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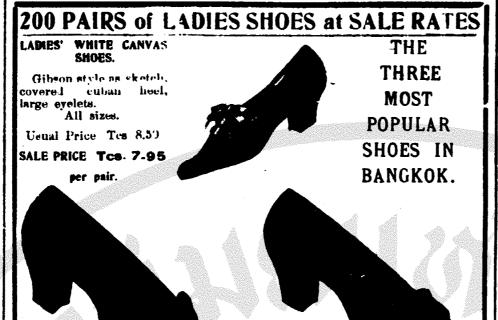
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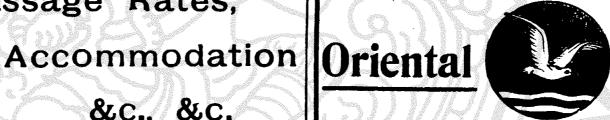
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### Zeebrugge: A Thorn in Allies' Side.

BY RICHARD THIREELL.

For nearly two years the Little Belgian port of Zeebrugge has ranked as one of the greatest of the minor pheno-

mens of thewar.

It fell into German hands in the great sweep "to Calsis," and although the enemy has made no further progrees on that road since October 1914, it still remains in German syes an augury for the future, so often pic-tured by Herr Ballin, when the Empire of the Hohensollerns shall embrace not only Antwerp but also ports that border the English Channel it-

self. Zeebrugge is something of an migms, even to those who are anxious to effective any and every possible reason or excuse for the proceedings of the Admiralty. It stands in the emique position to day of being the only enemy port from which hostile warships, other than submarines, operate continually, and with complete impunity, to our detriment; and it is the only German naval base out-

side the "wet triangle." It is not itself a shipbuilding centre but when the Germans occupied Antwerp they gained possession of a certain amount of shipballding plant, which they promptly proceeded to ntilise. They could not send their ships to sea by way of the West Scheldt, since that is Dutch territorial water, so they confined themselves to the building of such eraft as could make their way up the Scheldt to Ghent, and thence, via Bruges, by canal to the

Our first acquaintance with German warships built at Antwerp was provided by "The Daily Mail." On May 1 1915, this journal published a photograph of a small torpedo-boat making its way through the basins in the Antwerp shipbuilding yards. It was one of the first of "The Daily Mail" Prize Photographs; and by a strange cointidence two of these same boats succumbed to the British Navy on the very day that the picture was published.

The A 2 and A 6—the "A," according to German practice, indicating where the boats were built-dashed out to the neighbourhood of the North Hinder Lightship and attacked a group of our mine-sweepers. They sank one, the Columbia: but before they could get back they were overtaken and sunk by a division of our destroyers. With a single exception, this is the only loss known to have been inflicted on enemy craft acting from Zeebrugge. in August 1910, when a couple of French destroyers met an "A" boat off Ostend and sank

Increasing Audacity Since then the offensive attributes of the Belgian port have been greatly increased. The surface craft acting from it are no longer of the canal type, which the Germans called "outpost vessels." They are fast destroyers of the most up-to-date design, armed with 4.1 in. guns and said to have a speed of 36 knots. The British "L" class destroyers -the newest we had in commission when the war started—were designed for only 29 knots (vide 1914 Navy Estimates), while the majority of the destroyers that have so far been officially mentioned in connection with the Dover Patrol were designed for no more than 30 knots and built about

twenty years ago. There is nothing as yet to show the origin of these German 36-knotters, but there can be little doubt that they were sent down through the North Sea from the building yards in or beyond the "wet triangle." In October, 1914 Cap-tain Cecil Fox was able to destroy four enemy destroyers trying to make their way south, but things have very obviously changed to our disadvantage since those days.

This year the operations of German torpedo cruft operating from Zeebrugge have escalely increased in audacity. They began by harrying Dutch shipping—this time without molestation round the North Hinder. Early this year they sank the Arabis, one of our mine-sweepers, off the Dogger Bank. By March they had so far established themselves that German inerchantmen held up in Rotterdam since the start of

the war began to alip out and home.
Out of a certain 33 that have slipped away not one was held up by a British warship. On top of that, and even more galling, we have had to submit to the capture of British merchantmen between Rotterdam and England, the seizure of British cargoes in Dutch bottoms, and the raids—scathless for the enemy-on the Channel, the Downs, and the vicinity of Lowestoft.

Mr. Balfour said last week that Zeebrugge and the neighbouring coast is defended by poworful batteries. We had been told as much by the past and present Admirals of the Dover Patrol the late Sir Horace Hood and Sir Reginald Bacon; but while the Admiralty are right in refusing to send the pick of our battleships to batter the place to pieces, is there any reason why the monitors should not be used for this purpose?

