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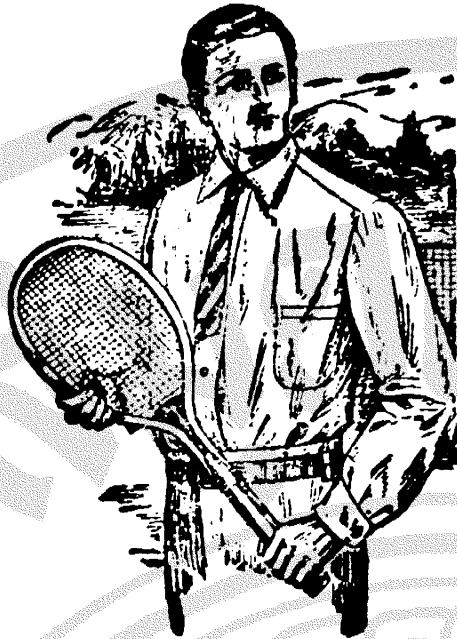
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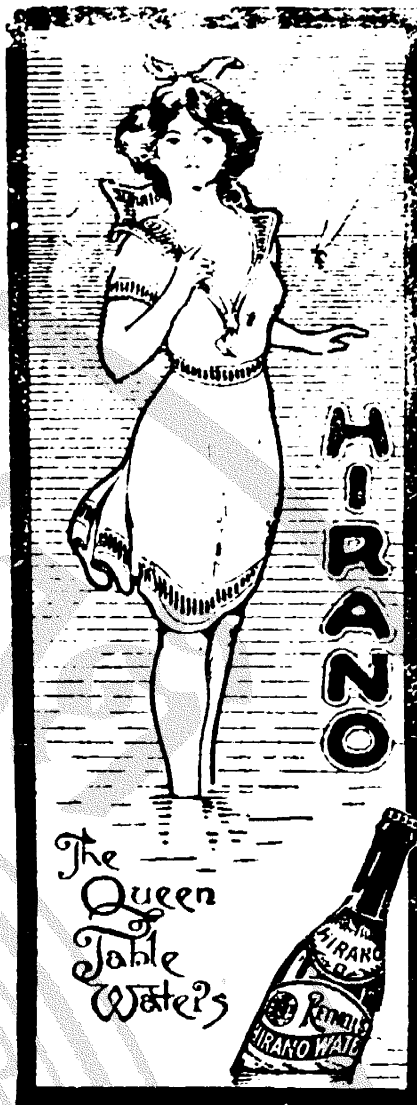
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April	A.M.	
	H. W.	Ft. & in.
1	6 00	13 3
2	2 00	13 6
3	3 00	14 0
4	4 00	14 1
5	4 30	14 6
6	4 30	14 6
7	4 30	14 4
8	5 00	14 3
9	5 00	14 0
10	5 30	14 0
11	6 00	13 10
12	6 00	13 10
13	6 30	13 9
14	6 30	13 8
15	7 00	13 10
16	7 00	14 4
17	2 00	14 4
18	2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

April	P.M.	
	H. W.	Ft. & in.
1	11 0	12 9
2	12 0	12 6
3	12 0	12 3
4	2 00	11 2
5	2 00	12 6
6	3 30	12 9
7	4 30	13 8
8	5 00	14 6
9	6 00	15 0
10	7 00	15 0
11	8 00	15 2
12	8 30	15 0
13	9 00	14 7
14	10 00	14 0
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17
18	2 00	11 6
19	2 30	12 0
20	4 00	13 0
21	5 00	14 0
22	6 00	14 10
23	7 00	15 0
24	7 30	15 0
25	8 30	15 0
26	9 00	14 5
27	10 00	14 3
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PHASES OF THE MOON.

April 7th O Full Moon 8 h 31 m p.m.
" 15th (Last Quarter) 2 h 52 m a.m.
" 21st O New Moon 8 h 43 m p.m.
" 29th (First Quarter) 0 h 4 m p.m.

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Serious Warning to Intending Travellers.

As a warning to those who have thought of making the journey to Europe via Siberia, a correspondent who returned from Petrograd writes to the N.C. Daily News as follows:

"Having to-day returned from an extremely uncomfortable trip to Petrograd in a useless endeavour to reach England by that route, I beg for a little space in order to warn any intending passengers of what they may have to face. The journey from Shanghai to Harbin as easy and comfortable as could be desired, but the Russian trains are so heavily overtaxed by war that breakdowns are of frequent occurrence. After leaving Harbin our electric light failed and for eight nights we had only candle light. Next, the baggage and kitchen car went wrong and we had to scramble for a hasty meal at occasional station restaurants. Then a second-class car broke down, and ladies and children, men and baggage were crowded into the dining car and spent an extremely trying 36 hours with a crowd of other passengers until another car could be had. Several of the ladies were taken into other cars by sympathetic fellow passengers, but the discomfort was great.

"These troubles were cheerfully borne, and 24 hours later we arrived at Petrograd. Having been warned on the way that we should have difficulty in finding hotel accommodation, we got the ladies and children into the station restaurant and sent off three of our men to find rooms. After a long wait, they returned and said that the best they could get were four rooms in a very third-rate hotel. We had no choice, and got settled down for the night, a friend and myself occupying a dirty noxious den, the size of a Shanghai bath-room. I being rather advanced in years, had a single bed, and my chum a very short couch and two chairs, with no bedding but his rug and a pillow.

