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2	2 00	14 0
3	2 00	14 0
4	2 30	14 0
5	3 00	14 0
6	4 00	13 9
7	4 00	13 7
8	5 00	13 4
9	5 00	13 0
10	5 00	12 11
11	6 00	12 7
12	6 00	12 4
13	6 30	12 2
14	...	...
15	...	...
16	...	...
17	1 30	13 7
18	2 30	13 5
19	2 30	13 3
20	3 00	12 10
21	4 00	12 6
22	4 00	12 6
23	4 00	12 3
24	5 00	12 3
25	5 30	12 3
26	6 00	12 2
27	6 00	12 1
28	7 00	11 10
29	...	...
30	11 00	10 0
31	11 30	10 2

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

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To obtain the supremacy of the air, it is necessary to drive the enemy machines out of it and keep them out.

This is best done by attacking them with aeroplanes.

Besides this type of combat, an aviator may find himself called upon to attack dirigibles, such as Zeppelins, captive balloons, used for the observation of artillery fire, and troops on the ground.

Frequently machines doing reconnaissance work or on bombing expeditions are liable to be attacked by enemy fighting machines.

As a consequence, fighting aeroplanes are frequently detailed to escort machines engaged on reconnaissance, observation of fire or in a bombing expedition.

The tactics employed in a combat between two or more aeroplanes vary with the individual concerned.

Each of the great individual fighting aviators who has brought down a number of enemy machines apparently has his own method. Surprise, and a quick, vicious assault, in which an approach is made on the enemy from such a direction as to permit of the best use of the arms of the attacking machine, while allowing the enemy only the poorest use of his own, seems to be the basis of all these methods.

The manner in which the armament of a machine can be used to the best advantage varies considerably with the make of the machine, as the construction determines whether fire can be delivered most readily and most accurately to the front, to the rear or to one or the other or both sides.

In the beginning of the war, machines with the propeller in front could not fire in that direction because of this. Garros was the first man to make arrangements so that he could fire a machine-gun through a propeller. He armored the blades, so that if struck by a bullet they would not be injured.

This was improved upon by the Germans in the Fokker type, when they automatically timed the fire of the machine-gun in such a way that the gun is never discharged when a blade of the propeller is directly in front of the muzzle. Since then similar methods have been adopted by all the belligerents.

With the tremendous increase in the number of aeroplanes put in service and their greater ability to carry weight, a more extensive use is being made of them to bombard enemy factories, railroad centres and other important points, well to the rear of the battlefield, which until the development of this method of attack have always been safe during war.

The first French expedition of a number of aeroplanes was made on October 30, 1914, when eight aviators bombarded a German headquarters near Dixmude, Belgium. This bombardment led to the creation of a special group to be used only for similar attacks. From then on the number of machines sent out in any one raid has steadily increased.

In the raid on Ludwigshafen, eighteen aviators flew a total distance of 250 miles and dropped eighty-five high-explosive bombs.

In March, 1916, Captain Happe made a raid with twenty-two pilots on Hadsheim. During this raid a fleet of thirty German aeroplanes was run into. In the ensuing combat four French and five German machines fell to earth. The machine of the French Lieutenant Flocke was set on fire by an incendiary bullet piercing its tank. Seeing that he was done for, he deliberately rammed a German Fokker, and they went down together, a mass of flame.

In August 1915, sixty French, British and Belgian machines dropped more than 8,000 lb. of high explosives on the barracks and depots in the forest of Hommhulps. This raid was made during the night. In a recent French and British raid on Zebrugga more than 100 machines were used.

Since the beginning of 1916, the French have made their raids as often as possible at night. One of the reasons for this decision was that as bombing machines are loaded down with bombs, they are only able to perform straight flying, and are thus easily brought down by enemy fighting machines. Therefore daylight raids demanded an escorting fleet of fighting aeroplanes for reconnaissance purposes and protection. At night this escort is not required, because the bombing machines cannot be seen by the enemy's aviators. Also, as the enemy anti-aircraft gunners cannot see them, they can fly at much lower altitudes, and therefore have a better chance of making hits. Of course, the dangers of flying are considerably increased by the darkness. It is considered, however, that the advantages more than outweigh the disadvantages.

It is probable that the aeroplane is the worst enemy of the dirigible, such as the Zeppelin, and of the observation balloon. With several machines in an attack on a dirigible, some of them can fire on the dirigible and armament thus keeping the dirigible's means of defence from paying attention to the others, which can then rush in and attack with bombs and grapnels. The recent bringing down in England of a Zeppelin by an aviator shows what can be done.

The fighting at Verdun furnishes the first example in which captive balloons have been attacked by aeroplanes. One morning eight French machines were assigned to attack eight German observation balloons. Six of the balloons were set on fire and destroyed. The fighting on the Somme also furnished examples of successful attacks by aviators on observation balloons.

To make any impression on troops by attacking them with bombs, showers of arrows, machine-gun fire or other aeroplane weapons, the aviator has to come down so close as to be within easy reach of their fire.

Except under exceptional conditions this generally means their own destruction. In fact, the improvement in anti-aircraft guns has forced the aviator to fly as a rule at as much as ten to twelve thousand feet instead of two thousand, as they did at the beginning of the war.

## Norwegian Losses.

London, April 27.—Norwegian papers state that twenty-five Norwegian ships, with cargoes of food, coal and forage, largely for the Norwegian Government, have been sunk since Feb. 1.

## Disappointment for Roosevelt.

Washington, April 28.—The House of Representatives, debating the Army Bill, defeated an amendment authorizing Col. Roosevelt to raise a volunteer force for France, by 170 votes to 106.

