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FOR March 1917.

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

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

PHASES OF THE MOON.  
Mar. 9th O Full Moon 4 h 40 m a.m.  
" 16th (Last Quarter) 7 h 15 m p.m.  
" 23rd O New Moon 10 h 47 m a.m.  
" 28th O First Quarter 5 h 18 m p.m.

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Bank Bills, demand U. S. A.INDIA—  
Bank Bills, demand —SINGAPORE—  
Bank Bills, demand \$65 1/2HONGKONG—  
Bank Bills, demand, \$65 1/8YOKOHAMA & KOBE—  
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vance Bills has been reduced to  
6 per cent. per annum.Equivalent of Exchange demand  
London in Siamese Currency:—  
Tos. 12.08.—(Bank Rate)The Position of Austria-  
Hungary.We surmised yesterday (says the  
"Westminster Gazette" of January 5)  
that Count Andrássy's speech—the  
speech in which he said it was neces-  
sary to "battle for peace," and announced  
that the terms of the Central Powers  
had been communicated to President  
Wilson—meant that the German hand  
was being forced from Vienna and  
Budapest. That is substantially the  
interpretation put upon it by the  
"Kölnische Volkszeitung," which says  
that "an explanation is urgently called  
for," and asks in an alarmed way why  
this communication should come from  
Austria and not from Germany. The  
German newspaper is not likely to be  
misled when it learns further that the  
Austrian Emperor and Empress  
have sent a special courier to the Pope  
with letters asking his intervention in  
favour of peace, and that Count An-  
drásy has been summoned to Vienna  
in connection with the pending recon-  
struction of the Hungarian Ministry.  
We do not wish to attach too much  
importance to these surface indications,  
but the underlying causes which make  
it extremely probable that Austria-  
Hungary sincerely desires to end the  
war and wind up her account with her  
principal partner are so many and so  
important that it is impossible to neglect  
them.What are the main facts? First,  
there is the composition of the Dual  
Monarchy. It contains roughly a popu-  
lation of 50,000,000, of which  
22,000,000 are Germans and Magyars,  
and the rest Czechs, Poles, Ruthenians,  
Serbians, Rumanians, Jews, Slovenes,  
and Italians. The Germans and Mag-  
yars are the two ascendency races, and  
they share the responsibility with the  
Germans of the German Empire of  
having forced this war upon Europe.  
The other nationalities disliked the  
war from the beginning, and the  
Czechs, in particular, have had to be  
kept under by a drastic terrorism. It  
is hardly too much to say that if the  
twenty-eight millions outside the Ger-  
man and Magyar castes could express  
their real sentiments, a large majority  
of them would express a positive pre-  
ference for an Allied victory which  
curbed the power of their masters over  
a German victory which increased that  
power. But, further, the Magyars,  
themselves, if not the Austrian-Ger-  
mans, have apparently had considerable  
doubts during the last few months  
whether a German victory, such as the  
Berlin General Staff has contemplated,  
would be to their interests. As a  
military Power, they have had almost  
uniform ill-success in this war. Again  
and again they have been beaten by  
Russians and Italians, and their one  
great offensive, that against Italy in the  
spring of last year, was a disastrousfailure. On each occasion when they  
have been hard-pressed they have had  
to call for German assistance, and Ger-  
many, which does not serve God, let  
alone Austria-Hungary, for nought, has  
improved these occasions to tighten her  
grip over the Austrian army and the  
Austrian Government. The "enigme  
direction" of the Central Powers,  
which is supposed to be so great an  
advantage to them, means that Ger-  
many and Austria are one, and that one  
Germany. This is viewed with detesta-  
tion by the non-German and non-  
Magyar peoples of the Dual Monarchy,  
and with considerable misgivings by  
the Magyars and Germans. Neutral  
military critics do not hesitate to say  
that "Germany's greatest and most en-  
during conquest in this war is that of  
her own Allies," or to point out that  
she is to all intents and purposes "in  
military occupation of Austria-Hun-  
gary," as well as of Bulgaria and  
Turkey. We quote these phrases from  
the American New Republic, which  
considers this fact to be the true basis  
of the peace that Germany desires,  
but they are also the commonplaces of  
most other impartial observers of the  
war.On top of this fact, which becomes  
more glaring as Mackensen pursues his  
offensive against Rumania, comes the  
economic crisis. The food shortage  
presses with extreme severity upon  
both Austria and Hungary, and  
threatens a quarrel between them  
which cuts across their racial divisions.  
The Magyars are on this issue against  
the Austrian Germans, their usual  
allies, and protest that Hungary can-  
not spare the grain which Austria says  
she must have on pain of starvation.  
Austria retorts by threatening to bring  
the whole machine of government to a  
standstill by blocking the renewal of  
the Ausgleich, or economic compro-  
mise, on which the finances of the  
Dual Monarchy depend. Both mean-  
while have their quarrel with the  
Germans, who also demand  
cereals from Hungary and are  
further alleged to have inter-  
cepted for their own uses such grain  
as has been captured in Rumania, in-  
stead of sharing it equally with their  
Allies. This situation has produced a  
deadlock which has been fatal to two  
Austrian Ministries, and now seriously  
threatens Count Tisza's position; and  
it is in these circumstances that Count  
Andrássy has been summoned to  
Vienna, after declaring openly that  
peace is imperative.So long as the old Emperor lived,  
German influence was secure at Vienna,  
but his successor shows signs of taking  
a more independent line. He is credit-  
ed with favouring his uncle's idea of a  
reconciliation with the Slavs, as a  
means of counter-balancing German  
influence and preventing the realisation  
of a "Middle Europe" dominated by  
Berlin. The sudden departure of the

