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Says the Daily Mail recently, we can carry further the tale of the Kaiser's confusion in 1908 of his plans for war on England and sedition in India, made to Mr. William Bayard Hale. This interview was suppressed in the newspapers by the German diplomatic and military authorities because Germany was not ready, but Mr. Hale sold it in different form to the American Century Magazine.

When the issue had been printed, the German Consul-General at New York bought up the whole of it, as related in The Daily Mail last week. What happened to the copies is told below by a well-known American journalist:

In the office of the Century Company all the magazines, plates, and papers bearing upon the matter were made into large bales to be held at the disposal of Mr. Bauer, the German Consul-General. Some days after this Mr. Ellsworth, of the Century Company, happened to meet the Consul, who asked him what could be done with the magazines. As he left the Consul, he suggested jokingly, "Why don't you send a warship after them?"

Several weeks later a German cruiser steamed into New York Harbour. A few hours afterwards the Century Company was notified by the Consul that a German cruiser had arrived to take the Kaiser's interview away. Vans moved the tons of paper to the docks at night and boats from the warship took them to the ship. The cruiser then cleared for a German port.

When well out at sea the crew were ordered to throw the bales of magazines overboard. This was done, but to the consternation of the commanding officer, they did not sink. The vessel was soon surrounded by numberless bundles of floating paper. As there seemed to be no other way, the ship's boats were lowered, and after hours of heavy work all the bales were got back on board. They were taken to the stokehold and all the junior officers were ordered below for duty, as it was not deemed wise to trust the sailors with the breaking up of the bales. Then awful by awful the magazines were fed to the furnaces until the last trace had gone. A lot of tired, dirty, and overworked officers adjourned to the wardroom to recover from these after effects of the Kaiser's interview, and what was said by them would not have borne repetition at Potsdam.

The ended the affair so far as the

German Government is concerned, but the interview appears to be unshakable in more senses than one, for we are more or less definitely promised that it will now be published in full.

The Flight of War Prisoners.

London, March 21.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Hope stated that the Government was determined to ensure redress for British war prisoners being improperly treated.

He also stated that it had been thought desirable to transfer a number of German officers from the west of England to the east coast. This was not a reprisal or a punishment. The climate of the Kent and Essex coast was probably better than that of a number of prison camps in Germany.

London, March 21.—In the House of Commons, replying to Sir R. A. Cooper, Mr. Hope said that it had been impracticable to arrange for the internment in a neutral country of British and Turkish war prisoners, owing to a lack of accommodation in an available neutral country, and the difficulties of transporting a large number of Turks from Egypt, India and Burma thereto.

Replying to Mr. B. E. Peto, Mr. Hope said that the agreement for the reciprocal repatriation of British and Turkish prisoners was on the grounds of health, not length of captivity. It had been signed and was awaiting ratification by Turkey.

Replying to Mr. G. Stewart, Mr. Hope said that a lot of recent information from repatriated men respecting Turkish internment camps showed that the conditions were not more unfavourable than was expected. There was a slight tendency towards the better treatment of prisoners in Turkey, but her difficulties were growing owing to the increasing scarcity and dearth of provisions and the depreciation of Turkish paper currency.

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	Train No.						Train No.			
	I.	III.	V.				VI.	VI.		
Km.	Bangkok Dep.	A.M. 6.30	P.M. 12.30	P.M. 4.30		Km.	Meklong Dep.	A.M. 8.35	P.M. 12.35	
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			A.M.	P.M.				A.M.	A.M.
Km.	B. Hlame				Mahachai				
	Terminus Dep	10.20	2.20	Km.	Terminus Dep	6.45	10.45	2.45	
33.8	Meklong Arr.	11.40	3.40	33.1	Bangkok Arr.	8.08	12.05	4.05	

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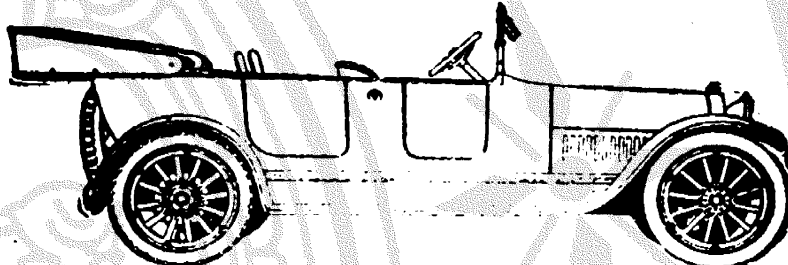
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For Toothache, clean the cavity of the tooth first and then saturate a piece of cotton-wool in Jong-keena and fill cavity with same, changing five or six times every 3 minutes and relief is certain. For loose teeth caused by the swelling of the gum, take internally as directed for a week and the teeth will be firm again.

For Earache, clean the ear first with cotton-wool, put 5 or 6 drops into ear and stuff the hole with cotton-wool—relief is certain within a few minutes.

For Gout, Wounds and wounds caused by rusty nails, cuts or burns, apply the mixture, cover with cotton-wool and bandage, change dressing every three hours, and take internally, as directed until relieved or healed.

For Sore-eyes take internally as directed, for a few days.

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Tenders for the purchase of the above-mentioned property should be addressed to the liquidator (in sealed envelope marked "Tender for the purchase of Messrs. Markwald's Rice Mill") c/o the Director General of Commerce and Statistics, Ministry of Finance, on the 10th or 11th April 1918, on the latter of which dates the tenders will be opened at 12 noon at the office of the said Director General of Commerce and Statistics. Each tender must be accompanied by a deposit of Tcs. 5,000, which will be returned to the tenderer if his tender is not accepted.

