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London, April 20.-The Australian official correspondent in France says:

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London, April 19.-British Italian Official: The Manchesters and South Staffshires both successfully raided last night, killing thirty Austrians and taking prisoner twenty-two. Our losses were very slight.

Ottawa, April 20.-In the house of Commons, Sir R. Borden opened the debate on the new man power proposals and said that it was too much to expect Canadians not to be attacked, therefore it was necessary to prepare for assault. Hence the Government proposed to depart from the principle of selection embodied in the Military Service Act and to abolish the exemptions granted to certain classes. The Premier added that unless action be taken it would be impossible to supply adequate reinforcements. He asserted his belief that the people did not approve of the idea of leaving the Canadians in France to be reinforced by Britain or the States.



wards administered the anti-conscriptio pledge. Huge crowds of military have taken over the principal main railways, post offices and telephone exchanges.

London, April 25.—A Petrograd wire dated the 16th states: Despatches from the south announce a renewal of hostilities between Korniloff's troops and those of the Soviets.

A Turkish cruiser and two torpedo-boats have arrived at Odessa.

Petrograd, April 16.—There has been fighting between anarchists and Bolsheviks at Voronezh, Simbirsk and Rostoff, also between White Guards and Red Guards, north of Viborg, which is the only important Finnish town remaining in the hands of the Red Guards.

Melbourne, April 20.—Enlistments from the various States are improving and the full number of recruits has been secured for the Sportsmen's Battalion. It is believed that the railway department is coming out eligible. The Sydney Chamber of Commerce and others are insuring a thousand married recruits at £200 sterling each: £17,000 sterling has been subscribed by members of Tattersall's for insuring 113 men.

London, April 17.—The King of the Hedjaz has telegraphed to H. M. King George congratulations on the magnificent and unmatched gallantry of the British armies on the western front. He is earnestly praying the Almighty to crown with victory the banners of the true cause, for which they are fighting with such undaunted bravery. King George replied: "I was deeply touched with your Lordship's message. It breathes the spirit of confidence and unity of purpose which binds together the Allied forces on all the fronts and in all lands in an unshakable determination to achieve the liberation of mankind from tyranny."

The King of the Hedjaz telegraphed to the British Government, begging them to convey to Field Marshal Haig and his gallant commanders and troops the King's wholehearted admiration for the magnificent defence with which the British army face the Germans' desperate but unavailing offensive. The Mayor of Mecca telegraphed to the Lord Mayor of London, congratulating him on the inspiring spectacle of valiant and glorious opposition to the fruitless assaults of the German hordes on the Western front.

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The *Journal de Geneve* states that, with the exception of one other favoured individual, ex-King Constantine is the only person in Zurich allowed to use a private motor-car. In a scathing article the *Journal des Helvètes*, a Greek newspaper published in Switzerland, says that not one but fourteen motor cars are in use by the ex-King.

We have known in Greece (continues the *Journal de Geneve*) a King Constantine and a Queen Sophie who were very economical, not to say parsimonious. And yet at that time they enjoyed from the State a civil list of something over £20,000 a year. The dethroned Sovereigns are now in receipt of an income of no more than £20,000, yet they are leading a more luxurious life than ever.

The explanation is simple. In the name of the Kaiser a credit of £20,000 has been placed in a Zurich bank for the use of Constantine. It is the price at which Wilhelm estimates the services of the ex-King. While Sophie holds court in her villa and entertains the endless procession of German officials "en passage" at Zurich the King amuses himself "a reference to the play 'Le Roi s'Amuse'". Followed by the numerous suite who are battenning upon his unaccustomed largesse, Constantine never misses a theatre, exhibition, or public assembly of any description.

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Scarcely a day passes that the King does not receive visits from some German personage or other, among them members of the German General Staff. What passes at these interviews? It is not difficult to imagine, if any credence is to be placed in the report of the Kaiser's promise to drive the Allies out of Salonica and put the august brother-in-law back on the throne.

Constantine has had many interviews in Switzerland with that arch-plotter von Bülow. He is also very intimate with Prince von Hohenlohe, chief of German propaganda in this country. He has likewise met at Zurich the ex-Khedive, who is known to have played a very important part in the Bolo intrigues.

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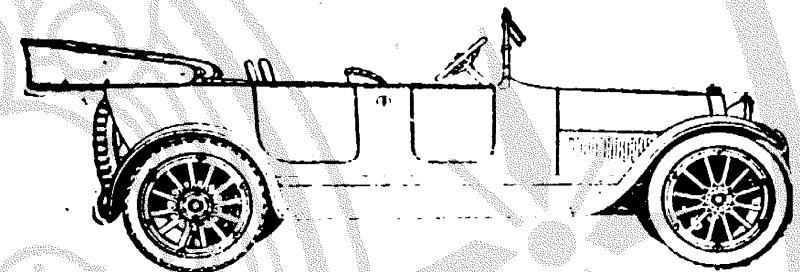
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LONDON—	
Bank Bills, demand,	1/6 11/32
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PARIS—	
Bank Bills, demand,	205
GERMANY—	
Bank Bills, demand, Ms.	
NEW YORK—	
Bank Bills, demand U. S. A.	36
INDIA—	
Bank Bills, demand,	Rs. 97
SINGAPORE—	
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HONGKONG—	
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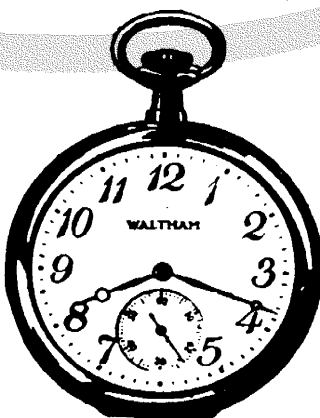
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**Great War.****Holland and Germany.****The Netherlands Surrender.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, May 1.

