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

## P.M.

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

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## War Till Victory.

London, June 20.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Balfour replied to a pacifist motion by Mr. Morell asking for an assurance that the Government would lose no diplomatic opportunity of settling the problems of the war by agreement and urging the revision of secret treaties with the Allies which he alleged were inconsistent with the objects for which Britain entered the war and therefore were a barrier to a democratic peace. Mr. Snowden seconded the motion.

Mr. Balfour said that Germany was pursuing her aim of universal domination with persistent, elaborate care and ruthless, cold blooded determination. Our motives to-day were as high and pure as at the beginning of the war. Events since 1913 had convinced every student save a few pacifists that war was an inevitable result of the German ambition for world domination.

Referring to peace proposals like the Austrian Emperor's letter, Mr. Balfour said that we had never rejected any proposals having the slightest possibility of producing the kind of peace that all desired.

## Insincerity of Germany.

There was no evidence that Germany had ever been serious in making such offers. Belgium stood out as a great, unanswerable proof of what the Germans would do if they thought that a military advantage was obtainable from any action of theirs. Germany had never openly or plainly stated that Belgium would be given up, restored and replaced in a position of absolute economic and political independence.

Mr. Balfour with great emphasis repudiated the suggestion that there was the smallest difference as regards war aims between ourselves and America. We cherished the same ideals, we were fighting for the same purpose on the same battlefield, and we were making similar sacrifices.

He defended the secret treaties, which had been made under conditions in which any Government would have been bound to act similarly. It was a mistake to suppose that the Italian treaty was in the way of peace. The Allies were prepared to listen collectively to all reasonable arrangements. The Government would not be deaf to any reasonable suggestion if such was made.

## Allies Ready to Negotiate.

Any proposal to the Allies would be considered on its merits. These treaties were made by Britain with others as members of an alliance. We should stand by them. The treaties did not provide any obstacle to the conclusion of a reasonable peace and would not occasion any difficulty between ourselves and Italy. Of more importance than at present attempting to review these treaties was the task of resisting the Austro-German efforts and doing all possible to restore Russia to full national self-consciousness.

Everybody sympathises with Russia to-day. Her sufferings have been little alleviated by the nominal peace forced upon her. I do not despair of our ability even now to do something material to restore economic and political unity and national effort in that great country.

As far as is ascertainable, the Central Powers at present do not intend to do anything more as regards peace proposals than to offer very favourable terms to one of the members of the alliance with a view to disintegrating the alliance.

## A Truce Not Sufficient.

He did not blame the Central Powers for setting such a trap but he would blame those falling into the trap, and mostly so those pacifists who apparently thought it criminal not to fall into it.

Concluding, Mr. Balfour said that the Government, and also the Opposition benches, were desirous of an honourable ending to the war but all thought that no peace would be honourable or satisfactory which was merely a truce. Peace, when attained, must leave the fewest possible causes of friction and jealousy, which divided the small nations even more than they divided the big nations.

He hoped that future peace would be supplemented by a League of Nations for the enforcement of peace. "We passionately desire an honourable peace, but are more and more convinced that it is only attainable by struggling to the end in order not to leave any nation like Germany with power to repeat the evil under which the whole civilised world is at present groaning."

The pacifist motion was negatived without a division.

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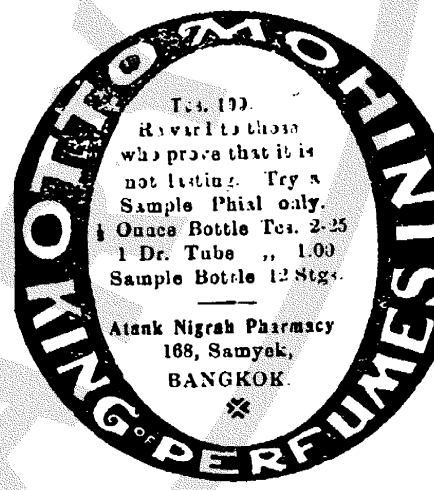
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## Enemy Aliens in Britain.

London, June 21.—Unusual interest is being taken in the Clapham by-election. The Coalitionist candidate, Mr. Harry Greer, is opposed by Mr. Hamilton Beamish, the nominee of Mr. Pemberton Billing.

Both are calling attention to the enemy alien question. Mr. Beamish recently said that if he was returned, and all enemy aliens were not interned, he would create pandemonium in the House of Commons.

The Prime Minister's secretary has written to Mr. Greer that Mr. Lloyd George is personally examining the whole question of alien enemies in this country and is determined to take whatever action is necessary.

London, June 21.—The National Party is organising a petition for the immediate internment of all enemy aliens.

London, June 22.—The result of the Clapham by-election was as follows: Greer, Coalitionist, 4,512. H. Beamish, Independent, 3,331.

## America's War Spirit.

St. Paul's June 21.—The American Federation of Labour has passed a resolution re-affirming their opposition to meeting the representatives of the workers of the Central Powers until Germany's military machine is crushed, and declaring that the true attitude of the enemy workers cannot be learned at such a conference, as they would be completely dominated by their militaristic and Imperialistic leaders.

Mr. Gompers has been re-elected President of the Federation, and has been authorised to visit Great Britain, France and Italy in order to cement the relations of Allied and American workers.

It is also recommended that a permanent representative of the Federation be maintained in Europe.

## A Socialist Delegation.

New York, June 21.—A delegation of American Socialists is going to London, to attend the British Labour Party's Conference in August, and afterwards will confer with Socialists in France, Italy and Switzerland.