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Ayuthia Arr.	9.3	11.41	3.33	5.45	Den Chai "	...	...	...	12.38
					Tha Sao "	...	...	...	7.1
Ban Phaji Arr.	9.47	12.20	4.24	6.30	Utaradit "	...	...	...	7.18
					Ban Dara Arr.	...	...	...	8.16
Ban Phaji Dep.	9.57	12.37	4.30	...					
Lopburi Arr.	11.5	1.55	5.48	...	Sawa'loke Dep.	...	...	...	7.2
					Ban Dara Arr.	...	...	...	8.1
Chengket Dep.	12.33	3.38	...	7.25					
Pak'poh Arr.	2.17	5.40	...	9.54	Ban Dara Dep.	...	...	...	8.24
					Pitsa'loke Arr.	...	...	...	10.43
Pak'poh Dep.	2.26	6.30	...	...					
Pitsa'loke Arr.	6.	11.5	...	...					
Pitsa'loke Dep.	7.4	2.2	...	...	Pitsa'loke Dep.	...	...	...	1.45
Ban Dara Arr.	9.5	4.18	...	...	Pak'poh Arr.	...	...	...	6.20
Ban Dara Dep.	9.30	4.40	...	...					
S'kaloke Arr.	10.21	5.41	...	...	Pak'poh Dep.	3.52	...	7.20	10.43
Ban Dara Dep.	9.10	4.26	...	...	Chengket Arr.	6.21	...	9.22	12.28
Utaradit Arr.	10.6	5.29	...	...	Lopburi Dep.	...	7.10	11.6	1.56
Tha Sao Arr.	10.15	5.38	...	...					
Den Chai "	11.57	...	...	...	Ban Phaji Arr.	...	8.30	12.21	3.4
Lampang "	4.52	...	...	...	Korat Dep.	...	...	...	...
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Gengkoï Arr.	11.7	1.26	5.51	...					
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					Ayuthia "	7.13	9.25	1.23	3.58
Bangkok Dep.	7.45	...	...	3.50	Bangkok Arr.	9.28	11.35	3.16	6.2
Petrieu Arr.	9.33	...	...	5.38					
					Petrieu Dep.	7.50	...	...	3.55
					Bangkok Arr.	9.38	...	...	5.45



## Behind the German Veil.

By T. M. D. BEAUFORT.

This is the record of a pilgrimage through Germany undertaken in 1915 by the author, who is a journalist, and a Dutchman, and who entered the country with the resolve to keep an open mind and to draw his own conclusions from what he actually saw. His impartiality, no less than his insight, gives his book a very special value at this time, and we strongly recommend its perusal to all who would understand the curious mentality of our enemies, and the conditions under which they are carrying on the war. Mr. de Beaufort is convinced that the ideas expressed to him, though often of the wildest sort, are quite honestly held by the people who gave them utterance, and who strangely enough, were very often in close touch with men who must have known their absurdity. That is a fact of great value towards the understanding of the extraordinary nation it is at present our duty to defeat.

The author holds that the Kaiser is still the most popular idol in Germany, and that his popularity would survive even the most disastrous defeats. As to that we have our own ideas, but we have no doubt he is perfectly correct in attributing to the Germans, as a whole, an almost unprecedented confidence in their leaders.

I have talked, since the war, to hundreds of Germans of all classes, from the highest to the lowest, and one feeling is common to them all, viz.: Confidence, absolute confidence, and trust in their leaders. Everyone feels a certain responsibility, feels that he would endanger the interests of the Fatherland by not doing his bit, the particular work he has been assigned to carry out, whatever that may be. While I was with the Belgian Army I read a letter found on a dead German private, written by his mother. The concluding sentence was: "But we must not complain. The Fatherland has called, and we must give our all and our best ungrudgingly, and God will give us solace and strength to bear whatever the costs, whatever the sorrows may be. Be brave, my son, and God bless you."

That spirit of patriotism and of confidence is a mighty factor to reckon with, and should not be overlooked.

After the battle of the Doggerbank Mr. de Beaufort attended a meeting addressed by a naval officer present at that action, who proved conclusively, both by figures and by the sworn testimony of eye-witnesses, that the *Tiger* was then sunk.

I came from that meeting with my brain all awheel. I did not know what to think. If that naval officer, with his

diagrams, sketches, photographs, etc., was lying—well, I'm hanged if I would ever believe any German statement again, even if given on oath, or in extremis. Such duplicity seemed impossible.

Now if that meeting had such an effect upon me, what would be the state of mind of a German newspaper man? Why, ninety-nine out of every hundred, if not the whole hundred, come away from these meetings time after time solidly convinced that the German Staff has told them all there is to tell; in fact they begin to feel that they are semi-official members of the great brain of the German war machine. In that spirit they sit down and write their leading articles, and the German reader gets the benefit of it. In his well-ordered mind he is satisfied that the authorities are, in very truth, telling him all that can safely be made known without prejudice to the interest of the Fatherland.

Among the personages the author interviewed, not the least interesting was Marshal von Hindenburg. He does not give a very agreeable picture of this commander.

His whole personality radiates strength: brute, animal strength. He was, when I met him, sixty-nine years of age, but looked very much younger. His hair and moustache were still pepper-and-salt colour. His face and forehead are deeply furrowed, which adds to his forbidding appearance. His nose and chin are prominent, but the most striking feature of the man's whole appearance are his eyes. They are steel-blue and very small, much too small for his head, which in turn, is much too small compared with his large body. But what the eyes lacked in size they fully made up for in intensity and penetrating power. Until I met Hindenburg I always thought that the eyes of the Mexican rebel Villa were the worst and most cruel I had ever seen. They are mild compared with those of Hindenburg. Never in all my life have I seen such hard, cruel, nay, such utterly brutal eyes as those of Hindenburg. The moment I looked at him I believed every story of refined (and unrefined) cruelty I had ever heard about him.

It is interesting to learn that Hindenburg has very great respect for the fighting qualities of the British soldier, and that he himself believes the war will end in a stalemate.

At Kompiina the author enjoyed the doubtful privilege of going to church with the Kaiser.

If appearances count for anything, the War Lord is a very tired and worried man. His hair and moustache have grown quite grey. His eyes were sunk and hollow, and

