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Mar.	A.M.				Feet.
	H. W.	Ft. & in.	L. W.	(Approx.)	
1	7 00	14 4
2	7 00	14 2
3	7 00	14 2
4	4 30	14 4
5	4 30	14 6
6	5 00	14 8
7	5 30	14 8	...	...	...
8	6 00	14 10	...	...	...
9	6 00	15 0	...	...	...
10	6 00	14 10	...	...	...
11	6 00	14 10	1.0	7.0	...
12	6 30	14 10	1.0	7.0	...
13	7 00	14 10	2.0	7.0	...
14	7 00	14 6	...	...	...
15	7 00	14 6	...	...	...
16	7 00	14 6	...	...	...
17	7 00	14 4	...	...	...
18	4 00	14 8	...	...	...
19	4 00	14 10	...	...	...
20	4 00	14 10	...	...	...
21	4 00	14 10	...	...	...
22	5 00	14 10	...	...	...
23	5 30	14 6	...	...	...
24	6 00	14 3	...	...	...
25	6 00	14 3	...	...	...
26	6 00	14 2	...	...	...
27	6 00	14 0	...	...	...
28	6 00	14 0	...	...	...
29	6 00	13 8	...	...	...
30	6 00	13 6	...	...	...
31	6 00	13 6	...	...	...

Mar.	P.M.				Feet.
	H. W.	Ft. & in.	L. W.	(Approx.)	
1	10 0	13 5	...	...	...
2	11 0	13 3	...	...	...
3	...	...	...	...	...
4	...	...	...	...	...
5	...	...	...	...	...
6	2 00	12 0	...	...	...
7	3 00	12 6	...	...	...
8	4 00	13 0	...	...	...
9	6 00	13 6	...	...	...
10	6 00	14 0	11-12	6.0	...
11	7 00	14 10	1.2	6.0	...
12	7 00	14 10	1.2	7.0	...
13	8 00	15 0	1.0	7.0	...
14	9 30	14 2	1.0	7.0	...
15	11 00	14 0	2.0	6.0	...
16	...	...	...	...	...
17	...	...	...	...	...
18	...	...	...	...	...
19	2 00	11 0	...	...	...
20	3 00	11 6	...	...	...
21	4 00	12 6	...	...	...
22	4 30	13 0	...	...	...
23	6 00	14 0	9-10	7.0	...
24	6 00	14 6	10-11	7.0	...
25	7 00	15 0	11-12	6.0	...
26	7 00	15 0	11-12	6.0	...
27	8 00	15 0	12-0	7.0	...
28	9 00	15 0
29	9 00	14 2	1.0	7.0	...
30	10 00	14 0	1.0	7.0	...
31	11 00	14 0	1.2	6.0	...

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Psychology and War.

The New York Tribune quotes Dr. G. Stanley Hall as saying that the military efficiency of France and Germany has been greatly increased by the application of psychology to the problems of war. If a complete knowledge of the effect on the human mind of war in all its stages is necessary as part of the programme of preparedness, it is also a necessary part of any effective peace propaganda. Possibly one of the reasons for the present weakness of the peace movement is the common habit of officials of ignoring the psychological causes of war. Much as all normal people desire peace on earth, we are naturally suspicious of the peace programme of any one who is obviously unable to understand the deeper human side of war.

Here, for instance, is the favorite dogma of that ardent pacifist, the socialist. It is all a very simple economic fact. This whole horrid business was forced upon an innocent and peaceable humanity by a few ambitious rulers and greedy capitalists. The people have never wanted the war and have no heart in it. But does this explanation explain even the conduct of the socialists themselves? Any one with human sympathy or imagination enough to feel the force of the heroisms and patriotic ideals which inspire the men in the trenches of France must find this economic theory of war unconvincing.

Equally unconvincing is that school of pacifists which looks upon the war as a wicked piece of apoplexy from the teachings of religion and morality, which they seek to remedy by preaching brotherly love and the general advantages of peace. From the European point of view such moralizing is mawkish and insulting. Religious and moral ideals are the very things for which these people feel they are fighting.

A third species of pacifism, also wanting in psychological understanding of war, is what might be called the legalist type. The pacifism of Mr. Taft, H. G. Wells and others is of the kind. The war is explained as a defect in the political organization of civilization. The forces of human life have not yet been wholly reduced to law and order. The remedy proposed is a more elaborate and universal development of political machinery—a "United States of the World," to use a recent phrase of Wells. Tagore, on the other hand, thinks the cause of war has fallen upon Western civilization just because we are over-developed politically. He thinks the weight of our impersonal social mechanism is killing our sense of individual responsibility and crushing out our natural affections.

Are any of these generalizations based upon a careful psychological study of war and its causes? Before we can prescribe the remedy, somebody must be able to diagnose the disease of war. Dr. Haas sees hope in the direction of Freud's studies. There are the efforts of the "repressed" primitive instincts and emotions to break away from the complex conventions and routine of civilized life and revert to an earlier stage of evolution. There are certain effects of crowd suggestion on the individual which create a new type of consciousness when the common life is disturbed. There are certain abstract ideas, like the spread of Kultur and the sacred destiny of the State as an end in itself, which easily become idols demanding human sacrifice.

Until psychology is able to elucidate these mental causes of war, evaluate them and offer counter suggestions, will not most of our schemes for universal peace continue to be about as fruitful as the medieval incantations with which our ancestors tried to drive away epidemics of cholera and black plague?

"No Middle Course."

Professor Hans Delbrueck publishes a sensational article in the "Deutsche Rundschau" about what to do with Belgium. He says—

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"This would amount to placing Belgium under perpetual military law, which would be impossible. The only solution is to incorporate Belgium in the German Empire. Who wishes that? Nobody; but there is no middle course between that and evacuation." Owing to the writer's name the article has created a sensation in Germany.—(52.)

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12	6 30	14 10	1.0	7.0
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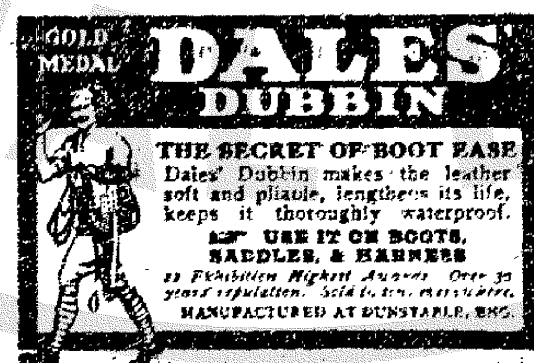
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Psychology and War.