The American Alliance of Labour and Democracy has issued a statement on behalf of the delegation emphasising America's opposition to the whole Stockholm Conference scheme, root and branch, and declaring that nothing can be gained by such peace conversations at present.

It adds that at any International Congress, "Socialist delegations from autocratic countries must consist exclusively of those actively engaged in the effort to bring about the immediate revolutionary overthrow of their Governments."

## Hun Nonsense.

One of the stories introduced into Holland by German agency, possibly with a view to its reproduction in Allied countries, is that the directors of Krupp's mammoth factories at Essen have been engaged for some time in practically burying their works underground in order to forestall the Allied air raiders whom they fully expect to see flying over Essen in force this summer. The foresight revealed is no less admirable than the care which it bespeaks for the lives and limbs of hundreds of thousands of workpeople. To bury Essen underground, however, is a somewhat tall order, which would require several years to carry out under peace conditions and it may be presumed that the Krupp directors are more preoccupied with problems immediately affecting the supply of guns and munitions to Ludendorff than with any questions of a less urgent character. Even if it were practicable and reasonable to expect anything like an equal outturn of work from men leading the lives of gnomes the concealment of the great workshops underground would render them hardly less liable to attack from the air. There would still have to be shafts and tunnels providing ingress and egress, and our airmen would be quite capable of discovering and bombing these, with results to Krupp which would be at least as disastrous as any bombardment in the open.

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Enemy Countries.

Whereas the businesses of the Siam  
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Ltd., Hong Muang Road, Bangkok, ap-  
pear to be carried on mainly for the  
benefit of persons of enemy nation-  
ality.

Therefore the said businesses are, in  
pursuance of Article 8 of the Law For-  
bidding Trade with the Subjects of  
Enemy Countries, ordered to be  
attached and wound up, and Nai Beng  
Sriyabha appointed liquidator there-  
for.

Notification issued on the 26th day  
of June B. E. 2461.

(Signed) KITIYAKARA,  
Minister of Finance.

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### Notice.

The Navigation Lock at Bang Hia  
will be closed for repairs from 1st July  
B. E. 2461. Boats cannot pass through  
this lock until the said repairs are  
completed.

Royal Irrigation Department,  
Bangkok, 20th June B. E. 2461.

(Signed) C. D. GEE,  
Acting Director General, R.I.D.  
20-5 Jy.

### French Red Cross Fête.

There will be no entrance fee  
charged to the premises of the French  
Legation for the Red Cross Fête given  
on Saturday July 13th at 9 o'clock p.m.  
where there will be various attrac-  
tions, cinematograph, barracks, Chinese  
Theatre, Giant Wheel, etc., etc.

The Bridge and Card Games En-  
trance Fee has been fixed to Ticals 5  
a player.

Guests are requested to reply at Mr.  
Frédéric Niquet, Secretary of the French  
Red Cross Committee, and Bridge and  
Card Players are kindly requested to  
send in their names and table-fours,  
at earliest convenience to Madame  
Malcolm Bréanger.

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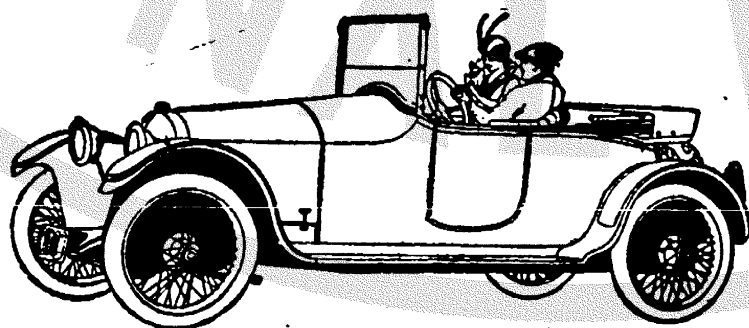
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### The Siam Observer

TUESDAY, JULY 2, 1918.

### CHINA'S GREAT WANT.

The question is often asked by those  
who are interested in the affairs of  
China how it is that the people will  
permit a few individuals to barter  
national rights and liberties in ex-  
change for the funds with which to  
finance campaigns of rapine and  
murder. The state of things that  
exists in China at present would be  
wholly impossible if even a small  
fraction of the population knew how  
and why they came to exist. As a  
matter of fact the average illiterate  
Chinese makes but a poor unit in a  
democracy. He knows nothing, and  
wants to know nothing, of the world  
except his own neighbourhood over  
which he has painfully plodded on  
foot; he has had no experience of  
politics beyond, it may be, a dispute  
with some corrupt district official; he  
recognises no obligations outside those  
due to his own family and he knows  
no loyalty to any person other than  
the head of the family. With such  
units it is evident that there will be no  
true democratic government in China  
until the people are given something  
to think of and their thoughts guided  
along proper channels. It is said that  
there are thousands in China to-day  
who have not yet heard of the fall of  
the Manchus and in any province it is  
safe to say that at least ninety percent.  
of the people do not know who  
represented them in the Parlia-  
ment which has played so dramatic  
a part in the short history of the  
Republic. The strange thing, how-  
ever, is that when this same Chinese is  
taken abroad he at once develops  
many interests and enthusiasms. He  
no longer dreads authority, he respects  
it; he takes an intense interest in  
and develops a striking loyalty to the  
community in which he lives and  
above all he cultivates a very real  
patriotism for China has no more  
devoted champions than those of her  
sons who are living abroad.