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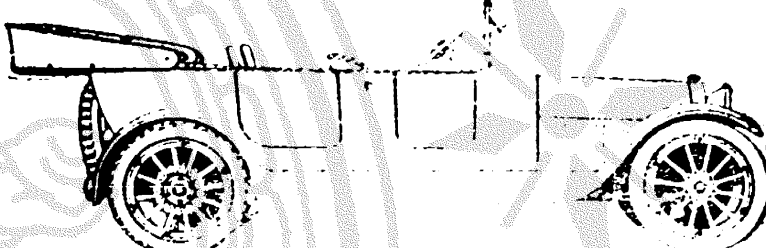
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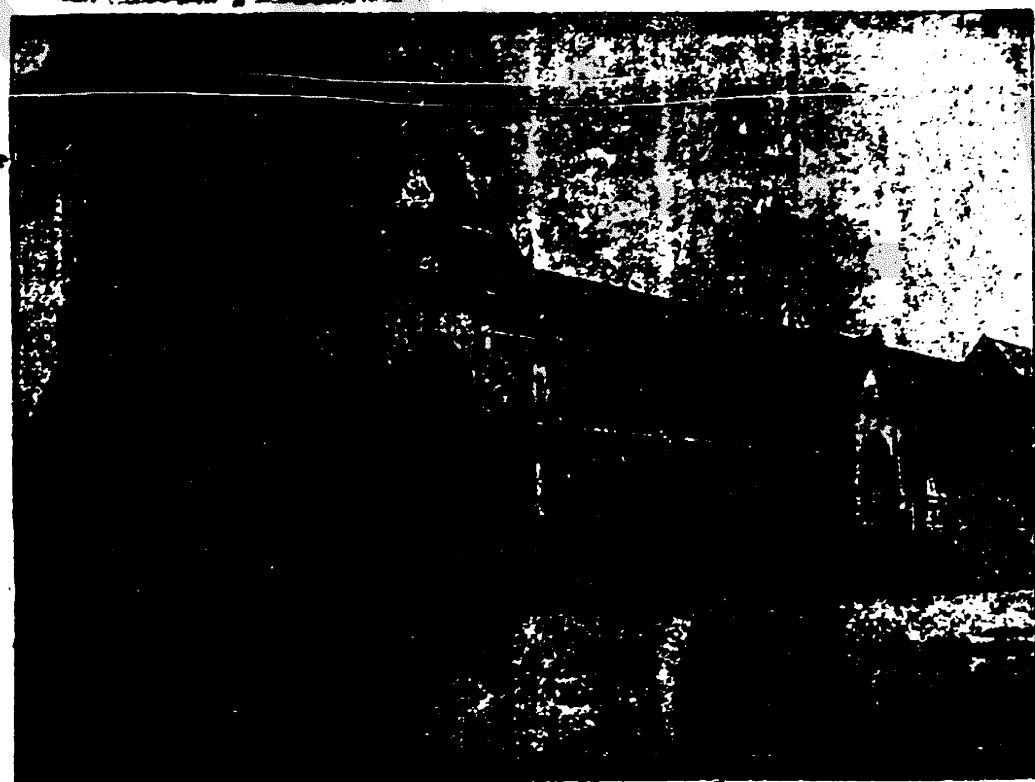
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**THE GREAT ENIGMA.**

Russia to the outside world has ever been a land of mystery, dark, occult and inscrutable, and she still maintains her traditional character. Day by day the nations hold themselves in suspense, divided between hope and apprehension, awaiting the next move of the Northern Colossus, and keeping their eyes fixed with anxious gaze upon the torpid evolutions of the Great Bear as astronomers might watch with ruffled equanimity some unaccountable vagary in Ursa Major as it breasts the shoreless expanse of the sidereal ocean. All the protestations of M. Milinkoff, repeated time and again with the utmost eloquence and the most profound asseveration of which he is capable, will scarcely serve to eradicate from the minds of the Allies that feeling of mistrust which has been generated therein by recently-past and contemporaneous events; and their uneasiness will not be allayed by the last telegraphed reports of happenings in the Russian capital. With discord and anarchy, treachery and intrigue raising their Gorgon heads and stretching out their deadly tentacles everywhere, will M. Milinkoff and his colleagues be sufficiently strong to carry out their declared policy or even to maintain themselves in power. However it may be palliated or glossed over, nevertheless the fact remains that their authority is a usurped one, obtained *vi et armis*, and only capable of being continued so long as might is on their side. It is mere shallow sophistry to speak of the Russian provisional Government of to-day as representing the Will to Freedom of the Russian people. The *monjik* was never conscious of, and indeed never possessed, any Will to Freedom in this sense. To him the rule of God and the rule of the Tsar were inseparably associated with each other, and he submitted to both with equal reverence. The active revolutionary party in Russia has for years been drawn mainly from the student classes, many of them youths of humble origin whose ill-balanced reasoning powers became warped and clouded by the sudden shock when they first caught a glimpse of a larger life, so that what should have been a "vision splendid" presented itself only as a phantasmagoria of strife and passion. To these were allied philosophical anarchists like Prince Kropotkin, wholly impractical idealists like Count Tolstol, dreamers of impossible dreams, and visionaries who found intellectual pleasure in elaborating Utopian schemes within the comfortable seclusion of their studies. The leaders were often men of political ambitions, men who nursed real or fancied wrongs, men who saw in revolution a step to personal advancement; and individuals such as these can always in a large nation find an army of malcontents willing to serve as their instruments. This picture is drawn with severe lines, but it bears no little approximation to the truth. One faction of the revolutionists is in the ascendant for the time being, but for how long? A revolutionary party is invariably composed of many factions, each more or less bitterly opposed to the rest, and the revolutionary party in Russia is no exception to the rule. The slow mind of the *monjik* has not yet had time to assimilate the change which has taken place in the system by which he is governed. When he does so things may happen. He is intensely conservative, and his ideas, if few and limited, are fixed and not to be uprooted. The revolutionists may find that by their so-called emancipation of their benighted compatriots they have raised a Frankenstein monster who will turn and rend them when their hour strikes. The salvation of Russia, and her re-establishment in the full confidence of the Allies, will not, we think, be within sight until a Tsar once more sits upon the throne, uniting Church and State in one august person, and consolidating the whole of the far-stretched Russian Empire into a monarchy which shall give assurance

of endurance, stability and singleness of purpose. That consummation may not be long in ensuing. Nations, like individuals, must work out their own destiny, however, and any interference in her domestic affairs from without will rightly be regarded by Russia as unwarranted and presumptuous.

**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**

THE s.s. *Katong* left Singapore at 8 a.m. on Sunday the 6th inst., and may be expected to arrive at the Borneo Company's wharf on Wednesday morning about 9 a.m.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that both Malay Peninsula lines are crossing between Chompon and Surasatradhandi. Saigon line is interrupted beyond Phratambong. Other lines are in good order.

THE Bank of Japan reports that it held gold on the 11th April to the amount of ¥736 millions, an increase of eleven million yen. The amount of specie kept in Japan totalled ¥230 million and abroad ¥506 million.

