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Bank Bills, demand, 1/6 11/32

Commons and Man-Power.

London, April 9.—A continuation of the Premier's speech states that he said the Government must accept the responsibility of submitting to Parliament, with the guidance of the Convention's report, such proposals for the establishment of self-government in Ireland as were just and could be carried without violent controversy. The Government proposed to introduce such a measure at an early date and to advise the House to pass it without delay. When large numbers of youths would be brought into the fighting line it was right they should feel they were not fighting to establish a principle abroad which did not apply to them.

The Premier proceeded: The appeals we addressed to the Dominions produced a fine response. They have already furnished about a million magnificent fighting men and are taking the necessary steps to send more.

The enemy had attacked at the height of his strength. We had been deserted by a powerful ally, another more powerful ally was not yesterday to exert a tenth of its might. On the other hand this battle must exhaust the German reserves while America was only now bringing in the first instalment of her first corps. If we wished to avoid a war lasting years the battle must be won now and to win it we must be ready to throw in all our resources. The men we are now taking might well be the means of making a decisive victory and with these measures and the promise of American aid we need not fear the ultimate issue.

Mr. Asquith.

Mr. Asquith following the Premier said if, as he believed, they were confronted with the gravest peril which had ever menaced the Empire, there was no sacrifice which the House was not prepared to make. He appealed to the Premier to give a little more time for consideration of the bill.

The only test applicable to the bill was whether the military result securable thereby would outweigh all the other considerations. The Allied cause had never been so seriously imperilled but by a supreme and sustained effort we could save it. Mr. Asquith paid a glowing tribute to the manner in which the men fought and mentioned that one his own who is an artillery officer at St. Quentin wrote that for twelve successive days from March 21 his battery covering the retirement took part in twenty-nine engagements. This was a sample of the work the artillery was doing all along the line. He doubted whether there had ever been a more splendid thing in the glorious history of the artillery.

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retirement in order to save the infantry. As long as this spirit animated the army he did not despair of the prospect of victory. If however we were confronted with the gravest peril which had ever menaced not only the Empire but also our Allies and something greater than any material fabric that man ever built up, namely the fortune and liberty of humanity, there was no sacrifice which the House representing the people was not prepared to make to preserve the world from the worst catastrophe that had ever befallen it.

Sir E. Carson said he warmly supported conscription for Ireland. He was glad and proud to think his country was at length to take its proper place in the battle of freedom but he regretted the question was mixed up with Home Rule. This might raise two agitations one against conscription and another regarding Home Rule both prejudicial to the operations of the act.

Mr. Dillon followed Mr. Asquith and moved the adjournment of the debate. He warned the Government they were entering on a mad course in endeavouring to force conscription on Ireland. He asked whom the Premier consulted as regards conscription in Ireland. He hoped, for the sake of winning the war, that the War Cabinet's methods of dealing with the war were different from the methods of dealing with Ireland.

After discussing Mr. Dillon's motion for an hour the Government moved the closure which was carried by 310 to 85.

Mr. Dillon's motion was defeated by 323 to 80 after which the discussion was resumed.

Later.—The first reading was passed by 239 to 80.

London: April 10.—In the House of Commons in moving the second reading of the Military Service Bill Sir G. Cave referring to the threatened resistance in Ireland said the resistance would be overcome (cheers and Irish protests). It was believed the Irish cause would produce a very substantial number of men. If it yielded ten divisions or only five it would be worth while to enact it. It was said it would need an army to enforce it. The Government did not think so. Owing to the conduct of certain elements in Ireland it was already necessary to retain a considerable force in Ireland and the Government did not think that force could be substantially increased.

He emphasised that as soon as arrangements for registration and tribunals were complete the act would be put in operation in Ireland (Irish cries "You will never see them up," "Nobody will serve.")

Sir G. Cave continued that Ireland could do more and was bound in honour to do her share towards the defence of the country and the Government only proposed to put her on the same footing as the rest of the Empire.

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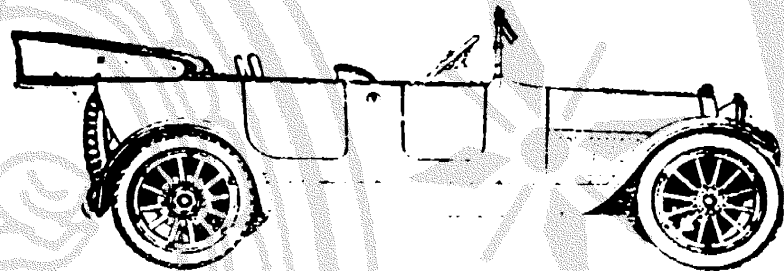
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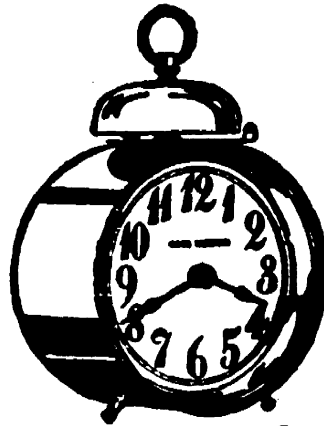
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The Siam Observer.

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 1918.

REASONS FOR CONFIDENCE.

