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Turmoil in Germany.**Widespread Strikes and Disturbances.**

Amsterdam, April 21.—The Handelsblad reports that 600 German fusiliers, sailors and Landsturm men deserted and tried to cross the Belgo-Dutch frontier; 200 Uhlans were sent in pursuit and attacked the deserters with machine-guns. The fight lasted half an hour and thirty were wounded. Eight slightly wounded men succeeded in reaching Dutch soil.

Zurich, April 21.—The Socialist newspaper Volksrecht says that strikes and disturbances are general in Germany, notably in Berlin and Hamburg and on the Westphalian coalfields.

Amsterdam, April 21.—The Dusseldorfer Anzeiger says that at a meeting of Berlin strikers the leaders submitted resolutions demanding from the Government a declaration of immediate readiness for peace on the basis of the renunciation of annexations; also the immediate abolition of compulsory service, a law for the liberation of political prisoners, complete political freedom, and universal secret franchise. The resolutions were defeated by a majority that is not stated.

Amsterdam, April 21.—According to the Lokal Anzeiger, the Chancellor refused to listen to a deputation of Berlin strikers, who decided not to resume work. Hindenburg has written to Groener (the Labour Minister) denouncing the strike of munition workers. He says that the increased meat ration and regular supply of potatoes sufficiently compensate for the reduction of the bread ration. In view of the seriousness of the times, he cannot understand why the question of the feeding should cause a strike. Any diminution in the production of war material cannot be extenuated; it is a crime towards the men fighting on the western front. He asks Groener to explain the position to the workers.

Oldenzaal says that the most serious riot in Germany during the war occurred at Magdeburg owing to the reduction of the bread ration. Ten thousand strikers, mostly munition workers, tried to set fire to the Town Hall. Troops fired on them, killing and wounding many. The disturbances continue and the town is in a state of siege.

[The following is the third section of a message the first and second sections of which are not yet to hand.] especially railway and guns, and rely on Hindenburg's boasted strategical reserve to gain victory. However, the extraordinary rapidity of the Allied

advance has clearly disarranged the enemy plans, and the appearance of many new German divisions and the crowding of his first-line trenches indicate that the reserve is already being used up.

Meanwhile, internal troubles are more and more occupying the German press. The semi-official Berlin telegram announcing the termination of the great strike of munition workers in Berlin on Monday was now admitted to have been premature.

The Lokal Anzeiger states that a quarter of a million workers at five factories were still on strike on Wednesday.

Vorwaerts states that a meeting of strikers on Thursday resolved not to resume, but to send a deputation to the Chancellor.

The Cologne Gazette states that various strikes occurred in Leipzig on Monday and Tuesday; also a great demonstration at Stettin in protest against the scarcity of food.

Entry of U. S. Celebrated in London.

London, April 20.—To-day was "America day" in London and the British and American flags were everywhere entwined. The formal celebration service at St. Paul's was crowded. The King and Queen sat under the dome, members and ex-members of the Cabinet, diplomats and High Commissioners behind them. The service opened with the singing of "O God our help," then prayers were said and thanks offered for entry of the United States, and prayers for the victory of the Allies and a lasting peace, after which the battle hymn of the Republic was sung to the tune of "John Brown's Body."

The American Bishop of the Philippines preached an eloquent sermon on righteousness, and said that the Allies were fighting for the great commonwealth of mankind, adding: "Our war is to destroy war." After the singing of "Through the night of doubt and sorrow," Anglo-American hymns were played.

Ottawa, April 20.—In the House of Commons, Sir George Foster paid a tribute to the United States in joining the Allies. He said that the entry was the result of America's conviction that the Allies were morally in the right.

Sir W. Laurier said that the entry of the United States vindicated the principle that any nation that pretends to be civilized must side with the Allies, that there is a solidarity among all nations that the law of "might is right" cannot for ever go unchallenged.



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LITERARY LICENCE.