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Well, sir, I had had much more

of Petrograd than I liked, and the prospect of an indefinite stay in such wretchedly dirty quarters did not appeal to be; so I made haste to see the ticket agents, who all said there was no chance of a seat in the weekly express for several weeks.

This did not satisfy me, and, obtaining the help of a kindly Swiss interpreter, I had a satisfactory interview with a railway official and after some talk and a little monetary transaction, I got a berth in that night's express for Harbin and was heartily thankful to see the lights of Petrograd disappear in the distance.

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just too late for the steamer to Shanghai. But a few days in the comfortable Yamato Hotel were like Paradise after my experiences, and so I end my letter as I began, by urging intending travellers to think well over the situation before trying the Siberian route."

Kaiser's Visit to Austria.

Berne, Feb. 16.—It is learned from a well-informed Austrian source that the Kaiser's visit to Vienna was largely due to his apprehensions regarding the general attitude of Austria-Hungary towards Germany.

The recent changes of Ministers and Court functionaries at Vienna are considered highly significant. The new men, Count Czernin, the Foreign Minister, Prince Hohenlohe, First Court Chamberlain, and Count Cam Marquis, the Austrian Premier, are all possessed of great wealth, and are therefore presumably quite indifferent to the influences of financial interests in Vienna, which are really entirely dominated from Berlin.

Count Tiza is the only old Minister remaining, and would be removed also but for fear that such a step would cause great displeasure to Germany, as Count Tiza enjoys the confidence and strong support of the Kaiser. Count Czernin is also reported to have removed a number of prominent officials of the Foreign Office and replaced them by men of wealth.

German correspondents in Vienna no longer enjoy the special favours previously extended to them. What-ever the policy of the new Emperor may prove to be, it is generally believed that it will be far less subservient to Germany than in the past.

Austria Preparing for the End.

London, March 3.—The "Daily Telegraph" Rome correspondent announces that Swiss telegrams report an intrigue between the Court and the politicians in Vienna and Munich, with the object of preparing a union between Austria and Bavaria in case of disaster to the Central Empires. The King of Bavaria is reported to have had interviews with the Emperor Carl. When the Vatican was sounded regarding the eventuality, it promised support in order to save the Catholics of the two Empires from Protestant influence.

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CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTION.

Brigadier-General Childs, of the British War Office, in an interview with certain newspaper correspondents recently, afforded some interesting information in regard to the manner in which Great Britain has dealt with the problem of the conscientious objector. As a concession to those objectors who were genuinely conscientious, they were drafted into a special non-combatant corps, in which they were only called upon to carry out duties that did not require the bearing of arms; and it was arranged that this non-combatant corps should never be so situated as regards the front as to lay upon its members the necessity of defending their lives. It might be thought that this would have satisfied the most conscientious of objectors, yet, extraordinary to relate, it did not do so, and a number of them were tried by general court-martial for resistance to lawful authority, disobedience and insubordination. They were condemned to execution by shooting, which is the penalty for the offences of which they were guilty, as, even in time of peace, a soldier who refuses to obey orders can be shot, Section 9 of the Army Act expressly stating this. The sentence in question, however, was reduced to one of penal servitude for ten years, and as sentences of imprisonment naturally cannot be undergone in the field the sentenced persons were returned to England in the ordinary course of events. A special Army Order was passed in May of last year providing that where a soldier represented that any particular offence of which he was guilty was the result of conscientious objection to military service the Court should be invited to pass sentence of imprisonment as distinct from military detention. Thereby the prisoners were handed over to the civil authority. This is what happened in the cases referred to above. But the offenders were treated with a singular leniency, and, except in one case, escaped even the reduced sentence. They were offered work of national importance, and on accepting it were released from prison and transferred to Section W of the Army Reserve, whereupon they ceased to be subject to the Army Act or the Army at all, and became civilians pure and simple. One man refused to work, and he is still in prison. The method adopted seems by far the wisest for dealing with the conscientious objector. The number of genuine conscientious objectors could hardly ever be more than a negligible quantity in a nation, and it would not be worth while to elevate them to the dignity of martyrs. No broad-minded individual can feel any sympathy for the conscientious objector, but he is deserving of compassion just as are those afflicted by other forms of mental derangement. We ourselves believe the late Keir Hardie to have been perfectly sincere, and that his peculiar views were merely the aberrations of a diseased brain. Only a distorted mind could render a man so lost to all the dictates of duty and honour as to refuse his quota of help to his country when it is passing

through a great crisis and needs the assistance of all its sons. The Quakers, who, as we know, are firmly opposed by conviction to fighting, have set a very worthy example to conscientious objectors in general. Some thousands of them are at present doing military service, and many are actually at the front, while their most prominent men have gone against long-established tradition so far as to contend that fighting is fully justified when it is in a right cause. The Quakers, who are the most genuine of all conscientious objectors, have given the least trouble to the Government in this direction, but such was to be expected, as the Society of Friends is a body which has earned the respect even of those who differ most from its views; and this goes to prove our argument that the type of conscientious objector who has to be dragged before the Courts is really nothing more than a case of mental derangement, fitter for the lunatic asylum than the prison. But if matters are made too easy for them there is a danger that their particular form of insanity may be aped by men who never knew what it was throughout their lives to possess any sort of conscience, sound or otherwise, and it is for this reason that a State must adopt a stern attitude and impose upon the conscientious objector some punishment that shall affect him more closely than will the pitying contempt of his fellows, which, indeed, he is probably incapable of feeling.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

RACE Entries close at 7 p.m. on Tuesday next at the R. B. S. C.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Nongkhai line is imperfectly working between Korat and Nongkhai. Other lines are in good order.

