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German Press Angry.

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Abolition of Tourist Tickets.

It was announced by the Secretary of the Railway Executive Committee that it has been decided to abolish the issue to tourist tickets as from May 1st. This will mean a big difference to what is now left of holiday traffic, as tourist tickets gave passengers on long journeys an advantage of ten or twelve shillings or even more. Dining cars also been taken off all the London and North Western and Great Northern lines owing to the expense of upkeep and the space taken up for kitchen; and other lines may follow this example.

A Naval Air Raid.

The Naval air raid made by the British aeroplanes on April 14, involved a flight over 300 miles, and although fine weather prevailed at the start wind, rain, and thunder storms set in later. All the ma-chines returned safely. Squadron Commander Smyth-Pigott, who was in charge of the attack, has already received the D.S.O. for a very daring raid in the Turkish territory, and also was given a pension for wounds received on service.

Heavy Loss at Verdun.

German official quarters continue to endeavour to pacify the people, assuring them that the Allies' reports of heavy German losses before Verdyn are without foundation and that the actual losses are only a small percentage of the forces engaged.

The Headquarters correspondent of the "Berliner Tageblatt," however, excuses any losses at Verdun by maintaining that it was necessary to attack Verdun in order to ward off a French offensive against Metz of which Germany had certain knowledge. This attack, he declares, was necessary ow-

ing to the internal situation in France newspap r claniour, and the delire to advance on a town whose name would appeal to the public.

Edinburgh Sensation.

The group of men who broke into cheers and sang "The Red Fing" in the Edinburgh High Court of Justice when the Glasgow ex-teacher, Maclean, was sentenced for sedition tendered a humble apology to the Court through their counsel the next day when brought up for contempt of court. They were all fined £2.

The Glasgow Strike.

A large number of men were heavily fined for striking work at Glasgow recently, an American engineer being among those fined £20 each. The total fines amounted to £230 in sums varying from £25 to £5. The Committee on Production have declined to concent to an all-round increase of wages of 15 per cent, demanded by the joint shipbuilding trades. The decision affects more than 150,000 ship-

The Duties of Non-Combatants.

Mr. Tennant stated in the House of Commons that the Non-Combatant Corps would shortly be sent to France where the men will be employed on road-making, hutting, timber-cutting, quarrying, sanitary work, loading and unloading and digging, but not in the firing line, not even to erect wire fences. When asked "why not?" Mr. Will Thorne bluntly explained amid laughter and cheers that they would run away. The opinion of the House is becoming like that of the country, keenly opposed to conscientious ob-

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An Italian Setback.

London, May 17.—The Italians admit a small reverse in the Trentino, but as affairs have been hitherto limited to first line positions the Austrian claim of nearly three thousand prisoners is likely to be the usual exaggeration.

The Italian communique affirms that great losses were inflicted on the Austrians, who attacked in massed formation, and it is emphasised that the Italians only fell back in one section and Italian counter-attacks took hundreds of prisoners without the Austrians on the greater part of the front being able to develop their attack.

The principal Austrian effort in the Lazarina valley, where five fierce attacks were delivered against the slopes north of Zugna, was crumpled by devastating artillery and rifle fire, inflicting enormous losses. Hundreds of enemy corpses were carried off by the swift Adige current. Repeated attempts to attack in the Asiago sector on Monday night fared so badly that the Austrians were inactive throughout Tues-

Attacks in the Suzano valley lasted all Monday night and continued in the morning, being repulsed. Then an Italian counter-attack forced the enemy to retreat, leaving several hundred

The enemy's artillery was active on the rest of the front, where there were numbers of sporadic attacks in the nature of diversions. All were repulsed with serious enemy losses.

Aircraft on both sides uade incessant bombing raids.

French Air Offensive

Paris, May 17.—The defeat of further German attacks at Verdun is the feature of the communiqué. The enemy's grenade attacks at the edge of Deadman Hill completely failed: also an attack on Thiaumont farm. Artillery fire continued to be active on both the banks of the Meuse and in Champagne.

A French bombarding squadron of thirteen aeroplanes attacked railway stations and bivouacs between Verdun and Metz and also German communications at St. Mihiel. Several fires were noticed.

Another French aeroplane squadron dropped a great number of bombs on hangars and railway stations at Metz and on the railway line from Metz to Thioneille.

A French pilot felled a German aeroplane at Vic-sur-Aisne.

