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BANGKOK BAR.  
FOR March 1917.

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

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

## PHASES OF THE MOON.

Mar. 9th O Full Moon 4 h 40 m a.m.  
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London, Jan. 22.—The Ymuiden  
correspondent of the "Daily Chroni-  
cle," writing on the 21st January, says:  
Within a few hours of the anniver-  
sary of the Dogger Bank battle the  
Germans again suffered a severe blow  
on the sea and were sternly taught that  
raids cannot always be undertaken  
without grave losses.

The engagement occurred on a bitter  
morning a few miles from the coast.  
The fight was sharp, sudden and fur-  
ious. It appears that the Zebrugge  
harbour is freezing and the German  
flotilla feared to be frozen in and under  
great danger of destruction from long  
range fire. The German naval com-  
mand therefore ordered the flotilla to  
quit the port at midnight, and in the  
darkness along the coast and make for a  
German harbour. The flotilla num-  
bered twelve or fourteen vessels.

All went well until nearing the  
Schouwen Bank when suddenly the  
Germans encountered a terrific fire  
from a large number of British war-  
ships. Some wounded men say that  
there were twelve British ships while  
others excitedly estimate the number  
at one hundred. The coast dwellers  
heard heavy firing at four o'clock in  
the morning. The first news of the  
fight reached land at 9.30 a.m. when  
the Ems brought ten dangerously  
wounded men and announced a severe  
defeat. The crew of the Ems stated  
that they were fishing slightly to the  
north of Ymuiden when they were  
hailed by a badly damaged German  
torpedo boat. The V 69 transferred to  
the Ems ten of her wounded wrapped  
in blankets and placed on planks. They  
were all terribly injured. One had  
lost an arm and a shoulder, while the  
lower part of another man's body was  
smashed.

## Wounded's Story.

The wounded men described their  
part in the battle in fragmentary sen-  
tences, and frequently voiced their dis-  
gust with the whole war business. They  
said that they were taken by surprise  
as they knew nothing of the proximity  
of the British fleet until a shot shat-  
tered the bridge of their ship, killing the  
commander and two of the officers. The  
captain's legs were shot away. A second  
shot hit a quick-firer and killed the  
entire gun crew of five men, while a  
third shot disabled the steering gear  
and a fourth raked the vessel amidship,  
tearing up the ironwork and throwing  
the funnel down.

The V. 69 lay helpless five miles  
from Ymuiden. Dutch tugs and torpe-  
does hastened to the rescue and  
brought in the vessel with her stern al-

most submerged. She is kept afloat  
with difficulty.

Another lame German duck has just  
been sighted making slowly for Ymuid-  
den. If the flotilla consisted of twelve  
ships there cannot be many of them  
left.

The German wounded say that seven  
ships were certainly sunk. One sank  
in the morning while going out full  
speed to the north. Only two have  
been accounted for. The presence  
among the survivors of men belonging  
to several sections of the German fleet  
suggests that they were taken out of the  
water, apparently confirming the state-  
ment that several ships sank. The  
wounded men say that the flotilla  
quickly surrounded them. There was  
little hope that many of the vessels  
escaped.

A report received from Ymuiden late  
last night stated that the V 69 had lost  
eighty men, most of whom had been  
knocked overboard. A large British  
destroyer almost succeeded in ramming  
the V 69. The Dutch coastguards saw  
a German submarine in the vicinity of  
the battle. They expelled her from  
territorial waters. Ex.

## The V 69.

The "Daily Chronicle's" Amsterdam  
correspondent states:

I boarded the V69 and standing on  
her disordered, dirty and blood-smeared  
deck, obtained a good idea of her  
crew's terrible ordeal. The second  
funnel was leaning over the deck in a  
mishapen grey metal mass threaten-  
ing to topple over. Close by was a small  
motor-launch clean cut in halves and  
two torpedo tubes twined and torn like  
cardboard. Further aft nothing was  
recognisable except scrap iron. A  
searchlight lay shattered, with a Ger-  
man ensign above the wreckage. A  
direct hit had destroyed the steering  
gear and killed the Commodore and his  
companion, whose bodies were frozen  
to the deck and covered with flags. The  
forepart of the destroyer suffered less  
but the flags covering the corpses sur-  
rounding the fore-gun told of the fate  
of its gun crew.

A survivor declared that the V69  
had fought a British cruiser but he dis-  
closed no details. Some others admit-  
ted that in attempting a night raid they  
were suddenly attacked in the rear  
when all chance of returning to Zee-  
brugge was out off.

The V69 lies with her stern awash in  
a hopeless condition, although her en-  
gines are intact. Her crew were posed  
for a photograph beside the Commo-  
dore's body.

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the enforcing of the reduction in the  
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### Maharaja of Bikanir and Loyalty of India.

London, Feb. 25.—The Maharaja of Bikanir, interviewed by a special correspondent of the Associated Press in India, declared that India was unqualifiedly loyal to the core. He affirmed with great earnestness that he loved the King-Emperor both as the representative sovereign power and as a man. There was no sacrifice which the King-Emperor might ask that he would not make. His brother rulers also loved the King-Emperor and would follow where he led through thick and thin. The Indian Princes, loyalty was unselfish, they offered their assistance in the dark days when the Germans were sweeping all before them. The Princes and people of India stood by the King-Emperor when India was denuded of British troops. He recalled the loyalty of the Indian Princes in the Mutiny time, in the Panjdeh scare, and the troubles on the frontier in 1879, and in China in 1900. Also the maintenance of the Imperial Service troops in the present war.

The absolute loyalty of India was based not only on religion and traditions but on the fact that His Majesty was personally known to the people and was the most popular man throughout India, and known as a great, just and sympathetic Sovereign to whom all Indians were drawn by his personal magnetism. While there had been cases of petty annoyances, there had been a sympathetic displaying of a sincere desire to eliminate all uncalculated interference with internal affairs. This attitude of the Raj had certainly drawn the Indian States steadily closer to itself and stimulated the rulers to real devotion to the King-Emperor and his Royal house. The just and sympathetic policy of the Raj during the Viceroyalties of Lord Minto and Harding had prevented any increase in sedition, and while the handling of affairs between the Raj and the Indian States remained in the hands of such capable political officers and sympathetic friends as J. B. Wood and Colonel Windham, the future was one of extreme hopefulness.

