

which makes the Allied Powers hesitate to intervene. As Mr. Balfour put the case "if the time comes for Japanese aid, the Japanese will be the friends and allies of Russia and their object will be the preservation of Russia from Germany." Japan cannot, therefore, intervene until the help of the Allies is asked for by some authority qualified to speak in the name of the Russian people, and for the time being no such authority exists. The Bolsheviks are the ostensible rulers of Russia, but their Government has not been recognised by the Allied Powers while it has also been repudiated by the Russian ambassadors in various countries. The Bolshevik rule in reality a tyranny established by mob fury. Lenin and Trotsky have refused to allow the elected representatives of the agricultural masses to assemble. Sooner or later the Bolshevik usurpation will be challenged, and when some Government which has a substantial support comes into being it can scarcely be doubted that one of its first steps will be to appeal to the Allies for advice and co-operation. It may be argued, indeed, that even a request from the Bolsheviks for aid could not be ignored. That the task of organising assistance will be left to the Allies is a fair inference from Mr. Balfour's speech. Reports have appeared of their unwillingness to intervene, but these will prove as baseless as the statements which credit them with a desire to profit by Russia's embarrassments. Japan will do her duty and perform it with all that loyalty to which Mr. Balfour bore emphatic testimony.—Ex.

Huns Unpopular in Holland.

The most striking testimony to the changed feelings of the Dutch towards Germany, writes an Amsterdam correspondent, is given by the attitude of the people here towards the German officer prisoners from England who are living in Rotterdam. They were released under an agreement made between Britain and Germany at the Hague last July, which entitles all officer and non-commissioned officer prisoners to internment in a neutral country after 18 months captivity. The officers are, of course, allowed considerable freedom, and may be frequently seen in the streets. But that they are not very welcome guests is obvious from the way they are treated by the inhabitants. The attitude of the people towards them is one of contempt; they have as little as possible to do with their unwelcome guests; and the officers in consequence hold themselves aloof

from the people. Recently a party of officers, including von Tirpitz, junior, entered a popular café to take some refreshment. They choose a table, sat down, ordered Pilsner, and settled to receive the admiration of the dozen or so other people in the café. To their surprise, however, the people, one by one and left, and within two minutes the place was empty. Some of the non-commissioned officers who were passing through a side street were met by a number of little street boys, who gazed at them with admiring eyes as they approached. The Germans, however, were no sooner at a safe distance than they were followed by cries of "Varkensdrijvers (pig-drivers). One of the Germans turned back, but the boys disappeared into various alleys. Nor is this change of feeling confined to the civilian population. Several Dutch soldiers have recently got into hot water for refusing to salute their German guests. They will recognise any British officer they may meet, but when one of the Germans appear they become suddenly absorbed in something ahead or across the street and the officer in all his glory passes unacknowledged. The officers, so much accustomed to being regarded almost as gods in their own country, obviously do not relish the treatment.

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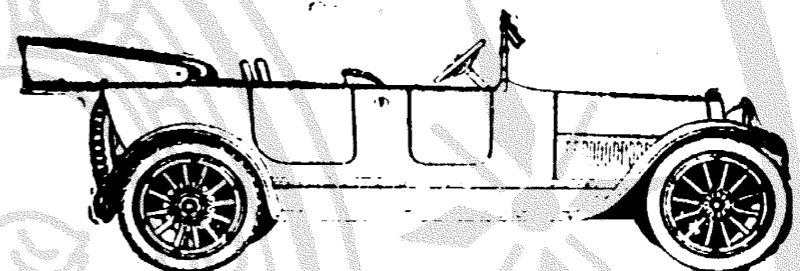
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Of the Minister of Finance appointing a
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of Enemy Countries.

WHEREAS under Notification issued on the 9th August B.E. 2460, and the 12th December B.E. 2460, Luang Rama Banjah, Deputy Director of the Partnerships and Companies Registry, Ministry of Justice, was appointed Liquidator for the following Enemy Businesses:—

- (1) A. Markwald and Co., Ltd.
- (2) Windsor & Co., and Nord Deutscher Lloyd Shipping Co.
- (3) B.R. Gaudart and Co.
- (4) Alois Schweiger and Co.
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- (6) The Samoson Ka Rajakarn.

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that a new Liquidator be appointed for the above mentioned Businesses in the place of the said Luang Rama Banjah,

NOW THEREFORE, under Section 8 of the Law Forbidding Trade with the Subjects of Enemy Countries, B.E. 2460, Nai Van Chiamaraman, Barrister-at-Law (Siam and England) of the Ministry of Justice, is appointed Liquidator for the said Businesses.

Notification issued on the 23rd April B.E. 2461.

(Sd.) KITTIYAKARA.

Minister of Finance.