NEW ADVIS.—The Phathanakorn Cinema will have among other interesting films to-night the Lieutenant Rose series, a British production in ten reels.

As the result of a largely signed memorandum on the part of the members of the R. B. S. C. asking for the old order of things the Bookmaker returns to his stand at the next meeting.

Notes from the Race Course.

Training on the R. B. S. C. course is, curiously enough, not so keen as one would expect eleven days before the Races. There are now two private training tracks and then there is the Turf Club course, so that Sapatoon is somewhat neglected. Again there is Phra Pradibadda who trains here but has gone away this season to Kenong, and apparently this owner's staying will not be entered for this meeting. This morning there were the Sans Sonnet string all looking fit and well except Laksoos said to have strangles. Moment with a light weight did a good five furlongs, while the new rider of Mad Meg could hardly hold her and she ran away with him from the seven furlongs post. Reve d'Or and Merrileys ran together the five furlong distance, the former winning by three or four lengths but in poor time. Buffalo Bill ran the same game horse he always is, while Icaro II appears to have become very sluggish. Say When went round the course at a tolerably good pace. Kanda was also let out at three quarter speed round the course. Morakote, the Turf Club griffin, is also being trained and Nai Kiem has a good-looking brown Siamese pony from Sopan. Mr. W. J. Johnson's Molly and Betty had some cantering exercise, while Kit and a Heabitten grey pony from up country were let out from the half mile. I hear that W. G's stable is going to have a new partner and I wish the combination all the luck possible. Mrs. Graham had Townit out round the course with Him Lek. Plain Jane joining him at the half mile, they had a good gallop home. Mr. Warwick's Sandfly was given a fast five furlongs, which he did in creditable time, while Lady de Melbo was at slow exercise. Messrs. Price and Maxwell were hacking round after the training was over, and I would suggest in the next Sky meeting a race for roadsters.

III-Treated Belgians.

Zurich, March 2.—According to a German legal paper, the Germans have sentenced 103,922 Belgians to various penalties during the war period, including 100 death sentences, 91 to imprisonment with hard labour, 11,000 to imprisonment, 501 to deportation, and fines were imposed on the remainder.

THE Great War.

Haig's Report.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)

London, April 13.

Field Marshal Haig reports: The weather is wet and stormy. We attacked in the morning and captured two important positions northward of Vimy ridge astride the Souchez river, taking prisoners. We drove off two night attacks to the northern end of Vimy ridge causing heavy German losses. We progressed south of Scarpe river.

Insurrection in Servia.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)

London, April 13.

Reuter has received confirmation of an insurrection in Servia in March. The rebels seized several townships, depots of arms and marched towards Nish. The Bulgarians got alarmed and sent two divisions to oppose them, nevertheless, as a result of a fortnight's fighting, the rebels reached the gates of Nish and would have captured the town but for the intervention of a third Bulgarian division. The subsequent repression was of the most appalling nature. Civilians in the towns were massacred by the Bulgarians, women and children not being spared and the population interned wholesale.

American Liner Mined.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)

London, April 12.

Washington, Official.—The American liner *New York* struck a mine. The passengers were safely transferred, and there were no casualties. The vessel was towed into the Mersey and docked.

American Army for Europe.

(“S. O.” SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, April 12.

It is becoming increasingly evident that America will send an army to Europe.

Excitement in South America.

(“S. O.” SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, April 12.

South America is most excited over the entry of the United States, Cuba and Panama into the War.

British Air Service.

(“S. O.” SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, April 12.

Renter's correspondent dismisses as misleading the impression that the German air service is superior to that of the British. Quite the contrary is the case, and the British airmen continually adopt the policy of a bold offensive.

French Communique.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, April 12.

There was artillery activity in the Somme and Oise regions and north-east of Soissons.

We attacked the Germans east of the line Coucy la ville-Quicy-Masse. We drove back the enemy up to the borders south-east of Hantefort de Coucy. We captured important points d'appui inflicting great losses and taking prisoners.

North of the Aisne we penetrated several points in the German lines. We repulsed coups-de-main in Champagne in spite of bad weather interfering with the operations.

The British repulsed counter-attacks inflicting severe losses on the enemy.

Increased Wages.

London, March 4.—The Press Bureau announces that Sir George Asquith's committee on production has awarded all the Engineering and shipbuilding workers 5s. weekly to assist in meeting the increased cost of living.

Another award provides for a minimum advance in the time rate in the engineering trade of 7s. making a total war advance of 12s.

Piece-workers in the engineering and shipbuilding trades have already received 10 per cent. advance.

Humanities of the War.

Sanger's Circus and Menagerie, which has run since 1843, is to close down during the war. The big tent has been stored away, the animals have been disposed of, and 75 draught horses, including the Royal cream ponies that used to head the procession, are to be sold. “We are going to answer Mr. Neville Chamberlain's appeal,” said Mr. Sanger, “and not hold men employed with these show horses who can be utilised for work of national service. When the war is over we shall resume our performances.”

A soldier's wife named Grace Goggin, who was given a month's hard labour at Tower Bridge Police Court for stealing provisions from the Union Jack Club, produced 15 rashers of bacon and 4 eggs when taken before the superintendent of the club. At the police station she was found to have under her skirt a small sack which contained 8lb. of meat, 2½lb. of sausages, 2 haddock, and 3 bladders. She got 22s. 6d. a week at the club as well as her food, and had a separation allowance of 28s.

