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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
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10	6 30	12 7
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13	1 30	14 0
14	2 00	13 11
15	2 30	13 11	9-10	...
16	3 00	13 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
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23	6 00	11 8
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26	1 00	14 0
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28	1 00	13 2	10	7-8
29	2 00	13 2	9-10	7-8
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May.	P.M.			
	H. W.	Ft. & in.	L. W.	(Approx.)
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4	7 00	14 9
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6	8 30	14 10	1-2	6-0
7	9 30	14 7	2-3	6-0
8	10 00	14 6	3-4	6-0
9	11 00	14 0	4-5	7-0
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15	4 00	13 6
16	5 00	14 2
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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
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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.

Bangkok Mails Close.

HONGKONG.
Thursday 11 p.m. s.s. Chang Chow
COPENHAGEN.
Monday 8th 3 p.m. s.s. Bandon

Exchange Rates.

To-day's Quotations.

LONDON—
Bank Bills, demand 1/6 7/16
Bank Bills, 4 months' sight 1/6 17/32

PARIS—
Bank Bills, demand

GERMANY—
Bank Bills, demand

NEW YORK—
Bank Bills, demand U.S.A. 35 3/4

INDIA—
Bank Bills, demand Rs. 113 3/4

SINGAPORE—
Bank Bills, demand \$65 1/2

HONGKONG—
Bank Bills, demand, \$68 3/4

YOKOHAMA & KOBE—
Bank Bills, demand, ¥72 1/8

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Turkey.

The Mokhattam (of Cairo) is publishing a series of articles giving information about Turkish affairs obtained from a person who recently arrived from Constantinople. A correspondent of The Times sends a précis of the statements which opens with one that the late Prince Yusuf, the Turkish Heir Apparent, formed, a strong party hostile to Enver Pasha, consisting of Arab and Turkish officers and members of both Houses who were daily gaining prestige, and continually urged the Sultan to end the relations with the Germans, dismiss the Ministry and alter the present disastrous policy of Turkey. Shortly before his death he persuaded the Sultan to hold a secret council of Prince Yusuf's partisans at the Dolma Bagche Palace to concert measures. The German Ambassador heard of it and advised Liman von Sanders, who was then in Gallipoli, and who forthwith went to Berlin to consult the Kaiser and explain that Prince Yusuf was a bitter anti-German and a serious enemy. What was then decided is not known, but a few days after Liman von Sanders' return to Constantinople Prince Yusuf's servants seized, gagged, and bound him, a blood vessel was opened in his arm, and he was left to bleed to death. When the Sultan heard the news his grief was such that he refused to receive Enver or the German Ambassador, or to transact any business. The Ambassador intimated that if he persisted in this attitude he must either abdicate or accept deposition. The Sultan, seeing that it was useless to resist the Germans, gave way.

The Mokhattam's informant states that the officers of the Turkish Army are divided into two camps, one loyal to the Germans, the other strongly anti-German and anti-war. This division has greatly influenced the nature of the recent fighting between the Russians and the Turks, also that between the British and the Turks and it will continue to have an influence in the near future. The state of feeling in Constantinople is rising. Herr von Jagow, the German Foreign Secretary, lately spent three days in Constantinople, and after his return to Berlin the German Ambassador followed him thither in a special train, returning to Constantinople after one night in Berlin. This is taken to indicate that the Germans are gravely concerned about the Turkish situation. Enver and Talaat have lost their popularity and bombast. The population is furious with the Committee and the Germans, and the narrator instances the most recent Friday sermon in Santa Sophia, when the preacher ended his prayer for the preservation of the Caliph with the invocation "Vengeance on the Germans and the Committee."

The fall of Erzerum was expected in certain circles in Constantinople as early as Jan. 25, Abdul Karim Pasha having previously demanded reinforcements, which were not dispatched. Nevertheless the fall of the fortress came as a thunderclap to the Ministry, and has certainly lost Enver half his prestige. The Germans, who are masters of the situation, have removed 60,000 troops, the flower of the Turkish Army, from Gallipoli to Adrianople, where there are 5,000 Germans, and sent 25,000 Germans to Gallipoli and 5,000 to Baghdad, where also four new aeroplanes were sent in addition to the six already there. Enver, who was trying to send help to Abdul Karim, wanted to take 30,000 men from Adrianople but the Germans objected that the Turkish troops must remain in the Balkans until the enemies of Germany there had been swept away. Enver was forced to acquiesce and sent 16,000 from Djemal Pasha's army in Syria, and some from Smyrna. The chronicler states that the fall of Erzerum has impressed the populace, and that if the

British are successful in Mesopotamia and are able to take the offensive and break the Ottoman resistance, as the Russians have done, the Committee will fall from power and another Ministry will succeed them and sue for peace. If the Germans oppose this course of procedure, the Turkish troops will fight and on the Germans. This the Germans realise.—Ex.