Of late years there has been an un-
pleasant tendency in English fiction
towards the suggestive—and even
almost the pornographic. This is very
regrettable, and much to be deprecated.
Formerly the pride and glory of the
literature of England was its consistent-
ly high tone, and it would be a great
pity if the standard were lowered.
The London *Punch*, for instance, has
always been an outstanding example
of the possibility of dissociating wit
and humour from vulgarity or impro-
priety. The canker has not as yet
spread very far, but sufficiently so to
make itself quite apparent. The
"fleshy school" has grown to consider-
able dimensions since its birth in the
latter part of the last century, when it
received the support of a number of
undoubtedly brilliant writers, such as
the contributors to the "Yellow Book."
There is no doubt that the new move-
ment was a reaction against the
maudish sentimentality which had
characterised most of the inferior pro-
ductions of fiction-writers for a long
period beforehand, and to a certain
extent the revolt was justified. It was
the unnatural and pharisaic tone of
early and mid-Victorian novelists
which, probably more than anything
else, earned that reputation for hypo-
crisy which was at one time univer-
sally accorded to the English on the
Continent of Europe. No one, we
should imagine, desires the return of
the School of Cant. The School of
the Flesh, however, is even more
pernicious. It is not even honest
pornography, but panders to vitiated
appetites under the guise of a smirking
imitation of morality. Beneath the
mask of the preacher one perceives the
leering face of the satyr. To enforce
the truth of this there is no need to
mention any particular names—they
are too well known. These writers
invariably give one the impression
that they would like to expatiate
very much more on their theme,
and are only restrained from doing
so by a disinclination to incur
the penalties of the law. Downright
pornography has existed ever since
the invention of writing, and will
continue to exist so long as human
nature remains as it is. But there is this
to be said in regard to it—at any rate in
these days. In actual practice it is
almost entirely confined to certain
circles, made up of those individuals
who have a taste for it—individuals
who are well acquainted with the
lurid side of life and have little to
learn from the most highly-coloured
effusions of the pornographer. But
the case is quite different with the
problem-writers and pseudo-moralists
of to-day. Their works are advertised
and reviewed in popular journals and
magazines, and are displayed in
prominence on every bookstall and in
the windows and on the counters of
every bookshop. Only very seldom
are they rejected by the committees of
public libraries. Consequently noth-
ing intervenes to prevent them from
getting into the hands of the young.
The rising generation is a large con-

sumer of fiction, and is naturally un-
discriminating. Such books as those
of which we are speaking are open to
them freely, and much harm results.
These books, while innocuous enough
to the adult and despised by all per-
sons of taste, are injurious to youth in
the highest degree, and those writers
who are responsible for instilling the
poison of corruption into the minds of
ingenious boys and girls are deserving
of the severest reprobation. All right-
thinking individuals will be on the
side of the angels in this matter, and
will hope to see these pseudo-literary
contaminators of the young placed under
such restrictions that their worst and
most baneful influence shall be re-
moved. The pen can be deadlier than
the sword. The sword can deal death,
but to the pen is given the possibility
of destroying the promise of life by its
power to taint the youthful mind.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

WE are asked to state that the St.
Mary's Mission School will re-open on
Friday, May 4th.

THE European mail is being taken
by the s.s. *Mata Hari* leaving to-day as
the s.s. *Katong* will not sail till to-
morrow.

THE Post and Telegraph Department
reports that Malay Peninsular main
line is imperfectly working between
Nagor Sridhamaraj and Bangkok.
Other lines are all right.

NEW Ads.—The Siam Import Co.
Ltd. have received a new 5-seater
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the films to be shown to-night at the
Phathanakorn Cinema will be new to
Bangkok.

THE Medical Officer of Health for
Bangkok reports that during the week
ending April 21st 7 cases of bubonic
plague were notified, and each case
proved fatal. There were no other
notifications of communicable diseases
during the period.

New Danish Legation.

It has graciously pleased His Majesty
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Shipping News.

The s.s. *Kamur* has been chartered
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There is a rumour that the steamers
Kuala and *Katong* now in port are being
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This appears to be done at the in-
stance of the Singapore Chinese
Merchants' Guild. The reason for this
step is said to be the refusal on the
part of the owners, the Straits Steam-
ship Co., to pay the value of damaged
cargo.

There has been a collision at Paknam
between the Japanese s.s. *Chofu Maru*
and the lorch *Tit-Lee*, both vessels
sustaining some damage.

On the 23rd instant there was a
slight collision at the Bar between the
Norwegian s.s. *Standard* and a lorch.

Rubber and Tin Market.

(S. O. SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
Singapore, April 27.

At the Rubber Auction the demand
was steady. Prices were slightly lower.
Smoked sheet reached \$160 and pale
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Tin was \$104.

Church Services.**Christ Church.**

3rd Sunday After Easter.
Evangelion and Sermon—6.0 p.m.
Processional 292 Praise the Lord, Ye
Heavens adore him.
Hymn 271 O Jesus, I have
promised.
252 I heard the voice of
Jesus say.
231 For ever with the
Lord.

Magnificat.
Nunc Dimittis.
Vesper—Through the day Thy Love.

S. Mary's (S.P.G.) Mission.
Sunday, April 29th—3rd Sunday after
Easter.
9 a.m.—Mottos and Sermon.

Hymns:—
297 "Songs of praise the
angels sing."
242 "We love the place, O
God."
229 "O Christ, the heavens
Eternal King."

THE Great War.

The British Budget.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
London, April 27.
The announcement of the Budget has been postponed till the 2nd of May.

