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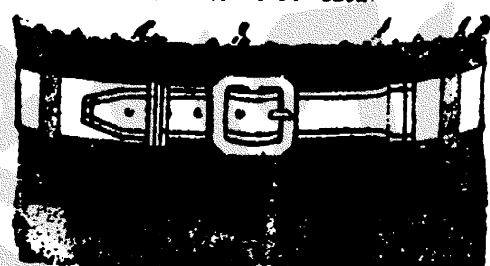
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1	6 30	13 8	...	...
2	6 30	13 7	...	...
3	6 30	13 4	...	...
4	6 30	13 2	...	...
5	1 00	14 0	...	...
6	1 30	14 2	...	...
7	2 00	14 2	...	...
8	3 00	14 2	...	...
9	3 00	14 2	10-11	8-0
10	4 00	14 2	11-0	8-0
11	4 00	12 11	11-12	7-8
12	5 00	13 10	11-12	7-0
13	5 00	13 8	12-0	7-0
14	5 00	13 4	...	...
15	5 00	13 2	...	...
16	6 00	13 2	...	...
17	6 00	13 1	...	...
18	6 00	13 0	...	...
19	6 30	13 0	...	...
20	6 30	13 0	...	...
21	1 00	13 6	...	...
22	1 00	14 0	...	...
23	2 00	14 2	...	...
24	3 00	14 2	9-10	7-0
25	4 00	14 2	11-12	7-0
26	4 00	13 10	11-12	7-0
27	4 00	13 9	11-12	7-0
28	5 00	13 8	12-0	7-0
29	5 00	13 3	...	...
30	5 30	13 3	...	...

April P.M.  
H. W. Ft. & in. L. W. (Approx.)

1	8 00	14 10	2-3	6-0
2	9 30	14 7	2-3	6-0
3	10 30	14 4	3-4	6-0
4	11 30	13 10	3-4	6-0
5	...	...	4-5	7-0
6	...	...	5-6	7-0
7	1 00	11 6	6-7	7-0
8	3 00	12 2	9-0	7-0
9	4 00	12 11	10-0	7-0
10	5 00	13 10	...	...
11	6 00	14 2	...	...
12	6 00	14 8	...	...
13	6 00	14 11	...	...
14	6 00	14 10	1-0	6-0
15	6 30	14 10	1-2	6-0
16	6 00	14 8	2-3	6-0
17	9 00	14 6	2-3	6-0
18	10 00	14 0	3-4	6-0
19	11 00	13 11	4-5	7-0
20	...	...	4-5	7-0
21	...	...	4-5	7-0
22	...	...	...	...
23	2 00	12 6	...	...
24	3 00	13 1	...	...
25	4 00	13 10	...	...
26	4 40	14 6	...	...
27	5 00	15 0	...	...
28	6 00	15 0	1-0	6-0
29	7 00	15 0	1-0	6-0
30	8 00	15 0	1-2	6-0

## PHASES OF THE MOON.

Apr. 4th (Last Quarter) 8 h 15 m p.m.  
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son addressing a meeting commemorat-  
ing the first anniversary of America's  
entry into the war and inaugurating the  
campaign for the third Liberty Loan  
said "This is the anniversary of our  
acceptance of Germany's challenge to  
fight for our right to live and be free,  
and for the sacred rights of free men  
everywhere. The nation is awake.  
There is no need to call to it, we know  
what the war must cost; our utmost  
sacrifice, lives of our fittest men and if  
need be all we possess. The loan we  
have met to discuss is one of the least  
parts of what we are called on to give  
and do, though in itself it is impera-  
tive.

The people of the whole country are  
alive to the necessity thereof and are  
ready to lend their utmost even where  
it involves sharp skimping and daily  
sacrifice to lend from meagre earnings.  
They will look with reprobation and  
contempt upon those who can and will  
not lend, upon those demanding a  
higher rate of interest, upon those who  
think of it as a mere commercial trans-  
action. I do not come to you there-  
fore to urge the loan I only come to  
give you, if I can, a more vivid con-  
ception of what it is for. The reasons  
for this great war, the reason why it  
had to come, the need to fight it  
throughout the issues hanging on its  
outcome are more clearly disclosed  
now than ever before. It is easy to  
see just what this particular loan  
means, because the cause for which we  
are fighting stands more sharply re-  
vealed than at any previous crisis of the  
momentous struggle.

## The Man Who Knows Least

Can see plainly how the cause of jus-  
tice stands and what an imperishable  
thing is he asked to invest in. The  
men of America may be surer than  
ever before that the cause is their own  
and if it be lost their own great na-  
tion's place and mission in the world  
would be lost with it. I call you to  
witness my fellow countrymen that at  
no stage of this terrible business have  
I judged the purpose of Germany im-  
temporarily. I should be ashamed in  
the presence of affairs so grave, so  
fraught with the destinies of man-  
kind, to speak without the whole world  
to speak with truthfulness or to use the  
weak language of hatred and vindic-  
tive purpose. We must judge, as we  
would be judged, of the objects  
sought by Germany in this war as  
they can be learned from the mouths of  
her own spokesmen and I will deal  
frankly with them as I wished them to  
deal with me. I laid bare our own  
ideals, our own purposes without re-  
serve or doubtful phrase, and I asked  
them to say as plainly what they seek.