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Paknam	Dep.	6.30	9.30	12.15	3.45	Bangkok	Dep.	7.45	10.45	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 Nang Greeng	..	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 Nang Greeng	..	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

German News Service.

Headquarters, March 30.
Official. Western Theatre: In the Lyons region, a small German detachment, on a short patrol, captured a French Captain and 57 men. West of the Meuse the French, after a strong fire, attacked the position conquered by the Germans in the forest north-east of Avocourt, but were repulsed. At the south-east corner of the forest, bitter hand to hand fighting continued during the night, till morning, when the enemy were driven back. Violent artillery duels are continuing on both banks of the Meuse.

Lt. Immelmann, in an aircraft east of Bapaume, shot down a British biplane; the aviators were made prisoners. This is the 12th enemy aeroplane disabled by Immelmann.

In Metz, a soldier was killed and several others were wounded by bombs dropped by enemy aircraft.

Eastern Theatre: The Russians ceased their attack south of the Narotse Lake. The artillery fire however is still lively at this place, as well as west of Jakobstadt and north of Vidzy. Near Postavy it has been calm.

Vienna, March 29.
Official. Russian theatre: The aviators have been active on both sides. Several Russian aeroplanes were forced to withdraw when attacked by artillery fire and Austro-Hungarian aviators. A Russian aeroplane was brought down by the fire of an anti-aircraft gun, east of Bukacz. It fell down behind the enemy's lines. Bombs dropped by Russian aviators did not cause any damage. Austro-Hungarian aircraft successfully bombarded several places behind the Russian front.

Italian theatre: Near the Goetz bridgehead and in the Doberdo Plateau artillery duels are continuing. The Italian infantry ceased their attacks. East of Sella, the Italian entered some trenches, the Austro-Hungarians are being ejected them. In the Ploceken sector all enemy attacks are repulsed.

Vienna, March 30.
Russian theatre: Only small engagements are taking place.

Italian theatre: In the Goetz region there was violent fighting by night and day. Near the bridgehead strong forces were engaged on both sides. The Austro-Hungarians captured 350 Italians, among whom are 8 officers. In the Doberdo sector, artillery was active. On the heights east of Sella, fighting for some trenches is still continuing.

A squadron of Austro-Hungarian aeroplanes extensively bombarded the enemy's batteries at the mouth of the Sdoba. There were artillery duels in

the Fella and Ploceken regions, on the Dolomites front and near Riva.

Headquarters, March 31.
Official. Western theatre: On account of the clear weather, the artillery has been active on many sectors of the front. West of the Meuse, the village of Malancourt and the connecting French fortifications on both sides of the village have been conquered by the Germans. Six officers and 322 unwounded men have been made prisoners. East of the Meuse, the situation is unchanged. There was hand to hand fighting of short duration near the French trenches south of the fortresses of Douaumont. The British lost three biplanes in air fights; two of the British aviators were dead. Lt. Immelmann shot down his 13th enemy aeroplane.

Headquarters, April 1.
 Near St. Eloi, British hand grenade attacks were repulsed. Mine engagements occurred between la Bassée Canal and Neuville. Northeast of Roye, the French artillery was very lively. The German artillery efficiently bombarded the enemy's positions on the Aisne front. Violent artillery duels occurred in the Argonne and in the Meuse sector.

German battle aircraft shot down four French aeroplanes. One of these was brought in on lines near Loen, another near Mogeville in the Woivre, behind the enemy's front and near Ville aux Bois and another south of Hautcourt. The French aerodrome at Romagny, west of Rheims, was extensively bombed.

Headquarters, March 31.
Official. Eastern theatre: The Russian activity was limited to the bombardment of the German positions which were recently attacked by the Russians.

There is nothing important to report. The Russian offensive is apparently exhausted for the moment. From February 28 to March 26 the Russians attacked large sectors of Field Marshal von Hindenburg's front, with 30 divisions, or more than 500,000 men and with such an expenditure of ammunition as was unheard of on the eastern front until then. Thanks to the bravery and tenacious endurance of the German troops, the Russians had no success at all. The Russian casualties, according to cautious calculations, are not less than 140,000 men.

Vienna, March 30.
Official. The Admiralty reports: Four Austro-Hungarian naval aeroplanes, under the command of First Lieutenant Konyovic, bombarded Varna on March 21. Batteries and dug-outs, an aeroplane hangar and the French aeroplane sheltering stamper foundry were hit several times. In

spite of heavy firing, all the aeroplanes returned safely.