The Princes desired to remain as part of the Empire, for there was no Government so great and good as His Majesty's. They wanted to stay and help in the achievement of even greater things than had been accomplished in the past, and they hoped before long that the rulers would be given seats in the assembly of such a Council as the

Princes could enter which would have a voice in the Government of India, in matters relating to the Indian States. They looked forward also to the time when the people of British India would have prepared themselves to take a greater hand in the affairs of State, and there was every indication that the Raj had no greater desire than to see the Princes and the people stand on their own feet, under the guidance of Britain. He realised that political progress in India must be comparatively slow to be healthy, but he believed the Raj would do all it could to meet aspirations for advancement. The Princes asked for nothing better than to be allowed to work hand in hand with the Raj towards one goal.

#### Pershing Followed by 1,500 Refugees.

New York, January 31.—Over 1,500 refugees are following General Pershing's forces on their northward march out of Mexico.

#### U. S. Capital Ships.

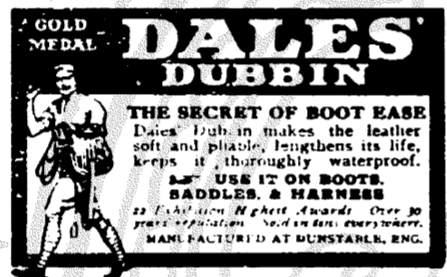
New York, January 31.—Nineteen million dollars more has been provided for the construction of capital ships. The limit of cruiser construction has been raised.

#### Wolfram Wanted.

"Le Journal" says that repatriated officers state that Germany's stock of wolfram is exhausted. A prize of 100,000 marks is being offered by the Government for the providing of a substitute for the metal.

#### Nobel Prize for Wilson?

New York, Jan. 25.—It is observed in financial circles that President Wilson's speech will not result in shortening the war. Some of President Wilson's supporters say he will be awarded the Nobel Prize this year.



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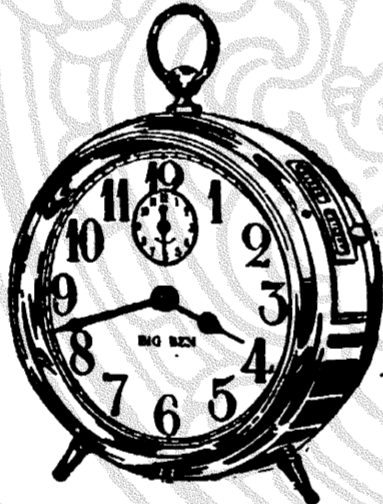
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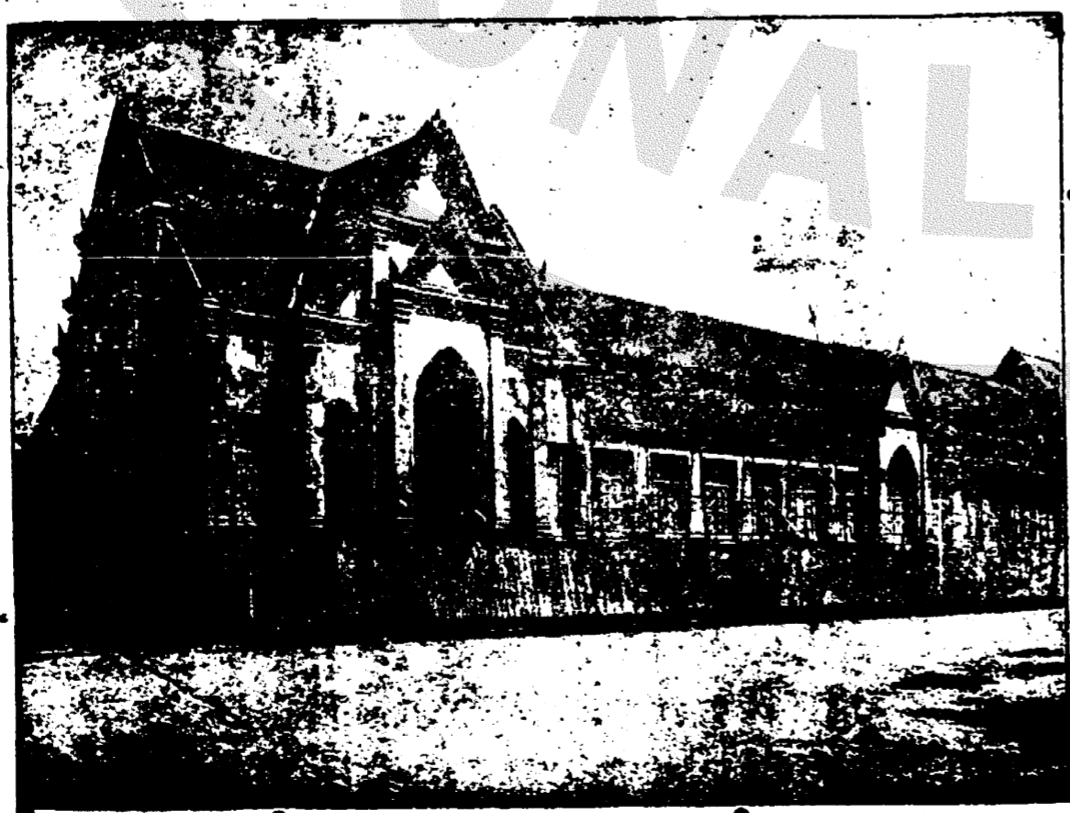
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### THE MOTOR CAR OF THE FUTURE.

An opinion appears to be current  
very generally that one of the effects of  
the war will be an increase in the  
use of the automobile by a class of per-  
sons who will not as a rule be able  
to afford the purchase and maintenance  
of high-priced vehicles. This will mean  
the substitution of lighter and more  
economical patterns of cars. Hitherto  
America has been foremost in the field,  
but there has been a pronounced move-  
ment amongst French, British and  
Italian manufacturers in a similar direc-  
tion, and once the restrictions conse-  
quent upon present circumstances have  
been removed we shall undoubtedly  
find them in keen rivalry with their  
American competitors. During the last  
few years strenuous endeavours have  
been made to cut weight, in the case of  
small cars, without any sacrifice of the  
necessary reserve of strength; but  
though much has been done with suc-  
cess towards this end, there still re-  
mains large scope for fresh endeavour.