Value of Dunkirk. It is the very thing they were built for, and they seem to have been used for it, though only spasmodically. The monitors have not been given a fair chance. They are cheap ships and carry a small complement, and, further, were cannot be won without loss. We have not yet lost a monitor, or yet have had one seriously damaged, in attacking Zeebrugge; and it is quite certain that we shall not eradicate the pest until we are prepared to accept the risk of loss in deing so. That the enemy has "powerful batteries" may appeal to Mr. Balfour as an excuse for not attacking; it did not deter Beatty when he fell in with the Germans at

Jutland Bank. . The enemy has taken precautions against attack from the air. He has mounted a large number of very powerful anti-aircraft guns, including among them 6in. weapons, firing a shell of about 100lb. He is working also to improve the harbour and approaches. A great deal of dredging is proceeding continuously. The German destroyers usually lie in the canal behind the town; but among the ships in the harbour recently were the fast Harwich steamer Brussels and the Dutch mail-

boat Konigin Regentes. However, even if we assume that Zeebrugge must still exist as an enemy base, is there any reason why hose destrovers should across to the Channel and our cast coast at their pleasure and without interference? Grant them all their advantages; they can choose their own timeand their own point of attack. Grant them even their high speed and the ability to prevent by submarines a constant pairol of the roads by which

they must reach the open. Granted all this, what is being done with Dunkirk? It is obviously not the German game to stay and fight, but it is equally obviously our game to make them fight if we can. Why is there not a flotilla of destroyers at Dunkirk, which is only thirty miles from Zeebrugge? The Dunkirk destroyers ought at least to make it necessary for the Germans to fight their way home.

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Rabbat, was charged with having in his possession a quantity of Russian, Servian and French Government stock taken by Germans in occupied territory. He formerly was a banker in Paris. The French Government got track of Rabbat's operations through the sale for 20,000 francs (about \$4.000) of coupons of Russian bonds belonging to M. Aumignou, who buried them in a garden at Termes in the Ardennes before the arrival there of the Germans.

Commissioner Faralicq reported that his inquiries had convinced him the organisation was in direct relation with 1913, and chief of the Commission German banks. The Swies and French police already have seized in various places in both countries papers the examination of which will require a month. It is stated that coppons on recurities valued at about 20,000,000 francs already have been cashed by unwitting buyers. One man, Loret y Soler, a Spaniard, has been arrested on the Swies frontier. In a doublebottomed trunk in his possession were, it is charged, Argentine and Spanish securities worth 317,000 francs.

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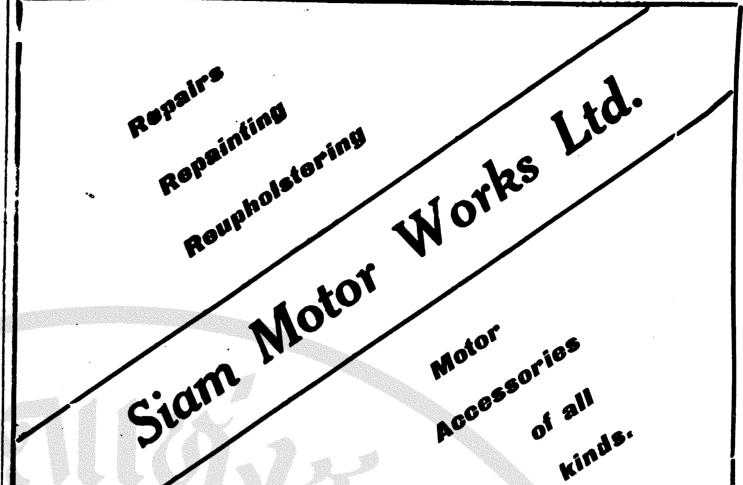
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### **Auxiliary Cruiser** Submarined.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.) London, Jan. 29.

The Admiralty announces that the auxiliary cruiser Laurentic was submarined or mined on the 25th instant. Twelve officers and 109 men were saved.

### Western Front.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.) Paris, Jan. 28.

Yesterday there was artillery activity on the left bank of the Meuse. To-day we succeeded in a coup de main between Eparges and Colonne treuch. We found numerous corpses and important booty.

### Attempt on Life of Spain's King.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.) Paris, Jan. 28.

Madrid. — Criminals attempted in vain to derail the Royal train near Grenade. Two arrests were made.

Paris, Jan. 29. President l'oincaré has telegraphed his felicitations to the King of Spain on the latter's escape from injury.

### German Submarine Sunk.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.) Paris, Jan. 29. A German submarine has been sunk off the Norwegian coast.

### Huge Landslides.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 29. Batavia.—An official report says that tremendous landslides in Bali Island (near Java) caused huge soles practically engulling a whole village and killing 300 people. The total casual-

ties hitherto number 600. ("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, Jan. 30. A severe earthquake occurred in the Dutch Indies in the islands of Bali and Lombok. Much damage has been done. At least 1,000 houses have been demolished and over 50 people killed and 200 injured.

### Tin and Rubber.

"S. O. " SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.) Singapore, Jan. 29. At the rubber auction 325 tons were sold. Prices generally had a further decline. Smoked sheet fetched \$142 per picul and pale crepe \$141.