The New York Tribune quotes Dr. G. Stanley Hall as saying that the military efficiency of France and Germany has been greatly increased by the application of psychology to the problems of war. If a scientific knowledge of the effect on the human mind of war in all its stages is necessary as part of the programme of preparedness, it is also a necessary part of any effective peace propaganda. Possibly one of the reasons for the present weakness of the peace movement is the common habit of pacifists of ignoring the psychological causes of war. Much as all normal people desire peace on earth, we are naturally suspicious of the peace programme of any one who is obviously unable to understand the deeper human side of war.

Here, for instance, is the favourite dogma of that ardent pacifist, the socialist. It is all a very simple economic fact. This whole horrid business was forced upon an innocent and peaceable humanity by a few ambitious rulers and greedy capitalists. The people have never wanted the war and have no heart in it. But does this explanation explain even the conduct of the socialists themselves? Any one with human sympathy or imagination enough to feel the force of the heroisms and patriotic ideals which inspire the men in the trenches of France must find this economic theory of war unconvincing.

Equally unconvincing is that school of pacifists which looks upon the war as a wicked piece of apostasy from the teachings of religion and morality, which they seek to remedy by preaching brotherly love and the general advantages of peace. From the European point of view such moralizing is lawless and insulting. Religious and moral ideals are the very things for which these people feel they are fighting.

A third species of pacifism, also wanting in psychological understanding of war, is what might be called the legalist type. The pacifism of Mr. Taft, H. G. Wells and others is of the kind. The war is explained as a defect in the political organization of civilization. The forces of human life have not yet been wholly reduced to law and order. The remedy proposed is a more elaborate and universal development of political machinery—a "United States of the World," to use a recent phrase of Wells. Tagore, on the other hand, thinks the curse of war has fallen upon Western civilization just because we are over-developed politically. He thinks the weight of our impersonal social mechanism is killing our sense of individual responsibility and crushing out our natural affections.

Are any of these generalizations based upon a careful psychological study of war and its causes? Before we can prescribe the remedy, somebody must be able to diagnose the disease of war. Dr. Haas sees hope in the direction of Freud's studies. There are the efforts of the "repressed" primitive instincts and emotions to break away from the complex conventions and routine of civilized life and revert to an earlier stage of evolution. There are certain effects of crowd suggestion on the individual which create a new type of consciousness when the common life is disturbed. There are certain abstract ideas, like the spread of Kultur and the sacred destiny of the State as an end in itself, which easily become idols demanding human sacrifice.

Until psychology is able to elucidate these mental causes of war, evaluate them and offer counter suggestions, will not most of our schemes for universal peace continue to be about as fruitful as the medieval incantations with which our ancestors tried to drive away epidemics of cholera and black plague?

"No Middle Course."

Professor Hans Delbruecke publishes a sensational article in the "Deutsches Korrespondenz" about what to do with Belgium. He says:—

"Nobody in Germany wishes for the annexation of Belgium. Military control has been suggested, but even if the Belgians were given German generals there is no proof that they would side with Germany in the event of another war. It would be impossible to put German garrisons in Belgium in peace time, since our men would not be able even to cross a street in safety unless not only the army but the police and the administration were also taken over."

"This would amount to placing Belgium under perpetual military law, which would be impossible. The only solution is to incorporate Belgium in the German Empire. Who wants that? Nobody; but there is no middle course between that and evacuation." Owing to the writer's name the article has created a sensation in Germany.—(Ex.)

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30-7 A.

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though tea has long since taken its place as a practical necessity, it is still to be treated as a luxury. It will not be placed on the free list, but importations will be much reduced. Spirits, either of home manufacture or imported, beer, paper imports, fruits, tinned salmon, rum, wines, and timber will all be affected more or less, and rigid economy it to be adopted in every crevice of national life in which it can find lodgment. Shipbuilding is to be accelerated: the fine old timber, the object of pride to many an ancient family and of veneration to some of the brand new families that are replacing them, is to be sacrificed, and even the Free—as distinct from the Established—Church is to be co-opted in to co-operate in the campaign for economy and increased food production. The situation, according to the Prime Minister, is grave beyond words, and there is no time to be lost. The danger is probably no greater now than it has been before; but we are realising it more under pressure. The late Government waited to see what would turn up, and the new Government find themselves weighted with the results of procrastination. And it is upon the broad back of the nation that the stripes fall. The war is teaching us things.—Ex.

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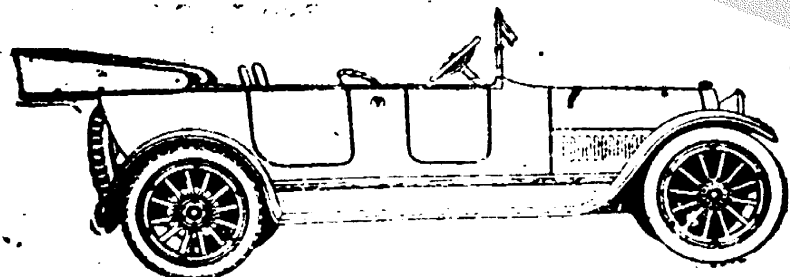
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31st March, 1917.

31-5 A.

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31-9 A.

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THE VALUE OF CEREMONY.