Bombarding Dunkirk.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
London, April 27.
The French Naval communiqué says: A squadron of German destroyers bombarded Dunkirk for ten minutes on the night of the 25th instant while sailing past the port. The coast batteries replied and British and French patrol boats engaged the enemy who retired towards Ostend at a high speed. A French torpedo boat was sunk in the course of a short engagement. The enemy's losses are unknown.

In East Africa.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
London, April 27.
East Africa Official.—The season in the wet set for nine years. Large operations have been suspended. A large German hospital in the Kifunje area surrendered owing to flooding and hunger.

Fiercest Fighting in West Front.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
Singapore, April 27.
Reuter's correspondent says a battle is progressing on the British front and is the fiercest in the whole war. The Germans are bringing up large reserves and great numbers of fresh guns. Realizing that the battle may assume a decisive character they are resisting desperately and are accepting battle in the open.

George V. to Poincare.

London, April 21.—The Press Bureau states: The King, in a telegram to the French President, said: "I warmly congratulate you on the great success that has attended the efforts of the gallant French army during the past week, the news of which has been received by me and my people with the utmost satisfaction. These victories of our joint armies, I am certain, are an earnest of further steady progress."

Spain's Neutrality.

London, April 20.—Count Romanones has resigned because he is convinced that the submarine war is so harmful to the life of the nation that the continued neutrality of Spain may become impossible, but he finds a large section of Spanish opinion, even Liberal opinion, unwilling to follow him. The new Cabinet is Liberal but strongly neutral.

Madrid, April 21.—Martial law, mentioned as being put in force in the cable of March 29, has terminated.

Scandinavian Hunger Panic.

Copenhagen, April 21.—Daily demonstrations are taking place in Sweden against the Food Control Committee.

Seven thousand workmen paraded at Vester and thousands elsewhere, threatening to take the food problem into their own hands, regardless of consequences.

Two hundred Swedish bluejackets boldly attended a Socialist meeting in Stockholm.

Stockholm, April 22.—Premier Swartz, in his first statement in the Riksdag, replying to interpellations on the subject of food, recited the various restrictions on exports, and said that the fear of starvation was unfounded.

The interpellators regretted that all exports were not prohibited.

A crowd of 20,000 demonstrated outside the Riksdag, and appointed a deputation to wait on the Government on the subject of the dearth of living.

The Socialist Branting, in an address, exhorted the people to be calm, as the new Government was not concealing the situation like its predecessor.

Christiania, April 22.—The Storting has concluded its secret sittings on the questions of food and the dangers of navigating the North Sea in relation to foreign policy. No resolution was passed, but it was agreed that strict neutrality must still be observed.

It is denied that Norway is about to arm merchantmen.

Humanities of the War.

A ticket which can be punched twelve times is now issued by the L. B. & S. C. Railway. When the whole of it is gone, you presumably give up the hole.

Anybody who doubts the energy of the troops in Mesopotamia will surely be utterly confounded by the news, which is taken from an advertisement in the Basrah Times, that it is proposed to start a football league. And this with the hot weather coming on!

French soldiers have just had their daily pay increased from 24d. to 10d. (one franc). At the beginning of the war it was the lowest in Europe, being at the rate of only one halfpenny a day. It was a merely nominal sum, supplemented by grants from home, and was paid every five days, 24d. at alternate times, and a penny and a three halfpenny packet of tobacco at others. It was in October, 1915, that the point's pay was raised by statute to 24d.

After a tour through Switzerland under the personal direction of Richard Strauss, the members of the famous Mannheim Orchestra have just attempted to carry home in their instruments a quantity of foodstuffs. Swiss Customs officials at Basle, suspecting the ruse, examined all the double basses, cellos, and trombones, and found concealed sausages, meat, flour, and fats. The food has been confiscated and the musicians fined.

Mr. Ben Trovato tells this story. They were discussing the prospects of peace, when women and children would be allowed to travel in peace and family reunions would be possible. "When do you think, dear, the war will end?" was the question of one sweet creature to another in some way connected with hill-top dwellings. "So sorry, but I am not allowed to tell you that."

A young woman porter stole three cheques, according to a police court report in London. She succeeded in cashing two of the cheques at the Bank, the woman cashier not noticing that they were crossed. When she went to the bank a third time the cashier recognised the hat she was wearing and caused her to be detained! Now how many of our brainy male clerks would have thought of noticing that? They waste their time looking to see if the cheques are crossed.

Riga is one of the few Russian words in our day-to-day war gazetteer which does not lend itself to puzzling spelling variations, but it is more often than not mispronounced. That well-known linerick chronicling the sad fate of a young lady who "went for a ride on a tigha," has decided the pronunciation of Riga for most people, and it is only the merest man in the street who takes a running kick at the word and pronounces it "Riggs," which is, of course, the correct pronunciation.

