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### The Strategical Situation.

Paris, April 16.—Semi-official. During the last two days the Flanders front has become stable. It is very satisfactory to see the enemy contained along a long line constituting an enormous salient and exposing him to dangerous counter-offensives. The modification of the line caused by the abandonment of Neuve Eglise does not exceed a hundred metres.

London, April 16.—Referring to the fight for Neuve Eglise a correspondent says:—The enemy were several times cleared out of most of the town the British holding out in a hollow square under a heavy fire of shells, trench-mortars and machine-guns. The enemy still continued his savage onslaught but failed to carry the town by assault. Eventually the British retreated out of a hell of shell-fire, unknown to the enemy, who is now undergoing the same ordeal as the British between Meris and Wytschact, hitherto using battalions of special shocktroops and Alpinists who were ordered to take Bailleul at all costs. These suffered heavily the dead lying piled up below the railway embankment near Bailleul, waves of Germans being mown down by machine-guns.

The correspondents, while they make no attempt to conceal the fact that the situation is still serious, point out that the German progress is vastly slower than it was. Such offensives rarely regain their original momentum. Col. Repington is of opinion that our strategical position is not exactly brilliant but he estimates that a quarter of the entire German forces on the British front have been used up, while Foch's French reserves have not yet given a sign of life.

The Daily News expert estimates the enemy losses at 400,000.

Paris, April 16.—The correspondent of the Matin on the British front says the French troops are taking up their positions in Flanders. Their arrival has revived the British troops' aggressiveness after eight days and nights of continuous heroic fighting. The Germans are anxious about the consequences of this appearance of the French and it is to be anticipated that the offensive between La Bassée and Ypres will be intensified and the enemy will engage a part or the whole of his reserves.

Paris, April 16.—The British as well as the French papers unanimously rejoice over the appointment of Foch as Generalissimo. They emphasize the great efficiency and unity of command that this has established. No one was better qualified than Foch to incur so great a responsibility and henceforth

only one army and one chief will face the large German horde.

London, April 16.—Foch's appointment has been received with universal satisfaction, and it is indeed regarded as an imperative necessity after the recent events to have all the armies in single control, avoiding the system of water-tight compartments. The French pay a tribute to the generous action of Britain.

### French Activity.

London, April 15.—A French communiqué says that we took prisoner ten in a perfectly successful minor operation in the region of Hangard, where we have taken prisoner 150 since April 12. We made several raids between Montdidier and Noyon, and south of Mont Tottu in Champagne and brought back prisoners. Enemy attempts to the north of Chemin des Dames and southeast of Corbeny were unsuccessful.

London, April 15.—Reuter's correspondent at French Headquarters wiring on April 14 says one of the bitterest engagements of the great battle was fought on Friday for Hangard a position of importance north of the road Noyon to Amiens. The Germans thrice attacked hoping to thrust a wedge between the Franco-British armies and gain the mastery of the Amiens road. The village was taken and retaken again and again by the Germans and rescued a second time by the French just in time to save the remnants of the garrison. In the great battle of April 4 the village was gallantly held by a battalion against a furious onslaught. The hill dominating the village was captured by the Germans and retaken by the French. The Germans on April 9 fought their way into the village but after all-night fighting from house to house were driven out. On Friday the Germans re-attacked and surrounded the village.

A battalion Commander fortified himself in a house and held out from eight in the morning until six in the evening. He telegraphed to Headquarters "I am surrounded but still holding out, make haste." The last message read "The enemy is about to attack. It was then six in the evening. A few minutes later he and his men were taken prisoner. A counter-attack by Franco-British troops was completely successful, hundreds of Germans being captured and the French defenders, except two rescued.

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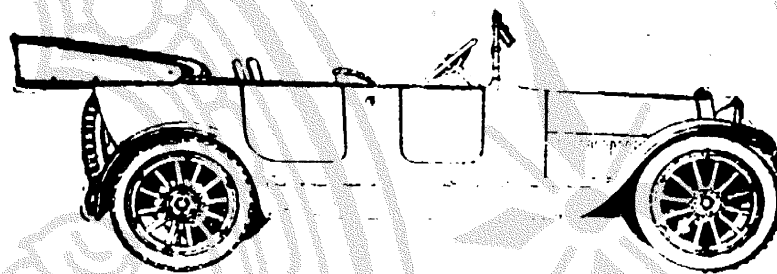
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For Earache, clean the ear first with cotton wool, put 5 or 6 drops into ear and stuff  
the hole with cotton wool—relief is certain within a few minutes.

For Gout, Wounds and wounds caused by rusty nails, cuts or burns, apply the mix-  
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## Notification

Of the Minister of Finance appointing a new Liquidator for winding up Enemy Businesses under the Law Forbidding Trade with the Subjects of Enemy Countries.

WHEREAS under Notification issued on the 9th August B.E. 2460, and the 12th December B.E. 2460, Luang Rama Banjah, Deputy Director of the Partnerships and Companies Registry, Ministry of Justice, was appointed Liquidator for the following Enemy Businesses:—

- (1) A. Markwald and Co., Ltd.
- (2) Windsor & Co., and Nord Deutscher Lloyd Shipping Co.
- (3) B.R. Gaudart and Co.
- (4) Alois Schweiger and Co.
- (5) F. Schule and Co.
- (6) The Samosorn Ka Rajakarn.