The liquidator disclaims liability for any inaccuracy in the title-deed, plans, lists and particulars, or any defect in the property, and does not undertake to accept the highest or any tender.

No tender of less than Tcs. 700,000 will be considered.

Notice of acceptance of any tender will be sent to the successful party. Payment of 25 per cent of the full amount set out in the tender must be made within three days, counting from the date of the receipt of such notice, and payment of the balance within 15 days. On default of any payment within due date, the deposit or the payment of 25 per cent will be forfeited and the property re-sold.

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LUANG RAMA BANJAH.

Liquidator.

The Registry of Partnerships and Companies, Ministry of Justice.
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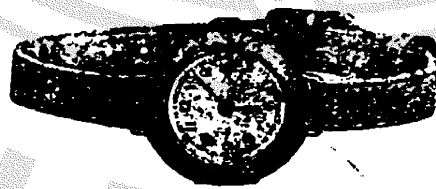
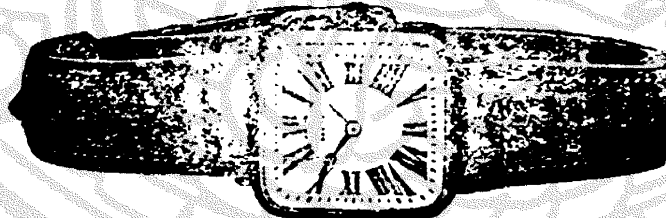


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THE PARIS BOMBARDMENT.

When on Good Friday, a shell from the enemy long-range gun struck a church and killed seven men and wounded twenty persons, mostly women and children, the Germans added one more crime to the long list of their offences against humanity. The enemy will doubtless say that the hitting of the church was a fortuitous circumstance, as possibly it was but nevertheless the Huns have a most uncanny genius for destroying churches and hospitals. It was with great satisfaction that the world learned from Reuter yesterday that His Holiness the Pope has protested to Berlin against the destruction of churches and the wholesale massacre of people. Benedict XV has been accused of having leanings towards the Central Powers and he has been strongly criticised for not entering more vigorous protests on the occasion of former German atrocities. It must always be remembered that the position of His Holiness is one of peculiar difficulty for it has fallen to his lot to see members of the Catholic Church ranged on opposite sides in this gigantic world struggle. The promptitude, however, with which the Holy Father's protest against this newest act of barbarity has been lodged makes it clear that the Holy See views with horror the perpetration of such atrocities.

The bombardment of Paris is another example of the senselessness of many of the German acts of frightfulness. The bombardment has no military value, the damage done has been slight and the loss of life has, happily, been comparatively small. The Germans will doubtless say that the bombardment has been resorted to, not for its material but for its moral effect, but they seem to lose sight of the fact that such deeds as those committed on Good Friday are but making their enemies more implacable and still more resolute in destroying once and for all the system that is capable of bringing so much suffering and sorrow into the world.

The manner in which the bombardment is being carried on still remains somewhat of a mystery and if the Germans have introduced nothing unusual into the great offensive they have certainly been able to give the world a great surprise by the mysterious shelling of Paris. It is estimated that the bombardment is being carried on from a point some 120 kilometres, roughly seventy miles distant, which seems almost incredible. Two theories have been advanced to account for this astonishing achievement. The first is that the shell is fitted with some apparatus that enables it to gather new force after being discharged from the gun while the other is that a new explosive has been discovered of infinitely greater power than any ever used before. The number of weapons used in the bombardment has also given rise to much speculation but from to-day's Havas wire we gather that more than one is in operation. Whatever the mystery, the shelling of the city brings home once again the fact of the wonderful ingenuity of man in devising new weapons of destruction. This war is pre-eminently an affair of the iron and steel factory and of mechanical appliances and inventions. The Germans are clever inventors but the Allies are more than a match for them in this respect and in spite of guns of incredible range and of what other implements of destruction they may be enabled to devise we have no doubt as to the final outcome of the struggle.

British Red Cross Fund.

With reference to a paragraph appearing in the Bangkok Times of April 4th which announces the projected formation of a "Bangkok Our Day Society" for the purpose of providing funds in the future for the British Red Cross, H. B. M. Minister desires it to be known that he welcomes the formation of any Society which will ensure the collection of funds for the purpose of "Our Day." It should however not be forgotten that the official fund in aid of the British Red Cross is situated at the British Legation as before, and is open all the year round. Donations are welcome at all times.



Court Circular.

GRAND PALACE.

Thursday, April 4.

This afternoon at 5 p.m. His Majesty the King was graciously pleased to hold a special meeting of His Majesty's Privy Council in Amarindra Hall, at which the following were sworn in members thereof:—

