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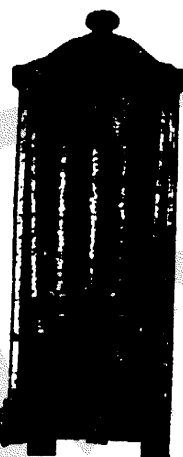
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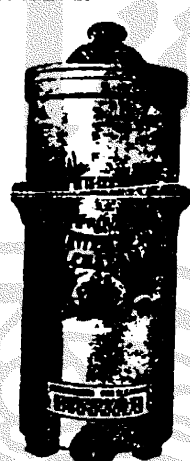
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FOR March 1917.

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

Mar.	P.M.			Feet.
	H. W.	Ft. & in.	L. W.	
			(Approx.)	
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	5 00	13 6	9-10	6-0
10	6 00	14 0	11-12	6-0
11	7 00	14 10	1-2	6-0
12	7 00	14 10	1-2	7-0
13	8 00	15 0	1-0	7-0
14	9 00	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	7-6
24	6 00	14 6	10 11	7-0
25	7 00	15 0	11-12	6-0
26	7 00	15 0	12-0	7-0
27	8 00	15 0
28	9 00	14 2	1-0	7-0
29	10 00	14 0	1-0	7-0
30	11 00	14 0	1-2	6-0

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Mar. 9th O Full Moon 4 h 40 m a.m.
" 16th (Last Quarter) 7 h 15 m p.m.
" 23rd O New Moon 10 h 47 m a.m.
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How it is Explained in Germany.

London, Feb. 28.—Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters describing the German retreat says the enemy, characteristically destructive, is firing his supplies, blocking trenches, rendering roads impassable and exploding munition dumps, hence little booty is falling into our hands. Only one old machine gun was found intact at Serre. Snipers, on whom they were relying to obstruct the pursuit, were posted in the proportion of ten to every four hundred yards of front. An instance of Boche tricks was seen when some Australians encountered a short chain across a gully and were about to lift it when an Ancre veteran shouted: "Don't touch it." Investigation showed the chain was attached to a mine big enough to annihilate a regiment. There was but little fighting for the possession of Serre. As the British were warily advancing fourteen Germans emerged from the ruins putting up their hands and were soon followed by fifty others who had been ordered to resist to death but preferred to surrender.

Conflicting Views.

London, March 3.—Views regarding the great retreat, whosoever it is, noteworthy that the German people are still unaware, are of the most contradictory nature. The latest suggestion based on Berlin reports transmitted by the Berne correspondent of the Times, is to the effect that the enemy after all may act on the defensive in the west and attack the Russian northern front. The correspondent however points out that these reports may be intended to divert the Allied guns and munitions towards Russia, and so rendering the Anglo French offensive less formidable. While British correspondents make the cautious statement regarding the retreat, French writers assert that the Germans have destroyed a number of heavy guns during the retreat not with a strategic idea but because they were forced to do so, and that the new line the Germans are reaching is in nowise strong. It is calculated that it will take the enemy three weeks to complete their withdrawal to the Arras-Cambrai line if such is his intention. The Germans are showing great ingenuity and energy in hampering the pursuit, which however has been successfully countered by skilled British engineers who are building new roads and restoring railways behind the advance almost as fast as they have been destroyed before it. The British at one point are now almost on the outskirts of Bapaume and are now pushing on towards Loupart wood which is a network of wire and intended for a strong resistance.

Germany Deceived.