This is one of those periods of the year which is marked, according to traditional usage, by special Court ceremonies, in which His Majesty the King appears naturally as the central figure. People in general throughout the world may be divided into two types of mind, which may be termed the "ceremonial" and the "puritan," using the latter word not in its restricted denominational or historical sense. Each of these types of mind has its visible effect, alike on secular as well as on religious life. The "puritan" mind seems to reduce life to its most simple form in every department, and in its most extreme development would even endeavour to abolish all *menus plaires* and most of the graces and amenities of polite society. It professes a stern utilitarianism, and would impose a drab and ascetic rule upon all. But the "puritan" mental type is by far the less in numerical strength as compared with the other, taking the nations of the globe collectively, and on reflection this will be found perfectly consonant with what might be expected. Ceremonial, whether in religion or in secular things, is of much value and importance, besides contributing to the beauty and joy of existence. In dealing with the less advanced classes of a nation it is necessary to appeal to the physical eye, and not to the eye of the mind as in the case of persons of developed intelligence possessed of a fund of general knowledge. That very many who come within the latter category find ceremonial usages very helpful is beyond question, as is well proven in connection with those religions which introduce an elaborate ritual into public worship. One teaches young children by object-lessons and not by discoursing to them in the terms of abstract thought. In other words, appeal is made to the eye. The intellect must be nourished and trained before it can become efficient. This is something which appears to be overlooked by the "puritan" extremist. A region of cold mentality may be very well for him and his kind to dwell in, but it is entirely unsuitable—indeed, nothing but a void—to vast masses of humanity. To these it is requisite to make ideas visible under an objective form. It is by Ceremonialism that the Idea of Worship and the Idea of Government are presented and made real to the common people, who may be likened to children as regards their present state of mental development. Even to those at a far higher level Ceremonialism, though it may not be positively essential, is useful in that it provides them with a constant reminder of their duties and obligation. Ceremonialism is a great deal more than mere picturesque though were it only that we still ought to be grateful for anything that lends colour and attractiveness to existence. But, as we have tried to show, there are very strong reasons why a State should endeavour to blend an ample measure of dignified circumstance with its national life.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

TO-DAY'S telegrams appear on page 8.

THE BORNEO CO., Ltd. have a new notice to consignees.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Tavy line is not properly working between Tavoy and Bangkok. Other lines are all right.

The s.s. *Kajang* left Singapore at noon on Saturday the 31st ult., and may be expected to arrive at the Paklat Oil wharf on Wednesday morning.

THE s.s. *Kuala* left Singapore at 8 a.m. on Sunday the 1st inst. and may be expected to arrive at the Borneo Company's wharf on Wednesday morning about 10 a.m.

THE Borneo Co., Ltd. and the East Asiatic Co., Ltd. give notice that they will discontinue the present method of charging freight on Rice, Meal, Paddy, Salt, Sugar, &c., carried by their steamers from Bangkok to Singapore, as from the sixteenth of April, 1917. On and after that date freight will be calculated on the actual weight of the produce concerned, taken in conjunction with space occupied, and will be quoted and charged per picul, without deduction.



Court Circular.

GRAND PALACE,
Saturday, March 31.

This evening His Majesty the King attended a religious ceremony in Amarindra Hall in connection with the New Year festival.

Sunday, April 1.

This morning His Majesty the King performed the ceremony of sprinkling with scented water the eaves of His Majesty's August Predecessors and deceased relatives, thereafter presenting food to the priests in Amarindra Hall. At the auspicious time the King mounted the bathing seat and took the Ceremonial Bath (Mudhabbhisheka) in accordance with Royal usage. After the Ceremonial Bath His Majesty performed the "Sutapakarana" rites in memory of His Majesty's August Predecessors and deceased relatives.

In the afternoon His Majesty received members of the Royal Family, the Diplomatic Corps and officers and officials in His Majesty's service. Tea was served on the lawn in the precincts of Ananta Samagon Palace.

Later in the evening His Majesty entertained members of the Royal Household to dinner in the Sivaya Garden. After dinner His Royal Highness Prince Sarabaidit, Minister Adviser in charge of Royal Family Affairs, on behalf of all present read a loyal address expressing a fervent wish for the happiness and prosperity of His Majesty, to which the King was graciously pleased to reply.

His Majesty then graciously distributed New Year gifts to all those present, after which there was a theatrical performance.

In the Court Circular of 30th March a mistake was made in stating that the reception of members of the Royal Family by His Majesty the King would be held at Chakri Palace. The King in fact received the Princess in Amarindra Hall and the Princesses in Baiel Hall.

GRAND PALACE.

Monday, April 2.

This afternoon His Majesty the King proceeded to Baiel Hall where he lit the Candles and Incense before the Images of Our Lord the Buddha, of which one was cast for every year of His Majesty's life and the lives of His Majesty's Predecessors. Afterwards the King proceeded to the Chapel Royal of the Emerald Buddha to attend a preliminary service held in connection with the ceremony of Taking the Oath and Drinking of the Water of Allegiance which will take place tomorrow afternoon.

After the Service His Majesty proceeded to the Royal Family Mausoleum (known as the "Ho Phra Nag") where the "Sutapakarana" rites were performed in memory of the dead.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not necessarily endorse the views of our correspondents.]

To the Editor of the "Siam Observer."

Sir,
It would be interesting to know if there is a "Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals" in Bangkok, as one often sees cases where these poor brutes ought to be put out of their misery.

Last evening as I was passing Suriwongse Road a dog was run over by an electric car, its hind legs and thighs being smashed. It crawled its way howling with agony to the curbstone surrounded by a group of people. When I passed an hour later it was still alive and moaning, and I presume would live through the night. A policeman was close by, but of course, took no notice. There are hundreds of dogs here, which it would be a mercy to have shot, suffering from disease, and apparently belonging to nobody.

Trusting you will find space for this appeal in your valuable columns.

I am, etc.,

"A LOVER OF DOGS."

P.S.—I returned with my revolver and shot the dog.

THE three local European Exchange Banks will be closed on the 6th, 7th and 9th inst. being Easter Holidays. The S.E.C. will sell by Public Auction at its Store, Wat Lieb, on Saturday next its superfluous stock of new and second-hand goods.

AMONG the Exhibits at the forthcoming Agricultural and Industrial Exhibition to be held in Pitsanulok shortly, are some of the "Milkmaid" Company's well-known productions consisting of "Milkmaid" condensed sweetened milk, "Milkmaid" sterilized natural milk, "Milkmaid" thick rich cream, "Milkmaid" ideal condensed unsweetened milk (which is now being largely used by the Straits and F.M.S. Government Hospitals), Nestle's milk and Nestle's chocolate and Kola's fancy bonbons, all of which should give a good account of themselves.

THE Great War.