China's great want is a drastic and  
fundamental overhauling which should  
have as its motive the inspiring of the  
people with a desire for a knowledge  
of public affairs and a sense of res-  
ponsibility in the conduct of a demo-  
cratic government. Were this need to  
be recognised by the official classes a  
great change could be worked in the  
attitude of the people toward govern-  
ment and international relations and  
had Chinese patriots devoted their  
energies to this end instead of to  
intrigue and conspiracy a real demo-  
cracy would be much nearer at hand.  
During the seven years that have  
elapsed since the fall of the Manchus  
all that the Chinese have learned of  
of practical politics and political  
economy has been through bitter  
experience, and such experience as  
leaves them very little hope for the  
future.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE s.s. *Hainlee* has arrived from  
Singapore with one bag of mail.

E. M. Pereira & Co. have a notice re  
repairs of tombstones etc. at the Pro-  
testant Cemetery.

RUGBY players are requested to note  
that the practice this week will be held  
on Wednesday, not Thursday.

WE have received a copy of the  
June number of the *Echo de l'Assomption*  
which is as usual full of interest-  
ing and instructive matter.

CORRESPONDENTS on the American  
front report that 122 Americans have  
been decorated with the Croix de  
Guerre for bravery.

THE death occurred yesterday after-  
noon, at Samson, of Chao Chom Marda  
Hueng, of the fourth reign and mother  
of the late Krom Mita Mahit.

THE Post and Telegraph Department  
reports that Tagoy line is still im-  
perfectly working between Tavoy and  
Bangkok. Other lines are in good order.

GERMAN women's hair is no longer  
to be cut off to be woven into belts for  
submarine machinery as their comb-  
ings are found to be better and suffi-  
cient.

THE Totalisator at the Royal Turf  
Club brought a profit of Tca. 1,919 to  
the Club at Sunday's races. This is  
claimed to be a record for one day's  
racing in Bangkok.

### Local Sport.

#### Golf.

Coleby beat Le May by 2 up and 1 to  
play in the Semi-Final for the club  
championship, and thus qualified to  
meet Briehouse in the Final, which  
should be a very even and keenly  
fought match, since both players are  
about the same on the handicap table  
at the club.

The four semi-finalists in the junior  
championship, which is a knock out  
tournament confined to players whose  
handicaps are more than 12, are Messrs.  
Baman, Nunn, Preston and King. All  
four players have shown good form in  
recent games, and it would not be easy  
to name the winner at the present time.

#### Tennis.

A match is being played to-day, to-  
morrow and Thursday at the Sports  
Club, between a Siamese team led by  
Phya Supan and a team chosen by the  
tennis section committee of the Club.  
The teams are as follows:

Phya Supan's Team.	Tennis Section Team.
Phra Chaleunin	H. P. Bagger
Phra Anur-ks Kosa	G. A. C. Preston
Phya Supan-ombot	C. Hewitt
Khu Samung	F. M. Brooks
M. M. Chow Kechon	D. Mc. I. Miller
Luang Chao	R. W. Aston

### Imports and Exports.

The values of Imports and Exports  
during the month of June 1918, were  
as follows:—

Imports.	
3 % Goods	Tca. 7,269,633
Wine, Beer, & Spirits	73,638
Gold leaf	44,250
Bullion & Coin	6,434
Opium	1,067,449
Total	8,460,834
Exports.	
Rice	Tca. 6,639,355
Teak	310,323
Other goods	1,979,937
Total	8,929,615

### Letter from the Front.

The following letter from Brother  
Theophile formerly of the Assumption  
College, Bangkok, appears in this  
month's *Echo de l'Assomption*:—

This present year has not been an  
idle one for me and many are the try-  
ing experiences I have gone through.  
We have visited most of the battle-  
fields: the Oise, the Aisne, the Meuse,  
the Argonne, Verdun; and in all those  
places God has extended to me a pre-  
tecting hand. There were hard-fought  
engagements in May and June: St.  
Quentin witnessed heroic deeds and  
glorious sacrifices, and still the town  
remained in the hands of the enemy.  
We were allowed a few days' rest and  
then the regiment was despatched to  
Verdun in the Wood of Avocourt. The  
name recalls to my mind a flood of  
memories of the never-to-be-forgotten  
Verdun struggle of 1916, during which  
we occupied the very same Avocourt  
Wood. Happily we have now the ad-  
vantage, and the odds are against them.  
On August 20th, after an intense arti-  
llery preparation we dashed forward  
and reached the third German line at  
a bound. Our casualties were insigni-  
ficant. The next day the enemy re-  
covered and then the fight grew fiercer  
and the counter-attacks were costly,  
but our troops sternly held their ground  
and not an inch was lost.

After a three weeks' respite we en-  
trained for the Argonne, and now we  
are stationed on the banks of the  
Meuse. Good Heavens! What a life  
we lead! How remote from our  
younger day's aspirations! Still  
through thick and thin my cherished  
thought remains: "May God's will be  
done!" Number 16 of the *Echo* has  
reached me, and its reading takes me  
back among my most dear friends in  
the Assumption College."

### Shipping Notes.

The Fren. s.s. *Bonita* 100 tons, Capt.  
H. Conlor, arrived from Saigon yester-  
day with a general cargo and 26 bags  
of mail and 3 deck passengers. The  
consignees are Messrs E. O. Monod &  
Co.

The Nor. s.s. *Diva*, 833 tons, Capt.  
J. Jurgens-n, arrived from Singapore  
to-day with a general cargo and 19 bags  
of mail, 12 deck passengers. The con-  
signees are Messrs. Li Tit Guan.