The news that the British have fallen back as a result of a terrific German offensive, although sufficiently serious, should not cause any great apprehension. In spite of the spirit of boastfulness and arrogance that is the result of such transient success as that recorded to day there is no doubt that the people of Germany are exhibiting signs of nervousness that have attracted the attention not only of the neutral press but that of the Central Powers as well for our enemies are overshadowed by the anxiety they feel for what the morrow may bring forth. The enemy knows that, with him this offensive is the last desperate, forlorn hope. He knows that although Russia need be feared no more, his task is not completed and that he has to face all the means that modern genius and science can devise for his discomfiture. He knows, moreover, that unless he can conquer now he can never conquer for, in modern warfare, the human element must succumb to the pressure of superior forces and when he sees that the victory on which he counted so much is still far removed from his grasp, his confidence will give place to uncertainty and indecision. The Germans know that it is not what they have done in one sector of the battle-front that counts but what they have succeeded in doing right through the battle-line and there they must see that the programme they set out to accomplish has failed and they have still to contest every inch of ground.

The Allies know well enough that the end is not yet in sight and that their duty is to keep the line intact until the time that those reinforcements, that are at present in the making, can arrive. They know that they must keep steady and take what toll they can of the enemy's forces. The Allied armies are opposed to the best trained troops the world has ever seen but the knowledge that they can resist the intense concentration of forces brought against them must give them heart and in that knowledge is the knowledge of ultimate victory. In spite of the utmost efforts of the Germans the Allies can keep unbroken and there is no reason why the future should not be looked upon with confidence.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that all lines are in good order.

LLOYD George puts the onus on the Kaiser, but what he needs more is the kibosh. — Boston Herald.

THE following passengers leave by the s.s. *Kuala* to day:—Mr. R. Guyon, Mr. J. A. Russell, Mr. W. K. Chung and Mr. Li Pak Lun.

LATEST advice.—S. E. C. Ltd. still have in stock a few Oakland motor Cars. The Atank Nigrah Pharmacy advertise Qofinia Hair Oil.

THERE is evidently such a thing as being too well prepared; Germans built the Vaterland in such a way that she could be at once converted into a troop-ship. — Philadelphia North American.

GENERAL White, interviewed in New York, said that British and Canadian recruits were beginning a drive to get 20,000 men from the United States. During the next two months, he said, 200,000 Britons in the United States would be liable to be drafted.

A RETURN showing the number of cases of communicable diseases which have been notified as occurring in the City of Bangkok during the week ended the April 30th gives 13 cases of bubonic plague with 14 deaths therefrom two being last week's cases. There were two cases of small-pox both of which ended fatally.

As an example of the gullibility of some London newspapers the following from the Daily Express of January 12 last is interesting:—"A remarkable pitched battle between two large tigers and five elephants took place recently in Bangkok. Native guards in the corral held the moment the tigers appeared and informed the French military guard of the French Legation. The guard hastened to the scene of battle, but too late to see the fight. The elephants were badly maimed. One was dead, two had their trunks bitten off, and two more were badly lacerated."

The Late Chief of Nan.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Phra Chao Suriyabongsa, Ruling Chief of Nan province, passed away on the morning of April fifth, after a short illness. He was eighty-eight years of age, and there was never a more popular ruler in the north. He never heard want or distress without wishing to relieve it; and on the day of his death, the roads to the palace were filled with the common people, who mingled with high officials in the palace itself.

He had been almost deaf and blind for many years, but his mental faculties were unimpaired. He had recently suffered the loss of his son Chao Rajah Donai, and his beloved wife, from pneumonia fever; and these losses probably hastened his death, though the immediate cause was a paralytic stroke that affected the muscles of his throat, and he was unable to swallow.

Among his children are Chao Buri and Ma Chao Umela, of Nan, and Hon. Sri Brahma na Nan, lady in waiting to her Majesty, the Queen Mother.

He was always a friend to the missionaries, and when permission was asked, that the native Christians call at the palace to present their condolences, the request was readily granted; and they were asked to sing a hymn. So that afternoon, the Christians called in a body, bearing a wreath of white and cross of red flowers, and gathering around the catafalque of his wife, sang "There's a land that is fairer than day."

THE Burmese Lakorn Troupe are giving performances nightly at the Pathanarom Theatre. The show consists of dancing by Burmese actresses to the accompaniment of Burmese music, acrobatic feats, juggling etc. Some of the items presented, specially the acrobatic turns, are decidedly clever, while the quaint Burmese dances are quite interesting. Altogether the show is a good one. The last performance takes place to-night.

A STEAMER has just arrived at Halifax, N. S. in a sinking condition, bringing evidence of what appears to be a determined attempt to destroy her. The vessel was one of a large convoy which left a United States port recently with supplies for the Allies. When about 100 miles at sea she began to sink, and it was discovered that someone on board had removed all her sea-cocks. The steamer was compelled to leave the convoyed flotilla and steam full speed for this port, where she arrived just in time to prevent her from going to the bottom.

IT is reported that a method of weaving cloth with the hair of cattle has been invented and put to practice with success by Mr. K. Shiraishi, assistant teacher of the Government General Technical College inside the East Gate, Seoul. The cloth made with the hair of cattle according to the new method is very flexible, besides being fine in appearance and is in no way inferior to woollen cloth. The cost of manufacturing it is but one-fifth of that of woollen cloth. The material has not hitherto been profitably used in Chosen, being used only as a fertilizer, so that the invention mentioned will be of great benefit. It is estimated that hair of cattle collectable at the Tanning Factory at Yongdeungpo in one year can be manufactured into cloth worth 400,000 yen. A new source of wealth is thus open to Chosen, for cattle comprise one of the most important products of the peninsula.

An Irish Amazon.