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Bangkok Dep.	7.—	9.48	1.25	3.33	Lampang Dep.	...	...	...	7.33
Ayuthia Arr.	9.3	11.41	3.33	5.45	Don Chai	"	...	...	12.33
		p.m.			Tha Sao	"	...	...	7.1
Ban Phaji Arr.	9.47	12.20	4.34	6.30	Utardit	"	...	...	7.18
					Ban Dara Arr.	...	...	...	8.16
	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	...				a.m.	p.m.
Ban Phaji Dep.	9.57	12.37	4.30	...	Saw'loke Dep.	...	...	7.—	2.11
Lopburi Arr.	11.5	1.55	5.48	...	Ban Dara Arr.	...	...	8.1	3.10
Chengkot Dep.	12.33	3.38	...	7.25					
Pak'poh Arr.	2.17	5.40	...	9.54					
								a.m.	p.m.
Pak'poh Dep.	2.26	6.30	...	...	Ban Dara Dep.	...	...	8.24	3.3
Pits'loke Arr.	6.11	11.5	...	...	Pitsa'loke Arr.	...	...	10.43	5.36
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Ban Dara Dep.	9.10	4.36	...	...	Chengkot Arr.	6.21	...	9.22	12.58
Utardit	"	10.5	5.29	...	Lopburi Dep.	...	7.10	11.6	1.54
Tha Sao	"	10.15	5.38	...				p.m.	
Don Chai	"	11.57	...	...	Ban Phaji Arr.	...	8.30	12.21	3.4
		p.m.							
Laumpang	"	1.52	...	...	Korat Dep.	3.57	a.m.	7.—	a.m.
					Lat Bua Kao Arr.	5.55	...	8.40	...
					Gengko Dep.	...	7.12	11.32	1.52
								p.m.	
Ban Phaji Dep.	10.—	12.30	4.41	...	Ban Phaji Arr.	...	8.22	12.29	2.56
Gengko Arr.	11.7	1.26	5.51	...					
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Dep.	...	4.3	...	8.2	Ayuthia	7.13	9.23	1.23	3.3
Korat	...	6.8	...	10.3	Bangkok Arr.	9.28	11.35	3.16	6.—
Bangkok Dep.	7.45	...	...	3.50				a.m.	p.m.
Petrien Arr.	9.33	...	...	5.38	Petrien Dep.	7.50	...	...	5.5
					Bangkok Arr.	9.38	...	...	5.4



German Kaiser from Vienna on the eve of Francis Joseph's funeral required more than a passing cold to explain it, and we may reasonably surmise that objection was taken to his desire to pose at the obsequies as the "Supreme War Lord." Whether Austria-Hungary can at this stage get out of the trap which she has laid for herself and reassert her independence remains to be seen, but obviously her best chance is to get a peace before she is entirely at the mercy of her partner, or before the growing discontent of her people plunges her into anarchy. Equally it must be a desirable object for the new Emperor to end a war which large numbers of his people detest, and to try, if he can, to conciliate the conflicting races of his Empire. Hence there are very strong reasons why the peace movement should be actively promoted from Vienna. But both Magyars and Austrian-Germans need to be reminded that they had a deep responsibility for the crime of this war, and that it is one thing to make war and quite another to stop it when they think they have had enough. The Allies also are profoundly interested in Eastern Europe, and they have to take their own precautions against the German scheme for dominating the Balkans.

## Recent Raiding Results.

London, Feb. 23.—The correspondent of Renter at Headquarters says that from Jan. 1 to Feb. 12 we took prisoner 1,600 in raids. The decline of German morale is accentuated by the difficulties of rationing owing to the heaviness and precision of our gunfire.

London, Feb. 25.—Renter's correspondent at Headquarters, contrasting the success of British raids with the failure of German attempts south of Armentieres and near Ploegstreet wood mentioned in the communiqué of Feb. 23, says the fact that the enemy is now employing his storming troops for raiding suggests he is no longer able to count upon his regular rank and file going over the parapet at all. Storming troops consist of picked men specially trained for assault operations, who according to German army regulations are only to be employed in important offensive tactics.

London, Feb. 25.—Italian Official: We repulsed attacks on the Asiago Plateau, Palgrande, Upper But and Pontebana Valley.

## Flying Mail Vans.

The United States Post Office is making plans for an elaborate postal service by aeroplane. The schemes under consideration include services between New York and Chicago, and between Washington, New York, and Boston. A statement issued by the department says that an air mail service is entirely feasible. Trips between New York and Chicago, a distance of about 720 miles, can be made in about eight hours, and from 500 to 1,000 pounds of mail can be carried on each trip.

According to present plans as indicated by Mr. Glenn Moffly, one of the organisers, the Chicago-New York night service will be carried out by double-motored biplanes, and the distance will be divided into four sections of 180 miles, with three stops.