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### Court Circular.

SANAM CHANDRA. Monday, 29th January. This afternoon, His Majesty the King received in audience Lieutenant-General His Royal Highness the Prince of Lobburt A. D. C., Viceroy of the Southern Provinces.

### The Sports Club.

The Selling Sweep on the Tilleke Cup will be drawn and sold on Thurs. day next the 1st Feb. at 6 p.m. Entries for the February Meeting

close on the same date at 7 p.m. The newspapers and magazines for the year 1917 will be sold on Saturday the 3rd February at 6 p.m.

There will be tiffin at the Club on Sunday the 4th inst., members proposing to tiffin must put their names on the list before 8 p.m. on Triday the 2nd Feb.

### Irrigation in India.

The Chief Engineer of the Punjab Irrigation Works in his report for the year 1915-16 makes the following reference to Mr. Ward who left Siam

"Mr. Ward will also within a few weeks be leaving the Province which he has served so long and so well, on promotion to the post of Inspector General of Irrigation in India, and the Lieutenant-Governor desires to place on record his appreciation of Mr. Ward's brilliant talents as an irrigation engineer which have helped to solve some of the most difficult problems of bydraulic enterprise, and have won him a reputation in his profession that is not confined to the Indian Empire."

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

TO DAY's telegrams appear on page 8.

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THE S. E. C. notify that from' 1st February their electrician's office will receive orders and complaints re electric light and also act as central station for some of the offices of the Company.

NEW Ads .- Roderick Dhu whisky, brandies. American and French beer etc. are for sale at Mesers. Malcolm Beranger. "William Tell" will be screened to-night at the Phathanakorn among other interesting films.

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WITH regard to the recent secret session of the Chinese Parliament in connection with the rumour that China was about to join the Entente, the "Peking Gazette" says it is under-stood that Mr. Hsia Yi-ting, who represented the Premier and the Minister for Foreign Affairs, said that China's attitude towards the belligerent Powers in Europe had always been strictly neutral, and there was no truth whatever in the rumour that China was going to join the Allied Powers.

SAYS a German official cubie:-The German Postal Administration has issued the rules for "submarine mail." Letters will be despatched to the United States, Mexico, Central and South America, the West Indies, China, the Dutch Indies, the Philippines, etc. The maximum weight of such letters is 60 grams. Beside the usual postage, an extra postage of two Marks for each 20 grams has to be paid. All letters must be sent to Bremen and must bear the inscription: "Submarine

### Woman's War Work.

Obviously to popularise the Mass Levy scheme among women, Govern-ment newspapers like the Lokal-Anseiger are now publishing articles showing that the general health of German women was never better, despite the countless male occupations which women have invaded by thousands during the war. The physicians of the Greater Berlin Tramways Company, which has employed women in increasing degree since the first week of August 1914, state that they have demonstrated their ability easily to perform the heaviest work without impairment of health. Even married women are able to put in an eight-hour day as conductors of "motor-men" and attend to household duties, including care of children, outside of working

### The Munitions Explosion.

### Appalling Damage.

London, Jan. 21.—The firemen at the factory disaster were able to circumscribe the fire. Heartrending scenes attended the removal of women and girls from the blazing premises. Many were unconscious, stunned by the shock. Some were terribly burned and charred. A crowd of tugs was soon busy taking the victims across the water to every Hospital within reach. One child, a few months old, extracted from a heap of ruins once its parents' house, was the sole survivor of a family of six. Fires are still burning relentlessly and at midnight roof after roof collapsed with terrific crashes and the flames rose higher and higher in expanding fountains. The master of the shipping stood out clearly silhoustted against the sky. The scene was one of awful grandeur.

As evidence of the force of the explosions it is stated a huge piece of boiler weighing three to four tons was found in a field four hundred yards from the scene of the disaster. Another piece a ton weight crashed into a butcher's shop instantly killing the occupants.

The district in the immediate neighbourhood of the explosion looks as if it had been visited by a terrible earthquake. Houses were demolished whole-sale, roofs ripped off and many buildings left with one wail standing. Apparently places on either side of the river suffered very severely, the concussion seemingly travelling further over water than over land. In some cases dwellings several miles down river suffered more than buildings much closer to the scene. In a few isolated cases windows in the heart of London were smashed, some plate glass in Kingsway was blown out and windows were broken in St. James Park. Much damage was done to glass in Brixton, Brockley, Greenwich and the shock was very severe in Lewisham and Cat-

The explosion was heard at Kings Lynn ninety-six miles distant. An eyewitness stated that it occurred half an hour after the fire had started and was followed by a flame a thousand times more intense than anything ever seen. Almost immediately the air was filled with debris, billions of sparks and a sickly smelling gas like a yellow fog. The crash of collapsing buildings, and falling materials continued for at least eight minutes. The death-roll in the factory where the explosion occurred is probably trifling as it is understood but the destruction of crowded small houses in the vicinity was terrific. It is stated three streets of cottages were practically wiped out. The task of extricating the injured from the debris is most difficult. The police, special constables, volunteers, guard all approaches. The cause of the explosion will probably remain a mystery but it is noteworthy that there bave been many prosecutions recently for munitioneers being found in possession of

The Danger of Fire.