Sergt.-Major Flora Sandes, an Irish lady, who for two years has been serving with the Serbian Army, related her experiences to a Press representative. "I went out to Serbia," she said, "in August, 1914, being one of the first to go to the help of that little nation. After the terrible retreat I joined the regimental ambulance, but, being cut off from the unit, I asked permission to join the Serbian Army as a private, and was accepted. For two years I have taken part in all the fighting, and was badly wounded at the taking of Hill 1,212. On this occasion a hand grenade exploded near me, and I sustained 24 wounds. I ordered the men to fall back, but they refused, saying, 'We are not going unless we can take you.' One of the officers crawled through the snow, dragging me along, while the men remained behind and fought a gallant rearguard action until I was carried into safety. The next day, when our troops attacked and occupied the Bulgarian trenches they found a number of our men who had been taken prisoner. Everyone lay dead in the trench with the throat cut from ear to ear. That is the Bulgarian way of dealing with prisoners. Sergt.-major Sandes has been awarded the highest decoration for which Serbian soldiers are eligible.

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THE Great War.

The Great Battle.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, April 17.

Field Marshal Haig reports:—The enemy last evening launched a very heavy attack, preceded by intense bombardment, between Baillieu and Neuve Eglise. Three picked German divisions not previously engaged in the battle assisted in the delivery of the assault and after a fierce and bitter struggle carried the high ground south-eastward of Baillieu known as Mont-delle and the Revalberg.

We have fallen back to new positions northward of Baillieu and Wulverghem.

Baillieu has fallen into the enemy's hands.

Fresh German attacks developed this morning in the neighbourhood of Wytschaete.

Ireland and Conscription.

London, April 10.—The text of the new Military Service Bill states that the provisions do not apply to persons ordinarily resident in the Dominions. Doctors up to fifty-six years will be liable to service. Clergymen shall perform combatant service only with their consent. As regards Ireland, the act shall be subject to such modifications and adaptations, as is necessary to make it applicable.

The Press.

London, April 10.—The Irish press comment upon the proposal to extend conscription to Ireland follows, on party lines. The Irish Times says: Only one thing could be more unfortunate than the total exemption of Ireland from compulsory service, namely the enactment of compulsion, and the subsequent hesitation to enforce it in face of lawless and disloyal threats. The Nationalist Freeman's Journal declares that the Government is mad, and the Cabinet, has decided to carry the war into Ireland.

London, April 10.—The first comments of the papers on the Man-power debate generally confirm the feeling evident in the Commons that on the main proposition the Government has the support of the country although some express concern as to the injury done to the nation's economic life. Yet there is confidence expressed that the middle-ages will respond to the call with the same gallant fortitude as those who have gone before. It is on the question of Ireland however that the differences of opinion are most pronounced. The Times and Daily Mail warn the Nationalists they will only damage themselves and inflict an irreparable blow on Home Rule if they oppose measures vital to the existence of the Nation. The Daily News says Mr. Lloyd George seemed to throw a calculated challenge to Ireland. The Government's proposal is like midsummer madness.

The Daily Telegraph says the Nationalist members of the Commons show their intention of returning to Ireland at the end of the week to organise resistance to conscription. Some opine there will be an alliance of Nationalists and Sinn-feiners. The Irish Catholics standing committee consisting of Cardinal Logue, Bishops of Cloyne and Kildare at a meeting at Dublin yesterday passed a resolution declaring the attempt to enforce conscription a fatal mistake.

The Daily Chronicle regards the attempt to enact Irish conscription at this juncture as a blunder and catastrophe and earnestly hopes that even government will open its ears to sane counsels.

New York, April 10.—The press takes Mr. Lloyd George's speech as the text of an appeal to Americans to speed up war work, especially the provision of troopships. It advises Irishmen to support a peaceful acceptance of conscription.

Lobbyists.

London, April 10.—Reuter's lobbyist says it is generally assumed the Man-power Bill will pass with certain modifications early next week. The committee stage will be quillotined by a motion on Thursday. It is expected Mr. Asquith will smooth the path of the bill and any suggestions he may make will be substantially accepted by the Government. The Irish difficulty is not regarded as insuperable. The Nationalist protests yesterday evening are not considered to bar an amicable arrangement. Some quarters opine that an agreement may be reached on the basis of a quota contribution from Ireland.

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 and Diarrhoea Remedy should be given. For sale by the British Dispensary.

German Trawlers Sunk.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, April 17.

Admiral:—Ten German trawlers were sunk by gun-fire during a sweep of the Cattegat on April 15th. British ships saved the crews. There were no British casualties.

The Fall of Helsingfors.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, April 17.

Uleaborg:—The Germans took Helsingfors after three days' fighting in the streets and neighbouring forests.

Standard Ships.

May be Built in Shanghai.

That standardised steel ships will soon be built in Shanghai Dockyards as a result of the awakening of the British and American Governments to the facilities here is the expression of opinion made to a China Press representative by an official of one of the large local shipbuilding companies. "This statement was made in connection with the recent order promulgated by the British Minister at Peking, prohibiting British shipbuilders from constructing ships without written consent from the Government."

While the order is a blanket one and applies to all ships, it is believed locally to be aimed at neutral countries and means that future construction will be carried on for the Allied Powers' various accounts. At the present time there are five vessels, two of less than 5,000 tons displacement and three of more, being built for Norwegian interests, as well as one Italian gunboat under construction for patrol duty along the China coast. The order allows the work already started to be completed but prohibits the starting of new work.