Petrol and oil will be taken in at the first stop; at the second stop, where three complete machines and three pilots will be stationed, the mail will be transferred to a new machine, the second pilot finishing the journey. At no time will a machine be over eleven and a quarter miles from an emergency landing station. At each emergency station there will be two searchlights of about 8,000 candle-power, with parabolic reflectors. One of the lights will point east and one west, both elevated fifteen or twenty degrees from the horizontal.

The pilot will correct his compass for drift caused by side winds as he passes over each station, and in the few minutes between stations he can fly by the compass, with the assurance that he will pass the next station, or near enough to see the light, even in the densest fog.

The aeroplanes will carry lights on their wing tips to avoid collisions. Coloured lights will be used, as on boats, so that other fliers will know at once in which direction the machine is going. A small searchlight will be mounted on each plane for use only in landing at emergency stations. The regular landing stations will have the ground illuminated.

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### BRITISH RED CROSS FÊTE.

Frankfield, 10th March  
7 p.m. onwards  
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It is requested that vehicles of all kinds approach Mr. Adam's house, Frankfield, from the west (New Road) side.

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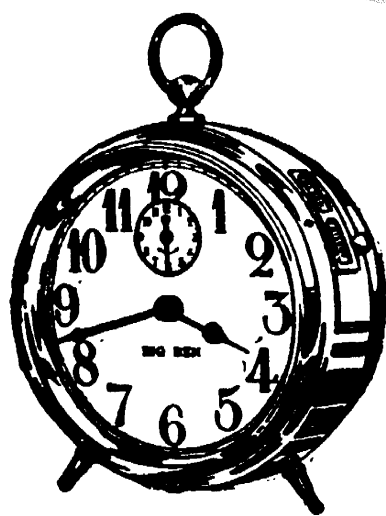
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MONDAY, MARCH 5, 1917.

#### THE POOLING OF LABOUR.

There recently appeared in the English Press an interesting notice to the effect that at a conference of ship-builders, marine engineers and Trade Union leaders, which was held at Newcastle-on-Tyne at the instance of the British Government, an important scheme was adopted for accelerating the building of merchant vessels on the Tyne, on the same lines as that already in operation on the War. The scheme provides for an arrangement by which all the available labour will be "pooled," and men will be drafted from neighbouring yards in order to hasten the completion of particular ships, the selection of which will be made by the Board of Trade in conjunction with Lloyd's surveyors.

This is a step in the right direction towards the organisation of labour so that it shall give the best and most satisfactory return both to employers and employees, and we hope to see it extended to other trades, since it will expedite their output to a considerable extent, which is one good result, and, furthermore, it will ensure constant employment to the workman, which is even a better result, as his earnings will remain steady and unfluctuating, thereby increasing the general wealth and prosperity of the nation at large.

The principle of the pooling of labour is one that has been in vogue here, and we believe it benefited this country very greatly in the matter of paddy cultivation. In the East the matter of labour has always been one of the most difficult problems with which the leaders of industry have had to contend, though we think less so in Siam than in other parts. The difficulties surrounding the question would, however, be lessened to no small extent, we think, were this pooling of labour put into practice and made a recognised institution. It must inevitably happen that slack times should occur in business concerns employing labour forces of some magnitude, more especially in the case of rice mills or factories which depend upon agriculture, which is necessarily not a rigidly fixed quantity. Slack times mean wastage of energy, and the sum total of loss to the country thus involved must be very large. The great point is that the loss is not unavoidable, and by the taking of some step in the direction we have indicated it could to a large degree be remedied. All that is needed is a complete understanding and hearty co-operation between the Government and the heads of the industrial community. We are sure that the Government on its part will be only too ready to give its unstinted assistance to a scheme which must have the effect of conserving the business energy and heightening the prosperity of the country, and we trust that employers of labour as a body will seriously consider the possibilities in this direction and formulate some workable plan for submission to the Government and of which it can unhesitatingly approve.

#### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

TO DAY'S telegrams appear on page 8.

MERCHANTS will find that the *Hudford* one ton truck sold by the Bangkok Dock Co. makes a cheap and effective form of delivery.

"THE Battle of the Somme" containing actual pictures of the great battle film will be shown at the Pathanakorn Cinematograph to-night.

We are requested to state that for the Al Fresco Fete on Saturday Mr. G. J. Harvey, M. R. C. V. S., has given a sheep cut into European joints to be auctioned or raffled. Tickets at Tps. 1. There are 3 prizes.

#### British War Loan.

The local Agent of the Chartered Bank of the India, Australia and China has received telegraphic information from his Head Office to the effect that the Chartered Bank and its constituents have subscribed to the War Loan £4,885,000 of which £2,370,000 is new money.

### To-day's Rain.

The rain which has been falling at intervals during the last few days developed into a really smart shower about 2.30 p.m. to-day and aided by a strong wind was not quite welcome to those who, not anticipating a heavy shower at this time of the year, had not well-protected roofs to their houses or offices. The whole of the Premises grounds appeared like a big lake and at 3.30 p.m. the rain was still pouring though the fury of the wind had abated.

### Release of Interned Civilians.

We have received from the British Legation a publication by His Britannic Majesty's Stationery Office embodying further correspondence respecting the proposed release of civilians interned in the British and German Empires. The two Governments have concluded an agreement for the release of the male civilians of the two nationalities over 45 years of age.