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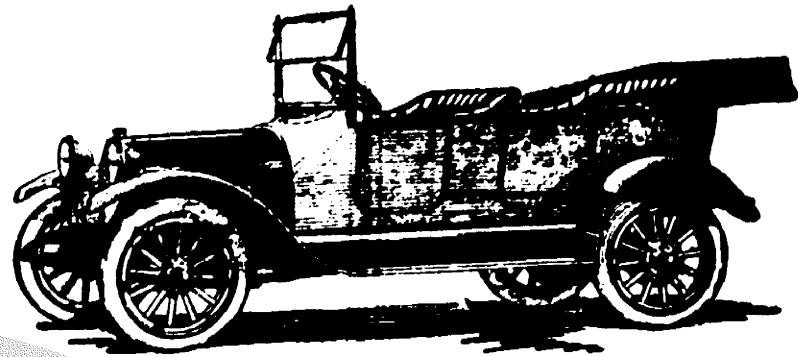
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Km. Bangkok Dep.	7.00	9.00	2.00	4.00	Km. Meklong Dep.	9.00	2.00		
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Terminus Arr.	8.20	4.20	3.20	5.20					

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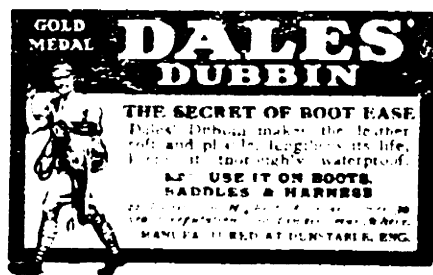
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THE Great War.**The Western Front.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, April 30.

Paris.—The communiqué says there was a lively cannonade at Bois Bottes north of the Aisne and an artillery duel at Bois Malancourt west of the Meuse. There was a violent bombardment against our positions between Poivre Hill and Donauumont east of the Meuse. It was quiet elsewhere.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, May 1.

Yesterday we took by force a trench north of Cumieres and made prisoners. To-day the enemy directed a strong attack in dense formation against a trench which we had conquered at Morhonne. Our curtain of fire and machine-guns caused enormous losses to the enemy whose assaults were broken down. We also repulsed three counter-attacks north of Cumieres inflicting serious losses.
Our air squadrons bombed numerous railway stations with great effect.

The Russian Campaign.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, May 1.

Petrograd.—We repulsed an attempt west of Lake Narotch. The enemy having penetrated our trenches north of Mouravitz we counter-attacked and conquered the trenches capturing all the occupants namely, twenty-two officers and 600 soldiers. The enemy's losses were considerable.
In the Caucasus we repulsed an offensive in the region of Diarbekin.

Fierce Fighting on British Front.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, April 29.

Fierce fighting on the British front is described by General Sir Douglas Haig in the communiqué besides a successful British raid on German trenches at Carnoy wherein the Germans lost heavily. The communiqué mentions seven German attacks which took place yesterday night and this morning. Two attacks in the morning were preceded by gas clouds and a heavy bombardment. All the attacks were repulsed with severe German losses. The Germans gained a footing in the trenches at four points but counter-attacks promptly ejected them.

German Submarine Sunk.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, April 29.

Official.—A German submarine was sunk on the east coast (of England). One officer and 17 men were made prisoners.

Situation in Dublin Satisfactory.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, May 2.

Official.—The Commander of the troops in Ireland reports that the situation in Dublin is much more satisfactory. The leader of the rebels in Dublin yesterday night sent messengers ordering the rebels in the counties of Galway, Clare, Wexford, Louth and Dublin to surrender. The rebels in four areas in Dublin are surrendering freely. Hitherto 707 prisoners have been taken. A column of infantry, cavalry and artillery was sent to engage the rebels at Enniscorthy where the leader of the rebels doubts the Dublin message.

A Russian Success.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, May 2.

Petrograd.—An official report says that in the battle on the Ikva we captured 22 officers and 600 Austrians. We re-captured the lost trenches which were full of Austrian dead.

In German East Africa.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, May 2.

General Smuts reports further captures of quantities of live-stock at Kondosirangi and much ammunition.

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.")

(Official.)

London, May 1.

The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Irish command reports that all Dublin commandos have surrendered.

Singapore Chamber of Commerce.

(S. O. SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, May 2.

Rules have been passed by the Chamber of Commerce excluding enemy members during the war and prohibiting other than British born to be committee members.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

WIRE News from latest Singapore papers will be found on page 6.

PHYA Nondisena of the Royal Household Department moves into his new residence in Pracha China road to-morrow.

THE s.s. "Giang Ann" left Singapore for Bangkok on Monday the 1st May at 2 p.m. with the European (British India) Mail on board.

THE s.s. "Katong" will leave from the Borneo Company's wharf at 4 p.m. sharp, on Friday the 5th inst., and should arrive in Singapore on Tuesday about daylight.

MR. E. H. Gibbons, the first officer of the s.s. Poh Ann, has been sentenced to six weeks' rigorous imprisonment by the Singapore Marine Court for assaulting Capt. F. J. Stack, the master of the vessel.

The following papers have been received at H. B. M. Legation and may be consulted by those desiring to do so:—1 Vessels and cargoes detained or captured by British forces. 2 Proceedings before British Prize Courts Overseas.

THE return of the Medical Officer of Health for the week ended 29th April shows that there were 17 cases and 14 deaths from plague in Bangkok. There was one death from cholera on the 26th ult. and one case of small-pox on the 24th.