1. His Serene Highness Prince Chula Ad Lob, Assistant Commissioner General of State Railways.
2. Rear Admiral His Serene Highness Prince Upabaddhabongse, R. N., Ministry of Marine.
3. His Serene Highness Prince Dhani Nivatra, His Majesty's Assistant Private Secretary.
4. Third Grand Chamberlain His Excellency Phya Bibidhi Asurya, Major Domo Department.
5. Major General His Excellency Phya Biddhikrai A.D.C., Chief of Military Police.
6. Rear Admiral His Excellency Phya Wichitra Navi R. N., Inspector General of Bangkok Naval Dockyard and Workshop, Ministry of Marine.
7. Third Grand Chamberlain His Excellency Phya Dhanaratna Badi, Accountant General of the Lord Chamberlains' Department.
8. Third Grand Councillor His Excellency Phya Rajasena, Ministry of the Interior.
9. Third Grand Councillor His Excellency Phya Joduk Rajaseththi, Ministry of Local Government.
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11. Third Grand Councillor His Excellency Phya Chinda Bhromaya, Chief Justice of the Civil Court.
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13. Third Grand Chamberlain His Excellency Phya Achirakkar Prasiddhi, Post-Master-General.
14. Third Grand Councillor His Excellency Phya Medha Dhibodi, Under Secretary of State for Religious Affairs and Education.
15. Third Grand Councillor His Excellency Phya Anukich Viddhara, Director General of Chulalongkorn University.
16. First Councillor His Excellency Phya Dibakosha, Director of Political and Diplomatic Department, Ministry for Foreign Affairs.
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20. Third Grand Chamberlain His Excellency Phya Mahindra Dejanuvatra, His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Nagor Jairoi Circle.
21. Third Grand Councillor His Excellency Phya Chasanya Badi, Director General of Administration Department, Ministry of Interior.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

We hear that a somewhat serious outbreak of plague has occurred at Chantaboon.

MR. Bognmil Sykora and Miss Katharine Campbell, the famous musicians, are leaving to-day for Hongkong.

LATEST ADVIS:—Siam Auctioneering Co. will sell at their Rooms to-morrow at 2 p.m. electroliers, fittings, cash safe etc. etc. etc.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Chienngmai line is in good order as far as Prae. Other lines are all available.

THE following passengers left to-day by the a.s. Kuala:—Mr. and Mrs. Buszard, Mrs. Lambert, Mr. G. S. Sanderson, Miss Sanderson, Mr. Jorgensen and Mr. and Mrs. P. Bulner.

TO-DAY is the Chinese festival of *T'ing Ming* (pure brightness). It is the day on which Chinese make journeys to the tombs of ancestors and relatives, do necessary repairs and offer sacrifices of incense and food.

The Turf Club Races.

Sporting readers are reminded that the lotteries in connection with to-morrow's races at the Turf Club will take place at 3 p.m. to-night at the Club House in Kor Saa Road.

The races commence to-morrow at 3 p.m. and there are seven events on the programme.

Paddy Crop Report April 4, 1918.

Nasuan 1230 cooyans at Tcs 25.120 each
Samruang 570 " " 23.98
Wamung 160 " " 20.91 "

Total 1,960 Cooyans

THE Great War.

The Great Battle.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)

London, April 2. The War Office reports a quiet day north of the Somme. Immediately to the south of the Scarpe our line has been advanced eastward of Feuchy. It is confirmed that the enemy's losses in yesterday's fruitless attacks were heavy.

Our successful counter-attacks south of the Somme on Saturday regained Demuin.

The Canadians, cavalry and British infantry, in conjunction with the French carried out a brilliant operation on Saturday recapturing Moreuil and the wood to the north.

Heavy German attacks developed this afternoon in the angle formed by the rivers Luce and Avre. The fighting continues.

The Germans are attacking southward of Moreuil in the direction of Mailly and Rameval.

The French this morning progressed from south of Montdidier to Lassigny retaking several villages lost on Saturday.

(HAWAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, April 3.

On the Somme and Oise fronts there is increasing artillery activity. We sensibly enlarged our positions to the north of Plois.

We brought down ten airships and threw 12,000 kilograms of projectiles on the enemy front.

The English repulsed strong attacks and took prisoners.

American Troops to Enter Great Battle.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)

London, April 2.

Paris:—The French Government has decided to accede to Pershing's request that the American troops fight in the present battle.

The Bombardment of Paris.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)

London, April 2.

The bombardment of Paris was resumed on Sunday. One person was killed and one injured.

(HAWAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, April 3.

The great gun continues to bombard Paris.

German prisoners captured at the front declare that one of the pieces of artillery bombarding Paris burst, killing five artillerymen.

Capture of Odessa Confirmed.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)

London, April 2.

Moscow, March 31:—After brief naval artillerying Bolshevik blue-jackets recaptured Odessa.

Operations Against the Turks.

(HAWAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, April 3.

Mesopotamia:—During the last days the English have gained important successes against the Turks whom they have routed capturing more than 5,000 prisoners and a considerable quantity of material.

They have progressed sensibly beyond the Jordan where they are energetically following the remainder of the defeated Turks. They have occupied many places.

Clemenceau and Czernin.

(HAWAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, April 3.

Vienna:—Count Czernin has declared to the Vienna Municipality that a little before the present offensive Clemenceau asked him if he were ready to enter into negotiations and on what bases.

M. Clemenceau, learning this in the morning while he was at the front, answered simply, "Count Czernin has lied."

Havas Wires from Singapore.

"Epic Fighting."

Paris, April 1.

In the lobbies of the French Chamber, Under Secretary of State Abruvi declared that never before had the Generals who witnessed the battles of the Somme and Verdun seen so many corpses. The German losses were caused chiefly by the infantry and machine-gun firing and by the bayonet.

The spirit of the troops is marvellous. Three and a half Franco-British divisions mastered thirteen German divisions. Moreuil was the theatre of epic fighting before being captured. At Plois one French division beat two German divisions, taking 700 prisoners.

Dr. Thwing's Meetings.

Great interest has been manifested in the series of meetings addressed by Dr. E. W. Thwing, Oriental Secretary of the International Reform Bureau Washington, D. C. In addition to the Y. M. C. A. meetings, all of the Chinese schools have requested lectures from Dr. Thwing whose varied reform work, especially in anti-opium and anti-footbinding movement have been of vital importance to China. Dr. Thwing held the office of National Reform Adviser by appointment of the President of China.