The weight of machinery per passenger  
accommodated is still too high, even in  
the case of light cars, and this notwith-  
standing the fact that the steel used to-  
day in motor-car construction is of a  
quality that was not obtainable ten  
years ago, even for competition vehicles  
built regardless of expense.

Until quite recently the American  
motor industry could give extraordi-  
nary value for money, practically  
everything that was wanted, save  
the flexible and vibrationless engine.  
But during the War the American  
motor industry has discovered both  
how to design and how to manufacture  
at extraordinarily low cost the high  
efficiency and high-grade engines  
formerly produced only by the Euro-  
pean industry. A car turned out by  
one American factory at the rate of five  
hundred a day, 20 h.p., four-cylinder,  
and with full equipment, can be pur-  
chased in England for £225, which in-  
cludes the very substantial import duty  
at present prevailing, and this is not  
the cheapest automobile on the market.  
The fact is an excellent illustration of  
what can be done in regard to the light  
type of car.

The motor-car has become a neces-  
sity of modern life, and looking back  
to the time when it was not, which is  
well within the memory of persons  
who are by no means old, we wonder  
how we managed to exist without it.  
In addition to its enormous usefulness  
in business, it has, by its facilities for  
rapid communication and by the man-  
ner in which it has freed the majority  
of countries from the tyranny of the  
railway, effected what almost amounts  
to a revolution in the social intercourse  
of all those countries. Whatever hap-  
pens, the world would not consent to re-  
linquish the privileges which the motor-  
car has conferred upon it, and there is  
no fear of the output of the automobile  
industry being diminished. The proba-  
bilities are, however, that a lighter  
and less expensive car will come into  
almost general vogue, and all the manu-  
facturing firms seem to be preparing  
for this contingency. Up to now it has  
been with the high-priced and luxuri-  
ous type of car that France and Eng-  
land have admittedly gained a pre-emi-  
nent reputation, but we have no doubt  
these countries will be able to build  
up an equal reputation for the cheaper  
sort of vehicles when they are confront-  
ed with the necessity of meeting an  
ever increasing demand for these, with  
a corresponding decrease in the en-  
quiries for costly vehicles.



### Court Circular.

SANAM CHANDRA.  
Monday, March 5.

Yesterday afternoon His Majesty the  
King went in a motor-car to Nong Yen,  
near Ban Pong, where His Majesty  
witnessed the troops on the march on  
their way for the military manoeuvres.

On Tuesday, March 6, in the after-  
noon, His Majesty the King will leave  
Sanam Chandra by special train for  
Rajaburi where he will attend the  
military manoeuvres, after which the  
King will return to the Capital.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

TO-DAY'S telegrams appear on page 8.

THE s.s. *Kuala* left Singapore at 8  
a.m. on Sunday the 5th inst., with the  
mail, and may be expected to arrive at  
the Borneo Company's wharf on Wed-  
nesday morning about 9 a.m.

We are notified that during the ab-  
sence of Mr. Bruun Mr. P. Ericsson  
will be Acting Manager of the Manan  
Motor-Boat Co., Ltd., and is authorised  
to sign all orders on behalf of the  
Company.

TO-MORROW being Phenja Wan Phet  
of Duen 4 there will be a great pilgrim-  
age to the Phrabat at Saraburi. This  
day has occurred after 13 years and is  
considered by devotees a very auspicious  
date.

OWING to the enormous success of  
the film—The Battle of the Somme—  
now being shown at the Phathanakorn  
Hall an extra performance has been ar-  
ranged for Thursday night at 9.30,  
also a special Matinee will be given on  
Thursday at 4.30 p.m.

THE Borneo Co., Ltd., have been in-  
formed by their Singapore Agents that  
the s.s. *Perseus* was sunk on the out-  
ward voyage, and the s.s. *Tyndareus*  
is at Simonstown and unable to pro-  
ceed, but the undamaged portion of  
her cargo will be forwarded as space  
becomes available.

LUANG Athakorn Chanat of the Min-  
istry of Justice left to-day for Prachab  
Girikhan in connection with a murder  
case. It is stated that one Indian Brit-  
ish subject and two Indian French  
subjects, all cattle dealers, had been  
murdered. The case has been fixed  
for the 9th inst. and will be heard by a  
special International Court.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not necessarily endorse the  
views of our correspondents.]

#### The Meklong Railway.

To the Editor of the "Siam Observer."  
Sir,

Some of my friends have called my  
attention to a report in a Local paper  
reproducing a statement made by the  
Chairman at the General Meeting of  
the Meklong Railway Co. Ltd., on the  
27th February 1917; and as they  
consider that this report may cast some  
reflection on my reputation, I wish to  
publish the following remarks on same.  
The statement made by the Chair-  
man as published in the Local paper  
was as follows:—We have had very  
good evidence of your bookkeeping  
when you were in our service to know  
that you cannot make any comment on  
our auditor.

I have served the Company as an  
Engineer for a period of 11 years but  
besides my professional work I have  
also done a lot of book-keeping and  
accounting for the Company and during  
this period I have twice received letters  
from the Board saying that the Board  
were satisfied with my services. I have  
even introduced several systems of  
book-keeping in different branches of  
the Company's business. They have  
all been approved by the Directors as  
successful.

As an instance: The tickets were  
formerly partly lying about in the  
office, there was no stock-list showing  
the number of unprinted tickets, and  
the printing press was on the premises;  
to avoid fraud it was of course of the  
greatest importance to keep a strict  
control over all the tickets, so I  
introduced ticket register books.

A short time before I left the Com-  
pany's service there was no Deprecia-  
tion book, and the Secretary asked me  
to assist him to make one. I was not  
therefore such a bad accountant as the  
Chairman now wishes me to appear.

Bangkok 6th March 1917.

Yours faithfully,  
W. GOTTSCHKE.