23-27

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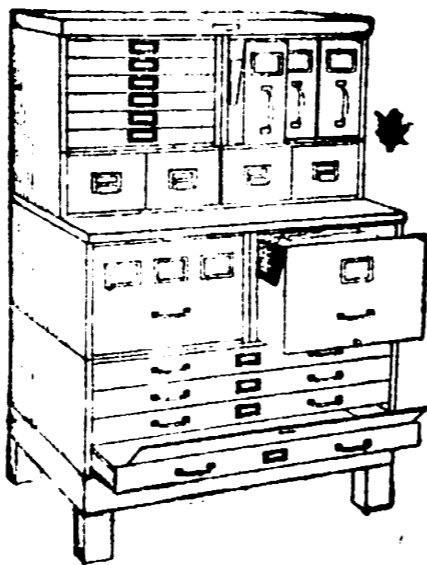
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The Siam Observer.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 1918.

THE CASE OF RUSSIA.

The trend of events in Russia reveals that a section of the population of that distracted country has come under the baneful influence of Prussian thought and the fact that the Commissioner for Foreign Affairs thought fit to protest formally to the representatives of the Allies with regard to the so-called Japanese intervention in Siberia serves to show that those who have usurped power in Russia are not friendly to the Allies but are, on the contrary, disposed to allow latitude and tolerance to Germans whose government has imposed a humiliating peace on Russia. Thus the question at issue is:—How long are the Allies going to allow Germany a free hand in Russia? The growing German influence in that country has a two-fold effect: for not only does it damage the interests of the Russians but it affords a distinct menace to the Allied cause and this apart from the menace already involved in the separate peace.

At the present moment German agents are everywhere in Russia buying supplies for the Fatherland but we have yet to hear of Allied agents bidding against them. What is the position of Russia as regards the Allies? Through its misguided, ignorant government it has made peace with Germany but as it has not declared war on the Allies it must be in the position of a neutral. The Hun propaganda in Russia should be met with a more powerful Allied propaganda and the Allies should organise a systematic campaign for the purpose of outbidding Germany in the purchasing of supplies vital to the daily life of that country and for the conduct of the war. The Allies have the money to do this and there is no reason why it should not be done.

The general situation is too serious to allow the Allies to show apathy and indecision towards the Russian problem. If Russia does not wish to fight the foes of her former Allies she should certainly not be allowed to make herself a passive medium for harassing the Allies. Havas' Singapore wire said yesterday that German penetration is being continued much beyond even the monstrous limits of the Brest-Litovsk Treaty and that the Bolsheviks, by treason or deeds of terrorism, are but helping the Germans in the conquest of the whole of Russia. Japan is in a position to render valuable assistance and if, as Havas says, misunderstandings exist between her and other Allies it is time they were cleared away.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that all lines are in good order.

THE following passengers left by the s.s. *Katong* this morning:—Mrs. Whiting, Miss Whiting, Mr. Way, Mr. Burdall, Mr. Candel, Mr. Yap Sim Chae and Mr. Sim King Ngan.

HIS many friends in Bangkok will be pleased to learn that Captain Folkestad, formerly of the s.s. *Bried* was married last month. The honeymoon was spent in Captain Folkestad's mountain villa at Telemarken.

His Majesty Leaves for Bejraburi.

His Majesty the King left this afternoon for Bejraburi.

His Majesty arrived at Bangkok Noi Station at 1 p.m. sharp and was met at the landing by H.R.H. the Prince of Kamboeng Bajor, Commissioner General of State Railways. After conversing with some of the Princes and Officials who were present at the station, His Majesty left at 1.10 p.m. by the special train which was in waiting. Their Excellencies Chao Phya Abhai Raja, Chao Phya Yomraj, and Phya Prasiddhi were in the Royal compartment.

Among the Royalty present to see His Majesty off, we noticed Their Royal Highnesses Prince Bhanuranga, the Prince of Bhisulok, the Prince of Nagar Svarga, the Prince of Songkla, the Prince of Jumbura, Prince Devawongse and Prince Damrong.

The Prince of Kamboeng Bajor left by the Royal train.

The Siamese Shipping Company.

We understand that His Majesty the King has commanded the Ministry of Marine to transfer the s.s. *Den Samud*, *Pin Samud* and *Kla Thale* to the Ministry of Finance, and the Ministry of Finance having taken charge of these vessels has given them over to the Siamese Shipping Co. in order to trade between Bangkok and foreign ports.

With regard to the question as to who shall be in command of these, it has now been decided that Siamese Naval Officers be given the captaincies.

We learn that Commander Luang Chalam Pissaisri R. N. will have charge of the *Den Samud* while Lieutenant Saeng R. N. will command the *Pin Samud*.

The *Kla Thale* was formerly known as the *Bang Pakong*.

State Railway Department.

While constructing a permanent bridge to repair the damage caused by the flood, the abutments and earth behind the abutments of the bridge at Mab Prachan and Phrakoe have slipped and fallen in. The damage will be repaired as soon as possible. Meanwhile the passengers will be required to transfer at these places.

