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ing Raid Means.

Although the British official communiquéscontain announce ujet le de bosebing raids on important points behind the German lines almost daily, few of us, perhaps, realise the nature of these raids, or the extent of the damage which they accomplish. The following is an account of a recent raid, and it may be taken as typical of these ad-

An seroplane heavily laden with bome requires arrial protection from enemy scouts, which, built soldly for aghting might at any moment dive on to it from a superior height with dead-ly thest. To afford such protection, British fighting machines always accompany a raiding enjedition, and, as will be seen, still tarties, precautious are devised taguard animate enemy interference. Even so the danger to the assilants of attack from certain or air is great. An airman carries bis life in his hand, a ready forfelt if need be and it would be difficult to exaggerate the continual risks which 'he so willingly and gallantly underfikes.

The Doesi-Lille main fine is of imfor it is one of the great arteries which supply his bridge. An important point is the station of Libercourt, with its many siding and quantities of moving and statically rolling stock. A bomb ing raid was organised recently with Libercourtes its chief objective, and it was callied out with conspicuous

succes. There were several enemy serodronger in the neighbourhood of the station and it was designed as a pre-limitary measure to smoke these wasps notifyery literally into quiescence, in configuence parrols, each consisting of two bombing machines and one sighting scout, were directed against the serodromes of Tourmiguies, Phalempin, and Provin. When they reached their objectives the raiders dropped phosphorus bombs at intervals, to keep the serodromes shoured in smoke, and

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completely successful; and, in addition to being put out of action, at least two of these serodromes suffered very considerable damage. The patrol over Provin destroyed a hangar in the course of its work, and at Phalempin a fire was 'caused which spread over the northern part of the village, throwing out sech sheets of flame as to make it evident that a patrol store had been hit. At a late hour in the afternoon this was still burning. In all three aerodromes the enemy's war-birds were

effectively pinioned. In the meanwhile two bombcarrying machines, each socompanied by a fighting scout, proceeded to Libercourt. It was their duty to descend and attack the trains. The first train seen was leaving Libercourt at 1.40 p.m., and the two bombing aeroplanes swooped to the attack. Just as they dropped, a second train was observed coming up the Henin Lietard branch line towards Ostricourt, where it joins the main line. and one of the assailants turned aside after this new quarry. The first train was attacked from a height of 800 feet, and six 20 lb. bombs were dropped. The result was that the engine was hit and thrown from the rails which caused the two or three coaches to be partly telescoped. German soldiers immediately began to alight and they were played on with machine gun fire as they ran in streaming confusion to Osuricourt village and the woods in its vicinity. There were so many men, according to the pilot of the attacking aeroplane, that it would have been almost impossible to miss them and undoubtedly a large number were kill-

ed or wounded. The second train was attacked with similar success. It had come to a standstill near the junction, owing to the fact that the wrecked train now blocked its way. Of the six 201b. bombs, which again was the number dropped, three scored direct hits. Once more troops poured from the carriages and they were fired on as they ran towards Ehvin village. Altogether between 600 and 700 rounds wired by the two machines, and the total casualties can scarcely have been less than 100, Neither of the two raiders was attacked and it is worth noting, as proof of the complete demeralisation caused, that one of the pilots confessed that, the ground being suitable, he had been tempted to land to obtain identifications. Fortunately, perhaps, he refrain ed from this act of rashness.

Subsequently more raiders from the main party attacked Libercourt Station. This was at about 2 p.m. so necessarily swift is the conduct of such operations. They dropped fourteen 112 lb. bombs and thirty-four of 20-lb. weight. Station buildings, sidings and rolling stock were hit and undoubtedly much damage was caused. Several carriages were seen to be completely wrecked and one coach was observed lying crossways on the line.