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that a new Liquidator be appointed for the above mentioned Businesses in the place of the said Luang Rama Banjah.

NOW THEREFORE, under Section 8 of the Law Forbidding Trade with the Subjects of Enemy Countries, B.E. 2460, Nai Van Chiamaraman, Barrister-at-Law (Siam and England) of the Ministry of Justice, is appointed Liquidator for the said Businesses.

Notification issued on the 23rd April B.E. 2461.

(Sd.) KITTIYAKARA.

Minister of Finance.  
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## Notice.

The Twenty-Third General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Siam Commercial Bank, Ltd., will be held at its Office on Thursday the 2nd May 1918, at 4.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving and adopting the Directors' Report and Accounts, declaring a dividend, and transacting other ordinary business.

The Transfer Register of Shares will be closed from 25th April to 2nd May 1918 inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,  
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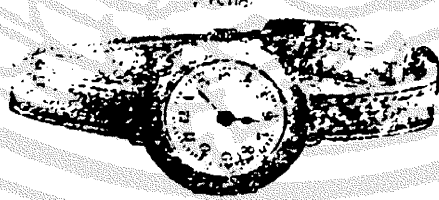
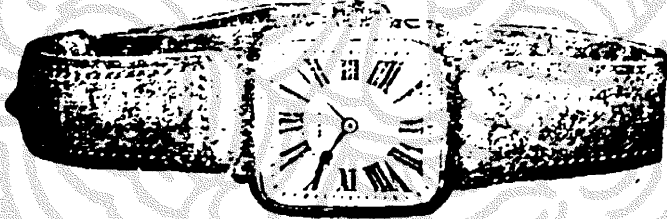
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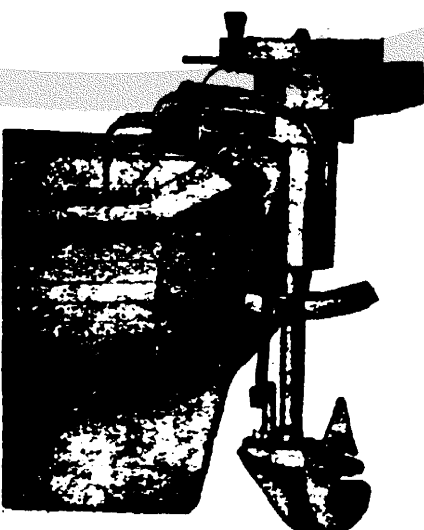
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## The Siam Observer.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 1918.

### A FIGHT TO THE FINISH.

Owing to the lack of telegraphic news to-day it is not easy to speak of the situation existing on the western front. One thing is quite certain, however, and that is the enemy is prepared to make any sacrifice in order to gain territory at the expense of the British. On the whole the attacks on northern battle-front appear to be following much the same course as those in the south. The British are standing magnificently and the small territorial gains of the enemy are being purchased at such an enormous cost in men and material that they will, if continued, prove even more disastrous than defeat. It is very little use for the enemy to endeavour to minimise his losses: the world knows that the past month's operations have cost him high upon half a million men, a cost out of all proportion to the progress he has made. The Allies are showing more strongly than ever their determination to put an end to the enemy of civilisation. The present moment is witnessing the direct struggle in the history of mankind and the most acute phase of the war is now in progress. The situation, though undoubtedly serious, can be viewed with confidence: for whereas, as far as our foes are concerned this offensive is a last desperate effort to attain victory in the field, the Allies have yet reserves and resources to call upon. The United States is about to throw into the scale the weight of its tremendous man-power while the British Empire is pledged to devote every ounce of the Empire's and the individual's energy to the attainment of victory. Moreover, the Allies are fighting on the side of right and justice. They go into the struggle heartened and sustained by the knowledge that the efforts they are making are in the cause of civilisation and the rights of mankind and hence they manifest that *morale* which so astonishes the German.

Germany has repudiated the Reichstag's formula of no annexations and no indemnities and hence even the most trusting of the pacifists dare no longer think of "peace by negotiations." German treachery in Russia has proved to the world that the talk of "German democracy" is but a snare and a delusion. It was a snare, however, into which the unhappy Russians, betrayed by unworthy leaders, fell and their present miserable plight is the result of their gullibility. Holding forth the vision of a "German democracy" was indeed a highly successful tactical move of Prussian diplomacy but the Germans have made a mistake if they think they can entrap the working men of Britain and France as they did the Russians. The working-classes of those nations see clearly that the whole German nation, from the Kaiser downward, is imbued with the same lustful spirit of domination and bent on a war of conquest. Thus all that remains is a fight to the finish for only by a decisive victory in the field can the Allies make safe the cause of liberty and justice.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Dutch s.s. *Daisy* from Singapore with no mails on board passed Paknam at 7.40 a.m. to-day towing lighter No. 88.

INFORMATION through neutral sources indicates that British prisoners are being excellently treated in Bulgaria.