#### Mesopotamia Advance.

London, Feb. 26.—Mesopotamia Offi-  
cial. Early on Saturday we captured  
the ridge across the neck of the Shum-  
rah peninsula. It became evident the  
enemy was in full retreat in the direc-  
tion of Baghailab, west of Kut el  
Amara. Many Turkish depots of stores  
were on fire. A strong force of cavalry  
and infantry was heavily engaged all  
day inflicting on the enemy severe  
casualties. Meantime we pursued our  
successes at Sannaiyat and captured  
the fifth Turkish line and the Makhai-  
lat-Saivada positions and reached the  
Ataba marsh on the Magisla line.

Our aeroplanes co-operated invaluable-  
ly, dropping bombs and using their  
machine-guns at the lowest altitudes.  
We took prisoners in two days 1,730.  
The whole of the enemy's positions  
from Sannaiyat to Kut el Amara were  
thus secured. Kut passing automatically  
into our hands. The full Turkish losses  
are not yet known.

London, Feb. 26.—A Turkish Com-  
municé admits the evacuation of Kut  
"according to a pre-arranged plan, and  
in order to effect a junction with our  
reinforcements."

## THE Great War.

### The British Advance.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, March 4. Marshal Haig reports further progress to the north of Painscourt and Eaucourt, and north-east of Puisseux-au-Mont. We repulsed counter-attacks on our advanced positions north-east of Guiz and Guesdecourt and north-west of Ligny and Thillois, inflicting losses. As the result of to-day's fighting on the Ancre we took 124 prisoners, and raided trenches in the neighbourhood of Angers and Calonne, inflicting losses.

### French Communiqué.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, March 4. We successfully bombarded the enemy organisations to the north of the Aisne and to the left of the Meuse.

### American Merchantmen to be Armed.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, March 4. Washington.—The House of Representatives after a ten hours' debate passed by 403 votes to 13 a Bill empowering President Wilson to arm merchantmen, but did not authorise him to use "other instrumentalities" which he specifically desires.

### Mesopotamia

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

Official.—Our pursuit was continued on Wednesday. The Turks in great confusion passed through Aizyl. We are systematically clearing the battlefield and bringing in booty hourly. Since February 23rd we have captured 4300 prisoners, making a total of 7000 since December. We have also taken 28 guns, 19 trench mortars, 3 Turkish ships 2 tugs, 10 barges and 30 pontoons.

### Opinion in Great Britain.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, March 5. Earl Curzon in the House of Lords said that the success in Mesopotamia vindicated British arms.

### German Chancellor's Complaint.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, March 5. In the Reichstag Herr von Bethmann-Hollweg said that Germany's one aim was to obtain compensation for the iniquities she had suffered. He complained of President Wilson's brusqueness in breaking off diplomatic relations, and accused him of gross partiality towards England.

### German Plot in Mexico.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, March 5. It was sought by Germany to induce Mexico to declare war on America if the latter did not remain neutral. American territory was promised, also that Japan would join.

### Irish Malcontents.

London, Feb. 26.—In the House of Commons in reply to Mr. Dillon Sir H.E. Duke stated that twenty-eight persons were arrested in Ireland under the Defence of the Realm Act on suspicion of acting prejudicially to public safety. It was not proposed to try them but they had been prohibited from residing in Ireland.

Mr. Dillon gave notice he would move the adjournment of the House on the subject.

London, Feb. 27.—Sir H.E. Duke in the House of Commons on a motion for adjournment, said that the great majority of those arrested during the late rebellion were prisoners who since their release had busied themselves in reviving conspiracy. He declared it inadvisable to enter into details. He and the Inspector General of Constabulary, Sir Bryan Mahon, accepted responsibility for what had been done.

## British Legation Telegrams.

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

London, March 3.

The past week has been marked by signal Allied successes, such as show clearly the decaying prospects of the Central Empires. On the Ancre front the Germans have found themselves compelled to execute an extensive move of retreat, which it is quite vain for them now to explain as strategic subtlety, since it is plain that they have only retired because compelled. Their Turkish allies have also sustained crushing defeat, for the British army has now recovered the important town of Kut in Mesopotamia, which it was formerly compelled to abandon but has now regained with vast stores of ammunition, prisoners, etc., while the retreating Turkish army is now being hurried in rout towards Baghdad. These double triumphs have spread enthusiasm among the Allies, and the King has sent a special message of congratulation to the Commander-in-Chief.

America meanwhile scrupulously observes the laws of restraint and dignity, but popular feeling clearly rises in passion against German lawlessness, and righteous indignation is now blown to flame by the discovery of the amazing German plot to stir up Mexico and Japan against the United States. This preposterous scheme of complicated treachery has been received with ridicule in Japan and with natural indignation by America, in her amazement at finding such devices hatched in the very moment when Germany was vehemently protesting the tenderest friendship. Such devices might seem incredible, yet not only is the evidence irrefutable, but Germany has even admitted the entire truth of these allegations. In the face of an avowal so cynically shameless, it is evident that no neutrals need now feel particularly sure of their standing and security. This fact aways China more and more steadily in the direction of open opposition to German barbarism.

In England economy and restrictions of all sorts are becoming a national pride. The total of the War Loan so far surpasses all expectation as almost to stagger belief, for instead of a mere seven hundred million pounds the yield now totals up to more than one thousand two hundred millions. Meanwhile the German mark continues falling.

### P. & O. Steam Navigation Co.

The seventy-sixth Ordinary General Meeting of the Proprietors of the Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company was held at the Company's offices in London on December 13th, Lord Inchepe being in the chair.

His lordship submitted a statement giving a review of the Company's work for the year. He referred to the loss during the year of five ships, the *Socotra*, *Persia*, *Grelong*, *Malaya*, and *Sinla*, while another, the *Arabia*, had been sunk since the closing of the Company's accounts. He stated that the Company had not benefited to the same extent as many other shipping companies through the rise in freights. About one half of the P. & O. fleet had been continuously in government service during the year and had been paid for at less than pre-war rates, while they had been handicapped in the mail services by the conveyance of enormous quantities of mail matter, to the exclusion of cargo. This service had been conducted at a great increase of cost, while they had also suffered from fewer passengers travelling. The matter of raising passengers fares was under consideration, but so far they had refrained from taking this step out of consideration for the Indian public, who were their principal supporters and on whom the times were telling hardly.