London, March 3.—Correspondents at Headquarters on Friday night emphasize the enemy carefully concealed from his troops the fact that they were refused to believe their comrades had gone when the fortress surrendered. A dense white fog-to-day succeeding the night frost hampered observation and delayed the drying of the ground. The progress of the British advance and German retreat was necessarily slow, but the British reached the enemy position of Achiet le Petit and the first of two remaining trench systems before Bapaume. Close fighting is proceeding in Loupart wood, north of Warlencourt, in consequence of the enemy trying to recover positions he lost too soon. The attempt failed. The Bavarians also counter-attacked on Thursday night near Transloy, but were driven back before reaching the British division, leaving fifty dead. The enemy is now approximating to the general line which he will probably defend with a show of force. His present positions are most uncomfortable, many are filled with water but are defended by forests of wire. The advance wonderfully stimulated the British who are eager to show skill in the open. The men actually request to be kept in the line when they fear to be withdrawn to rest billets.

Mr. Beach Thomas denies the retreat is due to British gas shells and says these are undoubtedly superior to those of the enemy, but the retreat, is a result of general superiority of the British artillery and our strategic plan and the German soldiers' fear of another Somme offensive. He mentions that among the German troops were abandoned watches and saucers lined with fulminate of mercury.

Hindenburg is all Right.

Amsterdam, March 1.—The Voetsche Zeitung explains the retreat by declaring that Hindenburg's policy has been a maximum concentration in order to force a final decision in the spring. Trench warfare will soon end, when the Germans will prove immeasurably superior to the British.

The Koelische Zeitung describes the retreat as a model operation.

It is noteworthy that coincident with press explanations the military Governor of Cologne threatens severe imprisonment to those spreading "absurdly exaggerated rumours."

Amsterdam, March 4.—Now that it is impossible any longer to conceal the retreat on the Ancre the German press with one inspired accord has begun to publish explanations intended to reassure the population, which has been disquieted for weeks past with rumours regarding evacuation. The newspapers now declare that they knew all about it on Feb. 20th and hence were delighted to observe "the enemy's astonishment."

The Frankfurter Zeitung concludes with the assurance that:—"The chief thing is that Hindenburg has a hand in the game and that hitherto everything has been going exactly as he wishes." Finally there is a long semi-official statement supplementing the meagre account in the communiqué, which says that the positions which were shot to pieces were evacuated according to a plan which was not noticed by the enemy. The positions were evacuated without losses, while heroic rearguard actions inflicted heavy losses immensely more numerous than those inflicted by the British. It concludes: "The Germans have withdrawn to higher ground from horrible bottomless marsh, where the villages are in heaps of ruins, wells filled up and roads non-existent, and where the British will be exposed to the inclemencies of the weather and the fire of the German batteries rained on them from every point, therefore all the trouble the British have been to will be vain, as they can only consolidate the ground and bring up artillery at a cost of heavy sacrifices, while the Germans are secure in strong positions whence they await new attacks, unweakened and unshaken."

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Army's Health.**Sir Douglas Haig's Boast.**

In his recent dispatch, writes the Medical Correspondent of *The Times*, Sir Douglas Haig made a statement which is certainly among the most sensational ever put forth by a Commander in the field. He said:—"The health of the troops has been most satisfactory, and, during the period to which his dispatch refers, there has been an almost complete absence of wastage due to diseases of a preventable nature."

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Nor do we need to look far back in history for examples of the double horror of war and disease. In the Spanish-American War thousands of young men were swept away by typhoid fever. In our own South African War the same disease destroyed battalions. We congratulated ourselves in those days that we had coped successfully with the problem of field hygiene, and yet out of every 100 men lost to the forces only 20 fell to the weapons of the enemy. The unseen foe was responsible for 80 per cent. of the total casualties.

The Japanese in their war with Russia, thanks to care and foresight, lost but 20 per cent. to disease, but even so it was a grievous loss. In the Balkan wars all the lessons which Japan taught the world were forgotten. Science had but a small voice in those fierce days, and so, as ever, pestilence walked with the marching men and brought the strength of the strongest to ruin.

Looked at from the vantage ground of this tremendous war, all these other wars seem insignificant. Yet this war, in which pestilence might have been expected to work almost universal destruction, has been, so far as the Western theatre is concerned, a war without pestilence. The old enemies have

arisen one by one, and one by one they have been routed; new enemies have arisen, and they also have been attacked and overwhelmed in defeat.