This is an account of one raid out of hundreds. When, after the war, the pilots come to tell their own stories graphic and revealing touches will, in many cases, add a more wonderful reality to their exploits. The aerial literature of the future should provide 18th) First Quarter 10 h 50 m s.m. | reading as magical as any tale from the 18th) First Quarter 10 h 50 m s.m. | Arabian Nights.

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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. Buenz, the German Consul General. Some days after this Mr. Ellsworth, of the Century Company, happened to meet the Consul, who meked him what could be flone with the magazines. As he left the Consul, he auggested jokingly, "Why don't you send a warship after them?"

Several weeks later a G. rman 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.

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

The Plight of Was 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 trausfer a number of German officers from the west of England to the cost 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

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 cap ivity. It had been signed and was awaiting rati-fication by Turky.

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 dearness of provisions and the depreciation of Turkish paper cur-

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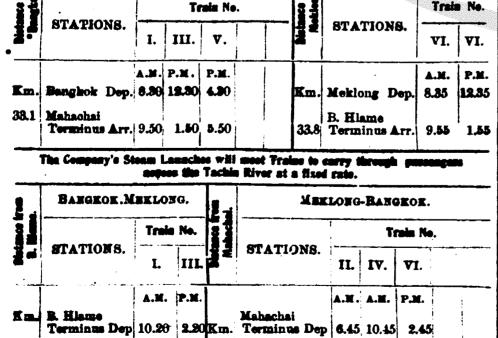
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The title-deed, plans, lists and particulars of the buildings, machinery, &c, may be inspected at the office of the

liquidator. The insurance against fire subsisting on the property shall from the time of sale be for the benefit of the purchaser, subject to the consent of the fire insurance office, and subject to the purchase being completed, and to the purchaser paying a proportionate part of the pre-mium for the unexpired term of the

Tenders for the purchase of the above-mentioned property should be addressed to the liquidator (in sealed envelope marked " Tender for the purchase of Mesers. 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 incorrectness in the title-deed, plans, lists and particulars, or any defect in the proporty, and does not undertake to accept the highest or any

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. Un 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.

The Registry of Partnerships and Companies, Ministry of Justice. Bangkok, 28th March 1918.

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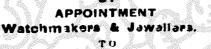
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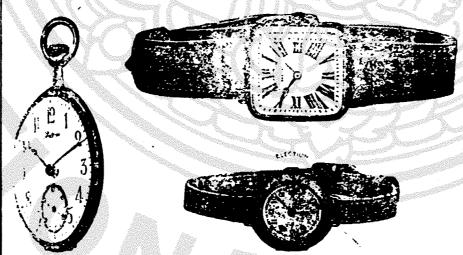
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The Siam Observer.

FRICAY, APRIL 5, 1918.

THE PARIS BOMBARDMENT.

When on Good Friday, a shell from he enemy long-range gan struck a church and killed seven: y five and wounded amety p races, mostly women and children, the Germans added one more crime to the long sist of their offence agains humanity. The enemy w. I doubtless say hat the bitting of the church was a fortuitous circumstance, as possibly it was but nevertheless the Hone have a most uncanny genius for destroying churches and hospitals. It was with great satisfaction that the world learned from Reuter yes erday 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 f'owers and he has been strongly criticised for not entering more vigorous protests on the occasion of former Germrn 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 atro-

The bombardment of Paris is another example of the naclessness 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 bembardment 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 capsole 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 myst-rious shelling of Paris. It is estimated that the bombardment is being carried on from a point some 120 kilometres, roughly seventy miles distant, which scame almost inciedable. Two theories have been savanced 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 Bed 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 offcial 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



Court Circular.

GRAND PALACE. Thursday, April 4.