THE following passengers arrived by the s.s. "Katong" last evening:—Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, Mr. Chukada, Mr. G. Trusler, Mr. E. E. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. C. Alling, Capt. Commiskey, Mr. E. W. Townsend, Mr. S. Tisseman, Mr. A. D. Peoples and Mr. G. W. Chandler.

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LIEUT. DERRICK W. RAMSAY, 10 Sherwood Foresters, eldest son of Dr. F. Winslow Ramsay, M. D. Bournemouth, Hants, was killed on the 16th February last during the big attack on the Ypres salient. Of the two remaining sons one is a Sec. Lieut. with the 37th Dogras now in Mesopotamia and the youngest is a Midshipman with H. M. S. Temeraire in the Grand Fleet. The deceased was a nephew of Mr. Chas. H. Ramsay here.

TONGKAI has been on fete lately owing to the presence of the Siamese Minister of Marine, who came down from Bangkok to open the Government buildings lately erected. Among others who have greatly added to the gaiety of Puket are Mr. Heal of the Royal Department of Mines, Mr. Craig of the Land Office, and Mr. Nunn of the Imperial Siamese Customs, says an exchange.

MR. A. J. Shelly Thompson, Barrister-at-Law, Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, Secretary of the Spectacle Makers Company, Freeman of the City of London, has gone up to Tongkai to relieve Mr. W. B. Way, Legal Adviser to the Siamese Government who proceeds home on leave on the 29th April. Mr. Shelly Thompson is accompanied by his niece Miss Ruth Errol, who no doubt will be a great acquisition to Puket Society, the fair sex being in such a minority there at present.—Pinang Gazette.

PADDY REPORT FOR MAY 2.

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Bank Defalcation.

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The Navy League.

We have received from Phya Buri Navarath the latest number of the "Samudra", the Navy League's Journal. Among the numerous contributions we notice a play in one act by Sri Ayudhya the scene of which is laid on a battleship. This little play is extremely interesting and if staged should prove as great a success as all previous productions from the pen of this gifted writer. The editor of the Nungue Phin Thai contributes some very readable verses. The complete story of the Appam affair is given with many illustrations including a sketch showing the manner in which the vessel was captured by the Germans which is very instructive.

The Lowestoft Raid.

London, April 26.—The War Office reports that there was a bombardment of Lowestoft and Yarmouth yesterday. It opened at 4.10 in the morning and lasted about half an hour. Despite the heavy German guns the damage was relatively slight. The Convalescent Home, the Swimming Bath, the Pier and forty dwellings at Lowestoft were extensively damaged and two hundred dwellings slightly damaged. Besides four already announced as having been killed there are three seriously wounded and nine slightly.

London, April 26.—The East Anglian Times says that approximately twenty-five men altogether were killed or wounded in the pursuit of the German raiders off Lowestoft.

London, April 27.—Residents of Lowestoft and Yarmouth were most impressed at the wrecked gunnery of the Germans. They were awakened by the guns in broad daylight, and saw five cruisers steaming broadside ten miles out, firing broadsides. Each ship fired at least ten rounds, and altogether a hundred shells were fired, including twelve-inchers. Many went completely over the town. The inhabitants sought the most available shelter, many taking refuge in dugouts in their gardens.

When the bombardment ceased, the inhabitants flocked to the cliffs and saw the Germans fleeing, pursued by the British squadron, which was firing incessantly at close range and hit the Germans repeatedly. One German monster staggered, and flame spouted from the funnel of another. The sea was so churned up by the swiftly moving ships and exploding shells that it looked like a lake of foam.

Suddenly a seaplane was observed coming from northward. Whatever its message, the Germans turned and proceeded full-speed east and north, the British destroyers hanging on to their heels and worrying them.

The Military Bill.**Premier Yields to Objections.**

London, April 26.—Mr. Walter Long tomorrow introduces the Military Service Bill. The House is now in Secret Session.

London, April 27.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Walter Long introduced the Military Service Bill carrying out the Government's recruiting policy as outlined on the 26th. He admitted that it was distasteful to ask time-expired men, the very salt of the army, to serve again, but they would get special consideration, promotion and bonuses. Youths of eighteen would receive a month's grace before being called up. A new home defence training reserve would be created to enable men still to earn a living till they were immediately required. The Army Council considered that the power to transfer Territorials to other units was essential.

Case of Time-Expired Men.

Sir Edward Carson forcibly criticised the Bill, characterising its provisions as unfair compulsion. He considered that the position of time-expired men was intolerable. (Cheers). He demanded that the Government should introduce a general compulsion bill; otherwise, they would not receive much support from his supporters.

Nearly every quarter of the House strongly criticised the Bill, particularly the extension of the service of time-expired men. Members urged the Government to drop such minor proposals and proceed to a general scheme.

Mr. Asquith Considers.

Mr. Ellis Griffiths advised that the Bill be withdrawn and general compulsion introduced.

Mr. Asquith replied that he could not give a decision on the spur of the moment.