[Bangkok, 27th April 1918.]

A Record Voyage.

THE K. P. M. steamer *Bugsies*, Captain Koster, has made the voyage from Batavia to Bangkok in record time, namely, 4 days 11 hours 40 min.

THERE will be a special show of Millinery on Monday April 29th and following days at Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw and Co. Ltd. They have just received the very latest styles in Semi-Model Millinery, Hats etc.

LATEST advice.—E. M. Pereira and Co. will sell the furniture and other effects of Mr. Powell on Saturday 4th May at Pan Road. The new programme of the Pathanakor is advertised. The International Store have just unpacked a new shipment of Pineapple, Hams, Chianti Wine and Moscato Spumante.

NOT only have such old windjammers as the convict ship *Succoes*, which, by the way, is now American owned, been refitted for cargo carrying, but yachts also are being transformed into profitable traders. Among vessels of the type that have changed hands and are now employed in business instead of in pleasure may be mentioned *Val-halla*, once the property of the Earl of Crawford, and Mr. Albert Bracey's *Czarina*. The ex-Empress *Eugenie's* *Thistle* was also bought for mercantile work, and so have other well-known craft.

JEMADAR Gobind Singh, who won his V. C. at the battle of Cambrai, belongs to the Rathore clan of Rajputs which owes feudal allegiance to the young Maharaja of Jodhpur. He must have a charmed life, for though he went three times through a barrage of machine-gun and shell fire, losing his horse on each occasion, he came out of the jaws of death without a scratch. There have been many daring deeds of valour done by British and Indian soldiers during the war, but none more daring than that of this young Rajput warrior, who thrice risked his life to save his squadron.

THE Great War.

The Great Battle.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, April 25. After an intense bombardment of the Franco-British positions the enemy attacked with considerable forces to the south of the Somme and on the Avre. He was everywhere repulsed except in the wood to the north of Hangard-en-Santerre which he penetrated as well as at Villers-Bretonneux where, in the course of the fighting, we were enabled to progress and make prisoners.

A combat on a wide front is at present developing in the Baillou region. We have lost Hangard-en-Santerre of which we hold the immediate outskirts and where the Germans are incapable of debouching in spite of enormous losses.

There is violent artillerying on the banks of the Avre.

We succeeded in *coup de main* and made prisoners.

The Luxuries of War.

The war is bringing about strange domestic changes. The other day a woman with a shawl over her head entered a piano dealer's shop in York-shire, saying she wanted a piano. The salesman hesitatingly suggested a sound instrument at £25, expecting thus to end the inquiry. "Not that," said the woman shortly, "a real one." Taken aback, the man more boldly indicated one at £60. This was thought better, but not "up to the mark," and another at £80 or £90 was also dismissed as inadequate. "I want one of them with a big, broad top." A grand! Now beyond surprise, the salesman meekly pointed out the cheapest of that order at £130. "That's more like it," said the customer; and then, reassuringly, "A w'e got it brass," produced at the same time a sufficient roll of notes from the recesses of her clothing.

A lady district visitor to whom the story was told followed the grand shortly after to its cramped new quarters, where such splendor had never been seen before. It was safely installed, filling the humble room with its bulk and the family with pride. "But they can't make any use of such a thing," declared the perplexed salesman when the visitor reported to him. "Yes, they can," insisted the lady. "They were having their dinner on it."

East African Campaign.

London, April 5.—The first lengthy despatch from General Van Deventer covering the operations in German East Africa for the six months which ended Dec. 1, shows that the campaign has been of a most exacting nature, owing to the bad effects of the climate on all but indigenous Africans and to other campaigning difficulties, such as the character of the country, being of large advantage to the enemy.

The despatch deals at some length with the operations against one small mobile column commanded by Nannmann, which was particularly troublesome until it was captured and dispersed, owing to tactics reminiscent of the pursuit of De Wet in the South African war. General Van Deventer believes that Captain Nannmann's raiding exploits are only possible in a country like German East Africa, where the bush is so thick that two considerable forces are able to pass within a mile without being aware of each other's existence.

After tracing the measures by means of which the enemy forces were tracked down and broken up, General Van Deventer expresses the opinion that the remnants which entered Portuguese East Africa may necessitate an equally arduous campaign, though on a very much smaller scale, before they are brought to book, owing to the size of the country and the difficulties of communication.

Our casualties during the six months totalled 6,000, while the enemy lost 1,618 Whites, 5,482 Askaris, fourteen guns, seventy-seven machine-guns and 1,000 rifles.

General Van Deventer praises all the military arms employed in the campaign, especially the South African, Indian, West African and East African troops. He also thanks the naval forces which assisted in the operations under Rear-Admiral Charlton, Commander-in-Chief at the Cape, and the Indian South African, East African and Ugandan Governments.

Paddy Crop Report April 26, 1918.

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French Premier Satisfied.

Paris, April 23.