This afternoon at 5 p.m. Mis Majesty the King was graciously pleased to hold a special meeting of His Maj sty's Priv Council in Amarindra Hall, at which the following were sworn us m-mbers thereof :--

1. His Serene Highness Prince China &d Lob, Assistant Commissioner

General of State Railways. 2. Reat A miral His Serone Highness Prince Upabaddhabongse, B. N., Ministry of Mariue.
3. His Serene Highness Prince

Dhani Nivatra, His Majesty's Assistant Private Secretary. 4. Third Grand Chamberlain His

Excellency Phys Bibidbi Aisurys, Major Domo Department. 5. Major General His Excellency Phys Riddhikrai A.D.C., Chief of

Military Police. 6. Rear Admiral His Excellency Phya Vichitra 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 Phys Rajasena, Ministry of

the Interior.
9. Third Grand Councillor His Excellency Phys Joduk Rájasreshthi, Ministry of Local Government. 10. Third Grand Councillor His

Excellency Phya Subarn Sombati. Acting D. rector General of Customs.

11. Third Grand Councillor His Excellency Phya Chinda Bhiromya, Chief Justice of the Civil Court.

12. Third Grand Councillor His Excellency Phys Sri Sankars, Lord Justice of Appeal. 13. Third Grand Chamberlain His

Excellency Phya Achirakar Prasiddhi, Post-Master General. 14. Third Grand Councillor His Bxcellency Phya Medha Dhibodi, Under

Secretary of State for Religious Affairs and Education.

15. Third Grand Councillor Lie Excellency Phys Anukich Vidhûrs, Director General of Chulalongkorn University. 16. First Councillor His Excellency Phya Dibakosha, Director of Political

and Diplomatic Department, Ministry for Foreign Affairs. 17. Third Grand Court Officer His Excellency Phya Sri Suriyaraja Varanuva'ra, His Majesty's Lord Lientenant

of the Circle of Uttara 18. Third Grand Court Officer His Excellency Phya Ranajaya Jányuddha, His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of the Circle of Roi Ech.

19. Third Grand Court Officer His Excellency Phys Kraibejra, Bitana Songram, His Maj sty's Lord Lieutenant of Nagor Svarga Circle 20. Third Grand Chamberlain Ilia

Excellency Phys. Mahindra Dejanuvatra His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Navor Juisti Circle. 21. Third Grand Councillor His

Excellency Phys Chassenya Badt Director General of Administration Department, Ministry of Interior.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

WE hear that a somewhat serious outbreak of plagne has occurred at Chantaboon.

MR. Bogumil 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

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

THE following passengers left to-day by the s.s. Knals: -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 Te'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 9 p.m. to-night at the Club House in Kor Sua Road.

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

Paddy Crop Report April 4, 1918.

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THE

·Great War.

The Great Battle.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.) London, April 2.

The War Office reports a quiet day north of the domme. Immediately to the south of the Scarpe our line has been advanced eastward of Fenkby. 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 Morauli and the wood to the north.

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

The Germans are attacking south. ward 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.

(HAVAS TELBGRAM.)

Paris, April 3. On the Somme and Oise fronts there is increasing artillery activity.

We sensibly enlarged our positions to the north of Plémont. We brought down ten airships and

threw 12,000 kilogrammes of projectiles on the enemy front. . The English repulsed strong attacks and took prisoners.

American Troops to Enter Great Battle.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, April 2. Paris :- The Freuch Government has decided to accede to Pershing's st that the American troops fight in the present battle.

The Bombardment of Paris.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, April 2. The b8mbardment of Paris was resumed on Sunday. One person was killed and one injured.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, April 8. The great gun continues to bombard

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

Capture of Odessa Confirmed.

(RBUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, April 2. Moscow, March 81 :- After brief naval artillerying Bolshevik bluejackets recaptured Odess.

Operations Against the Turks.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, April 8. 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

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.

(HAVAS TRLEGRAM.)

Paris, April 3. Vienna:-Count Ozernin has declared to the Vienna Municipality that a little before the present offensive Chemenessu asked him if he were ready to enter into negotiations and

on what bases. M. Olemenceau, learning this in the morning while he was at the front, answered simply, "Count Ozernin has lied."

Havas Wires from Singapore.

" Epic Fighting."