The man who has done this is the scientist—the man who has been accused of lacking the generous impulses of his fellows, who has been reviled as an experimenter and torturer of animals, a callous seeker after worthless knowledge who has often been persecuted, has nearly always had to face great difficulties, has almost invariably been underpaid, and, as these things are measured nowadays, has had only second-rate honours doled out to him. He is the man who has saved battalions to the Army, preserved countless homes from bereavement, husbanded the young strength of the country, and by so doing sharpened all the weapons of war.

One of the most potent agencies in this work has been the Medical Research Committee of the National Insurance Act, which, it is no secret, was a project very near to the heart of the Prime Minister when he introduced his famous Act. How much the people of this country owe to Mr. Lloyd George's foresight in this matter they will perhaps never know, but it is a great total of lives saved, of pain eased, and suffering prevented.

It is impossible to enumerate all the activities of this committee: enough to say that it has given to the Army the most material help in its war against disease. Thanks to this help tetanus was stamped out, the work upon the healing and cleansing of wounds carried through, the disease Bilharia, which has troubled Egypt since the Pharaohs, was investigated and brought within the range of preventable infections, and a new drug for the treatment and cure of dysentery placed in the hands of doctors.

This record is so good that in the minds of many the idea has been formed that the Medical Research Committee should have greater powers conferred upon it. It should be associated definitely with the Army Medical Department as an advisory body. The use which this department has made of its services leaves no room for doubt that this reform would be very welcome. At the present hour, with medical mobilization in the air, the matter is urgent, for the unrivalled knowledge of the profession, its needs, and its personnel, possessed by the committee makes it certain that it could give valuable help in suggesting the best men for particular posts and the best ways of organizing work.

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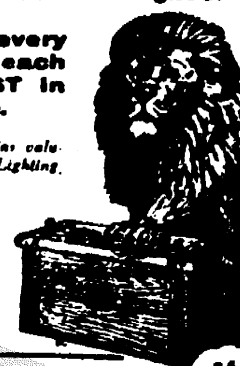
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A NATION'S FOOD SUPPLY.

The fact that the warring nations are beginning to find that there is a shortage of crops, owing chiefly to the large number of agricultural hands who have had to answer the call to arms, has convinced the various Governments that the Land Laws of a nation need to be modelled afresh, so that all owners have to furnish their quota of work in raising agricultural produce sufficient for the consumption of the people of the country. For instance, in England statistics have proved that in the last ten years some four million acres of land once cultivated have been allowed to become pasturage, chiefly owing to the prices obtained for crops raised being insufficient to cover the cost of upkeep. The British Government has now come to the rescue of the agriculturists, and to induce them to re-cultivate this land has guaranteed to the cultivators a minimum price for their produce. It is practically demonstrated that the possession of land, whether by owner or tenant, is a public trust. We have before referred to the possibility of the Government of this country taking some steps to relieve the agriculturists of Siam from the chances of not obtaining a proper price for the results of their labour. What has happened in other countries is as likely as not to occur here, and the cultivation of paddy land might be given up by many for other pursuits. It is, however, on quite another theme that we desire to say a few words. It has struck us when travelling along the mazy network of canals intersecting the country that a number of cultivators always have a small vegetable patch close to their houses. Would it not be possible to make it incumbent on all of these people to raise vegetables upon a small plot of land adjoining their dwellings? They would soon learn by experience that the compulsory requirement made of them was for their good. They would change their habits for the better, and what was compulsory would soon become voluntary. On the other hand, if it is not possible to make such a scheme compulsory now, will it do for the Government to allow all owners of paddy land who in addition have a plot of land planted with vegetables to obtain a rebate, however small, on the tax they have to pay? This would certainly have the desired effect. A just and simple method whereby the people are taught some of the lessons that have been brought home to other nations by this War might with advantage be adopted in this country.