Name.	Nationality.	Berth.
Den Samud	Siam.	30
Diva	Nor.	33
Foo Lee	China.	R.N.
Chinhua	Brit.	M.
Bonita	Fren.	J-1

### Paddy Crop Report July 1, 1918.

Nasuan 1,320 Coyans at Tca. 100 168 each
S. muang 320 " " " 98 130 "
Namuang 20 " " " 96— "
Total 1,660 Coyans.



## Great War.

## The French Front.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, June 29.

To the south of the Aisne we attacked south of Ambleny as far east as Mont Gobert on a front of seven kilometres; we took Fosse-en-haut, Laversine and the heights to the north-west of Outry. We carried our lines to the borders of St. Pierre-Aigle, our advance reached in some places a depth of two kilometres; we took more than 1,063 prisoners.

The Germans made two vain attempts, attacking with several battalions, to drive us out of the positions taken.

Paris, June 30.

To the south of the Ourcq we took the ridge between Mesfey and Passy-en-Valois. We realised an advance of 800 metres on a front of 3 kilometres.

[Note:—Passy-en-Valois is a village to the east of La Ferte-Maclos.]

(Reuter's Telegram.)

London, July 1.

A French communiqué says:—South of the Aisne we attacked in the morning from the south of Ambleny to the east of Mont Gobert with the object of driving the enemy from fortified positions. We penetrated enemy organisations on a front of seven kilometres and carried trenches above Laversine and the heights north-west of Outry, carrying our line to the western outskirts of St. Pierre-Aigle, and to the crest south thereof. The advance attained a maximum depth of two kilometres. One thousand and sixty prisoners have been counted to the present.

[Ambleny:—A village west of Soissons. Fosse-en-haut, Laversine, Outry and St. Pierre-Aigle are villages situated between Ambleny and Mont Gobert south-west of Soissons, south of Aisne and north of the forest of Villers-Cotterets.]

## On the British Front.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, June 29.

The British troops made an advance of a kilometre and half on the east of the forest of Nieppe and took 400 prisoners.

Paris, June 30.

On the British front enemy artillery is active.

(Reuter's Telegram.)

London, July 1.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—English troops carried out a successful minor operation on a three and a half mile front east of Nieppe forest. We advanced our line to an average depth of nearly a mile and took prisoner 300. We also captured 23 machine guns and gained all our objectives including the hamlets of Lepinette, Verterue and Labecque. We surprised the enemy, hence our casualties were light.

Australians attacked and captured posts west of Merris and captured 43 prisoners and six machine guns.

## Austria's Losses.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, June 29.

Basle.—Weckerke speaking in the Hungarian Chamber on the state of Austria said their losses approached 100,000 men.

## The War in the Air.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, June 29.

German airmen made another raid last night in the neighbourhood of Paris, there were no victims.

Captain Marcel Donner commandant of an air squadron, who was killed yesterday at Villers Cotterets, is the third son of Senator Donner to fall on the field of honour.

## The Czecho-Slovaks.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, June 29.

The presentation of the flag of the Czecho-Slovak army took place in the zone of the armies in the presence of President Poincaré.

## Ex-Commander of Baltic Fleet.

(Reuter's Telegram.)

London, July 1.

Moscow:—A Bolshevik Court has passed the death sentence on Captain Stokhansky, the ex-commander of the Baltic Fleet, on a charge of opposing and discrediting the Soviet rule. Krylenko was the prosecutor. The Central Executive Committee of the Soviets has dismissed an appeal against the sentence.

## Kerensky's Travels.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, June 30.

Kerensky arrived in Paris yesterday from London.

## American Telegrams.

## Red Cross Campaign.

New York, May 18.—Five million people, including hundreds of thousands of women, are parading in 1,500 cities of the United States to-day preliminary to the American Red Cross Campaign this week for one hundred million dollars. It is forecasted that more than that amount will be raised.

President Wilson, on foot, headed a parade here of 75,000 women in white uniforms.

San Francisco, May 11.—About five hundred cities in the Pacific Coast States report Red Cross parades. Here 40,000 women paraded, while there were 42,000 in Los Angeles, 10,000 in Spokane and 10,000 at Seattle. The Governor of California led the march at Sacramento. Several cities and counties reported that their quotas had been raised before subscribing starts on Monday.

## The Americans Think.

Washington, May 18.—It is officially stated that the Americans are holding a longer battle front than the Belgians, thus ranking third, next to the French and British. This position was obtained when the Americans took over a sector in Picardy. Troops are going overseas faster every week. It is estimated that 800,000 additional soldiers will be available from the law requiring the registration of youths who have reached the age 21 since last June. They must register on 5th June next.

Dispatches say that the Germans were repulsed with sanguinary losses in a raid in the Lunenburg sector. The Americans employed grenades, rifles and pistols, and also engaged in hand-to-hand fighting without losing a single man.

It is estimated that the Germans have 1,900,000 men assembled on the Picardy-Flanders front for their next offensive.

The Japan-China Agreement

According to press reports, Japan and China have informed the Allied Governments that they have arranged for an Entente and military co-operation to meet the danger from German penetration threatening the peace of the Far East. This is regarded in Washington as a defensive measure.