OWING to docking of the s.s. *Krat* her departure on Saturday the 27th inst. has been deferred to Sunday noon the 28th inst.

MR. Hilaire Belloc estimates the German deal to the beginning of March at 3,000,000. A Geneva message says that Colonel Feyler, the Swiss military expert, estimates total German losses at 2,500,000 dead, including 50,000 deaths from sickness. There are also 2,500,000 incapacitated by wounds or sickness, and 1,000,000 slightly wounded convalescent. The total available for the Western front, despite the Russian peace, is a million below that in 1914. The Allies, he says, have greatly improved and strengthened since 1914, and he is absolutely confident of the break-up of the German offensive.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Trid line is in good order as far as Rayong. Other lines are all right.

THE Siam s.s. *Asiang* from Singapore with 3 bags of mail and 1 box of loose letters on board passed Paknam at 7.30 a.m. to-day.

PHYA Arthakrit Nirutti, assistant Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Justice returned to Bangkok yesterday from a holiday in Koh Lak.

THE s.s. *Katong* will leave from the Borneo Company's wharf at 1 p.m. sharp, on Saturday the 27th inst., and should arrive in Singapore on Wednesday morning.

DR. Solf, German Colonial Secretary says: "So long as the present spirit continues in England the hope of a united rebuilding of the (German) Colonial future is a Utopian ideal."

LATEST ADVICE:—The furniture and other effects of the former Russian Minister will be sold by Auction by Mr. T. S. Apear at Windmill Road on Sunday next. Doniger and Co., Tokyo, manufacturers and exporters of surgical instruments, Chemical glassware etc. desire presentation.

HONGKONG is following the example of Shanghai in arranging an open Marathon Race, which, under the auspices of the Police Reserve, was to take place on the 13th instant. The start was to be made from Statue Square and the route followed the tram lines right to the Shaukiwan terminus and thence back. The whole distance was about twelve miles.

IN the Budget for 1918-9, just passed by the Japanese Diet, is an item of Y. 320,000 for the exploitation of oil-fields in Formosa by the Navy Department which owns some oil-fields in the Aka district in Formosa, and these are to be entrusted to the Nipon and the Hoken petroleum companies for trial working, for which purpose Y. 300,000 is to be given to the two companies.

THE New York *Evening Post's* Washington correspondent writes:—"The United States is preparing to take legal possession of the Hamburg-American and the North German Lloyd steamship lines. The drastic step, whereby Germany loses her entire shipping facilities to carry on future trade with the United States, raises an important post war question. Congress, it is expected, will authorize the action in order to emphasize America's determination to wage the war with all her instrumentalities."

DURING the recent negotiations between Germany and Russia it became known that it was a paramount object with the Emperor William to arrange for the immediate transfer of the ex-Emperor Nicholas and the Empress and their family from Siberia to Germany. The Russian agents decidedly refused to agree to any such arrangement, and a day or two afterwards it was officially announced at Petrograd that the ex-Emperor and the ex-Empress and several members of the Imperial family are to be tried for grave offences against the people of Russia.

THE feeling that Americans at the front have for British Tommies is admirably expressed in the following little extract from a letter received from France:—"We see quite a lot of the Americans. Two U. S. officers were watching a draft of men returning to their units at the front. As usual, they were singing at the top of their voices, in spite of being loaded up like Christmas trees. One United States officer said to the other: 'Gee, I don't know how they do it after nearly four years of it. If our fellows can do that after six months I'll eat my hat.' Some compliment, oh, coming from the men who intend to clean it up for us?"

THE "Frankfurter Zeitung" has been extolling the German wireless station at Nauert, "begun in 1916 with 35-h.p., it has now 1,000-h.p., permitting a range of 8,200 miles." As a matter of fact Nauert was operating before the war, when it claimed a maximum range of 7,000 miles or 800 miles in excess of the present range with a horse-power twenty-eight times more powerful! But Germany has no monopoly of long-range wireless. There is at least one in England that can communicate with India; Japan and the U.S. are linked across the Pacific; and last month effective communication was established by wireless between Italy and the U.S., over an aerial route of almost the exact distance claimed for the improved Nauert station—6,200 miles.

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## THE Great War.

### Naval Raid.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, April 23.

Admiralty:—A raid was made early this morning on Ostend and Zeebrugge destroyer and submarine bases. The forces returned with scanty information. It is stated that the raid met with reasonable success. The force employed, except the covering ships, consisted of auxiliary vessels and six obsolete cruisers. Five of these cruisers were filled with concrete as block-ships. They were run aground and in accordance with orders were blown up and abandoned by the crews. The casualties are not yet reported.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, April 23.

London, Official:—We executed a naval raid against Ostend and Zeebrugge. In order to block the port we sunk before Zeebrugge five old vessels loaded with concrete.

### New British Budget.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, April 23.

Mr. Bonar Law introduced the Budget to the Commons this afternoon.

### The Coercing of Holland.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, April 23.

The Hague *Vaderland* states that friction between Germany and Holland is due to the former's desire to again transmit sand and gravel via Holland alleging right thereto.

The Dutch Government objects basing its attitude on altered circumstances.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, April 23.