A very improper subject for amusement occurred in Buda Pesth the other day. The Food Dictator lives at the Bristol Hotel and was at dinner with some friends and ordered his portion. When the waiter asked for his bread ticket, the Baron searched his pocket and found none. The waiter refused to accept a ticket offered by his friend, as the transfer of the bread ticket is distinctly forbidden. But it was not etiquette to laugh at the incident. Soldiers are not permitted to laugh when their C. O. tumbles into a wet ditch.

Professor Pollard, in a lecture at the University College mentioned that in his address two weeks ago he advanced certain forecasts, which were "blue-pencilled" by the Censor.

The statements, however, had since been justified by facts. He happened to know several of the censors, and they were really quite intelligent people outside the Censor's office. In their office they were subject to all sorts of orders, but blue pencils and red tape were fatal to any rational being.

They have a gentleman in the French Censor's office who really should be introduced to the cheerful idiot over here who struck out the line "The captains and the Kings depart." M. Joseph Reinach wrote of President Wilson, "Scholar as he is, Mr. Wilson will . . ." writing the word "scholar" in English. The censor suspected an insult that might have dangerous consequences, and crossed out the word "scholar," and the sentence appeared in the "Figaro" thus: "as he is." We could hardly beat that at Whitehall.

Despite their professed faith in their superiority, Germans are nevertheless superstitious, says the Liberte. The Crown Prince would refuse to travel in an automobile unless a horseshoe, which he himself picked up at the beginning of the war, be nailed to one of the doors. Among the troops there are various forms of superstition. Wurtemberg soldiers, for instance, wear a locket round their necks containing pollen grain, which they believe protects them against wounds, while the Saxon superstition is that invincibility is ensured by sewing the wings of a bat on the lining of the coat. Bavarian soldiers go to the extent of cutting

Shipyards v. Submarines.

London, April 29.—The Shipping Controller announces that the output of steamers of over a hundred tons in the six months ending December was less than the estimate, but the output in March exceeded it, being at a rate of over a million tons per annum. No ship of 14,000 tons has been ordered; the policy is being carried out of building seven ships of 2,000 tons each instead of one of 14,000. Three types of standard ships have been contracted for and are approximately of 5,000, 3,000 and 2,000 tons respectively.

Lord Curzon on Allied Victory.

London, April 21.—Lord Curzon, speaking at Derby, said that the military position at present was distinctly encouraging. He did not wish them to run away with the idea that the end would come just yet, but there was no doubt that the operations in France during the last fortnight were a considerable military victory and had shown the wonderful superiority of our artillery, which had fired four million rounds against the enemy. Lord Curzon added: "Keep your eye on Mesopotamia." He declared that the military power of Germany was not yet sufficiently broken to induce her to accept the terms considered reasonable by the Allies.

New Educational Era.

London, April 20.—Professor Fisher (Minister for Education) scored a triumph in the House of Commons, his proposals being unanimously approved, inaugurating what is described as a new educational era.

The bulk of the increase in the estimates is due to an increase in teachers' salaries. The proposals include the raising of school age to fourteen years, the development of agricultural education in village schools, liberal scholarships and maintenance grants for poor scholars in secondary schools and Universities, the reduction of multiplicity of examinations, and national physical training.

Austria Cutting Loose?

Amsterdam, April 30.—It transpires that the political crisis in Austria was complicated with several Ministerial resignations. Although it was of domestic origin, it caused considerable perturbation in Germany. It appears that the Emperor Charles refused to entertain proposals of the Austro-German parties to issue a decree making German the official State language and dividing Bohemia into language zones, one of which was to be purely German. The Emperor preferred to submit these measures to the Reichsrath, which meets next month for the first time since the war began, instead of enacting them by decree. German parties in Austria are much upset, while the newspapers of Germany are filled with forebodings of Austria's falling away from German grace.

Battle for Laon.

London, April 20.—Reuter's correspondent at French headquarters says that the French are entirely satisfied with the results of the new offensive up to the present. The capture of the Ostel-Courtecon line is of vital importance, those places being enormously strong positions. A compulsory retirement imperils the very powerfully organised line from Vauxaillon to Prebecqde. The capture of Nanteuil la Fosse threatens the centre of the enemy defence system. The whole of the enemy line facing west is threatened from the rear by the capture of Vailly and the advance beyond Ostel.

London, April 20.—The latest French communiqué shows that the French have extinguished the salient southwest of Laon, conquered the plateau, and from Jony and Atzy, its highest points, have a commanding observation over Chemin des Dames, the great road running from Laffaux west to Craonne. To the east the country from the road slopes downward to Laon, whose citadel rises abruptly 500 feet from the plain. West of Laon is the powerful fort of Laniscourt protecting the outlet from the huge obstacle of St. Gobain forest. As there has been no recent reports of fighting at Coucy and other points fronting St. Gobain, it would appear that the French are engaged in the movement between Laffaux and Craonne designed to turn St. Gobain.