The joint fleet of the P. & O., British India and New Zealand Companies (the purchase of the latter Company having been completed during the year under review) now amounted, including vessels under construction, to 236 steamers and 57 tugs, with a gross tonnage of 1,515,923 tons. The present capital of the Company, including Debenture Stock, Preferred and Deferred Stock, was about seven and a half millions sterling.

A dividend was declared for the half-year ended 30th September, 1916, of 2½ per cent. on the Preferred Stock less income tax, and a dividend of 6 per cent. with a bonus of 6 per cent. on the Deferred Stock, free of income tax. This was after providing for the payment to Government of 25 per cent. of the net earnings in the shape of income tax, and 60 per cent. of profits earned in excess of those made on the average of two pre-war years. Sufficient remained to add £126,000 to the reserve fund and to increase the carry forward by £7000. The assets of the Company now stand in the Balance Sheet at nearly £12,800,000.

## An Interesting and Inexpensive Journey in Siam.

Having occasion to visit Chiengmai I naturally made inquiries in Bangkok before starting but got little help. This is my excuse for this record.

By rail to Lampang.—On the road to Chiengmai is straight going and then come one or two "nubly" bits, Kuantan and Doy Bar.

It is possible to get on another hour of the journey to railhead, Pang Hua Pong, and have your carriers and ponies meet you there. It is then only a short ride up the hill to Kuantan. The ponies and carriers should be engaged in Lampang, ponies 150 and carriers 60 satangs a day, and visitors should stick to them like glue till they again reach Lampang or they are likely to get "lost."

The owner of your pony should be your carrier and he will look after it.

I believe it is actually possible to bicycle through to Chiengmai, if your luggage consists of extra shirt, collar, toothbrush and shaving tackle. Take no food or provisions as there is food to be found in the land if you are not too squeamish.

From Lampang to Kuantan as above should take 3 hours.

A tunnel is being constructed here of which 152 metres is completed, but it is not an easy job as the stone is soft and there are many falls.

This is exemplified by the children's game locally of trying to tunnel through the sand heaps awaiting use in the manufacture of concrete. The first through with no fall wins.

From Kuantan down on the far side avoid "short cuts" or you may finish as some of us have done before, in sitting posture.

Thence to Metar, a very scattered village, and the road good, along the railway embankment (without the sleepers).

You are now "abroad" with hills around you, well wooded, and fresh air, and you feel inclined to skip like lambs.

The Poo-Yi-Ban will find you a resting place, but there is a very decent house there.

You may have your early morning rest disturbed by "music" bells and not church, viz., droves of pack oxen with gong bells attached to their yokes and neck. Fifty in a drove. To Metar is an easy five hours.

From Metar to Lampang a good road, but a scramble of half an hour over "Doy-bar" of some six hours.

The cold in January will ensure early rising. Arrived at Lampang, the Nai Ampur, a most obliging individual, will see to your wants. If starting early you will be able to book a seat Tse 1 in the motor-bus into Chiengmai, or hire the whole outfit. As the driver is most careful and goes at not 80 miles an hour, as in Bangkok, you would enjoy your ride on your pony to Chiengmai, on a 40 ft. avenue and should do it in four hours.

Excellent!! We have reached the goal, the second town in the Kingdom.

Before entering Chiengmai, you pass the European club and race course. This makes a very pretty picture, the course is oval and distance seven furlongs and it is surrounded by woods, and as a fling to your enjoyment there of the cemetery is placed next door, as a gentle reminder to make the most of your opportunities. "In the midst of life, we are in debt and we slide down the banister of life with great rapidity, picking up the splinters."

The grass on the course and polo ground is kept short. I think, by the race horse owners mutually agreeing that their steeds eat it down, and the distance from town of the course, two miles, ensures that their animals shall have sufficient exercise in getting there and back.

The horses are all exceedingly fat in Chiengmai, and on an average I should say, 2" higher than those in Bangkok, but most of them I think have Shan blood in them.

I could obtain no specific data as to time for the 4 or 5 furlongs, but judging from appearances, I should think that if they tried, they might do the 4 furlongs in 15 . . . . . minutes.

I saw one animal whose back was so broad that a neat table, with cloth and all its appurtenances, could have been provided for 6 persons and no pressing each other's toes under the table.

Government officials, as an American said "Small potatoes and few in a heap" in C. and trade rules the roost.

My first effort in expenditure, produced in change the rupee, and I found our dear old "Bater" is not thoroughly appreciated and you go short of four satangs on him. The rupee is valued at 84 satangs and these copper individuals are very much in evidence.

The natives in the market would look at our 5 and 10 satang nickel or paper, but the Indian traders know a thing when they see it.

There are no rikshas as the Lavs are too proud to pull them, although the roads are excellent, and there is only one gharry for hire at Tse 5 a day or he may charge by the inch distance covered.

For food, a Chinaman, one Chin Bin, who was once in Bangkok has opened a shop and can cater for you at a very reasonable price and in a European manner, sending "chow" to your domicile. It was 62 degrees F. in the morning when I was there. One morning I woke up and found a com-

panion in bed with me, frozen stiff and in a comatose condition and in a cowardly manner I killed.

him, on the spot, as he mumbled "Oh Moses it is cold."

He was a "flat back" or bug and so cold he did not even smell.

The railway when completed in two years will be a boon to both Chiengmai and Bangkok—to the former commercially, and the latter to enable its overworked population to go "abroad" in Siam. Hotels, at the compulsory stopping places for the night, on the railway, will be absolutely necessary when the rail is through.

In conclusion I would recommend any overworked individual in Bangkok, who can "slack off" for a fortnight, and find Tse 150, to try the trip and he will return revived.

"A PILGRIM OF LOVE."

### Small Naval Action.

London, Feb. 26.—A patrol of our destroyers between 11 and 12 o'clock yesterday evening encountered various enemy destroyers and were engaged for some time, being under heavy fire from guns and torpedoes. Our destroyers were undamaged. The effect of the enemy could not be ascertained owing to darkness. Another force of destroyers bombarded for a quarter of an hour the undefended towns of Broadstairs and Margate. As soon as firing was heard our forces in the vicinity closed on the enemy who had however withdrawn before our arrival.