London, April 27.—In the House of Commons, yielding to numerous objections concerning details, Mr. Asquith postponed the introduction of the Military Bill. Meanwhile, he will consult his colleagues and announce the decision on Tuesday.

London, April 27.—A Proclamation calls up groups up to group forty-one.

Situation in Ireland.**Mr. Redmond's Assurances.**

London, April 26.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Asquith said that troops from Belfast and England had arrived in Dublin, and Liberty Hall and St. Stephen's Green had already been occupied by soldiers. Martial Law had been proclaimed in Dublin city and county and action was being taken to suppress the movement and arrest all concerned.

Outside Dublin the country is tranquil. Steps are being taken to acquaint neutral countries with the real significance of this most recent German campaign.

Situation Improving.

Mr. Asquith read a telegram that the situation in Dublin was satisfactory. It was not the case that the rebels had machine-guns.

London, April 26.—A Gazette proclamation practically establishes Martial Law throughout Ireland.

Landed from a Submarine.

London, April 26.—In the House of Lords, Lord Lansdowne announced that the German vessel which attempted to land arms in the west of Ireland was disguised as a Dutch trader. The Germans blew her up after she was captured. Sir Roger Casement and two other persons landed on the coast from a submarine in a collapsible boat.

London, April 26.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Asquith read a telegram from Lord Wimborne (Lord Lieutenant of Ireland) stating that the situation was satisfactory. St. Stephen's Green had been occupied, eleven of the insurgents being killed. Provincial news was reassuring.

The Inspector General of Constabulary reports that the Drogheda Nationalist Volunteers turned out under arms to assist the Government. (Loud cheers). Many local people offered assistance.

Melbourne, April 27.—The United Irish League has cabled to Mr. Redmond stating that Irishmen in Victoria view with abhorrence the meaningless rebellion in Dublin.

Sir Edward Speaks.

London, April 27.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Asquith said: The Irish situation still has serious features. There are indications of a spread of the movement especially in the west. Martial Law has been proclaimed throughout Ireland and General Maxwell leaves to-night with plenary powers.

Sir Edward Carson supported Mr. Asquith and said he would gladly join Mr. Redmond in everything that could be done to denounce and put down these rebels now and for evermore. (Cheers).

Mr. Redmond, on behalf of the Nationalists and the overwhelming majority of the people of Ireland, expressed detestation and horror of the proceedings of the rebels. (Cheers).

Sufficient Force Despatched.

London, April 27.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Asquith said that the Government, after careful investigation, were satisfied that the force despatched to Ireland was adequate to deal with the situation. The Government were doing their utmost to restore order and stamp out the rebellion. They fully recognised and intended to discharge the obligation of making a searching investigation as to causes and responsibility.

Mr. Asquith said that Sir Edward Carson and Mr. Redmond had made quite clear the true amount of support behind the outbreak. The world knew that the movement had no sympathy in responsible quarters in Ireland or anywhere in the Empire. (Loud cheers).

The Lost German Vessel.

London, April 27.—In the House of Lords, Lord Lansdowne said there were two German officers who landed with Casement. Meanwhile, a German vessel was stopped by one of our warships, who ordered her to follow at a certain distance, and then, hoisting the German flag, sank herself. Owing to rough weather, a prize crew could not be put on board the German vessel. The whole of the crew was saved. There were no traces on the Irish seaboard of preparations for the distribution of the material with which the vessel was presumably laden. The only specific warning received by Government came from an external source on the day of the outbreak.

Rebels In For it.

While he believed the outbreak was destined to ignominious failure, he was not disposed to minimise it. A complete cordon of troops now surrounded the centres in the town on the north side of the river. Fifteen rebels were killed and 21 wounded; two loyal volunteers were killed and six wounded; and two policemen were killed. All information justified the statement that the situation was well in hand.

Casement's Mad Enterprise.

The Daily Mail says that Casement is now a prisoner in the Tower.

A report was circulated from Copenhagen on April 14 that Casement had been arrested in Germany, whereas he on that date boarded a German submarine at Kiel which left in company with a harmless looking tramp under the Dutch flag, manned by twenty picked German naval men, which carried twenty thousand rifles, machine-guns and ammunition hidden beneath the goods which the manifest declared to be the sole cargo.

A Buddhist Discovery.

During well sinking operations in Madras harbour on the west quay on April 15 grabs brought up a large bronze statue of the Lord Gautama Buddha, nearly half life size and also a handsome bronze bell of 80 to 100 lbs. weight: both are obviously of Burmese origin and probably formed part of the cargo or perhaps equipment of a wrecked ship. Indeed during the last few months one of the wells passed right through part of a wrecked ship at a depth of some 20 feet beneath the sand.

German News Service.

Vienna, March 31.

Italian theatre: Owing to unfavourable weather, everything is calm.

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Russian theatre: Near Olyka, Austro-Hungarian detachments took up the advanced enemy's positions, filled up the trenches, destroyed the parapets and returned to the main position. Southeast of Sienikovec the enemy's endeavours to advance their front were frustrated by artillery fire and counter-attacks.