Rotterdam :—Holland has surrendered to Germany after a period of twenty-four hours wherein the position was suddenly reported serious with every one invited to believe that the question of peace and war was in the balance.

It may be safely accepted that the sand and gravel transport will shortly be resumed and an economic agreement announced which will greatly profit Germany who may compel Holland to supply finished goods in return for raw material.

The full demands of Germany upon Holland are not as yet known in London nor even by the Dutch public but there are indications that the government is less apprehensive that Germany wants to force Holland into war at present.

**Turks Capture Kars.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, May 1.

Turkish Official, April 27th :—We occupied Kars and captured sixty eight guns and a large quantity of raw material.

[Note :—Kars is a fortified town in Russian Transcaucasia about 180 miles from Erzeroum. It is an ancient town of strategic importance. Pop. about 21,000.]

**Central Powers and Ukraine.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, May 1.

Amsterdam :—An economic treaty between the Central Powers and the Ukraine was signed on April 23rd. It is stated a grain bureau has been formed to deal with the supply of grain.

**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**

THE Allies demand a just peace; the Russians, just peace. The difference is just 180 degrees.—"Chicago Tribune."

WHETHER Germany is fighting for her existence or not, it is clear that the Kaiser is fighting for his.—"Savannah News."

THROUGH blizzards and bloodshed, brutality and stupidity, maddling, incompetency, delay, and famine, peace is coming.—"Washington Times."

THE following passengers left to-day by the s.s. *Kuala* :—Mr. and Mrs. Battemberg, Mr. and Mrs. Powell, and family, Mr. P. Nesbitt, Dr. Woolrabe, Mr. Longwell, Mr. Raes and Mr. Stro-nach.

Mr. Benj. A. Periera will hold a sale of motor-cars and motor-cycles tomorrow at 3.30 p.m. at Bang Lampoo. The sale of furniture etc. will be continued from 13th inst. onwards at the same place.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Malay Peninsula main line is still interrupted. Local line is imperfectly working. Chienmai line is not properly working between Pak-namph and Bangkok. Other lines are in good order.

THE prosecution of German Daimler Motor Company for war profiteering, in consequence of the disclosures made before the main committee of the Reichstag recently, shows that the company demanded prices which would increase its profits by £3,200,000.

A MEMBER of the Mesopotamia Expeditionary Force, in a letter referring to the death of General Maude says:—"On the day of the funeral there was an enemy aeroplane over Bagdad, and the firing of the anti-aircraft guns formed an appropriate requiem for the dead soldier. Whether the Turks were then aware of General Maude's death is not known but two days later an enemy aeroplane again appeared over the city, and, coming unscathed through the gunfire and eluding two attacks in the air, swooped down over the British Residency to drop a message of condolence. Of course it was not war, but it was a gallant action, and our acknowledgment of it, I understand was conveyed in the same way. The Turks admire a good soldier, and had reason to respect General Maude."

**Siam Commercial Bank, Limited.****Report On Balance Sheet.**

I. The net profit, after making ample provision for all bad and doubtful debts, deducting rebate from Bills not due, allowing for interest accrued to date upon Fixed Deposits, and for other Contingencies is Tos. 344,787.63, showing an increase on last half-year of some Tos. 45,000.—, whilst there is a sum of over Tos. 30,000.—again unappropriated due on Investment Stocks held in Berlin and on local alien enemy overdrafts.

II. Extraordinary Reserve Fund. There have been no further proceeds from Bankrupt Estates but it is proposed to transfer from Profit and Loss a/c Tos. 50,000.—, which will bring this Reserve up to Tos. 575,000.—

III. Special Reserve for Bank's Funds held in Berlin. In view of the fact that several items among the Assets on our Balance Sheet show considerable sums of Bank's Funds in Berlin, it has been considered advisable to create a Special Reserve of Tos. 50,000.— to cover possible loss in exchange, or otherwise, in this direction. It may be hoped that after the War this Special Reserve can be absorbed by the Extraordinary Reserve Fund.

IV. Investment account. In view of the very large sums of money lying on short period Deposit and Call with our London Bankers, on which the rate of interest allowed us in the case of Deposit money has fallen during the half-year, we have invested £50,000.— in 5% British National War Bonds 1927.