According to the press Germany is about to demand of Holland special conditions referring to transport and commercial matters.

The Dutch Cabinet holds a special sitting to-day.

### The Maris Surrender.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, April 24.

Press Bureau:—The India Office reports that the Marri Naurib and several chiefs of important sections have submitted and the whole of the Khetan tribe has surrendered unconditionally.

### Austrian Sailors Attempt A Coup.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, April 24.

Rome, official:—A party of sixty Austrian sailors aboard a motor-boat landed in the darkness on April 4th north of Ancona unobserved and hid in a small farm-house until nightfall of April 5th when they attempted to reach their objective but a patrol of carabinieri immediately discovered and captured them.

### New Home Rule Suggestion.

London, April 16.—The Times publishes a letter of nine representative Unionists urging prompt settlement in Ireland and advocating a federal bill compatible with the extension of self-government to other parts of the Kingdom. The Times parliamentary correspondent commenting thereon says the Unionist party despite gloomy predictions of older members refuses to believe the Irish settlement will abolish its *raison d'être*.

London, April 16.—The Times says Mr. Chamberlain is included in the Home Rule drafting committee and suggests he has joined the War Cabinet.

London, April 16.—In the House of Commons, on the report stage of the Man-power Bill, Mr. Dillion moved the omission of the clause for conscription for Ireland. He pressed Government to state their real plans. No one would believe that Government intended to pass Home Rule until a parliament was actually sitting in Ireland, but if steps were taken to carry Home Rule a very great effect would be produced.

### The Great Battle.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, April 23.

There were very active artillery actions on the Somme.

The British have improved their positions to the north of Albert.

Concentrations of the enemy were observed in the neighbourhood of Serre and Villers-Bretonneux.

### Hun Air-Man Killed.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, April 23.

Baron Richtofen the celebrated German aviator has been killed.

### A Splendid Record.

Since the beginning of the war the British American Tobacco Co. have lost of their staff 233 killed and 28 known to be prisoners of war. The B. A. T. Co. men have also won between them 86 decorations including:—

Military Cross	23
Military Medal	28
D. C. M.	9
Croix de Guerre	3
Serbian Gold Medal	1
Legion of Honour	1
Belgian Military Medal	1
Crown of Italy	1
Bar to Military Medal	1

while no less than 18 have been mentioned in despatches.

### "Little Boche Dictionary."

By Dr. KOLOSSAL KANDID.

K. Kousant used to Germanize words of Latin origin and so to give them a form suited to the Teutonic Kultur.

KABOCHE. A word derived by Konstruction of the Latin substantive "kaput," meaning "head," and the adjective "boche," Square-head, whose walls are perfectly impermeable and whose facial side (kote facial) presents no species of physiognomy, except at the hour of serving soup.

KATSEH. Amphibious biped of the order of carnivora, tribe of the Hohenzollern. On land his habits are those of cat; on the sea of shark. This animal is the object of a chase which seems likely to cause it to disappear from the civilized world.

KALAIN. Name of a much-desired city. (Vide: Greek Kalends).

KANARD. A volatile product fabricated in large quantities by the Wolff News Agency of Berlin: they are highly assimilable by Teutonic stomachs, but cause nausea among neutrals.

KATSEBRAI. Target for shells of 420 millimetres. (See the words Kultur and Kristianity).

KANNIBALS. Said of people who eat their own kind. Applicable consequently to the Boches who eat only pig.

KAMARADE. Term applied to a soldier of the enemy, when the latter is the stronger.

KAPUT. Term defining the fate of a soldier of the enemy, when the latter is more feeble.

KAMELOT. Totality of the products of German industry in time of peace.

KANNON. Totality of the products of German industry in time of war.

KAMBRIOLEUR. (This is a French term for a swindler.) See the word "Kronprinz."

KOUNTERFEIT. An artistic, literary, scientific, or industrial process in which the genius of the German race is pre-eminently affirmed.

KRONPRINZ. A specimen of the Hohenzollern tribe related by the form of his beak to the order of birds of prey, but in reality attached to the superior mammals since his thumb can be opposed to the other digits. This peculiarity permits him to seize and retain hold with the greatest facility of all moveable objects.

KRISTOF KOLOMB. A German explorer who by order of the Kaiser annexed America to Prussia and invented the hard-boiled egg.

KOPERNIK. Learned German who by order of the Kaiser regulated the enveloping movement of the earth around the sun and prepared for the annexation of that star to Prussia (1543).

KULTUR. Old Heidelberg. Studious youth drinking full stoups of beer and cutting each others faces with rapiers. Literature in the form of nursery tales. Philosophy in the form of fog (Kant, Nietzsche). Plastic arts in the form of sour-croul. Kolossal inventions carried abroad. Exportation of tourists wearing eye glasses. Importation of clocks acquired at Fiat Fair (!) Iron Kross. Katastrophe: kaptives, krows; kaput!

KUSS. A people, very pacific and cultivated from the banks of rivers Oder and Spree whose territory was invaded by barbarians called Belgians who destroyed all the monuments of cult and of kultur, who violated and then massacred men and women, old persons and children.

