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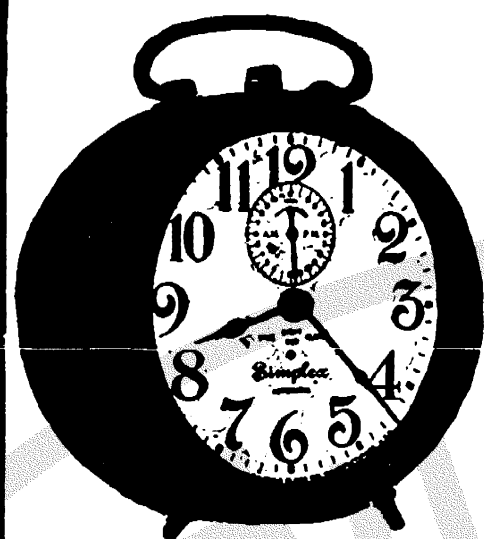
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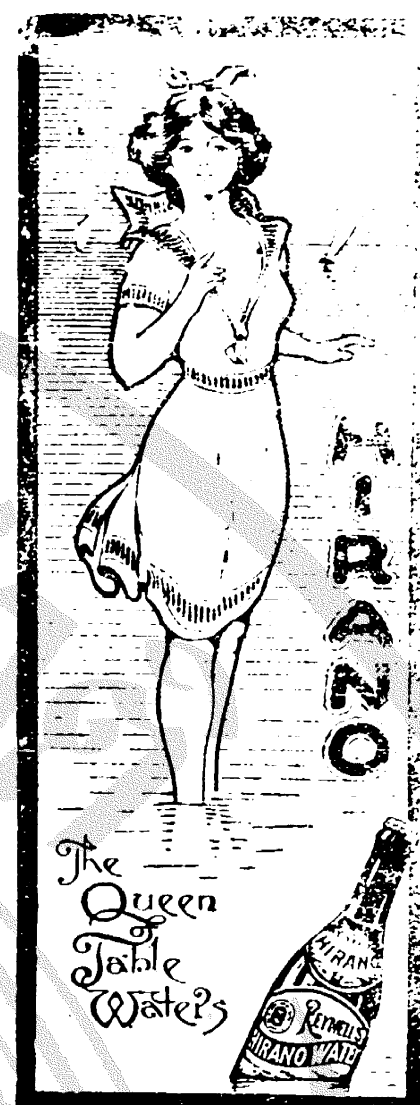
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PHASES OF THE MOON.

April 7th. O. Full Moon 8:31 p.m.

14th. Last Quarter 2:52 a.m.

21st. New Moon 5:43 p.m.

28th. First Quarter 9:41 a.m.

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has a characteristic gesture of leaning
his head thoughtfully on one side.A legend is attached to him of in-
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vulnerability. A hundred times has
he been in the midst of death, never
on the battlefield and fatal in regard
to death, in calm in leading commands
and in most tragic moments. There
are few fighters so collected as Nivelle.
An almost imperceptible quiver of his
eyelid is the only sign of emotion that
one can detect in him at the most ex-
citing moments. He has never allow-
ed anything to interfere with the even
tenor of his life; nothing could alter
or change his plans.He is an optimist. Not one of these
lazy optimists who fold their arms
and wait for things to right themselves.
He is the optimist of the man of
action who is sure of the conclusion
because he is sure of himself. He has
the confidence of the bold man, and
the certainty of the learned. He
believes in success because he neglects
nothing necessary to achieve it, and
he is ready if necessary to force his
luck. He has both a quick imagina-
tion and a tenacious will. His big
ideas (as the Germans know) are
backed by a level head, and a hand of
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he carries out with such enthusiasm.
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never raises his voice. He speaks and
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graciously given. He makes his wishes
willingly obeyed. He appeals only to
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gift of making his rule pleasant. The
chief always remains the man.He is unmerciful only to one type of
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will no more forget it," he writes,
"than Napoleon his Old Guard." When
introducing General Mangin to the
President of the Republic: "Here is
the General," he said, "who has just
engaged in fifteen days in eleven victo-
rious attacks." On the eve of his
departure, which was the eve of battle,
he spared the time to go and decorate
with his own hand the aviator of
Beauchamp. It was his last act as Gen-
eral in Command of the Army.At the Gare de l'Est, in the confusion
of troops returning to the front as far
as Belfort—Russians, Belgians, Al-
gerians, Tunisians—two "pollux" ad-
dressed each other: "Where are you
going?" "I belong to the Châlons
army." "I," answers the other simply,
"I am of Nivelle's army." An honour
that has hitherto only been accorded
to Castelnau's army. All the French
Army to-day becomes Nivelle's army.
The enemy will know it.

Doctors Called Up.

London, April 20. The Press Bureau
says that Lord Derby, on behalf of the
War Cabinet, in a letter to the medical
profession, states that the enemy, total-
ly disregarding the universal tenets of
civilized warfare, has deliberately in-
stituted a submarine campaign against
hospital ships. Hence it is essential to
establish many hospitals at various
theatres of war. It is therefore neces-
sary to secure the services of every
doctor who can be spared.Government is in possession of
figures showing that the number avail-
able is more than sufficient if their
work in Britain is undertaken by
doctors over military age. The War
Cabinet therefore has decided, subject
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Paknam	Dep.	6.30	9.30	12.45	3.45	Bangkok	Dep.	7.45	10.45	2.00	5.00
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Bala Deng	"	7.23	10.23	1.38	4.38	*Maha Wong	"	8.40	11.40	2.55	5.55
Paknam	Arr.	7.30	10.30	1.45	4.45	Paknam	Arr.	8.45	11.45	3.00	6.00

Germany and Holland.

Lieutenant René Puaux, formerly foreign editor of the "Temps" and now attached to General Foch's Staff, writes the following special article to the Exchange:—

"The way in which the German Government has just torpedoed seven Dutch merchantmen, and the tone of the German communiques are of a nature to justify the anxiety now reported in Holland as to whether William II. is determined to provoke a war with the Dutch.

"This fresh crime, would, in the German eyes, possess the advantage of giving to Germany the victuals to be found in Holland, enable her to lay hands on the millions of gold lying in the banks, and to take possession of the Dutch coast and the entire estuary of the Scheldt to provide fresh bases for submarines in the event of Zebrugge's becoming untenable.

"The designs of Germany on Holland are by no means new. At the beginning of the war even, Germany had everything ready for such a step. There are on this point a certain number of facts which have never yet been plainly brought to light, but which make a very interesting revelation to-day.

"On August 2, 1914, the official Wolf Agency issued to the Press a telegram from Coblenz, according to which the Prefect of Dusseldorf announced that on the morning of the same day eighty French officers disguised as Prussian officers had attempted to cross the Prussian frontier in twelve automobiles near Walbeck, to the west of Geldern, but that the attempt had failed.

"This telegram was at once transmitted to Prince Lichnowsky, German Ambassador in London, with instructions to communicate its contents to the Foreign Office, which he did on August 2 about ten o'clock in the evening.