Further, from a large Balance of Funds in Current account with our Paris Agents, on which we have only been receiving a comparatively small rate of interest for 2½ years past, we have purchased French Rentes for France 11.60 p.a. costing us approximately Tos. 200,000.— in French War Loan 1917, which show a return to us of over 5 3/4 p.a.

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V. Advances to Customers on Current account Loans on Security etc.	8,295,878.61
Short period Deposits with London Banks	5,457,868.01
As against Total of both items as shown in the Balance Sheet of September last of	13,753,746.62
	10,365,794.16
	3,387,952.46

Notwithstanding our new Sterling Investment, our Deposits with London Banks show an increase on last half-year of about Tos. 975,000.—; whilst the other item of advances to Customers on Current account, Loans and other accounts show an increase of over Tos. 2,400,000.— of which about Tos. 2,000,000.— is in amounts due to us by our Agents on Current account, particularly in London largely due to the falling off of Bills against Export of Rice etc. We have large sums readily available for any improvement in this, or any other direction—a position which it is considered advisable to maintain during the present uncertain trend of events owing to the war.

VI. Liquidation of Enemy Firms. It seems that the probable result of the Liquidations of Enemy Firms will prove that the Bank will lose little or nothing in the final settlement, meanwhile no interest due to the Bank has been appropriated to Profit and Loss a/c from this source.

It is reported that the sum of £5,500, which was stolen from Mr. Shinnors, manager of the Munster and Leinster Bank at Ennistimon, while on his way to a fair on 26th January, has been restored. It was accompanied by a note stating that no robbery was intended. The money, it was explained, was taken to prevent its use at the fair for the buying of cattle for export.

Two celebrated French aviators, Garros and Marchal, who recently escaped from Germany, arrived safely in London on March 1. Garros had been a prisoner in Germany since April 1915. He was bombing a German troop train over Lendelade, in West Flanders, and had dropped two bombs under heavy fire from German sentries, when his engine stopped dead. His aeroplane at once began to oscillate violently, but, cleverly volplaning, Garros landed safely. He at once set fire to his machine. For some hours he eluded the search of the German soldiers, but was eventually tracked to a ditch, where, hidden in a thick undergrowth, he had taken refuge. Garros took his pilot certificate as far back as 1910, and when war broke out and he joined the French air service he had already a notable record. His most sensational flight in those early days was one from the French Riviera to Bizerta, in Africa. During the war he established his reputation as a man against whom no German could prevail, and innumerable enemy aviators fell before his superior skill and daring.



## Government Savings Banks.

The report on the Treasury Savings Banks for the year B.E. 2459 was issued as a special Gazette. Thirty-nine new branches have been opened in the year B.E. 2460.

The amount due to depositors at the beginning of the year was Tcs. 600,694. The deposits received during the year were Tcs. 1,043,824 (nearly double the amount in the previous year). The amount withdrawn by depositors during the year was Tcs. 655,602. Thus the balance due to depositors at the end of the year (apart from interest) was Tcs. 988,926. The interest accrued amounted to Tcs. 19,427.

The amount of stock standing to the credit of depositors at the beginning of the year was £3,640; there was bought on behalf of depositors £180, and sold £100, leaving £3,720 to their credit at the end of the year. The Bank itself held £20,640 of the stock at the end of the year.

Of the ordinary depositors in the Savings Banks 189 are children, an increase of 39 as compared with the previous year; 324 are women, an increase of 125; and 2,575 are men, an increase of 994.

## Baiting of Holland.

London, April 23.—Reuter learns on high authority that it is true that Germany has brought renewed and severe pressure to bear upon Holland in order to extort various concessions. The exact demands are not known in London but it is confirmed that they include a resumption of the sand and gravel traffic from Germany through Holland to Belgium. Threats by Germany to Holland are nothing new but on this occasion they are more violent than usual. The British Foreign Office is unaware if an ultimatum has actually been sent but undoubtedly the German Ministers at the Hague have used most threatening language. The latest news indicates that the situation today is less strained.

London, April 23.—The Daily News learns that the relations of Germany and Holland are very strained, chiefly on the subject of sand and gravel. The situation is regarded with anxiety in official diplomatic circles. It was rumoured yesterday evening that something in the nature of a German ultimatum had been delivered to Holland.

The Hague, April 23.—Vaderland states that the friction between Germany and Holland is due to the former's desire again to transmit sand and gravel via Holland, alleging a right thereto. The Dutch Government object, basing their attitude on the altered circumstances.

## The U-Boat Fantasy.

Amsterdam, April 19.—In the Reichstag, the Conservative leader, Count Westarp, declared that except for the Independent Socialists the Reichstag unanimously favoured the continuance of unrestricted submarine warfare as a means of attaining peace by making England submissive. Even if England proposed an armistice the raising of the blockade would not compensate for the abandonment of submarine warfare.

Herr Erzberger, the Centre leader, declared that Von Capelle had torn to shreds the Admiralty Staff's previous calculations. The Navy now realised what Erzberger had foretold in August last, namely, that the object of unrestricted submarine warfare would not be attained by January 1918 as was then officially asserted.