Returning from the front, where he had more particularly visited Flanders, M. Clemenceau declared to a representative of the *Echo de Paris* that he had returned greatly satisfied with what he had heard and seen. Everywhere he had found a magnificent moral. He said:—"The regiments were so dense that finally I had to review them from my automobile. Their moral and bearing are splendid."

The President of the Council of Ministers added:—"The best proof that anxiety does not exist is that General Pétain has just re-established leave, which has been suspended since the beginning of the offensive."

Back to Normal.

The note of General Pétain announces that after April 25 leave will be granted in the corps serving under his command.

Attack in Mass Abandoned.

Paris, April 24.

The Daily News war correspondent writes:—"In all the recent German attacks a change of formation from that adopted when the offensive began has been noticed. Then they advanced in masses: their waves consisted of men moving almost shoulder to shoulder. Now, except for quite exceptional circumstances, the enemy have given up frontal attacks in masses, because of the enormous losses inflicted upon them. In an Order issued by General Ludendorff to the German army commanders, and dated March 30th, it is stated: 'The idea of forcing success by employing masses must absolutely be abolished, as it only leads to unnecessary loss. It is the effective use of weapons, not numbers, which gives a decision.' That is a striking admission. It means the German high command throw away an enormous number of lives, and now realizes that they were thrown away."

Bolsheviki Methods.

Says the Vladivostok correspondent of the Shanghai Times:—

A mass meeting of native and foreign merchants was held on the 4th instant to protest against the arbitrary arrest of the "Customs Artel," which, the correspondent explains, is a society of workmen who pay a guarantee into their artel, which supplies its members to the Customs for stowage work. These men are responsible for cargo while it is in the precincts of the Customs. They open all cargo for Customs examination. Their arrest was due to their refusal to allow outside workmen to control the artel—these latter probably being mere instruments of the Bolsheviki Maximalists. The Consular body made a vigorous protest in defence of the recognised workmen, pointing out the loss of foreign cargo likely to be involved. The correspondent gives us this picture of the type of ignorant workmen who succeeded to the control of affairs.

One workman control appointed was a blacksmith by trade and illiterate. After sweating for days over the concern's books, he at last made an "Act" in which he stated that the Bourgeois owner had paid to citizen "Passive" Rbs. 1,500,000 and to "Active" Rbs. 1,700,500 whilst a Bourgeois by name "Depreciation" had received a squeeze of 10 per cent.

"Bourgeois" is the name current for any man who is not a workman or soldier, and apparently the man of means and property is now the common enemy. The workman "controllers" are being placed in charge of all sorts of industrial and commercial undertakings. An era of true anarchy prevails in Russia.

The so-called enlightened classes in Siberia fall ready victims to the Bolsheviki doctrines. But there is an appalling difference between the precepts and practices of the anarchists now in the saddle in Russia, and it says little for the intelligence of men who are not Russians that they can endorse even the objects of the men who have betrayed their country—their acts speak for themselves.

Arabs Clear Seacoast.

London, April 10.—In the House of Commons to-day Lord Robert Cecil stated that since the declaration of independence by the King of the Hedjaz, the Arabs had cleared the Red Sea Coast of the enemy for a distance of 800 miles and accounted for 40,000 Turkish troops and over 100 guns. The Government of the Hedjaz had inaugurated a new era of order and justice unknown under the Turkish rule.

Church Services.

Church of the Assumption.

Bangkok Siam 1918, calendar of the week.

April 28th; 4th Sunday after Easter.

5.30 a.m. 1st Mass.

6.10 a.m. 2nd Mass for the Native Community.

8.00 a.m. 3rd Solemn High Mass for the Foreign Community.

4 p.m. Rosary, Instruction and Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament.

WEEK DAYS.

Devotion of the Month: The Resurrection of Our Lord.

6.00 a.m. 2nd and 3rd Mass.

April the 29, Monday: St. Peter Martyr.

April 30, Tuesday: St. Catherine of Lienna, Virgin.

May 1st, Wednesday: S. S. Philip and James, Apostles.

The Exercises for the Month of May open to-day at 5.45 p.m. with Rosary and Hymns to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

May 2nd, Thursday: St. Anthonisius Bishop and Doctor. (Confession of the month).

May 3rd, Friday: The Invention of the Holy Cross.

Holy Communion in honour of the most Sacred Heart. High Mass of thanks giving for the deliverance of Jerusalem to be celebrated on that day.

May 4th, Saturday: St. Monica, Widow. High Mass of the day (requested by a member of the Congregation).

Christ Church.

Services for April 28th, 4th Sunday after Easter.

6 p.m. Evensong with Sermon.

Hymn, Processional, 520 Love Divine all loves exceeding.

438 How bright these glorious spirits shine.

161 Father of Heav'n whose love profound.

220 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun.

Psalm, 137 and 138.

Chant, Lory and Percell.

Magnificat, Walker.

None Dimittis, Tonia Peregrinus.