New advts.—The Bangkok Dock Motor Garage have received a new British light car—the "Calcott." The Oriental Store has in stock Fruit Syrups of the best Danish brand. Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw and Co., Ltd., have a large variety of choice Perfumes.

THE Northcliffe Press is making a great fuss about the rise in the price of its papers and claims to be original in this respect. The fact is, the Northcliffe ships which bring the paper from Newfoundland have been commandeered and out of necessity their idea was compulsory.

THE poor war babies! One blossomed in the daily-paper birth notices in mail week as Beauty Jutland. Still, it might have been worse. If he had landed a little sooner he might have been branded Protopopoff Bagdad. And some parents wonder why their children take the wrong turning!

THE Institution of Civil Engineers, London, numbered the Kaiser among its members; but by a special vote since the outbreak of war he was removed from the list. Yet no man, by reason of railways, bridges, cities and ships destroyed, has done more to provide members of the profession with opportunities for work in the future. Some people are ungrateful beggars. Lord Kitchener was another member whom the war has been responsible for removing.

A MELBOURNE merchant cabled Jones's, of Hobart, an order for 50 tons of jam. A fortnight later the astounded man received bills of lading for 50 tons. A frequent cause of errors is the weak action of a bad line dropping dot. That explained a London cablegram addressed "Christ Melbourne." It was two days before Mr. Christie got his corrected message. One of the boys at the front cabled his father, "In hospital with child." It took the perplexed old man more than one guess to make it "chill."

**Appeal Case.**

In the Dika Court, before H. R. H. Prince Svasti, Chief Judge, Phyas Chakrapani, Kritika, Noranet and Kasem, and Judge C. Niel, the appeal made by Mr. F. M. Brooks for Akorn Ha Young and Phra Vichit for Nai Mun and Nai Hok, convicted of the murder of Luang Parvi Ampin of Talat Mai Nakontatoom, came forward for hearing yesterday, and the case was resumed to-day. Phya Arthakara appeared for the Crown. The case came to a conclusion to-day, but judgment was deferred.

**B. B. W. N. G.**

Members are reminded that the meeting to-morrow is at Mrs. Hays house at 4.45.  
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For one who, when we wandered hand in hand,  
Through grove and garden and by pling streamlet,  
Felt 'twas but thee made beautiful the land?  
Could I but know this, gone would be the darkness  
Which now overshadows me through out the days,  
And I for evermore should lightened  
By joy's pure radiance in ways.



## THE Great War.

### Disturbances in Petrograd.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, May 7.

Petrograd, Saturday.—The streets yesterday afternoon were again filled with excited crowds discussing the situation. The majority denounced the pacifist agitation. Suddenly a large band of so-called "Leninists," who are pacifist and anti-Government, appeared, marching up the Nevski Prospect. A collision occurred at the cross-roads. Partisans of the Government, including many soldiers, endeavoured to seize the Leninist flag, whereupon some Leninists fired rifles. Several of the pro-Government side were killed or wounded, but the Leninists were finally dispersed and the streets picketed, the crowds cheering the Government.

### French Communique.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, May 7.

Our operations have continued to develop, in conjunction with the British. We were brilliantly successful north-east of Soissons and Chemin des Dames, despite the desperation of the Germans, who made the most reckless employment of great contingents. We attacked the salient of the Hindenburg line south-east of Vauxaillon, and carried the German positions on a front of six kilometres. The enemy suffered exceptional losses, manifold counter-attacks being shattered by our artillery and machine-gun fire.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, May 6.

To the south-east of Vauxaillon we carried by storm the enemy positions on a front of six kilometres, inflicting exceptionally heavy losses. We have occupied the plateau of Craonne in its entirety, and almost the whole crest of the Chemin des Dames line on a front of twenty kilometres. The prisoners already counted number 5800, including 150 officers, and we have also taken seven guns.

### British Destroyer Sunk.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, May 6.

A British torpedo-destroyer has been sunk in the Channel. Sixty-two of the crew are missing.

### War Council.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, May 6.

A meeting of the Inter-Allied War Council has been held, under the presidency of M. Ribot, and attended by Mr. Lloyd George, Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, Admiral Sir John Jellicoe, General Nivelle, General Petain and the representatives of Italy, to consider the military and naval situation. The members of the Council arrived at a complete agreement with one another.

### Clamour in Turkey.

A Central News telegram from Rome states that a Swiss despatch to the "Agenzia Libera" says that terrible scenes were witnessed in the Turkish Chamber at Constantinople when Enver Pasha announced the fall of Baghdad.

The tumult was so great that Enver had great difficulty in making himself heard. He sought to offset events in Asia by magnifying the successes of the Germans in Europe, but when he went so far as to declare that Germany's submarine warfare would lead to definite victory, there was a great outburst of ironical laughter.

The session was suspended, having lasted only a few minutes.

In Constantinople the clamour for peace has become more insistent than ever, and the Sultan is being inundated with petitions to secure peace and save the debris of the Empire.

Washington, May 1.—In addition to loans to France and Italy, the United States will shortly lend Belgium about thirty millions sterling.

Mr. Balfour and President Wilson were at length at the White House, understood they reviewed the situation, particularly considering Britain's experience is valuable. The United States and preparing the way for major decisions which will be made later.

### The Gains of April.

London, May 1.—Except for the new French thrust east of Rheims, there is a comparative lull in the western battle. This however is merely the breathing space necessary for the shifting of forces for fresh onslaughts. Increased aerial activity is usual at such times when aeroplane observations are the main source of information of enemy movements. The weather is pleasant and contrasts remarkably with that of last week. The quagmires have disappeared, the shell craters dried and the ground is absolutely bare. Gaunt, shell-shattered trees, stand ghastly and naked in the strong sunshine. Marching troops are covered with white dust. Water is scarce but the German dugouts afford liberal supplies of beverages.

According to French estimates Hindenburg has already thrown in thirty-three of his forty-three reserve divisions. All the former are practically useless. It is reported that Hindenburg was recently in the Lens district, and was furious at the loss of Vimy and reprimanded the commanders.

London, May 1.—Reuter's correspondent at French Headquarters states on April 20 (2). The result of today's French attack in Champagne, is that six miles of the German front line is captured. The enemy offered desperate resistance, managing to bring up fresh troops who had not suffered from bombardment. This was possible owing to a haze militating against the artillery. Nevertheless in an hour the chief objectives were achieved, although every yard of ground was sown with perils, the enemy clinging to every vantage point with the courage of despair. Then came furious counter-attacks, in which the Germans suffered heavily. The French clung on to their gains, and were greatly assisted at Thesancy by a ruse of sending up clouds of dense smoke, to obscure the organisation of the new line.

