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"Nankin" June 9	"Kashgar" July 10	"Nankin" June 9	"Kashgar" July 10
"Nankin" June 23	"Kashgar" July 24	"Nankin" June 23	"Kashgar" July 24
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"Nankin" June 25	"Kashgar" June 27	"Nankin" June 25
"Nankin" July 9	"Kashgar" July 10	"Nankin" July 9
"Nankin" July 23	"Kashgar" July 24	"Nankin" July 23
"Nankin" Aug. 6	"Kashgar" July 28	"Nankin" Aug. 6
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s.s.	Date
"Boribot"	22 April 1916
"Prachitipok"	29 " "
"Asiang"	6 May " "
"Boribot"	13 " "
"Prachitipok"	20 " "
"Asiang"	27 " "

LEAVING SINGAPORE.

s.s.	Date
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"Asiang"	26 " "
"Boribot"	3 May " "
"Prachitipok"	10 " "
"Asiang"	17 " "
"Boribot"	24 " "

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TIDE TABLE.

DEPTH OF WATER ON THE BANGKOK BAR.

FOR MAY, 1916.

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

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

PHASES OF THE MOON.

May, 2nd ☉ New Moon 11 p.m.
 " 10th ☾ First Quarter 3.29 p.m.
 " 17th ☉ Full Moon 8.53 a.m.
 " 24th ☾ Last Quarter 11.58 a.m.
 June 1st ☉ New Moon 2.19 a.m.

Bangkok Mails Close.

HONGKONG via SWATOW
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Exchange Rates.

To-day's Quotations.

LONDON—
 Bank Bills, demand 1/6 7/16
 Bank Bills, 4 months' sight 1/6 17/32

PARIS—
 Bank Bills, demand —

GERMANY—
 Bank Bills, demand —

NEW YORK—
 Bank Bills, demand U.S.A. 35 3/4

INDIA—
 Bank Bills, demand Rs. 113 3/4

SINGAPORE—
 Bank Bills, demand \$65 1/2

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 Bank Bills, demand \$68 3/4

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The Campaign in German East Africa.

Commenting on General Smuts' expedition in German East Africa, the "Vaderland" says:—

The region where General Smuts' army is now operating is one of the most remarkable in the world. Although one of the hottest regions of the earth, its highest mountain is covered with everlasting snow. According to a wire of 9th. March General Smuts expected an engagement with the German troops at the foot of the Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain of Africa, and the Boers must have marched and fought there with the snowy mountain top overhead, and the tropical sun scorching their skins, a combination of meteorological opposites which finds its only parallel in Dutch New Guinea.

When the Germans for the first time set foot in the present German East Africa, the snow-topped mountain complex in the centre of the country was still an object of superstitious fear to the natives. The name bears witness to this, for it means "the demon harbouring the cold." After repeated unsuccessful efforts, the Salzburg alpine tourist Herr Purtscheller and Herr Hans Meyer succeeded in reaching the highest peak.

In the pursuit of the German colonial troops, the South Africans have not crossed the frontier of British East Africa. Moving at the foot of the mountain complex, now on one side and again on the other, they compelled the enemy to abandon the British town of Taveeta. It appears from the telegrams that the Boers have been following their old enveloping tactics.

Position of Von Tirpitz.

A correspondent writes from Cologne to the *Tyde*:—The opposition against Admiral Von Tirpitz is only one indication of the political differences of opinion, developing under the pressure brought to bear by America and the neutrals and by the economic position within the country. It will soon be seen that the struggle has anything but ceased on the part of the Jingoists.

The Berlin correspondent of the *New York World* writes:—By a curious coincidence the resignation of Admiral von Tirpitz took place on the same day as the sinking of the *Tubantia*. No doubt the *Tubantia* incident will reduce the influence of those who have advocated a pitiless submarine war.

The *Kölnische Zeitung* points out in an apparently inspired note that the resignation of Admiral von Tirpitz is the first serious crisis in Germany since the outbreak of war. There are indications of a general feeling that the Navy should not act quite so rigorously as it is able to do. This idea is contrary to the German methods of warfare and such movements should be nipped in the bud.

The Socialist *Frankfurter Volksstimme* writes that a sharp agitation is in progress in favour of Admiral von Tirpitz under the auspices of the extreme Right of the Reichstag. Many probably did not know that the adjournment of the Reichstag for a whole week was probably a measure of the majority to prevent any agitation in Parliament. The Conservatives wished to stir up in the Reichstag manifestations in favour of Admiral von Tirpitz and against the Imperial Chancellor. They hoped to win for themselves public opinion and the inclination in bourgeois circles, and had already selected a new Chancellor in case they succeeded, namely Count Berling. The Bavarian Premier is known to have adopted the sharpest possible attitude in regard to the war.

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JAWARAD ROAD

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SIAM OBSERVER

Special War Edition

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German News Service.

Berlin, March 22.
The German Foreign Office states that investigation made by the German navy prove that the Tubantia was not torpedoed by a German submarine or by any other German naval force. It further states that no German mines were laid at the place where the accident occurred.

Headquarters, March 23.
Official. Western theatre: After cleaning the battlefield northeast of Avocourt and the conquest of further enemy trenches outside the forest district the number of unwounded French prisoners has increased to 58 officers and 2914 men. The artillery engagements on both sides of the Meuse, after temporarily weakening, continue with violence. The French near Oubert, again attempted to make up for the reverse they suffered on February 13, but were repulsed, with severe losses. North of Verdun, 3 enemy aeroplanes were disabled in an air-fight. Two of them were forced down behind our lines northeast of Samogneux, while the third fell down in flames beyond the enemy's lines. Thus Lt. Boelke shot down his 11th enemy aeroplane and Lt. Parschau his 4th.

Headquarters, March 23.
Official. Eastern theatre: The Russians are still extending. At several places the Russian attacked by night and day without interruption. The strongest efforts were made northwest of Postavy, where the Russian losses reached extraordinary figures, even when considering Russian masses. During a successful counter attack at a small point of irruption, the Germans made 11 officers and 573 men prisoners. Many other Russian attacks south and southeast of Riga, near Friedrichstadt, and southwest of Jacobstadt, south of Dunaburg, north of Vidzy and between Narotch and Viesniyev lakes, were all repulsed, with appalling losses. 600 Russian prisoners were made by the Germans in a counter attack. At no place had the Russians any success. Throughout the German losses were insignificant.