London, Feb. 26.—Unofficial details of the bombardment show that a dozen shells fell on the coast. All the casualties were in a village. Shell also dropped on a town four miles away.

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### The Dutch Sinking Puzzle.

Amsterdam, Feb. 26.—An official from Berlin recapitulating the excuses regarding the loss of seven Dutch ships mentions that the owners of thirty-three Dutch ships including twenty laden with corn for the Dutch Government asked Germany for permission to leave Falmouth and Dartmouth. Eighteen undertook to sail but apparently only eight took the risk.

London, Feb. 26.—Reuter says that Dutch circles state it was U3 which attacked the Dutch steamers, torpedoing and sinking three and placing bombs in the others. The *Menado* was rescued by a British trawler and towed into Harbours. The whereabouts of the others is unknown. The crews were towed to the British thinking their ships sunk. Eleven other Dutch ships were ordered by the owners to sail simultaneously but fortunately did not clear.

London, Feb. 26.—A Dutch officer interviewed in London stated that the submarines fired an aerial torpedo then shelled till the ships stopped. They ordered the crews to get into the boats in five minutes saying that they would sink the ships because they were in British waters. The crews had barely time to escape.

Stranded U Boat.  
Flushing, Feb. 26.—U 30 which ran ashore has been disarmed and will be interned.

### Bread Regulations.

London, Feb. 26.—The Press Bureau states that Lord Devonport notifies that bread must be sold in loaves of a pound or an even number of pounds. It must be twelve hours old and not exchanged for old previously sold. It must not contain currants, sultanas, milk or sugar. Inspectors are authorised to weigh on the premises or during the course of delivery. Rolls must weigh two ounces.

India's Representative.  
Port Said, Feb. 25.—The Maharajah of Bikanir has arrived and proceeded to Cairo where he proposes to stay for a week.

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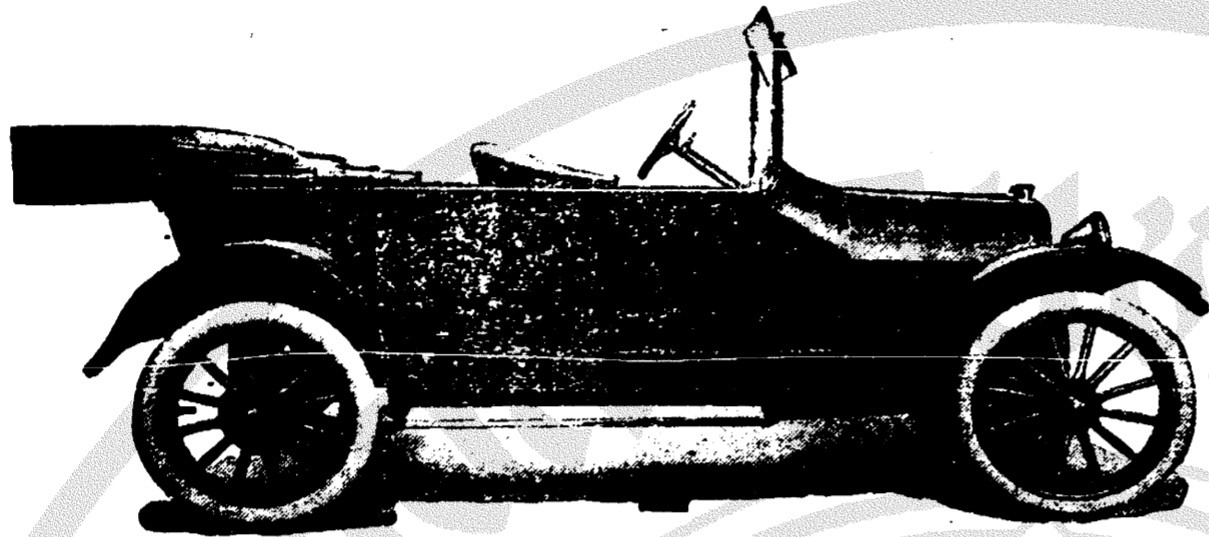
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German Retirement On  
Ancre.

Many Places Occupied.

London, Feb. 26.—Reuter's correspondent at headquarters describes the German obstructive tactics of posting machine gun teams and snipers at various vantage points in the line of our pursuit but making definite resistance at one point only, namely the hill commanding the Boom ravine in the direction of Miraumont. The capture of Serre gives the British a very important and dominating position for further operations. The famous Butte de Warlencourt was also occupied, this sort of German "field Gibraltar" being fought over inch by inch, taken, lost and retaken. Round it are the bodies of more soldiers than in almost any outlying position of the Somme. Owing to mist a general advance was made only after our patrols had established touch with the enemy. These were surprised at the unusual quiet and thought the enemy was practising a trap but realising the real situation swept forward very exultant.

The fog was of great advantage to the enemy, shielding his retirement from our aeroplanes, while the frost of the preceding days enabled him to withdraw most of his guns. He left a few to make a show of firing an unwanted quantity of ammunition for the simple reason he had no time to move shells. British patrols are still out in every direction and until they have reported it is impossible to say where the Germans will make a stand, but they have undoubtedly many carefully prepared positions in their rear and the Bapaume ridge is the most probable. The fact that the enemy is strategically retreating from strongholds which we expected to win only by fighting heavily reveals a new phase of defensive weakness. The Boom ravine was the scene of desperate fighting on Feb. 17 when the British attacked in the darkness and fog. One battalion was specially tried and lost all its officers, but the Sergeant-major led the men and finding a gap in the uncut wire captured the Grandcourt trench and entered the deep ravine, which was an awful sight of smashed trees and mangled dead, the result of the British cannonade.

London, Feb. 26.—Reuter's representative at Headquarters telegraphs that a Patrol on Saturday morning first discovered the retirement of the German line in the Ancre valley. This is unquestionably due to the recent British intolerable pressure. The first intimation that anything unwanted had occurred was early on Feb. 23 when a number of fires were observed to break out in the enemy lines in front of Pys due to the deliberate firing of dugouts.

A correspondent compares the advance movements of the afternoon to the busiest days of the great Somme push. The extreme depth to which the German retreat is carried is reported as three miles. We occupied Miraumont, Miraumont le petit, Pys and Serre without obstinate resistance.

