir  
Walter Scott.—"For further doings,  
the gentle reader must be referred to  
the following chapter."



## Chinese Notions of Government.

(Continued.)

At a time when the distracted affairs of China cause that country to absorb so much of the world's attention, it may not be without interest to enquire into the ideas of Government possessed by the inhabitants of that mysterious land. The progress towards enlightenment made by the people of the Middle Kingdom in recent years has been a matter of surprise to the world and a subject on which publicists have spent a large amount of ink and engaged in a still greater amount of speculation for the spectacle of the oldest and most conservative Monarchy in the world being turned into a Republic in the course of a few months and with comparatively little bloodshed is indeed a surprising one and probably without parallel in the world's history. Let it be remembered, however, that much of this enlightenment is more apparent than real. The bulk of the four hundred millions of China do not live in towns and cities but in villages and hamlets scattered over the face of the eighteen provinces and, although the cities are stirred with the spirit of modernity and twentieth century business enterprise, the people of the rural districts are content to live, think and follow customs after the manner of their ancestors. We may thus liken the people of China to a solid globe of sober, conservative folk, living after the pattern of life set by their forebears but surrounded by a thin layer of persons, who having been educated abroad or in the foreign-managed schools of the Treaty Ports, have absorbed more liberal ideas and are anxious to bring in the customs of the western world together with its business methods, machinery and labour-saving devices.

For generations the education of a Chinese consisted almost solely in acquiring a knowledge of the classical books of his country and the commentaries on them. To such a degree have these books been assimilated by the nation that extracts from them have come into use in common speech as proverbs and household sayings for ever on the lips of the people and it would not be going too far to say that the people are permeated with the doctrines contained in these books and, in the same way as in Puritan England the nation became "the people of a book" (to borrow Greene's phrase) so the people of China have become, and have been for centuries, the people of the national classics. These ancient writings, though containing much that is obscure and much that appears fallacious to the western mind, are full of common sense and it is from them that the Chinese obtain their notions of the relationship that should exist between those that govern and the governed.

In these old books it is laid down in the plainest possible way that the prince's prime duty is to be a father to his people. The prince is not to consider his state or the Emperor his empire as a source of wealth, power or self-aggrandisement. To the old philosophers of Cathay the word 利 meaning "gain" or "profit" was anathema and rulers were constantly exhorted by them to pursue 義 or "righteousness." In these writings the ruler is taught to consider his position as a trust from heaven—a position in which he is required to do the greatest possible amount of good to his people. The prince is thus plainly seen to be the servant of the people but, by reason of his holding his high place by the will of Heaven (天命) he is entitled to the greatest respect and veneration.

The Chinese hold that good Government can only emanate from a Prince who devotes himself to the pursuit of righteousness (義) and to the acquisition of virtue (德). Confucius says 為政以德譬如北辰居其所而眾星共之 "The ruler who exercises Government by means of virtue is as the north pole star which keeps its place and towards which all other stars turn." This illustrates another idea possessed by the Chinese that a virtuous ruler not only possesses his state in tranquillity but, by his virtue, attracts the best men of other states to himself thus causing the country to advance in importance, prosperity and power. The Duke Ai

[哀公] once asked Confucius what should be done to secure the submission of the people. The reply was 舉直錯諸枉則民服 "Advance the upright and set aside the crooked, then the people will submit. Advance the crooked and set aside the upright and the people will not submit." Notice that there is no mention of force to be used against the unsubmissive, the idea being that if righteous principles are put into practice the unsubmissive come to be. The ruler is expected by the Chinese to