Political Unrest in Germany.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)

London, April 2.
Amsterdam.—There were stormy scenes in the Reichstag on March 30th, when the Socialists, amid shouts of "Treason," declared that a Republic of Germany was inevitable, and demanded larger powers for the Reichstag in Foreign Policy.

British Operations.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)

London, April 12.
Field-Marshal Haig reports that he has captured Hendecourt and progressed considerably eastward of the village, also taking possession of Marteville, Evremont and Byscourt. Our artillery forced the enemy to retire from St. Emilie, which we occupied. We captured the villages of Jeancourt, Herailly and Hestecourt, also parts in the neighbourhood of Oucostainein and Hemistocourt? after killing or capturing the whole garrison.

Western Front.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)

London, March 30.
Owing to the necessity for caution in consolidating our gains and to abominable weather, our pace has distinctly slackened during the last two days. Our infantry is now in contact with the new German front all the way from Arras to six miles south-west. The Germans show many signs of nervousness. They violently bombarded the northern part of our new line yesterday afternoon, but the tremendous concentration of our counter-battery fire silenced them.

London, April 1.
Field-Marshal Haig occupied the villages of Ruysalcourt, Sorelle and Grandlins, and gained ground after sharp fighting in the neighbourhood of Hendecourt. We drove off an attack south-west of Neuvillebour and Juvval, inflicting loss and we raided lanes two points eastward of Neuvillestraat. Our heavy artillery obtained several hits on a German train east of Vermelles.

German Raider Off Trinidad.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)

London, April 1.
Rio de Janeiro.—The French barque *Cumbrone* arrived with two hundred British, French and Italian sailors belonging to vessels sunk by a German raider off Trinidad. The raider described as a sailing ship fitted with gasoline engines. She is probably one of the ships captured by the *Moeser*. The survivors state that many lives were lost in connection with the sinking.

Offer From Basutoland.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

London, March 31.
The Basuto Chiefs have offered to recruit in Basutoland native labourers to go to work in France.

Mesopotamia.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, April 1.
The British inflicted great losses on the Turks, and occupied Dilawab, Sandjak and Fillujere.

Denunciation of Germany.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, April 1.
The Senate unanimously voted a resolution denouncing to the whole world the German crimes in the districts occupied by them in France, calling down a general malediction on the perpetrators of the deeds, and making the victims, to whom the nation solemnly promised integral reparation, affirming ahead the determination of France and her Allies to prosecute the war to the final destruction of German Imperialism and Militarism, which was responsible for all the ruin, all the misery and all the grief which had been brought upon the world.

French Communiques.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, March 31.
The Court of Assises of the Seine sentenced M. Deperdussin to five years deferred imprisonment for embezzlement amounting to sixteen million francs. The President of the Court explained that the leniency of the sentence was out of consideration of the services rendered by M. Deperdussin in the cause of national defence.

Yesterday there was artillery action on various points of the front. To-day we encountered patrols, and engaged in grenade fighting in the sector of Maisons de Champagne. The British took Neuville and Courjonval, inflicting severe losses on the enemy, and penetrating the German lines east of Arras.

Egypt.—The British troops advanced 25 miles to Rafa south of Gaza protecting the construction of the railway. They engaged in battle with 20,000 of the enemy, inflicting enormous losses, and capturing 300 including the General and entire staff, 4 Austrian officers and 32 Austro-German soldiers.

The Senate voted for the incorporation of the 1918 Class for April 16th. The Chamber unanimously adopted an order of the day for co-ordinating the efforts of France and her Allies to complete the blockade of Germany.

Yesterday we ejected the enemy west of Maisons de Champagne from the trenches taken by him on the 28th, and made prisoners. The British took Ruysalcourt and Sorelle-Grand, and progressed towards Hendecourt, taking numerous prisoners. To-day despite vigorous German resistance, we took possession of important points on the front Neuville south of Margival to Vregny, and progressed towards the east. We repulsed five counter-attacks west of Maisons de Champagne, inflicting heavy losses and taking eighty prisoners, amongst them two officers. We dispersed patrols in the region of Peeterhausen, and took prisoners.

Paris, April 1.
There has been violent artillery fighting on the Somme and the Oise. We made excellent progress to north and south of the river Ailette, and notably to north-east of Margival, taking prisoners, and bringing down seven aeroplanes. The British captured several villages. We progressed in the valley of La Cologne and took many prisoners.

British National Relief Fund.

The following letter has been received by H. B. M. Minister.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE.
February 8.

Dear Sir,
I am directed by the Prince of Wales to acknowledge the receipt from the Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, London, of the sum of £750, being a further contribution by British Subjects of all races resident in Siam, for the benefit of the National Relief Fund.

His Royal Highness is very grateful for this kind help, and He would be glad if you would make known to all the contributors how warmly He appreciates their continued loyalty and generosity in supporting the Fund.

The following are the particulars of the Fund.

A. Total Receipts	£ 6,030,105
B. Total Outgoings	
(1) Naval and Military districts.	
S. and S. Families	£ 2,291,344
Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation	410,000
S. & S. Help Society	145,000
St. Dunstan's (Hospital for Blind S. & S.)	40,000
Officers' Families	20,000
Lord Knutsford's Special Hospital for Officers	10,000
Queen Mary's Hospital for Limbless S. & S.	10,000
Convalescent Auxiliary Hospital for cases of facial disfigurement	5,000
Princess Louise Scottish Hospital for Limbless S. & S.	5,000
Women's Emigration (Salvation Army)	5,000
National Library for the Blind (S. & S.)	250
	2,941,584
(2) Civil districts	3,465,380
Balance	2,564,725
Add Refunds from various sources	23,706
C. Balance available	2,588,431

I am,
Yours faithfully,
Sgd. WALTER PEACOCK.

PAUDY REPORT FOR APRIL 2.

Nasuan 3300 Coyans at Tos.	65/90 each
Samruang 510 "	" 52/64 "
Namuang 280 "	" 58/59 "
Total	2760 Coyans
26th March to 1st April. (Last week.)	
Nasuan	14240 Coyans.
Samruang	3180 "
Namuang	1180 "
Total	18,590 "

British Legation Telegrams.