Three sections of original MSS. of the “Adventures of Sherlock Holmes” are contributed by the executor of this great character, Sir Conan Doyle, to the sale of gifts which Messrs. Christie will hold this month on behalf of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John.

For exhibiting his wife as a “fasting lady” in a glass case at premises in Oldham-street, Manchester, without charging an entertainment tax, Archibald Henry Kitley was fined £5 at Manchester. He said the exhibition was purely educational. The Magistrate: Do you mean it teaches people how small an amount of food they can live upon and shows the Food Controller what regulations he might make?—Yes.

“You ought to be ashamed of yourself, and so ought the Liquor Control Board,” said the chairman of the West Ham bench yesterday to a man who got drunk by half-past six in the morning at one of the houses allowed by the Control Board to open at 5 a.m.

A woman verger has been appointed at St. Alban's, Acton-green. London.

“Rustic” writing to the Daily Mail says: “It is obvious from the letters of those who advocate the destruction of sparrows that none of the writers has tasted a well-made sparrow pudding, for otherwise its pleasing memories would have ensured the mention of sparrows as an article of diet. Sparrows are easily caught all the year round in the old-fashioned brick trap, or at night with a bat-folding net and lantern when roosting in ivy, bushes, ricks, etc. The feathers are most quickly got rid of by removing them with the skin.”

A manager of one of the largest firms of coal merchants stated recently that there is no scarcity of coal in London. The difficulty is to find carmen to execute the orders. Many householders in the West-end who ordered from one to five tons of coal several weeks ago, had not received any yet. It was now the intention of merchants to arrange that customers should receive part of their orders. During the cold weather it had been not uncommon for customers to send their own motor-cars or other conveyances to get coal.

At a skating match on Gowbit Wash, Lincolnshire, on February 3 attended by some thousands of spectators, soldiers and police went on to the course and questioned men of military age. Many names and addresses were taken.

“A Laird” writes to The Times as follows:—“I see that conscription of wealth is a favourite topic with some public men. I wonder how much there is to conscribe. I am an apparently opulent landowner in Scotland. My public burdens this year, income-tax, supertax, and local rates, amount to 13s. 3d. in the pound. Out of the remaining 6s. 9d. must come the upkeep of the estate, the War Loans and war charities to which we are incessantly and rightly urged to contribute, and lastly the insignificant item of the subsistence of the landlord. In this and similar cases conscription would not, it would seem, yield very much.”

Knitting in church is suggested by the Rev. A. M. Mitchell, vicar of St. Michael's Burtonwood, Lanes, in his parish magazine. “Better to knit for our soldiers and sailors in sermon time,” he says, “than to talk and whisper, laugh and giggle, flirt and dabble, and criticise hats, gowns, and frocks. Those constantly knitting learn to do so quite mechanically and their attention is not diverted from speech. Knitting in sermon time would mean a great saving of time.”

In passing a police station at Enfield when on the top of a tramway-car, Leslie Young, who was charged as a deserter at Wood Green yesterday, said to a friend: “If old Gaunter knew I was as near as this he would jolly soon run me in.” Sergeant Gaunter, who was riding in plain clothes in the car, heard the remark, and soon after

In Central Africa.

10,000 Mile Journey to Lake Tanganyika.

A member of the British naval expedition to Lake Tanganyika, which has now returned to Britain, has related some of his romantic experiences to the Central News.

“The African naval expedition,” he stated, “composed of 27 officers and men under Commander Spicer-Simson, R. N. (now D. S. O.), left England in June, 1915, taking with them two small armoured motor-boats, the Mimi and the Ton-tou, each armed with a three-pounder and a machine gun, the object being to co-operate with the Belgians and drive the Germans off Lake Tanganyika.

“These boats were taken across country from Capetown through the heart of the Congo bush by traction haulage, oxen, and native labour. Roads had to be made and hastily constructed bridges thrown across rivers and gorges until the River Lualaba was reached. Here a river voyage of 350 miles lay in front of them, and after a journey of nearly 10,000 miles, the boats were put into the lake on Christmas Eve.

Boxing Day Fight.

“Christmas Day was occupied in fixing guns in position, and on Boxing Day the Mimi and Ton-tou chased and captured the German gun boat Kinzani, after an action lasting barely 15 minutes. A few weeks later the German gunboat Von Wissmann was sunk by the British flotilla. This practically finished the Germans on the lake, the climax being reached when they blew up their remaining vessels and abandoned the lake, leaving it in the hands of the British and Belgians.

“Having finished their job, the expedition left Bismarckburg for their return journey to England on October 21, 1916. Traversing through the forest of North Rhodesia, they found abundant sport, lions, elephants, leopards, buffalo, and varieties of bush abounding. On their camping ground each night large fires were lighted to keep off lions, whose growls could be heard in the darkness. Native villagers turned out in hundreds to welcome the white men, bringing gifts of fowls, eggs, and native beer. Often the villagers accompanied the expedition for considerable distances dancing along and singing the praises of the white men.

“After a thirteen days' march the party arrived at the River Lukuroo. Here a fleet of 150 dug-out canoes made of hollowed-out tree-trunks and paddled by natives—awaited them. By means of these canoes they reached the swamps of Lake Bangweulu.

Flies and Ants.