be no sluggard. Says Confucius 道千乘之國教事而信節用而愛人使民以時

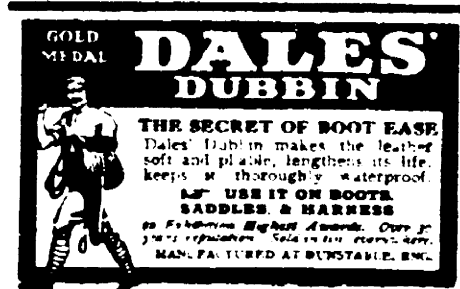
"To rule a country of a thousand chariots (i.e. a great feudal fief of the Empire) needs reverent attention to affairs, sincerity, economy and love for men; and the employment of the people at the proper seasons." The last clause of this quotation means that the people are not to be taken from their agricultural duties at seed-time and harvest to be employed on the public works. Thus a Prince who spends his days in idle pursuit of pleasure, is extravagant, fond of war and inconsiderate and cannot expect to win the regard of the people who will, as a natural consequence, turn against him in time of strife and rebellion and cause him to lose his throne (which has happened again and again in the history of China.) One more quotation from the Analects will throw further light on the subject. 子貢問政子曰足食足兵民信之子貢曰必不得已而去於斯三者何先曰去兵子貢曰必不得已而去於斯二者何先曰去食自古皆有死民無信不立

Tsz-Kung asked about Government. Confucius said, "The requisites of government are that there be sufficiency of food, sufficiency of soldiers, and confidence of the people in their ruler." Tsz-Kung replied, "If it be unavoidable that one of these be dispensed with which of the three should first be foregone?" Confucius said, "The soldiers." Tsz-Kung again said, "If it be unavoidable that one of the remaining two should be first foregone?" Confucius replied, "Sufficiency of food; for from old death has been the lot of mankind but, if the people have no confidence in their ruler there is no standing for the state."—a dictum which appears to be abundantly proved true in the present crisis, the bulk of the people having lost confidence in Yuan Shi-kai.

Thus the main idea in the Chinese mind concerning Government is that the Prince should be perfectly virtuous. Being virtuous himself the officers he appoints will be virtuous also and with such examples before them it must follow that the people will become virtuous and thus be happy and contented. With such high ideals before them it is no wonder that the Chinese have been from time to time

dissatisfied with their rulers. The 君子 or "Superior Man," as a Prince should be, is rare and when the ruler turns out to be an ordinary mortal, possessed of the frailties of common humanity, the Celestial no doubt imagines that he is being "done" and shows his dissatisfaction accordingly. A legend regarding Confucius may well close this article. Confucius and his disciples were once walking along a mountain road when they met a woman weeping bitterly. The Master asked the reason of her grief. "Sir," said she, "my husband was devoured on this spot by a tiger and yesterday my only son was also here devoured." "Then why not leave the district?" inquired the Sage. "The Prince of this country is a benign man" replied the widow. Turning to his disciples the Master said, "See how an evil Prince may cause more suffering than a ravening beast."

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## War News From Mail Papers.

## North Sea Battle Stopped.

Copenhagen, March 27.—The "Politiken's" Esbjerg correspondent reports that, according to fresh information received, the naval engagements in the North Sea began on Friday evening, when four German torpedo boats outside Sylt were suddenly attacked by a British flotilla. By means of wireless assistance was called for from Heligoland. A large German squadron, consisting of five cruisers, twenty torpedo boats, Zeppelin 1, 14, and five aeroplanes arrived, but in the meantime the British flotilla withdrew. On Friday afternoon outside Esbjerg a large British flotilla of 30 warships was observed, among them being a large cruiser, from which five aeroplanes ascended, going south.

Yesterday, at one o'clock, two German trawlers were destroyed twelve miles south-west of Grands Lightship. Five German aeroplanes took part in the battle.

The crew of the Sædding Lightships state that a British torpedo boat was destroyed by shells from aeroplanes. This morning, at two o'clock, a violent cannonade was heard 25 miles south-west of Vlaandshuk—Ex. Tel. Co.

## Naval Airmen "Missing."

The Secretary of the Admiralty announces that the following four officers and a chief petty officer of the Royal Naval Air Service are reported to be missing after the attack of the 25th March by British seaplanes upon the German airship sheds in Schleswig-Holstein: Flight Lt. G. H. Reid, R.N., Flight Sub-Lt. J. F. Hay, R.N., Flight Sub-Lt. C. G. Knight, R.N., Midshipman S. E. Hoblyn, R.N.R., R. Mullins, C.P.O., mechanic, 3rd class, O.N.F. 4343.

It should be noted that the number reported missing tallies with the German official statement, which was published in the Press on the 27th inst. that four English officers and one non-commissioned officer had been taken prisoners.