Vienna, March 22.
Official. Russian theatre: The Russian artillery has been lively on almost the entire northeastern front. On the Strypa and Kormin sector, Russian infantry detachments attacked, but were repulsed everywhere. At one place in East Galicia, a Russian unit of about one battalion lost three officers and 150 men dead, while 100 were made prisoners. The Austro-Hungarian losses on this occasion were only some soldiers wounded.

Headquarters, March 23.
Official. Western theatre: The German success near the forest of Avocourt was completed by the occupation of a French point d'appui on the mountain ridge southwest of Haucourt. About 450 prisoners were made. Otherwise the general situation of the western front is unchanged.

Eastern theatre: Yesterday the Russians showed their main aggressive activity during the night. They advanced several times with strong forces against the German positions at the bridgehead of Jacobstadt, on both sides of the railway Mitau-Jacobstadt and four times against the German lines north of Vidzy. On the front northwest of Postavy, the number of prisoners taken reached 14 officers and 819 men. No more important attacks were made by the Russians at this place, apparently on account of the overwhelming losses they had suffered. They advanced several times, however, with renewed force, between the Narotch and Viesniyev lakes. Great sacrifices of men and ammunition brought the Russians not even the smallest advantage, neither in these attacks nor in several local enterprises at other places, against the unshakable German defense.

Berlin, March 23.
Deutsche Ueberseesicht. The Berliner Lokalanzeiger, commenting upon the reported progress yesterday of the German troops northeast of Avocourt, states that the French position on the line Bethincourt-Malanecourt is now menaced from the east by the German new position on Mort Homme and from the west by the position in the forest northeast of Avocourt, which was stormed by the Germans yesterday. The town of Avocourt, which of course, is menaced itself is 7 kilometers distant being covered by forts and heights on the important railway line Verdun-Paris.

The Commander of the Moewe, Count Dohna-Schlodien, interviewed by a representative of the Berliner Lokalanzeiger, gave interesting details about the capture of enemy vessels by the Moewe. Off Madeira, the British steamer Appam had bullion and passengers on board, he finally signalled: "Stop immediately." As the captain did not obey the order, he fired one warning shot after which the steamer stopped. At first panic reigned on board, which only ceased when the German prize crew arrived on board and tranquillized the people. On board of the Appam, besides 4 officers and 30 sailors of the British navy, cases containing gold were found in the safe. They later brought the gold to Germany. After the capture of the Appam, the steamer Clan Mactavish was sighted at 1.30 a.m. As it was a fast steamer, the Moewe could only approach it after a long periscution. Then they sighted: "What is the ship's name?" The Clan Mactavish, mistaking them somehow, answered: "Who are you?"

They answered: "This is a German cruiser, stop immediately." The Clan Mactavish replied: "I have stopped," but continued to steam at full speed. At the same time the wireless operator of the Moewe informed the Count that the Clan Mactavish used its radiation. After the first warning shot they fired a grenade, which exploded on the bridge. An engagement ensued, until after having been hit several times, the Clan Mactavish moved: "We stop at all." One month later, at night time, a ship was sighted, the nationality of which they were unable to ascertain.

"The most clever captain" when asked, gave a name which could not be found in any ships' index. When asked again, he then gave another name. The captain said afterwards that in his confusion he really had forgotten the name he gave first. Count Dohna humorously added: "When it was quite indifferent under which name the ship was sunk, but it was a pity that we had to sink a steamer with a thousand bottles of Pommer on board, since we ourselves had no more of this stuff."

Berlin, March 26.
According to news from various sources, which is now confirmed, an engagement took place on February 29, between the German auxiliary cruiser Greif, three British cruisers and one British destroyer. The Greif, during the engagement, torpedoed and sank one large British cruiser of about 15,000 tons. The Greif blew herself up. Of the Greif's crew, about 150 were made prisoners by the British, who have not yet made known the names of their ships.

The British are keeping the strictest silence about the event and have cut off the prisoners from all communication with the outer world. Measures against this procedure have already commenced.

Official. (Delayed.) Western theatre: The violent artillery duels increased considerably at times in the Campagne, on the high road from Sommepey to Souain, in the Argonne and in the Meuse region up to the Moselle. Following up their success of Wednesday, the Germans occupied another couple of trenches west of Haucourt. On this occasion, the number of prisoners taken increased to 32 officers and 879 men.

Eastern theatre: While during the day the Russians only collected their forces for a strong advance against the bridgehead of Jacobstadt, east of Beshchhof, they undertook repeated attacks during the night north of the Mitau-Jacobstadt railway and an attempt to take the Germans by surprise south of Dunaburg. The Russians exhausted themselves in uninterrupted force attacks against the German front. North of Vidzy, all Russian attacks broke down with heavy losses. Further south no fresh attacks were made.

Balkan theatre: During the last few days, artillery duels of no great importance repeatedly developed on both sides of the Vardar, in the neighbourhood of Ghevgelli. An aeroplane belonging to an enemy squadron attacked Volovo. It was shot down and fell into the lake.

Western theatre: There have been no actual changes. The artillery duels were particularly lively in the Meuse district. Verdun was set on fire.

Eastern theatre: West of Jacobstadt the Russians again opened the attack, with fresh Siberian troops, after a strong artillery preparation. The attack broke down with severe losses to the Russians. Minor advances southwest of Jacobstadt and southwest of Dunaburg, were easily repulsed. The enemy's efforts north of Vidzy were completely unsuccessful. Further south, near the Norotch lake, the enemy limited their activity to artillery bombardments.

Balkan theatre: An enemy aeroplane was brought down after an air fight and destroyed by artillery fire.

Vienna, March 25.
Official. Russian theatre: Northwest of Burkanow, on the Strypa, Hungarian detachments of territorials, after having repulsed a strong Russian attack, advanced and entered the Russian trenches. They destroyed the Russian defense positions.