Paris, April 20.—General Alexeff, the Russian Commander-in-Chief, has telegraphed to General Nivelle the Russian army's joy on learning of the magnificent French successes and its ardent wish that the efforts in which the Russian army is resolved to participate at the earliest moment will be crowned with final triumph.

General Nivelle replied, congratulating Alexeff on his definite appointment as Commander-in-Chief. He says that the French army rejoices to learn that the Russian army will soon join in the efforts against the common enemy.

themselves before going into battle, in order to drop blood on the branch of a birch-tree, being convinced that any wounds they may receive will heal when the tree bursts into leaf,

General Wire News.

Amsterdam, April 21.—Turkey has broken off relations with the United States.

London, April 22.—The death is announced of Sir Francis Burnand, from 1862-1906 editor of Punch.

London, April 22.—A Berlin telegram announces that a great cruiser has been launched, being named Mackensen by order of the Kaiser.

London, April 21.—The Press Bureau says that the Board of Trade under the Defence of the Realm Regulations prohibits the publication of any new newspaper.

Lisbon, April 21.—The Cabinet has resigned owing to the Chamber's rejection of a decree instituting a national economic council to deal with economic and industrial problems due to the war.

London, April 20.—Great amusement has been caused by a telegram from Constantinople saying that Prince Cyril, on behalf of the King of Bulgaria, has presented the Sultan with the Order for Bravery.

London, April 21.—The Press Bureau announces that Lord Devonport restricts the use of wheat and rye to the purpose of seed, or the manufacture of flour. It confines the use of rice and flour derived from wheat, rye and rice to purposes of human food.

London, April 16.—The Press Bureau announces that no person over

fifteen years of age will be permitted to land in India without a valid passport issued or visé by a competent British authority. This does not apply to members of the British Naval and Military forces, or to crews of overseas vessels.

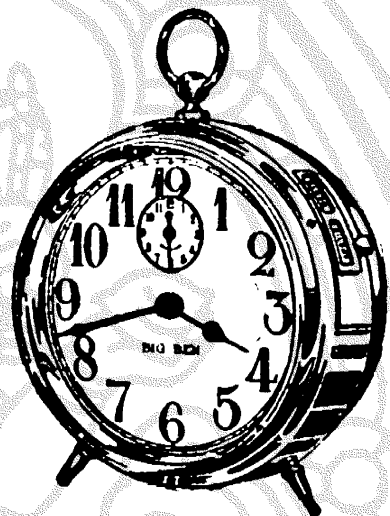
Buenos Aires, April 21.—The Government has sent Germany an energetic Note demanding complete satisfaction for the sinking of the Montevideo, and has instructed the Argentine Minister immediately to break off relations if Germany evades her responsibility.

Rome, April 20.—Official: A squadron of enemy aeroplanes, supported by submarines and torpedo boats, attempted a reconnaissance in force at Venice. Italian and French aircraft, supported by anti-aircraft batteries, counter-attacked and prevented the hostile machines from reaching the city. Aerial fighting continued far to eastward. One enemy machine was brought down. Two of ours did not return.

Rome, April 20.—Official: Signor Bonelli, Baron Sonnino, Mr. Lloyd George and M. Ribot, accompanied by Ambassadors and Military Officers, conferred at St. Jean Maurice. The very cordial relations and perfect understanding among the Allies were again demonstrated.

London, April 21.—The Press Bureau says that the Prime Minister returned to London in the evening, after a series of conferences with the French and Italian Governments.

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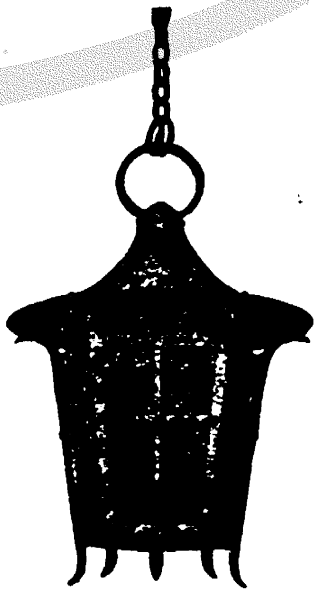
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Russian Position.

Petrograd, April 20.—The General Staff communicates that the Germans are concentrating naval and military forces on the northern front. Numerous transports including river steamers have assembled at Baltic Ports. A portion of the German fleet has left Kiel for Danzig, whence it has proceeded to Libau. The opinion is expressed that the Germans are contemplating a descent at the rear of the Russian right flank in the neighbourhood of the Gulf of Finland, threatening Petrograd.