ALAS! A word adopted by the Boche Dictionary after the Battle of the Marne.—*Per Est*

### The Situation at Vladivostok.

#### Almost Normal Conditions Prevailing.

The Seoul Press of the 21th ult. says:—It is now evident that recent Press dispatches via Tokyo reporting on the conditions at Vladivostok were greatly or almost criminally exaggerated. The special correspondent of a local contemporary who arrived in the port only a few days ago, giving his first impression, says that he missed any such excitement and disquietude as some recent Press telegrams made one expect. Principal streets, he reports, are crowded with peaceful-looking pedestrians and all sorts of carriages, while restaurants and other public resorts are enjoying as much patronage as ever. Japanese residents, who number 5000 roughly, are diligently pursuing their varied occupations, and do not conceal their vexation at the exaggerated news in the home Press. Certainly there were some cases of robbery and violence on the part of Russians now and then. In the small hours of the 20th inst., for instance, a Japanese store kept by one Mr. Nagata was broken into by three Russians armed with revolvers who robbed it of 5000 roubles in cash. But these things are by no means new to Vladivostok; they are simply as old as the port itself. Merchants are experiencing some inconvenience due to the suspension of payment by the banks, but in this Russians are equal sufferers with alien residents. Imports being barred, stores in the port, except articles of luxury, are daily dwindling, but provisions are rather abundant. The same correspondent had an interview with Consul General Kikuchi from whom he learnt that on the 19th inst. the Russo-Japanese Society lately organised of leading inhabitants held its first meeting. It was attended by over 300 Russians and Japanese, and in the opinion of the Consul-General promises to conduce largely to the tightening of the bond of friendship between the two peoples. On the strength of the same authority the correspondent adds that the Bolsheviks in the port are in a minority but are more powerful than the Moderates who are the stronger from the numerical view point.

### Hongkong as a Coaling Port.

For some time the coal and general fuel situation in Hongkong has been serious, and there is every reason, states a *Washington Commerce* report, to believe that during the next six months it will grow decidedly worse. In a general way the shortage of shipping is responsible for much of the present difficulty, although other factors are involved. Because of the increased cost of mining and also because the producers can secure a higher price for their product, the price of coal at the mines in Japan (which dominate the Hongkong market and furnish normally about 70 per cent. of total imports of coal in Hongkong and South China) has been greatly advanced. The continued withdrawal of shipping from the South Asia routes and the disposition of shipowners to seek other and more profitable cargo than coal have caused prices to go as high as ordinary grades of Japanese soft coal are retailing in Hongkong at 18 dols. gold per ton, as compared with 4 dols. to 5 dols. gold per ton three years ago.

A large Hongkong industrial concern, which three years ago secured its coal supply by annual contract at about 3.70 dols. gold per ton, has recently contracted for its supply at a trifle over 15 dols. gold per ton. Coal is imported into Hongkong not only for local industrial purposes. The price of bunker coal has risen so sharply that Hongkong is no longer regarded as a coaling port for any vessels but those compelled to take coal there in emergencies. The cost of all local steamer transportation (inland and coastwise) has advanced, coasting lines advancing fares 20 per cent and inland steamer usually 16 2/3 per cent. Freight has advanced in even greater proportion.

Hongkong industries are seriously crippled. One result of current high prices has been the increasing use of Chinese coal particularly that from North China, and also coal obtained at various points in Kwangtung and Kwangsi Provinces from out crop mines. A continuation of present fuel conditions for any considerable length of time will unquestionably lead to important development of the South China coal deposits. Transportation is the chief difficulty to be overcome, and that will be speedily disposed of if rails and other railway material and equipment could be obtained under reasonable conditions.

### BOWEL COMPLAINT IN CHILDREN

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

### Disease in Enemy Countries.

"Famine dropsy" is a new disease that is spreading rapidly in Germany and Austria.

Doctors in Bohemia have reported that the disease is making extensive ravages. It chiefly attacks men between forty and fifty years of age, and proves fatal in the majority of cases where it is not possible immediately to put the patient on a nourishing diet.

The spread of consumption in both countries is also terrible. Figures obtained from a reliable source show that in a number of German towns, representing about two fifths of the population of the empire, the number of deaths from tuberculosis in the first six months of last year was 37,064. The number for the same towns in the first half of 1913 was 22,028.

On this basis it seems probable that the total death-roll for Germany from this disease last year must have been nearly 200,000.

Conditions in Austria are worse. The latest available reports from Vienna show a total of 10,335 deaths from consumption in the capital alone. The figures for the first half of the year for three towns are:—

	1917.	1913.
Vienna	7,081	3,589
Prague	1,783	1,035
Budapest	3,846	1,927

This means an increase of 94 per cent. in the mortality in those three towns. The chief medical officer of Vienna, in an official report, says bluntly that the physical strength of the greater part of the population has been so undermined owing to insufficient nourishment that unless food conditions improve soon that death-rate from consumption will rise much higher.

### Notice.

Owing to docking of our s.s. *Kwai*, her departure on Saturday the 27th inst. has been deferred to Sunday noon the 28th inst.