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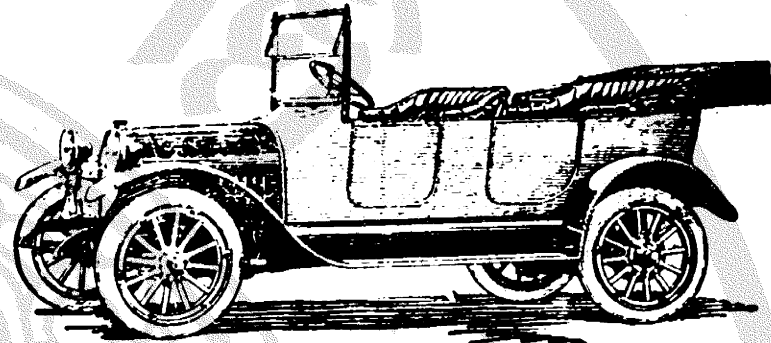
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Ministry of Agriculture	24.8	None	24.8	—	—
Dhanyaburi	None	—	—	—	—
Samudrakar	47.0	—	61.6	—	—
Krung Kao	9.0	—	14.0	—	—
Angtong	6.1	—	6.1	—	—
Lobhuri	None	—	—	—	—
Jainart	18.9	—	18.9	—	—
Udaibani	3.2	—	3.2	—	—
Blamuloke	27.4	—	62.2	—	—
Khazerngao	22.2	—	22.2	—	—
Prachin	54.0	—	54.0	—	—
Nagor Pathom	0.5	—	0.5	—	—
Rajburi	15.0	—	15.0	—	—
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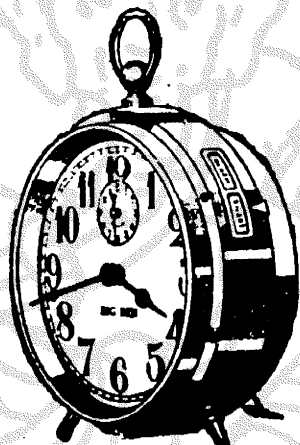
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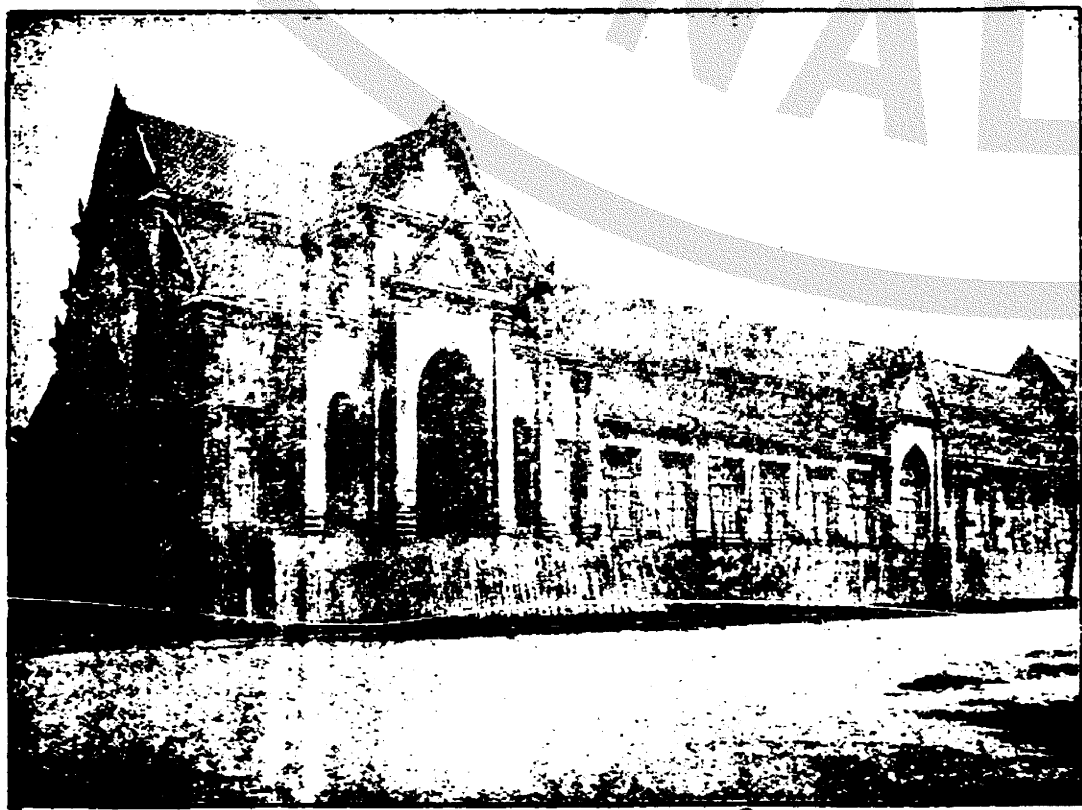
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THE**Great War.****The French Front.**

(HAYAS TELEGRAM)

Paris, April 27.

Yesterday there was artillery activity on the whole front.

To-day north of the Aisne we repulsed patrol parties. We repulsed a small attack north of fort Vaux. We dispersed a reconnaissance in Lorraine.

International Trade Conference.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM)

Paris, April 27.

The Inter-Parliamentary Trade Conference opened to-day in the presence of President Poincaré, M. Briand, Ambassadors and the Allies represented by high personages. President Poincaré and M. Luzzatti exchanged good wishes and declared that the Conference is a fresh affirmation of the solidarity of the Allies and the indissoluble unity for victory.

Turkish Offensive Repulsed.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM)

Paris, April 27.

Petrograd.—In the Caucasus we repulsed a Turkish offensive in the direction of Arzindjan.

The Italian Front.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM)

Paris, April 27.

Rome.—We repulsed attacks in the Cordevole height and the Seitz zone.

The French Colonies.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM)

Paris, April 27.

Official.—A decree declares the adjournment during 1916 of all elections in the French colonies.

A Comparison.

The following German official telegram appeared in our issue of yesterday with regard to the naval fight off the Belgian Coast. Regarding this incident the British Legation to-day reiterates the British official telegram published in our issue of the 23rd March last.

British Official. *German Official.*

London, Mar. 21. Yesterday morning four British destroyers sighted three German destroyers off the Belgian Coast. Regarding this incident the British Legation to-day reiterates the British official telegram published in our issue of the 23rd March last.

Unofficial.

London, Mar. 21. The German wireless describes as "great success" "fully successful for us," their success evidently consisting in getting away unscathed.

The Navy League.

Subscriptions to the Cruiser Fund have now reached a total of Tcs. 2,000,298. The amount contributed by MonChol Puket on the 29th instant was Tcs. 7,336.

Lady Paget on Her Way Home.

Lady Paget, wife of the British Minister to Serbia, who remained at Cakub with her nursing unit when the Bulgarians entered the town, is now on her way home. While in Sofia she had an interview with the Queen of Bulgaria.—Ex.

CORRESPONDENCE.**Polo and the Army.**

To the Editor of the "Siam Observer."

Dear Mr. Editor,

When I read my notes on this subject in your last night's issue I was horrified to see that I had been made to say "a regiment of boys would provide a very imposing escort for His Majesty, and certainly add to the glory of the Army."

Needless to say I never said or thought anything of the kind, what I said was a regiment of BAYS.

Of course I meant a regiment of Bay Australian Ponies of the type I had been writing about.