### British American Tobacco Co., Ltd. and the War.

The following is an extract from the report of the 14th Annual General Meeting of the British American Tobacco Co., Ltd.—"Over 2,000 men have joined the Colours.... We have to mourn the death of 111.... Amongst those who have died, and those who are still living, eight have the Military Medal, five the Distinguished Conduct Medal, three the Croix de Guerre, one the Serbian Old Medal, and in addition three have been mentioned in despatches."

### British Red Cross Fete.

Among the articles presented for sale by auction or otherwise at the Fete are the following:-

H. M. Queen Alexandra's Red Cross flag; two Japanese objects of art; two gold watches; silk carpet; gold cigarette case; white goods of every description; hand painted cushion covers and table spreads; Cantonese silver gilt and enamel cigar box; gold mounted cigarette holders; silver wrist watches; plate glass fronted almirah; Japanese silk embroidered screen; Phillips safe antique Chinese; silver cigar case; Burmese carved teak cigar and cigarette cabinet; Hongkong grass sofa and armchairs for children; clocks; lady's bicycle; gold lace plus set with Chantaboon sapphires; various interesting war relics; Chinese, Japanese and Siamese porcelain; ladies' silver chain purses and painted leather reticules; case with old Japanese porcelain teaset; two specimen unset black opals, a milk opal, and a Mexican fire opal; silver and gilt smoker's stand; Chinese, European and Indian silver in variety; diamond and green enamel scarf pin; gold and lapis lazuli sleeve links; two sets of waistcoat buttons in black onyx and pink coral; silver plate; Annamite and other embroideries; officers' trench shaving mirrors; British oak serving tray mounted in plate; antique and modern Chinese and Indian bronzes; fine Indian rug; silk shawls; silk embroidered pictures, framed; four Japanese porcelain vases; curios of all kinds; leather goods; four Union Jack house flags etc.

#### Imports Stopped.

Berne, January 21.—Germany has prohibited all imports from Switzerland. This action is either destined to avert a further fall on the Exchange or is due to congestion on the South German railways.

#### Hungry Officers.

The New York "Globe," in a message from Roosendaal, in the Netherlands, says that hunger drives the German officers across the borders of Holland in search of nourishment. One rendezvous is known as the "hotel of the famished." When it is impossible for them, either to cross or go home, they frequent the border in the hope of getting food by the courtesy of the Dutch officers. The border fence has been raised to prevent the continual desertions.

#### Baby Submarines.

New York, January 21st.—Edward Chandler, the navy inventor, accepts the probability of diminutive submarines being used. Germany, he says, has been experimenting with one 20ft. in length and operated by a couple of men. It has a small cruising radius and uses highly-charged pigmy torpedoes. A baby submarine 25ft. long was recently tested by the United States Navy.



## Right of Searching Mails.

An official copy is now to hand of the Memorandum addressed by the French and British Governments to the United States Government regarding the examination of the parcels and letter mails, this being the reply to the memorandum of the United States Government on the same subject. The note of the Allied Governments goes carefully into the legal aspect of the case, quotes numerous precedents, and contends that they have consistently acted within their legitimate rights, and that the abandonment of the right of visit in the case of mail-boats and mail-bags with an enemy destination is a sacrifice which could hardly be expected from belligerents, more especially in view of the manner in which Germany had taken advantage of the renunciation of these rights at an earlier stage of the War. The rights of the United States, as a neutral Power, cannot, in their opinion, imply the protection given by the Federal Government to despatches, parcels, correspondence, or communications of whatever nature they may be, which have a hostile character, whether manifest or disguised, and a hostile destination, direct or indirect: such communication can only be carried on by private American citizens at their proper risk and peril. This principle was expressly cited by the President of the United States in his proclamations of neutrality. For any faults or abuses which may occur, the Allied Governments are prepared, as they always have been, to determine the responsibility in conformity with the principles of law and justice, from which it is not and has never been their intention to depart.

## School of Oriental Studies.

London, Feb. 23.—At the opening of the School of Oriental Studies the King emphasised its wide scope and the vast importance of its work, affording fresh opportunities of study to those services which had been pioneers of progress and instruments of good Government in India and Egypt, and furnishing with fuller technical equipment the pioneers of commerce and industry, who in each successive generation undertook the duty of upholding the honour and fame of British trade in the east. Its work would also serve to develop the existing sympathy between Britons and Japanese. If the school happily succeeded in imparting to pupils sent out as teachers of unselfish government and civilised commerce, a clearer comprehension of the thoughts and lives of diverse races in the East the good effects thereof would extend far beyond the immediate tangible results.

The ancient literature and art of India were of unique interest in the history of human endeavour. His Majesty looked to the school to quicken public interest in the intellectual tradition of India, and to promote and assist the labours of students in the departments of knowledge to the mutual advantage of both countries. The school was about to open its doors amidst an unparalleled crisis in the world's history. For more than two years the peoples of His Majesty's dominions had loyally and devotedly vied with each other in offering blood and treasure for the prosecution of a righteous war (cheers). The sense of common sacrifice and endeavour had drawn us all nearer to another in feeling and sympathy. Meanwhile the peaceful labours of the school in spreading accurate scientific knowledge of Eastern life and thought would foster a spirit of loyalty and patriotism and knit together still closer the many nations of the Empire.