Parie, April 1. In the lobbies of the French Chamber, Under Secretary of State Abrami 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 Plemont one French division beat two German divisions, taking 700

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 ture at the Boon Itt Memorial Institute on Tureday ovening, April ninch. This lecture will also be translated into

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 whitefaced foreigner, whom the Chinese call the "Ten-thousand Kingdom Refo-mer". This poly-linguist, Dr. E. W. Thwing has also been using every opportunity to acquire the Siamese language. On a recent trip to Ayuthia, 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 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 induct him into the mysteries of Cantonese, and so sarned the college student sobriquet : 'One 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 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 mea-

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 c nditions. 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 saspension or reduction in the amount of their petrol.

General Wire News.

Jasey, March 22,-The Margbiloman Usbinet has been formed. It consists of insignificant politicians, including only one ex-Minister.

It is expected that peace pourparlers will immediately be resumed.

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

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

Amsterdam, March 229-Thirty Ger. man soldiers were killed and over a hundred injured in an explosion of 500 munition wagons at the railway station at Devringies, near Mons.

The Hague, March 22 .- The Second Chamber has unanimously passed a bill for the drainage of the Zuiderzee. Bome, March 22.-The War Minister General Altieri, has resigned in order to take up a command at the front.

Senator General Victor Zupelli has suc-

ceeed him. Amsterdam, Mar. 25 .- A Berlin telegram says that the Kaiser at main headquarters on March 24 conferred on bindenburg 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 cak leaves etcetera, and on the rest of the departmental chiefs the

Kaiser's portrait with the signature and

date of the battle, March 21-23rd. London, M.r. 25.-The Press Bureau aunounces that the King has telegraphed to Marshal Haig: I assure opportunity to hear Dr. Thwing relate you that the fortitude, courage and many interesting experiences in a lec- self-excribes with which the troops under your command continue to heroically to resist greatly superior numbers are realised by me and my people. The Empire stands calm and confident in its soldiers. God bless and give them strength through this time of trial.

> London, March 25.-Vice-Admiral Peirse 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 powerful 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. Oue 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-ksi Jui has been reappointed premier, constituting political triumph for the northern provincial governors, following their military successes against the southerners.

London, March 25. A French offi cial save that between February 15 and March 15 fifty-two enemy aeroplanes were brough tdown or set on fire. Fifty others were disabled. We lost twentynine machines.

London, March 25 .- The Stock Exchange opened with a feeling of quiet confidence. The offerings of leading securities w re readily absorbed, and quotations now show only slight declines on balance, consols 543, war loan 234.

Madrid, March 22.—8. Maura refused to form a Cabinet, as S. Lacierva insisted on remaining in the War Ministry, to which S. Maura disagreed. Madrid, Murch 28 .- Senor Maura

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

The above includes four ex-Premiers.

Madrid, March 28 .- 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 can-

Petrograd, Mar. 22.—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 Kieff ot leave. An Ukraine official aerial post between Vienna and Kieff has been in augurated.

A Vienna telegram says the lower Danube is free of mines as far as Salina consequently the water onte to the Ukraine is navigable. Petrograd, Mar. 23.—The Soviets have

formed a Tauridean republic, including the whole of the Orimes. Petrograd, Mar. 38.—The Germans have occupied the town of Ochakoff

forly miles northeast of Odeses.

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 "Wrene," will prove the innet 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 Instruction has afforded Dame Katharine Forse much belp 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 section 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 sleeves 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 cont-frock of good navy serge, a blue linen sailor collar, a petty officer's cap, and a big navy overcoat. Strong hoots 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. Chanffeurs, wire less telegraphists, clerks, cooks, and waitresses for officers' mess, 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 teniporary offices of the Wrens, whose young officers are women who have already done responsible work.

Tanks As Bridge Pier.