New York, April 19.—The Associated Press states that assurances have reached Washington that under no conditions at present conceivable will the provisional Government of Russia yield to the overtures of Austro-German socialists for a separate peace. It is authoritatively learned that so far from contemplating any peace on the basis of existing governments, the advanced socialists of Russia want to carry their democratising ideas into the Central Empires and appeal to the Austro-German socialists to revolt and overthrow their monarchies and establish socialistic republics instead.

Petrograd, April 19.—The speeches at the Government reception to the Anglo-French labour delegates all emphasised that the Allied democracies were fighting for liberty and the elimination of war.

M. Milukoff declared the provisional Government would continue to exert its utmost efforts to annihilate German militarism.

That this view is overwhelmingly endorsed by the people is shown by the general condemnation of speeches in favour of peace by a few former exiles, whose journey to Russia was greatly facilitated by the German authorities. All the newspapers refer to them as in the pay of the Kaiser.

Petrograd, April 14.—The statement of the correspondent of the Times at Petrograd regarding foreign relations cabled on April 11 is semi-officially denied. It is declared the executive of the Workmen's and Soldiers' Committee merely informed the Government it had established an information bureau for the purpose of keeping the foreign socialist press informed regarding events in Russia.

[The Times statement does not appear to have been cabled out here.]

THE FRUIT SEASON.

Bowel complaint is sure to be prevalent during the fruit season. Be sure to keep a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy on hand. It may save a life. For sale by the British Dispensary.

Berlin's Battle News.

London, April 20.—Wireless. German Official: Firing activity increases daily in the Arras battlefield. The occupation of the fortified zone of Siegfried Hindenburg positions, which have been long under construction, began on March 16 and terminated yesterday by the abandonment of the Aisne bank between Conde and Soupir. The enemy follows hesitatingly. The double battle on the Aisne and in Champagne continues normally.

There is strong artillery fire on Chemin des Dames ridge. Strong French attacks near Braye and Cerny on both sides of Craonne failed.

The French yesterday renewed their attempt to outflank the Brimont position. French storming waves on the Aisne—Marne canal five times broke down sanguinarily. We are masters of the situation there.

There was a fighting all day in Champagne in the wooded region between the Thuizy-Nauroy road and Auberville, which latter we voluntarily evacuated. Our counter-attack pressed back the enemy. We reached our objective. Thus the second French attempt to break through in Champagne was frustrated.

The French so far have used more than thirty divisions on both battlefields.

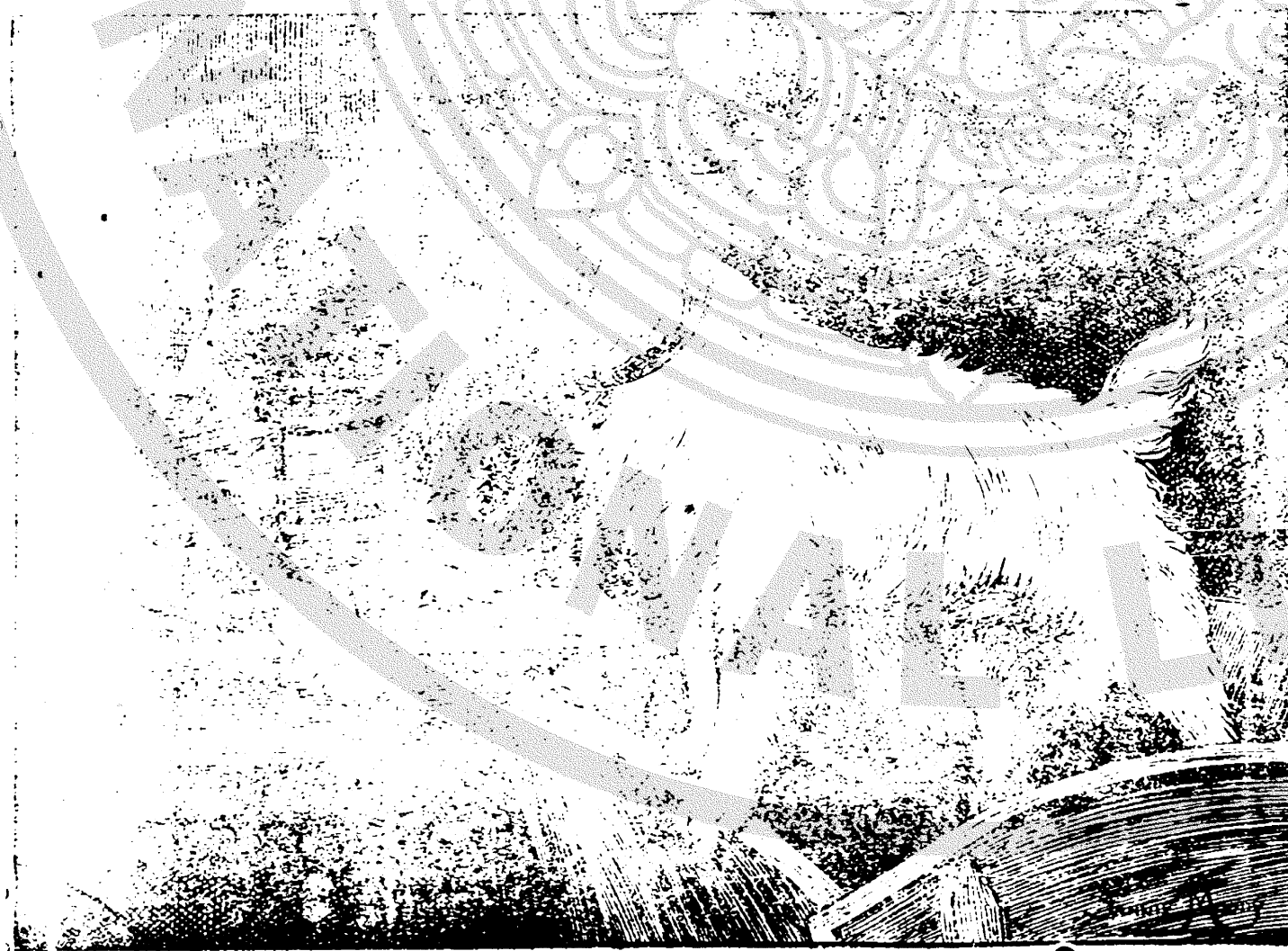
The French attempt to recapture the positions lost on April 17 failed, but they gained a footing on one summit.