Germany did not Want Justice.  
We ourselves proposed no injustice  
and no aggression. We were ready  
whenever the final reckoning is made  
to be just to the German power as to  
all others. There can be no differ-  
ence between the peoples in the final  
judgement if it indeed is to be a right-  
eous judgment. To propose anything  
but justice—evenhanded and dispassi-  
onate justice—to Germany at any  
time, whatever the outcome of the war  
would be to renounce and dishonour  
our own cause. We ask nothing we  
are unwilling to accord. It has been  
with this thought that I sought to learn  
from those who spoke for Germany  
whether it was justice or domination  
and the execution of their own will  
upon other nations of the world which  
the German leaders are seeking.

They answered in unmistakable  
terms. They avowed it was not justice  
but domination and unhindered execu-  
tion of their own will. The avowal  
did not come from Germany's states-  
men, it came from her military leaders,  
who are her real rulers. Her states-  
men said they wished peace and were  
ready to discuss its terms whenever  
their opponents were willing to sit down  
at a conference table with them. Her  
present chamberlain said, in indefinite  
and uncertain terms, indeed, and in  
phrases that often seem to deny their  
own meaning, but with as much plain-  
ness as he thought prudent, that he  
believed peace should be based upon  
the principles we declared to be our  
own in the final settlement.

At Brest-Litovsk her civilian dele-  
gates spoke in similar terms and pro-  
fessed desire to conclude a fair peace  
and to accord to the peoples with  
whose fortunes they were dealing the  
right to choose their own allegiances.  
But what action accompanied and  
followed the profession? Their military  
masters, men who act for Germany and  
exhibit her purpose in execution, pro-  
claimed

## A Very Different Conclusion.

We cannot mistake what they have  
done in Russia, Finland, the Ukraine,  
Rumania.

The real test of their justice and fair-  
play has come. From this we may  
judge the rest. They are enjoying in  
Russia a cheap triumph wherein no  
brave and gallant nation can long take  
pride. A great people, helpless by  
their own act, lies for a time at their  
mercy. Their fair professions are  
forgotten, they nowhere set up justice  
and everywhere impose their power,  
exploit everything for their own use  
and aggrandizement and the peoples  
of the conquered provinces are invited  
to be free under their domination.

Are we not justified in believing?  
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there face to face with armies whom even their countless divisions cannot overcome, if, when they felt their check to be final they should propose favourable and equitable terms with regard to Belgium, France and Italy should they blame us if we concluded they did so only to assure themselves of a free hand in Russia and the east?

Their purpose is undoubtedly to make all the Slavic peoples, all the free ambitious nations of the Balkan peninsula, all the lands Turkey has dominated and misruled, subject to their will and ambition and to build upon that dominion an empire of force upon which they fancy they can then erect an empire of gain and commercial supremacy—an empire as hostile to the Americans as to Europe, which it will overawe—an empire which will ultimately master Persia, India and the peoples of the Far East. In such a programme our ideals, the ideals of justice, humanity and liberty, the principle of free self-determination of nations upon which all the modern world insists, can play no part.

They are rejected for ideals of power, for a principle that the strong must rule the weak, that trade must follow the flag whether those to whom it is taken welcome it or not, that the peoples of the world are to be made the subject of the patronage and overlordship of those who have the power to enforce it.

That programme once carried out, America and all who care or dare to stand with her must arm and prepare themselves to contest.

#### The Mastery of the World.

A mastery in which the rights, the common rights of women and of all who are weak, must for the time being be trodden underfoot and disregarded and the old, age-long struggle for freedom and right must begin again at its beginning. Everything America has lived for, loved and grown great to vindicate and bring to a glorious realization, will have fallen in utter ruin and the gates of mercy will be once more pitilessly shut upon mankind.

The thing is preposterous and impossible and yet it is not that what the whole course of action of the German armies has meant wherever they have moved? I do not wish even in this moment of utter disillusionment to judge harshly and unrighteously. I judge only by what the German armies have accomplished with unflinching thoroughness throughout every fair region they have touched.

#### What then are we to do?

For myself I am ready, ready still, ready even now to discuss a fair, just and honest peace at any time that it is sincerely proposed. A peace wherein the strong and weak shall fare alike. But the answer when I proposed such a peace came from the German Commanders in Russia and I cannot mistake the meaning of the answer. I accept the challenge. I know that you accept it, all the world shall know that you accept it.

It shall appear in the utter sacrifice and self-forgetfulness with which we shall give all we have, all we have to free men like ourselves to live in. This now is the meaning of all we do. Let everything we say, my fellow countrymen, everything we do, be a plan and accomplish ring true to this response, till the majesty and might of our concerted power shall fill the thought and utterly defeat the force of those who flout and misprize what we honour and hold dear.

Germany has once more said that force alone shall decide whether justice and peace shall reign in the affairs of men; whether right as America conceives it or dominion as she conceives it shall determine the destinies of mankind. There is therefore but one response possible from us—force, force to the utmost, force without stint or limit, righteous, triumphant force which shall make right the law of the world and cast every selfish dominion down in the dust.

New York, April 8.—The war department's weekly review says "the general strategic and tactical position of the Allies is becoming more favourable. The enemy, at the opening of the third week of the offensive, is still far short of attaining the principal objective. It is now evident that the German High Command contemplated overwhelming the British at the outset and driving a wedge between the Franco-British forces. The enemy fully expected to achieve a decision in the course of one great battle. The success of the plan depended on the ability to break the British front and advance so rapidly that the Anglo-French reserves would be unable to arrive in time to close up the breach and restore the order of battle. The evidence of prisoners confirms that the enemy hoped to gain the line of the Somme on the evening of the first day. As a matter of fact he took ten days to cover the ground he expected to over-run in forty-eight hours."