The foreign community will have an opportunity to hear Dr. Thwing relate many interesting experiences in a lecture at the Boon It Memorial Institute on Tuesday evening, April ninth. This lecture will also be translated into Siamese.

Gift of Tongues.

During the past few days Bangkok Japanese, Koreans, Malays and Chinese have been surprised beyond measure by hearing their own language in familiar idiomatic greetings coming from the lips of a bearded white-faced foreigner, whom the Chinese call the "Ten-thousand Kingdoms Reformer." This poly-linguist, Dr. E. W. Thwing has also been using every opportunity to acquire the Siamese language. On a recent trip to Ayutthya, he had for follow-passengers, two officers of the Siamese Army, one had studied for several years in Paris, the other in Tokyo. For a short time these officers became Dr. Thwing's language teachers, in consequence of a unique situation developed, by which an English speaking American received instruction in the Siamese language from two Siamese teachers, who used in turn French and then Japanese as the readiest means of communication.

Dr. Thwing who is the Oriental Secretary of the International Reform Bureau, began his studies in oriental languages during college days in America, when he persuaded his Chinese laundryman to induce him into the mysteries of Cantonese, and so earned the college student sobriquet: "Ong Lung." Dr. Thwing strongly advocates the exclusive use of Mandarin as a means of greater unity among the Chinese. This policy has been followed in the mixed Chinese community of Java, with great success.

Joy Riding Banned.

A Bombay Government Press Note says:—It is announced for public information that the military authorities having suspended their reservation over the petrol stock in Bombay, a limited quantity is now available for public distribution. The Asiatic Petroleum and Burmah Oil Companies are, therefore, prepared to distribute up to 50 per cent. of the normal demand to recognized dealers. In order, however, to prevent shortages in the future and to build up a reserve it is necessary to take the following measures:

1. Dealers will be required to keep a register showing the quantity issued to each person and such register shall be open to inspection. Dealers will be responsible for seeing that issues to any one person are not excessive and are such as would be normally required by him. Petrol will only be supplied to dealers on these conditions.
2. Cards will be prepared and issued to motor-car owners. Such owners will be responsible for seeing that all amounts of petrol issued to them are entered in the card. Any infringement of this condition may lead to the issue of petrol to them being stopped.
3. Petrol may be used only for business and bona fide purposes connected with the household of the motor-car owner and for reaching and returning from places of amusement. It must not be used for any form of joy riding.
4. The numbers of cars which appear to be used for joy riding will be liable to a suspension or reduction in the amount of their petrol.

General Wire News.

Jassy, March 22.—The Marghiloman Cabinet has been formed. It consists of insignificant politicians, including only one ex-Minister.

It is expected that peace parliaments will immediately be resumed.

Amsterdam, March 22.—The Reichstag has approved of the Russian peace treaties. Austrian Headquarters states that the armistice with Romania has been further extended by seventy-two hours.

London, March 23.—A telegram from the Paris Figaro expert says that the Germans and Bulgars are preparing a big offensive at Salonika for the spring. Their forces in Macedonia are estimated at 400,000.

Amsterdam, March 23.—Thirty German soldiers were killed and over a hundred injured in an explosion of 500 munition wagons at the railway station at Dveringhe, near Mons.

The Hague, March 22.—The Second Chamber has unanimously passed a bill for the drainage of the Zuiderzee.

Rome, March 22.—The War Minister General Alberti, has resigned in order to take up a command at the front. Senator General Victor Zupelli has succeeded him.

Amsterdam, Mar. 23.—A Berlin telegram says that the Kaiser at main headquarters on March 24 conferred on Hindenburg the Iron Cross with gold rays, hitherto only conferred on Prince Blucher. On Ludendorff he conferred the grand cross of the Iron Cross, on departmental chiefs at headquarters he conferred the Iron Cross, and on the rest of the departmental chiefs the Kaiser's portrait with the signature and date of the battle, March 21-23rd.

London, Mar. 25.—The Press Bureau announces that the King has telegraphed to Marshal Haig: "I assure you that the fortitude, courage and self-sacrifice with which the troops under your command continue so heroically to resist greatly superior numbers are realised by me and my people. The Empire stands calm and gives them strength through this time of trial."

London, March 25.—Vice-Admiral Peirce has been promoted Admiral in succession to Admiral Bradford, who retired at his own request to facilitate promotion of younger officers.

London, Mar. 25.—Mr. Ward Price at Italian Headquarters says a great enemy offensive in the Trentino is expected in two or three weeks when the snow has cleared off the mountains. Besides powder preparations in the rear the Austrians in the front line are endeavouring to sap the Italian spirit by distributing mendacious literature.

London, Mar. 25.—Palestine official: We extended our positions on the left bank of the Jordan. One of our patrolling machines attacked five aeroplanes and brought down three uncontrollable.

The King of the Hedjaz's troops near Jeddah, seventy-eight miles north-west of Medina, surprised and destroyed a Turkish camel corps.

Peking, Mar. 25.—Tuan-kai Jui has been reappointed premier, constituting a political triumph for the northern provincial governors, following their military successes against the south-erners.

London, March 25.—A French official says that between February 15 and March 15 fifty-two enemy aeroplanes were brought down or set on fire. Fifty others were disabled. We lost twenty-nine machines.

London, March 25.—The Stock Exchange opened with a feeling of quiet confidence. The offerings of leading securities were readily absorbed, and quotations now show only slight declines on balance, console 54, war loan 23.

Madrid, March 23.—S. Maura refused to form a Cabinet, as S. Lacierva insisted on remaining in the War Ministry, to which S. Maura disagreed.

Madrid, March 23.—Senor Maura has formed a Cabinet.