## The New 10 Commandments.

According to press reports just received from the United States, the President has signed a bill which takes its place in history as the most liberal legislation in protection of a nation's fighters ever known. It is called the National Ten Commandments, and its provisions paraphrased in Biblical language, follow:

1. Thou shalt not evict, for non-payment of rent, a soldier's dependents, under penalty of \$10,000 fine.
2. Thou shalt not cut off a soldier's life insurance because of delayed payments.
3. Thou shalt not foreclose a mortgage on a soldier's property.
4. Thou shalt not take away a soldier's home on which he has made part payment.
5. Thou shalt not sell a soldier's property because of his failure to pay the taxes, national, state or local.
6. Thou shalt not settle a law-suit against a soldier during his absence.
7. If a soldier sues, the courts shall postpone action until he can attend to it.
8. If a soldier has a mine, or timber or farm claim, assessments on which are overdue, it shall be held for him.
9. Honour thy soldier and thy sailor, that thy days may be long in the land of Liberty.
10. No man hath greater love than he that offereth his life for the world's sake and it is commanded that neither lawyers, nor the loan sharks nor the gatherers of tithes shall fatten on him.

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## Back to Piave.

## Austrian Retreat.

London, June 24.—Italian semi-official: The pursuit at certain points has reached the left bank of the Piave.

The Austrians abandoned very considerable quantities of war material. The prisoners are not yet counted.

Continued pressure on Sunday from Montello to the sea obliged the enemy to retire in disorder and he has already been thrown back at almost all points to the left bank of the Piave. Montello has been entirely retaken and along the Piave considerable bodies of Italians have in large sectors fought their way to the old line on the right bank. Infantry and cavalry detachments have reconquered several positions on the left bank at Capo Sile. Numerous bombing squadrons elsewhere also have been thrown across the river.

London, June 24.—Of the Austrian retreat, the latest news this afternoon is that the Austrians have wholly evacuated Montello and crossed the river, partly by one of the remaining bridges, partly by wading. They were followed up by the Italians, who captured several hundreds of prisoners besides others yet uncounted. Also fell guns and war material. The Italians likewise recaptured twenty-two of their own guns. The Italians are now on the north bank, with one bridge at Fails and another at Nervara, where they are making bridgeheads and meeting little opposition.

The Italians have captured of Austrian batteries probably about a dozen. Between Montello and Zenson the Italians are on the river for the whole distance. They are making bridgeheads at Pont di Piave and on the whole of that front are pushing over cavalry. The enemy south of Zenson is fighting a stubborn rearguard action in order to cover the retreat of the main army, but only two bridgeheads are left there, one at Sandona and the other at Grisola.

The Italians have recovered Caposile bridgeheads with prisoners. The situation at present is that the Italians have practically restored the situation to what it was before the Austrian attack. The Austrians have very few reserves on the Piave sector and also have made the fewest trenches eastward of the Piave, besides which their lateral communications are bad, rendering the passage of reinforcements from the north most difficult. At a moderate estimate the Austrians have lost double the Italians.

London, June 24.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Lloyd George stated that the Austrians are now in full retreat. The question was whether they could retreat.

## The Correspondents.

Rome, June 24.—An Italian war correspondent says that the Austrians are not only beaten but suffered a partial disaster, the extent and importance of which cannot yet be estimated. The Austrians at night times began to withdraw from the Piave, hoping to carry out the retreat without attracting the attention of the Italians, but the Italian patrols penetrating the enemy lines discovered the manoeuvre. The Italian artillery directed an intense fire on the enemy troops as they were crossing the river and at eleven yesterday morning the Italian infantry with magnificent dash, took the offensive.

The troops broke in the Montello front and the Austrian retreatment became a disorderly retreat. At Nervara, which the Italians reoccupied, the Italians found Austrian guns intact, with ammunition, as well as the Italian artillery which they lost at the beginning of the offensive. The waters of the Piave are carrying away much material and hundreds of corpses. The Italian aviators bombed and machine gunned the retreating masses which are crowding the bridges.

Paris, June 24.—The Daily Mail says: A French raid which captured over 100 prisoners has been the most striking epilogue to the complete failure of the Austrian offensive in the Asiago, plateau sector, where French and British stand shoulder to shoulder. A small French detachment set out across no man's lands entered the Austrian front line, crossed it and got right up on the western slopes of Mount Sisoni. The prisoners brought back were mostly Hungarians, with a few Croats. They say that the greatest confusion exists in the enemy lines after his defeat. The Austrian losses have been very heavy, their supply service is upset and all their arrangements and connections are badly disorganised.

## The Effect.

Rome, June 24.—The news of the disorderly retreat of the Austrians led to most enthusiastic scenes in Rome. Excited crowds snatched special editions from the hands of the newsvendors. There were great demonstrations in the cafés and theatres the orchestras playing the National Anthem and the crowds cheering.

There were similar demonstrations everywhere in the provinces.

London, June 24.—Italy's victory is being as glorious news which will be universally felt as a great moment of the war. The announcement of General Diaz that the enemy is retreating to disorder is regarded as of the utmost military significance, but experts give a warning against the assumption that all danger is averted on the Italian front, as the ability of the Austrians to take the offensive must depend on the magnitude of the Aus-

trian disorder. Nevertheless, it is conceded that the victories of Asiago and the Piave will influence the balance in favour of the Entente on all fronts, it only by discrediting the legend of German invincibility, while the effect of the splendid victory upon the Italian temperament may evoke a national spirit that will prove irresistible.

It is difficult to determine the causes of the dramatic collapse of an offensive planned on so grandiose a scale, and backed with such enormous resources.

The warmest tribute is paid to the astonishing recovery of moral which has resulted in avenging Raporetto, but it is felt that the undoubted skill, rapidity and valour of the Italians are not enough to explain the Austrian decision to retreat. The internal unrest in the Dual Monarchy has probably affected the troops, though no proof thereof is found in the desperate bravery with which the Austrians fought, but news leaking out from Austria Hungary shows that the conditions are bad enough to influence a decision of the high command that will cause gnashing of teeth in Berlin.