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### Burmese Entertainment

Under the patronage of His Excellency the British Minister Sir Herbert Dering, K.C.M.G. M.V.O. a Burmese Entertainment will be given at the Hongkong Cinematograph Bantawa, commencing at 8 p.m. on Saturday 27th April 1918 in aid of funds for the benefit of the British Red Cross Society.

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...	...	2
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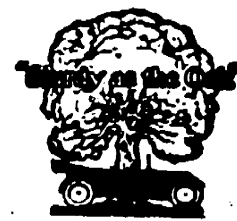
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### Battle Flares Up Again.

Amsterdam, April 15.—The Kaiser was present at the attack on Arras.

London, April 15.—The correspondents describing the battlefield say it is an awe inspiring scene: a pall of smoke hangs over forty miles of plain, covered by flaming villages, whilst shells are breaking in other parts like white topped waves against rocks gradually crumbling. The atmosphere is heavy with acid fumes of explosives and the thin lines of khaki are hardly visible through a mist stabbed with the flashes of innumerable guns.

London, April 15.—Haig: Severe day-long fighting took place yesterday around Neuve Eglise. After beating off numerous attacks we were finally compelled to withdraw a second time from the village. Strong enemy attacks took place in the afternoon at a number of other points on the battle front. There was fierce fighting north-west of Merville. The German infantry were driven back with great loss. Hostile infantry advancing along the northern bank of the Lys canal were caught by artillery fire and were unable to develop an attack. No fewer than seven enemy attacks during the day in the Merville sector were all repulsed with heavy enemy loss.

In one case the enemy advanced to the assault in five ways. Under the weight of this attack the line was bent back slightly, but a counter-attack completely restored it. Parties of the enemy southwest of Bailleul temporarily penetrated our positions but were driven out and the line restored. Successful minor operations were undertaken at night time eastward of Robecq. We took prisoner 150. Fighting occurred this morning in the neighbourhood of Haugard, where we improved our position, taking prisoner a number. Hostile artillery was active in the neighbourhood of Baucourt.

London, April 15.—Field Marshal Haig says fighting occurred in the afternoon in the neighbourhoods of Bailleul and Wulverghem and continued. Hostile artillery was active between Givenchy and Robecq. Our artillery effectively engaged bodies of infantry on the la Bassée-Estaires road. Amsterdam, April 17.—It is significant that the Wolff bureau has felt compelled to issue a statement regarding German losses. It emphasises that the majority of wounded men are walking cases and reiterates that the losses are normal for such big operations.

London, April 15.—Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters (April 15) speaks of the enormous losses inflicted upon the enemy in yesterday's fighting, especially by machine-guns at close range. We smashed attacks against Messines ridge. The bitterest struggle was for

Neuve Eglise, where big forces on both sides were engaged. The situation hereabouts to-day is obscure but our guns are reported to be shelling the ruins of the place this morning, which suggests that the enemy again have a footing there, and we are again counter-attacking.

Prisoners says that the effort to take Bailleul will be renewed. We have re-taken Haultmont, Reiz du Vinage, three-thousand yards east of Robecq. Givenchy and Festubert have been heavily shelled.

London, April 16.—Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters wiring on the evening of April 15 says the enemy has not yet been brought to a standstill in the Flanders battle. Their recapture of Neuve Eglise and their desperate struggle to advance towards Bailleul shows the enemy is able and willing to continue to pay an appalling price in attempts to crush the British Army. On the other hand every hour the strength of the defence is increasing. The enemy's failure to reach his final objective in the Somme battle is being repeated to day, in Flanders.

The enemy's programme was to reach Kemmel. On April 10 he was only three miles from Kemmel ridge but to-day he is no nearer than on Friday since when reinforcements have been flung across the Germans' path. Interesting details of German losses are coming in. The Seventeenth division and the Seventeenth reserve division on April 11 got a terrible grueling and were forced to retire upon their starting point. A prisoner of the Fifty-second reserve infantry reluctantly paid a tribute to the magnificent fighting of the British machine gunners who on March 23 reduced the prisoner's Company to half its strength.

This prisoner was forty-three years of age and came from Germany with a draft of five hundred the greater proportion of whom were Landsturm men over thirty-five years and the remainder had of 18 or 19.

Since the recapture of Neuve Eglise the enemy has not attempted to push on. He is reported to be preparing another thrust against Bailleul. The weather is grey, visibility poor and ground dry with an east wind.

### TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.

If you want a clear head and good digestion you must not let your bowels become clogged with poisonous waste from the body as is always the case when you become constipated. Proper food, an abundance of water and plenty of outdoor exercise should keep your bowels regular. When that fails you should take Chamberlain's Tablets. They cause a gentle movement of the bowels and are easy and pleasant to take. For sale by the British Dispensary.