Vesper Hymn, Through the day.

S. Mary's Mission.

Sunday, April 28, Fourth Sunday after Easter.

9 a.m. Holy Communion and Sermon.

Hymns:—

127, At the Lamb's high feast we sing.

232, Light's abode, celestial Salem.

207, Our Blast Redeemer are He breathed.

320, O God, unseen yet ever near.

178 (Part 2) O Jesu, King most wonderful.

Wednesday, May 1, (Festival of S. Philip and S. James)

7.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

6.30 p.m. Intercession Service.

We are asked to give notice that there will be no service on Sunday evenings at S. Mary's Mission for the next few weeks.

Germans Awakening.

Amsterdam.—In the Bavarian Lower House the Socialist member, Herr Seglitz, according to the Munich "Post," declared that the demand for peace was the main cause of the German strike.

"The food question," he said, "is causing the greatest misgivings. Inadequate nourishment of the people is responsible for high infantile mortality, for the greater number of deaths among old people, and for the physical degeneration of the youth of the country."

"We lack coal, clothing, boots. We cannot afford to pay the high prices of the war profiteers. War profiteering, which is going on unchecked, is making life ever more difficult."

"And yet the Minister of the Interior says things are going quite well! One must really ask if we are not playing a comedy. Does the Minister think he can deceive hostile countries by his rosy statements?"

"One million three hundred thousand Germans already have been killed, and the country's debt is now over a hundred milliard marks (£3,000,000,000). Who now is so foolish as to believe in war indemnities to cover that amount?"

"We actually rejoice over U-boats sinking ships with food for England, but after the war we too will have no ships to bring us food."

"The workers have struck in several parts of the country, but if the Government does not pay attention to the warning signals the whole country will perhaps strike."

"A strike is a very serious business, but it is no use talking of treason. That won't calm the masses. People believe they cannot resort to any other action in order to save themselves."

Meanwhile the flame of the German strike has burned so low that it may practically be considered as extinguished.

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The Italians.

While most of America's airmen will probably see service above the battle-line which extends from the North Sea across Belgium and France, they will not be forgetful of the super-human skill, daring, and self-sacrifice of their allies beyond the Alps, the intrepid Italians, whose country produces no coal, no steel, and food insufficient for her needs, yet has managed for nearly three years to maintain her armies against the ceaseless hammering of Austrian and German guns.

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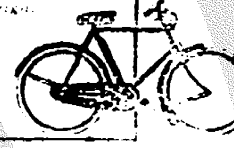
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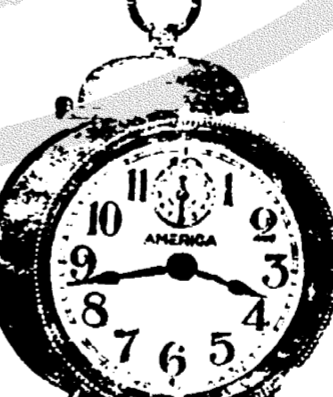


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Siberia.

Japanese Press and the American
Attitude.

The American attitude is still standing in the way of mobilization, says the "Hochi." It is said that Japan has decided to put off mobilization pending the decision of America. It is further said that Japan will not act unless America is in favour of it. "We hope," says the editor, "that the rumour is not true. It ought not to be true for there is no cogent argument against mobilization. Some arguments against it have been presented but they are all futile. In the first place, it has been said that our mobilization will force Russia more desperately over to the German side. But Russia under the reign of the Bolsheviks is already under the German control. Our mobilization can't possibly make this situation worse. If it affects Russia at all it will more likely affect her in favour of the Allies. The moderate elements will very likely welcome our army as a deliverer. Even if they don't, that won't make the situation worse than it is now. Secondly, it is said that the situation in Siberia is not so pressing as to require our immediate mobilization. But a recent report states that there has already been formed a regiment of the liberated German war prisoners and that Berlin has sent officers to command it. This is one of the indications that the situation is really dangerous. Thirdly, it is explained that President Wilson, out of his democratic sympathy for Russia and hope for the probable reassertion of her better self, is constrained from encouraging any precipitate action. He is said to be cautiously watching the critical situation now developing in Russia. A few weeks ago, this course was a sensible course, but at present when there is no more doubt as to the submission of the Bolsheviks to the German influence we can't risk our interest on such a vague expectation. The editor goes on pointing out a few more objections and refuting them all in the same spirit. Finally, he says that it is to be regretted that America does not trust wholly that Japan has no ulterior motive in mobilization. "This suspicion of America is partly due to the shyness of this Government about expressing itself frankly."