Though admitting the probability of an order being issued soon for the construction of standardised vessels, the official of the local company was loath to enter into a detailed discussion of its possibilities. It is stated, however, that the Shanghai Dock and Engineering Company is prepared to build ships up to 8,000 tons displacement, while the maximum capacity of the New Engineering and Shipbuilding Works is but slightly lower.

The reason for the belief that steel ships will be specified is said to be that wooden ships, many of which have been launched by American companies, have not come up to expectations, and that much of the shipping public has evinced strong preference for metal vessels.—Ex.

Jews and Revolution.

The root of the Russian trouble is exceptional, and it has escaped the wiseacres and ideologues who prattle of "democracy" and predict the golden age. The cause of the Russian unrest cannot be said to be Tsarism, for the nation at large—above all, its peasants—is monarchist to the core.

The nation may have been fooled into believing that the Court was especially pro-German; but pro-Germanism is not the cause, for Russia has been ridged with pro-Germans during almost two centuries, and the present propagandists are largely cosmopolitans who are playing the German game. Once more the gross corruptions of officialism are not the true cause, since nothing can exceed the corruption of the Revolutionists themselves.

For what, then, is this hybrid revolution retributive? Mainly for the ruthless persecution of the Jews in a semi-Oriental and still mediæval country which has persisted in " pogroms " repugnant to civilised Europe. Men of Jewish, and often of German-Jewish, origin have been in the forefront of the ferment, and are still convulsing all Orders and every kind of Order. The Soviet is largely thus leavened. Krensky and the so-called Lenin, if we mistake not, are practically so derived.

This is a very remarkable fact, for the Jews are not revolutionary by instinct, and, become so through systematic oppression. Yet it would be as unjust as untrue to suggest that the Jews have undone Russia. It is International Socialism that has betrayed her, the cabals of Geneva and Stockholm. A nation is a union of races in ideal association. The Jews are a race, not a nation, as Napoleon well recognised, and when they are well treated they grow to the soil. When they are not, they are driven into revolutions, which they head through their ability.—"Saturday Review."

Peking April 6.—A Japanese military delegation has arrived to discuss the Siberian situation with Chinese military authorities.

Petrograd, April 10.—The German capture of Charkoff is officially confirmed.

Moscow, April 10.—Replying to Germany's demand for the conclusion of a Russo-Ukrainian peace, the Government informed Germany that it wirelessly to Kiev on April 4 proposing peace and negotiations begin on April 6.

Havas Wires from Singapore.

The French in Flanders.

Paris, April 16.

The correspondent of the *Motiv* on the British front says:—French troops are taking up their positions in Flanders. Their arrival has revived the British troops' aggressiveness, after eight days and nights of continuous and heroic fighting.

The Germans are anxious about the consequences of this appearance of the French, and it is to be anticipated that the offensive between La Bassée and Ypres will be intensified, and that the enemy will engage a part or the whole of his reserves.

Unity of Command.

The British as well as the French papers unanimously rejoice over the appointment of General Foch as Generalissimo. They emphasize the great efficiency of the unity of command thus established. No one was better qualified than General Foch to incur so great responsibility, and henceforth only one army and one chief will face the huge German hordes.

Kaiser Karl Again.

The news of Count Czernin's fall will give a rude shock to the calmness affected by Berlin and Vienna in regard to the revelation of Clemenceau. The Minister's resignation is equivalent to an avowal of the truth of all that M. Clemenceau has published, despite a new telegram which the Austrian Emperor has sent to the German Kaiser, saying:—"The accusations levelled against me by M. Clemenceau are too vulgar for me to continue to discuss this affair with France."

In The Lords.

London, April 10.—In the House of Lords, Lord Curzon in the course of a statement, similar to Mr. Lloyd George's said that directly the emergency arose reinforcements were despatched from Britain to France at a maximum rate of over thirty thousand daily without the loss of a single life. As regards the appeals of the Prime Ministers to the Dominions and India, and the glowing and encouraging replies received from them, he said it always seemed to be one of the most glorious experiences of this war that, in the distant parts of the Empire, remote from the scene of the conflict and exposed to no visible or imminent peril, the youth of the Anglo-Saxon race have rushed to arms, and a sedentary population have been willing to accept any sacrifice with an ardour not inferior to that of the people who are almost within the sound of the guns, and whose homes and subsistence have been directly threatened.

This feeling has been confirmed and consecrated by the blood which has been shed on the battlefield. The response that has come from every quarter of the Empire, testified anew that the true nature of the Amiens menace is realised as fully by them, as by ourselves, and that no effort will be spared to lend additional succour to the common cause. As regards the appeal to America, he stated that the response was immediate and generous, and as regards numbers they exceeded the most sanguine expectations. The monthly supply of American infantry, machine-guns and reinforcements, on which we could reckon during the ensuing months, will alone constitute an army of formidable strength. As regards the prolongation of the struggle, he said that our forecasts, all along, were made for a war embracing at the least the year 1919. It was unnecessary to look further at present.

London, April 10.—The Admiralty states that the arrivals during the week were 2,534, and the sailings 2,495. Four over, and two under 1,600 tons were sunk. Eleven were unsuccessfully attacked, and two fishing vessels sunk.

London, April 9.—The Admiralty reports: A destroyer was sunk on April 4, as the result of a collision in foggy weather. All hands are missing.

The Hague, April 10.—The British Legation has notified the Netherlands overseas. That that coal and pitch cargoes on Dutch ships taken over in British ports, have been requisitioned, owing to the impracticability of unloading and storing, but the owners will receive equal quantities of new cargoes when able to take delivery. Arrangements will be made to unload and store other cargoes, until the owners are able to receive them.