The expedition camped on the bank of the river each evening, always taking care to get the evening meal over before darkness came on, as, owing to the swarms of mosquitoes, flies, and flying beetles, attracted by lights, a meal by artificial light was quite impossible. Often during the night the camp had to be shifted, owing to the unpleasant attentions of millions of ants, moving from an old abode to a new one, swarming over everything. The bite of these ants was distinctly painful, the only remedy being to go and stand in the river up to one's neck and rub the ants off one's body.

“In these parts there was a marked difference in the attitude of the natives, who in great fear fled into the bush on the appearance of the white men. From Lake Bangweulu the party were glad to get into the River Limpopo and from there a short trek took them to the railroad of N'Dolo.

arrested Young, who meanwhile had changed into civilian garb in the car.

“Last week, writes a Daily Mail correspondent, “having saved money, I ventured to have a pair of boots soled and heeled throughout, at a cost of 12s. Apparently people in the neighbourhood got to hear of it—news travels quickly in small places. A maid took the newly repaired boots into the scullery to polish them, and they were left near the unbolthed outer door. When I wanted the boots they had disappeared. Someone had whipped inside the scullery door and made off with them.

Horace W. C. Newte, the well-known author, writes in the Daily Mail as follows:—Presumably Miss Nina Cohen is a town bird, as she should know that were her suggestion to turn London squares into hen runs carried out it would be necessary to have men with machine guns to decide to whom stray eggs belonged; otherwise these squares would become the battling ground of miniature civil wars.

At Greenwich Juvenile Court last month, Leonard Montague Hillier, 13, who was charged with stealing £2 2s. 6d. from his employers, informed Mr. Hay Halkett that he committed the theft “thinking to put some money in the War Loan.” Mr. Hay Halkett:—That is the latest, is it? The successor to the picture. The boy was remanded.

Church Services.

Christ Church.

1st Sunday after Easter.

Evening and Sermon—6.0 p.m.

Processional 298 Praise my soul the King of Heaven.
Hymn 499 On the resurrection morning.
285 Pierce O'raged the tempest.
103 Jesus call us over the tumult.

Psalm 75, 76.

Magnificat.

Nunc Dimittis.

Vesper.—Crossing the Bar.

S. Mary's (S.P.G.) Mission.

Sunday, April 15th—1st Sunday after Easter.

9 a.m.—Matins and Sermon.

Hymns:—
125, Ye choirs of New Jerusalem.
504, The Lord is risen indeed.
292, Praise the Lord! ye heavens adore Him.

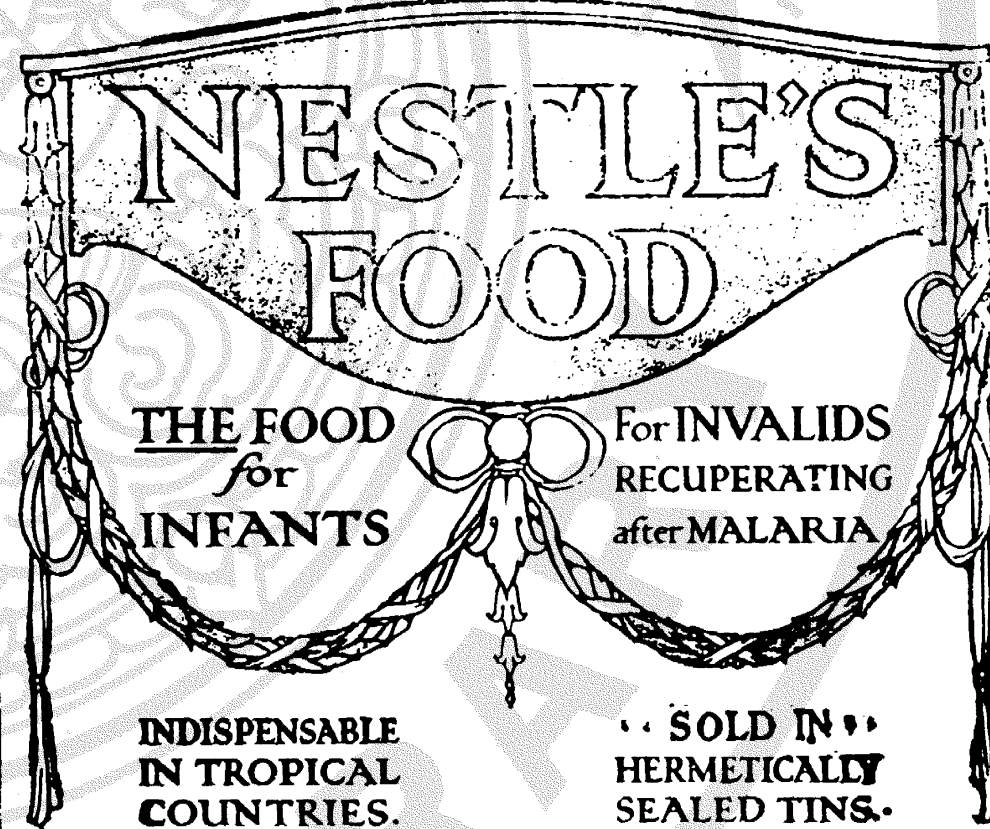
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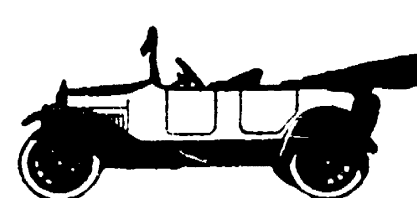
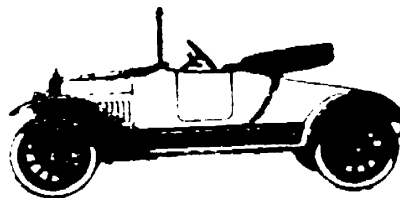
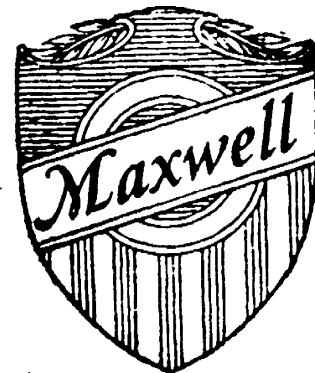
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Lloyd George's Speech.