London, Jan. 22.—A surprising feature of the great munition explosion, which it is confirmed occurred several minutes after the fire, was the freakishness of the concussion, which rattled the windows fourteen miles away. Yet little frail houses a few hundred yards from the factory had not even a pane cracked. A huge piece of metal hurtling through the air, struck the ground near a gasometer with such force that it threw the structure out of the perpendicular. The gas escaped, ignited and shot blazing into the air. A hole a hundred yards across and eighty deep marks the spot where the explosives store existed. It is now the unofficial opinion that there are a hundred dead, four hundred injured, but perhaps the more striking fact is the number that escaped was greater than those killed. A most remarkable escape was that of the firemen who were gallantly endeavouring to extinguish the fire when the explosion occurred. Five alive were found with the ruins of the engine. The Chief Chemist, Mr. Angel, is one of the most distinguished of the younger scientists and took a first class science at Oxford, subsequently was tutor at Brasenuse and offered his services to the Government on the outbreak of the the war. Mrs. Angel superintended the female staff of the factory and was absent at the time of the disaster.

Mr. Addison, Minister of Munitions. at the Mansion House, said the most searching inquiry is being made into the cause of the explosion. Any suggestions to prevent a recurrence would be fearlessly adopted. He emphasised that there was no occasion for alarm. Apart from the risk of fire. to which most explosions have been hitherto due, shells are harmless. He stated that they required four thonsand additional women munition

workers monthly.
London, Jan. 22.—Official: The King has contributed £250, the Queen £100, Queen Alexandra £100 to the relief fund of the sufferers from the explosion. The King made special enquiries at the hospital into the condition of the injured and Queen Alexandra sent a message of simpathy.

London, Jan. 23.—Sir Ernley Blackwell, Major Cooper Key, Chief Inspector of Explosives, and Sir Frederic Nathan are the committee to enquire into the explosion and make any recommendations thought desirable.

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Amsterdam, Jan. 24.—According to the Tyd, the German destroyers belonged to the sixth division of the home fleet, from Heligoland, which apparently intended a raid but was discovered and the greater part driven back on its base, while a portion of the squadron was forced back against the Flemish coast. It is reported hat warships were sunk, but particulars are lacking. Some damaged German vessels took refuge at Zeebrugge.

Ymuiden, Jan. 23.—Particulars of the naval engagement indicate that German destroyers attempted to leave Zeebrugge to avoid the ice which is very thick. They were immediately attacked by a large British squadron. The action opened at very short range and early in the fight the bridge of German destroyer V69 was swept away by a direct hit killing two officers and the commander of the flotilla who was aboard. The V69 fired one torpedo and was hit by another British shell which knocked the funnel flat on deck. Another holed the front part of the vessel. The crews state that seven more German vessels were sunk. The V69 is now lying off Ymuiden

Ymuiden later: A Dutch tug boat brought in ten severely wounded German sailors, who were taken abound at the request of the commander of a German torpedoer. They came originally from V69. It is believed that the English cut off another torpedo boat which was seen proceeding at full speed northward. V69 has now entered the harbour with eight killed aboard. Apparently she was hit thrice and before or after the engagement collided with another vesse!. The engagement happened at four in the morning. The German officers refuse informa-

### Dutch Story of Disaster.

London, Jan. 24.—Wireless. German Official. Our torpedo craft encountered the English off Loofden. We sank one destroyer and observed another by aeroplane to be in a sinking condition. One of our craft was damaged and, being unseaworthy, ran to Yuniden. All other ships returned with slight

Ymuiden, Jan. 24.—When the V 69 arrived, towed by three Dutch tugs, eight of the dead crew were frozen to the deck and axes were necessary to detach them. The torpedo tubes were knocked sideways and the signal tower, searchlight, bridge and one funnel were destroyed. The damage was due to gunfire and also ramming by a British boat, deeply denting the side. Despite many degrees of frost some of the crew, stripped to the waist, were washing off the battle stains. It is stated that only eighty out of a crew of '160 remain. Conspicous in the rigging where it was frozen hard, was a man's arm which had been blown off. A number of the crew jumped overboard and were drowned. The Commander had both legs shot off and died in Ymuiden hospital. Four officers were killed. The battered remnants of the German "Highsea forces" constituting the pirates' lair at Zeebrugge are now limping to neutral ports or are trying to lurk along the coasts on their way to | in our duty if we did not take every Germany. The whole story is one of swift overwhelming disaster when the British swooped down, destroying the squadron quickly and thoroughly. A German seaman stated that the squadron had to dash out of Zeebrugge or be frozen in.