He paid a tribute to the undaunted efforts of distinguished scholars and statesmen in establishing the school, and deeply regretted that one of the most illustrious of them, Earl Cromer, had not lived to see the completion of his share in the work. Had he lived, his wise judgment and unrivalled experience would have been priceless in council. He also paid a tribute to the public spirited benefactors who had contributed so liberally to the endowment of the school, thus rendering service to the Empire. He trusted the beneficence of the community would endow the school with funds adequate for all demands on its teaching capacity. He concluded "may God bless the labours of the school in the advancement of learning and the unity of good government among my people of every race and language."

Lord Curzon said he trusted the school would become a sort of clearing house of ideas between East and West.

## PADDY REPORT FOR MARCH 4.

Nasauan	3200	coyans at Tcs.	63/83	each
Samruang	540	"	62/68	"
Namuang	"	"	"	"
Total	3740	Coyans	"	"
26th Feb. to 4th March 1917.				
Nasauan	21420	Coyans.		
Samruang	3660	"		
Namuang	210	"		
Total	25,290	"		

## THE Great War.

## Mr. Gerard Leaves for America.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)  
London, March 2.  
Corunna.—Mr. Gerard sailed for America aboard the *Infanta Isabella*.

## Broadstairs Again Bombed.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)  
London, March 2.  
The Press Bureau reports that a hostile aeroplane dropped bombs on Broadstairs this morning, slightly injuring a woman.

## Mesopotamia

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)  
London, March 2.  
Official.—Cavalry and gumbos continued the pursuit of the beaten enemy all day long on Tuesday, and captured six guns, a large river-vessel, a number of prisoners, thirty pontoons, much bridging material, and a quantity of equipment and ammunition.

## The French Front.

(Havas Telegram.)  
Paris, March 3.  
Our artillery foiled two German surprise attacks north-east of Vingre and west of Soissons. We penetrated the German trenches near Vauquois, and took prisoners.

## More American Blockade Running.

(Havas Telegram.)  
Paris, March 3.  
Bordeaux.—The *Rooner*, the second American cargo boat to force the German blockade on the 1st and 2nd instant, has arrived, and was received with a public ovation.

## German Intrigues With Mexico.

(Havas Telegram.)  
Paris, March 3.  
Washington.—The Associated Press publishes the text of Zimmerman's instructions urging the German Consul to induce Mexico to seek an alliance with Japan in order to make an attack on the United States, Germany undertaking to recompense Mexico by financial assistance and territorial acquisitions from the United States. President Wilson and Mr. Lansing certify the authenticity of the document. American opinion is unanimous in manifesting indignation. Japan officially denies having any intention to concur in such a conspiracy.

## German War Finance.

London, Jan. 19, Friday.—An Amsterdam report states that the Berlin financial weekly "Plutus," says that an indemnity is an imperative necessity to Germany.

"If this war ends in June it will cost six thousand millions sterling," says the paper. "The highest income tax and succession duties on the most productive monopolies would not enable Germany to raise the necessary interest for redemption of the money. £2,250,000,000, might be obtained by confiscating 30 per cent. of private property in Germany. It is therefore essential to get at least this amount in war indemnity."

## The German Colonies.

London, Jan. 20.—The "Cape Times," discussing the omission of a direct reference to the lost German colonies in the Allies' reply to President Wilson, says that the comment in some British newspapers that the omission is intended to demonstrate Britain's disinterestedness and self-effacement is very like unctuous balderdash. The Dominions will only consent to the restoration of the colonies to Germany very reluctantly if the war situation when peace negotiations are opened leaves no alternative. The war had been thrust upon the Empire, and the folly of gratuitously establishing the German menace, whereof the war was to rid us, was manifest.

## British Legation Telegrams.

(British Legation telegrams are not to be regarded as official communications from His Britannic Majesty's Representative, unless they are marked "Official.")

## The Operations on the British Fronts to March 2nd.

London, March 2.  
The last week of February brought important developments, both in the West and in Mesopotamia, whose ultimate consequences cannot yet be foreseen. In both theatres the enemy are in retreat. In Mesopotamia the retreat is in the nature of a rout, as the direct result of a very definite and crushing defeat.

The enemy withdrawal in the neighbourhood of the Ancre is a preconcerted and orderly movement. The German retirement from the salient in the Ancre area was not voluntary, but was imposed by military necessity. It is certainly the logical if delayed result of the battle of the Somme, just as the retreat of the Turks towards Baghdad is the immediate result of the forcing of the Sunnysat lines and the crossing of the Tigris in the Shamran bend. The battle of the Somme had driven the Germans into a position of great tactical difficulty, and the pressure exercised by the recent successful operations of the British north and south of the Ancre had made the position intolerable. The enemy has chosen deliberately, but under compulsion, the lesser of two evils. This development on the Western front should neither be unduly magnified nor belittled. After a period wherein the enemy moral suffered severely, that moral has been further increasingly lowered by a retirement still continuing, which not even the German soldier can altogether regard as a voluntary operation. Where the retirement will stop it is too early to predict, but it is hardly reasonable to suppose that the enemy intends to leave himself in any appreciable salient between Arras and Guenlebourt. The additional territory occupied by the British is already very considerable, judged on the scale of movement in France, where fighting is more tense than elsewhere. It has been pointed out that in France swift decisive blows are not to be expected. A pressure swelling to a strength incapable of being permanently resisted has been predicted, and the retirement of the enemy from that section of his front where the most pressure is exercised is the fulfilment of this prediction. It is not a proof of present exhaustion, but does suggest that he can no longer on this front risk undue waste of defensive power when pressed into positions where the alternatives are to lose heavily in men or prestige. He has now apparently decided that the latter sacrifice is preferable. This change of principle is the true explanation of his latest strategy and is of the greatest significance.