"The stubbornness of the British resistance and the severe enemy casualties compelled the Germans to draw heavier on their reserves than was anticipated. The Germans are now throwing fresh forces into the battle in an effort to secure some limited objectives. The Allied military machine under the leadership of Foch is working with precise smoothness, ensuring the greatest economy, harmony and efficiency in use of all forces. The moral of the Allied troops remains high. The German offensive has not spent itself and owing to the enemy's determination to gain some sort of success at any cost, the situation will continue uncertain for some time. However, the general strategic and tactical position of the Allies is becoming more favourable. Reports continue to indicate that the enemy contemplates an offensive in the Italian theatre, possibly along a broad front, including the entire northern sector from the Upper Piave to Lake Garda."

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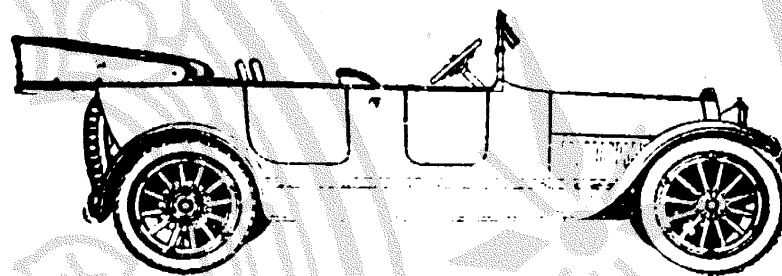
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#### Second Day.

- 1 Siam Ponies. Open. 5 f. hdep.
- 2 Aust. Griff. 4 1/2 f. hdep.
- 3 Aust. ex-Griff. (any year) 4 1/2 f. hdep.

- 4 Aust. Open 1 1/2 m. hdep.
- 5 Siam Ponies. Open 5 f. hdep.
- 6 Aust. Griff. & ex-griff. (any year) 6 f. hdep. (if 10 or more 2 classes)

#### Third Day.

- 1 Siam Ponies. Open. 6 f. hdep.
- 2 Aust. Griff. 6 f. hdep.
- 3 Aust. ex-Griff. (any year) 5 f. hdep.
- 4 Aust. Open 5 f. hdep.
- 5 Siam Ponies. Open. 6 f. hdep.
- 6 Aust. Griff. & ex-griff. (any year) 6 f. hdep.

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- 1 Siam Ponies (cons. for non winners this meeting) 4 1/2 f. hdep.
- 2 Aust. Griff. (cons. for non winners this meeting) 4 1/2 f. hdep.
- 3 Aust. ex-Griff. (any year) 5 f. hdep.
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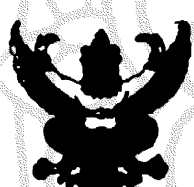
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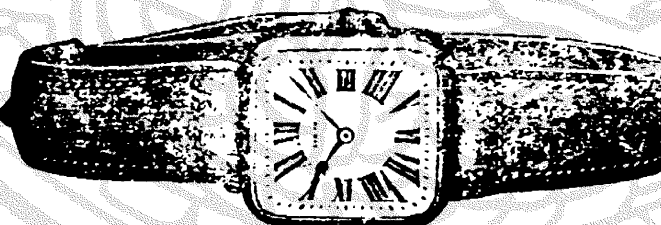
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## The Siam Observer

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 1918.

### LIBERIA.

The news that the Havas agency sends to-day regarding the bombardment of Monrovia by a German submarine calls attention to a country, which in spite of its interesting history, is but little known to the outer world. Lying along the coast of Northern Guinea, Liberia comprises one of the most fertile districts of West Africa. The region has been known to Europeans for many centuries and the French claim that it was reached by merchant-adventurers from Dieppe early in the fourteenth century. It is most probable, however, that the Portuguese were the first Europeans to make settlements in the district for many of the place-names along the coast are Portuguese. The great interest in the region begins in 1821 when it was selected by the American Colonisation Society as an appropriate site for the first detachment of American freed negroes whom difficulties in regard to extending the franchise in the United States were driving away from a still slave-holding America. From that date to the present day negroes and mulattos, freed slaves or the descendants of such have been crossing the Atlantic in small numbers to settle on the Liberian coast, the greatest migrations having occurred in the first half of the nineteenth century.

Until 1857 Liberia consisted of two republics, Liberia and Maryland each consisting of several settlements of American negroes dotted along the coast. Later there came boundary disputes with Great Britain and France and, by treaties made between 1885 and 1892, the territory was limited to the strip of about 300 miles between the Mano river on the west and the Cavalla river on the east. Still more trouble arose in 1903 and Liberia lost part of the hinterland she had claimed. These territorial losses roused much sympathy with Liberia in America and in 1909 a commission was appointed by President Roosevelt to investigate the condition of the country. As a result of the commissioners' report negotiations were set on foot for the adjustment of the Liberian debt and the placing of United States officials in charge of the Liberian customs and in 1910 it was announced that the American government, acting in general agreement with Great Britain, France and Germany, would take charge of the finances, military organisation, agriculture and boundary questions of the republic while at the same time a loan for £400,000 was arranged.