Paris, April 10.—The postponement of Bolo's execution caused a sensation in Paris. It is believed Bolo made startling disclosures. Bolo whose health has deteriorated was judiciously interrogated in his cell yesterday and confronted with witnesses in other pending trials.

Shipping Notes.

The Nor. s.s. "Drufer" 1,102 tons Capt. N. Hjorth, arrived from Swatow yesterday with a general cargo, 2 bags and 2 bundles of mail, 2 cabin and 743 deck passengers. The consignees are Messrs. The Siam Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.

The Brit. s.s. "Chang Chow" 1,203 tons Capt. E. Finlayson, arrived from Hongkong via Swatow to-day with a general cargo and 3 bags 2 bundles of mail, 1,129 deck passengers. The consignees are Messrs. The Borneo Co., Ltd.

Ships in Harbour.		
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Kamor	Nor.	18
Kuala	Brit.	28
Dreite	Dut.	5
Drufer	Nor.	21
Atlas	Dut.	H. B.
Maur	Nor.	H.
Chang Chow	Brit.	Bangkok.
		at Quarantine anchorage.

Norway's "Calm."

In a message from Christiania a special correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Co. describes how his footsteps are dogged by a little man in a green hat, evidently a German spy, who tries to read over his shoulder a telegram he is writing.

Frederick Olsen the king of the

Norwegian merchant marine, he says, is no neutral, for he is very much at war with the U-boats. "I know what you are going to ask me," said Olsen, "but you will realise that we must be very cautious. I can express myself only in very guarded terms. So, keeping this fact in mind, I will merely say that I wish every German was in hell."

I cannot help smiling and expressing my sympathy that he should be forced to choose his words so carefully.

"Well, hang it all!" he bursts out. "Look at this!"—and he picks up a steam gauge lying on the desk. "This is all I have left of one of my ships. It is at the bottom of the sea now with plenty of others, and the men went down with it. Do you think you would feel like speaking softly in these circumstances?"

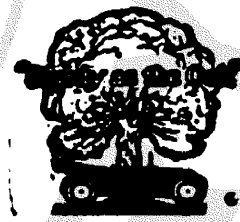
"Wa, Norwegians, are calm, as you say, only because we know that whatever happens our Government will never give in on the submarine question. They may bargain with the Germans on other points. They may fling a few more tons of flounders into their hungry maws, but beyond that we stand pat on our rights. You must feel how the air here is loaded with electricity."

Later on I visited a number of barracks near the harbour frequented by sailors, and here I found plenty of evidence of the excitement below the calm surface. Christiania is very calm, but so is a barrel of powder until a spark drops into it.

Meteorological Data

Registered in Bangkok during the Month of March, 1918.
SUPPLIED BY THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

Atmospheric Temperature.	1918		Data for previous 16 years.	
	Fahrenheit.	Centi-grade.	Fahrenheit.	Centi-grade.
Mean during month	82.7	28.1	48.7	29.2
Mean of Maxima	90.6	32.5	49.7	32.2
Mean of Minima	74.7	23.6	74.2	23.3
Highest recorded	97.0	36.1	113.0	39.4
Lowest recorded	71.0	21.7	62.0	16.7
Greatest daily range	19.0	10.5	37.0	20.5
Least daily range	13.0	9.4	2.0	1.1
Mean daily range	15.9	8.8	19.5	10.8
Rainfall.	Inches		Inches	
	Inches	Milli-metres.	Inches	Milli-metres.
Total during month	2.85	72.4	2.12	53.8
Total from 1st January to date	3.04	77.5	2.94	...
Greatest rainfall in 24 hours	1.25	31.7	3.11	78.9
Total registered at Borneo Co.	1.21	30.5	20.8	52.8
Number of days on which rain fell	5		37	
Mean relative humidity during month	65.8		66.1	



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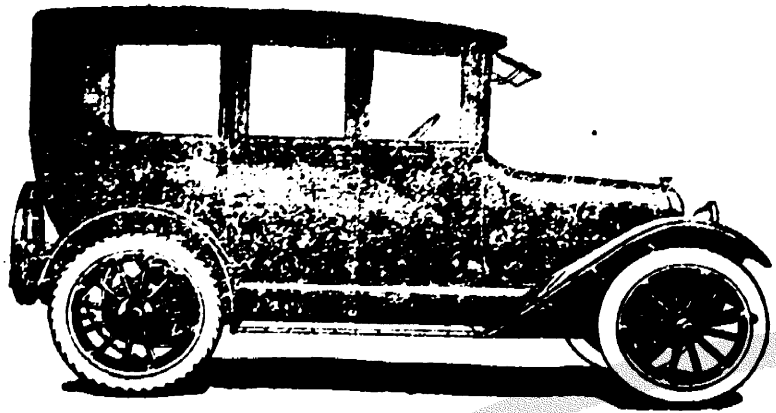
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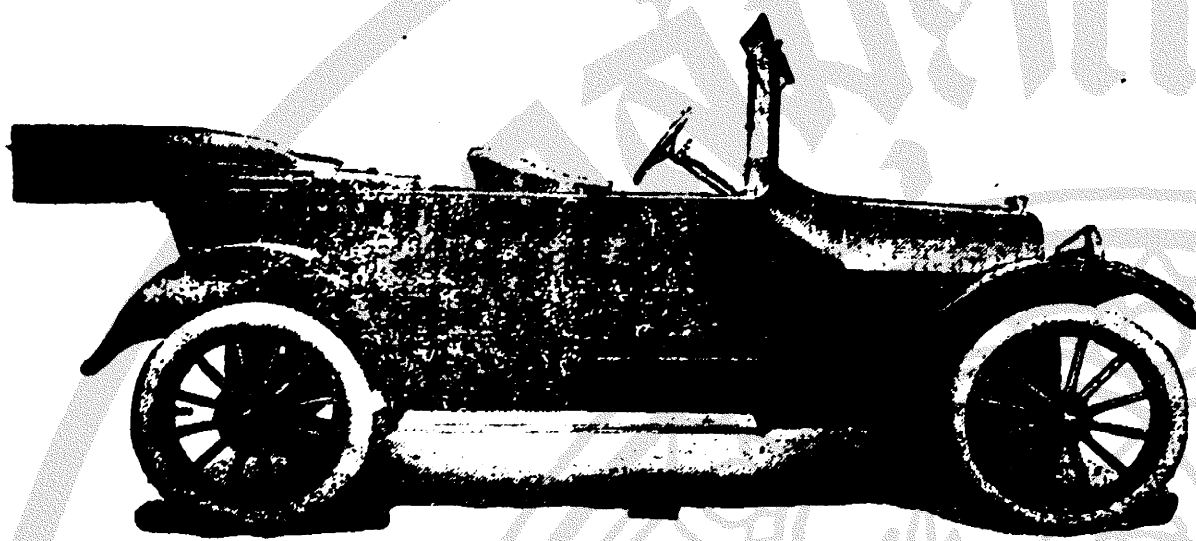
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General Wire News.