Ymuiden, Jan. 24.- The survivors of V69 say that a flotilla of eleven vessels to which they are to be put. That left the German port at one on Monday afternoon. At three yesterday morning they discovered the British abeam at long range and opened fire. The British marksmanship was very accurate. The V69 was soon hit and escaped marvellously for it was faced by two British equadrons of four to six big ships each. There must have been treachery because every precuation was taken to avoid an encounter. As the steering. gear and compaes were destroyed the vessel steered by the stars and her screws, making for the mouth of the Ems, but she sighted four British destroyers off Ymuiden so made for Ymuiden. The main action was fought thirty miles off Zeebrugge. The V69 escaped owing to being in the reargnard of the flotilla. She did not know the fate of the other vessels but they must have suffered badly.

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# Peoples.

### Premier on Conference Aims

London, Jan. 25.-Mr. Lloyd George gave an important interview on the subject of the tarthcoming imperial War Council with the London correspondent of the Australian United Cable Service. The Premier said: "I do not wish to interfere in any way with the affirs of a great self governing Dominion, but we took the step of urg n.ly inviting the Dominions pre-miers to London despite the fact that it might cause much inconvenience locally, because we desired their advice and assistance in coming to decisions about the conduct of the war and the

negotiation of peace.

Australia knows I am no jingo, my record contains no journeyings into tlamboyant Imperialism, yet I regard this council as marking the beginning of a new epoch in the history of the Empire. The war has changed us and Heaven knows it has taught us more than we yet understand. It has opened a new age for us, and we want to go into that age together with our fellows overseas, just as we have come through the darkness together and shed our blood and treasure together." (It was obvious, however, that in Mr. Lloyd George's mind the first duty of the Council would be to consider the immediate task of winning the war.)

"The Empire War Council will deal with all general questions affecting the war. The Prime Ministers of their representatives are to be temporary members of the War Cabinet and we propose to arrrige that all matters of first rat importance should be considered at a series of special meetings. Nothing affecting the Dominions, the conduct of the war, or the negotiations for peace will be excluded from its purview. There will, of course, be dimestic questions which each part of the Empire must seitle for itself; questions such as recruiting in the United Kingdom or Home Legis ation.

Such domestic matters will be our only reservation, but we propose that evething else should be, so to speak, on the table.'

"But will the discussions include such matters as the fate of German

Mr. Lloyd George replied, "That is one of the obvious questions but there are many quistions of equal moment. All difficult problems connected with the making of peace, as was stated in the Government's invitation, will be threshed out. The war policy of the Empire, will be clearly defined, and of great importance is what I may call the preparation for Peace.

That will involve not only demobilisation but such after the war questions as the migration of our people to other parts of the Empire, the settlement of soldiers on land, in commerce and industry.

### Precedents Thrown Overboard "You have not hesitated to depart

from precedent? "No, we certainly have not but in these days we cannot hesitate because we are breaking precedents. The Empire has thrown itself heart and soul into the war and we should be failing possible step to see that its leaders get

together from time to time.

You do not suppose that we think that the Overseas nations can raise and place in the field armies containing an enormous proportion of their best manhood and not want to have a say, and a real say, in determining the use seems to us an impossible and undemocratic proposition and that is why one of the first acts of the new Government was to ask the Overseas Premi re to come over, not to a formal Imperial Conference but to sit in executive cabinet of the Empire. That is why we arranged for a representative of India which has rendered invaluable service to our common cause to be present also.

### Matual Responsibility of Decision.

"This implies that the conference should meet as soon as possible?"

"Certainly, the war is not won yet, and we want concert in our efforts so that we may exert our maximum strength at the critical moment. Further we

The North Sea Engage- War Council of British are most anxious that during the last and most trying phase of war the British Empire may present to the world an absolutely united front. Up to the present the British Government has shouldered the responsibility for the policy of war practically slone. In now wishes to know that in its measures for prosecuting the war to a finish and in its negotiations for peace it will be carrying out the policy agreed upon by the representatives of the whole Empire sitting in a plenary c uncil together.'

What about after the war?" "If you mean by that constitutional reconstruction I can only say it is too son to talk about after the war. but I can say this, that things can never be the same after the war as they were before it. Five democracies, all parts of one empire, cannot shed their blood and treasure with heroism and disregard of the c st which has been beyond all praise, without leaving some memories of comradeship and great accomplishment which will

"Of this I am certain that the peoples of the Empire will have found a unity in the war such as never existed before. A unity not only in history, but of purpose. What practical change in Imperial organistion that will mean, I will not venture to predict. That it will involve some change is certain. I believe that all statesmen of the Old Country and Dominions who have spoken about it are unanimous on that

The forthcoming War Council however, cannot deal with these fundamental post-war problems but it may afford some insight into the form they may take."

"Then you are sanguine about the future of the Empire?

"If we see the war through I certainly am. You do no suppose that the great combination of peoples who make up the Empire can have stood steadfastly together with their Allies, in order to discredit and overthrow the most brutal and inhuman machine for the destruction of human liberties that the world has ever seen, and not have discovered a new ground of friendship?