"A sufficiently significant phenomenon was that the German Government made no mention of the matter to their Ambassador in Paris, in spite of the fact that it involved French officers, nor to the German Minister at Brussels, although the procession of twelve automobiles would perforce have had to violate Belgian neutrality in order to arrive on the Dutch-German frontier.

"What was behind this curious attitude? On the morning of August 2 Berlin had drawn up the ultimatum to Belgium, which, it will be remembered, was based on the celebrated lie: 'We know that France intends to violate the neutrality of Belgium.' To

lend colour to this theory Herr von Bethmann-Hollweg dictated to the Wolf Agency the telegram according to which French aeroplanes and dirigibles had flown over Belgium, and a French aviator had even met his death at Wesel. Pretexts were, therefore, found for affording some justification for the crime against Belgium.

"The Chancellor had to bear in mind at the same moment that an aviators' weapon might on occasion be very useful in regard to Holland and so he at once constructed the colossal stupid and colossal improbable story of a string of twelve motor cars, containing eighty disguised persons, seeking to cross the German-Dutch frontier.

"It was destined for England alone. It had been fabricated for use in the event of a British protest against a violation of Dutch neutrality.

"In August, 1914, Germany abandoned her plans for violating Dutch neutrality, for she had her hands full in Belgium and had too few submarines.


"In 1915 the campaign of lies began anew, and the German Legation at The Hague circulated the rumour of an impending British disembarkation in Holland.

"After that was witnessed from time to time concentrations of German troops on the Dutch frontier, the significance of which was obvious.

"Germany wanted to affirm that the British disembarkation was so certain that she was taking consequential measures. All these manoeuvres having failed, and Holland, having convinced herself that the Allies were not menacing her neutrality, there remained to the Kaiser and his accomplices nothing else to do but to offer a direct provocation in the hope that Holland, roused to anger, would take up arms and appeal to the Allies for help, a thing which Germany ardently desired as an excuse for rushing on Dutch provisions and Dutch gold."

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Russian Legation, Bangkok.

April 29th, 1917.

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MONDAY, APRIL 30, 1917.

NOBLESSE OBLIGE!

If there are any road-regulations in Bangkok in regard to motor-cars, it is high time they were put into force, for the way in which some of our local motorists habitually drive their cars is not only scandalous but verging on the criminal. We use the word "motorists" advisedly, for the worst offenders are by no means always mere chauffeurs. The latter are restrained, no doubt, by a desire not to incur the risk of losing employment, but the former, probably being men of some means, apparently fortify themselves with the reflection that if they do occasion an accident some trifling monetary consideration will meet the case. The craze for speed is a disease, and a dangerous one. The world got on very well before all these hustling methods were unfortunately introduced into it. Unnecessary haste is bad for the digestion, bad for the liver, and bad for the temper. This is as regards the individual who practices it, and no undue sympathy need be wasted upon him, since he is but incurring a just penalty. If that were all nothing more would require to be said. But it is not all. His aberration makes him a source of distress to his fellow-beings, since he not only causes inconvenience and discomfort to them but actually imperils their lives and limbs. It also occurs to us to remark upon the altogether needless use at night-time of lamps of extreme brilliance on motor-cars. The length to which this is carried is extraordinary, and would not be tolerated in any other city of the world. The only redeeming point is that it affords matter for a certain amount of caustic humour. It is no uncommon thing after dark to see in the distance a huge blaze of light in a glaring circle, which gradually resolves itself into the rays of two powerful lamps presumably heralding the approach of an enormous Rolls-Royce at least, if not a "tank," but when the vehicle to which these search-light lamps are attached comes within the sphere of vision all such anticipations are grievously dissipated by finding that they are impudently stuck in front of some trampy car that no self-respecting man would desire to call his own. The Government would be well-advised to make an example in some of these cases, both of unnecessary light-power and of over-fast driving. There is no reason whatever for the owner or the occupant of a motor-car to forget that he is a gentleman, always presuming, of course, that he is one, which it is to be hoped is the case. It is a regrettable fact, however, that in all countries there a certain number of motorists who bring the whole confraternity into disrepute, and to whom might fittingly be applied the jocular definition of a baronet, called forth by the prolific crop of new creations, as "a man who ceases to be a gentleman without becoming a nobleman." It would be humorous justice to brand such people with the old motto *Festina lente*.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

TO-DAY'S telegrams appear on page 8.

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

THE winning numbers of the recent German Red Cross Raffle are published elsewhere in our column.

AN Official notice from the Russian Legation in regard to the new military regulations will be found in this issue.

NEW Ads.—Clocks at Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw & Co., Ltd. Messrs. Gaudart & Co.'s Cash Clearance Sale begins to-morrow.

THE Second Annual Meeting of the Bangkok Branch of the Patriotic League of Britons Overseas will be held to-morrow, May 1st, at 6.30 p.m. at the British Court House.

PHYA Yot Muang Quang, Governor Svargaloke has been transferred to Prae and the Governor of the latter place, Phya Surindra Bhakdi takes up duties in Svargaloke.

The Sky Meeting.

The following are the results of the events run off on Saturday:—

First Race.

For Siamese Ponies. Open to Royal Turf Club griffins. 4 1/2 furlong handicap. Value 1st horse Tcs. 150; 2nd horse Tcs. 50.
Nai Riem's Morakot (7.5) 1
Mr. W. G. Johnson's Kit (5.12) 2
Phra Prab's Poo Thaisy (6.9) 3
Also ran Pinhiran, Ling Dnm and Yamma.
Time 1 min. 13 2/5 secs. Tote paid Tcs. 15.

Second Race.

For Siamese Ponies. Five furlong handicap. Value Tcs. 200.
His Majesty's Un Chon (7.10) 1
Phya Gadadhara's Ottappa (6.10) 2
Phra Prab's Sib Hok (6.3) 3
Also ran Son Chai, Plawung, Bluff, Sasi and Ravi.
Time 1 min. 22 secs. Tote paid Tcs. 17.

Third Race.

For Australian Subscription Griffins. Five furlong handicap. Value Tcs. 250.
Khana Raja Damern's Ratta Dara (6.3) 1
Phya Gadadhara's Yot Rak (7.1) 2
Messrs. Siven and Brighthouse's Reve d'Or 3
Also ran Lily E.
Time 1 min. 9 3/5 secs. Tote paid Tcs. 30.

Fourth Race.

For Australian Ponies. Open to 14.2 and under. Race Course handicap. Value Tcs. 250.
Boriat "Say When's" Laksofos (9.5) 1
His Majesty's Gladys C. (10.7) 2
Dr. G. G. Butler's The Ace. (9.7) 3
Also ran Thong Dee and Lady de Melb.
Time 2 min. 2 3/5 secs. Tote paid Tcs. 13.

Fifth Race.

For Australian Subscription Griffins. Race Course handicap. Value Tcs. 250.
Nai Riem's Khanda (8.1) 1
Mr. W. G. Johnson's Molly (5.4) 2
Also ran Merrylegs.
Time 2 min. 8 4/5 secs. Tote paid Tcs. 2.

Sixth Race.