### Pugnacious British Soldiers.

"Polybe," writing in the "Figaro," remarks:—

The British pressure continues to make itself heavily felt on the banks of the Tigris as much as on the Ancre. A great military machine has been set up and is ready and impatient for action on all fronts.

The Briton has discovered in himself soldierly qualities which have hitherto been dormant. He is a splendid fighter, equal, if not superior, to the professional soldier of bygone days, whom Marshal Bugeaud described as the best in the world. He has acquired a liking for fighting and danger, and is keen to show both to us, whom he admires, and to the German, whom he cordially detests, that nothing terrifies him. If anything, he is too daring. One of their officers has written in the following strain about his men:—"With our men it drives one to despair to call for volunteers for any dangerous enterprise."

What one should do is to call for those who wish to remain behind, otherwise the entire company volunteers. And if you only require about a dozen men this is rather embarrassing."

This average Briton who composes the mainstay of the present army is a rugged individual, without any particular grace of manner, of great tenderness within; and he is not only brave but, as becomes the country of Robinson Crusoe, can turn his hand to anything.

The Germans were convinced that the Englishman would never learn the art of war, but he has mastered it. The newly constituted British Army is now one of the largest and also one of the strongest Armies in the world, and many of its organisations possess the inestimable advantage of being entirely modern instead of being old material brought up to date.

### Mesopotamia.

The following telegram has been received at Military Headquarters from the Chief of the General Staff, Simla, and is published for general information.

To General, Singapore. May 1st, present situation in Mesopotamia. After a succession of successful engagements north and north-east of Baghdad the Turks have been driven to a position 15 miles north of Samarra on the Tigris, and to the vicinity of Bandiarm on the Adhalu river, with a weak force facing the Russians on the Diala river. General Maude has inflicted severe defeats on the two main forces alternately, and all Turkish attempts to unite the two forces have been frustrated. We also held Faluja on the Euphrates. During recent operations we have taken a large number of prisoners, guns, and much railway material.

The Hague, April 30.—An aeroplane last night bombed the town of Zierikzee in Zeeland. Three persons were killed and much damage done.

The effects of the bombs on Zierikzee were terrible. All the houses in one street were unroofed. Fire broke out but was rapidly extinguished. The population was panic-stricken. The nationality of the aeroplane is unestablished. It is stated from Shinkel that two German aeroplanes yesterday evening appeared above Saravangent and disappeared south-west.

### General Wire News.

London, April 26.—Lord Cromer left £117,608.

London, April 27.—Silver is at 37 5/8, with coinage buying, and very steady.

London, May 1.—The Tilbury dockers have resumed work pending negotiations.

Zurich, May 1.—There has been no news from Germany except Wolff telegrams since April 25.

London, April 30.—Allied airmen are constantly bombing Zebruggen. The Germans a hull damage.

London, May 1.—The Russian Government has ordered Russian eligibles in Britain to report by May 28.

London, April 18.—The War Office announces that the use of wooden packing cases for exported cotton goods is limited to certain finer fabrics. The estimated saving of wood is fifty per cent.

London, April 29.—Wireless Russian Official. We recaptured the height lost yesterday in the direction of Erzincan. Turkish attempts to attack near Takepinari west of Belumer were repelled.

London, April 29.—Berlin Official. German seaplanes on April 26 bombed the port Sulina on the Danube causing serious fires in the harbour and on lighters. They returned safely despite violent anti-aircraft fire.

London, May 1.—Neutrals from Germany report serious disorders, particularly in the Westphalia steel districts, owing to the dearth of food. The military were called out and fired on the crowds, there being many wounded.

London, April 30.—In the House of Commons Mr. Hope stated that Germany had not replied to the British proposal for the mutual transfer of combatants who have been prisoners for more than two years to a neutral country.

London, May 1.—Wireless Russian Official. Near Amirda southwest of Han a large party of Kurds heavily attacked our barrier-guard. Our cavalry restored the situation. Attacks by Kurds and local inhabitants on our rear are becoming more frequent.

London, May 2.—In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Lamb, Mr. Walter Long said it was most unlikely that action would be possible during the war respecting the Dominions Commission's recommendations with regard to the constitution of the Empire harbours.

London, April 30.—Mesopotamia Official: The Turkish 18th Army Corps is reported on Friday as entreaching at Ausiride on the Tigris, fifteen miles north of Samarra. It is ascertained that this corps during the fighting on the 18th, 21st and 22nd April lost about 4,000.

London, May 1.—A French Macedonian communique on April 30 says that a new strong bulgar counter-attack on the recently won British position near Lake Doiran was repulsed with heavy enemy losses. The artillery broke down an enemy grenade attack in the Cerna bend. There is very lively artillery activity on the whole front.

London, April 30.—Mr. Bonar Law's announcement of Imperial preference is being used by the German Government as a warning to workers of the consequences of an Allied victory. For example, Vorwaerts says that the Central Powers are threatened with complete exclusion from the world market, upon the re-entry to which the future of Germany depends.

London, April 30.—In the House of Commons, Lord Robert Cecil, replying to questions, stated that the Government had no information at present about the German corps-factory reports, beyond what had appeared in the leading newspapers of London. In view of other actions by the German military authorities, there was nothing incredible in the statements regarding them. It is no part of the duty of Government to institute enquiries into what goes on in Germany.

London, May 2.—Reuter's representative at French Headquarters says the principal gain of the Anglo-French offensive hitherto is forcing Hindenburg to engage his reserves, which he had assembled for quite another purpose, and wasting them irreparably. The Germans apparently had a strategic reserve of forty-five divisions in the west. Thirty-three of these have been sent to the front line, and it is estimated that over half have been withdrawn for reconstitution owing to losses. The Germans are momentarily pouring out troops in the hope of a separate Russian peace. Evidence demonstrates that the German battalion numbering a thousand men in 1914 is now reduced to 750 theoretically, though practically it often does not exceed 300 combatants. There is reason to believe the enemy has altogether 219 divisions, of which 143 are in the west. The Anglo-French took prisoner during April six divisions in bayonet strength.