I do not however suggest that they should be ridden by boys but by picked officers and men—the flower of the Siam Army. In England we have The Queen's Bays (2nd Dragoon Guards) why not in Siam The King's Bays or The Bays of the Body Guard?

I hope I have now made my meaning quite clear.

CONTRIBUTOR.

April, 29th 1916.

[The printer's devil again! The first proof came up "boys" and was duly corrected into bays. The correction was not taken in and by an oversight the final proof unfortunately went out as "boys."—Ed. "S. O."]

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

WIRE News from latest Singapore papers will be found on page 8.

THE Phathanakorn and the Phathanakorn announce a complete change of programme for to-night. For particulars see advertisement.

Mr. E. Keil, the Austro-Hungarian Chargé d'Affaires, is leaving on a holiday for Hua Hin on Monday next. He intends to be away for four weeks.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Malay Peninsula main line is in order as far as Uthumphon. Local line is imperfectly working. Other lines are in order.

THE N. Y. K. steamers from Europe, commencing with the "Kamo Maru," will omit Colombo on their voyage from Europe, coming from Durban direct to Singapore.

THE Italian Community in Bangkok, who had already subscribed to the previous National Loan a sum of 100,800 lire, have now contributed a sum of 39,000 lire to the new War Loan.

THE marriage of Mr. Walther Gottsche of the Mekong Railway Co. to Miss Emma Gottsche, daughter of Captain T. A. Gottsche, Manager of the Paknam Railway Co., will take place on the 20th May next.

BURGERS made an attempt to enter the house of Phra Svasdi Kosh, in Hua Lampong yesterday night. The police, however, having got wind of the affair were on the watch and were able to arrest one of the thieves when they put in an appearance.

FROM a private letter recently received by a resident at Singapore, the "Straits Times" learns that Messrs. Stanley Miles and Nelo Miles are among the Singapore Eurasian boys who are now serving at the front. The former is a sergeant in the Royal Garrison Artillery and the latter a second Lieutenant in the Royal Fusiliers. They are the sons of the late Mr. T. Ramage Miles.

China's Revolt.

London, April 21.—The Times Peking correspondent wires that the indirect negotiations between the Government and their opponents is understood to be proving futile, owing to the latter insisting on the resignation of Yuan Shi Kai. Stopping remittances from the provinces will soon put the Government in financial difficulties, and payment of the troops will be impossible. Thus the president may have no choice but to retire. It is now believed that he is prepared to resign in favour of the Vice-President, provided that guarantees be given for his life and the property of himself and his supporters.

Peking, April 23.—Tuan Chi Jui has accepted the premiership and war portfolio and is organising a new cabinet to which Yuan Shi Kai has agreed to surrender all civil authority. The following members are practically selected: Foreign Affairs, Lu Chen Hsing; Finance, Chan Chui; Interior, Wang Yi Tang; Navy, Lu Luan Hsing; Communication, Tsao Ju Lin. Government hopes that the premiership of Tuan Chi Jui, a staunch republican, will reconcile the south.

PADDY REPORT FOR APRIL 28.

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The Development of the Royal Siamese State Railways

And the Opening of the New Bangkok Terminus.

(Contributed.)

If thereafter the northern railway system of Siam is linked up to the Indo-Chinese and further to the Chinese system of railroads their passengers travelling out East across the Indian Ocean will be able to avoid the long voyage around Singapore and through the China Sea by using the overland route through Siam, Indo-China and China. In the same way the delivery of mails to these three countries may thereby be considerably accelerated. But all these schemes seem to be still far away and possibly this generation will never live to see their completion.

A more feasible scheme seems to be the linking up of the eastern railway with the Cambodian system, that is to say with Phnompenh and Saigon and a branch line along the eastern coastal districts of the Gulf to Chantaburi and Krati. These eastern regions offer a great field for agricultural and industrial development and it seems that such a railway might be of great value for the general progress of the country.

When after the completion of the broad gauge lines to Kurat, to the North and to Patani it was found that the present establishments at the terminus of Bangkok insufficient, the railway authorities directly commenced a scheme of remodelling the whole system in conformity with the increased traffic. Previously the yard of the Bangkok terminus had mainly consisted of temporary wooden structures including workshops, goods-offices, station, post-office, sheds, godowns which had been erected as preliminary buildings in conformity with the demands of those days.

The arrangement of the entire yard was however no longer in correspondence with the increased traffic and with the general development of the city.

One main drawback was, for instance, that passengers and goods had to reach the line by passing a canal, thus being forced to make a long and inconvenient detour.

Now the whole work of remodelling the Bangkok terminus system had to be undertaken without hampering the traffic. Moreover it was necessary to obtain a clear view of the future demands and therefore work had to be completed step by step with the greatest care and economy.

At first a general workshop fitted with all modern appliances and machinery was built at Makasan on the Patria line on the outskirts of the town, the expenditure for this work amounting to 1,250,000 ticals. Thereupon a special river-line branching off at Makasan and reaching the river to the South of the city was built at a cost of 650,000 ticals including the landing and station buildings on the river-side.

This line greatly facilitated the transport of construction materials, bridges, rails etc. as these materials could henceforth be transhipped from the steamers directly and be sent to the constructional staff without delay.

Furthermore the early completion of this river-line was evidently a wise step, because the land in those days could have been bought at a low and reasonable rate, whereas at present the expenditure would have to be considerably increased on account of the rise in the land prices.

A main point is however the future development of the export and import trade, which may by aid of this river-line avoid the troublesome transshipment into lighters as all the goods may now be taken directly from and to the steamers.

The river terminus is situated at the inner corner of a great bend in the Menam Chowphya. Imagine that it in future the water-way of sea-going ships from Paknam up to Bangkok were to be shortened by a canal approximately in the flight-line of the present canal at Paklat, then this great bend would become a most suitable and huge harbour and anchorage for sea-going vessels the like of which one might scarcely be able to find in other seaports of Asia.

Formerly there was a certain drawback connected with this scheme, namely the fact that during the low water season the brackish water from the sea would more speedily come up to the city and become the cause for cholera and other infectious diseases.

However, since the completion of the water-supply system this argument must be regarded as groundless. Many other seaports situated on rivers have saltwater brought to them by the tides and are in spite of this fact healthy towns.

When in a few years hence the railway veins spreading in all directions of the interior will have caused a mighty rise in the economical development of the country and consequently too in the export trade, then this river-line will prove to be a great boon to the trade of Siam.