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Paknam Dep.	6.30	9.30	12.45	3.45	Bangkok Dep.	7.45	10.45	2.00	5.00
*Maha Wong "	6.35	9.35	12.50	3.50	Sala Deng "	7.52	10.52	2.07	5.07
*Ban Nang Greng "	6.40	9.40	12.55	3.55	Klong Toi "	8.00	11.00	2.15	5.15
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Bangjak "	7.00	10.00	1.15	4.15	*Bangna "	8.20	11.20	2.35	5.35
*Prakonong "	7.05	10.05	1.20	4.20	Samrong "	8.25	11.25	2.40	5.40
*Ban Kluei "	7.10	10.10	1.25	4.25	Chorakhe "	8.30	11.30	2.45	5.45
Klong Toi "	7.15	10.15	1.30	4.30	*Ban Nang Greng "	8.35	11.35	2.50	5.50
Sala Deng "	7.23	10.23	1.38	4.38	*Maha Wong "	8.40	11.40	2.55	5.50
Bangkok Arr.	7.30	10.30	1.45	4.45	Paknam Arr.	8.45	11.45	3.00	5.55

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### Dutch Shipping.

London, April 16.—The Press Bureau says that the American Secretary of State in a statement to the Dutch Minister at Washington regarding the taking over of Dutch ships, referring to the Dutch Government's contention that the exercise of the United States right to refuse bunkers and cargo licences to Dutch ships, prior to the ships being taken over, was unfriendly, points out that the supply of bunker coal has been inadequate for America's own pressing national needs and the cargoes demanded were largely grain, of which America's own reserves are all too low. Bunkers, if granted, would have served to carry grain to the Netherlands where, as events have demonstrated, it was not then needed, and where it would only have served to release an equivalent to foodstuffs for the enemy.

Owing to unrestricted submarineism which the Dutch Government itself declared illegal, there had been during the year since America entered the war a shortage of shipping which threatens to postpone at frightful cost ultimate victory. This has created an emergency seldom if ever equalled in magnitude and significance. The United States might at any time within the year have exercised its right to put the half million tons of Dutch shipping in its harbours into service useful to it, but it forebore and for many months patiently negotiated, until finally the temporary agreement of January 25th was made. Only when the agreement broke down under German threats of violence did the United States take steps to accomplish, through the exercise of its own right, what it was hoped could be accomplished by agreement and what the Dutch government had been willing in part to accomplish.

The statement concludes by emphasising the advantage to Holland of the terms by which the ships are taken over and particularly points out that the Dutch Government has still available by far the greater part of the Dutch mercantile tonnage which according to the estimate of the Dutch officials is ample for domestic and Colonial needs of the Netherlands. The shipping required for these needs will be immune from detention and will be facilitated by being supplied with bunkers. The remainder of the shipping is being put to highly remunerative service the owners receiving remuneration and the associated governments taking the risks. The United States is exercising her rights in a manner which scrupulously safeguards, indeed promotes, the national interests of the Netherlands.

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### Calling Up Reserves.

London, April 15.—In the House of Commons Sir Auckland Geddes stated that the Government was determined to enforce the principle that no man over the present military age should be taken for service, if the situation could be met by the calling up of men of the present military age. The age of twenty-five has been selected for clean cut in the Civil Service, because, above the age of twenty-five, were men really indispensable from the point of view of the war effort. This did not mean that civil servants over twenty-five were not being released as rapidly as possible. Certain government offices were considering the desirability of releasing all men fit for general service, to the age of fifty-three.

Mr. MacPherson declined, in the public interest, to state the number of troops in Ireland. To Nov. 31, Ulster had contributed over 58,000 recruits, and the rest of Ireland over 65,000.

London, April 16.—The Labour ministers in an interview with the Premier pressed for Irish self government before Conscription. They urged the adoption of the Convention majority report.

London, April 15.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law refused the Nationalist request for an additional day's discussion on the proposal to apply compulsion to Ireland.

London, April 16.—The Labour ministers' interview with Mr. Lloyd George had satisfactory results. There is no crisis and the reported resignations are unfounded. The home rule bill is being prepared very rapidly by a sub-committee, including Mr. Walter Long, Mr. Duke, Mr. Barnes and Sir Gordon Hewart.

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## Late Wire News.

## German Thefts.

Deli, March 28.—The German Government has tried to cash in Norway the coupons of the Norwegian shares which were stolen by the Germans from the branches of the Credit Lyonnais of Rjessel and Kamerijk. In this it was unsuccessful, as all the Norwegian banks declared that the Germans were not the lawful owners of the documents which belonged to French subjects.

## Scarcity of Paper.

The Atlanta newspaper is being printed on packing paper for the past few days, as no other paper is obtainable.

## Want of Petroleum.

March 29.—Petroleum is available for four weeks only for distribution. Germany is not in a position to supply any.

## Composition of the Chamber.

The "N. R. Courant" says that the composition of the Chamber has made a favourable impression. It is accepted that the Chamber represents a combination of all demands of all groups. The whole of Holland will perceive in the opinion of the Chamber that of the Dutch East Indies from Holland.

A new Political Party has been established, called the Socialist Party, the object of which is the separation of the Dutch East Indies from Holland.

## Holland's Plight.

The "Tempe" contains an article in which it is stated that a serious hour for Holland is approaching. Germany is said to be striving to accomplish a twofold end. Towards the west, she demands the mouths of the Scheldt and Rotterdam and towards the east, the Dutch colonies, the only colonial territory which is weakly defended. The presence of the Navies of the Allies alone can prevent the realization of the Pan-German dream.