Chicago, May 2.—Wheat tumbled fifteen points in the last hour on an announcement that the Swiss Minister was conferring with President Wilson and reports that immense strikes are in progress in Germany and also that Bethman-Hollweg will make a peace offer on Thursday. The market closed demoralized.

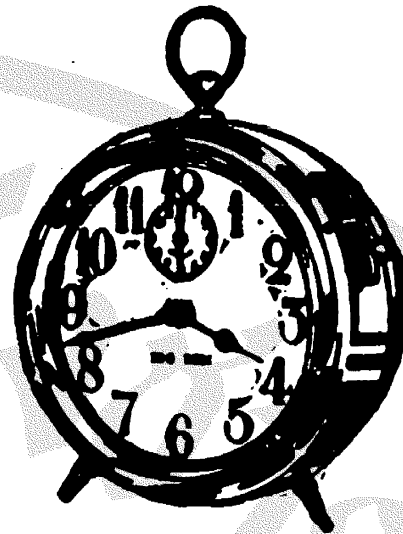
Washington, May 2.—M. Viviani and Marshal Joffre appeared in the Senate which adjourned the debate on the Army Bill to receive them. M. Viviani delivered a stirring address and Marshal Joffre in response to repeated calls mounted the rostrum and said "vive l'Amerique."

The Senate adopted the Army Bill with its conscription provisions and it now goes to a conference of the House of Representatives.

The Swiss Minister conferred with President Wilson as to food conditions in Switzerland. President Wilson reiterated his assurance that the United States does not intend to cut off supplies to neutrals unless it is absolutely necessary.

After a Cabinet meeting it became known that the consensus of opinion favours the despatch of American troops to France as early as possible.

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### Slump in Super-Schemes.

Germany's best laid plans have all gone agley. One by one the designs that, for thirty years, the best German brains have been elaborating with the patient assiduity of the old-time Jesuits have given way at the first strain. It was not that the plans were wanting in infernal ingenuity. The nets were fashioned with diabolical skill and cast about the earth with incredible subtlety, until the unsuspecting nations were, in the casters' belief, enclosed in the invisible meshes beyond hope of escape. But if the fabricators of the snares were uncannily clever, the manipulators were clumsy blunderers, and neither the cunning designers nor the super-brutes understood the nature of those they had marked out for a prey. They credited their neighbours with neither strength nor shrewdness, and in this they were not far wrong. Had the blonde beasts trusted only to their brute-strength and their mighty store of weapons they might have stamped over unprepared Europe, country by country, before the victims had time to organise an effective defence. Vanity and greed have been their undoing. In the pride of their Kultur they not only belittled the powers of their opponents, but they left unreckoned the higher qualities of the human mind which Prussians never possessed and Germans have for a generation been taught to despise. They thought—they who extracted loyalty from "dumb driven cattle" and "cannon fodder" by the application of the jackboot and the stick—they could not expect to find it flourishing among free people. How could such as they imagine that honour and chivalry could come before self-interest? They hoped to conquer India by craft and bribery. They calculated that the British Dominions would see in the Motherland's troubles a grand opportunity for proclaiming their independence. But Russia is the worst of all their failures, for here they calculated that if craft were unsuccessful the jackboot must prevail. Had not the "unkultured savages" been cowed again and again by Prussian methods? A terrible failure this. The German papers cannot palliate it. The "unkultured savages" have with one united effort thrown off the fetters forged in Prussia. What an example for the hungry, desperate, German proletariat. Still, there are the Hindenburg-Ludendorff plans. The subtlety of these is beyond common comprehension. The German papers laboriously explain the cleverness of Hindenburg's tactics in leading an exasperated enemy by retreating before him. There is in

this solemn foolery a reminder of the old story of the traveller who made a hundred savage warriors run. "I ran, and they ran after me," explained the joker. The German experts are perfectly serious, and, indeed, the German situation is no joking matter, except to the irrepressible Thomas Atkins. Thomas finds himself in the position of a London policeman dealing with an obstructive hooligan, whose every threatening pause is met by a more vigorous push and a rasping command, "Get on and don't argify. Get aht of it!" Hindenburg and his Turkish allies can have all the credit for their masterful retirements "according to plan." Haig and Maudo are satisfied with the division of honours, and so—by your leave, experts—are we.—(Referee).

### Shackleton's Message.

On the eve of his departure from Australia for England to join the colours, Sir Ernest Shackleton left this message to Australia.

When I came out from the south, after long days of struggle and strife in stark polar solitudes, I had my first impression of the war at Punta Arenas. A little British community lives there under a foreign flag, and 40 per cent. of its men had gone to the front, not because they had to go or even because they had been asked to go, but because they knew their country had need of them.

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I speak to you men as one who has carried the King's flag in the white warfare of the Antarctic, and who is going now to serve in the red warfare of Europe. I say to you that this call means more than duty, more than sacrifice, more than glory: it is the supreme opportunity offered every man of our race to justify himself before his own soul.

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The blood that has been shed on the burning hills of Gallipoli and the sodden fields of Flanders calls to you.

Politics, prejudices, petty personal interests, are nothing. Fight because you have the hearts of men, and because, if you fail, you will know yourselves in your own inner conscience to be forever shamed.

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## Behind the German Veil.

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bore the unmistakable trace of wakeful nights. Deep lines were drawn about the corners of his mouth and nose. The German field-grey does not suit him at all. The cloud of grey that surrounded him seemed to throw its reflection on his face and made it appear ashen. His moustache had no longer that cocky, sprightly, upward twist we all know so well from the illustrated papers. He was more like one of Rasmakers' cartoons than any photograph I have seen of him.

We wish we had space to follow the author through the whole story of his remarkable pilgrimage, but, in default, we can do no better than quote the warning words with which his book concludes—

Let me impress upon you that Germany is preparing for peace as thoroughly as she prepared for war. Of course her chances of influencing the British public through the Press are at present nil, but look on the moment peace parleys begin in earnest! Then this country will be flooded with German-made literature, arguments, pleadings, all cleverly disguised, and I fear that there will be plenty of "reasonable people" here, otherwise called peace-crank, pacifists, but whose real names should be "traitors," who will mother and father German-made arguments. You have only to remember some of the articles that appeared in several of your publications up to the very day England declared war.

Those are wise words to be perused by all who have the future of our Empire at heart.