## Mammoth German Submarine.

Copenhagen, March 28.—The Christiania correspondent of the "Politiken" states that yesterday a German submarine of a size and speed hitherto unknown was observed outside Utsire. The captain of the submarine, having torpedoed the Norwegian, barque Lindfeld, cabled to say the barque's crew of 30 were taken on board the submarine on Mar. 17. They remained on board the submarine for four days until carried over to Norway by another Norwegian barque, the Silos. The submarine is stated to be a very large one, carrying a crew of 80 men.—Ex. Tel. Co.

## Another Sea Duel Recalled.

The first application ever heard of sinking a German cruiser was heard on March 27 by Sir Samuel Evans, and related to the destruction of the German armed cruiser Cap Trafalgar in September, 1914. The application for prize bounty was made by way of motion on behalf of the officers and crew of H.M. auxiliary cruiser Carmania. The President awarded Capt. Noel Grant, C.B., the officers and crew of the Carmania £2115 prize bounty, estimated on the basis of 423 persons on board the Cap Trafalgar when she sank.

## Verdun and After.

Paris, March 28.—Mr. W. P. Simms, correspondent of the United Press of America, who has just returned from Verdun, in the course of a cablegram regarding the German effort at Verdun says: I have heard a new and startling

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planation of this immense drive at Verdun. The Germans were aware that M. Briand's plan of a conference of all the military and diplomatic chiefs of all the Allies was on the verge of succeeding, when concerted action, in addition to a wiser distribution of the resources of the Allies, once an agreement had been reached, would result in a maximum offensive.

The Germans thought that a mortal blow, such as the fall of Verdun would prove, would indefinitely postpone the conference, if not prevent its being held.

From reliable Italian sources I understand that German propagandists were busy weeks ahead in attempting to undermine Italian public opinion regarding the ultimate success of the cause of the Quadruple Entente, and trusting that the fall of Verdun would best secure such a result, whereupon Italy would not attend the conference. My informant declared that Italy was considered especially important in this connection, as only a small fraction of her available force, due to the topographical conditions, had been employed, whereas at the conference important decisions would be arrived at. This was not the sole reason for the Verdun drive, but merely one of many.

Verdun seems to be impregnable—certainly it is without terrible losses on the part of the attackers. The sector is like a giant anthill, on which men and transports swarm unceasingly day

and night, methodically, without confusion, without excitement, and with no undue haste.

Ammunition is stacked ready to hand at various vantage points. Guns seem to be unlimited in number, likewise all necessary spare parts.

Apparently there is no lack of munitions for any possible contingency. The French soldiers are best when they are busiest.

The defence of Verdun will mark an epoch in history. The defenders are as inspiring and gay as French soldiers are traditionally pictured. They are as war-hardened as Napoleon's men, and as imperturbable and bull-doggish as Britishers.

France's fighting forces are visibly and noticeably better than they were at the commencement of hostilities.—Ex. Tel. Co.

## Fighting on Salonika Front.

Athens, March 28.—According to overnight reports encounters have become general along the whole of the line, and are marked by great fierceness. The Germano-Bulgarian forces since yesterday have undertaken a violent attack, supported by powerful artillery.

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## The Germans in Belgium.

### Great Military Works.

A correspondent of "L'Independence Belge" who has been in Namur since August 1, 1914, has succeeded in getting through an interesting letter on life in the famous Meuse town. The carrier of the letter is the only person who has succeeded in leaving Namur. The town, he says, is frequently traversed by strong contingents of troops, and the population are able to note the changed mien of the German soldiers. No more laughter, no more songs, no more sarcasms. "If I wished to make a comparison I should best express it thus: They are the sheep that are brought to the slaughter."

Considerable works are in progress around the fortifications of Namur, and these indicate the Germans expect sooner or later to have to defend the town. The inhabitants are strictly forbidden to approach the fortifications, and the people only know that Namur is now enclosed by a girdle of forts. The Germans have constructed a railway, which connects all the forts. For this purpose they helped themselves to the rails and material of the Societe Nationale des Chemins de Fer Vicinaux. They have torn up many railroads in the country, notably in the Limbourg district.