Mr. Roland Hill, special correspon dent 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 arress of an ammunition train a hundred yards or so would disappear into the coze. There was always a gang there ready to salve it with chunks of cement from wrecked German "pill box-s" or whatever of the debris of war happened to be hendy.

At one place somewhere behind the former German lines I found a Tank it had gloriously done its duty be fore an unlucky shell had caught itin use as a bridge for the light railway. A swirling stream had been shelled one 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 ammunitions. He brought up some road planks, bulted 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 resi 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, structed so that the volume of tr flic can be doubled.

Emergency dumps are kept out there in the mud, and wh n 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 circ's that pounded the enemy slways had all the ammunition that could be used.

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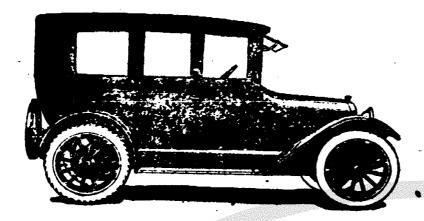
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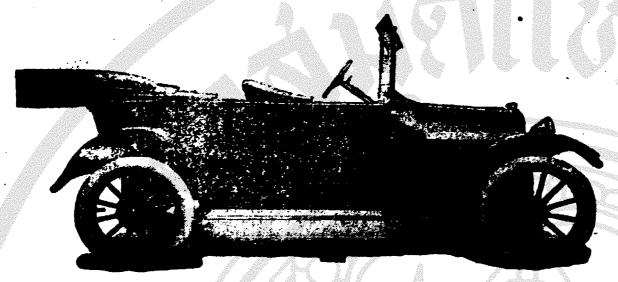
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Amsterdam, Mar. 21.—Berlin papers

report that the Licunwiky memorandum cabled on March 15 was discussed in the Main Committee of the Reichstag on March 16 Vice Chancellor von Payer and 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 vexations indiscretion whereby it became more widely circulated. Von became more widely circulated. 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 recognise 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 Liou-nowsky was frequently regarded by Germany's most scalous enemics, as one of her best friends, because they

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 liable to injury than the earlier draft of nothing contracting facts which he wood or iron, but iron in its youth 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. Muchlon now in Switzerland who was a member of Krupps directorate at the ontbreak of war.

Stumm, foreign under secretary, said that the Kaiser in agreement with the chancellor appointed Lichnowsky

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 Lichnowshi'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 orkicism of Herman policy. This excitement increased owing to the German press attacks against him, and this must be taken info consideration in judging of the memorandum. Replying to criticisms of the meagreness of the German white beek, Stamm 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 Garman 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 mouthly war costs were now £187,500,000.

Vorwaerts says that Lichenewsky's brilliant testimony regarding England's policy may help to teach the Germans again to think more calmly and more openmind-dly about England.

Stone Ships.

The "Scientific American" describes the launch of a concrete vessel in Norone of her best friends, because they one of her best friends, because they were personally on good terms with him. The sim 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 the malier was tollowed.

In that position its equilibrium was unstable and it turned right side uppermost of its own accord in the water. A Norwegian vessel, the Nameonfjord, is actually affoat and has navigated the North Sea. She is only a small vessel of 500 tons but one way. In this case the hull was built 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 deaft of seemed open to the same objection and has long since outlived it. Perhaps the same destiny awaits the stone figets of the future.

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Submarine Piracy.

The Logical Remedy.

(BY BEOTOR C. BYWATER.) When Germany found her overses. trade shut off by the British blockade, so far as surface traffic was concerned, she promptly devised a method of transport which, despite many limitstions, had the supreme merit of setting the blockade at naught. A good deal of ridicule was expended here on the Transatlantic voyages of the submersible cargo tout Beutschland, but had America remained neutral there would probably have been a whole fleet of Desirchlands in service by now, and the blockade of Germany would have been neutralised to a very appreciable

In Britain's case the problem is different but it ought to be equally soluble by the application of common source. What are we doing to defeat the submarine? On the aggressive side we have commissioned thousands of armed ships—cruisers destroyers, and chasers—and hundreds of aircraft to hant the closics. If host and keep the hunt the elusive U-boat and keep the ocean highways open to traffic. Yet in spite of this prodigious naval effort merchantmen are so far from immune that they go to the bottom at an average rate of a dozen per week.