Regarding General Maude's splendid victory in Mesopotamia, the campaign beginning on December 13th last has been brilliantly conducted throughout. It has been crowned by success so complete that finally the Turks have been driven headlong from the whole series of very strong positions they occupied during the last ten months. Morally, as strategically, the success is of high importance, and comes at an opportune moment. It finally re-establishes the credit of British arms in this theatre, where Germany is more than ever anxious to bolster up her own military reputation and weaken the prestige of her enemies.

## Empire Against the World.

London, Jan. 19.—Mr. Massey, Prime Minister of New Zealand, was entertained at dinner at the Junior Constitutional Club.

In the course of a speech he said that the war had taught the British Empire to think imperially. If statesmen of the United Kingdom did their duty, and were guided by the lessons of the past, the British Empire in fifty years would be strong enough to hold its own against any combination of nations in the world. New Zealand had spared nothing to support the Mother-country, and she had sent to the front more trained soldiers than Wellington commanded at Waterloo. There was never a time when there was more justification for optimism than the present. He believed that the end of the war would come soon, but whatever happened the Empire must set its teeth, and go on till the enemy was broken, and the Kaiser's armies driven back to their own frontiers.

## Russian War Policy.

London, January 21.—"The Times" says:—"Russia's domestic differences do not relate to the Czar's inflexible determination to prosecute the war with the utmost vigor to the final victory. The Throne, the Army, the Duma, and the Nation are at one in their passionate resolve not to cease fighting till Germany is vanquished."

## The Dark Forces.

London, Jan. 21.—The "Nation" says:—

"Though there have been five Russian Cabinets during the war period, not one has enjoyed the Duma's confidence, and two were denounced by the Nineteenth Duma. It was thought that M. Trepoff would be less objectionable than his predecessor, but there has been a steady march towards reaction, from which the more honest Conservative elements have been eliminated, and the Liberal elements have been present. It is a strange spectacle. No army has fought more gallantly than the Russian. Nowhere have the people's representatives spoken with more resolute voice, but the Duma and Army seem to struggle in vain against the dark forces. Popular opinion blamed Rasputin, but his death has altered nothing, because the dark forces entrenched around the Throne itself include most of the older and

highest-placed bureaucrats, who dread a victory over Germany because they view Anglo-French influences with alarm."

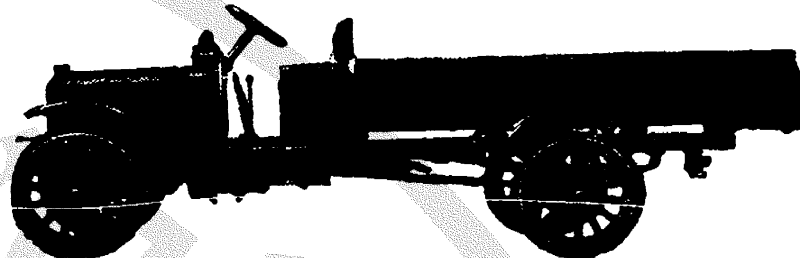
## Swiss Mobilization.

Washington, Jan. 21.—The Swiss Government has notified the Swiss Minister in America to direct all conditional leave reservists to return home for mobilisation in the three additional divisions which are being called up.

## Railway Mystery.

Paris, Jan. 21.—Commenting on the German war experts' insinuation that France contemplates an offensive from Belfort, the "Felix de Paris" suggests that Germany is using the alleged threat to excuse the assembling of men and material in Upper Alsace and on the Swiss frontier, and adds: "The excuse does not explain Germany's new strategic railway to Biele, costing three quarters of a million."

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## Sink at Sight Campaign

## Heavy Dutch Sinkings.

London, Feb. 22.—The passengers and crew of the Worcestershire sunk on Feb. 18 have landed.

London, Feb. 23.—Nine of the crew of the sunken Cardiff steamer Rosalie were saved, the remaining twenty-one including all the officers were lost. The Captain, chief engineer and two of the crew of the sunken Cardiff steamer Carso were taken prisoners. The remainder have landed.

London, Feb. 23.—One of the worst cases of deliberate submarine brutality at present recorded is revealed in the case of the Lowestoft fishing smack which was stopped on Feb. 13 forty-six miles from land. The skipper and crew were ordered on board the submarine and a German sailor placed bombs aboard the smack after collecting all provisions. The crew of the smack were then ordered into the boat and told to pull away. They were picked up sixty-eight hours later after exposure to bitter cold and heavy weather, being without food or water the whole time.

London, Feb. 23.—Four of the crew injured and two dead of the sunken London steamer John Miles have been landed, fourteen others are missing.

London, Feb. 23.—The British steamer Persens has been sunk.

Rome, Feb. 24.—The transport Minas, bound for Salonika, was torpedoed, 160 miles west of Cape Matapan on Feb. 15. Part of the troops aboard were saved.