Italian theatre: Fighting has recommenced at several places. More or less spirited artillery duels occurred near the Tolmein bridgehead, in the Fella sector and on the Dolomites front.

Italian attacks on the sector between the Great and small Pal and near Schludorbrich were repulsed.

Bulgarian headquarters, March 30.

Official: A German air squadron, composed of 15 aeroplanes, on March 27, dropped 800 bombs on Port Salorika and the Anglo-French camps. An explosion was observed in a shed near the railway station and on an enemy ship. Enemy aeroplanes attacked the Germans without success. Four of the enemy's aeroplanes were forced to land and others withdrew.

Berlin, March 30.

Deutsche Ueberseezeitung: The German Emperor has extended the general amnesty, proclaimed on February 3, 1916, to sentences given by tribunals in Alsace-Lorraine. Consequently all punishments, with the exception of offences against the military honour, are cancelled.

The Frankfurter Zeitung reports from the Narotsch Lake that the immense forests which considerably favoured Russian attacks during the winter, have now become immense obstacles, owing to the fact that the whole district is now converted into swamps. A German patrol waded in water which reached up to the breast. The German troops at this place offered heroic resistance to the many Russian attacks made during the last few days. The headquarters report mentioned the bravery of the Saarbrücken troops. Singular facts now become known which demonstrate the spirit of the soldiers. The Commanding General expressed his special appreciation to a Silesian territorial who jumped upon the parapet when the Russians attacked in masses and hurled about 40 bombs against them. This single man alone stopped the attack of the Russians at this place.

General Wild von Hohenborn, Prussian Minister of War, in the main Committee of the Reichstag made confidential statements about the situation of the German Army. According to the newspapers, the Minister said that the recruiting has been assured for a long time. It was not planned to extend the age limit beyond 45 years. On the contrary those soldiers who had passed their 50th year during the war had been withdrawn from the front. The Minister said this was largely due to the excellent care given to the wounded.

He furthermore communicated figures of the German losses which prove that they are not heavy compared with those of the enemy. Germany was provided with raw material for a long time. It was necessary to use the stock carefully, but there was no reason for fear even if the war was kept on no matter how long.

(To be Continued.)

Telegraph Lines.

Tavoy line is in imperfect working order. Other lines are all right.

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Wire News.

Amsterdam, April 26.—The Berlin communique admits that a strong British force of monitors, destroyers and mine sweepers bombarded the Belgian coast.

Athens, April 26.—The Entente Ministers are insisting on the use of the Greek railways to transport the Serbian troops. The Cabinet is deliberating the matter.

Athens, April 26.—Some sensation was caused owing to a bomb exploding in the court of the Bulgarian Legation. Unimportant damage was done.

Port Darwin, April 26.—A prospector reports the discovery of big copperfields in the Victoria River district.

London, April 27.—French estimates of the German losses at Verdun give them as reaching at least 280,000.

Rome, April 27.—The communique says that a strong enemy attack on the trenches on the Carso plateau which the Italians occupied on April 24 was repulsed with very heavy losses.

Petrograd, April 27.—The communique reports a repulse of a Turkish attack in the Erzincja district.

London, April 27.—The Times states that Lord Quenington was killed in action on Sunday.

London, April 27.—The Norwegian steamer Stromsnes has been sunk; the crew have landed. The Dutch steamers Dabbe and Manhaven have been damaged.

An official statement says that the Norwegian barque Carmania was sunk on the 25th inst. by a German submarine off the west coast of Ireland. The captain and nine of the crew landed in a boat.

London, April 27.—A Dutch tug and a Norwegian barque have been sunk.

Washington, April 27.—A general statement has been issued defining the attitude of the United States towards armed merchantmen of belligerents. It is believed that the reply to the recent German Note sustains their right to defensive armament, but says that merchantmen cruising the seas for the purpose of attacking enemy warships are not entitled to the hospitality of neutral ports.

London, April 26.—The result on the ballot of Lancashire cotton spinners will probably be known next week. It is believed the vote will be practically unanimous in favour of taking all necessary steps to secure the advance, but before any extreme course is taken the Government Production Committee will probably intervene.

London, April 26.—Lord Hardinge had an audience of the King at Windsor and was invested with the insignia of the Order of the Garter.

Bukharest, April 27.—The Aus-

The Secret Session.

London, April 26.—Mr. Asquith, Mr. Bonar Law and Lord Kitchener conferred this afternoon with the Labour leaders.

London, April 27.—The Press Bureau states that at the Secret Session on Wednesday, Mr. Asquith, replying to Sir Edward Carson, said that the Government's proposals for the extension of the Military Service Act did not apply to Ireland.

Mr. Walter Long said that if the Bill introduced compulsion for untested married men it would not provide for a month's notice.

A debate followed, many speakers taking part.

The Zeppelin Raid.