Amsterdam, April 20.—In the Reichstag's debate on the U-boat questions, the administration was severely criticised as regards delays and the manner in which submarines were constructed. Admiral Von Capelle said they must prepare for a long war.

Socialist deputies urged that U-boat warfare had prolonged the war and increased the number of opponents.

The Conservative Kapp alleged that Japan's non intervention with a big army was directly due to submarine warfare. Herr Ledebour and Kapp protested against the statement that all deputies favoured unrestricted submarine warfare.

An interesting function, according to a Calcutta paper, took place at Gangtok recently, when the Maharaja of Sikkim received from Mr. C. A. Bell, political officer, and kharita from the Viceroy investing his Highness with full powers of administration in his State. In the course of his speech on the occasion, Mr. Bell called attention to the remarkable fact that during the last thirty years there have been only two political officers appointed to Sikkim, Mr. Bell having succeeded the late Mr. Claude White, whose death at home was recently reported.

## Paddy Crop Report May 2, 1918.

Nasuan 1,200 cooyans at Tcs. 108-170 each  
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## Hongkong War Bond Drawing.

Applicants for tickets, in the Hongkong St. George's War Bond Drawing, already booked should apply to the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank for them without delay. Cost of same Tcs. 10.50 per \$5 Ticket. The local list is now closed.

## Rheims Cathedral.

### A Tale of Destruction.

The Cathedral at Rheims has long been the target for German guns and before the present offensive had been hit by hundreds of shells. 16,000 fell in Rheims within a fortnight in June of last year and the Cathedral was very badly battered. Describing things as they were last August a correspondent of the "Times" said:—

The bombardment of the last three months has done far more damage than all the other months of the war put together. In the south wall especially and in the roof of the Choir, above the pile of rubble which marks the site of the high altar, there are wide, gaping chasms where shell after shell has enlarged the same openings so that the wonder is that in these places the fabric holds together at all. Practically all the beautiful old glass is gone, and the floor of the nave which looks like a rough road in the making, is thickly strewn with broken and twisted fragments of lead, chips of brilliant coloured glass, and masses of stone and mortar among which at regular intervals, there are rows of neat little heaps of sifted earth and rubbish, from which the workmen have carefully gleaned every atom of the debris that can be used to piece together or repair windows and stonework when the gigantic task of restoration is taken in hand.

The faith of these Frenchmen is a thing to wonder at. Every one about the place, the old architect, who has worked on the Cathedral all his life, caretaker—who can tell you the story of each shell that has pierced the walls or the roof, and firmly believes that some which hit the fabric without doing any damage were stayed by the hand of God—and most of all, the silver-haired old Cardinal Archbishop, Monseigneur Luçon who with the utmost bravery and devotion has stuck to his post as the guardian of the house of God and father of his poor, through the whole of the bombardment, have an unshakable conviction that, whatever ruin the guns of the enemy have done and may yet do to the sacred building, it will and must be raised up again to the glory of God and of France.

### Shells Thickest Near Cathedral

Seventeen shells have fallen on the the Archbishop's Palace, the houses round it are wrecked and deserted, for the Cathedral quarter has been more mercilessly shelled than any other in the town, and yet to look at the brave old face and hear the Archbishop talk, you would never imagine that for months and months he has been living in one of the most dangerous places on the French front. In all France I have not seen during the war a face so serene and even happy. He has endured as a good soldier of Christ, he has won the right to wear the Cross of the Legion of Honour, as well as the cross of his calling and office; and now, what he wants more than anything is the means to provide for the needs of his people not only for the 5,000 still living in the town, but for the others when they come back. Can there be any doubt that in both respects the faith that is in him will be justified?

But in Rheims they are all brave and all have faith in the destinies of their country, the Mayor and his colleagues, who are forced to hold their municipal meetings underground, and the working men and women who carry on as if there were no such things as shells, no less than their spiritual pastor. Their town is a city of the dead. Whole streets of it are in ruins; scores of houses have been gutted by fire; hundreds and hundreds have been smashed and splintered; in street after street you see not a living soul, nothing but grass growing between the stones and shell splinters as thick as shells on the beach. Every wall that is still standing is pitted and scored by the flying fragments: every day fresh ruins are added to the old piles long ago covered by grass and weeds; and nearly every day one or two more are added to the list of non-combatants killed for no kind of military purpose.

And yet those that are left, and the whole of France with them, however sadly they may cry in their hearts, "How long, O Lord how long?" never doubt for a moment that the day of their deliverance from the nightmare of Prussia's barbaric cruelties is as certain as the dawn. Of all the fatal and futile mistakes that the German nation have made in their mad and vain effort to destroy the works as well as the rights of civilisation the bombardment of the Cathedral of Rheims is one of the maddest and least to be forgiven. It is the sin against the Holy Ghost, and it is being repeated every day.

## Belgium's Anguish.

London, April 19.—Mr Balfour speaking at a dinner to the Anglo-Belgian commerce delegates, said that despite the infamous treatment of Belgium by Germany in the early days of the war, which for evermore would be an indelible blot in German history, what is not equally well known and ought to be known is the treatment to which Belgium has deliberately subjected Germany during the occupation. The system of slow torture was even more horrible than the outrages of the invading army, although perhaps less dramatic than the first outrages which made the blood of the civilised world run cold.