For Australian Ponies. Open to 14.2 and under. 6 fur. handicap. Value Tcs. 250. (For horses that have not won more than Tcs. 500 at the R.B.S.C. this season.)
Phra Prab's Royal Page (9.12) 1
Mr. G. G. Bart's Royal Flush (9.0) 2
Madame de Bhinnulok's Flirt (3.4) 3
Also ran Sandily and Moment.
Time 1 min. 21 2/5 secs. Tote paid Tcs. 16.

Handicaps for Wednesday.

First Race.—Un Chon 8.4, Son Chai 6.0, Khana Lot 6.8, Plawung 6.12, Ottappa 6.9, Sib Hok 5.12, Saigatt II 6.2, Bluff 6.3, Ling Deng 5.0, Sasi 5.4, Ravi 5.0.
Second Race.—Lily E. 8.5, Say When 8.7, Yot Rak 7.6, Khanda 8.5, Plain Jane 5.0, Reve d'Or 7.8, Betty 5.0.
Third Race.—Maril L. 7.6, Vittoria 6.2, Icaro II 6.6, Phung Boon 8.9, Khanda 6.7, Sandily 7.5.
Fourth Race.—Flirt 6.0, Nai Chan 5.4, Mad Meg 9.1, Buffalo Bill 8.9, Thong Dee 6.3, Iowitt 7.0.
Fifth Race.—Gladys C. 9.10, Royal Page 9.2, Royal Flush 8.0, The Ace 8.2, Lady de Melb 6.0, Laksofos 9.2.
Sixth Race.—Lily E. 8.7, Say When 8.9, Merrylegs 6.0, Khanda 8.6, Ratta Dara 6.9, Molly 4.10.

B. B. W. N. G.

Acknowledgments have been received from the National Committee of Relief in Belgium for a draft of £170 (as previously announced); also from the Joint War Committee for £38, and from the Y. M. C. A. for £14.
Mr. Lyle and Mrs. Lambert will be away from Bangkok till May 23rd., and during their absence Mrs. Duke has kindly consented to receive all subscriptions and donations and gifts of clothing, etc.

SIR William Ramsay tells an amusing story to illustrate his contention that the habit of reasoning is developed in male children at a remarkably early age. While visiting a friend he overheard a discussion between the little son and daughter of his host. "I wonder what we're here in the world for?" asked the little boy. His companion, thinking of a recent lesson, answered gently. "We are put here to help others, of course." "Um!" exclaimed the little boy after a moment's thought, "then what are the others here for?"

Mr. Balfour in America.

New York, April 22.—Mr. Balfour's Mission has had a very cordial reception. It was met by representatives of the State Department, Army and Navy, and went by special train to Washington.

Mr. Balfour, in a statement, said that the object of the mission was to effect the fullest co-operation of all striving for everlasting peace through a successful war.

Washington, April 23.—The Balfour Commission has arrived and was received by Mr. Lansing and Sir Cecil Spring Rice. The crowds gave them an ovation and the city was hung with the flags of the Allies.

Siam's Protests.

Against certain methods of warfare which were contrary to International Law.

Official and Authorized Translation from the Government Gazette.

1. Telegram from Prince Traidos, Royal Siamese Minister at Berlin, to Prince Devawongse, Minister for Foreign Affairs, at Bangkok.

Petrograd, 3rd March 1917.

Received at Bangkok, 6th March 1917. With reference to the ruthless submarine warfare on the part of Germany, the notification of which I have received and sent you by mail, I was then unable to telegraph to you on account of the difficulties of transmission.

I am endeavouring to send you this telegram through the Royal Siamese Legation at Petrograd, and in the event of its safe delivery I beg to submit that whether it would not be advisable for you also to telegraph your instructions and confidential messages via Russia?

And I beg also to inform you that other neutral powers, although they have been invited by America also to break off diplomatic relations, have not yet done so, but have protested and made reservation for the future.

2. Telegram from Prince Devawongse to Phra Visan, Royal Siamese Minister at Petrograd.

Bangkok, 10th March 1917.

The telegram from Prince Traidos at Berlin dated 3rd instant was received. Please inform the Royal Siamese Minister at Berlin the reply of His Majesty's Government to the American Circular Note as contained in my telegram to you of the 25th February last.

Prince Traidos should also inform the German Government that in so far as submarine campaign involves the violations of the International Law, Siam as one of the signatories of the Convention of the Hague must protest against such violations and make the reservations for the future.

3. Telegram from Phra Visan to Prince Devawongse.

Petrograd, 22nd March 1917.

Received at Bangkok, 25th March 1917. Your telegram of the 10th instant has been transmitted with the information as directed to Prince Traidos at Berlin.

His Serene Highness the Minister desires to know whether you wish him to protest to the Austro-Hungarian Government against the submarine warfare as well, for an official notification has been likewise made. He is waiting a telegraphic instruction from Your Royal Highness.

4. Telegram from Prince Devawongse to Phra Visan.

Bangkok, 25th March 1917.

In reply to your telegrams of the 22nd inst. please inform Prince Traidos that he should make the protest and reservation to the Austro-Hungarian Government in the same manner as to the German Government.

5. Telegram from Prince Traidos to Prince Devawongse.

Petrograd, 12th April 1917.

Received at Bangkok, 15th April 1917. The German Government requests me to wire you the following circular notification: Neutral subjects serving on enemy merchant vessels whether armed or otherwise run the risk to be treated as prisoners of war. Neutral Powers are requested to warn their subjects not to serve on such vessels. Full particulars follow by mail.

6. Telegram from Prince Devawongse to Phra Visan.

Bangkok, 16th April 1917.

Please inform Prince Traidos of the following message from me:

I have received your telegram of the 12th instant in which the German Government asked you to warn His Majesty's Government that neutral subjects serving on merchant vessels belonging to Powers hostile to Germany will run the risk of being treated as prisoners of war.

As this resolution is a direct violation of the XI Convention of the Hague of 1907, relative to certain restrictions with regard to the exercise of the right of capture in naval war, Chapter III, which clearly provided that crew of enemy merchant ship who are subjects of a neutral state are not to be made prisoners of war, and as His Majesty's Government is co-signatory with the German Government in this convention, Siam is bound to protest against this new interpretation of the rule of naval warfare.

The Tigris Victory.

London, April 22.—Mesopotamia. Official. The enemy force which General Maude defeated and practically wiped out on April 18 was the Turkish detachment on the left bank of the Tigris holding the Shatt al Adhaim line, not as previously called our right flank on the right bank of the Tigris opposite the northern flank of the enemy's Istabulat position. We advanced one mile on the night of April 19-20. We captured, on April 21, part of the front line of the Istabulat position, taking prisoner 230.

THE Great War.

Australian Troopship Torpedoed.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, April 28.

The incoming Australian troopship *Ballarut* was torpedoed. The troops aboard were all saved. Splendid discipline was displayed by the men. The sinking vessel remained afloat fourteen hours.

Ramsgate Again Attacked.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, April 28.

Last night several enemy destroyers opened fire in the direction of Ramsgate. The fire was immediately returned, and the enemy driven off after they had discharged a large number of rounds.

German Peace Overtures.

(“S. O.” SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, April 30.