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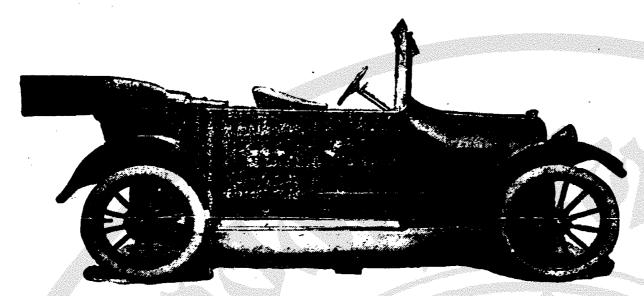
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### Macedonia Tasks.

### Allies' Forces Smaller Than The Enemy's,

Mr. G. Ward Price writes from Salo-

I doubt it many people at home re-member that in the Balkans we are holding a front 250 miles long (half as long as the French front in the west), and that the line is probably more difficult, mile for mile, than that of any other of the principal theatres of war. This front is served solely by two main roads and two single-track lines of railway. All the other routes of communication, including hundreds of miles of road, of light railway, of broadgauge sidings, bridges, and causeways have had to be built of imported materials that were often desperately slow in coming.

In addition to these works-which have literally changed the face of Southern Macedonia—the Allies first built round Salonica an entrenched camp which is one of the strongest in the world, and then, moving onwards, have occupied and fortified themselves along the whole of their present front. Here they have constantly held up larger forces of the enemy, and they first arrested and then gradually drove back a determined offensive against their flank until now, since the taking of Monastir, it is we who are invad-ing the territory that has been in occupation of the enemy for over a

The astonishing thing to the observer on the spot is that so much has been done with the very moderate strength that the Allies have allowed for this campaign. There were times last summer, while sickness was taking its heavy toll of the Balkan force, when parts of the line, indeed, were held by no more than a phantom army. The way in which the troops were taken from one sector of the front and sent under the greatest difficulties of transunder the greatest difficulties of trans-port to reinforce another that seemed more threatened was an admirable example of making the most of inadequate resources.

Too Few for Big Things. Our strength has been too great to be needed for the mere defence of Salonika and too little to undertake a serious offensive beyond it. I say this, of course, with no inspiration and without authority other than my own as an independent observer and recorder of the campaign, but no one can deny a fact so evident. Whatever may have been the needs on the other fronts that prevented reinforcements from being sent here, whatever may have been the placed restrictions upon those responsible for the conduct of the Balkan cambis months.

paign, the fundamental truth remains that the forces here have up to this date been compelled to adopt a semi-defensive role, for they have never had nearly the number of men necessary to undertake an operation on a big scale in the difficult country and against the numerous and tenacious troops in front

The objects with which we came to the Balkans over a year ago remain yet to be achieved. Serbia has to be reconquered. Connection has to be out between the Germanic Empires and the rich reservoir of men and foodstuffs in Turkey on which they have only begun to draw.

For the Allied force in the Bilkans to have undertaken serious operations with its effectives so much diminished would certainly have exposed it to

So far the Allied offensive in the Balkans has been carried out—though it may sound unlikely, I know this as a fact—by forces much inferior to those of the enemy. In theory superior numbers are newled for stack, but all the advance in Western Manageria has the advance in Western Macedonia has been made with a strength distinctly less than that of the Bulgarians.

### Kaiser Thanks Mackensen.

Amsterdam.—An official telegram from Berlin states that the Kaiser on the fall of Bucharest sent the following telegram to Marshal Mackensen :-Your Excellency's birthday to-day, and the ever memorable capture of Bucharest, the capital of the treacherous enemy who was the last to appear in arms against us, give me an occa-sion, my dear Field Marshal, of expressing my Imperial thanks and fullest recognition to you and to the most glorious troops of the Danube and the Ninth Army under your tried leader-ship, who with the greatest exertions have achieved extraordinary deeds.

"All Germany contemplates with

pride her own brave sons and those of her allies whose deeds, with God's help, will be a landmark on the road to final victory."—

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An offer of £1,800,000 has been made for the 11,000 ton liners Siberia and Korea, which were bought last year for £400,000 for the service of the International Mercantile Marine Company and changed hands again last June for £800,000.

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### Paddy Crop Report for 48 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.50 baht per tang. the Mondol Channai.

For January 1-7, 2469.

Krung Dob.

Nondaburi:-The total cultivation is about 50,400 rai, the paddy is in better condition than last year. About 21,300 rai have been har-

year. About \$1,500 rat have been harvested yielding about 660 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 49 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.65 baht per tang.

Minburi:—The total area under cultivation is 236,700 rai about 15,900 rai more than last ween. The models is in more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 29,100 rai have been harvested yield-

ing about 4,480 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 51 bahts per kwien and that of rice is

1.65 baht per tang.