The Germans employed obstructive tactics, not fighting any rearguard actions. Yesterday evening we advanced on Warlencourt and Irles to Miraumont on the enemy's heels. This line is now established. We gained a large tract of country without loss of life, and new ground not ploughed up by shells. There is an unconfirmed report that the enemy is evacuating the great strategic point of Bapaume, wherefrom explosions and fires can be observed.

Other Communications.

London, Feb. 26.—Wireless. German Official. French attacks were unsuccessful southward of Cernay. The enemy yesterday lost eight aeroplanes.

London, Feb. 26.—Berlin Official: Our anti-aircraft guns brought down a French airship ablaze near Metz on the night of Feb. 23. The cargo of bombs exploded when it touched the ground and of the crew fourteen were killed. The details of the construction of the airship are easily recognisable from the remnants.

London, Feb. 26.—French Com: munique: We raided the German line near Ville sur Tourbe, destroyed many dugouts and brought back prisoners and material. An enemy coup de main north-east of Soissons and west of Avocourt failed. We made prisoners.

Three enemy aeroplanes were brought down. Our air squadrons heavily bombed bivouacs, a munition depot near Spincourt where there were many explosions, and also airships at Bazency and railway stations in the region of Wissembourg.

London, Feb. 26.—Wireless. German Official. We repulsed the Russians westward of the Aa and southward of Brzezany. Strong Russian attacks north of the Tartar pass failed.

London, Feb. 25.—A French communique says: Our artillery was effectively active in the region of Morthomme. There was intermittent artillery fire in Lorraine and the Vosges.

London, Feb. 26.—Wireless. Russian Official. Our reconnoiters penetrated the enemy's trenches to the west of the Jablonitz. Our scouts dispersed the Turks on the western bank of Lake Van with heavy losses.

London, Feb. 26.—Italian official: We drove back and dispersed enemy detachments south-eastward of Gorizia.

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## Wilson's Problem.

## Protection Not War.

Washington, Feb. 26.—The Republican resolution authorizing President Wilson to use armed force to protect American lives and ships was not adopted but was referred to the Foreign Relations Committee, thus shelving it after a furious debate wherein the Republicans attacked the President for hesitation to act. The Republicans are apparently trying to force an extra session to prevent President Wilson fully controlling the situation as regards Germany.

Washington, Feb. 26.—President Wilson today asks Congress for authority to use the forces of the United States to protect American rights on the high seas.

Washington, Feb. 26.—In Congress President Wilson asked for authority to "establish an armed neutrality." He stated he had made full plans to protect American ships in the German war zone and he pointed out that while he desired peace, there was something greater than peace, namely the protection of the rights of Americans, and he was upholding the rights of American ships to sail the seas unmolested.

The President requested Congress to authorize the supply to merchant ships of defensive arms and also adequate means of protection, including war risks insurance.

Buenos Aires, Feb. 26.—It is reported that Argentina has initiated negotiations with the Latin American republics with a view to jointly offering mediation.

Rio de Janeiro, Feb. 26.—Germany has informed the Brazilian Minister at Berlin that the decision to maintain the submarine blockade is unalterable. It suggests recourse to diplomacy if Brazilian ships were sunk.

The President spoke out with weight and reviewed the submarine situation. He feared that none of the neutrals asked to cooperate to prevent submarine depredations had thought it wise to join in common action. American commerce is suffering more in apprehension than in fact, and ships are timidly keeping to home ports. He dwelt on the most serious and growing congestion from that cause, which he might presently accomplish the German aim. He characterized the sinking of the Lyman Law as disclosing a ruthlessness of method deserving great condemnation. He laid stress on the indications of expressions of purpose by the German press and authorities which increased the impression that the future sparing of American ships and people was more likely to be due to unexpected discretion and restraint on the submarine commanders and of fortunate circumstances than of their carrying out instructions.

It was foolish to deny that the situation is fraught with the gravest dangers. "The necessity of definite action may come at any time, if we are to defend our elementary rights as neutrals. Therefore it would be most imprudent to be unprepared and I wish to feel the authority of Congress behind me in whatever it may be necessary for me to do. I am still the friend

of peace and do not contemplate war or steps leading thereto. I merely request authority to safeguard the rights of a people anxious to live in peace. War is only possible through the wilful acts of others. The people can trust me to act with restraint and prudence."

Washington, Feb. 27.—Mr. Taft, Mr. Choate and numerous prominent citizens have issued a manifesto stating that the majority of Americans who favour action are silent, not wishing to embarrass President Wilson. Therefore a small number of pacifists are creating a wrong impression of the nation's spirit. They urge Americans to join a movement for immediate action, instead of waiting for the murder of more Americans before going to war.

## Wire News.

London, Feb. 22.—The Nationalists attach the utmost importance to the debate on the resolution demanding immediate Home Rule and declare a refusal of the demand will make an election inevitable.

London, Feb. 23.—The Irish arrests are mostly volunteer leaders and include the author Darrel Figgis, Captain Liam Mellows, Councillor S. Kelly, editor of the Catholic League Bulletin, J. J. O'Kelly and also a number of Gaelic officials.

London, Feb. 22.—Montagu's report says there has been a certain amount of general competition in silver, while offerings have increased owing to the set-back in price inducing profit taking and freer sale. Also Shanghai exchange showed weakness and a little selling had occurred thence, consequently the price has declined.

London, Feb. 22.—Silver is at 379.16 without demand and the market is quiet.

Ottawa, Feb. 22.—An Order in Council forbids women and children to embark at Canadian ports for destinations in the war zone.