Petrograd, April 6.—A Russo-Chinese agreement has been reached settling all misunderstandings. The Government has energetically protested against the entry of the German-Ukrainian troops into the province of Kurak which is essentially Russian.

The Hague, April 6.—The German coal supply to Holland has been stopped and the granting of Dutch credits connected therewith has been rescinded.

Paris, April 6.—President Poincaré has sent a warm message to President Wilson on the occasion of the war anniversary. President Wilson in the course of an equally friendly reply hoped that France would regard what America has done in the past year as proof of America's firm determination to continue to extend her efforts until the triumph of right is secured. All American resources would be consecrated to the realization of this aim.

Paris, April 6.—In reply to Count Czernin's recent declaration regarding peace proposals, a note issued by the French Premier lays bare Austria's schemes for a German peace.

The note says that Count Reverte, an agent of the Austrian Government, had expressed a desire to enter into parleys last year in Switzerland with a French officer by name Count Armand. The latter received from M. Clemenceau the following order: "Listen but say nothing."

When an interview took place, Reverte was convinced that his attempt to pave a way for a German peace remained fruitless, he handed to Count Armand a note written by him admitting in his own words that "In the month of August 1917 parleys had been begun with the object of obtaining from the French Government with a view to future peace proposals addressed to Austria which would be of such a nature as would be recommended by the latter to the Berlin Government."

This is the fact that Czernin dared to transmit in these terms. M. Clemenceau caused me to be asked if I was ready to enter into negotiations."

The note adds "In France we call that lying."

"It was only too natural that M. Clemenceau should be unable to restrain his indignation when he saw Count Czernin reverse the roles so audaciously and represent the French Government as begging for peace at the very hour when we were preparing together with Allies to inflict a supreme defeat on the Central Empires."

Welcoming war correspondents on the French battle front General Foch pointing to the map to-day said "All is going well. It is clearly evident that the tidal wave of the German armies

has been broken on the shore. Now they are against the embankment and are completely stopped. The future will show in full measure our success. We are going to try and do better and get the upper hand of the Boches. I cannot say what will happen but all is going well."

London, April 6.—Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters says at day-break this morning the Germans are attacking astride the Somme valley in the direction of Corbie but there is no news how the battle is progressing. The main weight of the thrust seems to be west of Bois de Vaire. The Germans continue to fight desperately for possession of the main Amiens road. Some of the fighting yesterday was of the fiercest character. The enemy massed early in the morning west of Dernancourt. We blew up the neighbouring Somme bridge but a very heavy attack followed wherein New Zealanders eventually repulsed the enemy after a ding dong battle.

London, April 6.—Reuter's correspondent with the French army says the results of the first two days' renewed battle have brilliantly confirmed Foch's assurances. The enemy is not only held but is held by half their number of the Anglo-French troops. This disproportion on the purely French line from Thennes to Grivesnes is even greater. Fifteen German divisions, of which seven are entirely fresh, attacked on this front but were checked by a few French divisions, who not only held them but were able to counter-attack and recapture part of the ground carried by the enemy on Thursday.

The enemy's objective is again Amiens railway and town. The fifteen attacking divisions included some of the enemy's best troops who repeatedly returned to the assault far into the night. The battle was suspended to-day on the German side owing to exhaustion of enemy troops, whereupon the French successfully counter-attacked at several points notably at Mailly Raineval and Cantigny. The front line now passes the Aves close to the junction of the Luce thence west of Castel, then between Morisel and Rouvroil around Mailly Raineval. The gain of ground is practically all in the northern angle of the bulge and has no importance on the issue of the battle.

The main point is that the advance has been blocked by a much smaller force. The enemy had been outfought and outgeneralled and the utmost confidence prevails at French Headquarters. The French divisions are being carefully economized not on account of shortage of men but because the last word will be not with the side having the greater number of divisions at the outset but the side having the more divisions at the end.

London, April 7.—Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters review-

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ing the operations says the German progress is very slow and is purchased at such a terrible cost of life as only the German High Command would sanction as the price of small tactical gains. The German infantry has been squandered at a rate which cannot be long sustained. If the German losses continue on the same scale as hitherto there will be precious little German army left if it were to reach Amiens.