Phra Pradacong: The total area under cultivation is 95,900 rai about 800 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year.

About 6,380 rai, have been harvested yielding about 3,240 kwien.

This statege local prior of parkly is 61 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.56 baht per tang.

Samudaprakar: The total area under continuation is 256,000 rai, about 37,500 rai, more than last year. The notice rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 68,600 rai have been harvested

yielding about 17.250 kwien. The average local price of paddy is

51 bahts ger kwien and that of rice is
1.75 baht per tang.

Mandel Krang Kas.

Dhanyaburi:—The total area under cultivation is 337,000 rai, about 10,000 rai more than lost year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 224,330 rai have been harvested yielding about 53,820 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 45 bakts per kwien and that of rice is

1.62 baht per tang. Pradum Dhani:-The total area under cultivation is 139,300 rai, about 1,500 rai more than last year. The paddy is in the same condition as last year. About 7,780 rai have been harvested yielding

about 2,940 kwien. The average local price of paddy is 56 bahts per kwien and that of rice is

1.63 baht per tang. Ayudhya: -The area under cultivation is 1,155,500 rai about 82,000 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About

110,350 rai have been harvested yield-

1.75 baht per tang. Anthong: -The total area under cultivation is 397,800 rai, about 69,200 rai | 1.75 baht per tang. less than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About | cultivation is 155,300 rai, about 22,000

about 1,990 kwien.

Singhaburi:—The total area under cultivation is 196,200 rai, about 1,400 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 10,220 rai have been harvested yielding about 5,710 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 44 bahts per kwien and that of rice is

1.75 baht per tang.
Saraburi:—The total area under cultivation is 301,700 rai, about 126,500 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 278,990 rai have been barvisied yielding about 87,890 kwi-n.

The average local price of paddy is 49 bahts per kwien and that of rice is

1.50 baht per tang.
Lobburi:—The total area under cultivation is 4.5,500 nai, about 36,700 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition then last year. better condition than last year. About 63,260 rai have been harvested yielding about 30,260 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 44 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.62 baht per tang.

Mondel Nager Jayari. Nagor Pathom:—The total area under cultivation is about 450,000 rai, the paddy is in the same condition as last year. About 68,100 rai have been harvested yielding about 17,020 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 54 babts per kwien and that of rice is

170 baht per ting: Samuda Sagor:—The total area un-der cultivation is 88,800 rai, about 4,700 rai more than last year. The paddy is in the same condition as last year.

About 28,710 rai have been harvested yielding about 8,050 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 55 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.80 baht per tang.

Subarn:—The total area under cultivation is 554,400 rai, about the same as last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 67,860 rai have been harvested yielding about 22,620 k wien.

The average local price of paddy is 43 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.50 baht per tang.

Mondol Rajaburi. Rajaburi:-The total under cultivation is 286,000 rai, about 56,200 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 57,270 rai have been harvested yielding about 12,110 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 58 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.50 baht per tang.

Sainuda Songram:-The total area under cultivation is about 19,000 rai, he paddy is inferior to that of The average local price of paddy is year. About 13,600 rai have been har-48 bahts per kwien and that of rice is vested yielding about 3,980 kwien.

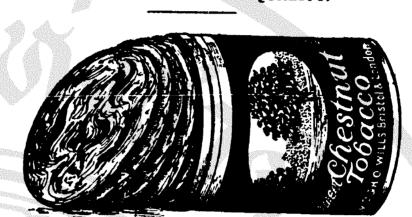
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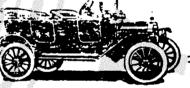
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# Great War.

### Fighting Near Transloy.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 29. Marshall Haig reports :- Successful operations were carried out in the morning in the neighbourhood of Le Transloy. The whole of the objectives were gained and the commanding por-

tion of the enemy's position was cap-

tured together with 350 prisoners.

### Combatting Alcoholism.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Jan. 29. In order to combat against alcoholism the sale of alcoholic drinks is prohibited to the Senegalis, Arabs, Kabyles and Indo-Chinese.

### Factory Destroyed.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Jan. 29. An accidental explosion destroyed a factory at Massy near Paris. Two people were killed and several wounded.

### Paddy Crop Report for the Mondol Channsi.

(Continued from page 7.)

The average local price of paddy is 65 bahts per kwien and that of rice is

1.50 baht per tang.
Kanchanaburi :-The total area under cultivation is 29,700 rai, about 1,500 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 7,270 rai have been harvested yielding about 1.020 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 57 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.50 baht per tang.

Prachuab:-The total area under cultivation is about 17,200 rai, the paddy is in better condition than last year. About 5,780 rai have been harvested yielding about 960 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 60 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.37 baht per tang.

Mondol Prachis.

cultivation is 497,000 rai, about 12,600 rai less than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 234,450 rai have been harvested yielding about 65,750 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is is 41 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1,40 baht per tang.