The type of the constitution is very like that of the United States. The president is elected for a term of four years and there is a legislature of eight senators and thirteen representatives. Much attention is paid to education and there are several colleges and a number of schools. The language of government and trade is English which is understood throughout the country.

It will be remembered that about a year ago Liberia broke off relations with Germany.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Norwegian *Kamor* from Hong-kong with no mails on board passed Paknam yesterday.

THE Norwegian *Drafar* from Swatow with 2 bundles of mail on board passed Paknam yesterday.

THE s.s. *Kuala* will leave from the Borneo Company's wharf at 5 p.m. sharp, on Friday the 19th inst., and should arrive in Singapore on Monday afternoon.

WILLIAM, the well-known Christian Kaiser, has written another letter thanking the Almighty for help. We're afraid William is sending his thanks in the wrong direction.—*Cleveland Press.*

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Chingmai line is imperfectly working between Prae and Bangkok. Paknamphong line is still interrupted beyond Ayudhya. Other lines are in good order.

A ROME message states that in connection with the blowing up of a dynamite factory in Cengo (Italy), in February, 1916, when a terrible death-roll resulted, three traitors—Gatti, Pegazzano, and Lagzetti—were shot on February 23rd.

A REPORT has been received by the Rangoon Gazette from Yamethin of the discovery of molybdenite in large quantities. Molybdenite is of great value at the present time on account of its use as alloy, the price in London being fixed at £500 per ton. No concessions have yet been granted in the area.

A NEW YORK message states that the Public Accountant after investigation states that Senator Humbert had £68,000 in a New York bank, including £39,000 deposited on Bolo Pasha's order. Humbert invested the latter sum in British bonds. Humbert's present balance in the banks is about £74,000.

THE Borispah Court this morning committed for trial Nai Siaw Hood Seng, proprietor of the Chino-Siam Daily News, for publishing in his paper certain news with regard to the transporting of troops, without submitting same to the Military Censor before publication. Defendant was allowed out on bail of Tcs. 1,000.

THE Maestricht paper *Les Nouvelles* learns from a most reliable source that the Germans during December brought into Flanders a number of Italian prisoners, who are being forced to labour on the German military works. The unfortunate Italians, who are badly fed and lodged, have been formed into labour companies, and are kept at work on the construction of concrete shelters, redoubts, and machine-gun posts within reach of the fire of the Allies' guns. The paper states that several of the Italians have already been killed or wounded.

LATEST ADVICE.—The s.s. "Mata Hari" is expected to arrive on Saturday morning. The exhibition of Pictures of Mr. Kalnykoff commences on Saturday next. The prospectus of the R. B. S. C. Sky Meeting is advertised. T. A. S. c/o this paper can recommend a Siamese boy to any bachelor wanting a trustworthy servant. T. S. Apoor will sell the household furniture of Mr. C. Niel on Saturday next at Klong Poh Yone Road. A Burmese Lakon Troupe is giving a series of performances at the Phathanakorn Theatre. The new programme of the Phathanakorn is announced.

A CORRESPONDENT writes from Renong, says the Straits Echo: The man power question is again exercising our minds and an incident which has just occurred recalls a similar one which happened in the early days of the war. A local dredge-master asked the British vice-consul to forward his name to the General with a recommendation for a commission. At the club that evening the ladies were discussing this gentleman's patriotism and one of them said, "Mr. X has been in successful command of the dredge for two years. Surely he should have a commission in the Navy."

THE "Munchener Neueste Nachrichten" demands that Germany's war aims shall be stated.

"We laughed at Lloyd George's pretensions," says, "but, nevertheless, his demagogic speech gained the unanimous approval of the Entente, whereas Germany only arouses suspicions by her equivocal attitude."

"Our cause is so good, our sword is so strong that the world must respect our demands. Our leaders must give the world an opportunity to judge our claims. We ask the leaders what they want. Is it Briey, Longwy, the Flandre coast, and North-East Serbia? Is it 300 millions (£10,000,000,000) indemnity?"

"Do they feel strong enough to make conquests in this war and avoid future war? Are they prepared for the internal political consequences?"

"It is intolerable to feel that the Government itself does not know what it wants. We demand that the elected representatives of the people be heard before final decisions are made and that those decisions shall be laid clearly before the nation."



## THE Great War.

### The Great Battle.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)

London, April 15.

After heavy fighting, Field Marshal Haig repulsed throughout the evening attacks from Meteren to Wulverghem. A fourth attack on Neuve Eglise was also repulsed.

We beat off yesterday a determined attack near Feutubert.

On this position of the battle-front and northward as far as Lacon numerous enemies were effectively engaged by infantry and artillery fire.

Despite numerous strong attacks on all parts of the Lys battle-front our lines remain intact.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, April 15.

The energetic defense of the English arrested yesterday the advance of the enemy who, in spite of his stubborn attacks in the direction of Bethune and Baillieux, failed everywhere, sustaining heavy losses.

To-day the English fell back behind Neuve Eglise. They held fast in the region of Merville in spite of stubborn enemy assaults and bettered their positions near Hangard-en-Santerre, taking prisoners.

### The Bombardment of Paris.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, April 14.

For the first time at night the Germans bombarded the Paris region with the long-range gun. There were no victims.

The bombardment was resumed in the afternoon.

(Reuters Telegram.)