New York, February 25.—The New York "World" in an editorial article states that Mr. Lloyd George made an epoch making speech, and pays a compliment to Sir Edward Carson. It adds that Mr. Lloyd George does not hide the gravity of the situation, and says that the new economies show that Britain is at last stripped with a grim Germanic thoroughness for war to the bitter end.

The "Times" says: "The British ruthlessness does not break the Com-mandments, but induces a maximum of effort by men and women in Britain. It is amusing to reflect on the position of this nation—which Germany imagined could be scared into peace by a few Zeppelin raids and the bombardment of fishing villages."

The "Tribune" says the speech shows new determination, contrasting favourably with the late Ministry's drifting policy.

New York, Feb. 25th.—Editorial opinion is that Mr. Lloyd George has taken time by the forelock and has introduced measures heroically ruthless but which do not involve the murder of women and children, as do those of Germany.

London, Feb. 25.—Mr. Lloyd George's prohibitions and restrictions on imports are estimated to represent a saving of 5,000,000 tons, whereby 125 more vessels of 5,000 tons each will be available for the transit of necessities on a basis of eight voyages a year.

The farmers' representatives gladly recognise Mr. Lloyd George's proposals to open a new era of agriculture and consider that it should immediately stimulate the growth of cereals. Mr. Leslie Scott, chairman of the Parliamentary Agricultural Committee, is quite satisfied with the guarantee.

Meat Not Mentioned.

Mr. Lloyd George, referring to meat and feeding stuffs, said:—"I think we can now march larger extend and depend on home-grown meat, because we possess a larger stock than ever we had before, thus saving a good deal of the feeding stuffs. I hope we shall save 900,000 tons per year in freight, food, and feeding stuffs."

The speech gave rise to the impression that meat imports would be severely restricted.

This is unfounded. The Gazette does not mention meat. The "Daily Telegraph," in commenting on Mr. Lloyd's speech, says that it is a full and frank acceptance of the war situation, and means the abandonment of the policy of letting things adjust themselves. It was high time that the plan of leading up to the inevitable by easy stages was abandoned.

The nation was now out to win the war as it never was before.

The financial miracle of the war loan showed universal readiness for the utmost effort. The nation's answer to the Prime Minister's scheme was unanimous to carry on.

Newspaper Comment.
The "Daily Chronicle" in a leader commends Mr. Lloyd George's speech as a wise, bold, statesmanlike appeal, which will strike the country's imagination.

"The Morning Post" says that the speech is one of the most outspoken, momentous statements of the war period, and says that the country has long asked for a clear statement of the actual conditions. It is now seen that it is serious, but it is not too late. As long as the Government manifests the same candour and determination the country will solidly support it.

Bout With Raider.

London, Feb. 23.—A Copenhagen message, commenting on the reports from South America concerning a German raider capturing the Danish steamer Hammershus in the South Atlantic, and forcing her to act as an auxiliary vessel—says that the owners state that the Hammershus left Rio Grande on January 12. A raider of the Moewe type, sailing under the name of "Pinn", took the crew prisoner, and placed a prize crew on the Hammershus. The latter entered Rio Janeiro, and anchored near the interned Germans. After obtaining provisions and munitions she attempted to re-sail. The guard ordered her to stop, but she disobeyed. The forts opened fire on the Hammershus, and she then put back and was interned.

People of Ghent Penalised.

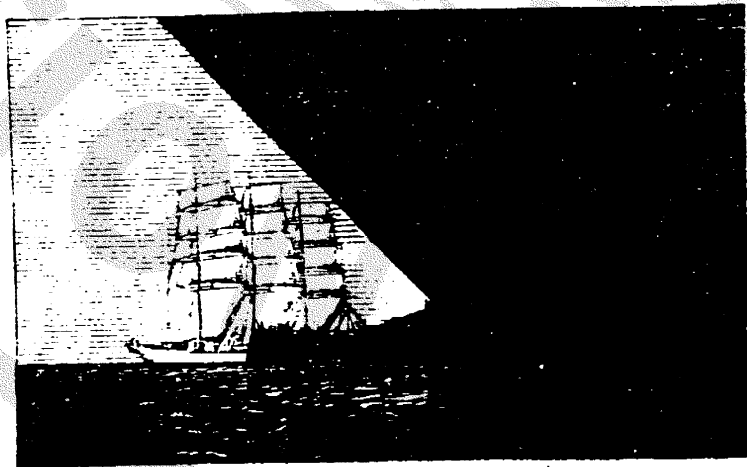
Rotterdam, March 2.—The German authorities have fined Ghent 100,000 marks (£5,000), and the Burgomaster a similar amount, for the alleged spreading of false tidings. The Germans posted placards stating that the enemy aeroplanes had killed certain citizens, and over the words "enemy aeroplanes" some one pasted a strip of paper with the words "German Zeppelins." The perpetrator of this "terrible offence" has not yet been discovered.