And let us furthermore look into the future, when the towns and industrial centres up-country will have

more and more increased their importance as trade-centres. The time will then come and it must come as a matter of course, when a great bulk of the import-trade will be guided from the harbour across the river-line directly into the provinces. The system might then be completed by constructing a branch curve commencing approximately at Samsen and leading straight to the river-line. Add to this a shunting yard for goods trains at Makasan and the system will indeed be in accordance with all demands of the country's export and import trade.

The agricultural resources of Siam have as a matter of fact been as yet insufficiently developed and are merely not in correspondence to the promising possibilities offered by the extremely rich and fertile nature of the country. Even now rice and teak form the main portion of the export trade.

There is however no reason to see why other branches of agriculture could not be made available and developed in a reasonable and thorough way for this trade. Such a development inaugurated in the right way would undoubtedly soon be followed by the creation of various industries in Siam.

In former days for instance this country exported sugar to other countries. This trade has been overawed by the mighty and systematic development of sugar plantations in Netherlands India and other adjacent countries. There is however no reason why the growing of sugar-cane and other sugar producing plants, for instance the sugar palm, why the manufacturing of sugar might not again as of yore become a flourishing agricultural industry of Siam.

Furthermore the country offers great possibilities for producing paper, silk, cotton, pottery, cement, marble, porcelain, leather, hardwood-tools etc. etc. Some of the districts up-country simply show splendid possibilities for the breeding of horses and cattle.

And then there are the rich mineral resources of the country. It seems that a general geological survey would surely prove to be of great value. There are undoubtedly mineral riches all over the country and by developing a mining industry Siam will be in this respect able to make herself independent of the foreigner. There is no reason why Siam shall be unable to produce coal, iron, copper, gold, petroleum etc., for there are sure proofs that these things exist in the country.

It would lead us too far away from the main subject of these lines to give an exhaustive description of all those innumerable and rich natural resources that are available for the economical development of Siam.

The railway is now extending its lines far into the country and the time has come to commence such schemes with a view of raising the general welfare and prosperity of the Kingdom.

In a few months the Bangkok terminus of the Northern and Patria lines will have been entirely remodelled and made fit for the great scope of present and future development. Next month the Grand Central Station will be opened.

(To be Continued.)

Items of Interest.

In Germany the demand for more knowledge as to the aims and objects of the war and conditions of peace is again making itself felt. George Bernhard urges in the *Vossische Zeitung*, that lack of this knowledge is depressing the people.

The Japanese Foreign Minister has categorically denied that Japan seeks a change in the Anglo-Japanese Agreements. He asserts that all the educated classes of Japan realise the value of friendly relations with Britain.

The *Kölnische Volkszeitung* urges that the best solution of the Alsace-Lorraine problem would be to divide the two provinces between German States. By that means they would more quickly lose their identity in Germany.

Wolff wires that contrary to French and British statements the submarine that torpedoed the *Lobnitz* was not destroyed. She returned safely to a German port.

The Serbian troops in Corfu will shortly be sent to Salonica. The Serbian Crown Prince will probably be in command.

Cairo, March 19. (Official).—The Duke of Westminster has secured the release of the survivors of the crew of the British s.s. *Tara*, which was torpedoed on November 5, 1915, and of the packet *Moorina*, which was sunk on November 11, 1915. They had been captured by the Senousi.

Swiss munition workers are going to Britain to work in the factories.

Hundred of thousands of steel helmets have been served out to British soldiers in France.

BOWEL COMPLAINT IN CHILDREN.

During the summer months children are subject to disorders of the bowels and should receive the most careful attention. As soon as any unnatural looseness of the bowels is noticed Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy should be given. For sale by the British Dispensary.

The U.S. Note.

Probability of a Rupture.

Washington, April 19. President Wilson's address to Congress was cheered by Democrats and Republicans standing up. It was referred to the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Houses of Representatives. Dr. Wilson's address is full of striking passages. It recalled the United States' protest against Germany's proclamation of a submarine zone in 1915, on the ground that it was impossible to carry out the proclamation without grossly violating the law of nations as long established by the assent of all civilized nations. "What this Government foresaw must happen has happened. Tragically has followed tragedy upon the seas in such a fashion and with such attendant circumstances as to make it grossly evident that such warfare—if warfare it be cannot be carried on without most palpable violation of the dictates of right and humanity. Whatever Germany's disposition and intention is, it manifestly proved impossible for her to keep such methods of attack on commerce within the bounds of reason or the heart of mankind."

Spirit of Wanton Murder.

London, April 19. Dr. Wilson referred to Germany's intention in February, 1916, as regards armed merchantmen and said that the law of nations had long recognised the right of merchantmen to carry arms in self-defence. He added: "Even the terms in which Germany announced her purpose further to relax the restraints she had previously professed her willingness and desire to put upon the operations of submarines carried a plain implication that at least unarmed vessels would still be exempt from destruction without warning and personal safety would be accorded to their passengers and crews. But even that limitation constituted no check at all upon the destruction of ships of every sort. Great liners, like the *Lusitania* and the *Arabic*, and mere ferry boats, like the *Sussex*, were attacked without a moment's warning, and the lives of non-combatants were sacrificed wholesale in a manner which the United States cannot but regard as wanton and without the slightest colour of justification."

The Sussex Instance.

"One of the latest and most shocking instances, the destruction of the *Sussex*, like that of the *Lusitania*, was so singularly tragic and unjustifiable as to constitute a truly terrible example of the inhumanity of submarine warfare as conducted by the Germans. Recent events make the conclusion inevitable that the *Sussex* is only one instance of the spirit and method of warfare which Germany has mistakenly adopted and which from the first exposed her to the reproach of thrusting all neutral rights aside in the pursuit of her immediate object. The Government of the United States has been very patient, and has hoped against hope that Germany would control the acts of her naval commanders in accordance with principles of humanity. It has been willing to wait till the significance of the facts became absolutely unmistakably susceptible of but one interpretation."

Only One Conclusion Possible

"That point has now unhappily been reached. The facts are susceptible of but one interpretation—that the Imperial German Government is unable to put any limits of restraint upon warfare against freight and passenger ships. Therefore, it is painfully evident that the position this Government took at the very outset is inevitable, namely, that the use of submarines for the destruction of commerce is incompatible with the principles of humanity, the rights of neutrals and the sacred immunities of non-combatants."

Dr. Wilson then announced his decision to break off relations unless Germany abandoned these methods of warfare. He said: "I arrived at that decision with the keenest responsible spokesman for the rights of humanity. I cannot remain silent while those rights seem in process of being swept utterly away in the maelstrom of this terrible war. With the utmost solemnity and firmness I have taken this stand, relying on your approval and support. All sober-minded men must unite in hoping that Germany will recognise the justice of our demands and meet them in the spirit in which they are made."