Madrid, March 22.—Maura's Coalition Cabinet includes Dato, Foreign; Romanones, Justice; Garcia Prieto, Interior; General Marina, War; and General Pidal, Marine.

The above includes four ex-Premiers.

Madrid, March 23.—Senor Maura, addressing an enthusiastic House of Parliament, hoped that the country would settle down quietly under the coalition. He announced that the recent decree dissolving and militarising the postal services had been cancelled.

Petrograd, Mar. 23.—Pourparlers between the Caucasian Diet and the Ottoman high command regarding a separate peace have been broken off, as the Turkish demands were not acceptable.

Amsterdam, Mar. 22.—The Minister of the Interior of the Ukraine has requested Anglo-Franco-Belgian officers at Kiev to leave. An Ukraine official serial post between Vienna and Kiev has been inaugurated.

A Vienna telegram says the lower Danube is free of mines as far as Salina consequently the water onto the Ukraine is navigable.

Petrograd, Mar. 23.—The Soviets have formed a Tauridian republic, including the whole of the Crimea.

Petrograd, Mar. 23.—The Germans have occupied the town of Oshakoff forty miles northeast of Odessa.

Enlisting the "Wrens."

Ten Thousand Women Wanted.

Recruiting for the Women's Royal Naval Service was to begin in January.

There seems to be little doubt that this new service, already known as the "Wrens," will prove the most popular of all and its director is Dame Katharine Furse, whose work with the V. A. D. of which she was until lately Chief Commandant, won her the love and respect of many thousands of women.

The "Wrens" will be comparatively few, compared with the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps; at present only from 10,000 to 12,000 are called for, and it is unlikely that any will be wanted for foreign service. The whole formation will be based on that of the W. A. A. C., whose Army Council Institution has afforded Dame Katharine Furse much help in drafting her Fleet Orders. The pay of both services will be the same, and the rates of the W. A. A. C. are now being revised with a view to certain increases. The description of the ratings, however, will be different. The director's assistants will be called deputy and assistant directors, and the women corresponding to petty officers will be known as principals and action leaders.

An attractive kit for all ranks has been designed. The director and her assistants will wear a navy blue coat and skirt, with brass naval buttons and graded rings of Patrick's blue on the sleeve to denote rank; a black cocked hat with a handsome badge of Patrick's blue and silver, and a white blouse and collar and black tie will complete the uniform, which will be purchased out of the grants made to officers. The ranks corresponding to petty officers will wear a pilot jacket with black naval buttons, and skirt cut in neat straight lines. They will also wear a navy blouse and a round sailor's cap, with black band with W. R. N. S. in gold. The rank and file will have a blue serge coat-frock of good navy serge, a blue linen sailor collar, a petty officer's cap, and a big navy overcoat. Strong boots and stockings will also be supplied.

Many different types of workers will be needed for the "Wrens," and though they will be recruited entirely for home service for the duration of the war, there will not be "soft jobs" for anyone; and there will be a good deal of night work. Chancery, wire less telegraphists, clerks, cooks, and waitresses for officers' messes, workers stations and for repairing and cleaning aeroplanes will be wanted. Probably training will be given in certain branches. They will not work in touch with the Army. Four or five hostels will be opened for recruits almost immediately.

Already there is a breezy atmosphere of cheery comradeship in the temporary offices of the Wrens, whose young officers are women who have already done responsible work.

Tanks As Bridge Pier.

Mr. Roland Hill, special correspondent with the Canadian Forces behind the British lines in France, writes:—

Several bodies of Canadian railway troops and expert pioneers from the Dominion have been doing almost super-human work in front of Ypres since the August attack, grading and building light and heavy lines.

There is no mixture of earth that can stick like that mud west and north-west of Ypres, and waist deep in it these construction men have miraculously built their lines. First of all it has been nothing but a floating path way of timber and ties strung along like a miniature suspension bridge, held together by the thin strips of rails, winding in and out of shell holes, following up so close to the battle that it lines up with the most advanced dressing station. Sometimes under the stress of an ammunition train a hundred yards or so would disappear into the ooze. There was always a gang there ready to save it with chunks of cement from wrecked German "pill boxes" or whatever of the debris of war happened to be handy.

At one place somewhere behind the former German lines I found a Tank—it had gloriously done its duty before an untimely shell had caught it in use as a bridge for the light railway. A swirling stream had been shelled out of its old bed, and had taken the easiest course, that of an old trench. That Tank was made the centre pier of a bridge which a Vancouver railway officer was more proud of than if he had built the middle span of the great Quebec structure. He put a tremendous amount of engineering skill and a very small amount of material into it, and it grew into a thing of wonder. When the line was graded it safely carried the heavy tractors and cars laden with tons of ammunition. He brought up some road planks, bolted them to the top of it, and then sat down contentedly in two inches of mud on the slimy parapet when his final triumph came and three other Tanks successfully crossed to the fighting line ahead.

These things only happen right up behind a first attack. It doesn't take the railwaymen long to make the real line. In a couple of days, perhaps three, there is generally a comfortable working system. Bit by bit the ballast comes up, sandwiched between the ammunition trains, which always have right of way. The lines run over trestles and through, instead of around, the big shell craters. Loops are constructed so that the volume of traffic can be doubled.

Emergency dumps are kept out there in the mud, and when the line is smashed by a shell there are crews and "civilized" material to build it up again. One vital section was broken nearly fifty times on the night of a "push," yet each and every gun in that great circle that pounded the enemy always had all the ammunition that could be used.

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There are many people with home leave long overdue, still prepared to carry on indefinitely if their health allows them.