The "Nichi-Nichi," also commenting on the American attitude, says that America's objection to Japanese mobilization is against the spirit of the Ishii-Lansing agreement, in which America so chivalrously recognized the special interest of Japan in the contig-

uous territories. "Under the present pressing circumstances Siberia has to be regarded as a territory contiguous to our possessions. This is so at least from the consideration of our national defence. America ought to see that Japan has a perfect right to act independently for her self-protection, to say nothing of the interest of the Allies." The editor deplores the fact that there is some suspicion on the part of America as to the motive of Japan. "Some part of the American public seems to think that Japan is anxious to mobilize for self-aggrandizement." In view of the fact that Japan has so far faithfully played her rôle in the protection of the peace of the East, we can't see, says the editor, why America is so suspicious of our motive. "The friendly feeling between the two countries has only recently been demonstrated by the Ishii-Lansing agreement. We can't help wondering if the American attitude toward Japanese mobilization may not have an unfortunate effect on the relations between the two countries that have so happily been safeguarded by the recent agreement."

The "Niroku," criticising Viscount Motono for his irresolute attitude in the question of mobilization, says: "The Foreign Office of this country seems to have moved its allegiance to America. Secretary Lansing is running it, and mobilization has been dropped off because Secretary Lansing is not in favour of it. The Foreign Office may submit to such a strange condition but the nation won't regard Secretary Lansing as the Foreign Minister of this country." And so on.

The relation between Japan and America was once threatened by the agitation of the pro-German elements in America. The tense situation that had been created between the two countries in the past was barely cleared away by the Ishii-Lansing agreement. But the relation seems to be again threatened by those vicious elements who are preventing America from agreeing to the justice of Japanese mobilization, says the "Yorodzu." In the opinion of the editor the best solution of this situation is to be found by the independent decision of this Government. "The trouble comes in consulting with a party who has nothing to do with the question. If Japan can't mobilize without the assistance of America, consultation is necessary, and the issue must be decided by the result of the consultation. But under the present circumstances Japan is perfectly well equipped to undertake the task without the assistance of America."

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Courtships in War Zone.

Mr. Alexander M. Thompson, the well-known Labour writer, contributes the following article to the Daily Mail:

The soldier and the girl. It is an old, old story, old as the old courtyard of the old building in the old French town where the scene was enacted: but the change of time had given it a new meaning. For the old French garden of the old French house had become the pleasure of a club for British officers, and though the girl was French the soldier was English.

Like the maid in the nursery song, she "was in the garden hanging out the clothes," and he an officer's batman, was collaborating. It did not appear to be a useful collaboration. On her side the work consisted mostly of remonstrant cries, explanatory gestures, and plentiful giggles; on his side there was a steady, stolid cheerfulness of clumsiness whose consistency suggested guile.

To the superficial and sentimental observer they would have seemed to be transmitting the prosaic labour into conventional romance. As a matter of fact, between ourselves, they were making history. They were perfecting the Cordial Understanding. They were broadening the base of the great democratic alliance. They were laying concrete floors for the structure of the future League of Nations.

In this very humanitarian work many thousands of French maidens and British Tommies in the north-east corner of France are now strenuously engaged. They are throwing their hearts into it. They are grappling it, as one may say, with both hands.

You shall see a bevy of merry French girls marching—or rather dancing—arm in arm to work in a British military factory, and you shall hear them singing "Tipperary" or "Blighie is the place for me" with a correctness of accent which reflects infinite credit on the pains-taking patience and thoroughness of their British military instructors.

These fantastically cosmopolitan factories contain also Hindu, Singalese, and Chinese workers, who watch the proceedings with benevolent grins. There are also German prisoners, who do not look equally pleased.

For assuredly this phenomenon will beget consequences. "Do many of our Tommies marry these French girls?" I asked my British military chauffeur. "Rather," he answered.

"How many have you heard of?" I pressed.

"Oh, I should think I've known quite a dozen among my own pals," he replied. Which obviously means a lot.

The fusion of French mental alertness and vivacity with British practical solidity will benefit both peoples. Then think of the educational effect. Imagine Mrs. Jeanne Smith, the Picardy farmer's daughter, installed in

Oldham or Paddy among the wondering sisters, cousins, and aunts of ex-Corporal Smith. Fancy the surprise awaiting Grandpa and Grandma Durand of St. Omer on their first perilous adventure of travel overseas and their joy on finding that their son-in-law has not in the case of their daughter followed the habit of the English in selling their wives at Smithfield. Conceive the shocks and delights of Grandpa and Grandma Smith when they in their turn hazard the voyage of discovery to the continent—the strange, wicked land of which they would otherwise have known nothing exact or positive except that the natives dined with their feet and fed on frogs.

As for the other couples who decide to remain in France, they will settle the French population problem. Only think of it: French wives and British husbands! Oh, la, la! I referred just now to the begetting of consequences: this phenomenon will beget heaps and heaps of interesting and most promising little consequences. The prospect simply dazzles the faculties and confounds reckoning.

There are other factors at work in this war region to establish cordial understanding between the democracies of France and Britain, factors which will do more to realise international working-class solidarity than was ever dreamt of in Karl Marx's philosophy—more, perhaps, than the promised visit to Paris this week of the Labour deputation which is to pave the way to an International Socialist Conference.