The Germans are unremitting in their attempts to parley with Russian soldiers, and display placards stating “Don't attack! We also won't!” During the last few days in many sectors the Germans did not fire a shot, and German airmen dropped proclamations alleging that there is a popular movement in Germany in favour of an honourable peace. Many Austrian and German, carrying red and white flags, attempted to reach the Russian trenches. Some who were taken prisoner affirmed that an immediate peace was desired.

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.”)

London, April 27.

Operations on the British Fronts to April 26th inclusive: The Allied offensive in the West, even though we are still only witnessing the initial stages, has already had the important effect of entirely upsetting the enemy's plans. The German Higher Command calculated that the German retirement on the Western Fronts, beside enabling them to avoid battle under the difficult conditions created by last year's offensive on the Somme, would allow them to take the offensive in some other theatre while the Allied advanced proceeded slowly over wasted country. They hoped to avoid heavy casualties, and perhaps even to retire still further east, pending the development of the submarine campaign. This plan has failed. It has failed owing to the unexpected swiftness of the British advance, and the enemy is now forced to fight in the open before positions where he intended to make his main resistance. The immense superiority of the British artillery completely swamped the German artillery, especially in the initial stages. The success of our artillery is largely due to the efficiency of the British air-service, whereon the effective long range of artillery chiefly depends. British aviators have now reasserted the mastery of the air which the German service was attempting to challenge immediately before the opening of the spring offensive. These aerial forces were more nearly equal than in the early stages of last year's fighting on the Somme. Improved weather during the past week has given greater scope for aerial activity. On April 25th we accounted for thirty hostile machines, whereof fifteen were destroyed and twenty-four driven down uncontrolled and damaged. The method during the recent fighting was to take advantage of British artillery superiority by attacking limited objectives, all of which were gained on a seven and a half mile front, with slight losses. The Germans brought up reserves and made heavy counter-attacks, which completely broke down on the flanks, but resulted in their recapturing the village of Guemappe. In the evening the British reserves were brought up and the position was captured again by us. The enemy, attacking in close formation, suffered during this fighting the heaviest casualties inflicted during the whole war, while the British had rather less than half their losses of the corresponding period of fighting on the Somme; and their gains are of considerably greater importance. During the fighting in

three days over three thousand persons, including fifty-six officers, were captured on the British front, totalling over thirty-one thousand; also three hundred and thirty guns were taken by the British and French during the past three weeks—a most satisfactory feature. The operations included a large number of heavy German counter-attacks, desperately attempting to retake vital positions. These counter-attacks, which forced the enemy to engage large reserves, were all unsuccessful, and only resulted in many thousands of German dead being left on the field before the British position. Wave after wave of German infantry melted under the deadly accuracy of the British artillery and machine-gun fire, achieving nothing but piling up a colossal casualty list. A recent German communique, besides stating falsely that the British attack was made on a fifteen-mile front, made the preposterous claim that their aviators had observed the field covered with British dead. It is obviously impossible to distinguish between British and German dead from an aeroplane. Since the British troops state from positive knowledge that the German dead cover the field in thousands. Rapid results are not to be expected, because the ground captured must be consolidated, guns and ammunition brought up, and all preparation completed for the next blow. Our successes were won at a minimum cost.

London, April 27.

The visit of Mr. Balfour to Washington has been eagerly watched in Great Britain, and the statement that America will make no separate peace but remain in the war till the objects of the great democracies have been achieved has been received with the heartiest welcome.

The Admiralty have decided that owing to the dastardly destruction of hospital ships with Geneva signs such ships shall travel undistinguished in future. In the case of the torpedoed hospital ship *La France (La France)*, carrying British and German wounded, a panic occurred among the Germans, except thirteen of them. The International Red Cross Committee has addressed to the German Government a strong protest.

Six German destroyers attempted a raid on Dover on the night of April 26th, but encountered two British destroyers, *H. M. S. Broke* and *Swift*. A sea-fight ensued, wherein Commander Peck of the *Swift* torpedoed one German vessel. Antarctic Commander Evans of *H. M. S. Broke* rammed another. With the latter pair locked together, the Germans swarmed over the forecastle, while other German destroyers fired point-blank over the decks. Midshipman Gyles, of the Naval Reserve, drove the Germans over the side with an automatic pistol till he was overpowered, when a seaman bayoneted his assailant. The *Broke* wrenched free from the sinking enemy and attempted to ram the last boat of the German line but lost control, while the *Swift* pursued the leading boat till injuries stopped her. Two, and possibly three, German ships were sunk. Both of the vessels rescued many Germans, and picked up others dead.

The week ending April 24th shows a large increase in arrivals at British ports—2,585 as compared with 2,379 sailings and 2,621 as compared with 2,331 due. Neutrals are beginning to risk freely the passages. Forty British merchantmen over 1,500 and 27 unsuccessful attacks.

Three British seaplanes attacked five German destroyers off the Belgian coast on April 23rd, and directly hit one, which is believed to have sunk.

In the House of Commons Mr. Bonar Law on behalf of the Government welcomed the Russian Provisional Government's proclamation of a Polish State, and hoped that after the War Great Britain would remain with a united Poland in bonds of friendship.

Mr. Bonar Law announced that the Government was urgently considering a solution of the Irish question which he hoped would prove possible.

The Imperial War Committee unanimously accepted the principle that each part of the Empire, having due regard to each of the Allies, shall give specially favourable treatment and facilities to the produce and manufactures of other parts of the Empire. The Government has approved the charter of incorporation of the British Trade Bank formed to establish credit banks for the purpose of developing trade.

Mr. Lloyd George, speaking in the Guildhall, said that the tide of war had changed and that victory was becoming increasingly assured. Improved equipment meant ultimate victory at the least cost. The German knowledge of the fact was the explanation of the despair driving them to black piracy on the high seas. The best brains of England, France and America were being applied to the submarine problem, and every measure would be adopted and continued till the ocean bacillus had been destroyed. There were indications that the German submarine campaign was rendering life increasingly difficult for European neutrals, wherefore Spain had sent a strong Note to Germany. Severe rioting in protest against the shortage of food has occurred in Sweden. There is also increasing anger in Norway at the systematic destruction of her mercantile marine and the interruption of her trade with

Denmark. A secret session of Parliament in Christiania is described in the Norwegian Press as meaning peace or war for Norway.

Amsterdam reports show that the strikes in Germany are far more serious than was at first reported, and Herr von Bothmann-Holtweg has issued a proclamation that the offenders will be punished in the severest manner, while the German national dictator threatens to send all able-bodied strikers into the Army. Notwithstanding this, it is feared greatly in Germany that a colossal strike will take place on May Day. It is believed that not only food shortage, but also political juggling regarding popular institutions is at the root of the strikes.

German Accounts.

London, April 21.—Wireless. German Official: The artillery northward of the Scarpe increased to the extreme violence. Our destructive fire caught moving troops. A counter attack repulsed the English advance on the north bank of the Scarpe. Our storming troops blow up a garrison blockhouse near Berry au Bac. There were engagements at Braye, Heurtebise farm, along the Rheims-Neufchâtel road, northward of Proennes, and on the west bank of the Suippe, which resulted in heavy enemy losses. We repulsed a French advance southward of Ripout.