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

London, March 30.
The effects of the Russian recoulation are already noticeable in Germany, the entire Socialist party voting for the first time against the Reichstag taxation proposals. The Imperial Chancellor declared that Germany would sink American ships and drown American citizens if her interests in the war demand it. The dominant note of the Reichstag is apparently a growing consciousness that the whole democratic forces of the world are now opposed to Prussian autocracy as the last stronghold of tyranny and despotism.

The Russian Provisional Government has been officially greeted by the Allies, and has also received the support of all the Grand Dukes, who subscribed a document of adherence. The Tsar and Tsarina remain prisoners at Tsarkoe Selo. M. Gutschhoff, the Minister of War, has visited the Russian front and reports the temper of the troops and population to be excellent. The outstanding question is the future form of Government. Opinion is widely divided between a democratic Republic and a limited Monarchy.

The ruthless German submarine campaign continues and while numerically unsuccessful is surprisingly fruitful in atrocities. Among the worst outrages of the week is the torpedoing of the Cape liner "Alnwick Castle" in the Atlantic over three hundred miles from land, when the passengers, including women, were turned adrift. One boat was picked up with eight frozen to death, including one woman. In others there were five corpses. One boat is still missing. A further outrage is the torpedoing of the hospital ship "Aetaria" whereby many of the staff, crew and nurses were killed or drowned. The amazing German excuse is that the British used the ship for transporting troops and munitions. This is emphatically denied, but in any case the Germans have never yet used the option of search where they have a right under the Geneva Convention, preferring to make war on the Red Cross. It is announced also that when the transport "Tyndareus" was torpedoed, the Middlesex Regiment lined up on deck in the manner made famous by the ship "Birkenhead". The ship was ultimately saved without loss of life.

The American liner "St. Louis" has demonstrated the ineffectiveness of the British blockade by reaching Liverpool after an uneventful voyage wherein no anti-aircraft was seen. Parliament debated the blockade of Germany, Lord Robert Cecil explaining that while its effects on Germany were severe it was desirable to proceed carefully, because Great Britain had no wish to cause unnecessary hardship to neutrals. Sir Edward Carson stated that the Admiralty was perfectly satisfied that the blockade was being carried out to the best advantage. In the debate on electoral reform Mr. Asquith announced his conversion to woman's suffrage. The principal reforms advocated were the reduction of qualifications and the qualifying period, and that nobody should have more than two votes, that one-day elections should be limited, and that in some measure there should be woman's suffrage. Mr. Lloyd George announced that a bill is being drafted. Mr. Bonar Law announced that a military bill will demand the re-examination of all rejected men, and hoped thereby to secure a further hundred thousand men.

The Imperial Conference continues. The representatives have been entertained by the King and Queen at luncheon at Buckingham Palace. The Dominions Commission issued a report advocating the establishment of an Imperial Development Board for the development of Imperial trade and exploiting Imperial resources by improving communications and promoting emigration within the Empire.

Operations on the British Front up to March 29th.—During the week steady progress has been made at various points of the Western front. The enemy's efforts to arrest the Franco-British advance have increased in intensity, but at one point after another our line has been pushed forward. Most marked progress was made by the French in the neighbourhood of the Forests of Concy and St. Gobain, also to the north-east of Soissons. Despite strong enemy resistance and many counter-attacks the French captured positions of considerable value. The British had a harder task, having to advance over the broken ground of the Somme battlefield. Latterly they were able to use cavalry successfully, with the assistance whereof several further villages were captured. Fighting was particularly stiff in the neighbourhood of the Bapaume-Cambrai road, where strong enemy counter-attacks have been successfully broken. The accounts of destruction by the Germans in their retreat have been minimised, not exaggerated. No pretence is possible that the numberless wanton acts which they committed were prompted by military expediency.

In the German wireless news it is claimed that the trees cut down were for use in defensive works. That this is sheer nonsense is proved by the fact that trees in orchards and elsewhere were left lying where they fell in countless numbers, and that there was no apparent intention of removing them. It is impossible to say how long the enemy will hold stubbornly to their present defensive line: certainly until he is driven out. Contact has already been established with him at various places, and when the heavy guns of the French and British are brought forward and placed in position it will obviously become increasingly difficult for him to maintain his line.

In Palestine a battle of some dimensions in the neighbourhood of Gaza resulted in a complete success for the British. A severe defeat was inflicted on the enemy force of twenty thousand, and the entire divisional staff, with its commander, were captured. Several Australian officers are amongst the prisoners, the total whereof is about nine hundred. Austrian guns were also taken.

In Mesopotamia operations proceed satisfactorily. The British advanced from Baghdad some distance up the Euphrates and Tigris. They also rapidly progressed north-east from Baghdad.

THE FORTY YEAR TEST.

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Rajah Una Company, Limited.

The annual general meeting of shareholders in the Rajah Una Company Ltd. took place on Saturday afternoon at the Company's offices, Hongkong Bank Lane. There were present: Comdr W. L. Grut, in the chair; Capt. G. Eves and Mr. Kay Ingerslev (Directors), with Messrs. H. B. Borgerson, H. C. O. E. Hansen, H. Olesen, and the Secretary.

The Chairman in presenting the balance sheet and Directors' report stated that according to the estimates of their Visiting Agent and the Manager it would take another £10,000 to £13,000 to bring the estate to the self supporting stage, which was expected to be reached by the middle of 1919. Further capital would have to be raised and the Directors expected soon to be in a position to make definite proposals to the shareholders in this respect. The reason why this could not be done now was that they had applied to the F.M.S. Government for an additional area of virgin jungle of some 1,150 acres which they proposed to plant with rubber. If that application was granted the Board would probably propose to increase their capital sufficiently to develop this new property as well as provide the necessary funds to bring their present acreage into bearing.

The report and balance sheet were unanimously adopted.

Messrs. W. L. Grut, Anderson and Bernt Hansen were re-elected Directors and the appointment of Mr. Kay Ingerslev to the Board was confirmed. The retiring auditors Messrs. McAuliffe, Davis and Hope were unanimously re-appointed at the same focus before, and the meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding.