Praching—The total area under cul-

Prachin:—The total area under cultivation is 221,000 rai about 7.100 rai more than last year. About 125,280 rai have been harvested yielding about

The average local price of paddy is 62 bahts per kwien and that of rice is

1.70 baht per tang. Nagor Nayok:—The total area under cultivation is 247,600 rai about 102,500 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 134,540 rai have been barvested

yielding about 32,290 kwien. The average local price of pdady is 40 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.25 baht per tang.

Jolburi:—The total area under cultivation is 133,800 rai, about 3,100 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year About 102,990 rai have been harvested yielding about 25,320 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 51 bahts per kwien and that of rice is

1.50 baht per tang.

Krabindra:—The total area under cultivation is 49,600 rai about 18,000 rai more than last year. The paddy is in the same condition as last year. About 26,890 rai have been harvested

yielding about 7,530 kwien. The average local price of paddy is 41 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.62 baht per tang.

Mondel Nagor Svarga.

Nagor Svarga:—The total area under cultivation is 223,500 rai, about 8,600 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 6,43') rai have been harvested yielding about 2,540 k wien.

The average local price of paddy is 31 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.25 baht per tang.

The total area under cultivation is 158,300 rai, about 18,200 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 45,540 rai have been harvested yielding about 15,180 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 39 bahts per kwien and that of rice is

1.25 baht per tang. Jaynad:-The total area under cultivation is 156,200 rai, about 40,200 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 39,430 rai have been harvested yielding about 14,280 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 42 bahts per kwien and that of rice is

1.37 baht per tang.

Kambaengbejra:—The total area
under cultivation is 40,800 rai, about

7,000 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 7,250 rai have been harvested yielding about 630 kwien. The average local price of paddy is 40 bahts per kwien and that of rice is

1.25 baht per tang.

Tak:—The total area under cultivation is 31,500 rai, about 2,100 rai less than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About

16,700 rai have been harvested yielding about 6,260 kwien. The average local price of paddy is 41 bahts per kwien and that of rice is

Between the 1st. and the 7th. inst. the Krung Debrice mills bought about 11,411 kwien of paddy which came in by river and about 522 kwien by rail, making a total of about 14,733 kwien (rice mill size). The prices at the mills of Kao Na-muang were 73 bahts per kwien and Kao Na suan 74 to 93

1.25 baht per tang.

bahts (ricemillers' kwien). Summary:-The total area under paddy is approximately 6,930,200 rai, about 481,000 rai more than last year. The area on which the crop has been totally destroyed by flood, drought, insect pests and other mischance is about 63,000 rai or less than 1 per cent. of whole. The crop has done well and Kao Nak is now ritening fast, some 1,300,000 rai, or about 550,000 kwien having been reaped.

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# Germany's Aim.

### Industrial Maguates Domand Retention of French And Belgian Territory.

London, Nov. 29.—The Rhenish and Westphalian Gazette, in an article on the principles of German peace, declares that the reconciliation of Germany and her Western enemies is impossible, according to an Amsterdam dispatch to Reuter's. The paper says that it believes Chancellor von Bethmann Hollweg recognises this and

"Our ultimate aim is to push through to the West and the ocean. Whatever offers resistance must be crushed." Referring to the Balkans, The Gazette says: "What the victor gets he holds." In respect to the lost German colonies, The Gazette is quoted as saying:

"If we do not succeed in reconquering them, the French provinces are worth twice our colonies, and we will take our compensation out in France. Let us daily tell the French that every foot we conquer is ours. We need not waste words about Belgium. We need access to the Channel and we need Antw-rp. Whoever wants Belgium may fetch it from us."

The Gazette concludes that England is more assailable than Russia, and that London can be destroyed more easily than Moscow because, it says, Moscow costs blood, and London only torpedoes. "We have no fantistic dreams," are The Gazette's final words, "of conquering the world. German burgerdom is not yet ripe for mastering and governing a world empire. We neither can or will destroy the British Empire, but the minimum necessary for German peace is the complete beating down of France in the West and the prestige of the German flag on all the

An Amsterdam despatch to The Times refers to The Gazette's article as by far the most remarkable that has yet appeared in regard to German peace terms. The despatch adds that The Gazette represents the industrial magnates who, "as recent executive changes show, are making their inflence increasingly felt."

Annexation is also advorated by Dr. Jaeger, a member of the Centre Party in the Reichstag, who writing in the Dusseldorff General-Anzeiger, insists that the German blood shed in Belgium since 1914 must not have been shed in

"Belgium must be our guarantee." writes Dr. Jaeger, "for a good part of the war costs. We must retain permanently the Meuse line, with Liege and

has become Belgian can perhaps ce led to the Grand Duchy." After saying that the Walloons (French-speaking Relgians) might be ejected from their homes, Dr. Jaeger pronounced in favour of allowing the Belgian dynasty to remain. He declares, however, that the country must be brought relitibally, sufficiently and be brought politically, militarily and economically in closer relation to Germany.

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