London, April 21.—Wireless. German Official: The gradual increase of artillery fire between Loos and the Arras-Cambrai railway line continues.

Troops representing all German peoples are performing heroic deeds hourly under the heaviest fire, faithful in endurance to death, on the mighty battlefields of the Aisne and Champagne. Our thrusting troops yesterday afternoon cleared out the enemy from what was formerly a angar factory. We repulsed with severe losses the Franco-Russians at Brimont. The French stubbornly attacked near Braye, from the Paisy plain as far as eastward of Craonne, and between Prosnay and Suippes. French attacks on Chemin des Dames and in Champagne broke down under our fire.

A German Denial.

London, April 22.—The German Wireless denies that the bodies of dead soldiers are treated as alleged in the cablegram of the 17th. It says that those newspapers have mistranslated as "human corpses" the German word "cadaver," really meaning the carcasses of animals.



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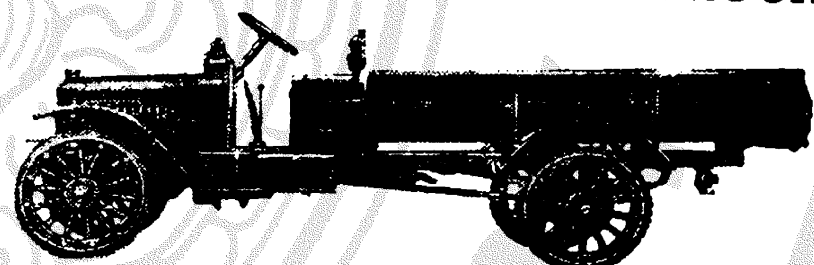
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Little Victims of the War.

The first party of children from the occupied part of France crossed the Dutch southern frontier in February. They are to be Holland's guests for the rest of the war. Five hundred youngsters had been expected, but only 250 actually arrived, boys and girls whose ages ranged from 6 to 14 years. Other parties are expected to follow. A large number of ladies and gentlemen of the Committee in charge of the work met the children at Rosendaal, including Madame Allize, wife of the French Minister, and General H. C. P. L. Mathon, Chairman of the Hague committee.

As the children stepped out of the train, each carrying his or her little bundle of belongings, they presented a pitiful and pathetic picture, and when they related that they had left Lille on Tuesday morning, the compassion of their new friends was even greater.

Having been regaled in the waiting room with a good meal, the children were divided up into groups and taken on to Utrecht, Arnhem, Eindhoven, Eindhoven, Breda, Den Bosch, &c.