### Railways Doubled.

The Belgian province of Limbourg, says the same journal, has become an important centre of the German military organisation. In this corner of the country, situated in the extreme north bordering on Holland, the Germans believe that they are sheltered from the raids of the Allied airmen. They have there installed all kinds of workshops, instruction camps for their troops, and an important school of aviation.

At Canille German engineers have restarted the factory for the manufacture of explosives of the firm of Koppal. An explosion has already taken place, destroying a portion of the works. To-day the works are being directed by Teutonic specialists. At Lommel the plant of the Societe des Produits Chimiques, of which the German brothers Schulte were proprietors, is working day and night, with workmen brought from Westphalia, and placed under military discipline. At Turnhout, and in the surrounding district, German workmen have taken possession of the cement and copper works.

All the railway lines in the district have been doubled, and some new lines have been created, the traffic becoming more and more intense.

At Berles the vast military camp,

which formerly was used by the Belgian Army for manoeuvres, has been specially adapted for giving instruction to the troops on their way to the front. A vast network of trenches has been dug, and here the men familiarise themselves rapidly with the methods of modern warfare. It is estimated that more than 20,000 troops sojourn regularly in the camp, men coming and going without cessation. Artillery practice also takes place on the artillery range where the guns manufactured by the famous firm of Cockerill were tried.

The aviation camp at Kiewit, which was before the war directed by The Aviateur de Lamine, and where the Fear of Bulgaria and his two sons made their first flights in 1912, has become an important school for the instruction of German pilots.

## Death of Gen. Hoghton in Mesopotamia.

Brigadier-General F. A. Hoghton died in Mesopotamia from gastro-enteritis due to the climate and hardships which General Townshend's force has been experiencing in Kut. The deceased was known in Singapore having come from India in 1915 to conduct a court of inquiry into the mutiny which necessitated his remaining in Singapore for several months, part of his time being spent at Government House as a guest of Sir Arthur Young. After leaving Singapore he was continually on active service, being shut up with General Townshend in Kut. Brigadier-General Hoghton was born in March, 1864. He obtained his first commission in the East Yorks in March, 1883, and joined the Indian Army in March, 1887, attaining the rank of Brigadier-General in December, 1914. General Hoghton saw service on the frontier in 1897-98, when he was D. A. Q. M. G. for Intelligence in the Mohmand campaign and field intelligence officer in the Tirah campaign, and was present at the operations in the Bara Bazar valleys, being mentioned in the despatches and receiving the medal and clasp. When the great war broke out, Colonel Hoghton, as he then was, was employed at Army headquarters as head of the old intelligence branch, but shortly afterwards he was appointed to the command of the Delhi and Bareilly brigades and was present in Delhi in the cold weather of 1914-15.

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### More About Army Nicknames.

The nicknames which are current in the Army are an inexhaustible subject, because they can constantly be extended by study of the histories of individual regiments. Thus, an officer just back from the front reminds me that in a previous article I might have mentioned that the A.S.C. are called "The strawberry snatchers," because they are supposed to make use of their opportunities to secure the pick of the rations. There is no more ingrained habit in the soldier than grumbling about his food, which he may say is quite English you know. The initials of the Army Ordnance Corps are rendered, with reckless irreverence, into the nickname "Angels of Christ."