The newspapers in London seize the occasion to emphasize the necessity of the Allies not concluding a separate peace with the Hapsburgs but taking a firm and unequivocal stand on the side of Austro-Hungarian Slaves.

The Daily Chronicle calls upon Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Clemenceau to go boldly beyond the obscure formula of the Versailles Conference on this matter and sound out clearly to all the oppressed Hapsburg peoples the note of insurrection and resurrection.

Paris, June 14.—It is generally the opinion that the Austrians have received one of the severest blows of the war and at a time when the internal situation is menacing.

## 370,000 Germans killed First Week?

The Hague, April 12.—Three hundred and seventy thousand Germans were killed in the first week of their offensive on the western front, according to a report printed by the *Belgische Dagblad* to-day. It said that twenty baskets, measuring 24 by 16 inches in size, full of German soldiers' identification discs, have arrived at Poruwela, in Belgium, representing 370,000 dead. An identification disc worn by a German soldier is about the size of an American quarter of a dollar.

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### The Irish Deadlock.

London, June 21.—In the House of Lords, Lord Curzon, in a debate on Irish policy, denied that there was any bargain to give Home Rule in return for conscription, although the two were inseparable parts of the same problem. The discovery of the sinister and treasonable Sinn Fein conspiracy with the enemy made it impossible to pursue the Home Rule policy, while the Roman Catholic clergy's resistance to conscription had forced the Government to readjust its policy. The Government was hopeful as to the results of the voluntary scheme. It was better to get 50,000 volunteers from Ireland than a larger number at the cost of possible civil war. The condition of Ireland was grave but the Sinn Fein arrests had produced feelings of relief, especially amongst the Nationalist leaders.

London, June 21.—In the House of Lords, Lord Curzon, announcing the Government's decision not to proceed with Home Rule or conscription for Ireland, reviewed the altered conditions since the Irish Convention's report was presented. The Government's earlier decision to apply conscription was supported by the unanimous sentiment of every part of the United Kingdom and of the overseas Dominions, and of the United States, where Irishmen were being conscripted.

**The Sinn Fein Plot.**  
The synchronistic announcement of the intention to introduce Home Rule was a mere accident. He repudiated the suggestion that the element of bargaining entered the former policy. The change of policy had been influenced by the discovery for the first time in May of the sinister and formidable Sinn Fein conspiracy. The convention spirit everywhere disappeared in Ireland while public opinion in Great Britain and the Dominions also changed, and it became apparent that the Home Rule Bill would not have a ghost of a chance of acceptance by the House of Commons, and to proceed with it would almost have amounted to a crime.

This situation reacted on the proposal to introduce conscription. Two great events had happened to change the situation, namely, the discovery of the Sinn Fein conspiracy and the action of the Roman Catholic clergy in Ireland, who ordered their flocks, under penalty of eternal damnation, to resist conscription to the uttermost.

The success of the new Government scheme of voluntary recruiting would depend largely on the attitude of the Roman Catholic clergy and the Nationalist leaders. He would be very surprised if many of the clergy did not rally to the side of Great Britain in the present crisis. The promise of land grants was exactly the same policy as had been pursued in England during the past two or three years relating to soldiers' small holdings.

The situation in Ireland was still grave and had necessitated the proclamation of sixteen counties and cities under the Crimes Act, but the arrest

and deportation of the Sinn Fein leaders had produced a general sense of relief, felt by none more than by the Nationalist leaders themselves.

London, June 22.—The Times understands that the Government consider their proposals regarding Home Rule and conscription as postponed and in no wise abandoned.

London, June 22.—In view of Lord Curzon's speech, Mr. Dillon and the Nationalists will shortly return to Westminster.

### Federation the Solution.

London, June 21.—The Times Lobbyist states that the abandonment of Home Rule and conscription is bound to react seriously on the political situation. The course of events is convincing Members that the only hope lies in Federalism.

London, June 21.—Lord Curzon's announcement of the abandonment of Home Rule and conscription has caused a sensation in the Lobby.

The Daily News says that the confession of failure is bound to affect the Government's prestige. It has been finally proved that it cannot settle the Irish question but an immediate settlement was never more imperative.

The Daily News suggests that advantage should be taken of the presence of the Dominions conference in London to refer the question to the judgment of the Dominions.

The Morning Post says that the Government has again burnt its fingers badly. This act of surrender can hardly make the government of Ireland easier. The bedrock fact remains that the union must be maintained.

Mr. Lord George is agreed to receive a deputation from a committee appointed from all Parties in both Houses which will urge the appointment of a Commission to draft a scheme for Federal Home Rule.

### The Recruiting Council.

London, June 22.—Sergeant Sullivan, Sir Maurice Dockrell, Mr. Henry McLoughlin and Captain Gwynne have been appointed an Irish Recruiting Council.

Lord French, in a message to the Council says that the readiness and goodwill with which they have responded to the invitation confirms his unflinching belief in his countrymen's sympathy with the cause for which the Allies are fighting. The task that they have undertaken will bring joy to many an old comrade in the field, where Irish regiments are looking to the boys at home to maintain the great tradition of their fighting race.

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## Empire Unity.

### Dominions' Aid for the Motherland.

London, June 21.—The Parliamentary supper given by the Empire Parliamentary Association to welcome the Dominion Premiers and Ministers was a brilliant affair.