London, April 15.

Paris:—The long-range bombardment continued yesterday. There were no casualties.

The bombardment was resumed late yesterday night. This is the first time Paris has been bombarded by night.

### The German Fleet.

(Reuters Telegram.)

London, April 15.

Amsterdam:—The German fleet has arrived at Helsingfors.

### The Commander-in-Chief.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, April 14.

Official:—The British and French Governments have agreed to give to General Foch the title of Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Armies in France.

### Submarine Attacks Liberia.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, April 14.

London:—On April 9th a German submarine appeared off the coast of Liberia. She seized a small armed Liberian vessel which she sank and then bombarded Monrovia on the refusal of the Liberian government to destroy the wireless telegraphy station and to cut the French cable.

There were several victims and the station was destroyed.

### General Sarraill.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, April 15.

General Sarraill has been placed on the list of reserve officers.

### To The Last Man.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, April 15.

F. M. Haig addressed to his troops an order of the day exhorting them to fight to the end and to hold each position to the last man.

### Exit Czernin.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, April 15.

Vienna, Official:—Count Czernin has resigned.

### General Wire News.

Petrograd, April 11.—A report read at the Commissariat of Commerce summarizes Russia's losses as the result of the Brest-Litovsk treaty at 780,000 square kilometers of territory, fifty-six millions of inhabitants thirty-two per cent of the total population, twenty-one thousand kilometers of railway or one-third, seventy-three per cent of the total production of iron, eighty-nine per cent of coal, 268 sugar refineries, 918 cloth factories, 574 breweries, 133 tobacco factories, 1,685 distilleries, 244 chemical, 615 paper, 1,000 machine factories. The territories henceforth German had a revenue of 845 milliards of roubles and boasted 1,800 savings banks.

Petrograd, April 10.—Thirty destroyers, forty submarines and fifty transports remaining at Helsingfors have been disarmed as it was impossible to evacuate them. Three battleships from Helsingfors are expected at Kronstadt this evening. The former Russian ice-breaker Volynets and the Finnish ice-breaker Tarmo landed a small German force at Lovisa, between Helsingfors and Viborg. It is reported a German squadron with several transports is nearing Lovisa from Reval. The Germans will doubtless advance northwards and cut the railway Helsingfors to Viborg.

Tokio, April 8.—The Soviet Municipality of Vladivostok in a courteous protest against the landing of the Japanese promises to do its utmost to arrest the offenders, who were burglars. It assures Japan that the Maximilians are not hostile to Japan. The Soviet has issued a proclamation to workmen on the danger of hostility to the Japanese.

Vladivostok, April 8.—The town is quiet, no trouble is anticipated. The landing of British marines on April 5 was watched by the crowds in silence.

London, April 11.—In the House of Commons Lord Robert Cecil stated that owing to the murders of Japanese at Vladivostok by hands of robbers, the Anglo-Japanese warships at Vladivostok had landed parties to protect the British Consulate and Japanese subjects. The Government had no reason to think that the American Government disapproved of the action which was purely of local significance.

Zurich, April 11.—The German demand for indemnities has revived. Minister Saydewitz speaking at Dresden said the war cannot end in a friendly agreement. It must be fought to a finish bringing Germany the fruits of victory. Her enemies must pay indemnities otherwise the peace-breakers will begin again.

Petrograd, April 12.—The first squadron of the Russian Baltic fleet, composed of battleships and cruisers, has arrived at Kronstadt from Helsingfors. The second squadron, comprising torpedoers and submarines is reported off Kronstadt. The third squadron of transports and armed merchantmen and obsolete torpedoers, left Helsingfors last evening. The total number of vessels that departed was 200.

Amsterdam, April 11.—A Berlin telegram says that a secret sitting of the Prussian upper house discussed the expulsion of all members concerned in the Lichnovsky affair.

Amsterdam, April 11.—General Ardennes writing in a Dusseldorf newspaper says the tide is about to turn in Syria and Palestine. The recapture of Jerusalem is a practicable possibility.

London, April 11.—Palestine Official: Our troops west of the Tulkaram-Ramleh railway advanced on a line of five miles front to 14 miles depth, capturing the villages of el Kefr and Rafat. The prisoners included a few Germans.

London, April 11.—The French arrivals were 1,045, sailings 1,045. The sinkings were two above 1,000 tons, unsuccessfully attacked one.

Ottawa, April 11.—In the Canadian House of Commons Sir Borden stated that the war expenditure in Canada up to now had been \$56 million dollars. The expenditure of the current year is estimated at \$16 million, including \$43 million for military expenditure of which \$25 million would be expended abroad, while \$4 million would be spent in the construction of transatlantic merchantmen.

London, April 9.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law stated that Major General Sackville West had been appointed acting British military representative on the supreme war council of Versailles, in place of General Rawlinson.

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An official Note says:—Unable to find a means of saving his face, the Emperor Charles resorts to the babblings of a man confounded. He is now reduced to accusing his brother-in-law of fabricating with his own hand a false text. The original document containing what has been published by the French Government was communicated in the presence of M. Jules Cambon, General Secretary of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, who was delegated by the Minister to the President of the French Republic. The latter, with the authorization of the Prince, transmitted a copy of the letter to the Premier.