The name "Elegant Extracuts" clings to the Royal Fusiliers from some old difficulties about recruiting or drafts in days gone by. The Lincolnshire Regiment is called the "Poachers" from its march-past tune, and in common with the Wiltshire Regiment the "Springers" from a time when "Spring up" was the word of command, like the "Up Guards and at 'em" at Waterloo. The Somerset Light Infantry are "Yellow banded robbers," probably in allusion to a regimental fashion in cap-bands, and "Bleeders" probably for a similar reason that the Manchester Regiment are the "Bloodsuckers," and the Worcestershire are the "Vein openers" because they drew first blood in the American Rebellion in 1776. If the "Vein openers," recalling the school story of the suicide of Seneca in his bath, is to some temperaments the most repulsive nickname I have come across, the Worcesters have also, perhaps, the prettiest on the list in the "Star of the line." The Somerset also have less bloodthirsty titles as the "Illustrious garrison" and the "Jellalabad heroes," because the 13th Foot were besieged with Sale in Jellalabad in 1841. The Northumberland Fusiliers are the "Powwow" and also "Calvert's Entire," which looks like beer. The East Yorkshires are the "Snappers" because in an engagement they went on snapping their firelocks when their ammunition was exhausted; and the "Poonas Guards" from Indian service. The Bedfordshires are the "Old Bucks," "The Peacemakers," and the "Feather Beds," a pun upon their territorial name. The Royal Welsh Fusiliers are "Nanny Goats" and the "Royal Goats," because a goat is their mascot and is led at the head of the regiment. The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers are the "Inniskillings" and the "Old Muster" and the "Tampers," may be a bit at their badge, the castle with St. George's colour on a grenade, as the "Pump and Tortoise" may allude to the Sphinx on the badge of the South Staffordshires, who are also the "Staffordshire Knete" from the well known country emblem.

"The Pig" evidently refers to the elephant which the West Yorkshire Regiment wear as the Duke of Wellington's Own, it being part of his crest; but they are also the "Havercake Lads." That elephant badge, combined with the bagpipes, has earned in the case of the Highland Light Infantry the nickname of the "Pig and Whistle Infantry."

The Gloucestershire Regiment are the "Old Brags," the "Slashers"—which must be distinguished from the "Splashers," who are the Wiltshire Regiment—and the "Whitewashers," the 61st Foot, but, above all, the "Forces and Afts," because it is the only regiment in the Army which wears its badge—the Sphinx—on the back and front of the helmet or cap, because at Alexandria the rear rank faced about and repulsed an attack on both fronts.

The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry are the "Dukes," sometimes corrupted into the "Does," and they are the "Surprisers," their 2nd Battalion, the old Forty-Sixth, are the "Lacedemonians" and also the "Red Feathers," because on one occasion in America they answered a threat of the enemy to wipe them out by wearing red feathers so that they should not escape attention.

The Sherwood Foresters are proud of the nickname of the "Old Stubbies" won by the long service of the 45th in the Peninsula; they are also the "Nottingham Hostlers," and the 95th are the "Chimney Sweepers." The Middlesex Regiment has a kindred title, the "Die Hards," from the junction of their colonel who, when he was fatally wounded at Albuera, had strength to rally his men with the cry, "Die hard, men, die hard." They were nearly wiped out, but they did so. Another tribute to their indomitable valour is the "Steel-backs," a name also given to the Northamptonshires, who again are known for their courage on another stubbornly-contested field in the same war, "Heroes of Talavera."—*Globe*.

### Germany's Falling Birth Rate.

Official returns have now been issued of births and deaths in Prussia in 1914. The figures are very remarkable, and as the population of Prussia is roughly two-thirds of the population of the Empire, the Prussian statistics are always a pretty safe guide. The number of births was in 1914 1,202,528, as compared with 1,209,500 in 1913, and the number of deaths was 802,776 as compared with 656,490, so that the excess of births over deaths was 399,752, as compared with 553,010. The number of marriages fell from 323,709 in 1913 to 286,197 in 1914. Between 1901 and 1914 the excess of births over deaths fell from 562,508 to 399,752. In these 10 years there was a reduction of the birth rate by about 20 per cent. and a reduction of the death rate by only six per cent.

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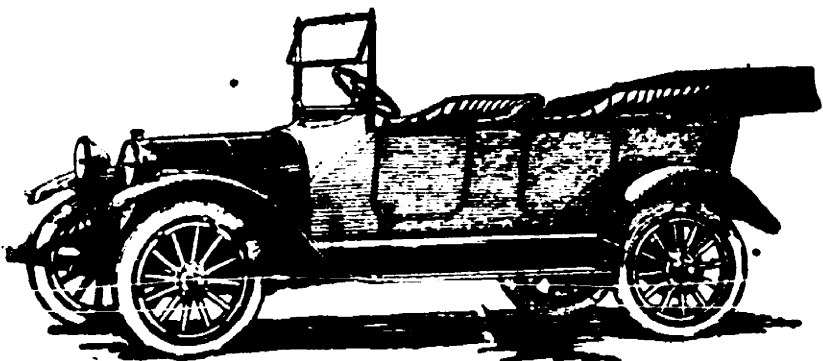
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## Historic Verdun.