The Price of Food Stuffs.

As compared with a year ago, says the Board of Trade "Labour Gazette," there is an average increase on the food budget of 19 per cent. A comparison with pre-war prices shows an all-around increase of 49 per cent., while in Berlin prices have risen 85.6 per cent.

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Dutch Shippers Perturbed.

The British declaration that German coal is to be contraband of war, coupled with the demand for placing 30 per cent. of ships' space at the disposal of Britain, has caused a bad impression in Rotterdam and a fall in shipping shares has followed immediately. The "Nieuwe Courant" says the measure

places the Government in the most difficult position it was known since the beginning of the war, while the "Nieuwe Rotterdamsche Courant" call for a pro-Netherland attitude and gives Germany a clear hint that she must not attempt to play the role of friend in a discussion with England. "Economically" (says the article) "there is far more danger for the future from the East than from the West. There has long been a tendency on the part of Germany to extend her economic influence over the Netherlands and economic influence has generally been followed by state influence." The article also protests that an attempt is being made by force of economic measures to make Dutch ships serve English interests.

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Strength of Trentino Position,

Rome, May 18.—Renewed great Austrian attacks at many points on the front, especially in the southern Tyrol, are described in the communique, which says that all were repulsed with heavy enemy losses, but furious massed artillery fire of guns of every calibre between the Terragnolo Valley and the upper Astico resulted in the Italians again straightening their line and abandoning some advanced positions. London, May 18.—Italian experts do

not attach much importance to the slight retreat of the advanced Italian lines on the short front between Rovereto and Lake Garda. They point out that the Austrians hoped by a violent attack in the southern Trentino to paralyse the Italian advance on the western and eastern fronts, but the Austrian object was not achieved as neither Italian advance was stopped nor was the southern front shaken. It is estimated that the Austrians concentrated fifty thousand fresh troops from the Galician and Rumanian fronts in the Trentino, but an Austrian offensive on a great scale is considered improbable, especially in the southern Trentino, which the Italians have fortified very strongly.

Australia's Commercial Policy.

Brisbane, May. 18 .- The Australian Chambers of Commerce have unanimously resolved in favour of preferential tariffs within the Empire and with the Allies; fair and reasonable treatment of neutrals; surtaxed tariffs against enemy countries; and also anti-dumping legislation after the war.

Mr. Chamberlain's Important Speech.

London, May 18 .- Mr. Austen Chamberlain, in the House of Commons, in a remarkable speech, foreshadowed the definite trend of ideas towards a new national and Imperial trade policy after the war, neither entirely Protection nor Free Trade, but a system, however imperfect, which could be developed hereafter and would promote the trade of the Empire.

Mr. Chamberlain was speaking on the Finance Bill and he showed the enormous financial strength of the nation, especially as compared with Ger-

Sacrifices of the Manufacturers. Turning to trade, he emphasised that the manufacturers were making sacrifices for war work, and had established

the war. Government must see that the pivotal industries shall continue to exist; also, the industries vital to Britain which we had not got at the outbreak of war must be maintained. We had made an immense advance towards agreement.

Mr. Chamberlain added that the British respresentatives at the Economic Conference were not bound to any rigid school of economic thought.

Vatican and the War.

London, May. 18.—In the House of Commons, Sir E. Grey said that Sir W. Howard had informed the Government that the Vatican had not communicated with any-one regarding peace, but had made representations to Germany with a view to the abandon-

ment of submarine warfare.

[Amsterdam, April. 12.—The Rome correspondent of the "Tyd," who is generally well-informed of what is go ing on in Vatican circles, telegraphed last night to the effect that influence is at work in circles in close contact with the Pontiff with a view to peace negotiations being made at the Vati-

The correspondent believes that the recent speeches of the Chancellor and Mr. Asquith and Herr von Bethmann-Hollweg have somewhat cleared the air, and have removed the chief obstacles to peace possibilities. The Varican, he says, has decided to ask "certain questions" in Berlin and London which, the correspondent believes, have a direct bearing on the possibilities of the restoration of peace.]

Mesopotamia G. O. C.'s Eulogy.