### Commander-in-Chief.

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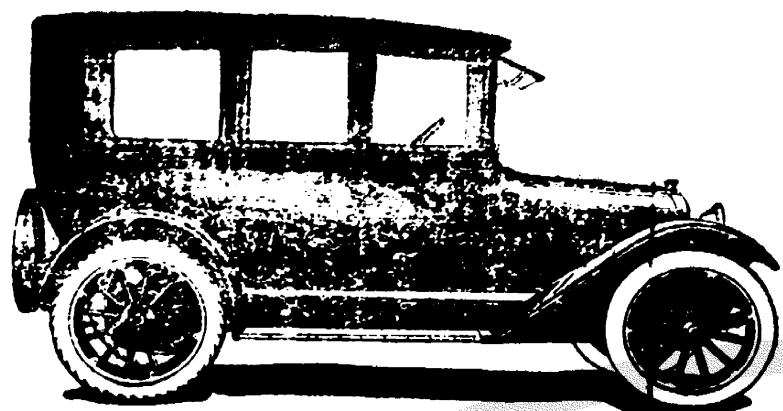
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### British Man-Power.

#### The Premier's Speech.

London, April 9.—Intense interest is being taken in the Premier's speech in the Commons to-day. The House was crowded but there was an entire absence of excitement and no demonstrations when the political leaders entered.

The Premier, who was cheered on rising, began his speech in low tones but his voice rang out as he developed his theme.

We have now entered on the most critical stage of this terrible war. There was at present a lull but the hurricane was not yet over. It was gathering strength for a fiercer outbreak and ere it was finally exhausted there would be many more. The fate of the Empire, the fate of Europe, the fate of liberty throughout the world might depend upon the success with which even the very last of these attacks was resisted and countered.

The Government therefore proposed to submit to Parliament to-day certain recommendations in order to assist the country and the Allies to weather the storm. The recommendations would involve, he regretted to say, extreme sacrifices by large classes of the population and nothing would justify them but the most extreme necessity and the fact that we were fighting for all that is essential and most sacred to national life.

Explaining why Parliament had not been summoned earlier he said that since the battle began the Government had been engaged almost hourly in concert with their Allies in providing the necessary measures to assist the armies to deal with the emergency. The proposals they intended to submit required very close and careful examination.

#### The Military Position.

Dealing with the military position he pointed out that it was difficult to get a clear and reliable narrative of a battle extending over fifty miles. The staff and Generals were naturally engaged in concentrating attention on the operations of the enemy. Until that strain was relaxed it would be difficult to ascertain exactly what had happened but one or two facts stood out, but in stating them he must avoid giving information or encouragement to the enemy.

Also nothing must be said to discourage our forces fighting so gallantly at this very hour. All recommitment must be stopped. The position at the beginning of the battle, the Premier said, despite the heavy casualties of 1917, the British army in France was considerably stronger on Jan. 1 than on Jan. 1 of 1916. To October of November 1917, the Germans combatant

strength in France was as two to the Allied three. Then came the collapse of Russia and the Germans hurried up the reserve divisions from the east to the west.

They had also a certain measure of Austrian support, but notwithstanding this and also notwithstanding a considerable number of German divisions from the East, when the battle began the combatant strength of the German army in the west was not quite equal to the total strength of the Allies. The Germans were slightly inferior in infantry, inferior in artillery, considerably inferior in cavalry, and undoubtedly inferior in aircraft.

#### A Remarkable Forecast.

The Germans, however, organized their troops so as to produce a larger number of divisions from a slightly smaller number of infantry and a smaller number of guns. It remained to be seen whether their organization was better than ours. The Germans, however, had one or two great advantages. They had the initial advantage always commanded by the offensive. They knew where they meant to attack, the dimensions of the attack and the time of the attack. It was always difficult to tell when the attack was coming and the problem was closely considered by the military staff at Versailles and Sir Henry Wilson concluded that the attack was coming south of Arras on a very wide front, approximately by ninety-five divisions with the object of breaking through the British lines.

These conclusions were reached two or three months ago. It was one of the most remarkable forecasts of the enemy intentions ever made. Wilson also remarked that the attack would probably succeed to the extent of penetrating the British line to half the distance of the front attacked. Another advantage the Germans possessed was unity of command. Dry misty weather also helped them. They actually were within a few yards of the front line in some parts before they were observed.

#### The Battles.

It was quite impossible to observe them and this was a distinct disadvantage because the defence organisation at that particular part depended largely upon the crossfire of machine-guns and artillery. The enemy made the fullest use of the advantage. As regards the battle itself it would take some time to ascertain all the facts, but at one time it was undoubtedly very critical. The enemy broke through between the Third and Fifth armies. There was a serious gap and the situation was only retrieved by the magnificent conduct of our troops who retired in perfect order and re-established the junction, frustrating the enemy's purpose. The country could not sufficiently thank the troops for the superb

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	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.		a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.
Paknam Dep.	6.30	9.30	12.45	3.45	Bangkok Dep.	7.45	10.45	2.00	5.00
*Maha Wong "	6.35	9.35	12.50	3.50	Sala Deng "	7.52	10.52	2.07	5.07
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Klong Toi "	7.15	10.15	1.30	4.30	*Ban Nang Greng "	8.35	11.35	2.50	6.00
Sala Deng "	7.23	10.23	1.38	4.38	*Maha Wong "	8.40	11.40	2.55	5.50
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valour and grim tenacity wherewith they faced overwhelming hordes and clung to their positions.