But sufficient for the day is the brightness of the vista I have suggested.

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Samudprakar	No report	
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Angtong	8.4	...	
Loburi	No report	
Nagor Pathom	None	
Subarn	
Rajburi	5.0	...	
Bejraburi	
Kanchanaburi	
Ohaxoeng Sao	No report	
Prachin	No report	33.5	...	33.5	
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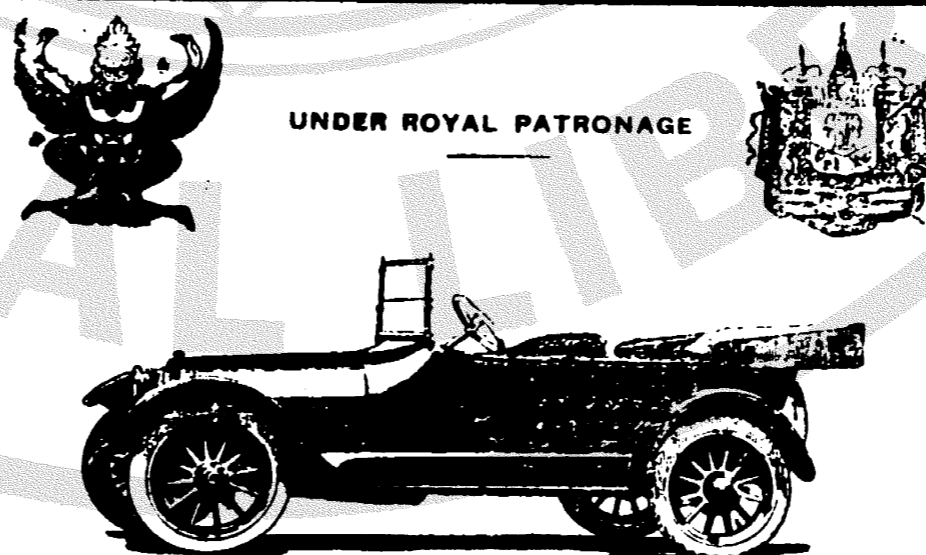
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Mastery of the Air.

Major Joseph Tulane, (Chief of the French Aviation Mission to America), says: The summer of 1917 was marked by very spirited air battles for the supremacy of the air.

During those battles the losses of the Allies were great and those of our enemies still greater. At the present time we are profiting by the lull which the winter rains have caused in air raids and are organizing large fleets of well-armed and well-equipped planes for the spring 1918. The aerial programme of the Allies is a mighty one; that of the enemies is just as mighty. Every one is convinced to-day of the importance of the supremacy of the air throughout 1918.

The American people have understood admirably the part which American aviation is to play in this gigantic struggle, and the enthusiasm of the American people and their determination to intervene in order to bind the army of the enemy has enabled Congress to pass an aviation bill calling for an appropriation of \$640,000,000. The officers in charge of the organization and development of American aviation and the business who have spontaneously offered their services and business experience have done a great deal during the last six months. Aviation schools have sprung up all over the country. Several of them are at present working at full speed. Hundreds of pilots, full of dash, are being trained, and they are going about their work with the same zeal which they formerly displayed on the football field at college.

Arrival of America's Air Fleet Anxiously Awaited.

American engineers have designed and constructed a powerful motor, and the workshops for motors and airplanes are fully organized for the task ahead of them but if these machines are not ready in time, provisions have been made in France and other Allied countries to place the necessary airplanes at the disposal of American aviators so that they will be able to take part in the air battles in the early spring of this year.

On the whole western front, extending from the North Sea to Switzerland, the arrival of the American air fleet is anxiously awaited. This fleet must consist of a mighty battle squadron and mighty bombing squadron as well. The battle fleet is the decisive element in securing and maintaining supremacy in the air. But the Allies must also have a large number of pursuit squadrons, efficiently armed and piloted by daring aviators. The American fleet of battle planes will enable the Allies to

secure the indisputable mastery of the air.

It is necessary that this air fleet should come at the earliest date possible to take its place in the struggle. The supremacy of the air for 1918 will be decided during the first months of the spring. At that stage of the war it will be absolutely necessary that the Allies rule the air. As was the case in the cavalry battles of the First Empire, the supremacy wrested from the enemy in the first encounters will hold for many months, and subsequent small reinforcements ordered into the struggle will not be able to regain that supremacy. The American air fleet must be at the front early this spring and in great numbers. It will be there if American industry turns out products quickly and on a large scale. Time saved will save human lives.

If two squadrons of American battle planes could have been at Dunkirk in September, 1917, the French Aviation Service would not have suffered the irreparable loss of Captain Guynemer.

Since 1915 French aviators have been making bombardment raids. The raid upon Karlsruhe, in 1915, made by 20 bombing planes, thoroughly terrified the Germans. In that attack more than 200 persons were killed or wounded, and for many months this reprisal stopped German bombing of French towns.