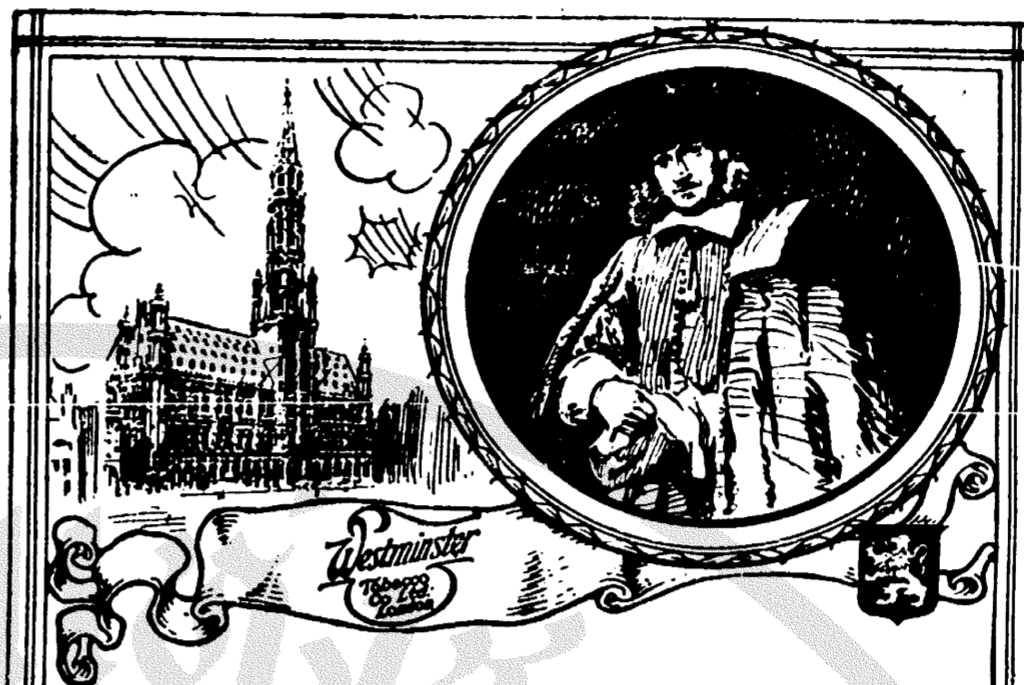
London, Feb. 25.—In the House of Commons Mr. Lloyd George announced that the importation of Indian tea would be reduced to a certain extent, and all foreign tea prohibited.

London, Feb. 25.—Sinkings reported yesterday totalled over 18,000 tons with one third European and Chinese crews. Amongst the persons missing it is reported that there were Americans aboard the Skotland.

Shanghai, Feb. 24.—The German reply to China's protest on submarine warfare says that she is driven to extreme measures. She promises to respect the lives of Chinese.

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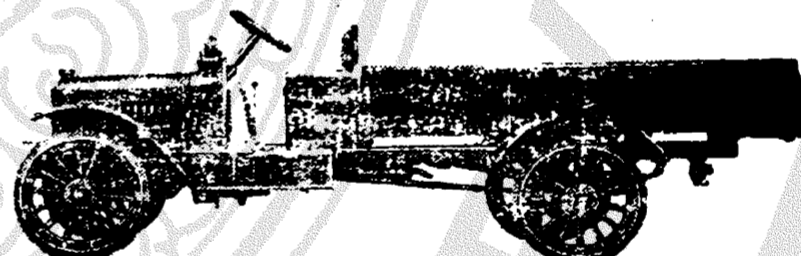
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Ban Pong	"	9.33	10.58	3.26	5.38		"	Dep.		9.5	2.41	
Potaram	"	9.55	11.22	4.4	6.17		Pan Kao	"		6.5	4.59	
Ratburi	Arr.	10.26	11.57	4.31	6.59		Wang Phong	Arr.		6.10	10.59	5.5
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Petchaburi	Arr.	12.1	1.45	6.29			"	Arr.		6.57	11.46	
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## THE Great War.

### Anglo-French Conference.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Feb. 28.

(Delayed in transmission.)

An Anglo-French Conference took place on Monday and Tuesday at Calais. On the French side M. Briand, and Generals Lyantoy and Nivelle took part, and on the English side Mr. Lloyd George, General Robertson and Sir Douglas Haig.

### French and British Successes.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Feb. 28.

We effected a surprise attack in the region between the Oise and the Aisne, and dispersed enemy reconnaissances north-west of Saint Die and in the district of Lurgitzen. The British made a new advance, and occupied the villages of Lebarque and Ligny, also taking possession of enemy defences west and north of Puissant.

### Count Bernstorff Sails.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Feb. 28.

Halifax.—Count Bernstorff left yesterday evening aboard the mail steamer Fredericville.

### British Near Baghdad.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, March 3.

Mesopotamia.—The English continue to pursue the Turks 70 kilometres from Baghdad. In the last three months 7,000 prisoners have been captured.

### American Naval Credit.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, March 3.

Washington.—The Senate has voted a naval credit of \$535,000,000, \$150,000,000 of which is to provide against all eventualities, \$150,000,000 to

expedite the construction of ships, increase the number of submarines, and establish a new arsenal on the Pacific coast. They have abridged the constitutional arrangements that were designed to provide for the settlement of disputes by arbitration.

### The Western Front.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, March 4.

South of Noyon we penetrated many enemy positions to the second line, and destroyed important works. The English advanced considerably on a front of 4000 metres west of Amont and east of Gommecourt, and repulsed counter-attacks.

### Russian Victory.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, March 4.

The Russians have taken Hamadan, and are in pursuit of the retreating enemy.

### Austrian Chief of Staff Dismissed.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, March 4.

Emperor Charles has relieved Marshal Conrad von Hotzendorff of his office as Chief of the Staff. General Vowatz replaces him.

### The Zimmermann Note to Mexico.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, March 4.

The Berlin newspapers publish a statement by Herr Zimmermann admitting the authenticity of the note relating to Mexico, adding that in view of the existing American attitude it is a legitimate desire on the part of the German Government to consider defensive measures in case of possible war with America.

### Obituary.

London, Feb. 25.—The death is announced of Mr. Jonathan Samuel M.P. (L) Stockton-on Tees.

### The Great Loan.

London, Feb. 26.—In the House of Commons Mr. Bonar Law made a final statement as to receipts of the War Loan. He announced the total of new money, including treasury bills converted, amounted to £1,000,312,950 sterling. (Loud cheers).

The converted treasury bills amounted to £130 millions. Mr. Bonar Law pointed out that the number of subscribers was approximately 5,289,000. He emphasised that while the German loans successively decreased, ours had increased. The cost of floating the loan, including advertising was only £75,000. The success was due to the patriotism of the people and gave evidence of the will and financial ability of the country to win the war.



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