The enemy lost six aeroplanes: Our naval aviators put down an airship, which fell in flames in the sea at Nieupoit.

Fighting has revived in the Cerna bend and south-westward of Doiran Lake.

Moving on Gaza.

London April 23.—Egypt Official: We consolidated the ground gained and are now in contact with the enemy main position covering Gaza. This extends to the sea coast near Sheikh Ahmed, through Alimuntar to the east of the town, thence south-east to Abuhaleira. We took prisoner 200 on April 19.

The British R. F. C.

Paris, April 23.—The French Aviation Corps has congratulated the British R. F. C. on its superiority over its adversaries which it never lost during the recent engagements. It thankfully acknowledges British aid and expresses amazement at British airmen's exploits, which it is anxious to emulate. It is confirmed that the German aviation losses in the last few days have been double those of the Allies.

The Belgian Deportations.

Washington, April 23.—The State Department has published the report of Mr. Whitlock, ex-Minister to Belgium, on the Belgian deportations. It says that the Germans have lighted an inextinguishable fire of hatred among the Belgians by their cold and calculated deed, so cruelly executed, that even German soldiers wept.

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Siam's Protests.

Against certain methods of warfare which were contrary to International Law.

Official and Authorised Translation from the Government Gazette.

1. Telegram from Prince Traidos, Royal Siamese Minister at Berlin, to Prince Devawongse, Minister for Foreign Affairs, at Bangkok.

Petrograd, 3rd March 1917.

Received at Bangkok, 6th March 1917.

With reference to the ruthless submarine warfare on the part of Germany, the notification of which I have received and sent you by mail, I was then unable to telegraph to you on account of the difficulties of transmission.

I am endeavouring to send you this telegram through the Royal Siamese Legation at Petrograd, and in the event of its safe delivery I beg to submit that whether it would not be advisable for you also to telegraph your instructions and confidential messages via Russia?

And I beg also to inform you that other neutral powers, although they have been invited by America also to break off diplomatic relations, have not yet done so, but have protested and made reservation for the future.

2. Telegram from Prince Devawongse to Phra Visan, Royal Siamese Minister at Petrograd.

Bangkok, 10th March 1917.

The telegram from Prince Traidos at Berlin dated 3rd instant was received. Please inform the Royal Siamese Minister at Berlin the reply of His Majesty's Government to the American Circular Note as contained in my telegram to you of the 25th February last.

Prince Traidos should also inform the German Government that in so far as submarine campaign involves the violations of the International Law. Siam as one of the signatories of the Conventions of the Hague must protest against such violations and make the reservations for the future.

3. Telegram from Phra Visan to Prince Devawongse.

Petrograd, 22nd March 1917.

Received at Bangkok, 25th March 1917. Your telegram of the 10th instant has been transmitted with the information as directed to Prince Traidos at Berlin.

His Serene Highness the Minister desires to know whether you wish him to protest to the Austro-Hungarian Government against the submarine warfare as well, for an official notification has been likewise made. He is waiting a telegraphic instruction from Your Royal Highness.

4. Telegram from Prince Devawongse to Phra Visan.

Bangkok, 25th March 1917.

In reply to your telegrams of the 22nd inst, please inform Prince Traidos that he should make the protest and reservation to the Austro-Hungarian Government in the same manner as to the German Government.

5. Telegram from Prince Traidos to Prince Devawongse.

Petrograd, 12th April 1917.

Received at Bangkok, 15th April 1917. The German Government requests me to wire you the following circular notification: Neutral subjects serving on enemy merchant vessels whether armed or otherwise run the risk to be treated as prisoners of war. Neutral Powers are requested to warn their subjects not to serve on such vessels. Full particulars follow by mail.

6. Telegram from Prince Devawongse to Phra Visan.

Bangkok, 16th April 1917.

Please inform Prince Traidos of the following message from me:

I have received your telegram of the 12th instant in which the German Government asked you to warn His Majesty's Government that neutral subjects serving on merchant vessels belonging to Powers hostile to Germany will run the risk of being treated as prisoners of war.

As this resolution is a direct violation of the XI Convention of the Hague of 1907, relative to certain restrictions with regard to the exercise of the right of capture in naval war, Chapter III, which clearly provided that crew of enemy merchant ship who are subjects of a neutral state are not to be made prisoners of war, and as His Majesty's Government is co-signatory with the German Government in this convention, Siam is bound to protest against this new interpretation of the rule of naval warfare.

The Tigris Victory.

London, April 22.—Mesopotamia. Official: The enemy force which General Maude defeated and practically wiped out on April 18 was the Turkish detachment on the left bank of the Tigris holding the Shatt el Adhaim line, not as previously cabled our right bank on the right bank of the Tigris opposite the northern flank of the enemy's main position. We advanced on the night of April 19, and on the morning of April 21, we captured the Turkish position on the right bank of the Tigris.

THE

Great War.

Australian Troopship Torpedoed.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, April 28.

The incoming Australian troopship *Ballarat* was torpedoed. The troops aboard were all saved. Splendid discipline was displayed by the men. The sinking vessel remained afloat fourteen hours.

Ramsgate Again Attacked.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, April 28.

Last night several enemy destroyers opened fire in the direction of Ramsgate. The fire was immediately returned, and the enemy driven off after they had discharged a large number of rounds.

German Peace Overtures.

(“S. O.” SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, April 30.

The Germans are unremitting in their attempts to parley with Russian soldiers, and display placards stating “Don't attack! We also won't!” During the last few days in many sectors the Germans did not fire a shot, and German airman dropped proclamations alleging that there is a popular movement in Germany in favour of an honourable peace. Many Austrian and Germans, carrying red and white flags, attempted to reach the Russian trenches. Some who were taken prisoner affirmed that an immediate peace was desired.

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.”)

London, April 27.

Operations on the British Fronts to April 28th inclusive: The Allied offensive in the West, even though we are still only witnessing the initial stages, has already had the important effect of entirely upsetting the enemy's plans. The German Higher Command calculated that the German retirement on the Western fronts, beside enabling them to avoid battle under the difficult conditions created by last year's offensive on the Somme, would allow them to take the offensive in some other theatre while the Allied advanced proceeded slowly over wasted country. They hoped to avoid heavy casualties, and perhaps even to retire still further east, pending the development of the submarine campaign. This plan has failed. It has failed owing to the unexpected swiftness of the British advance, and the enemy is now forced to fight in the open before positions where he intended to make his main resistance. The immense superiority of the British artillery completely swamped the German artillery, especially in the initial stages. The success of our artillery is largely due to the efficiency of the British air-service, whereon the effective long range of of artillery chiefly depends. British aviators have now reasserted the mastery of the air which the German service was attempting to challenge immediately before the opening of the spring offensive. These aerial forces were more nearly equal than in the early stages of last year's fighting on the Somme. Improved weather during the past week has given greater scope for aerial activity. On April 25th we accounted for thirty-hostile machines, whereof fifteen were destroyed and twenty-four driven down uncontrolled and damaged. The method during the recent fighting was to take advantage of British artillery superiority by attacking limited objectives, all of which were gained on a seven and a half mile front, with slight losses. The Germans brought up reserves and made heavy counter-attacks, which completely broke down on the tanks, but resulted in their recapturing the village of Guemappe. In the evening the British reserves were brought up and the position was captured again by us. The enemy, attacking in close formation, suffered during this fighting the heaviest casualties inflicted during the whole war, while the British had rather less than half their losses of the corresponding period of fighting on the Somme; and their gains are of considerably greater importance. During the fighting in