The Germans have set themselves to ruin the trade and manufacture and capacity therefore of a friendly neighbour whom they were bound by treaty to protect. Germany has rejoicingly declared that if peace should come tomorrow it would be many months at the lowest estimate before Belgian intelligence, capital, industry and enterprise could again interfere with their German rivals. Further, they have cold bloodedly stripped Belgium of everything in the way of the plant, raw material and machinery of production on which its industry depends.

Belgium was among the leading European nations, as regards mining and other industries, and manufactures, and nothing exceeded the cynicism which this operation had been carried out, inflicting far deeper and more difficult injury to her than the destruction of agricultural prosperity. It was the business of the Allies to remedy this gross wrong and Britain and America would do their utmost to do so.

## Prosperous Egypt.

Cairo, April 20.—The acting Financial Adviser, Sir William Brunsyate, has issued a note on the 1918 budget. He refers to the progress of cotton cultivation. Difficulties as to fuel supplies were mainly overcome by the development of the Red Sea oil-fields and a most valuable discovery whereby gas is distilled from vegetable refuse. The Harghada oilfields, discovered in 1914, are turning out 15,000 tons monthly. The balance of trade for three and a half years represents addition Egypt's capital resources of fifty million to Egyptian pounds.

Sir William Brunsyate's note leaves the best impression of the present position and future prospects of Egypt.

## Hindenburg's Spies.

From an Englishman just out of Rubleben Mr. Wile, the well-known writer on German matters, says he has gleaned an intensely interesting bit of news, showing why "revolution" in Prussia is not likely to break out in the army, as it did in Russia. "The German Army is honey-combed with spies," they infest every trench. They belong to every machine-gun crew. Almost every sniper has one at his back. A soldier's supposed dearest comrade is more than likely to be leering and lurking on his every word in the hope of picking up a seditious utterance.

Officers and men, from generals to privates, are employed in this gigantic secret service, waiting and watching, in the prospect of certain reward by promotion, for an opportunity to catch some poor devil in an unguarded thought. It is because everybody in Feldgrau knows that he is being spied upon (my informant says) that the moral of Hindenburg's legions remains intact for all practical purposes. "There is little doubt," the Englishman adds, "that many a German soldier has 'disappeared' in consequence of too free thinking or too free speaking. Military orders require the immediate denunciation of any man foolish enough to commit either of these crimes. Once detected, his doom is sealed. It is mainly the terror of a firing-squad that maintains the 'unbroken battle-joy' of which Count Hertling recently boasted in the Reichstag."

## The Only Way to Win.

For any appreciable time any great offensive will clog in its own weight no matter how successful in the initial stages.

One of the Germany's greatest war advantages is that she dominates her alliance and that she in turn is dominated by the most determined collection of men in the world—rendered partly so by the fact that their whole system is staked on winning.

I do not agree with the theory which has received wide credence among the Allies that our people will show superior moral and endure more because we are free.

I think that the decision will rest upon endurance. There is no short cut to victory by either side, and there never has been one since the battle of the Marne. The side which cracks least internally should nose out at the finish.—D. Curtin.

## A GOOD RULE FOR THE HOME.

Make it a rule of your home to always keep on hand a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy as a safeguard against bowel complaints. It always cures promptly and no household is safe without it. For sale by the British Dispensary.

## Bamboo Pulp for Paper Making.

The Bombay Government Press Note states: Messrs. Turner Morrison and Co. Bombay, have applied to Government for a grant of certain concessions for the organisation of bamboo paper pulp industry in the forests of the Kanara District. It is proposed that a syndicate under the management of the Company should conduct experiments regarding possibilities of manufacture of half stuff from bamboos on a commercial basis. If the results of such experiments are satisfactory a public company will be formed in India to manufacture the pulp. The late Indignous Industries Committee who had for some time under their consideration the possibilities of the Industries were of opinion that there are good prospects of establishing a profitable bamboo pulp industry in the Kanara forests but that a considerable amount

of preliminary investigation and experiment must be carried out before it would be possible to place before the public a satisfactory scheme for the investment of public money. These preliminary enquiries will cost a considerable sum of money while their results will be of assistance to other companies operating in other parts of this presidency or India. The Government therefore consider it necessary to grant a measure of assistance to Messrs. Turner Morrison and Co. in the initial stage of their scheme as well as in their subsequent operation. The Kanara District will accordingly be reserved for the scope of the syndicate's experimental operations for a period of two years and during the period of seven years from the date of formation of a public company, no supplies of bamboos will be available from Government forests in Kanara for the purpose of making bamboo pulp for any one else than the proposed concessionaires. (Ex)