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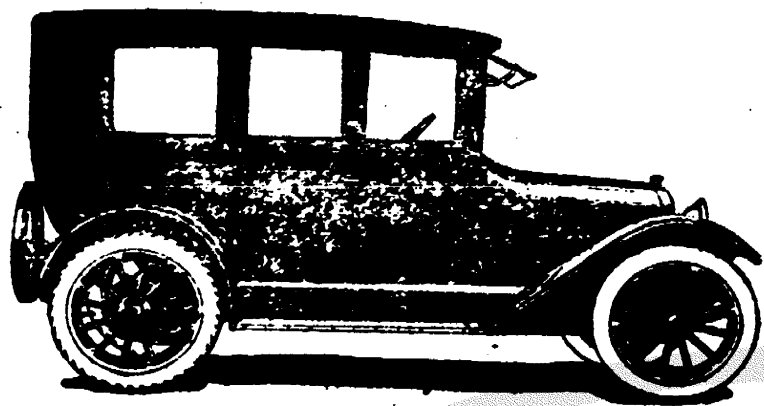
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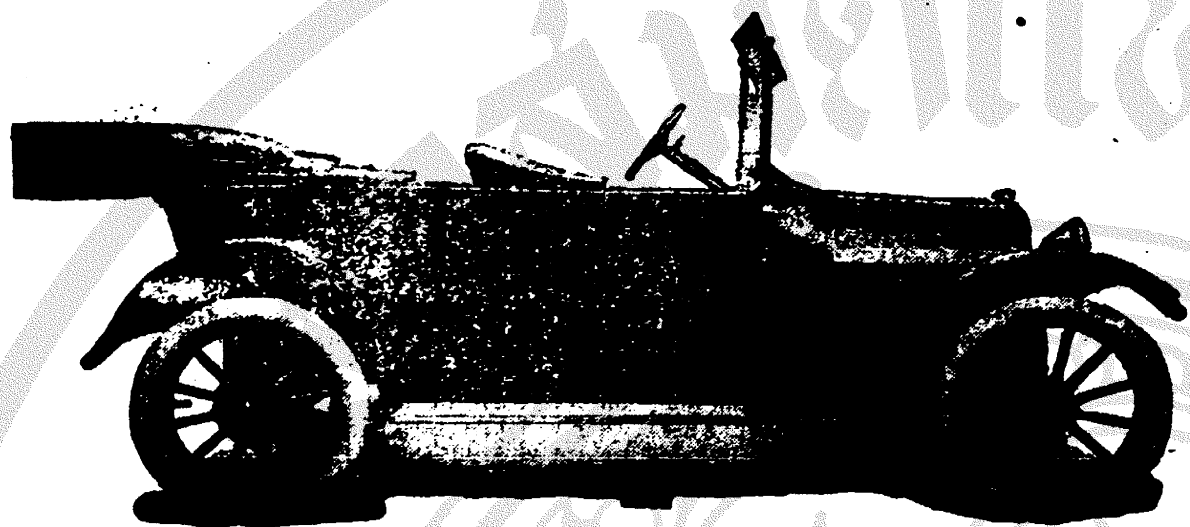
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Reuter Thinks Im- portant.

Amsterdam, Mar. 31.—Berlin papers report that the Lichnowsky memorandum cabled on March 15 was discussed in the Main Committee of the Reichstag on March 16. Vice-Chancellor von Payer said Lichnowsky in the course of a statement to Count Hertling on March 15 said the memorandum was intended only for the family archives. He showed it on assurance of absolute secrecy to a few political friends. He deeply regretted the vexatious indiscretion whereby it became more widely circulated. Von Payer added that Lichnowsky had resigned his ambassadorial rank and as he was obviously only guilty of an imprudence no further steps would be taken against him. Von Payer proceeded to contradict some of Lichnowsky's assertions, declaring the key to Lichnowsky's mistakes and false conclusions regarding events before the war was probably Lichnowsky's over-estimate of his own and his hatred of those who did not recognize his achievements as he expected. Von Payer declared that the entire memorandum was permeated by a striking veneration for foreign diplomats, especially British, whom Lichnowsky described in a truly affectionate manner, and by the equally striking irritation against almost all German statesmen. The result was that Lichnowsky was frequently regarded by Germany's most zealous enemies, as one of her best friends, because they were personally on good terms with him. The aim of the memorandum was obvious, it was to show how much better and more enlightened Lichnowsky's policy was, and how could have assured peace for the empire if his policy was followed. Von Payer concluded: "Nobody will reproach Lichnowsky on account of this belief in himself. He was free to make notes about events and his attitude to them, but he should have considered it a duty that his views should not become known to the public, and no matter how small his circle of readers was, his duty was to state nothing contracting facts which he knew. As things now are the memorandum will cause enough harm amongst malevolent and superficial people. The memorandum is absolutely valueless historically." Von Payer next referred to the duplicate copy of the letter from Dr. Muehlen now in Switzerland who was a member of Krupp's directorate at the outbreak of war. Stumm, foreign under secretary, said that the Kaiser in agreement with the chancellor appointed Lichnowsky to London. Lichnowsky was zealous

in his duties while in London, though his strong optimism with reference to the German-English relations did not agree with the views of the German foreign office. When Lichnowsky's hopes of a German-English understanding were destroyed by the war, Lichnowsky returned to Germany greatly excited, and even then did not restrain his criticism of German policy. This excitement increased owing to the German press attacks against him, and this must be taken into consideration in judging of the memorandum. Replying to criticism of the uselessness of the German white book, Stumm said it had to be compiled quickly so as to present to the Reichstag a clear picture of the question of the guilt of the outbreak of war. He agreed that the Bluebooks of other states were more voluminous but the German white book contained no falsification. Stumm concluded by announcing that a new edition of the German white book is being prepared.