They retired but were never routed. Once more the cool pluck of the British soldier, who refuses to acknowledge defeat, saved Europe.

Mr. Kennedy Jones, interrupting:

What about the generals? The Premier continuing, said he was referring to the generals, officers and soldiers—he drew no distinction. For instance Brigadier Carey collected at a serious gap the signalmen, engineers labourers and odds and ends of machine gunners who held up the Germans and closed the roads to Amiens.

#### The Fifth Army.

It would take a very long time to name all the generals who distinguished themselves in this battle and until the circumstances which led to the retirement of the Fifth Army were known, until its failure to hold the line of the Somme, at least until the Germans brought up guns and perhaps the failure adequately to destroy bridges were explained, it would be unfair to censure General Gough. But until circumstances were cleared up it would equally be unfair to the British Army to retain his services in the field, and the War Cabinet therefore thought it necessary to recall him until the facts were examined and laid before the Government by its military advisers.

#### French Reserves.

The Premier warmly tributed the speed with which the French reserves came up. It was one of the most remarkable feats of organisation in the war. Between the efforts of our men and the loyal assistance given in the true spirit of comradeship by the French Army, the position was momentarily stabilised, but it was clear that the Germans were preparing another, perhaps an even greater attack.

The Premier recalled that General Byng's army in the north never gave way a hundred yards to the enemy and only retired to conform to the situation on the right flank. The enemy undoubtedly gained a great initial success. It was no good not accepting the facts. The enemy failed as far as the main object was concerned, namely to separate the Anglo-French armies, but we should be guilty of a great and fatal error if we underestimated the gravity of the prospect. The enemy had captured valuable ground, much too near Amiens for comfort and security and had succeeded for the time being of compelling one of our great armies to retire.

The Cabinet took every step to hurry up reinforcements. No such large numbers of men had crossed the Channel in so short time.

#### Lost Guns.

The enemy claims to capture of guns, machine guns and prisoners are greatly exaggerated. The ministry of munitions was not only able to replace the guns but had a very substantial reserve. There was also a great reserve of ammunition here and in France. The same applied to aircraft. It was impossible at present to tell the airman's part in checking the advance and making difficult the bringing up of guns and ammunitions. He was confident that our armies, generals and soldiers, were quite ready for the next encounter.

#### America in.

He referred to the material dramatic assistance of the Americans. The Allies had looked forward to a large American army in France in the spring, but it had taken longer than was anticipated to train these soldiers and if America wanted to complete her divisions it would be impossible for her fine troops in large numbers, to participate in this battle or campaign, although it might be the decisive battle of the war. Certain proposals therefore were submitted first to Mr. Baker the American war secretary and then to President Wilson. The result was that American troops who were available would be brigaded with Allied troops and their fighting strength immediately brought to bear in the struggle.

#### Versailles and Foch.

The Premier deprecated discussion on the question of the Versailles council, but declared that the battle justified the wisdom of that policy.

After the battle commenced not merely the government but commanders in the field were so convinced of the importance of a more complete strategical unity that they agreed to the appointment of Foch to the supreme direction of strategy of all the Allied armies on the west front. Foch is one of the most brilliant soldiers of Europe. When we were in a similar plight in the first battle of Ypres, Foch rushed a French army there by every conceivable expedient and undoubtedly helped to win that battle. The loyalty and comradeship of Foch were undoubted. The Premier did not doubt that the new arrangement would be carried out not merely in letter but in spirit. Strategical unity was a fundamental condition of unity and it could only be maintained by the complete co-operation of government and generals and with public opinion unmistakably behind it.

The Premier urged the nation at home to stand united for united control of the strategical operations of our armies at the front. We are fighting a very powerful foe, whose successes are mainly due to the superior unity of his strategic plans.

#### The Little Packets.

The Premier ridiculed the suggestion that our forces had been dissipated by subsidiary enterprises. Not a single division had been sent from France eastward. As regards Italy, but for the presence of the Franco-British divisions there the Austrians would presently be free to throw the whole of their strength on the western front. The Salonika forces had been reduced by two divisions in Mesopotamia. In Egypt and Palestine together there were only three white divisions, the remainder were either Indian or mixed. He asked the House to consider what this meant? There was menace to our Eastern Empire through Persia and Afghanistan, to India.

#### The Part of India.

The Premier expressed great gratitude to India for the magnificent way which she had come to the help of the Empire in this emergency. It was not the fact that we had three divisions in Egypt, Palestine and one in Mesopotamia that enabled us to hold our own. We owed it to the splendid troops from India, many of whom were volunteers since the war, who had been more than a match for the Turks on many a stricken field.

#### German Claims.

The casualties could not yet be accurately stated, but Haig assured him that the German claims were quite impossible. The losses of course had been considerable. The enemy had definitely decided to seek a military decision this year at whatever consequences to himself. This meant prolonged battles. There were still seven or eight months wherein the fight could continue. Everything depended on keeping up our strength right to the end. We could do it with American aid, but even then we could not feel secure unless we were prepared ourselves to make even greater sacrifices than hitherto. He knew what would happen if Government's demands were not accepted. It was true we had already raised nearly six million men for the army and navy and we could not raise the same proportion of men for battle as other belligerents, owing to naval demands, and for shipping, coal and steel which we must supply.