## THE RAINFALL.

Rainfall for the 3rd week in April 2461

Locality.	Rainfall recorded during the week.	Rainfall of corresponding week of last year.	Total rainfall for present year to date.	Total rainfall for last year to corresponding date.	Remarks.
Millimetres.	Millimetres.	Millimetres.	Millimetres.	Millimetres.	
Ministry of Agriculture	None	None	...	...	
Samudprakar	No report	"	...	...	
Dhanyaburi	No report	"	...	...	
Ayudhya	57.7	"	57.7	7.8	
Anglong	3.24	"	40.8	...	
Lobhuri	No report	"	...	...	
Nagor Pathom	None	"	...	...	
Subarn	No report	"	...	...	
Rajburi	None	"	5.0	...	
Bejraburi	"	"	...	...	
Kanchanaburi	38.2	"	38.2	...	
Chulaxong Sae	23.8	"	32.3	...	
Prachin	No report	"	...	31.3	
Udya	8.7	"	8.7	...	
Jayal	None	"	22.5	...	
Bisuloke	4.3	"	52.5	...	
Chiangmai	1.5	"	1.5	10.0	
Songkhla	None	"	22.3	...	

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### Haig Praises His Men.

London, April 23.—Field Marshal Haig in a supplementary report on the present battle says: The number of divisions employed against the British alone since the opening of the offensive on March 21 is already 192 of which many have been used twice and thrice. In resisting the heavy blows resulting from such a concentration, all ranks and arms of the services have behaved with a gallantry, courage and resolution for which no praise can be too high. Besides the divisions already mentioned for conduct of outstanding gallantry, many others greatly distinguished themselves. The Guards Division, after five days' heavy fighting at Boire Becquerelle, completely repulsed attacks delivered in great strength on March 28 and again on March 30, indicating heavy losses.

This Division, with the Thirty first and Third Divisions on its right and left in severe fighting on these and other occasions, successfully resisted all the enemy's efforts to open out a northern flank attack. Especially gallant service was performed also on March 28 by the Fourth Division north of the Scarpe, assisting to break up attacks launched for the capture of Arras and the Vimy ridge. This Division also distinguished itself on the Lys battle-front on the night of April 14/15 when an admirably executed counter attack took Biez du Vinage and 150 prisoners, and again on April 18 in repulsing strong attacks south-west of Bouscq, taking prisoner nearly two hundred.

During the first two days of the enemy offensive south of Arras, the Twenty first Division maintained its positions at Epehy against all assaults and only withdrew under order when the enemy's progress to the south necessitated withdrawal. Before withdrawing it inflicted great loss on the enemy and German official reports acknowledge the bitterness of the fighting. The Twenty fifth Division, in close support when the attack opened, was sent immediately into the battle in the neighbourhood of the Bagau Cambrai road and was not dislodged from any one position, though constantly attacked.

When withdrawn from the Somme, the fighting spirit of the Division was exceptionally high. It was again heavily engaged on the Lys and performed distinguished service. The Thirty first Division on April 13, holding a front of nine thousand yards east of Nieppe forest, although reduced in strength as a result of previous fighting and the enemy still pressing his advance, were informed that the line must be held to the last to cover the detrainment of reinforcements. All ranks responded to the appeal with most magnificent courage and devo-

tion and throughout a long day of incessant fighting beat off a succession of determined attacks. The enemy in the evening, in a last great effort, by sheer weight of numbers overran certain portions of the line whose defenders died fighting but would not give ground. The portions of the enemy penetrating at those points were driven back by reinforcements just detrainment.

The Thirty fourth Division, after severe fighting in the neighbourhood of Orolilles at the commencement of the battle, took over the Armentieres sector and were in the line on April 9 and maintained their positions intact in the first two days of the Lys battle, and when the enemy's advance on either flank necessitated the evacuation of Armentieres they withdrew from the town on the night of April 10-11 deliberately and in good order. Since then they were continuously engaged and fought throughout with the greatest gallantry, yielding ground reluctantly and counter-attacking frequently. The 42nd East Lancashire and 62nd West Riding Divisions, in fierce fighting at the end of March and early in April around Bucquoy and Ablainzeville, beat off many attacks and contributed greatly to the successful maintenance of the line. The Fifth Division, though but recently withdrawn after a week's continuous fighting south of the Somme, held up the enemy along the Lys line on April 9 and on subsequent days and by its stubborn resistance at Estaires and Merville checked the enemy's advance until the arrival of our reinforcements.

The Third and Fourth Australian Divisions at Mericourt, Labbe and Dernancourt, the New Zealanders at Serre, and later the Fifth Australians south of the Somme, performed most valuable and gallant services during the latter stages of the German attack on the Somme. With their aid the enemy's progress was definitely checked and by vigour of their defence all attempts to continue his advance were repulsed with the heaviest losses.

London, April 23.—Referring to the South Africans fighting at Messines, the divisional general in congratulating them, said that he could not find words adequate to thank the South African brigade for what it had done. The army corps commander wired: "I wish to express to the General of the South African brigade and all his officers and men my appreciation of their wonderful fighting spirit and most gallant doings in the great fight which we have been having in the last three days against heavy odds." The army commander wired: "If any unit can be picked out for exceptional praise I should say it is the South African brigade." The South Africans are now out of the line resting—a mere remnant of their former brigade.