three days over three thousand persons, including fifty-six officers, were captured on the British front, totalling over thirty-one thousand; also three hundred and thirty guns were taken by the British and French during the past three weeks—a most satisfactory feature. The operations included a large number of heavy German counter-attacks, desperately attempting to retake vital positions. These counter-attacks, which forced the enemy to engage large reserves, were all unsuccessful, and only resulted in many thousands of German dead being left on the field before the British position. Wave after wave of German infantry melted under the deadly accuracy of the British artillery and machine-gun fire, achieving nothing but piling up a colossal casualty list. A recent German communique, besides stating falsely that the British attack was made on a fifteen-mile front, made the preposterous claim that their aviators had observed the field covered with British dead. It is obviously impossible to distinguish between British and German dead from an aeroplane. Since the British troops now hold this ground, we are able to state from positive knowledge that the German dead cover the field in thousands. Rapid results are not to be expected, because the ground captured must be consolidated, guns and ammunition brought up, and all preparation completed for the next blow. Our successes were won at a minimum cost.

London, April 27.

The visit of Mr. Balfour to Washington has been eagerly watched in Great Britain, and the statement that America will make no separate peace but remain in the war till the objects of the great democracies have been achieved has been received with the heartiest welcome.

The Admiralty have decided that owing to the dastardly destruction of hospital ships with Geneva signs such ships shall travel undistinguished in future. In the case of the torpedoed hospital ship *La France* (La France), carrying British and German wounded, a panic occurred among the Germans, except thirteen of them. The International Red Cross Committee has addressed to the German Government a strong protest.

Six German destroyers attempted a raid on Dover on the night of April 20th, but encountered two British destroyers, H. M. S. *Broke* and *Swift*. A sea-fight ensued, wherein Commander Peck of the *Swift* torpedoed one German vessel. Antarctic Commander Evans of H. M. S. *Broke* rammed another. With the latter pair locked together, the Germans swarmed over the forecastle, while other German destroyers fired point-blank over the decks. Midshipman Gyles, of the Naval Reserve, drove the Germans over the side with an automatic pistol till he was overpowered, when a seaman bayoneted his assailant. The *Broke* wrenched free from the sinking enemy and attempted to ram the last boat of the German line but lost control, while the *Swift* pursued the leading boat till injuries stopped her. Two, and possibly three, German ships were sunk. Both of the vessels rescued many Germans, and picked up others dead.

The week ending April 24th shows a large increase in arrivals at British ports—2,585 as compared with 2,379 sailings and 2,621 as compared with 2,331 due. Neutrals are beginning to risk freely the passages. Forty British merchantmen over 1,500 and under 1,600 tons have been sunk and 27 unsuccessfully attacked.

Three British seaplanes attacked five German destroyers off the Belgian coast on April 23rd, and directly hit one, which is believed to have sunk.

In the House of Commons Mr. Bonar Law on behalf of the Government welcomed the Russian Provisional Government's proclamation of a Polish State, and hoped that after the War Great Britain would remain with a united Poland in bonds of friendship.

Mr. Bonar Law announced that the Government was urgently considering a solution of the Irish question which he hoped would prove possible.

The Imperial War Committee unanimously accepted the principle that each part of the Empire, having due regard to each of the Allies, shall give specially favourable treatment and facilities to the produce and manufactures of other parts of the Empire. The Government has approved the charter of incorporation of the British Trade Bank formed to establish credit banks for the purpose of developing trade.

Mr. Lloyd George, speaking in the Guildhall, said that the tide of war had changed and that victory was becoming increasingly assured. Improved equipment meant ultimate victory at the least cost. The German knowledge of the fact was the explanation of the despair driving them to black pravity on the high seas. The best brains of England, France and America were being applied to the submarine problem, and every measure would be adopted and continued till the ocean bacillus had been destroyed. There were indications that the German submarine campaign was rendering life increasingly difficult for European neutrals, wherefore Spain had sent a strong Note to Germany. Severe rioting in protest against the shortage of food has occurred in Sweden. There is also increasing anger in Norway at the systematic destruction of her mercantile marine and the interruption of her trade with

Denmark. A secret session of Parliament in Christiania is described in the Norwegian Press as meaning peace or war for Norway.

Amsterdam reports show that the strikes in Germany are far more serious than was at first reported, and Herr von Bethmann-Hollweg has issued a proclamation that the offenders will be punished in the severest manner, while the German national dictator threatens to send all able-bodied strikers into the Army. Notwithstanding this, it is feared greatly in Germany that a colossal strike will take place on May Day. It is believed that not only food shortage, but also political jugglery regarding popular institutions is at the root of the strikes.

German Accounts.

London, April 21.—Wireless. German Official: The artillery northward of the Scarpe increased to the extreme violence. Our destructive fire caught moving troops. A counter attack repulsed the English advance on the north bank of the Scarpe. Our storming troops blew up a garrison blockhouse near Berry au Bac. There were engagements at Braye, Heurtebise farm, along the Rheims-Neufchâtel road, northward of Proennes, and on the west bank of the Suippes, which resulted in heavy enemy losses. We repulsed a French advance southward of Ripout.

The enemy lost six aeroplanes: Our naval aviators put down an airship, which fell in flames in the sea at Nieuport.

Fighting has revived in the Corna bend and south-westward of Doiran Lake.

Moving on Gaza.

London April 23.—Egypt Official: We consolidated the ground gained and are now in contact with the enemy main position covering Gaza. This extends to the sea coast near Sheikh Ahmed, through Alimintar to the east of the town, thence south-east to Abuhaleira. We took prisoner 200 on April 19.

The British R. F. C.

Paris, April 23.—The French Aviation Corps has congratulated the British R. F. C. on its superiority over its adversaries, which it never lost during the recent engagements. It thankfully acknowledges British aid and expresses amazement at British airmen's exploits, which it is ambitious to emulate. It is confirmed that the German aviation losses in the last few days have been double those of the Allies.

The Belgian Deportations.

Washington, April 23.—The State Department has published the report of Mr. Whitlock, ex-Minister to Belgium, on the Belgian deportations. It says that the Germans have lighted an inextinguishable fire of hatred among the Belgians by their cold and calculated deed, so cruelly executed that even German soldiers wept.

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Concerning Hospital Ships.

London, April 22.—The Admiralty announces that the steamers Donegal and Lanfranc were torpedoed without warning on the evening of April 17. They were transporting wounded to British ports. Owing to the German practice of sinking hospital ships it is no longer possible to distinguish hospital ships because they become more conspicuous targets. Therefore the Donegal and Lanfranc were not marked as hospital ships but were provided with an escort. The Donegal, a 4,000-ton steamer, was carrying nine of whom and also twelve of the crew are missing. The Lanfranc carried 234 British wounded and 167 German wounded, fifty-two of the medical staff, 123 of the crew, twenty-three British missing, and fifteen German missing. Patrol boats, at the imminent risk of torpedoing, rescued 152 German wounded.