London, Feb. 22.—In the House of Commons Sir Edward Carson, besides giving instances of warships ramming submarines, mentioned the engagement of two British patrol boats and two submarines, one of which was apparently sunk, while the fate of the second is doubtful. Another patrol boat reported that she had hit the conning tower of a submarine at the fifth shot and believed that she was sunk. A seaplane bombed a submarine in the act of diving.

## Holland's 23,000 Tons.

London, Feb. 24.—The seven torpedoed Dutch steamers, four of which were bound for Holland with full cargoes, were attacked in the western approaches of the English Channel. It is noteworthy that no instructions regarding routes were either asked for or given by the British Admiralty, the whole arrangements being in the hands of the Dutch authorities.

The torpedoed Dutch steamers total 23,000 tons. The Menaldi and Bandoeng were both Rotterdam Lloyd steamers from Batavia bound for Rotterdam. The Jacatra, a Rotterdam Lloyd boat

was from New York to Rotterdam. The Gasterland and Eemland were both Royal Dutch steamers from Amsterdam to Buenos Aires and New York respectively. The Noorderdijk and Zaandijk were both Holland-America boats from New York to Rotterdam and from Rotterdam to Philadelphia respectively.

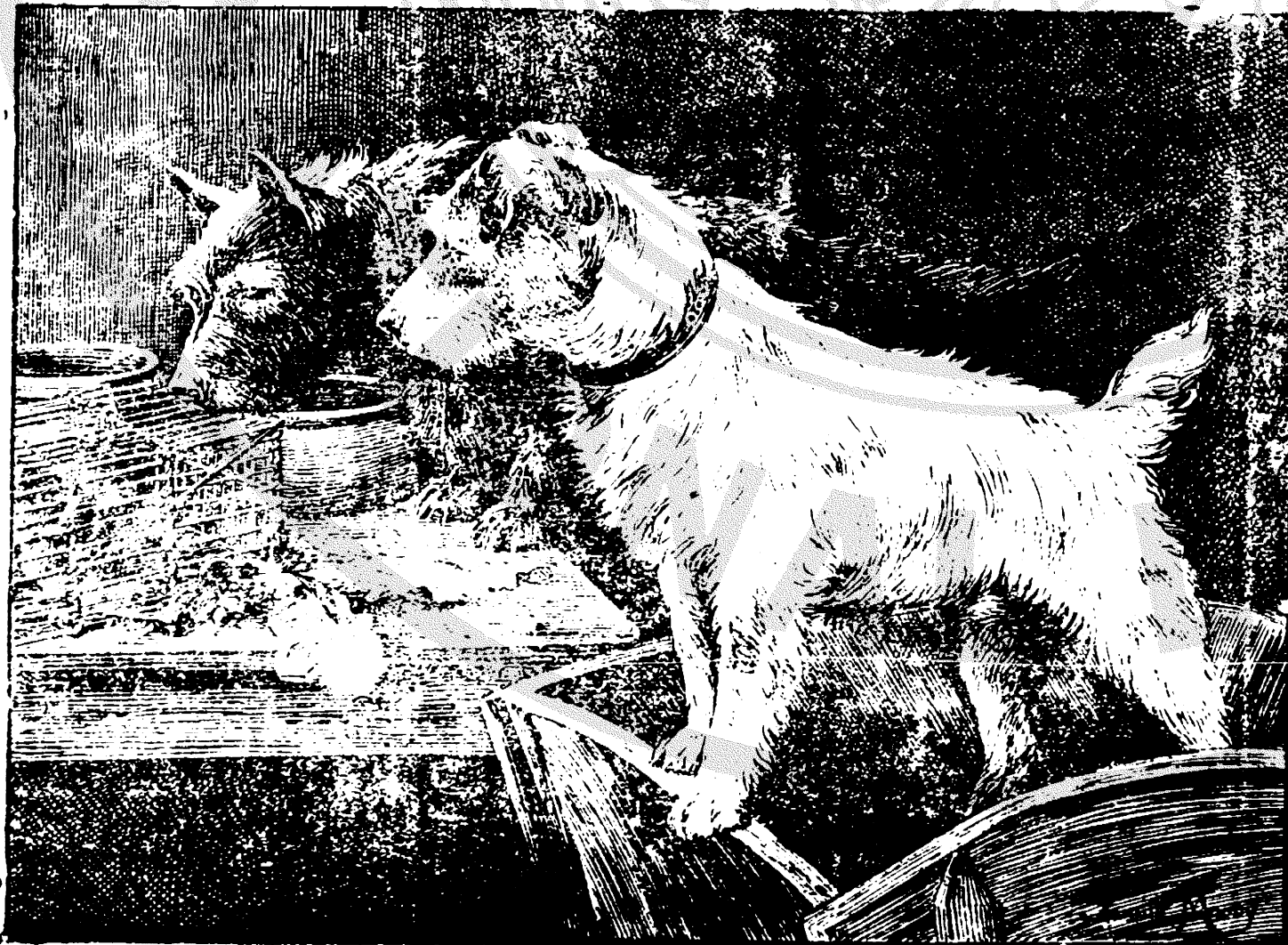
The Hague, Feb. 24.—Official: When unrestricted submarine war was proclaimed, the Dutch Government protested and urged Germany to take care that none of the Dutch vessels en route to and from Dutch ports should fall victims. Germany replied that she was ready to comply, but it was impossible to guarantee absolute safety. The seven vessels availing themselves of the German offer of opportunity, left port together on Feb. 22. All were torpedoed without their papers being examined. Two hundred of the crews have been landed and it is supposed that the remainder are safe.