On the defensive side, then, the position is this: every new ship we put affoat is a prospective victim of the enemy's submarines, and we are simply setting up vulnerable targets to be suot at.

Unstakable Ships.

When the automobile torpedo make its appearance in the seventies, a far seeing naval officer, Admiral Sir-George Elliot at once urged that future large men-of-war be fitted with special protection against the new danger, and he himself proposed an arrangement that would admittedly have rendered a ship impervious to underwater attack. In those days, however, few prople took the torpedo seriously, and Admirul Elliot's system was objected to on the ground that it would reduce speed. Had this device been perfected and embodied in battleships previous to the war, the Grand Fleet would bave nothing to fear from submarines and mines. As it is the naval authorities have no doubt since taken steps to safeguard their costly fighting leviathans against these dangers. On the other hand the type of merchant ship we are now launching in such large numbers is exposed to destruction by a single torpedo or mine.

build merchantmen in such a way as answered affirmatively by every shipbuilder to whom it has been put. Mr. Francis Allen, a well-known shipowner, has described a design for a pensary.

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10.000-ton dead weight ten-knot cargo steamer which could not be sunk by one terpedo, and probably not by two! which could steam through a minetield without receiving injury, and stand "an astonishing amount of damage by gunfire." The plans of this ship were submitted to the Admiraity experts, who, after thorough investigation, conceded every claim advanced on behalf of it, and added that it was the best and most carefully thought out scheme for an unsinkable that had ever come before them.

France's Example

The sole objection advanced was that vessels of this description would cost 10 per cent. more to build, and would absorb rather more steel than ordinary ships. The question arises, therefore whether it would be wisest to build, say, seventy or eighty ships which could defy the U-boat, or a hundred ordinary ships? To this question there can be but one same answer. The unsinkable ship has other merits besides invulnerability to torpedoes. It is a potential destroyer of U-boats. Armed with a couple of powerful gune, it could fight on advantageous terms any German submarine now in service. Finding its torpedoes powerless to sink her, the U-boat would have to come to the surface and rely on its guns, and in the resulting artillery duel the odds would be all on the cargo-boat, provided her armament was a powerful one and well served,

A fleet of unsinkable ships would reduced the U-boat menace, at present a deadly peril, to the status of a mere nuisance. With such a fleet the United States could transport to Europe troops, munitions, and food with absolute safety and certainty. The unsinkable ship in short is the simple, the logical, the unanswerable retort to submarine piracy. That it is feasible to build un-sinkable ships at a slightly higher cost in money, material, and, perhaps, in time, is, as I have said, admitted by the most experienced naval architects. The French authorities, according to an official statement, have already ordered a first batch of twenty merchantmen, each guaranteed to be proof against three torpedoes. Cannot the Govern-ment be induced to state the reasons which militate against the adoption of the unsinkable ship in this country? -P. M. G.

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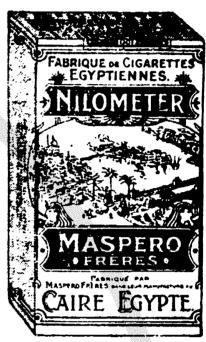
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News From China.

Wemen Missionaries Wounded by Bendits.

Siangtan, Hunan, February 29.— Particulars of the serious wounding at the hand of bandits of Mrs. H. Picker and Miss E. Trojahn, of Yuanchow in western Hunan, have reached this city. These ladies are members of the Leibenzeller 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 bendits 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 reudered 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 smilar 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 Bendits. Peking March 8.—The American engineers, Mesers. Kyle and Purcell, and their Chinece 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 enrrendered.

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.