## Cust and Curzon.

The obituaries of the late H. J. Cust in the Home Papers did justice to the wit of the *Pall Mall Gazette* during his editorship, and especially of his headlines—some amusing examples of which may be found in Mrs. Hinkson's latest book of reminiscences. Few of the writers, however, seemed to be aware of the merits of his verse, which was anonymous and is still uncollected. He was the author of *Non Nobis*, one of the two fine anonymous poems in the last pages of "Q's" *Oxford Book of English Verse*. The other, the last poem in the book, is by R. D. Blackmore, and is as good an Envoi as any anthologist could wish. The second *Times* notice, signed with a huge black horse-shoe C., was

by Lord Curzon, who is getting into the habit of writing obituaries with a sort of insufferable elegance. But no one need fear posthumous attention from Lord Curzon unless he is of indisputably good birth and connections. The tone of the Cust notice was extremely exalted. The last sentence of all was that in which he dealt with his subject's translation to mansions in the skies. He referred to "the stately home to which he was expected to succeed, but which he has now exchanged for another and more enduring inheritance." Mr. W. H. Davies has observed that everybody makes heaven in the image of his own Utopia:

That Paradise the Arab dreams,  
Is far less sand and more fresh streams.

Lord Curzon's heaven appears to be an infinite country-house with endless stables and an immeasurable park. One is reminded of the superb epitaph on the great Boyle: "He was First Cousin to the Earl of Cork, and the Father of English Chymistry."

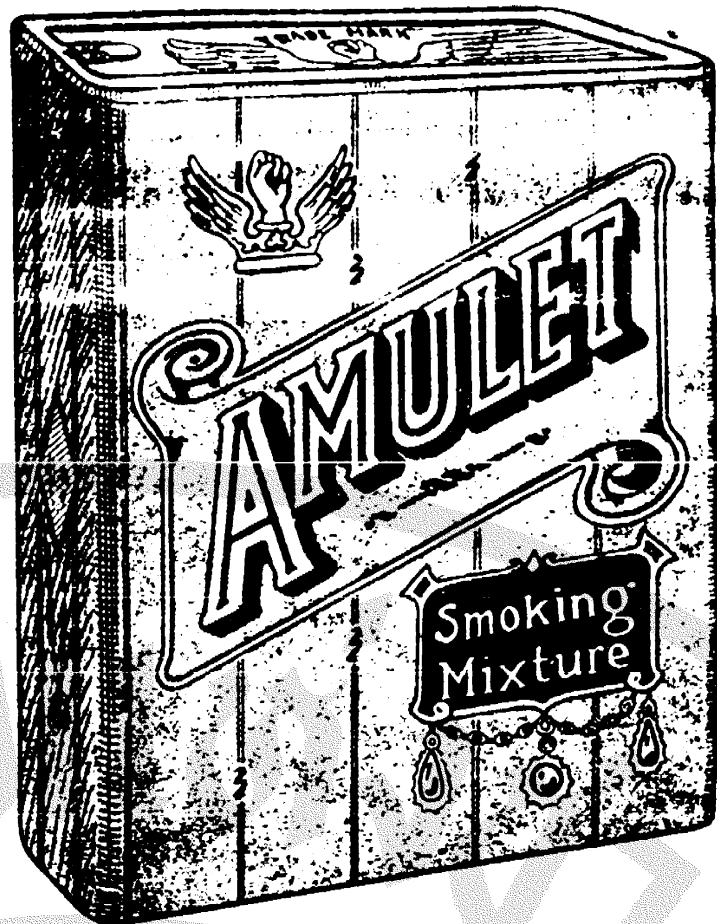
## Invisible Zeppelins.

The report that since the last disastrous Zeppelin raid on England the airships have been painted black to render them invisible should be taken cum grano salis. The Germans are not quite so silly as that. On a dark night a Zeppelin would be invisible whatever its colour—until the search-lights located it; and then it would not matter how it had been coloured. Once the searchlights had picked it up it would appear a conspicuous silvery object projected against the night sky, even though it were painted as black as the blackest coal, provided it were opaque. When the secret of building Zeppelins of perfectly transparent material is discovered, the era of the invisible Zeppelin will have arrived. At any rate, it is safe to assume that if the Zeppelins are being held back until an invisible colour scheme has been evolved, they are not likely to trouble us again.

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### What Bagdad Meant.

Bagdad has fallen to British arms, and with its fall another dream of Empire is shattered. For fabled Bagdad was the capital of Germany's visionary Eastern Empire, the symbol of her fondest aspiration. The knowledge that the hated Union Jack flies over Bagdad to-day must be gall and wormwood indeed to the obsessed Jingo of the Fatherland. Since the War began there has been no military success fraught with more political significance than this culmination of General Maude's campaign on the Tigris. How much more it is than merely a splendid feat of arms, how much more even than a death blow to Turkish hopes, will be revealed by a glance at Germany's Eastern and World Policy in the years of her war preparation.

In those years of ambitious Empire-building on paper one of the most frequent shibboleths of Germany's political thinkers, talkers and writers was the "Drang Nach Osten." Cherishing World hegemony as his modest aim, her Emperor pleaded for a place in the sun and looked first towards the rising sun, the gorgeous East. The "Push Eastward" cry was translated into a more material cry of "Berlin-Bagdad," latterly aggrandised by the Pan-Germans into "Antwerp-Bagdad," the words typifying the German aim of a German Railway from the North Sea to the Persian Gulf.

It was a grandiose dream of Realpolitik, first initiated nearly twenty years ago, when the Kaiser in his most preposterously theatrical vein, visited Jerusalem in the guise of a Crusader, and gained concessions from Abdul Hamid in the interests of Christian pilgrims—together with a verbal promise for the construction of the Bagdad Railway. Here was the tangible foundation of an Oriental Germany. Bagdad became the "Open Sesame" to the door of the East, and the keystone of Germany's Imperial programme. It was a "colossal" scheme from which ever point of view one regarded it—Germany must expand, but could not expand as she wished while the British Empire existed. The British Empire was vulnerable in India and Egypt, the Bagdad Railway scheme threatened both, for not only would it link Berlin with the Persian Gulf, but would invaluable aid Turkey in the mobilization of her Asiatic forces, and an attack on Egypt. This is how a famous German publicist, Dr. P. Rohrbach in his book Die Bagdadbahn. (The Bagdad Railway) summed up the position as long ago as 1911:

"The loss of Egypt would mean for England not only the end of her dominion over the Suez Canal, and of her

connections with India and the Far East, but would probably entail the loss of her possessions in Central and East Africa. The Conquest of Egypt by a Mohammedan Power like Turkey would also imperil England's hold over her 80,000,000 Mohammedan subjects in India, besides prejudicing her relations with Afghanistan and Persia. Turkey, however, can never dream of recovering Egypt until she is mistress of a developed railway system in Asia Minor and Syria, and until, through the progress of the Anatolian Railway to Bagdad, she is in a position to withstand an attack by England upon Mesopotamia—Egypt is a prize which for Turkey would be well worth the risk of taking sides with Germany in a war with England."