### Napoleon's Camp for His Captives.

Verdun, where the French lion stands courageously at bay to the German tiger, is a town of particular interest to British people. For during the gigantic British struggle with the French Empire in the early years of the nineteenth century it was the principal place of internment of Napoleon's British prisoners. It was selected for this purpose in preference to other towns mainly because of its distance from the sea, which rendered the complete escape of prisoners a matter of considerable difficulty.

However, in spite of the obstacles, a number of Englishmen did manage to get away, in many cases with the kind assistance of French women. Such was the case with a midshipman of the name of Temple, who in 1807, escaped by carriage to Strassburg, and from thence into Austria. He escaped detection by hiding behind the skirts of a French lady, who was in love with him, and her female servant. It was not only broken hearts he left behind him, but also disconsolate creditors. Some of the prisoners who remained at Verdun, did not altogether approve of this cavalier's treatment of his French creditors, for they memorialised the British Government to dismiss him from the navy.

Another prisoner was one Captain O'Brien, an officer of Hussars, who succeeded in escaping from Verdun at the third attempt. He afterwards wrote a narrative of his adventures, which Captain Marryat may well have had in his mind when he wrote "Peter Simple."

### Evilous Metz.

The British captives at Verdun, who never numbered at any time more than about 1,000, consisted, roughly, of two classes: (1) British civilians who were visiting in France at the time of the rupture of peace in 1803, and were promptly interned by Napoleon's orders; (2) captured military and naval officers and officers of the mercantile marine. They were mainly people of means, who were in a position to get remittances from England, and their presence was greatly desired by the Verdunois, who then numbered about 10,000 or almost as many inhabitants as the town possesses to-day. Other French towns were envious of the good luck of Verdun. There is on record a petition by the Mayor of Metz who prayed for a quota of the profitable prisoners to be sent to his own town.

Captives were allowed to take lodgings in the town and environs. The rent of these lodgings so greatly increased

that Napoleon put his foot down and said that if they were not kept within reasonable limits the prisoners would be taken away.

One of the leading British captives at Verdun during these eventful years was Lady Cadogan. She was the divorced wife of the first Earl Cadogan and great grandmother of the Earl who was for so long Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland. She gave entertainments at Verdun, and when she finally shook the dust of the town from off her feet she left no debts behind her.

It must be confessed that she was in a minority in this respect. For when in 1814, on the entry of the Allies into France, the British prisoners at Verdun "skipped" wholesale, they left debts behind them totalling more than a hundred thousand pounds. It was provided in the Treaty of Peace that prisoners of war should pay their private debts before departure from their place of detention, or give guarantee of payment. This condition was not fulfilled by the British prisoners at Verdun and though the Verdunois were trying as late as 1839 to get satisfaction for the large amounts still owing to them, we do not hear that they met with any success.

### A Son of Clive.

Another captive at Verdun was Colonel Robert Clive, a son of the great Clive. His wife wore a costly toilette at a ball which was given by another member of the British colony, Mrs. Concanon, in 1804, to celebrate the Prince of Wales' birthday.

Men, it may be remarked, were allowed to have their wives over from England to live with them, and were in some cases allowed to proceed to England to transact pressing private business. Internment at Verdun was not the mechanical affair that a German internment camp is to-day. It was run with more laxity, and also with more humanity. The natives of the place were not filled with feelings of ferocious hatred towards the captives. In some cases the Englishmen took French wives, and in other cases the ceremony of marriage was dispensed with. The English folk had their clubs, their horse races, their gaming rooms, their masquerade balls, even their duels, for as Napoleon said, "a prisoner of war may fight a duel." The most stringent regulation was that captives should answer to the roll-call morning and evening. But this regulation was not kept with absolute stringency. It was possible to get exemption by a little backsheesh judiciously applied.