The Royal galleries in the House of Lords, in which the supper was served, were crowded, a most distinguished gathering including thirteen past and present Dominion Premiers, most of the Ministers of the Cabinet, a large number of M. P.s and peers, including Government and Opposition, the High Commissioners, and all the Dominion Premiers and other overseas Ministers now in this country, including General Smuts, Mr. Burton, Mr. Hall, the Maharajah of Patiala and Sir J. P. Sinha. The gathering numbered over two hundred.

The Lord Chancellor presided and proposed the toast of "The King." Mr. Lloyd George proposed the toast of "Our Cabinet colleagues from the Dominions," to which Sir R. Borden and Mr. Hughes replied.

Mr. Lloyd George in his speech said that the Dominions' representatives were the leaders of what were probably the most democratic communities in the world. We valued the shrewdness, sagacity and courage which they brought to bear on the problems of Empire. These periodical conferences with the statesmen of the Dominions were most helpful and most stimulating to British Ministers. The conferences were a source of the greatest inspiration and support to those who had borne the stress and strain of the war for years.

Mentioning Sir R. Borden, Mr. Hughes and Mr. Massey, the Premier said that their names were as well known and esteemed in the United Kingdom as in their own land. He regretted that the Premier of South Africa could not be present at either that council or previously. His absence was proof of his devotion to duty.

#### Indian Loyalty.

Mr. Lloyd George specially welcomed the great representatives of India. The Maharajah of Patiala, he said, worthily followed a great, inherited tradition of attachment to the Crown and Empire. His gallant people fought side by side with Britishers and welcomed them as worthy comrades. The Premier also welcomed Sir J. P. Sinha, who, he mentioned, was the first Indian King's Counsel.

All the Dominion guests represented a good deal to us. They represented the consciousness of the Empire and real help at a moment of real need. He said that the Dominions came more readily and eagerly into the fight because the old country had got into

trouble through championing the sacred cause of freedom and right. One of the greatest stories of future ages would be how the children, when the motherland was beset by cruel foes, rushed from the ends of the earth to shield her with their sturdy strength.

Their overseas kinsmen must have noticed the special warmth of the greeting and reception which they had got since the war, for the old country was grateful to and proud of them. The guests had come to take part in the great Council of an Empire which was the most wonderful federation of human beings that the world had ever seen. He had the privilege of presiding over the first Imperial War Cabinet, where around the table sat representatives of over 400 million human beings of most of the great races of the world and most of the great faiths, who had come together to evolve the best methods of establishing right and justice on earth.

It was a fine start for the Imperial Conference. The British Empire which was the most wonderful federation of human beings that the world had ever seen, sadly, bitterly and angrily disappointed its foes and surprised its friends.