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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
*Ban Nang Greng "	6.40	9.40	12.55	3.55	Klong Toi "	8.00	11.00	2.15	5.15
Chorakhe "	6.45	9.45	1.00	4.00	*Ban Kluei "	8.05	11.05	2.20	5.20
*Samrong "	6.50	9.50	1.05	4.05	Prakonong "	8.10	11.10	2.25	5.25
Bangna "	6.55	9.55	1.10	4.10	Bangdjak "	8.15	11.15	2.30	5.30
Bangdjak "	7.00	10.00	1.15	4.15	*Bangna "	8.20	11.20	2.35	5.35
Prakonong "	7.05	10.05	1.20	4.20	Samrong "	8.25	11.25	2.40	5.40
*Ban Kluei "	7.10	10.10	1.25	4.25	Chorakhe "	8.30	11.30	2.45	5.45
Klong Toi "	7.15	10.15	1.30	4.30	*Ban Nang 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
Bangkok Arr.	7.30	10.30	1.45	4.45	Paknam Arr.	8.45	11.45	3.00	5.55

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## The Girl Problem After the War.

I am not thinking about the ordinary girl worker. She had her "job" before the war and will continue it after, with all her added experience and probably higher wages. The girl I am thinking about is the one who has left a comfortable home and an easy life to take up routine work in offices and hospitals, and who will be left stranded when the war is over. I was talking to just such a one the other day.

"What shall I do when my work comes to an end?" she pleaded pathetically. "I have a happy home and need to be quite content with it in the old days. Now it will seem too dreadful to go back to the same life, just doing the flowers and entertaining visitors. Can you suggest any possible hope for the hundreds of girls now fully occupied, who will be thrown out of work when the war is over?"

It was on the tip of my tongue to suggest "marriage" but I did not. Marriage is by no means easy now for the average girl, when men are scarce and the opportunities for meeting them few and far between. Then, too, the many young and attractive widows are carrying off second men when their spinster sisters have not succeeded in finding one, and what is the reason for such an unequal division of the favours of life?

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### A Hint to Parents.

And this brings me to the only solution of the problem which so many people have asked me to tackle. The girls of modern life are crying out for homes of their own. They would naturally like a husband to share it with them, but if they can't have that, give them one without. Those who can afford it, give them a little house or a little flat with a moderate income, and those who can't, give them two rooms and a small allowance. Believe me, they will be happier in that little house or flat than they would be in a castle which was not their own.

The parents will doubtless reply: "We have showered love and care and money on our girls in their bringing-up, and now we want our reward. We want their company." Well, to those parents I should reply. "Did you think of that when you married yourselves? Did you let the thought of all the love and care and money you had received stand in the way of your own happiness? You have had

your day,—let them have theirs, and if you don't, you will keep an unwilling daughter in your midst, who will gradually sink to the unhappy state of sullen old-maidhood and be a thorn in your flesh instead of a blessing."

### Housekeeping and Happiness.

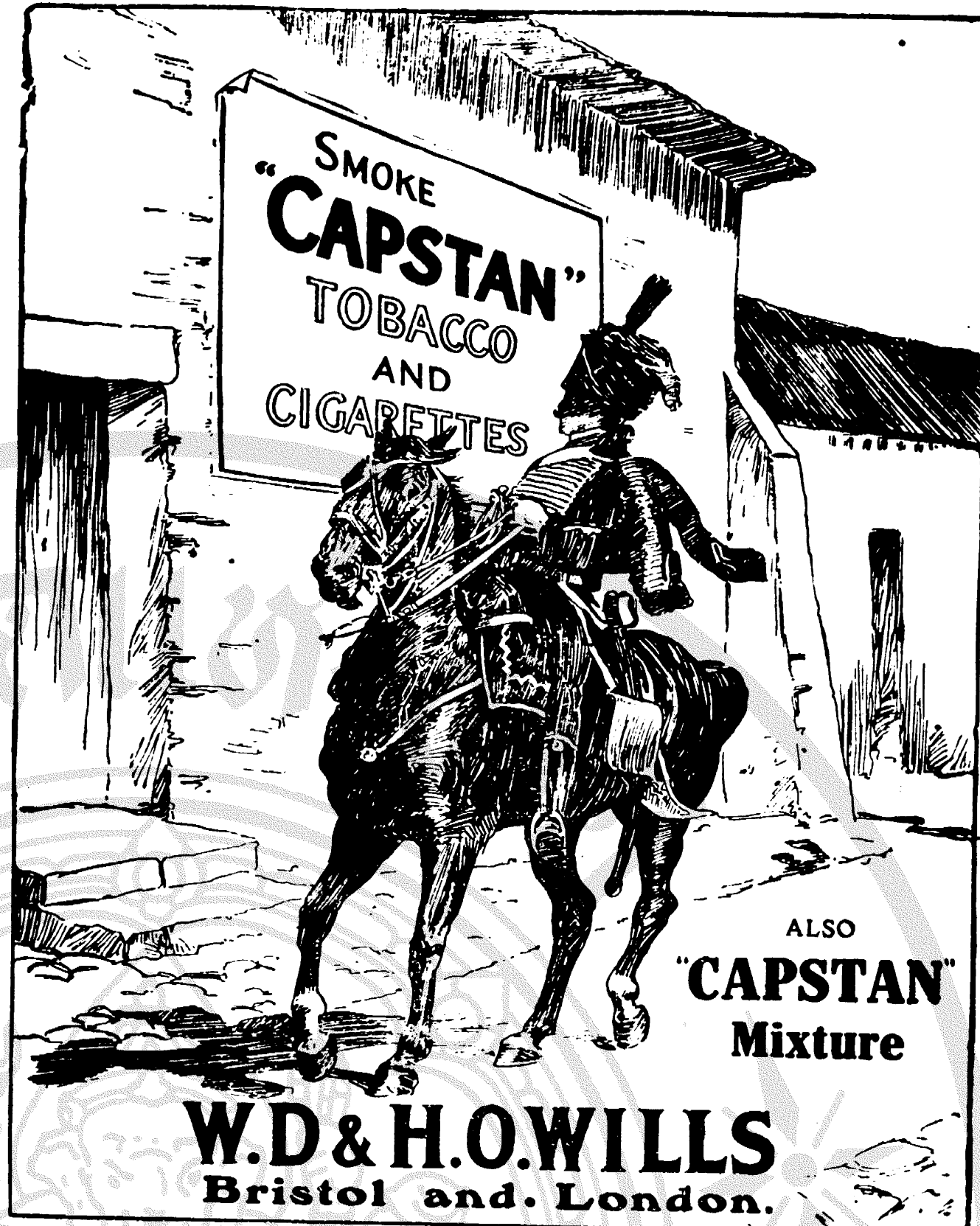
A girl nowadays is old enough to be her own mistress at twenty-five. Old-fashioned people will hold up their hands with horror and say that girls need protection until they are married, but I say that the girl who can tramp out in all weathers to her daily work and come back late at night unscathed, needs no protection. She has already found it in her wise little head and love of independence, and if she has to return to her old life after the war, it will seem a prison.