There were several French commandants of Verdun during the time the British were there. They were good, bad, and indifferent, as the case might be. Among the bad General Wirion might be classed. He was the

son of a pork butcher, though there is no reason why a pork butcher's son should not be as honourable as the son of any other man. He seems to have accepted bribes from prisoners as the price of giving concessions to make their lot less hard. He would invite himself to dinner with the wealthier prisoners and they would allow him to win at cards. But he must have gone beyond this, for he was summoned to Paris to answer the charges against him. Rather than face a court martial he blew out his brains in the Bois de Boulogne.

### A Famous Figure in Fiction.

Lord Blayney (whose peerage is now extinct) put in three years at Verdun. But, perhaps, the best known of all the Englishmen connected with Verdun in those eventful days is Lord Yarmouth, afterwards third Marquis of Hertford. He was subsequently immortalised in two novels—as "Lord Monmouth" in Disraeli's "Coningsby" and as the "Marquis of Steyne" in Thackeray's "Vanity Fair," one of the greatest novels in the English language. It was this notorious nobleman's subsequent place of residence in Legation Park—when he had more or less sowed all his wild oats—which is now being utilised as a training school for those who have been blinded in the struggle for the liberties of the world.

Lord Tweeddale, whose great-grandparents, the seventh marquis and his wife, died within a few weeks of one another while in captivity at Verdun, is one among the hundreds of well-known people alive to-day who had ancestors and ancestresses among these prisoners of Verdun.

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Bangkok Dep.	7.15	9.45	1.25	3.35	Ban Meh	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.
Ayuthia Arr.	9.3	11.41	3.33	5.45	Chang Dep.	...	9.7	...	...
					Den Chai	...	12.38	...	...
Ban Phaji Arr.	9.47	12.20	4.24	6.30	Tha Sao	...	7.1	2.21	...
					Utaradit	...	7.18	2.40	...
Ban Phaji Dep.	9.57	12.37	4.30	...	Ban Dara Arr.	8.16	3.26	...	...
Lopburi Arr.	11.5	1.55	5.48	...	Sawa'loke Dep.	7.1	2.10	...	...
Chongket Dep.	12.33	3.38	...	7.2	Ban Dara Arr.	8.1	3.11	...	...
Pak'poh Arr.	2.17	5.40	...	9.5	Ban Dara Dep.	8.24	3.32	...	...
					Pitsa'loke Arr.	10.43	5.30	...	...
Pak'poh Dep.	2.26	6.30	...	...					
Pitsa'loke Arr.	6	11.5	...	...	Pitsa'loke Dep.	1.45	...	...	a.m.
					Pak'poh Arr.	6.20	...	...	10.34
Pitsa'loke Dep.	...	7.4	2.2	...					
Ban Dara Arr.	...	9.5	4.18	...	Pak'poh Dep.	3.52	...	7.20	10.43
					Chongket Arr.	6.21	...	9.22	12.28
Ban Dara Dep.	...	9.20	4.40	...	Lopburi Dep.	...	7.10	11.6	1.56
S'kaloke Arr.	...	10.21	5.41	...	Ban Phaji Arr.	...	8.30	12.21	3.4
Ban Dara Dep.	...	9.10	4.26	...	Korat Dep.	...	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Utaradit	...	10.6	5.29	...	Gengko	...	7.12	11.32	1.52
Tha Sao Arr.	...	10.15	5.38	...					
Den Chai	...	11.57	...	...	Ban Phaji Arr.	...	8.22	12.29	2.59
Ban Meh	...	...	...	...					
Chang	...	...	...	...	Ban Phaji Dep.	...	8.27	12.44	3.14
					Gengko Arr.	11.7	1.26	5.51	...
Ban Phaji Dep.	10.10	12.30	4.41	...	Korat	...	6.8	...	...
Gengko Arr.	11.7	1.26	5.51	...					
Korat	...	...	...	...	Bangkok Dep.	7.45	3.50	...	p.m.
					Petrieu Arr.	9.33	5.38	...	7.30
Bangkok Dep.	7.45	3.50	...	...					
Petrieu Arr.	9.33	5.38	...	...	Bangkok Dep.	9.38	5.43	...	...

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