Washington, April 20.—President Wilson's Note considers that the evidence regarding the *Sussex* is convincing.

Bernstorff Gets Excited.

London, April 20.—The Times's New York correspondent says that high financial circles predict a break with Germany soon, but it is not believed that war will follow.

Washington, April 20.—Count Bernstorff is most perturbed, and in a very lengthy communication recommends Berlin to take speedy steps to avoid a rupture.

Washington, April 21.—Count Bernstorff conferred with Mr. Lansing, apparently seeking further delays. He seems to have been coldly received and given to understand that America would not change her attitude until the reply to yesterday's Note arrives. Amsterdam, April 22.—The Ameri-

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Uncle Sam's Honour.

London, April, 21.—New York State Legislature, which the Republican State control, has passed a resolution of qualified support of President Wilson in the German crisis, offering to reconvene in order to vote a pledge of the full resources of the State to maintain the nation's honour.

Views in South America.

Buenos Aires, April 22.—The Nation declares that all American Republics are in complete solidarity with President Wilson's policy of alleviating the effects of the war and insisting upon respect for neutrals.

Church Services.

Assumption Church.

April the 30th, Quasimodo or Low Sunday.

5.45 a.m. 1st Mass for the Native Community; 8 a.m. 2nd and last Mass for the Foreign Community. 4 p.m. Rosary, Instruction, Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament.

Week Days. 6 a.m. 1st and last Mass. 5.45 p.m.

Rosary and Hymns to the B. V. Mary. May 1 Monday. Devotion to the B. V. Mary. The exercises for the month of May open to-day.

Christ Church.

Service for 1st. Sunday after Easter. Evensong and Sermon at 6 p.m. Processional. Lead us, Heavenly Hymn. Father. Psalm: 148 Chant: *Turle in C.*

150 Chant: *Humphrey in C.* Magnificat: *Goss's Chant in E.* Nunc Dimittis: *Hopkins' Chant in E.* Hymns: *Jesus lives!* [Flat.

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St. Mary's Mission.

Sunday, April 30.—1st. Sunday after Easter.

7.30 a.m.—Celebration of Holy Communion.

9 a.m.—Mottos and Sermon.

Hymns: *Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts. Alleluia! Alleluia! hearts to Heaven and voice raise. Captains of the mighty band.*

4 p.m.—Sunday School. Wednesday, May 3.

6.30 p.m.—Intercessions for the War.

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Battle-Torn Ypres.

Reports of a New German
Offensive.

London, April, 23.—Reuter's representatives at Headquarters says there has been a renewal of reports of a big German offensive on the Ypres salient, probably of German origin. The fighting there has been incessant during the last two months, and has recently been fiercer, but purely desultory, and not exceeding a struggle for local positions, the enemy not daring himself to withdraw troops from Ypres for Verdun. He probably thinks the Ypres position too difficult for the next big British push, and therefore is trying to keep as many British as possible pinned to that front.

London, April 24.—The communiqué says that last night we successfully raided the enemy's trenches south west of Thiéval. Thirteen prisoners were captured, in addition to a number of casualties inflicted on the enemy by bombing their dugouts.

Our casualties were very slight. There was mining and artillery activity to-day.

More Conspirators Caught.

New York, April 20.—The arrest, on charges in connection with the Weland Canal plot, of Igel, secretary to and successor of von Papen at the German Embassy, led to the seizure of papers incriminating the highest German officials in the country, including Embassy officials, in the plot to blow up the Canal and other dastardly conspiracies. Count Bernstorff is trying to secure Igel's release on the ground of immunity, and is also frantically endeavouring to recover the seized papers.

Washington, April 21.—Photographic copies of the correspondence seized at the time of Igel's arrest have been forwarded to Washington in order to afford Bernstorff an opportunity to identify the property of the German embassy. It is not expected that he will claim some documents, because they would implicate his intimates.

Washington, April 22.—Investigations into the German plots reveal even more amazing ramifications, the number involved increasing by leaps and bounds.

German War Council.

Grave Position Created By
U. S. Note.

Amsterdam, April 23.—The American Note was published in Berlin yesterday, after the text had been sent to headquarters for the consideration of the Kaiser, Bethmann, Hollwegg, and Falkenhayn. It is expected that the answer will be delayed by requests for further information.

London, April 23.—There is a great war council at Gorman headquarters, deliberating on the crisis with America. The position is viewed with the utmost seriousness in Government circles, who demand that the situation must be examined in all its aspects in order to meet the latest danger. Not only politicians but military and naval officers are participating in the council. The papers supporting Government advise caution and appeal to America's sense of justice, but the majority of the press refuses to hear of abandoning submarine warfare and enters at American intervention as of little importance.

Washington, April 23.—The Government is tentatively arranging to cope with a possible severance with Germany. All representatives abroad have received the necessary instructions. The general feeling in official circles is not at all optimistic.

A Chaplain's V. C.

London, April, 21.—The Victoria Cross has been awarded to the Rev. Edward Mellish, temporary chaplain, for conspicuous bravery during heavy fighting on three consecutive days. He repeatedly went backwards and forwards under continuous heavy shell and machine gun fire between our original trenches and those captured from the enemy, in order to tend and rescue wounded men. He brought in ten badly wounded on the first day. Three of them were killed while he was dressing their wounds.

Wouldn't Leave the Trenches.
The battalion to which he was attached was relieved on the second day, but he returned and brought in twelve more wounded. He took charge of a party of volunteers on the night of the third day, and returned to the trenches to rescue the remaining wounded. His work was quite voluntary.

The Rev. E. Mellish was a curate at Deptford before the war. He served with Baden-Powell in the Boer War, and returned to England at the end of the war, but again went to South Africa and occupied a position on a diamond mine.

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The Settlement.**General Compulsion Postponed
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London, April 20.—Mr. Asquith's phrase "formidable disaster" is the text of all the papers, which are generally emphatic that such must be averted.

The Daily Telegraph says that months of blind mischief-making and deliberate wrecking are responsible for the situation, which is encouraging to the enemy on the very eve of the Allies launching a supreme war effort, and when a rupture between the United States and Germany is imminent. It is something gained that the whole matter has been brought open.

The Daily Express declares that no other Ministry is conceivable.

The Daily Graphic says that the divergent elements of the Cabinet must meet on the common ground that Great Britain is the workshop of the Allies.