What does it matter if she has to practise economy and do without many of the little luxuries she used to have in her old home? The house-keeping will occupy her and the necessity to save her pence will force her to do some of the things which were always done for her in the years gone by. Parents of the present day, just think twice over this suggestion, and when you pay your first visit to your daughter in her new abode she will greet you with shining eyes and say proudly. "A small thing! but mine own."—Ex.

### Man-Power Matters.

London, April 28.—The Times says: The Dominions are redoubling their efforts to enforce their troops on the west front. Both Australia and South Africa are resorting to redoubled recruiting campaigns. There is no difference between the advocates and opponents of conscription in Australia in their devoted support of the British cause but only a difference about the means which contribute best to its prosperity. The New Zealand Government, besides increasing its reinforcements, has carried a budget with a drastic clause compelling subscription to the latest war loan. The efforts of Australia, New Zealand, Canada and South Africa, if with differing accents, speak with a unanimity of meaning and firmness of resolve singularly welcome to this country and the Allies at this moment of heaviest strain.

London, April 21.—The Bishop of London, addressing a Stoke Newington congregation, supported conscription and announced that despite the exclusion of the clergy from the Man-Power Act, calling up notices were being despatched to the clergy in his diocese. He said that the exclusion did not affect the position. The principle which was being observed in London would be the basis of leaving one priest per parish. The Bishop believed that other Bishops would act similarly.



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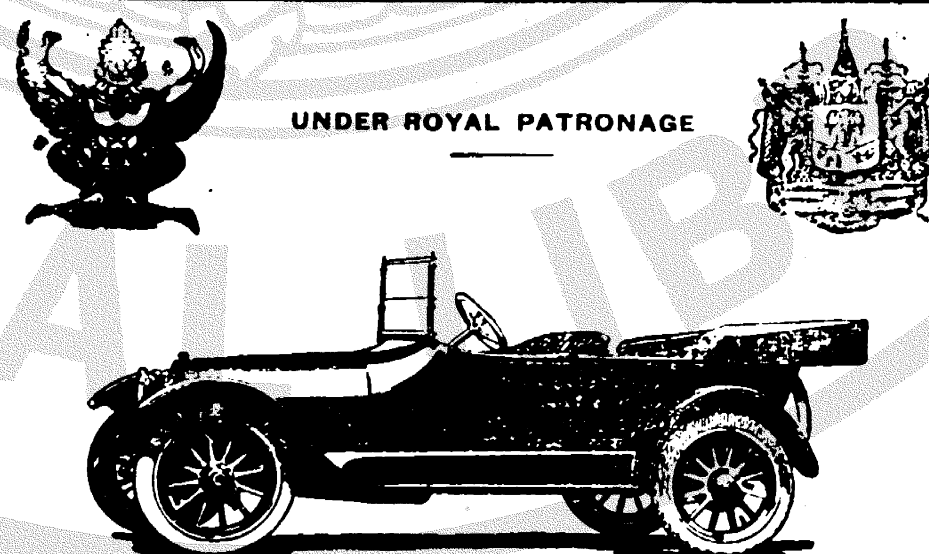
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