It can be said the Germans on Saturday were further than ever from the accomplishment of the real strategic purpose. A perfectly cohesive frontal battle order still faces the Germans from the sea to the Swiss frontier. This front is steadily stiffening therefore the Germans are feverishly fighting against time to get in their blow as soon as possible.

The German claims of prisoners and guns are so preposterous that they are not worth contradiction. The accounts from all sectors continually speak of wholesale slaughter of Germans. Thus around Hebuterne yesterday the Germans seen thrice mustering to attack each time melted away under machine-gun and artillery fire.

London, April 6.—Field Marshal Haig says there was local infantry fighting in the neighbourhood of Aveluy wood north of Albert without change of situation. The hostile artillery continues active. At least ten German divisions participated in unsuccessful attacks yesterday north of the Somme. Fighting has been most severe on many parts of this front as far north as Bucquoy. The weather yesterday permitted a few fights on the battle front. Our infantry shot down one enemy aeroplane.

London, April 7.—A French communiqué says: The artillery duel continued violent on the Oise-Somme front. A strong enemy attack in the morning between Meunil St. Georges and le Monchel was shattered by our artillery fire and failed completely numerous corpses being left in front of our line.

Our batteries farther north dispersed enemy gatherings in the woods south of Hangard and the Demuin region. The Germans in the Noyon sector after a bombardment with heavy guns attempted to recapture our gains north of Mount Renaud. After a severe fight was retained the conquered ground our advanced lines resisting a series of furious German attacks on the left of the Oise on the front of Abbecourt, south Chauny, Barisis and after inflicting severe losses we occupied prepared positions in accordance with orders.

Moscow, April 7.—A semi-official

says British troops landed at Vladivostok after the Japanese.

With reference to the landing at Vladivostok the Council of the People's Commissaries undertakes the political demarches and simultaneously orders all Soviets in Siberia to resist the enemy incursion on Russian territory.

London, April 7.—It is reported in Petrograd that German aeroplanes are flying at Helsinki. The Russian warships have left Helsinki for Cronstadt. The Council of Commissaries has decided that the German landing at Hangoe concerns Finland and the Council cannot interfere.

London, April 5.—Montagu's silver report says Broadstreet reports in default of adequate silver circulation the Philippine National Bank has resorted to the issue of paper currency amounting to half a million dollars. It is stated silver money will no longer be current in Italy after April 30. The market is steady with moderate business. Shanghai exchange has made no important movement. The silver output of the United States in 1917 is officially estimated at 74,244,500 fine ounces a reduction of 170,302 fine ounces compared with 1916.

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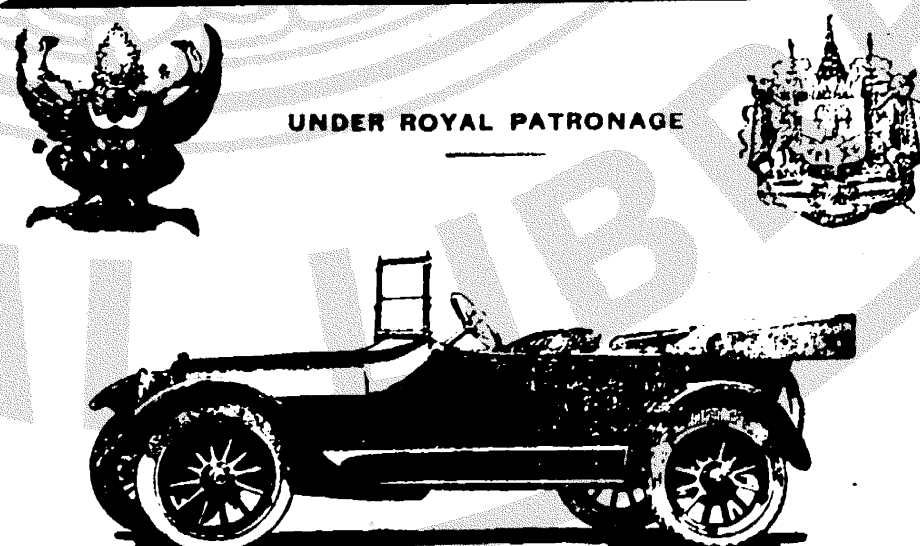
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Late War News.

Offer to Allies.

London, March 22.—The interest attaching to the recent official announcement that an important conference of Allied Ministers preceded the issue of the Entente's manifesto on the terms of the Russo-German peace, is considerably enhanced by a flatter telegram from Moscow. This mentions the prevalence there of a rumour that Germany offered the Allied Powers important concessions in return for the recognition of the Brest-Litovsk treaty.

German Terms.

The Bolshevik Foreign Minister (M. Trotsky) made the following statement on his return to Petrograd from the Brest-Litovsk conference:—

"The German peace terms which Russia refused included the retention of Poland, Lithuania, Riga and Moon Island (at the mouth of the Gulf of Riga), and the payment of an indemnity of £800,000,000."

A Petrograd message states that the indemnity to Germany will probably be reduced to £400,000,000.

Subsequently M. Lenin, the Bolshevik Prime Minister, in an article in the Bolshevik organ "Pravda" explained that the acceptance of the German peace demands was essential to secure the continuance of the Bolshevik regime. He proceeded: "Refusal to sign would have been possible only to those intoxicated by revolutionary phrases. The army is demoralised and refuses to fight. I always tried to persuade the members of our party to clear their minds of revolutionary cant. One of the greatest of present evils is phrasemaking." M. Lenin claims that he warned Russia that refusal to make peace would result in worse peace terms.