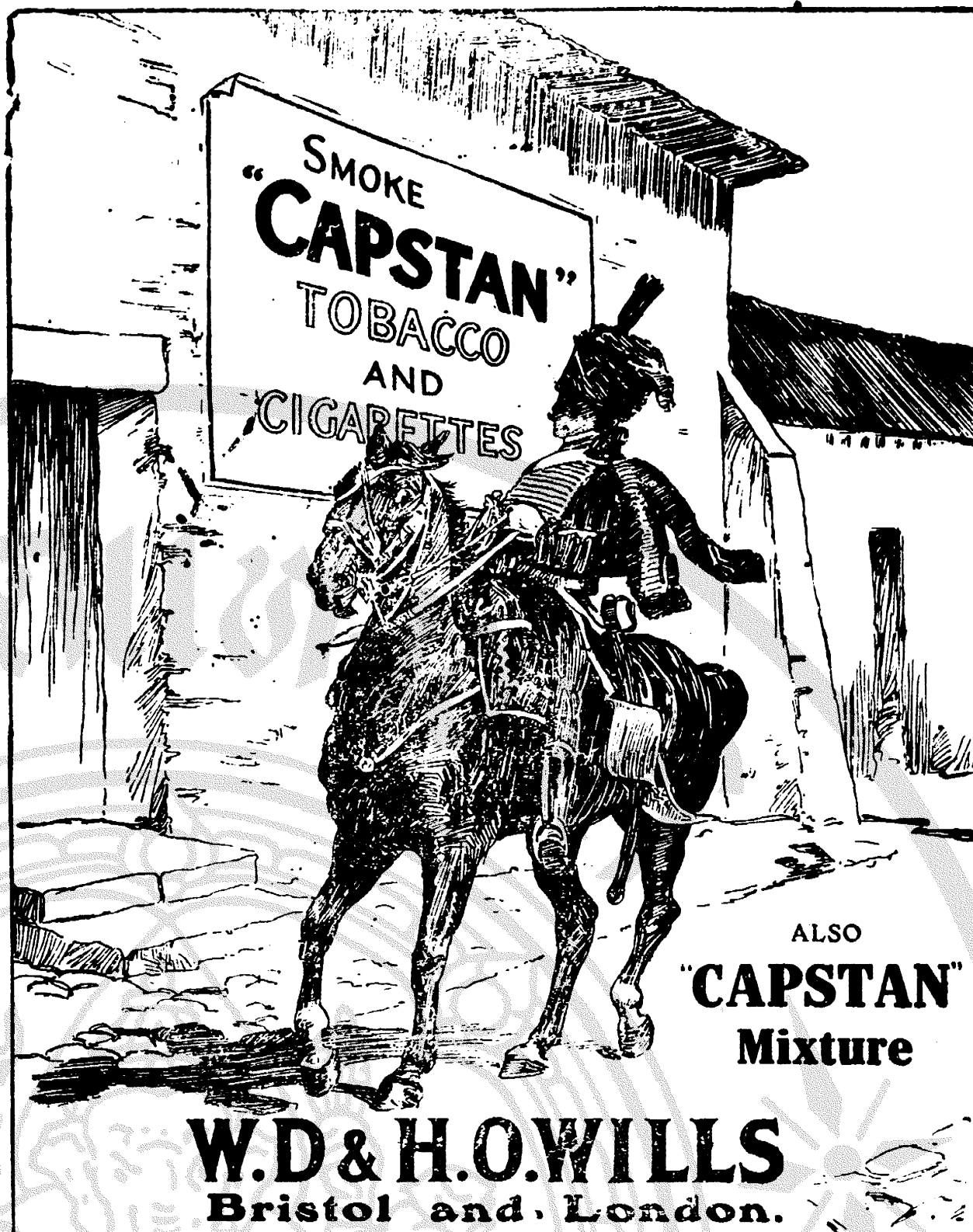
#### Our Fleet and Army

While not depreciating the fleets of France, Italy, Japan and America, Mr. Lloyd George said that the history of the sea had not provided anything to compare with the resource, skill and daring of the British navy, and the British mariner, and the way in which they had fought and conquered the naval sharks infesting the high seas.

That was an old story, but what the Empire had done on land was something new. There had never been anything like it. Britain had an army of about the size of the Bulgarian. The Dominions had hardly any. Nevertheless, the United Kingdom had raised nearly six millions of men for sea and land, and the Dominions, despite the smallness of their populations, the nearest of which was thousands of miles distant, had raised one million. Germany expected to meet raw levies, brave, but easily scattered by her highly trained, disciplined legionaries. Instead, the Germans encountered men who had defeated their proudst warriors in a hundred fights. Their achievement in the past three months was a great one.

India, likewise, had disappointed our enemies, who counted upon India absorbing the Empire's strength, whereas she had added to it. India had raised, voluntarily, nearly a million men and was about to raise another. They had been and are guarding the bridges of the east and will so continue to the end.

All this to-night is a striking lesson of the reality of the power of the Empire. What would have happened to the world if the might of all the Empire had not been thrown into the conflict? Russia collapsing, American troops not in last year, Germany commanding the seas? International right would have been trampled underfoot.



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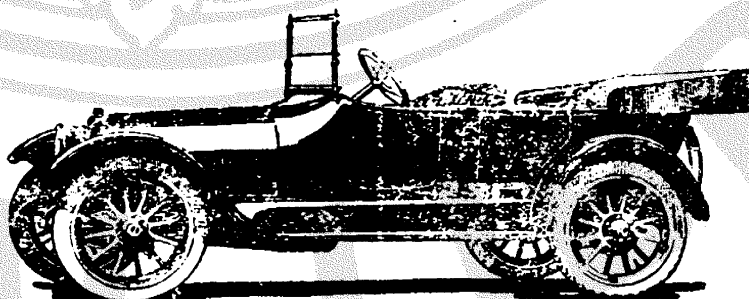
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Germany thought them paper ties which would shiver and scorch into black dust at the first flash of the fire of war. They were mistaken. In life, the most real and enduring ties were invisible ones. It was true that we had ties of language, race, blood and common origin, but the most potent of all were the ties of common aim, sympathies and ideals. They had stood the strain and drawn us closer together. It ought to be the purpose of all statesmanship to strengthen those bonds, to defend and protect them against severance.

All which was best in the world was safer to-day for the existence of the British Empire. He recalled saying at the Imperial Conference in 1907: "The Federation of a free commonwealth is worth making sacrifices for. One never knows when its strength may be essential to the great cause of human freedom and that is priceless." We now know.

"Let the knowledge of peril averted by the unity of the Empire be our plea for the further strengthening of it. That is why the Imperial Conference of 1907 has become the Imperial Cabinet of to-day. That is why India has been called to our councils. That is why action has been added to Council and Council has been converted into action, and that is why we specially welcome our guests to unite as forerunners of a succession of councillors coming from all the Empire, which for generations to come will direct the destiny and wield the authority and power of the greatest union of free nations that the world has ever seen."

#### Mr. Hughes' Speech.

Mr. Hughes declared that four years of war had united the British Empire on vital issues as never before. They were all weary and war worn, nevertheless they were not only resolved to conquer but were firmly assured of ultimate victory and determined to have no peace which did not rest upon

the enduring foundation of justice and liberty. The Dominions, excluding India, had placed in the field over a million men, whose deeds spoke for themselves. To-day the mother-country and Dominions appreciated each other's viewpoints more than ever before. The Dominions hitherto had played a small part in the international policies which had involved the Empire in war, but that day was past. The men fighting for the Empire would in future demand a voice in the councils of the Empire.

Mr. Massey referred to the work of the Imperial Conference. They were daily engaged, he said, in arranging a form of representation for the people of the Dominions, representation which would continue to improve and develop for many centuries hence. He added that it was the special duty of public men to encourage British sentiments. He also affirmed that the staying power of Britain equalled if it was not superior to Germany's.

#### All Optimists.

Mr. Borden said that the extreme peril had passed, thanks to the splendid work of the navy. What could the Dominions have done but for the supreme importance of seapower? He declared that the whole Empire's spirit was as unflinching as ever. They were all optimists regarding the war, because it was undertaken in a cause which could not permanently be defeated, though it might temporarily be defeated. Against serious mistakes which had been made was the most wonderful, the mightiest military effort ever undertaken and accomplished by any non-military nation.

#### German Rule in Belgium.

New York, April 27.—The Belgium Legation at Washington has received a copy of a daring pastoral letter by Cardinal Mercier protesting against the latest German seizure of Roman Catholic Church property in Belgium.

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