The following remarks were made by the General Officer Commanding the Division regarding the gallant conduct of certain regiments in the operations of the 20th and 21st January in Mosopotamia: I cannot speak too highly of the splendid gallantry of the Black Watch. Aided by parties of officers and men of the 6th Jats, 97th Infantry and 41st Dogras in storming and occupying the enemy trenches, their advance had to be made across a perfectly open bullet-swept area against sunken loopholed trenches in broad daylight and their noble achievement is one of the highest. The great and most admirable gallantry of all ranks and specially that of the British officers is worthy of the highest recommendation. They showed the highest qualities of endurance and courage under circuma claim to consideration. We were stances so adverse as to be almost using up capital for the purposes of phenomenal.

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The Capture of Trebizond.

London, April 20.—The seizure of Trebizond happened much earlier than the greatest optimist ventured to anticipate. After bombardment by the warships, troops were landed on the flank of Trebizond, turning and enveloping it on three sides, the fighting being of the most sanguinary nature. Enormous supplies of ammunition are known to have fallen into the hands of the Russians. According to German frontier correspondents, the news of the fall of Trebizond has produced the worst possible impression in leading circles in Berlin. It is feared that this new Turkish defeat will demoralise the Turks, and force them to ask for a separate peace. It will also have a very far-reaching effect, especially after the failure at Verdun, on Greece and

Greece and the Allies.

The relations between Greece and the Allies have been again somewhat strained by the latter's decision to transport the Serbian Army in Corfu through Greek territory. The Greek papers have made indignant protests, but it is not regarded as likely that there will be any real opposition as the past month's bickerings with Greece, to which the latest move is a climax, have shown that Greece is not regarded seriously now by the Allies. Her observation of neutrality, too, has not been thought by the Allies to be a thorough one.

America Preparing.

The American Government has been preparing for the event of war since the last week-end, five engineering experts having been appointed for each State to take an industrial census, and inform the Government exactly what can be expected in the way of munitions and supplies. Instructions were also sent to the Navy yards to overhual every vessels in port, and get all warships ready; while the War Department has sent orders to every army station.

Britain's Stubborness.

Mr. Frederick Palmer, a distinguished American correspondent, writes in a New York paper of England's national habit of "grousing," which those who do not know "these stubborn islanders" accept as proof of their failure out of their own mouth. "One million volunteers and England reviles the slackers; two millions and she reviles them still harder; three millions and she reviles the slackers harder yet in tones heard all over the world. The British talk of muddling, but it seems to me they do very much less muddling than they advertise."

Piracy Review.

A review of the numbers of ships sunk by German submarines, mines, etc., since the war started gives an idea of the importance of securing new ships. During the week ended Thursday last, no fewer than thirty-one ships were lost and their tonnage (85,045 according to figures given in the latest issue of "Fairplay") must be added to the 2,201,823 tons already reported in that journal. Complete official figures to date are not yet available but according to tables compiled by "Fairplay" we had lost 307 vessels up to the end of January, the ships being valued at £10,620,343 and their cargoes at £13,048,997.

German Consul's Mischief.

The correspondent of the "New York Times" with the American forces in Mexico declares that the recent fatal clash between the American troops and the civilians of Parral was deliberately incited/bytthe German Consul of that city: the letter urged the Mexican to massacre the American cavalrymen, hoping that war would result between the U.S. and Mexico in consequence.

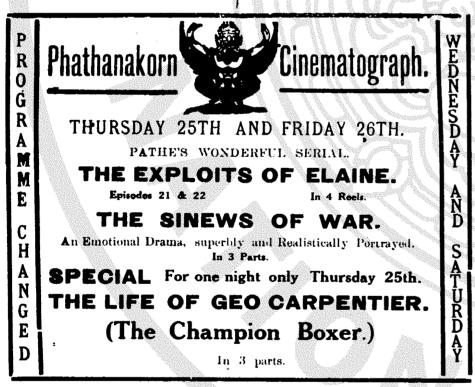
The Need for More Ships

The need of more ships for the mercantile marine is urgent, and speeches made by Mr. Arthur Henderson (Chairman of the National Advisory Committee on War Output) during the week-end indicate that energetic measures are to be taken to meet it. He was present at one of the largest and most representative Trade Union Congresses ever held in Glasgow. The conference was organised by the Federation of Engeering and Shipbuilding Trades and the National Advisery Committee, and lasted six hours. The President said that the need of ourselves and our Allies for more merchant ships was so urgent that no better work could be done for our Allies' cause than by putting every ounce of energy into rapid delivery of all merchant vessels under construction.