The illegal and inhuman submarining of hospital ships is the culmination of savagery which has brought the world face to face with a situation unparalleled in civilized warfare. It has no justification in any conceivable distortion of international law or the most brutal creed of necessity. Following the sinking of the Asturias and Gloucester Castle, Britain has decided to transport wounded in vessels bearing no distinctive marking. It has notified Germany of the withdrawal of certain hospital ships. The fighting on the West Front leaving a very large number of wounded Germans in our hands, practically all ships bringing wounded are bound to carry a proportion of Germans. It remains to be seen whether that knowledge will deflect the German Government from their abominable course.

London, April 22.—The Admiralty issues a correction of its former statement and says that one of the torpedoed hospital ships had retained its distinctive markings.

London, April 21.—The Admiralty recalls how the German Government gloatingly announced the torpedoings of hospital ships, while the German nation appears to have accepted the intelligence with composure if not with satisfaction. Warnings being useless, orders were given for the Freiburg reprisal raid. The statement contrasts the attitude of the Germans towards the raid with the spirit in which the Allies exacted retribution by purely military measures. The airmen who carried out the attack were exposed to and did in fact incur precisely the same dangers from the town defences as they would have done in the course of an ordinary action. It is plain, however,

that any retaliatory measures open to a Government upholding the principles of humanity and justice would not prove deterrent to Germany. In future such reprisals could be only punitive in effect. It is necessary to reconsider the entire status of hospital ships in the light of the German attitude.

The Admiralty statement reviews the progress of Germany in her anti-hospital ship campaign. It points out that Germany's original accusation that hospital ships of the Allied Powers, and Britain in particular, were being employed for the purpose of transporting troops and military supplies was based on the evidence of witnesses the majority of whom were anonymous and the remainder German. Britain, in denying the outrageous charges, showed that Germany had an obvious remedy in cases of suspicion, namely, the right to visit and search any hospital ships encountered on the high seas. From the German refusal to tolerate hospital ships within certain limits only one conclusion could be drawn, namely, that it was the intention of Germany to add yet another and more unspeakable crime to the long list that disgraces her record.

London, April 28.—Members of the crew of the Lanfranc, interviewed, said that the first warning they received was the explosion of the torpedo at eight o'clock in the evening, when they were in mid-Channel. The ship lurched to the stern and sank rapidly till her name was submerged; then she settled slowly.

The Germans took panic, and their officers mostly behaved disgracefully, breaking out of the saloon and leading the panic. They were the first to jump into the boats, shoving everybody aside. They had to be restrained, some of them having to be knocked down.

When one of the small rescuing boats came alongside, these German officers started cheering and yelling for rescue in German, thinking that it could only be a German vessel, but realising their mistake they shouted in English "We English sailors—no Deutsche," and also "Kamerad—Mercy!"

One boat capsized owing to the weight of the overcrowding Germans who jumped into it without orders. Their struggles in the heavy sea were terrible. Other Germans jumped as the first rescuing vessel approached and fell between it and the steamer, it being impossible to save them.

The torpedo struck the vessel where there was a ward of German cot cases. Those not killed by the explosion were drowned owing to the flooding seas.

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9.46	11.52	4.30			Dep. ...	Arr.	a.m.	9.28	1.02	4.27	4.57	Arr. Tung Song	Dep.	7.10	
10.57	1.26	6.18			Arr. Petchaburi ...	Dep.		7.20	11.18	3.17				a.m.	
11.05	2.—				Dep. ...	Arr.		a.m.	10.45	3.09					
12.38	5.—				Hua Hin ...	"			7.54	1.39					
1.06	5.43			a.m.	Arr. Wang Phong ...	Dep.			7.—	1.08					
1.14				7.30	Dep. ...	Arr.			a.m.	1.—	5.35	M. Junction-Trang Daily	Trang-N. Junction Daily		
												p.m.			
3.01				9.45	" Prachuap Kirikan ...	"			11.21	3.10		Dep. N. Junction	Arr.	12.12	
7.06				4.14	Arr. Chumpon ...	Dep.			7.05	8.35		" Tung Song	Arr.	11.11	
									a.m.	a.m.		6.04	Dep. Trang	Dep.	7.30
															a.m.
Tung Song-Nakhon Srithammaraj Daily					Nakhon Srithammaraj-Tung Song Daily					Tung Song-Singora on Tues, Thurs. & Satur					Singora-Tung Song on Mond. Wees. & Fri.
	a.m.	p.m.									a.m.				
7.—	Dep. Tung Song	Arr.	...	5.87					11.11	Dep. Tung Song	Arr.	2.24	
8.09	1.30		" Nakhon Junction	"	...	4.38					12.27	" N. Junction	"	1.23	
9.23	2.44		Arr. Nakhon Srithammaraj	Dep.	10.48	3.14					2.50	" Patajung	"	10.44	
					a.m.	p.m.					5.26	" Otapao	"	8.06	
											6.17	Arr. Singora	Dep.	7.—	

THE Great War.

French Communique.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, April 27.
Yesterday, between the Aisne and Chemin des Dames, after a sanguinary defeat the Germans ceased their attacks. We brought down twenty-two German aeroplanes. There was much artillery activity, especially in the sectors of Cerny and Heurtebise.

To-day there was artillery fighting south of St. Quentin and in the sectors of Nanteuil-la-Fosse, Sancy and Ville-au-Bois. We repulsed enemy attacks and inflicted appreciable losses to the west of the Forest of St. Gobain, in the district of Reims, and north-west of Auberive. We advanced in the neighbourhood of Moronvilliers and Monts-Nom, made incursions into the German lines at Bois-le-Prete, and destroyed dug-outs, inflicting losses and taking prisoners. The total number of guns captured since April 18th between Soissons and Auberive is no fewer than 130.

The French Mission to America.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, April 27.
Washington.—The French Mission has been to see President Wilson, and M. Viviani has despatched a letter to M. Poincaré.

The War Conference.

London, April 22.—The Imperial War Conference has passed unanimously a resolution moved by Sir R. Borden and seconded by Mr. Massey, "that the resolution of the Imperial Conference of April 20, 1907, should be modified to permit of India being fully represented at all future Imperial Conferences, and that the necessary steps should be taken to secure the assent of the next Imperial Conference in order that the next Imperial Conference may be summoned and constituted accordingly." The Imperial Government is taking steps to carry out the resolution.

Dover Raid.

Paris, April 22.—German destroyers fired a few shells at Calais on the night of April 20-21.

A hundred shells were fired on Calais. Some civilians were killed and a dozen wounded.

London, April 22.—Twenty-two British dead have been landed at Dover.

London, April 22.—German Official: After the naval engagement on the night of April 20-21 east of Dover the destroyers G 85 and G 42 were reported lost.

London, April 23.—The German official version of the Dover raid says: We advanced towards the mouth of the Thames where our light forces effectively fired 650 shots at short range at Dover and Calais fortresses. Calais was unguarded and a Dover outpost vessel was destroyed.