A Petrograd report states that the Germans will occupy Petrograd until Russia has given guarantees for peace and also agrees to conclude a treaty for a period of 30 years.

German Irruption Into Russia.

In the week prior to the signature of peace (on Mar. 3), the Russians, in a panic, evacuated Reval and Pskoff. The Bolsheviks hastily considered a scheme for defending Petrograd. When they assembled at the council table it turned out that the available guns were in an appalling condition. Essential parts were missing in consequence of the activities of the German agents in the early days of the Revolution. The troops were ordered to dig trenches outside the capital, but snare counsels prevailed with the realisation that the city can be easily starved with the Germans commanding the

railway system. The Allied Embassies are besieged by anxious inquirers, who are informed that their departure can be arranged for only in the event of the Germans reaching Petrograd.

The following official Russian message was intercepted by the British Admiralty's Wireless Press Service:—

Petrograd, Feb. 28.—"The German Government has formally refused an armistice, because it desires not peace, but the strangling of the Revolution. Obstinate and pitiless resistance to the German hordes is thus the principal task of the revolution. Our greatest strength is our wide territories. The occupation of Reval, of Pskoff, and even of Petrograd, which is still very distant, will in no wise decide the des-

tiny of the revolution. Should the threat against Petrograd increase, the Soviet (Worker and Soldier) Government will retire to Moscow or elsewhere in Russia. But the chief present task is to bar the roads to Petrograd with every obstacle. We will prove to the Germans that they must disperse throughout Russia before they can crush the authority of the Soviets. They can never have the forces to do that. The more deeply they penetrate the more surely will they bring the revolution to Germany."

Arab Successes.

The Pioneer's Cairo correspondent writes: Fuller details of the fight at Sol el Hana show that the Arab victory

was very complete, and that practically the whole of the Turkish force was put out of action. The enemy attacked with a battery, three battalions of infantry, and 37 machine-guns, and the Arabs captured three hundred prisoners, including the Commanding Officer, 23 of the machine-guns, two quick firing mountain guns of powerful calibre, and 200 horses and mules. The Arabs have now occupied El Mezras, a point west of El Kerak, on the Dead Sea. They are, therefore, keeping in close touch with our own forces in the same region, and are rendering considerable assistance in clearing the intervening country of enemy bodies.

Channel Tunnel and Effect on Holland.

Referring to the recent meeting of the Royal Geographical Society in London on the above subject, Dr. C. T. de Lintum, of Schiedamschen, spoke in the Haarlem Department of the Maatschappij van Nijverheid on the tunnel and, specially, on its consequences on the economic future of the Netherlands. He considered it his duty to utter a warning, seeing that the construction of the channel tunnel would place the Netherlands outside the large passenger and express goods traffic, not alone from England, but also from America. The question deserved the most serious consideration as to the means by which the danger might be averted. The speaker enumerated various measures of protection:—

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Germany and the Interned Greek Troops.

Athens reports:—The "Eleftheros Typos" reports from Geneva that the Greek troops in Goerlitz recently received orders to dress themselves in German uniforms and, under the Greek flag, to fight, first, on the Italian and, subsequently, on the Bulgarian front, both orders being according to the wishes of ex-King Constantine. The Greek officers who, mostly, are Venizelists, held a meeting and decided to protest on the grounds of International Law. For this purpose, they appointed a deputation, concerning the decision of which nothing is, as yet, known.

The "Proceder" learns from a Swiss source that Brest received from Berlin the sum of two millions for the purpose of establishing a couple of newspapers in Switzerland, entitled Hellenes and Veritas.

When the Swiss Government desired to know for what purpose the money was to be used, ex-King Constantine replied that it was destined for his personal requirements.

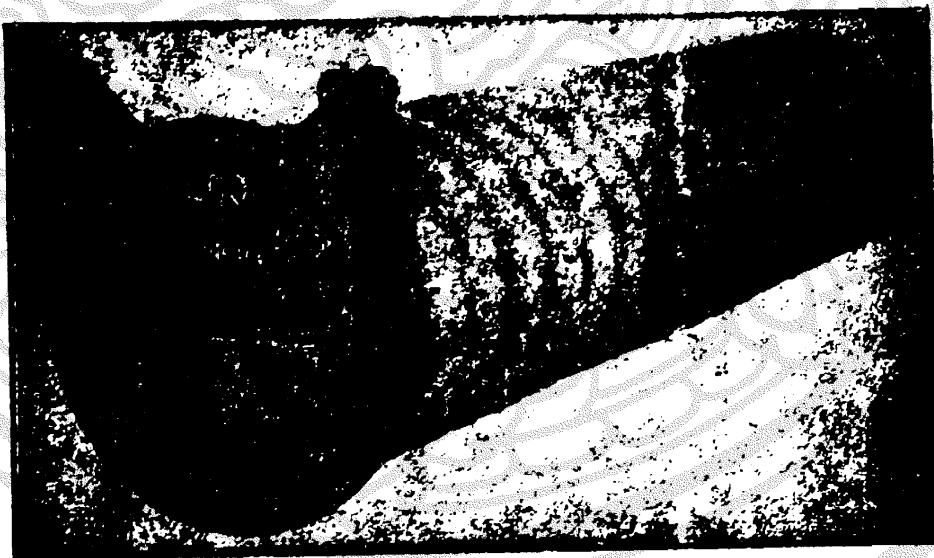
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