London, April 26.—Official: During last night's raid a hundred bombs were dropped on the Thames estuary, causing no casualties, whilst it is ascertained that a hundred bombs were dropped in the Eastern counties on Monday. There was one casualty and insignificant damage.

London, April 27.—The War Office states that the Zeppelins reported on the east coast of Kent last evening apparently did not penetrate far inland. They probably returned owing to mist. It is reported that one bomb was dropped, falling into the sea.

trians at Brassow arrested the Rumanian Berlin military attaché and seized the documents which he was conveying to Bukharest. Eventually he was released, but the documents were retained, and only returned when Rumania sent a Note to Austria.

London, April 27.—In the House of Commons, Sir J. D. Rees raised the question of double taxation of tea exported from Travancore.

Mr. Chamberlain said that he had no information on the point, but would enquire.

London, April 26.—The Indian Soldiers' Fund has sent to Mesopotamia two large motor-boats to be used to convey up the Tigris supplies sent by the Fund. One of the boats is fitted to accommodate wounded.

London, April 27.—The death has occurred of Brigadier General Richard Enfield.

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A divisional order was recently issued that in future no reports were to be made to Headquarters in slang. Seldom has an order caused more scratching of heads or authors' pains. In the trenches you cannot think except in terms of slang, if slang it is to be called, this happy, crisp, and often monosyllabic naming of otherwise clumsy and offensive things.

About the date of the order I found a captain hunched up at a table in a neighbour's dug-out in the throes of composition, writes a correspondent in France. With no little labour he had just achieved the cardinal sentence in his report. It was to the effect that a 60lb. projectile from a minenwerfer trench mortar had fallen behind trench B17 and failed to explode. "It's a fine sentence," he said, and then, shaking his head meditatively, "But a 'sausage dud' would have sounded much better and saved a lot of pencil." He was right. Indeed, there is something to be said for the formal and official adoption of the trench terms that have grown up. They are not slang, properly regarded, but admirable shorthand technical terms.

English for Latin. The only reason why they are not accepted as technical is that they are couched in charming Saxon instead of bogus Latin or Greek. What could be better devised to describe the various kinds of shells; the high-explosive is "a crump"; the mixed shrapnel and high explosive is "a whizzbang"; and the pip-squeak could only be a pip-squeak. He who has once seen the emanations from a "woolly bear" will never doubt the fitness of the title. "Jack Johnsons" are as immortal as the "marmites." Both descriptions are rather a compliment than an insult to the 17th. hewitzer.

I would suggest that the typewritten army papers should have an index of accepted terms, as well, if the purists desire it, as an Index Expurgatorius. The first might very well start with "dud." Did ever word better indicate its own meaning? A good, fat shell falling with a flop into mud and failing to explode is a "dud" because when once the word has been coined it could not be anything else. May we not in future write the word dud without apologetic commas?

I suppose much the most popular adjective in the Army is "cushy," a word not without merit. The contempt poured on people with "cushy jobs" is only less general than the French scorn for the "embusque," and not every soldier is sorry for the man who receives a cushy wound that qualifies him for "Blighty."

"Strafe" or "Straaf." "One may learn even from the enemy." "Strafe" has become of course and beyond question a permanent addition to the English language, which will carry within it the record of this war as of every considerable event in history. The only question is whether "strafe" shall rhyme with "calf" as in officers' language, or with "safe," as many Tommies prefer, with perhaps as neutral reluctance to pro-

America Getting Ready.

Amsterdam, April 26.—Dr. Von Bethmann Hollweg had a lengthy conference with the American Ambassador and afterwards journeyed with the Chief of the Admiralty Staff to headquarters. The German papers are discussing the possibility of avoiding a rupture with the United States.

It is significant that Der Tag, which flatly refused all President Wilson's demands without knowing them, now prints a high official's warning against trusting a ruptured gutheartedly and urging that German policy should be guided by what will be the greatest disappointment to her enemies.

Washington, April 26.—In a frantic endeavour to influence Congress, German propagandists are showering Senators with telegrams protesting against action which would mean war. Twenty-five thousand telegrams have already been received, and more are still pouring in. They have all the same wording, and emanate exclusively from German-American districts.

Washington, April 27.—President Wilson has addressed a letter to employers asking them to compile an industrial census for war purposes.

He has ordered an investigation into the activities of German officers in the Guatemalan revolution and in Mexico. Officials of the State Department have warned the newspapers against excessive optimism as to the submarine crisis, as it is feared that the German concessions will be inadequate.

nounce it in German fashion. There is a similar hesitation as to the spelling of the enemy, whom both are determined to "strafe." Boche, Bosche, Bosch, and Bosh are all found in letters if not in type.

Some men are very proud of the tags of French that they have acquired. I like the quick reply of one of these French students to his host who bid him "bonsoir." Without a moment's hesitation he replied, "Qui malay pense," and feel sure he had hit the right countersign.