A correspondent who was present at the Rosendaal station writes:—

As the French children descended from the train we realised the misery of northern France. They made a most painful impression. The Belgian children looked comparatively well fed as compared with these drawn little faces and listless eyes. Many of these faces wore the serious expression of old age; clothing was insufficient; hunger and weakness were apparent. They came from Lille, Lens and Arras. Many had spent months in cellars. They will tell you how mother had to stop up the cracks in windows and doors, and the keyholes as well, to keep out the poison gas. Many have seen the dead bodies of soldiers and civilians. They talk of military funerals as of quite ordinary things, of the arrival of seriously wounded, of bombardments and bomb attacks, so close did a number of these youngsters live to the front. There are five little girls in peculiar garb, a big black hat and cape. They came from the orphanage at Avion, near Lens. Mother is dead, father at the front. The orphanage took them in. Every night the inmates slept in the cellar for fear of shells. Holland! It was to them a land of milk and honey. They are now reaping the first fruits, but one shivers to see these children and think of the thousands and thousands who have remained behind in that land of suffering.

Another 254 French children have arrived at Rosendaal from the neighbourhood of Lille and Tourcoing. Of

these children 90 girls and 70 boys were sent on to Eindhoven-on-Sea, 20 girls to Eindhoven, 10 girls to Haarlem, 20 boys and 10 girls to Amsterdam and 34 girls to Zandvoort.

Some poignant details of the distress in the northern part of France are given by the "Telegraaf." In some of the villages right on the firing line—as for instance Cheuvery, Forgnier and Lens—people are still carrying on a hazardous existence. A double danger threatens them—artillery and famine. The cellar is their constant refuge, and often, indeed, their dwelling, while for food and necessities they are entirely dependent on the activities of the Relief Committee. During the recent cold spell the suffering was acute, very little coal being obtainable, and the unfortunate people were forced to use their furniture for fuel. Their life is one of continual suspense and anxiety, and they have always to be on the "qui vive" for artillery bombardments and gas attacks. German troops are quartered with the inhabitants or in factories, and Russian prisoners often pass through bound for some scene of labour behind the Somme lines or by Arras or La Bassée. Raids are of frequent occurrence, and villages are often surprised by the sudden appearance of British patrols, which dash in and carry off a number of prisoners. The situation is one of increasing distress, and the suffering and misery of the people is becoming greater and more unendurable as the months drag by.

Sinkings—and Failures.

Christiania, April 20.—An enquiry into the sinking of the Norwegian steamer Sør (?) confirms the report that the submarine fired on the lifeboats, while German sailors robbed the ship. Four persons were killed in the lifeboats.

London, April 20.—French Official: The arrivals at French ports during the week ended April 15th were 750 sailings 802; sinkings four; unsuccessfully attacked five.

Ymuiden, April 21.—The Norwegian relief ship Kongsli, bound for Rotterdam with a cargo of 8,000 tons of wheat, has been sunk in the so-called safe zone. The second mate is missing. The remaining 34 of the crew, of whom nineteen are Americans, were rescued by trawlers and landed at Ymuiden. The vessel was struck on the starboard side but owing to the darkness it is unknown whether by a mine or torpedo.

Ymuiden, April 22.—A Saturday evening message states that the Kongsli was not sunk, and is now being towed to harbour.

America's War Measures.

Washington, April 20.—The American flag is now flying on the British Embassy, for the first time in history. It is announced that President Wilson expects to receive Mr. Balfour and his fellow Commissioners at the White House on April 25. The authorities are gratified at the eminence of the Anglo-French Commissioners, especially Mr. Balfour and Viviani.

The Cabinet discussed the regulation of food exports to northern Europe, in order to prevent food reaching Germany. Legislation will probably be enacted on the subject.

London, April 20.—The Press bureau announces that at the War Cabinet's request, Mr. Balfour has undertaken a special mission to the United States. He has arrived at Halifax, accompanied by Lord Curzon, Rear Admiral Tiesch, Major-General Bridges and their respective staffs.

It is expected that nine of the seized German steamers will be ready for sea during the month. The Bill empowering the Shipping Board to take over 14 million tons of ships now being built for foreign interests will shortly be introduced into Congress.

Washington, April 20.—Mr. Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, announces that he is considering the temporary suspension of the construction of capital warships in order to concentrate on the building of merchantmen.

Nicaragua has notified her approval of the United States declaration of war against Germany.

Washington, April 20.—The chairman of the Senate's Military Committee has reported in favour of a selective draft system of raising troops. He says that "it would be folly at this late hour of the day, in the light of Britain's experience, for us to begin with volunteering."

Washington, April 20.—The Democratic caucus has voted in favour of introducing a Bill during the present session to prohibit the sale or manufacture of alcoholic liquors.

Baltimore, April 20.—The Catholic archbishops of the United States have sent a letter to President Wilson pledging the whole-hearted loyalty of Catholics in the United States as regards the war.

Advance in Palestine.

London, April 20.—Egypt Official: We advanced on Tuesday north of Wadi Muazza and captured the Turkish advanced positions on a six-and-a-half miles front. The positions gained were consolidated. Warships assisted and the fighting is proceeding.

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