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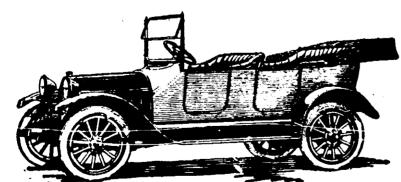
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under cultivation is about 454,000 rai, harvesting has been completed. Mondol Bejra Burna. The total area under cultivation is about 66,000 rai. harvesting has been completed.

Mondol Utara. The total area under cultivation is about 877,000 rai. harvesting has been completed. Mondol Roi-ech. The total area under

cultivation is about 597,500 rai, harvesting has been completed. Cotton.

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The crop is not doing very well owing to the continued dry weather. Harvesting is being handled.

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" Dead Man."

Commenting on April 11th on the fighting in the Verdon region, the Petit Parisien" remarks :---

"Yesterday was not so fierce a day the Germans launched three furious west of the Meuse, which bar their advance upon Dead Man Hill. The enemy used massed formations to the right and left of Dead Man Hill south of the Forges stream over a front of two kilometres.

"Their supreme command hurled a division supported on the Haucourt-

Bethincourt line. "In a vain attempt to pierce our lines, and seize part of Hill 304, as a result of which action they hoped to turn the south of Dead Man Hill, but all the assaults were broken. For several hours furious fighting continued with alternate advances and retirements, but in the end the French line showed no real change, while the German losses were necessarily very heavy in view of the massed formations em-

"Another division operating on the right between Dead Man Hill and Cumieres on a two kilometre front was held completely by our curtain of fire, Meanwhile, not withstanding their intense artillery preparation, the Gor-mans were unable to leave their advanced trench at the foot of Hill 295, which they occupied on Sunday even-ing, and the French still hold the summit of Dead Man Hill and its stopes. the enemy being four hundred metres

away from the real vantage point. "The German infentry east of the Meuse displayed more activity than on the previous day, and thrice attacked the French positions at La Caillete only to be thrice driven back, and af-ter the last attack we still held all our ground.

No attack was delivered against the Poivre Hill, as had been expected from the heavy bombardment. The situation, therefore, remains good, and the abandonment of certain of their positions by the French does not mean that those positions are definitely lost.

A Deserter's Story.

A correspondent writes from the Belgian frontier: Four German deserters have succeeded in escaping from the Ypres front and crossing the Dutch frontier. One of them had in civilian life occupied a farly prominent position. He told commissible story, confirming the Patien communique of April 12 to the effect that the Germans suffered serious losses near Ypres last

week. The struggle around St Eloi by Ypres, had been terrible, he said. Of a group of 482 men, to which he belonged, only 11 were left.

There were constant complaints of the food, the German declared. A quarrel had developed on the subject : a lieutenant struck a soldier, and re-"Yesterday was not so fierce a day as that immediately preceding, though After a strict investigation nine soldiers had been shot. In the attack by St. attacks against the principal points Eloi the soldiers had to attack the British with fixed bayonets. Men of their own regiments stood behind them with orders to fire at whoever drew back. They thus had death both in front and behind them. What else could they do but obey? Severe punishments were further inflicted on those known to be apt to hold back They were given the most dangerous places near observation posts, where there is constant danger of mine ex plosions, and used for the dirtiest

The Coming Campaigns.

Berlin and London both report lively artillery duels on the Greco-Serbian frontier, says the "Gazette of Holland," Fighting is in progress along practically the whole of the Austro-Italian front. Finally the Russians in Galicia have once more struck a shrewd blow at the Austrians. These are the first signs of the coming storms. Terrible and costly as was the fighting in all parts of Europe last year it will not only be repeated this year but be extended and increased in intensity. Just before the thaw put a stop to their activities the Russians showed the world that they were full of fight and that they were better equipped than they had ever been before. The armies of French and British of Salonika and of Italians at Valona are not there for nothing. They will play their part when the time for general action comes. In the West the accumulation of men and guns has gone on on both sides, for numbers will tell more that anything else. The organisa-tion of British industrial resources on a war footing has been in progress now for twelve months and there are a score of indications, apart from the steady lengthening of the British trout, that this factor will exercise a considerable influence in the coming summer. What the German plans are is quite unknown. There is no secret as to those of the Allies, however. They are ad-hering to their plan of marking time till a general attack can be delivered on all fronts simultaneously. And meanwhile the business of the Germans is to strike heavily at one or other of the belligerents in order to prevent it from taking part in a general offen

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