After all, foreign words of very different meanings sound singularly alike. It was in a base hospital that I heard a man discussing the amazing fondness of the French for their "mexonnaise." "You cannot go anywhere without hearing it played," he said.—Ex.

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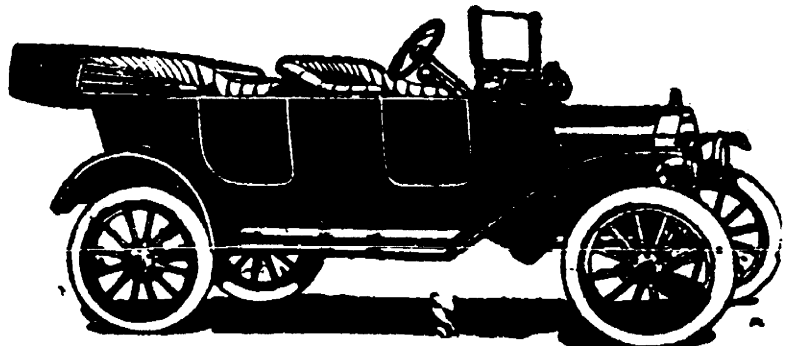
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The "Man" of Fifteen and the Man of Fifty.—Under this heading the *Berliner Tageblatt*, recently published a lengthy symposium in which the working capacities of boy and of man above the military age were compared by prominent manufacturers and merchants. In the month of December, in Berlin alone, 15,000 boys under seventeen were registered for different forms of labour. The general opinion is that boys are less efficient than men of fifty, and that the wholesale employment of youths is a makeshift which cannot outlast the war. The head of the Postal Department states that when the war is over all young workers will be dismissed. The comparatively high wages they are earning have and unfavourable effect upon their moral development. The President of the Berlin Chamber of Commerce is of much the same opinion. On the other hand, the President of the Craftsmen's Syndicate thinks that youths nowadays are able to a large extent efficiently to replace grown-up men, but only because during war-time the work is more mechanical. Time wages for boys now range from 20m. to 30m., and on piece-work they can make up to 50m. a week. The Secretary of the Association of German Business Assistants states that the large wages earned by the boys notably in shell-making have made them bumptious and imbued them with the wrong idea that they are indispensable. A large dairy company holds that youths are decidedly wanting in ability to deal with the customers. So far as mechanical work is concerned women are better than boys. The manager of a parcel delivery company sums up his opinion of

the youths he is now compelled to employ in these words: "They have become slovenly and dissolute; they are earning extravagant wages; temptation besets them on every side, and our business would be absolutely at a standstill if it were not for a number of men, past military age, whom we still have left." This opinion is shared by the Syndicate of Berlin Hotel and Restaurant Owners. The director of the National Bank of Germany states that the principal objection against employment in men over fifty years of age in large concerns and banks is the employers' liability in regard to pensions.

German Bank Transactions.
Considerable interest has been aroused in Germany by the disclosure of an extraordinary financial transaction, which has been concluded between the Hungarian Bankund Handelsgesellschaft and Prince Henckel-Donnersmarck. The latter, who is now 85 years old, is equally famous for his great wealth and for his employment on countless occasions during the last half-century as an agent of the German Government in intrigues and secret operations in Paris and elsewhere. He is said to be the wealthiest living German with the sole exception of Frau von Krupp. The transaction is described as follows: The Hungarian Bank, acting in reality on behalf of the city of Buda-Pesth, is settling Hungarian debts to Germany by obtaining from Prince Henckel-Donnersmarck a credit in Germany of £1,500,000. As the exchange is greatly against Hungary, Buda-Pesth and the bank make large profits by paying Hungarian debts out of this credit in marks. Meanwhile, the bank gives Hungarian bonds as security and pays only 4 3/8 per cent. on the loan. But this is not all. Prince Henckel-Donnersmarck is not paying the whole amount in cash, but is foisting on the city of Buda-Pesth promissory notes in the suburbs of Berlin. It is stated that the Prince at his advanced age is anxious to dispose of some of his possessions, but it is well known that the properties are part of his unfortunate share in the notorious speculations of the famous "Prince's Trust" and that they are totally unsaleable.—Ex.

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Ban Dara Dep.	...	9.10	4.26	...	Chengket Arr.	6.21	...	9.22	12.28
Utaradit Arr.	...	10.6	5.29	...	Lopburi Dep.	...	7.10	11.6	1.56
Tha Sao Arr.	...	10.15	5.38	...	Ban Phaji Arr.	...	8.30	12.21	3.4
Den Chai	...	11.57	Korat Dep.
Ban Meh	Gengko	...	7.12	11.32	1.52
Chang	Ban Phaji Arr.	...	8.22	12.29	2.59
Ban Phaji Dep.	10.—	12.30	4.41	...	Ban Phaji Dep.	6.27	8.37	12.44	3.14
Gengko Arr.	11.7	1.26	5.51	...	Ayuthia	...	7.13	9.25	1.23
Korat	...	6.8	Bangkok Arr.	9.28	11.35	3.16	6.—
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