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		A.M.	P.M.			A.M.	P.M.
Km. Bangkok Dep.		8.30	12.30 4.30	Km. Meklong Dep.		8.35	12.35
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		A.M.	P.M.			A.M.	P.M.
Km. B. Hlame				Mahachai			
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It would be folly in anywise to interfere with the navy and shipping, which were a fundamental condition of the allied success. But there was still a reserve of men which, consistently with the discharge of these obligations, might be withdrawn in a great emergency for the battle line, not without damage to industry and a certain weakening of our economic strength and restriction, perhaps privations, but without impairment of the striking power of the country in war.

We must look ahead. The Germans were calling up the 1920 class, which provides for this campaign 550,000 young men for the battle line. We had already raised for the army during the first quarter of 1918 more than that quarter's proportion of the original estimated minimum required for the present year. Essential industries are being combed out; large levies have been made from munition works (a hundred thousand in grade one already); 50,000 had been taken from coal mines; another 50,000 would be required from that source. The transport services have also been dealt with and further calls made on the civil service. It is not merely necessary to have men but to have them quickly.

The Premier proceeded to discuss the proposals of the bill. He regretted that the first was to raise the military age to fifty and in some specified cases to fifty-five. The latter age referred to men of special qualifications, training and experience. It was proposed further to use the Government's powers to cancel exemptions. It was also proposed that His Majesty might by proclamation declare that a national emergency had arisen direct that any exemptions from military service should cease to have effect.

**Case of Ireland.**

Referring to Ireland Mr. Lloyd George said that the emergency arisen necessitated men of fifty and boys of eighteen joining the army and he was perfectly certain it was impossible to justify any longer the exclusion of Ireland.

No home rule proposal ever submitted to the Commons ever proposed to deprive the Imperial Parliament of full powers on all questions relating to the army and navy, so it was no derogation to any national right. The struggle in which England was, was just as much Irish as English. It was even more so—it was more Irish, Scotch and Welsh than English.

Ireland, through her representatives at the beginning of the war, voted for war, supported the war—there was no dissenting voice among the representatives. America was in the war; there are more Irishmen in the United

States than in Ireland and they are subject to conscription. The Irishmen in Great Britain were subject to conscription and also Irishmen in Canada.

It was indefensible that we should ask youths of 18 and married men of fifty with families, in England Scotland and Wales to fight for the freedom and independence of a small Catholic nationality in Europe, while Irishmen aged 20 to 25 were not obliged to make up arms for a cause which is as much theirs as ours. It was illogical and unjust.

From this point the Premier was subjected to a running hostile commentary from the Irish benches. The Premier proceeded to say that

the Irish battalions were becoming steadily depleted and were now half filled with Englishmen. It was therefore proposed to extend the Military Service Act to Ireland under the same conditions as to Britain.

There was no register in Ireland, hence it would take some weeks before the enrolment began there.

Further considerable uproar and cries of "Ireland won't have it at any price."

The Premier continuing said there must be no delay.

William O'Brien: That's a declaration of war against Ireland.

The Premier continuing said that Government without delay intended to ask Parliament to pass a measure of

self-government for Ireland (Renewed Irish uproar and cries of "Keep it") but there must be no misapprehension. The questions of home rule and Irish conscription did not hang together. Each must be taken on its merits.

Irish cries "You can keep both."

The Premier: That's a new view as regards home rule.

The report of the Irish convention afforded another opportunity of approaching this vexed question with some hope of success.

Irish uproar, Mr. Devlin, interrupting, asked whether he could move the adjournment of the debate until the Convention's proposals were before the House.

The Speaker said the motion could

be put after the Premier's speech.

The Premier said he understood that the Convention's report was reached by a majority but he was afraid that the majority was insufficient to enable the government to say it represented a substantial agreement.

The Premier said that he hoped it would be possible to pass the proposals this week, (Irish cries of "never" and cheers from other parts of the house.) Time pressed, every day was important. The Government regretted such extremely drastic measures which would injure many trades, but considering the emergency no government would accept the responsibility of proposing less. He would not say that if this battle went against us the war would be over, because as long as we had a ship afloat we should not accept a German peace. But if the battle be won, as he believed it would be, then the doom of Prussianism was sealed. (More Irish uproar.)

We might pass through many fluctuations of hope and disappointment in this battle, but let us come through the vicissitudes of this tremendous struggle with stout and steady hearts. There is no cause yet for exultation, except in the valour of our troops, and there will be cause for deep anxiety. There will always to the end be cause for exertion and sacrifice, but if those are given with unstinted devotion, there may and will be cause for confidence in this country.

London, April 8.—The Lobbyists of the Daily Telegraph and Morning Post state that the application of conscription to Ireland is in a way contingent upon the report of the Convention and the offer of home rule by the Government.

The Daily Chronicle implies the government not to make the grant of home rule a condition of the adoption of conscription.

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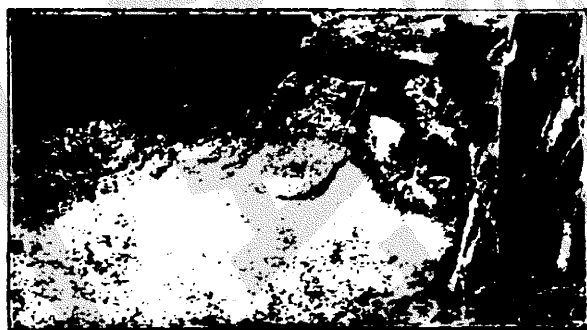


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