Shattering the Enemy's Morale by Air Raids.

In 1917 bombardment of our defenceless towns by German planes began again. London and Dunkirk have suffered most.

Public opinion in America has been aroused against these bombardments.

Reprisal bombardments have been suggested frequently and have been effected frequently and have been visited by French planes. But the people of America must realize that it is more difficult for the Allies to carry out bombing expeditions than for the enemy. The same distance which will take the German machines over London and Paris will take the Allied machines over Belgian towns or French towns in the invaded territory, still quite far short of important German towns. It is thus clear that the problem of bombardment is a more difficult one for the Allies. And this is one reason why we should go at it with all our might. Only a person who has been in a town bombed by enemy planes, especially at night, can understand how panic-stricken the inhabitants become, and this increases the effect of

the material destruction by shattering the morale of the people.

A systematic bombardment of open German cities, carried out relentlessly day and night without interruption, in answer to the bombardment the Germans have been carrying on for the last three years, in violation of all laws of warfare, would seriously affect the morale of the enemy.

The air campaign of 1918 will be decisive. A powerful bombing fleet, no less than a great battle fleet, is essential to success, and both should be ready for action in the spring.

By repeated raiding trips, day and night, this bombing fleet would contribute immensely toward destroying the morale of the German people and would hasten the end with an honourable peace.

It is, therefore, necessary to put forth every effort to develop and speed up these two forces—a fleet of American battle planes and a fleet of American bombing planes. The thought of getting to France in time must stimulate the industrial population of America in the building of these air fleets as well as the officers who have the arduous task of organizing this mighty fleet of training the aviators, and arranging for the supplies.

How is it possible to save time, and thereby to save human lives? This can be accomplished by spending money and applying to the creation of the American air fleet the wonderful industrial organization of the country, and, finally, by shipping the finished products fearlessly, by facing all risks.

The sooner American planes appear on the French front, the sooner the war will end, the more lives will be spared.

In Europe great numbers of airplanes and engines of the type now used at the front are being built and will be used this spring.

In America the European types of airplanes and motors will be built, at first, to aid the English and French factories, in order that the Allies may have the largest possible number of battle planes at the earliest possible moment. Then the new air-planes, more powerful and better armed, will be built to be used during the summer of 1918.

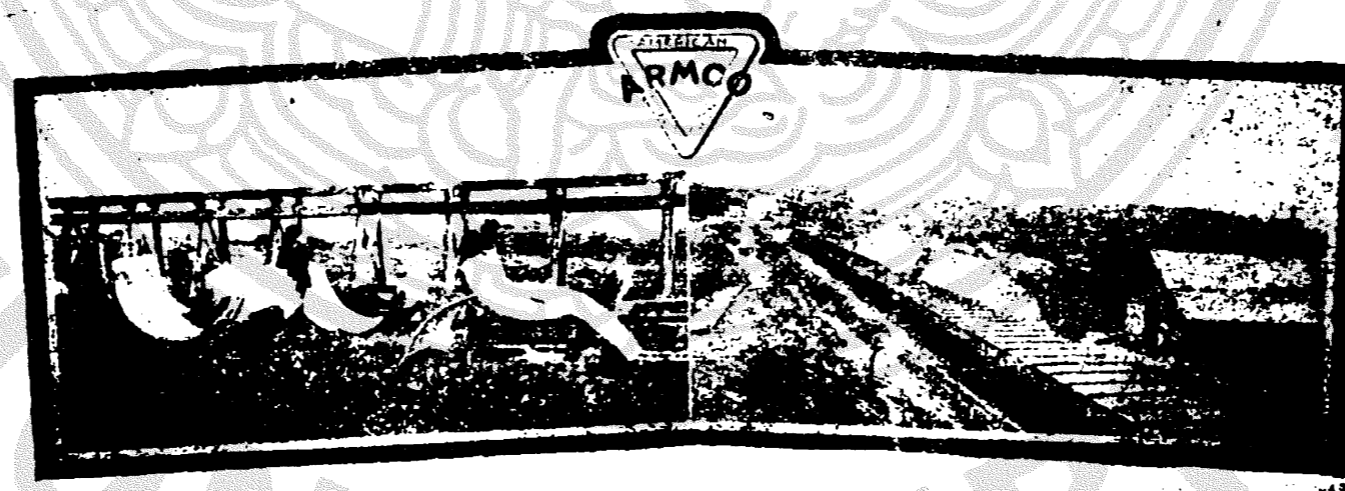
The unlimited resources of American industry will make it possible to carry out these two building programmes, first, to insure victory in the spring, which will soon be here; and, second, to provide for the future by building machines with the latest improvements.

The Allies are anxiously awaiting the aid of the American air fleet. If this fleet comes in time, for the 1918 battle, it will be the deciding factor.—“National Geo. Magazine.”



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