Italy Bars Orange Exports.

Rome, March 3.—Italy has forbidden the export of oranges to Switzerland, owing to quantities reaching the enemy. Italy has purchased the whole of the Sicilian crop, which she is sending to the Allied countries, Salonika, Mesopotamia, and Egypt.

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German Finance.

London, March 3.—The "Daily Telegraph's" Paris correspondent states that the German Government's instructions to savings banks practically compel them to invest 85 per cent. of their deposits in future war loans.

"No Written Rules."

Amsterdam, March 5.—In the Reichstag Count von Roeder, Minister for Finance, introducing the Budget, said that the submarine arm was only introduced in the present war, and consequently was not subject to any written rules or international laws. The cost of the war would not decrease in the next few months, hence the required war credit amounted to 15 milliards of marks (£750,000,000). He admitted that the Budget bore a serious aspect, but its economic life was not of a character to shake the confidence in the future. If their enemies claimed reparation, Germany claimed indemnification. Germany's financial strength was not a paper illusion, as their enemies believed.

The Reichstag carried the war credit. Eighteen ultra-Socialists opposed the measure, but the main party of Socialists supported the vote.

Herr Ledebour, leader of the Socialists Minority, declared that Germany's peace offer lacked every essential for peace. The rights of small nations were violated by the manner in which Austro-Germany dealt with the restoration of Poland's independence. Herr Ledebour, amid laughter, demanded the suspension of submarine warfare.

Bulgars' Huge War Debt.

Amsterdam, March 4.—Bulgaria's national debt was 616,000,000 francs before the war. It is now 1,900,000,000 francs. Austro-Germany advanced 400,000,000 francs on account when Bulgaria joined the Central Powers.

Liner Strikes Mine.

New York, March 3.—A passenger steamer reports that a liner struck a mine in British waters, and returned to port. It is believed that she is not seriously damaged.

Three liners left Europe together under convoy. They parted after being 12 hours out. Then one sent a wireless message stating that she had struck a mine, but later announced that she was safe.

The vessel carried no passengers.

German Fashions.

London, March 4.—An Amsterdam message states that the Imperial Clothing Committee at Berlin has issued a warning that it will take drastic measures against any change of fashion. Ladies, it is stated, can wear this winter's dresses through the summer and next winter without disgrace.

Captain Brandon Injured.

London, March 2.—Aeroplaneing at Dorking, Captain Brandon struck a tree during a heavy fog. He fell and sustained a severe fracture of the leg.

[Captain Brandon is a brilliant New Zealand airman who fought and downed a Zeppelin raider and assisted in the destruction of a second.]

Germans Seize Property.

Amsterdam, March 3.—The German Government has seized the Moravian estates of the Duchess of Vendome, King Albert's sister. The Kaiser sanctioned the seizure.

The Dance of Death.

Berne, Feb. 25.—A German officer, in a pessimistic war article in a student's newspaper, says "the times of happy nights and jolly beer parties are over. The pierrots' waltz will be succeeded by the dance of death. We are marching sadly towards the future, full of doubt and gloom."

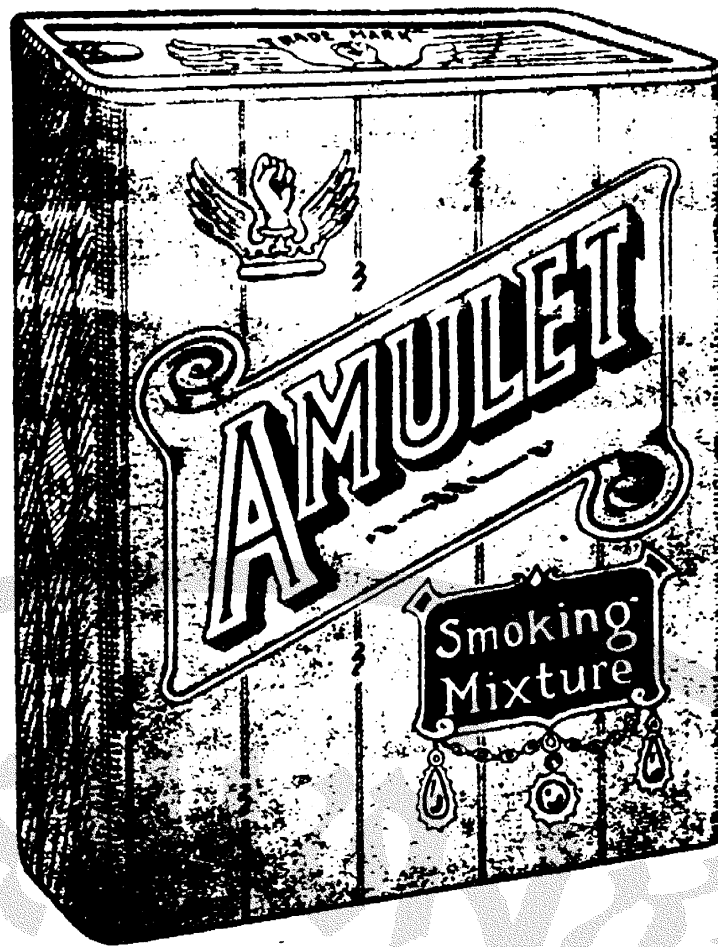
Masonic Bi-Centenary.

London, March 3.—The Duke of Connaught will preside at the bi-centenary of the Masonic Grand Lodge of England, to be held in the Albert Hall on June 23. The ceremony will be devoid of festivities, owing to the war. It is expected that the Grand Lodges of Australia and Canada will be represented.