Amsterdam, Mar. 21.—In the Reichstag the finance secretary stated that Germany's monthly war costs were now £187,500,000.

Vorwarts says that Lichnowsky's brilliant testimony regarding England's policy may help to teach the Germans again to think more calmly and more open-mindedly about England.

Stone Ships.

The "Scientific American" describes the launch of a concrete vessel in Norway. In this case the hull was built and launched bottom upmost. In that position its equilibrium was unstable and it turned right side upmost of its own accord in the water. A Norwegian vessel, the Nansenfjord, is actually afloat and has navigated the North Sea. She is only a small vessel of 500 tons but one of 4,000 is under construction and several of lesser size. A 5,000 ton concrete ship is under construction at San Francisco and in Norway a floating dock capable of lifting ships of 7,000 tons is in contemplation. One cannot help thinking of concrete ships as more liable to injury than the earlier draft of wood or iron, but iron in its youth seemed open to the same objection and has long since outlived it. Perhaps the same destiny awaits the stone fleets of the future.

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a.m. 7.00, 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.00.
p.m. 1, 1.30, 2.30, 3.00, 3.30, 4.40, 5.30, daily.

Bangkok to Samkuk ... 2.30 p.m. daily.
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LINE 2—TANON TOK TO PAKLAT in connection with Paklat Tram Cars Thabiri
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LINE 3—KLONG SAMRONG LOOK TO BANG HIA.

Boats leave the Look in connection with the Paknam Railway train
10.45 a.m. from Bangkok.

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PAKNAM—BANGKOK.					BANGKOK—PAKNAM				
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	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.		a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.
Paknam Dep.	6.30	9.30	12.45	2.45	Bangkok Dep.	7.45	10.45	2.00	5.00
*Maha Wong "	6.35	9.35	12.50	2.50	Sala Deng "	7.52	10.52	2.07	5.07
*Ban Nang Grang "	6.40	9.40	12.55	2.55	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
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*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 Grang "	8.35	11.35	2.50	5.50
Sala Deng "	7.23	10.23	1.38	4.38	*Maha Wong "	8.40	11.40	2.55	5.55
Bangkok Arr.	7.30	10.30	1.45	4.45	Paknam Arr.	8.45	11.45	3.00	5.55

*Trains stop only at the request of passengers.
Trains may leave intermediate stations 5 minutes before the stated time.

News From China.

Women Missionaries Wounded by Bandits.

Shanghai, Hunan, February 29.—Particulars of the serious wounding at the hand of bandits of Mrs. H. P. Pecker and Miss E. Trojahn, of Yenchow in western Hunan, have reached this city. These ladies are members of the Leiden branch of the China Inland Mission, and at the time of the assault Mr. Pecker was not at home. It seems that the foul act was not intended as a prelude to plunder the mission premises, but to involve the local officials against whom the bandits held scores. The deed was done by one bandit who entered the premises with a sword such as is used by the old type Chinese soldier. Meeting the cook at the gate the bandit without warning rendered him helpless by several heavy blows. On entering the house he first assaulted Mrs. Pecker who was standing near the staircase. She called for help but as the cook had already been wounded and Mr. Pecker was away, there was no one to respond but Miss Trojahn, who was in the compound at that time. After striking Mrs. Pecker unconscious the infuriated man turned upon Miss Trojahn and she suffered in a similar way. Having done all the injury he could the bandit rushed from the premises, but it is learned that he has since been apprehended and killed. Meanwhile Mrs. Pecker and Miss Trojahn are reported to be in a serious condition. Apart from very serious wounds Miss Trojahn has had her hearing affected, and Mrs. Pecker has been speechless since the deed was committed.

American Engineers Robbed by Bandits.

Peking March 8.—The American engineers, Messrs. Kyle and Purcell, and their Chinese assistant have been robbed and captured by bandits near Yehsien in Honan.

The party was going out to inspect the survey work of the proposed railway from Chewkiakow to Singyangfu and were carrying a large sum of money. The escort of twenty soldiers with the party resisted the bandits and a running fight ensued till their ammunition was exhausted, when the party surrendered.

Two Chinese engineers escaped and reported the outrage, which is almost without precedent in North China.

Kidnapped Engineers Located.

Peking, March 10.—The American engineers kidnapped in Honan have been discovered in a place called Swine Gulch, which has been surrounded by soldiers. The authorities in Honan are negotiating with the bandits for the release of their prisoners.

Japanese under orders for service.

Shanghai, March 12.—Orders to stand ready for instant response to military call for service in Manchuria or Siberia have been issued to all Japanese army reservists in Shanghai, according to reports received by the "China Press" last evening. Japanese men of eligible military age have received instructions to remain at their present addresses and, it is said, to keep in touch with the consulate.

Local Japanese subjects who have received orders state that action in Manchuria is expected. One informant said last night that 800 Japanese men have already been picked and sent from Shanghai to Japan.

It was impossible to obtain confirmation from the Japanese Consulate last night, but information from four different sources testified to the reliability of the reports.

Japanese newspapers have touched

on the subject of the call, but owing to the secrecy requested by the government, no details have been obtainable from this source. Excitement is keen among the local Japanese. A call to service is expected almost momentarily.

One local business house was given notice yesterday by a Japanese in its service that he expected to leave. This man stated that mobilization in Dairen is now going on.

Japan Steel Scandal.