The Hague, Feb. 25.—The German Legation gives a long and extraordinary explanation regarding the torpedoing. It says that the date for the safe homing of Dutch vessels was originally fixed for Feb. 5, and postponed till the 9th and then the 11th. In view of the situation in Holland finally, the Dutch shipowners were informed that their vessels could leave in a group on Feb. 22 or March 17th, but that safety would be guaranteed for Feb. 22nd only comparatively, whereas if they sailed on March 17th they would be absolutely safe. The torpedoing was regrettable, but the Dutch shipowners were responsible because their ships sailed on Feb. 22nd.

London, Feb. 25.—Reuter confirms that no enquiries were made from the Admiralty regarding the routes of the Dutch ships which arrived at Falmouth on various dates and were released at the special request of the Dutch Government. Officials from the Dutch Legation visited Falmouth and interviewed the captains privately, giving them special instructions. The ships sailed with the usual navigation lights and other illuminations. It is regarded as a result of Dutch complacency to German decrees, and there is a strong feeling amongst shipping circles, that the repeated Dutch concessions to German bullying, are but a poor return for British consideration of Dutch home and colonial interests, and it is pointed out that if the Dutch ships had followed British regulations, they would doubtless have arrived safely, like the overwhelming majority of British ships.

## Other Neutrals.

London, Feb. 23.—There is intense indignation in Sweden at the torpedoing of the Swedish sailing ship Hugo Hamilton with a cargo of four thousand



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## THE Great War.

### The British Advance.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)

London, March 2.  
Marshal Haig this morning reports the capture of a portion of the trenches north-east of Sully Sailles. Eighty-five prisoners were taken. We occupied Gommecourt, and captured the villages of Thillooy and Puisseux-au-Mont, together with the adjoining trench systems, and pushed our line a thousand yards north-east of Gommecourt.

### Anticipated Withdrawal of German Line.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)  
Singapore, March 2.

Probably the Germans will be compelled to withdraw from the Arras-Cambrai line. Some critics consider that the Germans are aiming to secure delay in order to deliver a stroke in anticipation of the Allied offensive.

### America Prepared.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)  
Singapore, March 2.

President Wilson in Congress said that the necessity for definite action by America might come at any time.

### Wire News.

Petrograd, Feb. 25.—The reopening of the Duma on Feb. 27 is awaited with apprehension owing to the efforts made to induce workmen to strike and march to the Duma. General Khabaroff in a proclamation reminds workmen of the existence of martial law. Any violence will be forcibly repressed. The Democratic leader Milinkoff appeals to the workmen not to play into the hands of the enemy and to refrain from demonstrating.

Melbourne, Feb. 23.—The Labour party has decided to oppose Mr Hughes' motion for the prolongation of Par-

liament for six months on the ground that it involves Imperial interference.

Speaking in the House of Representatives Mr Hughes declared the need for men now was greater than in October and all the Dominions had been asked to send more.

London, Feb. 21.—The death is announced of Doctor John Fleet, C.I.E.  
London, Feb. 21.—Silver is at 37 5/8d. The market is quieter.

London, Feb. 21.—The following figures are quoted at Liverpool. Cotton eight 10715 visible 313, 207, 3837, 77. Statistics 43 5 4 4 28 21 6 13 13 10 259.

London, Feb. 24.—Linsseed is at 114 nearest value. Rubber is dull at 38 3/4 sellers.

Amsterdam, Feb. 24.—Strikes in Germany are spreading. A hundred women and children, headed by a red flag and clamouring for bread, looted shops at Aix la Chapelle.

London, Feb. 22.—Harry Broughton, Principal of the Stonebridge Cloth-manufacturing Company, has been sentenced at Manchester to a year's imprisonment and his son to a fine of fifty pounds sterling for trading with German firms in the East.

Madrid, Feb. 23.—There is an explosion of wrath in Spain at the discovery of the buoys at Cartagena containing material for German plots in Spain. The submarine which placed the buoys also secretly landed several men instructed in the use of explosives. Besides Muller and Koller a man styling himself an American, Harry Wood by name, has been arrested. The Government is acting most vigorously. Count Romanones and Senor Jimeno conferred separately with the American, French and German ambassadors also with Mr. Gerard.

Amsterdam, Feb. 23.—A German submarine and her crew of fourteen are stranded on the island of Walcheren, between Domburg and West Kappelle. Military are guarding them.

Madrid, Feb. 24.—Two bombs were exploded in a shipyard in Bilbao. German agents are suspected.

London, Feb. 23.—The death has occurred of Mr. Jonathan Samuel M.P.

London, Feb. 22.—The Canadian Premier, Sir R. Borden, accompanied by the ministers Robert Rogers and Hazen and the Newfoundland Premier Sir E. P. Morris, have arrived to participate in the War Conference.

London, Feb. 22.—Lord Ronaldsday had an audience of the King and kissed hands upon his appointment as Governor of Bengal. His Majesty invested him with the insignia of the Grand Cross of the Indian Empire and subsequently the Queen received Lord Ronaldsday and their Majesties received the Countess of Ronaldsday.

London, Feb. 25.—The King has had an audience with Sir R. L. Borden.



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