## The Pious Desires of the Dual Monarchy.

The "Pesti Hirlap" which often acts as the mouthpiece of the Austro-Hungarian Ministry for Foreign Affairs, states, with regard to the war aims of the Monarchy:—

"Austria must have about 15,000 square kilometres of Rumania, including Buzen, Putna, Daubivitz and Prahova, because the frontier must be nearer Bukharest. Our cannons roll downhill from the Carpathians easier than uphill. Between the Magyar town of Buzen and the Bulgarian Dobruza are rich petroleum wells, whilst near Prahova, there are excellent salt mines. These we must also have, on account of raw materials, of which

Germany has few. Without benzine no submarine action is possible. In union with Bulgaria, we must control the Danube and, thus, protect the railway line from Berlin to Baghdad. Furthermore, the treaty of peace must accord to us the right of cutting a canal right through the valleys of the Morava and of the Vardar which must be under our control. For this purpose, the Serbian Army must be abolished and the Serbian throne must be filled only by a sovereign whom our Emperor King can accept as a neighbour."

## At Harbin.

Harbin, March 19.—General Plehkov has been appointed Commander of all the Russian troops stationed in the Railway Zone. General Plehkov has a brilliant military record and his appointment has met with great satisfaction. It is anticipated that he will succeed in restoring order and discipline in the rear of Semenov's force, enabling the latter to receive reinforcements and supplies from Harbin without the usual delays.

The Ussuri Cosack leader Gamoff has escaped into Chinese territory from Biagovostchenak with fifteen million roubles belonging to the Cosack community. The money will be forwarded to Harbin with the assistance of the Chinese authorities.

## The Vladivostock Landing.

London, April 15.—In the House of Commons Lord E. Cecil stated that no assurance had been given that the Anglo-Japanese troops would be withdrawn from Vladivostock as soon as order was restored, but he hoped the incident would soon be closed.

In reply to Mr. Lees-Smith Lord Robert said the recent Reuter message that Anglo-American officers had reported that the rumours of the arming of prisoners in Siberia were greatly exaggerated was substantially correct.

## Lodge "Mesopotamia."

## Interesting Masonic Ceremony at Basra.

In February says a correspondent of the Statesman a ceremony was performed in Basra that should be of absorbing interest not only to all Masons in the civilised world but also to all who are interested in the country which is known in the history as "the cradle of the human race." For over two years strenuous efforts have been made by Masons attached to the Forces in Mesopotamia to obtain permission from the Grand Lodge of England to open a Lodge in Basra. Their efforts bore fruit and the Right Worshipful Brother Haig-Brown, the District Grand Master

of Bombay, and his genial Secretary, Worshipful Brother Pennock, set out from Bombay to consecrate the Lodge and to open a new chapter in the history of Freemasonry.

On the 2nd of February all the members of this great Brotherhood who were within reach of Basra gathered together. The Lodge was duly consecrated and Major-General Sir George Fletcher MacMunn, K.C.B., D.S.O., was installed as the first Worshipful Master of Lodge "Mesopotamia" No. 3820 on the rolls of the Grand Lodge of England. The ceremony was a most impressive one and Rt. Wor. Bro. Haig-Brown performed his duties in a manner which made all present realise the solemnity of the occasion and its historic importance in the annals of Freemasonry. Once again after over a thousand years the Patriarchal Benediction was pronounced in this land:

"May the God of our fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the Angel of the Everlasting Covenant, Who has redeemed us from evil, the Holy One Who sanctifieth us, Bless, Preserve and Keep you evermore." Never in any land where the wide-hung banner of our English race has flown have these words carried so deep a significance, to their hearers; and to the audience, soldiers all, who have borne the burden and heat of the day in this devastating struggle, the hands of the clock of the world's history seemed to have moved back to the time when Solomon held his court in state and the land was young and its people "the beloved of the Lord."

Major-General Sir George Fletcher MacMunn, the Worshipful Master-designate, was duly installed in the Eastern Chair with all the ancient ceremonies of the Order and the Brethren rose to render to him in Masonic form the greetings of their several Lodges. One hundred and seventy-six Masonic Brethren were present gathered from every corner of the earth which claims England as its Motherland, and greetings poured in from England, India, Canada, New Zealand, America, North China, Jersey, Wai-hai-Wei, the Argentine Republic, and from every part of the English speaking world.

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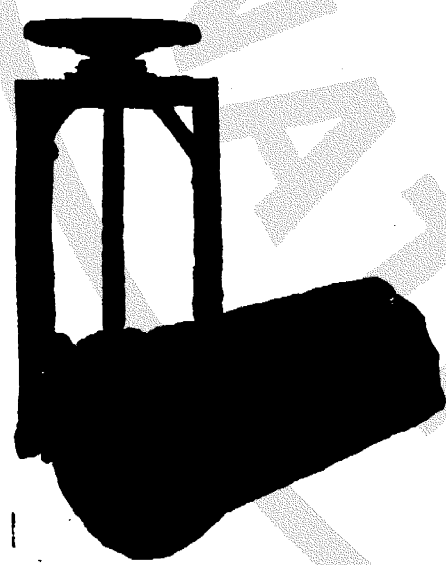
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