Osaka, Mar. 6.—The Fukuoka (Kushu) authorities have just removed the ban on the publication of the details of a sensational case of bribery in connection with the sale of the output of the Government Steel Works at Yawata and also the transportation of coal.

The persons being prosecuted number 117 and include officials of the Yawata Works and of the Kushu Division of the Government Railway and the Board of Directors, employees,

private shipbuilders and mine owners. Five of the persons being prosecuted have committed suicide, including Mr. Oshikawa, the President of the Government Steel Works.

The magnitude of the case has required the personal direction of the Procurator-General, Mr. Hiranuma, who has been here twice recently.

Northern Kushu, which is the Pittsburgh of Japan, is now a veritable hornet's nest. Further arrests are expected as the investigation is still proceeding.

Germans in Shanghai.

Shanghai, Mar. 10.—A petition requesting that all German residents in Shanghai and neighboring outports be either interned or deported is now circulating in Shanghai among subjects of Allied nations. When it has been fully signed it will be presented to the Chinese authorities and early action asked. It was learned on good authority yesterday that the staffs of a num-

ber of large local firms have unanimously endorsed the petition and the work of securing signatures is said to be progressing rapidly.

From what could be learned yesterday the petition is of British origin. The immediate cause is said to be the fact that numbers of Germans are living in various summer resorts near this city, their presence being termed obnoxious.

The movement, it is said, is aimed particularly at the Germans and no mention has been made of the Austrian residents.

German Plots in China.

London, March 15.—A telegram to the "Times" from Peking, dealing with German intrigue in China, instances the case of the Dane Larsen who signed a loan agreement with the Chinese Navy Minister for half a million sterling for the installation of wireless in China by which China would be enabled to communicate with Berlin. The contract was cancelled on the demand of the British and Japanese Ministers. The correspondent also dealt with the case of Doctor Gilbert Reid, an American, who propagated German views through the International Institute at Shanghai and the "Peking Post." He was finally arrested by the United States authorities at the request of the Chinese Government and deported.

Hongkong Disaster Inquiry.

Hongkong, March 4.—The official inquiry into the race course disaster was opened to-day, a special jury being empanelled. The Attorney-General who appeared for the Government said that the inquiry was of exceptional importance and expressed on behalf of the Government, the greatest sympathy for the relatives and friends of persons who lost their lives in the disaster in such distressing circumstances.

The inquiry adjourned to Thursday and the Judge and jury inspected the scene of the disaster.

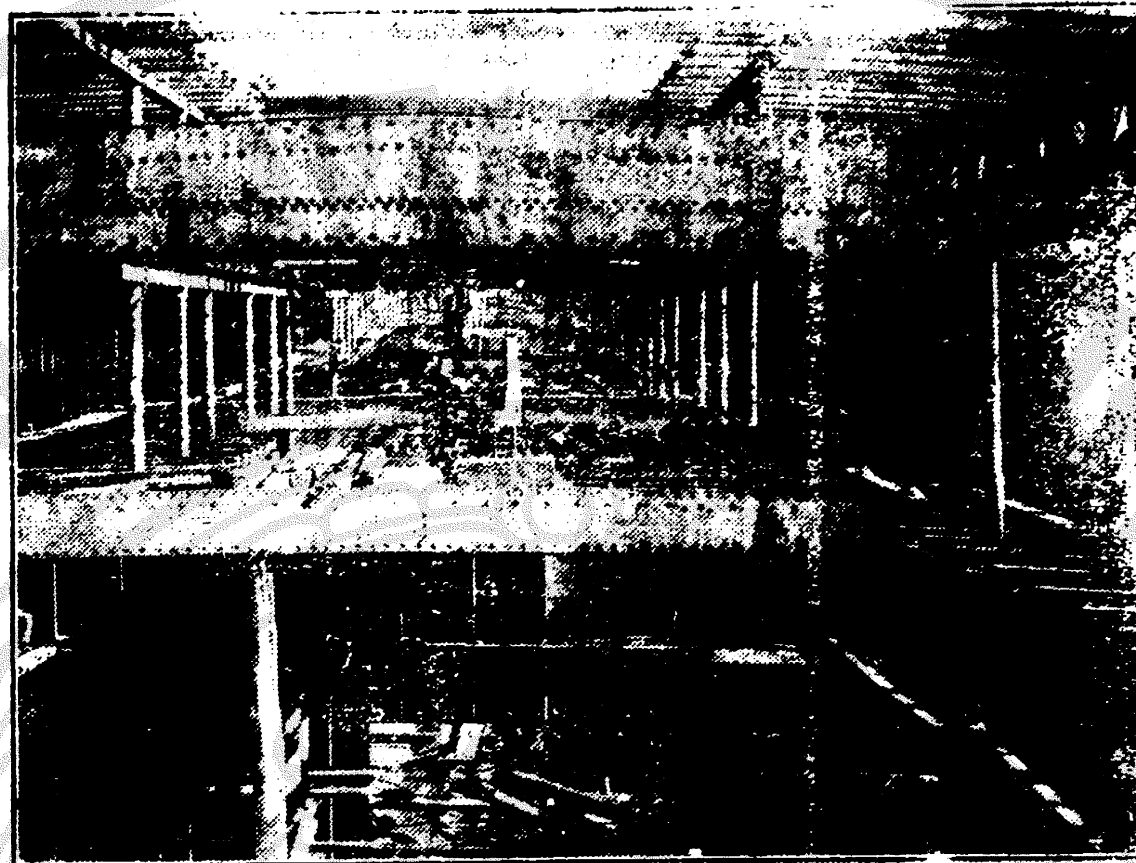
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