Bisley in 1918.

London, Feb. 25.—Lord Chylesmore, chairman of the N. R. A., presiding at a meeting of the association, said that 6360 officers and non-commissioned officers qualified at Bisley in the past year as musketry and machine-gun instructors. He was optimistic as to the future of rifle shooting, and hoped the Bisley meeting would be resumed in 1918.

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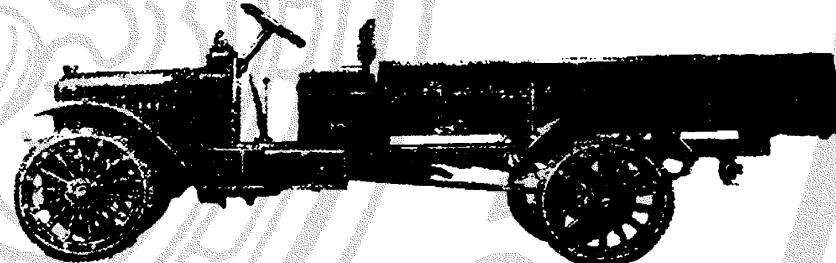
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9.36	11.38	4.20	6.57	Dep. Rathuri	Arr.	6.30	9.38	1.30	4.37	Dep. Surashtra Dham	Arr.	12.03			
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The Mexico Plot.

Washington, March 2.—The Senate adopted a resolution asking the President to give whatever further information is available regarding Germany's Note to Mexico.

President Wilson replied, enclosing with his approval a report by Mr. Lansing (Secretary for State), stating: "The Government is in possession of evidence which establishes the authenticity of the Note which is in the Government's possession. Evidence of authenticity was procured by the Government during the present week. In my opinion it is not compatible with public interest to send to the Senate at the present time further information in the Government's possession relative to the Note."

Senator Stone, in an extraordinary speech in the Senate during the debate on the Armistice of Ships Bill asked whether the Allies had supplied the revelation to President Wilson. If so, Senator Stone contended that America should not have such confidential relations with any of the belligerents.

Japan Friendly to America.

Mr. Lansing, Secretary of State, denies that either Japan or Mexico is likely to lend itself to German plotting. American relations are friendly with both countries.

President Wilson has authorized Senator Swanston to inform Congress that the letter from Berlin to Herr von Eckhardt (German Minister at Mexico City), proposing an alliance against the United States is authentic.

The New York "Herald's" Havana correspondent says that the Germans offered to aid Cuban rebels as part of the scheme to embroil the United States.

"There is But One Answer."

The New York "Times" says:—"Germany's hostile intentions are no longer concealed. They are officially proclaimed. There is but one possible answer, and the President is prepared to make that answer. He is awaiting only Congress authorization."

Important Papers Stolen.

El Paso, March 2.—Important papers were stolen from the German Consulate at Jaurez on Thursday night.

It has been ascertained that 3,000 Germans have been working in Mexico endeavouring to cause war with the United States. They were banded together in the "Iron Cross" Society.

Mexico City, March 2.—Von Eckhardt, the German Minister here, says that he knew nothing of Herr Zimmermann's Note to Count von Bernstorff instructing him to negotiate for an alliance with Mexico.



BRITISH OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN ON THE WESTERN FRONT.
Snow at the Front.—Food for Tommy ready for the Trenches.

Shipping Control.

Mr. Walter Long, Secretary for the Colonies, assured Mr. Runciman that the Shipping Controller was dealing with the whole problem, and had already made considerable improvements. The imports of wines and spirits would be reduced by 75 per cent. on the 1913 basis.

The compulsory rationing of Germany was a failure; but if the whole people by precept and example supported the policy of the food controllers they would find that the present form of rationing was sufficient.

The Dominions and the Crown Colonies felt the restrictions severely, but they accepted them patriotically. Two years before the Government's agricultural proposals came to an end the Government proposed to reconsider the whole position with a view to the future necessities of the country.

Holland Disturbed.

London, February 25.—A message from The Hague states:—

The "Gazette de Hollande," commenting on the submarine situation, says: "The last shadow of doubt regarding Germany's intentions has been swept away. War has been declared on the whole of the world's merchant shipping. Terrible though the blow is to Holland and her mercantile fleet, there must be added the serious fact of the destruction of six ships, which represents an application of the principle that Germany is clearly determined to pursue. Holland may expect further similar disasters. What will the Government do? That is what everyone is asking. It is fortunate that the Foreign Office in London has a cool and far-seeing leader, who commands the confidence of the nation, having brought the country through more than one crisis. But it may be doubted whether he ever had to face a greater danger than now."

The "Gazette de Hollande" says further: "The gravity of the situation need not be emphasised. Since the violation of Belgium no such deliberate blow has been struck at a neutral. There is no shadow of excuse from the standpoint of western civilisation—though if the moral code of 'kultur' be accepted the deed may be justified. All the boats were at sea exclusively in Holland's interests, but that does not matter to the Germans. Every law, international or humane, every right, must be abandoned to Germany's interests. Dutch ships must sail the seas; otherwise stagnation and ruin will result. But Germany has definitely determined that our ships must not sail, or that they must sail only at a prohibitive cost. That is the only conclusion to be deduced from this amazing outrage."

Against Aerial Attack.

Berne, March 3.—A large number of distinguished English and French officers have been placed in a concentration camp at Karlsruhe as a guarantee against aerial bombardment.

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