The Daily Chronicle observes that disruption of the Government is the sole aim of anti-patriotic newspapers, regardless of the mischief in our relations with the Allies.

Nearly a Disaster.

The Daily News says: We have drifted near Niagara, but the warning is not too late.

The Times: We will cheerfully see the Cabinet shorn of half its members, no matter which, if the remainder will direct the war unhampered and with determination.

The Daily Mail states that if the Cabinet remains much longer squabbling and wobbling this will be a disaster of the most formidable kind. The country smiles at the good opinion of themselves entertained by these ineffective politicians.

The Morning Post says that the Military Service Act is the first bite of the cherry. The Government was now forced to take a second bite. Although Mr. Asquith made everybody's flesh creep, the Government's grimaces on the second bite may be discounted.

London, April 21.—The debate on Lord Milner's motion has been adjourned.

Lord Lansdowne is greatly distressed at the gravity attending the break up of the Government. At present a hundred Liberal members of the House of Commons, including Sir John Simon, have resolved to support Mr. Asquith.

A Settlement Reached.

London, April 20.—Official: The Cabinet will reach a settlement.

London, April 20.—The Press Bureau announces that the settlement of the Cabinet, while meeting the demands of the military situation, has satisfied all sections of opinion represented in the Government. The sole reason for a secret session on Tuesday is to inform Parliament confidentially of the main facts and figures whereon the decision of the Cabinet is based, of which publication is obviously undesirable.

An Election Result.

London, April 20.—The Wimbledon bye-election resulted: Coats 8,970, Jones 759.

London, April 20.—A meeting of Labour members of the House of Commons decided to ask for a secret sitting of Parliament to discuss recruiting.

London, April 20.—The Press Bureau

announces that the Cabinet meeting today came to an agreement upon the proposals which it will make to Parliament on the subject of recruiting. Government's proposals will be submitted to a secret session of each House of Parliament on Tuesday.

Voluntaryism's Further Chance.

London, April 20.—The Cabinet sat for two hours, till two o'clock, before they reached a settlement with which Mr. Lloyd George declared himself satisfied. Therefore it is assumed that absolute surrender was not required of either side. Ministers will now work end. The result at Wimbledon, declared at noon, possibly contributed to the settlement, showing the opinion of the country to be fairly equally divided with a bias in favour of the maintenance of the Coalition.

The decision to hold a secret session is unprecedented in modern times, and accords with the suggestion of the Labour members. Apparently Parliament on Tuesday will be able for the first time to consider all the facts of the situation.

It is suggested that the terms of settlement involve general compulsion, with a suspensory clause providing that it be not applied so long as voluntary recruiting is satisfactory.

Fifteen Thousand Weekly Wanted.

London, April 21.—It is generally agreed that the proposal adopted by the Cabinet was Mr. Henderson's, namely, that general compulsion be adopted if six weeks of the voluntary recruiting campaign does not secure fifteen thousand men weekly, which it is understood the military authorities declared would be necessary to the end of the year. Mr. Henderson is meanwhile exerting his acknowledged influence to secure the adhesion of the trade unions to conditional compulsion.

There was apparently little difference between Mr. Henderson's compromise and Mr. Lloyd George's proposed bill, which the Daily Telegraph says was rejected by the Cabinet, but the Daily Mail says that it will be introduced next week, providing for compulsion to be enforced by resolution of Parliament whenever the yield of recruits should fall below a certain total. The Daily Mail adds that the Government contemplates the use of the guillotine to secure the speedy passage of the Bill.

Everyone is Gratified.

According to some papers, the Government proposals, following the compulsion of eighteen-year-olds, are the retention of time expired men with the colours, the removal of restrictions as to Territorials, enabling them to be drafted to other units, the combining out of bachelors in reserved occupations, and the embodiment of attested married men (an opportunity to be given to unattested men to attest voluntarily, failing which compulsion), and State provision for the civil liabilities of married men. Whatever the Cabinet's decision, both sections of the press are satisfied, one side congratulating the Coalition on reaching a settlement without a single resignation, thus restoring the confidence of the Allies and preserving British tradition and practical commonsense, the other side acclaiming a victory for Mr. Lloyd George's perseverance and courage and for the

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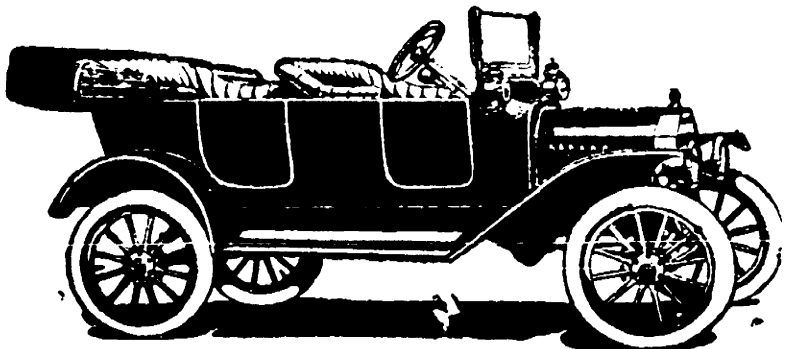
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Facts for the Waverers.
London, April 21. Political circles are most relieved at the Cabinet settlement, the terms of which are food for the widest speculation. There is general satisfaction among all parties that the Government has at last admitted the desirability of giving Parliament actual facts in order to facilitate a final decision.

The Speaker, who is taking a cure at Bath, is expected to break off to preside at Tuesday's sitting.

It is understood that the House will meet under the usual conditions, then after question time the Speaker will order the exclusion of the Press. A communication of the proceedings will afterwards be published.

Mr. Bowerman, Secretary of the trades union parliamentary committee, is profoundly thankful for the settlement.

Wire News.

Washington, April 22.—Villa is apparently living, as the body which has been exhumed is not his.

London, April 21.—The British steamer Cairngowan and the barque Ravenhill have been sunk. The crews were saved.

The British steamer Babbia has been sunk, the crew being rescued.

London, April 21.—The Dutch steamer Lodewyk van Nassau has been sunk, five were drowned.

Amsterdam, April 22.—The Ministry of Marine says that the Lodewyk van Nassau was probably sunk by a mine.

London, April 22.—The strike of Dundee jute workers, whereby thirty thousand were affected, is apparently nearing the end, the spinners and weavers having resumed work a fortnight ago, since when many works have been running, but the output is restricted owing to the absence of tenters, who however have now resolved by a large majority to resume on Monday. The members of the calendarers and jute and flax workers unions, however, remain out.