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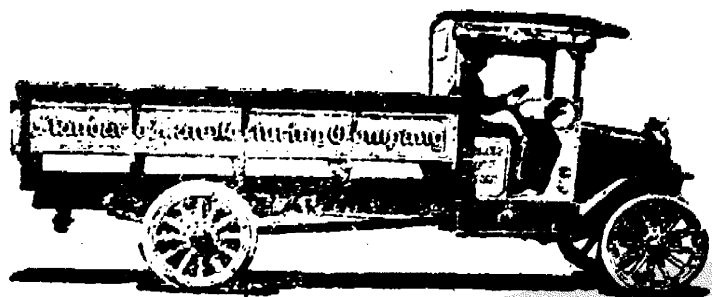
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General Wire News.

The Allied Powers.

London, March 26.—M. Ribot in a message to the Times emphasizing the need for military co-ordination says: It may be necessary to create some general instrument for Allied co-ordination or somehow to revise the present excellent arrangements between the armies of Generals Haig and Nivelle though at present the understanding reached at the last conference in London is working very satisfactorily and the military situation is most gratifying. It is the tremendous economic problems which need special attention. He foresees drastic prohibition of French imports, and intensive foodgrowing.

Petrograd, March 26.—An excellent sign of the times is the arrival of very enthusiastic deputations with messages from the trenches assuring that the country can rely on its defenders. An example is that of a regiment which sent the message "An inconclusive end to the war would cover Russia with shame. New Russia must not be stamped with treachery. You have defeated the internal enemy; let us conquer the foreign foe."

Russian Position.

London, March 26.—A telegram from Rotterdam says German experts are focusing public attention on Russia, declaring the revolution has upset the Entente plans of a combined offensive, as the Russian armies are not fit for active operations.

London, March 26.—A Russian Diplomatic source has informed Reuters that the threatened German advance towards Petrograd is less to be feared now than before the revolution, moreover it would be sobering in effect on the extremists. Anyhow the Germans would encounter a series of the strongest fortified positions. Regarding food, it is significant that the other day more reached Kieff in twenty-four hours than during the whole of February.

The Minister of Justice.

Paris, March 26.—M. Kerensky, interviewed at Petrograd, said that the situation is still serious but he believed that the critical hour was past. A constituent assembly would be elected as soon as possible, but there was not the time to establish a female suffrage before the election. The Workmen's Committee has appointed five members to check the acts of the Government and work has been resumed everywhere to meet the needs of national defense.

Britain's Effort.

London, March 26.—The immense military effort of Britain is strikingly illustrated by the army appropriation account for 1916, showing that the total

not expenditure of the army was £54,187,548. This amount includes pay, £28,187,156; supplies and clothing £212,940,815; quartering, transport, and remounts £96,873,197, of which the sea transport of troops cost £20,687,382. £8,570,320 was credited to the Indian Government for the ordinary expenses of the Indian expeditionary forces.

German Repulse in Russia.

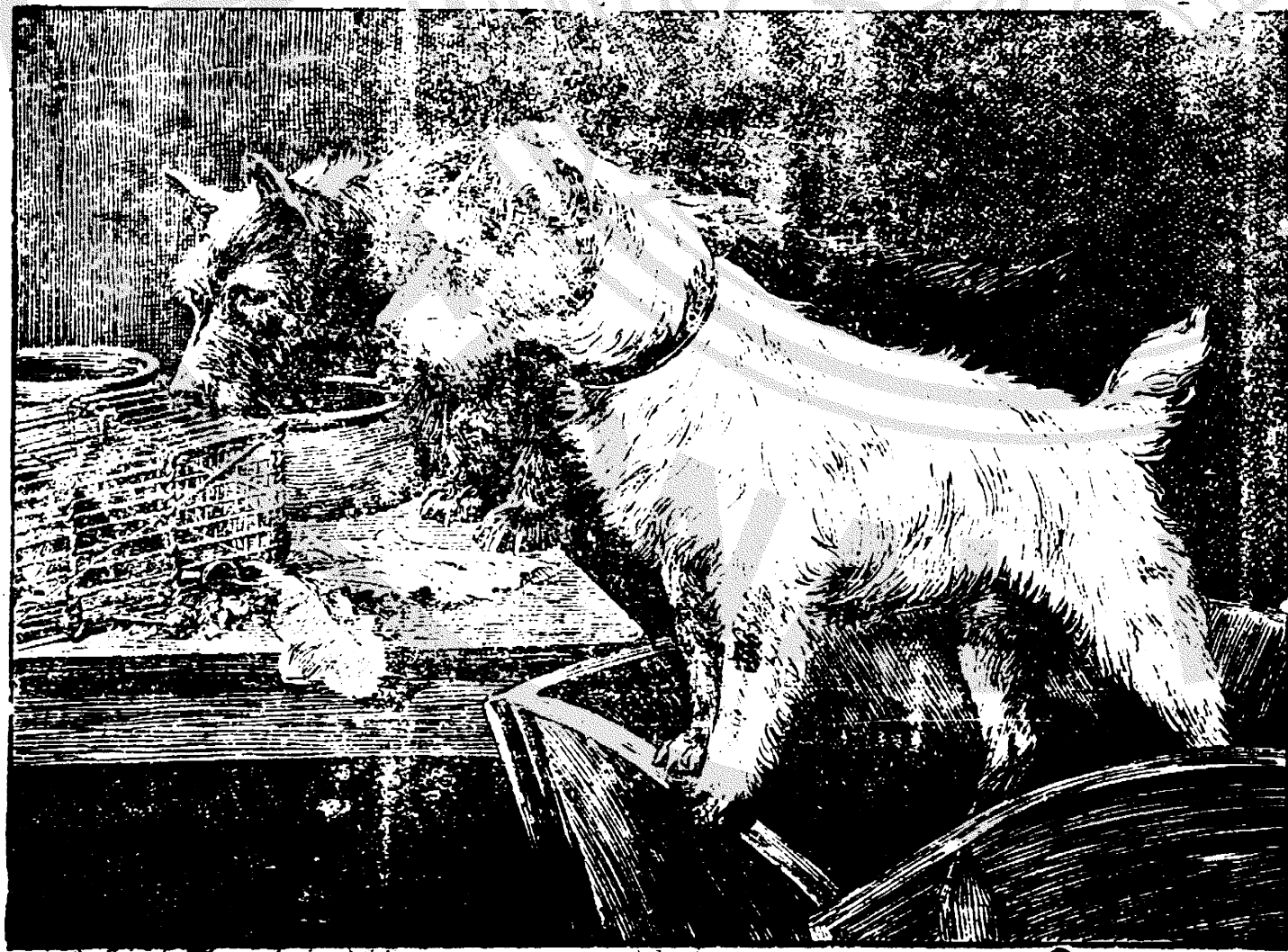
London, March 26.—Wireless: Russian Official: The German advance in the region of Postavy, following four gas-waves, has been thrown back. Germans dressed in white overalls attacked east of Baranovitchi but were dispersed. We occupied the fortifications of Kalyehin in the direction of Khatynka. The Turks are maintaining themselves on the heights near Mantaga.