Not sighting the enemy on their return, portions of our forces returned back and again cruised. They encountered destroyers and a sharp engagement at short distances took place. One enemy vessel was torpedoed and others under our artillery fire were heavily damaged and one was probably sunk. A portion of our forces advanced to the Thames but met no enemy, only "merchantmen" prisoners being open to capture.

The Admiralty not only denies that any British ships were sunk but that any were even seriously damaged. The only British counter-attacking force consisted of two destroyers, the leaders in the engagement. In the last few minutes the remnant of the enemy escaped by flight. The merchantmen prisoners claimed were three of the crew of an abandoned barge.

Starving Belgians.

London, April 22.—The Press Bureau says that the German wireless has accused Britain and France of employing vessels carrying the markings of Belgian relief ships for the purpose of attacking submarines. The allegation is untrue. It is merely a variation of the equally groundless assertion that the Entente are misusing hospital ships. Evidently this is intended as a pretext for torpedoing Belgian relief ships without warning.

Belgium's New Governor.

Amsterdam, April 23.—A Berlin telegram states that General Falkenhausen has been appointed Governor-General of Belgium.

Peruvian Submarines.

The German Foreign Secretary, Zimmermann, recently explained in the Reichstag that he had been blamed so often for not finding new Allies for Germany that he had instructed Count Bernstorff (German Ambassador at Washington) to offer an alliance to Mexico in order that the Mexicans might attack the United States. No regret was expressed for the unusual procedure of trying to procure one neutral nation to attack another neutral nation which was sufficiently friendly to Germany to offer her Ambassador hospitality. But Zimmermann expressed great exasperation at the fact that his offer to Mexico had been "treacherously revealed" to the United States. News comes now that not Mexico only, but also her neighbour Peru, is being approached by the usual German agent, who takes his gold and his promises to anybody who, he thinks can be induced by either greed or credulity to stab in the dark the United States—or any of the Powers that are at war with her. Peruvian naval officers have been bribed to engage in submarine ruthlessness against the merchant ships of the United States or of the Allies, in the Pacific Ocean. Happily the British Navy was equal to the situation. A warship arrested the German agent on the high seas, and the prospective Peruvian apostles of submarine ruthlessness were arrested on shore and handed over to their Government. In attempting to drag in Mexico and Peru to support her cause Germany is dealing with people who can hardly have realised the risks that they will run if they accede to her overtures. Mexico is apparently willing already to have her coast towns battered by hostile navies of overwhelming strength, while her own navy is negligible and that of her prospective Ally is immured in the Baltic. But Peru is not willing, for its Government has arrested its naval officers who accepted the German bribes. In attempting to stir up the Latin-American Republics against the United States Germany is engaging upon a forlorn hope. Such Allies cannot help her to win the war in Europe, even if their statesmen could be induced by German gold to betray their respective countries. But submarines in the Pacific manned by Peruvians, and intent on destroying all trans-Pacific merchantmen regardless of nationality, would have been so unpleasant for all the countries with a water frontage to the Pacific, including Australia, that the promptitude of the British warship commanders in discovering the plot and laying hands on the offenders is a matter for whole-souled congratulation.

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TIME TABLE.

LINE 1—BANGKABUE TO BANG QUANG & MUANG NAWN.	
Boats leave Bangkok to Bang Quang, Muang Nawn & Pakret.	
a.m. 7.00, 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.10.	
p.m. 1, 1.30, 2.30, 3.10, 3.50, 4.40, 5.30. daily.	
Bangkok to Bangkok	2.30 p.m. daily.
" " Kai Koh Yai	1.00 " " "
LINE 2—TANON TOK TO PAKLAT in connection with Paklat Tram Cars Thabin	
Boats leave Tanon Tok every half hour from 6.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m.	
After 7.30 when sufficient passengers.	
LINE 3—THA CHANG WANG LUANG TO KLONG BANGKOK NOI.	
Boats leave Tha Chang Wang Luang landing a.m. 7.30, 8.30, 9.30, 10.30, 11.30, and p.m. 1.00, 2.30, 3.30, 4.30, and 5.30. daily.	
LINE 4—KLONG SAMRONG LOOK TO BANG HIA.	
Boats leave the Look in connection with the Paknam Railway train 10.45 a.m. from Bangkok.	

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(Broad Gauge Lines.)

TIME TABLE

In force from 1st April, 1916.

		a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.			a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.
Bangkok	Dep.	7.00	9.48	1.25	3.33	Lampang	Dep.	...	...	...	7.33
Ayuthia	Arr.	9.3	11.41	3.33	5.45	Den Chai	"	...	...	...	12.38
Ban Phaji	Arr.	9.47	12.20	4.24	6.30	Tha Sao	"	...	...	...	7.1
						Utaradit	"	...	...	...	2.40
Ban Phaji	Dep.	9.57	12.37	4.30	...	Ban Dara	Arr.	...	...	...	8.16
Lopburi	Arr.	11.5	1.55	5.48	...						
Chengket	Dep.	12.33	3.38	...	7.25	Sawa'loke	Dep.	...	...	...	2.10
Pak'poh	Arr.	2.17	5.40	...	9.54	Ban Dara	Arr.	...	...	...	8.1
Pak'poh	Dep.	2.26	6.30	...	...	Ban Dara	Dep.	...	...	...	8.24
Pitsaloke	Arr.	6.	11.5	...	...	Pitsaloke	Arr.	...	...	...	3.32
Pitsaloke	Dep.	7.4	2.2	...	...	Pitsaloke	Dep.	...	...	...	1.45
Ban Dara	Arr.	9.5	4.18	...	...	Pak'poh	Arr.	...	...	...	10.43
Ban Dara	Dep.	9.20	4.40	...	...				
S'kaloke	Arr.	10.21	5.41	...	...	Pak'poh	Dep.	3.52	...	7.30	10.43
Ban Dara	Dep.	9.10	4.26	...	...	Chengket	Arr.	6.21	...	9.22	12.28
Utaradit	"	10.6	5.29	...	...	Lopburi	Dep.	...	7.10	11.6	1.56
Tha Sao	Arr.	10.15	5.38	...	...				
Den Chai	"	11.57	...	...	...	Ban Phaji	Arr.	...	8.30	12.21	3.4
Lampang	"	4.52	...	...	...			
Ban Phaji	Dep.	10.10	12.30	4.41	...	Korat	Dep.	3.57	...	7.00	...
Gengko	Arr.	11.7	1.26	5.51	...	Lat Bua Kao	Ar.	5.55	...	8.40	...
Lat Bua Kao	Dep.	...	4.2	...	8.2	Gengko	Dep.	...	7.12	11.32	1.52
Korat	"	...	6.8	...	10.3						
						Ban Phaji	Arr.	...	8.22	12.29	2.59
Bangkok	Dep.	7.45	...	...	3.50						
Petrieu	Arr.	9.33	...	...	5.38	Ban Phaji	Dep.	6.27	8.37	12.44	3.14
						Ayuthia	"	7.13	9.25	1.23	3.58
						Bangkok	Arr.	9.28	11.35	3.16	6.00
						Petrieu	Dep.	7.50	3.55
						Bangkok	Arr.	9.38	5.45

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