So Bagdad and its railway symbolized

ed for the German world-politician, long before war was an actuality, the loss to Britain of the Suez Canal, of Egypt, of India, of all her Far Eastern possessions, of Central and East Africa. And even if the hoped-for war were staved off, the Bagdad Railway would mean an Overland Route to Persia and India. In the words of the late Marshal Von der Goltz, as long ago as 1903, British mails for India would soon go via Vienna, Constantinople, Bagdad and the Persian Gulf.

With the failure of Germany's original scheme of July 1914 to keep Britain out of the war, defeat France first and then turn upon Russia, there came the opportunity to put into practice all the politico-strategical schemes of her politico-military writers.

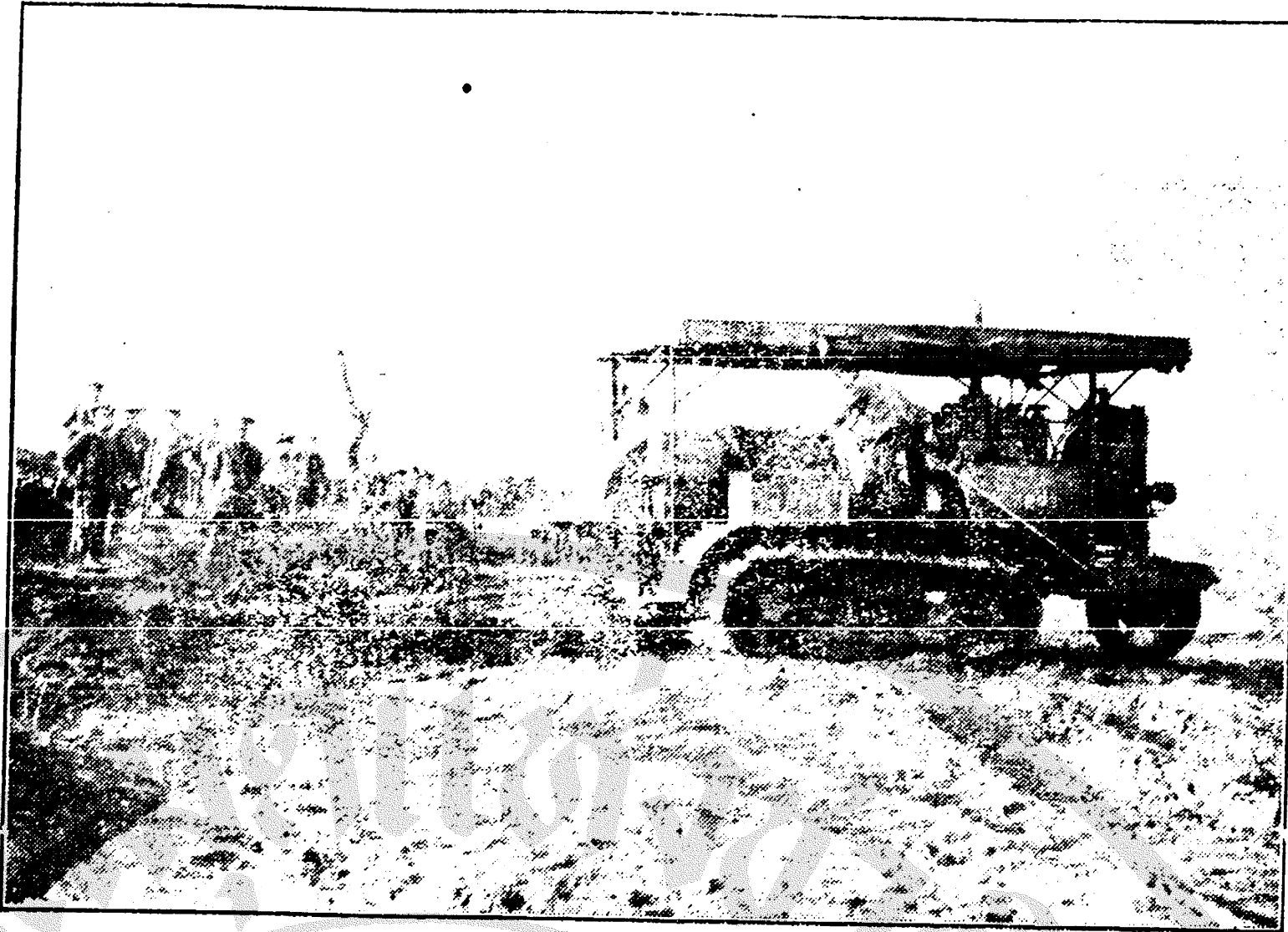
The escape of the Goeben into Turkish waters was a very encouraging augury for her Oriental schemes. Its appearance at Constantinople was an earnest of the material benefits that an alliance with Germany would bring. So Turkey came into the war. The first part of the German programme, the linking up of Berlin with Constantinople, was delayed for more than a year owing to Austria's failure to carry out her part of the programme, viz. the conquest of Serbia. But at last the Balkan Zug steamed out of Berlin carrying German officers to the shores of the Bosphorus—the Berlin-Bagdad scheme was halfway to its fulfilment.

If the Central Powers, when they offered Peace at Christmas time, had renounced all that they had won in

every other theatre of war and retained only their hold on the Balkan Railway, with the power of extending it at will through Bagdad to Basra, they would yet have won much and would have been in a position to set about at once organizing another war against the British Empire on the lines so delightfully suggested by Dr. Rohrbach.

But now the British flag waves over Bagdad. This is the biggest nail yet hammered in the coffin of Germany's Imperial dreams. (War Office publications.)

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