A Serbian Rising.

London, March 26.—Serbian advices confirm reports of a serious rising in Serbian territory against the Bulgarians whose harshness has made life unendurable.

Australian Politics.

Melbourne, March 26.—Australia is in the throes of a general election; most of the members of the Federal Parliament have gone to their constituencies to open a campaign, which will be bitterly fought between the supporters of the Hughes Government and the Labour Party who broke away from Hughes on the conscription issue. Mr. Hughes who has been offered thirty-two seats has decided to contest Bendigo and makes an important speech there next Thursday. Mr. Tudor, the late Minister of Customs, and now the leader of the Opposition, issued an electoral address stating that if he is returned by the Labour Party he would do his utmost under the voluntary system to secure every fit man for the front and also extend shipbuilding and help the Allies by stimulating the food production. The repatriated soldiers will be helped to the utmost. A scheme of tariff revision will be immediately introduced with a view to the protection of Australian manufacturers. He describes the Daylight-Saving Act as vexatious and promises its repeal and also says that the war profits will be further taxed. "We will again submit to referendum a proposal to extend the powers of the Commonwealth Parliament and we will provide pensions for widows and orphans." Mr. Tudor opposes the compulsory levy on wealth, favouring instead getting revenue by income tax and declares that decisions made by the Imperial Conference affecting Australia should be submitted to the Federal Parliament for ratification. The Ministerialists are confident of a majority in the Lower House but it is generally felt that the



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result in the Senate in doubtful.

London, March 25.—The Army Council has gratefully accepted a gift of six thousand sterling from Ma Tong Sang, member of the Federal Council of the Malay States, for the purchase of a tank.

London, March 26.—The British subjects in the Dutch Indies have sent subscriptions of £2,500 to the Overseas Club for the purpose of purchasing two aeroplanes. Overseas residents have now paid for ninety-five units of the Imperial Aircraft Fictilia formed by the Overseas Club.

Unhappy Prisoners. Paris, March 26.—The President of the Association for War Prisoners has written to compel the Germans to abandon the barbarous treatment of the French war prisoners, of whom he says thirty thousand are ill fed and overcrowded and many sleep in muddy ground. They have been forbidden to write or receive letters or parcels and are forced to work within a mile of the French lines.

Washington, March 26.—Fourteen regiments of the National Guard of the various States have been called up to protect industries from domestic disorders in the event of hostilities. President Wilson has signed an order increasing the personnel of the navy from 62,000 to 87,000.

Administration of Belgium. Amsterdam, March 26.—It is now officially announced that Belgium is being divided into two administrative areas, Brussels and Namur being the respective centres.

London, March 26.—In the House of Commons Mr. Bonar Law announced that the Government bill re-prolonging the life of Parliament would be introduced on March 27. Mr. Bonar Law stated that the Cabinet with naval advisers fully considered the whole question of the blockade, and were satisfied that the present policy was right in principle and efficient in administration, and neutral accounts from Germany seemed to confirm this view.

London, March 26.—In the House of Commons replying to a question regarding a serious strike at Barrow in Furness since March 21, Mr. Bonar Law said the cause was the alleged cutting of time allowance under the premium bonus system.

As a result of a conference between Mr. Hodge and the Amalgamated Society of Engineers and allied bodies, a telegram had been sent asking the strikers to resume work immediately on the understanding that an arbitration award will be made within seven days. This offer was still open. Mr. Bonar Law added the Government viewed interruption of the production of munitions as a matter of the utmost gravity and a stoppage of work when other methods of settlement were open could not be too strongly deprecated.

Tale of Prisoners. Mr. Hope stated that we had 55,897 German, sixteen (?) Austrian, 782 Bulgarian, and 15,512 Turkish war prisoners but he had no doubt that the last was considerably underestimated.

Mr. Hope added that he believed the Germans had 32,500 British prisoners, 8,762 British prisoners in Turkey had been traced, while 2,076 were missing. The Government was considering a proposal to exchange six hundred Turkish-British war prisoners with a view to a wider exchange in the future.

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As, in the artless measure of her grace,
She scales the walls of Morn and peeps within,
To greet the waking world with joyous smile,
And scatter Night's dark borders and all things vile.

Give this blest land not Mars nor Vulcan reigus,
But only Aphrodite's Royal Boy,
And, 'neath his sway, in hyacinthine joy,
His subjects, daring whatsoever he designs,
Go hither, thither, dutifully bent
To service of their Lord Omnipotent;
And ever, as they come and go, their veins,
Coursing no longer but with mortal's blood,
Run with fluidic rapture in wild flood.

The world's vain pomp and pageantry soon pass,
Its short-lived triumphs fade and are forgot,
And dust and ashes are its liegemen's lot.
The grave and ceremonies, the worships, alas!
Are all that Mammon gives, with cold disdain,
To those who follow blindly in his train.
But as light darkness, day the night surpasses,
So do the gems that star Love's crown outshine
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More gorgeous than fair Egypt's or the Ganges
In which proud Venice with her chivalry
Went down in state to wed the Adriatic Sea,
Twin-souls of faithful lovers float at large,
Counting the world well lost and theirs the gain,
Since Love shall conquer Death and Grief and Pain.