London, April 21.—Sir George Birdwood, in a letter to the Times, warmly commends the scheme for a Muslim cemetery, and hopes that it will be planned not as a necropolis but as a true Garden of God for the sanctified dead of Islam in England.

London, April 20.—The Governor-General of Dutch East Indies presides over an inquiry into the conduct of

the Germans Kelloffstein and Kell, ex-managers of the Straits and Sunda Syndicate, who are suspected of conspiracies against the Government and are said to have been largely responsible for the recent disturbances in the East Indies.

Rome, April 20.—The Italians in the Col di Lana, after three months' preparation in digging a tunnel, eleven hundred yards long, under Mount Sief, blew up a large part of the mountain on April 18, destroying most of the position, occupying the remaining trenches and capturing four hundred prisoners. Afterwards, says the communiqué, they captured the western peak of Mount Ancora.

Rome, April 22.—The communiqué says that an Italian air squadron effectively bombed the enemy seaplane station at Trieste.

London, April 23.—After a vehement attack on Mr. Lloyd George in yesterday's Daily News, owing to his attitude in the recent crisis, Reynolds's News to-day defends him equally warmly and says that if the Liberals continue their attacks, he will resign, but will unhesitatingly explain to the country the causes of past blunders.

London, April 23.—An Order in Council has been passed prohibiting the publication of any report of the proceedings of the Secret Session of Parliament other than the official report. No speculations as to what took place may be published.

London, April 23.—Generalissimo Joffre has decorated Sir Ian Hamilton with the cross of the Legion of Honour in recognition of his services in the Mediterranean.

Amsterdam, April 22.—An official despatch from Sofia states that an aeroplane from the south-east dropped two bombs on the suburbs of Sofia on the 21st, also several pamphlets announcing the fall of Ekzerum and Trebizond.

Paris, April 23.—A communiqué states that in response to an enemy air raid on villages on the Greek frontier, a French aeroplane dropped four bombs on Sofia.

Bukharest, April 22.—The news of the Russian capture of Trebizond caused the liveliest impression, and press comments have been very lengthy on the important consequences of the situation in Turkey and on the operations in the Balkans.

London, April 20.—A telegram from Salonika reports serious massacres of Greeks on April 11, in Adrianople, Smyrna and Constantinople. Turks and Bulgarians co-operated in the massacre at Adrianople.

London, April 22.—A decree has been promulgated banishing Germans of both sexes, except men of military age, who have been informed

Russians in France.

Paris, April 20.—A picked Russian force arrived at Marseilles to-day, General Joffre, in the Orders of the Day, rejoices to welcome the faithful and gallant Allies who will fight by the side of the French on the western front. He says that the soldiers are among Russia's bravest and are commanded by officers among her most renowned.

Marseilles.—The Russians' arrival has caused intense enthusiasm in France. It is not yet known in what sector they will be used, but the Germans will certainly hear of their arrival with dismay. There were ovations to the incoming troops, guards of honour of French cavalry and infantry, warships' bands playing anthems, and French Generals and officials to welcome the Russians.

Turks On the Run.

Petrograd, April 21.—The communiqué says that in the course of the pursuit of the Turks in the coast region, Caucasus, a patrol ambushed and captured two hundred men belonging to a regiment recently from Constantinople, commanded by a German. The captures at Trebizond included six machine guns. The town is undamaged and the population acclaimed the Russians.

A series of mountainous Turkish positions south of Trebizond were captured by the Russians, who are advancing in the direction of Sert.

Petrograd, April 22.—The communiqué says that our elements progressed further west from Trebizond and everywhere repelled attempts of the enemy to check our impetuous progress.

There were no events on the western front beyond a German air raid on Tarnopol. One burnt machine was found apparently one of the raiders.

Italians Busy Fortifying Valona.

Vienna reports that the position in the Balkans is on the whole unchanged.

Work on the fortifications at Valona has been pushed with feverish activity ever since the arrival of General Picentini. Artillery and other war material is constantly arriving and the spirit amongst the troops is excellent, says a Rome report. No more Austrian arm men have been seen since one of them came down in the sea. The Greek and Bulgarian troops are at Elbasan and only send out Albanian scouts.

The Pope has given Kr. 10,000 for the population of the Serbian and Montenegrin territory under Austrian occupation.

Greco-Italian Antipathy.

A correspondent writes from Athens to the *Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant*: The Greeks received the occupation of Corfu by the Allies quietly. Even if this occupation was not so easy to defend theoretically, it was generally recognised that practically it was easily explained. The arrival of twenty Italian soldiers suddenly brought a change in their attitude. And it is now not only the Government papers that protest, but the whole Venizelist Press. All the papers hoping for an ultimate victory of the Entente, have joined in the protest.

The Greeks used to consider the Italians as their brothers. There was so much in the history of Italy to remind the Greeks of their own. In the face of such sympathy, a peaceful co-operation ought to have been possible. But the Italo-Turkish war wrought a complete change. In that war the sympathy of the Greek nation for the sister nation ran high. The Italians acted as the liberators of the oppressed Greek nation. Athens enthusiastically greeted the conquest of the Twelve Islands. No less was expected here than that Italy would also the war generously cede to the mother country the islands exclusively inhabited by Greeks. This hope was bitterly disappointed. The Italians kept Rhodes and the other islands.

From that time the Greeks have realised that the interests of Greece and Italy clash, instead of running along the same lines. It was Italy that resisted the incorporation of Northern

The Tigris Fighting.

London, April 20.—War Office details of the fighting on the right bank of the Tigris, on April 18, prior to the Turkish counter-attacks, show that the Turks left between 200 and 300 dead in the captured positions. We took eight officers and 180 men prisoners, and captured two field-guns and five machine-guns. Our losses were comparatively small. An aeroplane report says that the Turkish ambulances were busy all day in removing casualties after the enemy's counter-attack.

London, April 21.—The Turkish counter-attacks on the Tigris on April 17th cost the enemy over three thousand dead, including German officers. The British total casualties were a much less number than the Turkish killed. Floods are still hampering the relief of Townshend.

London, April 23.—The commander in Mesopotamia telegraphs that an attack on the Samarra position of the Tigris on the morning of April 23 failed, owing to floods limiting the attacking front to one brigade which penetrated the enemy's first and second lines through a bog. The brigade was unable to hold the ground and supports were not able to cross the marshes under machine-gun fire. The troops on the right bank were also unable to make much progress.

Epirus; it was Italy that broached the question of the Corfu Canal. It is, therefore, not surprising that the Greeks view an Italian occupation of Corfu with far different eyes than they did a French or British occupation.

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