Januaries 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 al! Japanese army reservists in Shanghai, according to re-ports received by the "China Press" last evening. Japanese men of eligible military age have received instructions to remain at their present addres-ses and, it is said, to keep in touch with the consulate.

Local Japanese subjects who have re-ceived orders state that action in Manchuris is expected. One informant said last night that 500 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

Japanese newspapers have touch d

on the subject of the call, but owing to the secrecy requested by the government, no details have been obtained have committed suicide, including Mr. from this source. Excitement is keen Oshikawa, the President of the Govern-among the local Japanese. A call to ment Steel Works. 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 mobilisation in Deireu is now going on.

Japan Steel Scandal.

Osaka, Mar. 6.-The Fukuoka (Kiushu) 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

Yawata Works and of the Kiushu Chinese authorities and early action

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

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

proceeding.

Shanghai, Mar. 10 .- A petition requesting that all German residents in Shanghai and neighbouring outports be either interned or deported is now circulating in Shanghai among subjects The persons being prosecuted of Allied nations. When it has been number 117 and include officials of the fully signed it will be presented to the of Allied nations. When it has been Division of the Government Railway asked. It was learned on good authority Board of Directors, employees,

ber of large local firms have unanimonely endorsed the petition and the work of securing signatures is said to

be progressing rapidly.

From what could be learned yester-day 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

The movement, it is said, is aimed particularly at the Germane and no mention has been made of the Austriau

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 Ministera The correspondent also deals with the case of Doctor Gilbert Beid. 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 deport-

Hougkest Disaster Inciery.

Hongkong, March 4.-The official inquiry into the race course disseter 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.

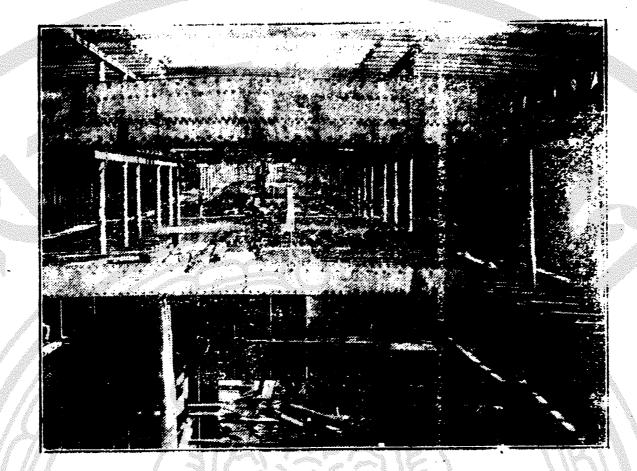
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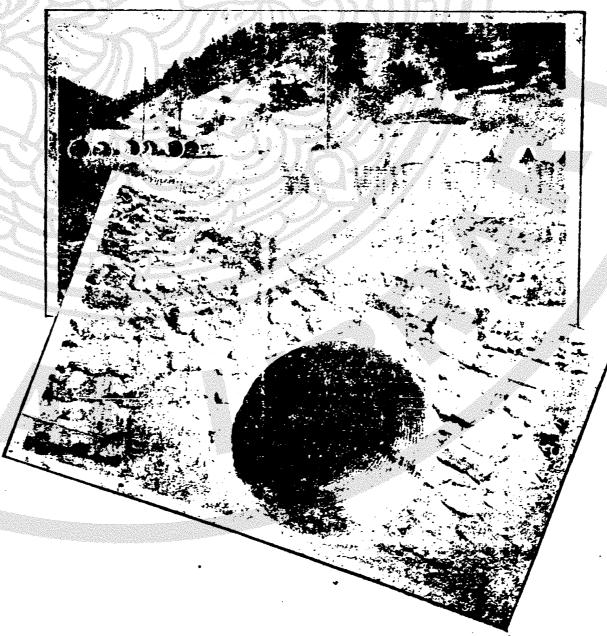
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