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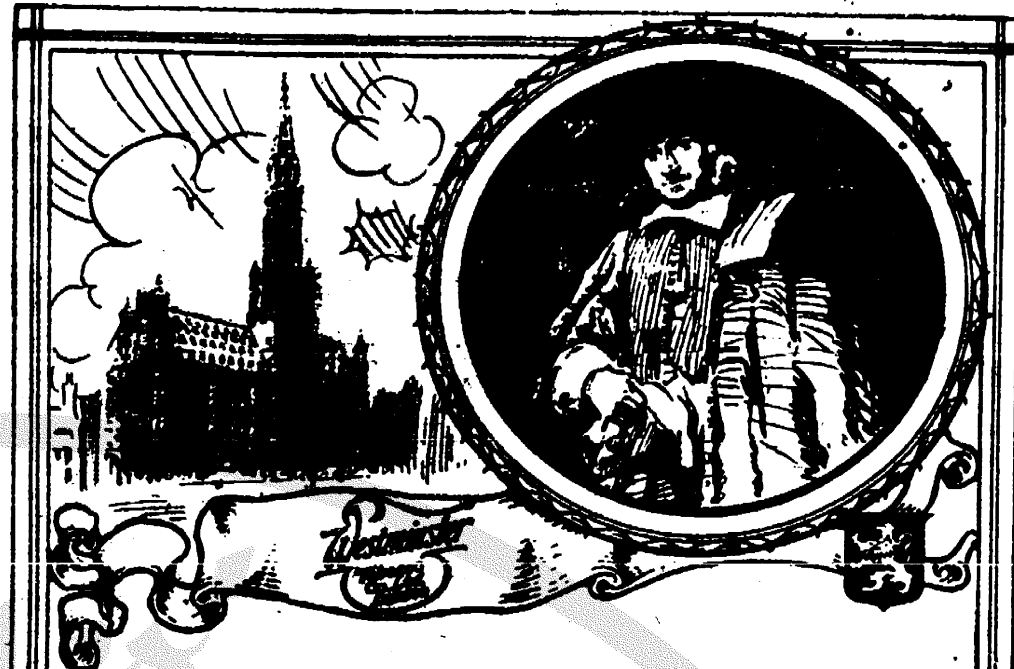
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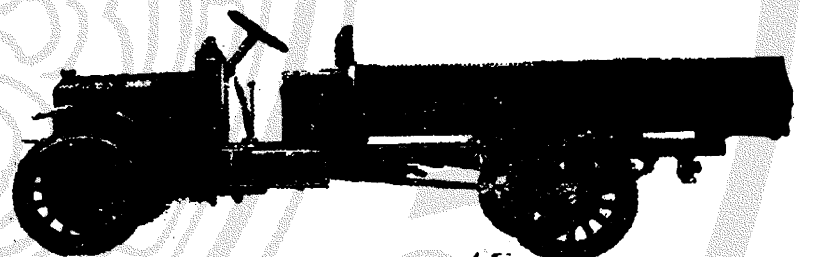
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Probable German Counter-Offensive.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
Singapore, April 1.

M. Painlevé, the French Minister of War, said that we were entering the decisive phase of the War. The German retreat proved the strength of the British and French forces. It did not, however, mean that the German armies were weakening, but rather that they were mustering strength for a desperate effort.

Hints of New Peace Proposals.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
Singapore, April 2.

It is reported that the visit of the Austrian Emperor to Berlin is connected with new peace proposals.

Soldiers On Shelled Ship.

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Singapore, April 2.

A battalion of the Middlesex Regiment at present in Singapore was aboard the *Tyndareus* when she struck a mine off Cape Agulhas. Great bravery was shown, the men parading in perfect order. The ship reached Simonstown under her own steam. The King expressed his deep admiration of all ranks in upholding the cherished tradition of the *Birkenhead*.

American Outlook.

Washington, March 23.—The diplomats of the neutral governments passing through Washington to Europe from Mexico state the German bank and legation in Mexico city are directing the finances and diplomacy of Mexico.

New York, March 22.—A mass meeting of thirteen thousand in Madison-Square gardens passed a resolution calling on Congress to declare a state of war between the United States and Germany, and pledge itself to support President Wilson in urging the United States to enter war without delay.

Mr. Root presiding emphasised that

if America went to war it would be refighting the battle of democracy on the side of democratic Allies including now "God be praised, the great democracy of Russia."

Mr. Fairchild, ex-Secretary of the Treasury, pictured a great American division led by Roosevelt fighting in France, and another fighting in Russia, sent by the oldest to the youngest democracy to save both from the dreadful foe of all democracies.

London, March 24.—The enthusiasm for war is mounting to the zenith in the eastern cities, which are copying immediately New York's mass meeting to demand an immediate declaration of war. The middle-west has been aroused by the torpedoing of the *Herald* and Germany's reported expectation of war.

Leading journals throughout the

country are urging whole-hearted action. The newspaper "World" which is in closest touch with the Administration, says "Let us declare war now."

The State Department discounts reported eleventh hour neutral mediation, pointing out it cannot be considered unless it means the abandonment of submarineism.

The Cabinet, anticipating Congress approval of war, discussed on March 23 measures for speeding up munitions. It is recognised that the munitioning of America's army and navy must not decrease the supplies to the Allies.

The Legislature of New Hampshire, Vermont, and Rhode Island have demanded universal service and voted money for defence. Recruiting bodies are being formed in many cities and public safety committees are forming

everywhere.

Washington, March 24.—The Government has decided to take steps to meet the German situation. These will include preparation for effective aggressive warfare in addition to measures for the protection of shipping. It has not been decided whether to send an army to Europe but the Army, Navy and industrial resources will be available to meet any demands. The first step it is expected will be the supplying of money to the Allies.

Washington, March 24.—The Government has decided on sweeping measures following the expected declaration by Congress of a state of war with Germany. The Government is determined to provide for every emergency and is preparing not for a short war. A stand for steps much broader than more attempts to protect merchantmen

will be taken. Although as far as is known no political alliance with the Entente is contemplated, military and naval co-operation will be possible and the Government will be supplying money and supplies for the Entente. The suggestions made at the Cabinet meeting on Friday included a five billion dollar loan to the Entente.

New York, March 21.—The newspapers say prominent bankers are supporting the proposed extension of a billion dollar credit to the Allies.

The New York Sun's Washington correspondent states President Wilson has decided to ask Congress for such an authorisation.

The Tribune shows how the financial support could immensely harm Germany and suggests unstinted credit. The World advocates an outright gift of a billion dollars to France.



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