Court News.

His Majesty the King is expected to leave Rajaburi by special train tomorrow (Sunday) at 3 p.m. and the train is timed to arrive at the Bangkok Noi terminus at 5.32 p.m.

Tin and Rubber.

(S. O. SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
Singapore, March 9.
At the rubber auction prices for standard grades further advanced. Smoked sheet reached \$175 and pale crepe \$174 a picul.
Tin is at \$95.75.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE British s.s. *Haiman* arrived from Singapore this morning with 54 bags of mail on board.

READERS are reminded of the Al Fresco Fete to-night at "Fairfield" beginning at 7 p.m.

THE serial film "The Shielding Shadow" will be shown to-night at the Phathanakorn. Some comic items will also be included in the programme.

SAYS a London exchange:—Amongst those who have been called at the Middle Temple are Nai Wongse and Nai Chune Poipai, Siamese Government students.

THE following passengers left by the s.s. *Knala* this morning:—Mr. and Mrs. Irwin, Mr. C. L. Watson, Mr. J. Michell, Mr. T. C. Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson, the Revd. Father Faivre and Mr. Y. Mizobe.

By kind permission of the Royal Bangkok Sports Club Committee an entertainment will be given at the club on the night of March 24th, in aid of the Belgian, British, French, Italian and Russian Red Cross Funds. It will consist of the comedy "How She Lied to Her Husband," by George Bernard Shaw, and "Cox and Box" by Burnand and Sir Arthur Sullivan. The plan may be seen and seats booked at the club and there will be no extra charges and no auctions.

Cremation Ceremonies of Police Officers.

The cremation ceremonies of eight police officers who met with their deaths during the past twelve months while in the exercise of their duty, will begin to-morrow at Wat Prayuwongse on the west side of the river and the actual cremation will take on the 12th instant at 4 p.m. The Minister of the Local Government, the Commissioner of Police and a large number of Police officials will be present.

Alliance Francaise.

The Annual General Meeting of the Alliance Francaise took place on February 27th, at their new premises, in the Surisak road.

After reading and passing the report of the committee and sanctioning certain modifications of the statutes, a new committee was elected, as follows:—

President, Doctor Poix; 1st Vice President, Mr. Didier; 2nd Vice President, Mr. L'Evesque; Honorary Secretary, Mr. Pradere Niquet; Honorary Treasurer, Mr. Laydeker; Members: Mr. Beranger, Mr. Brewitt Taylor, Mr. Von Holk, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Raggi.

The new committee met on Sunday March 4th and it was decided greatly to extend the activities of the Alliance Francaise, whose programme for 1917 embodies the following features:

1. Lectures and "causeries" on various subjects: history, literature, art and questions of the day.
2. Theatricals: it is hoped to give at least two performances in the year.
3. The purchase of a considerable number of new books, which, added to the 1,000 volumes already in the library, will constitute a very representative selection of French literature in all its branches.
4. Monthly or bi-monthly social meetings will be held at the rooms, chiefly to afford conversational facilities to members and students.
5. As last year, a course of French tuition with many classes, from mere beginners to students of French literature, will be organised, beginning on May 1st. No charge is made for this course, and further details will be given shortly.

This comprehensive programme cannot fail to attract the public, and swell the membership of the Alliance Francaise, which, not content with its original object of spreading the knowledge of the French language and literature, offers besides to its members many opportunities of pleasant social intercourse.

For particulars apply to Mr. Pradere Niquet, Honorary Secretary, Sathorn Road, No. 90.

Christ Church.

Service for 11th March—3rd Sunday in Lent.

Evensong and Sermon.

Processional 291 Off in danger, off in woe.

Hymn 264 My God, my Father, while I stray.

207 Our blest Redeemer, ere He breathed.

217 Thy Kingdom come, O Lord.

Special Psalm No. 53. Magnificat.

Nunc Dimittis.

The Royal Siam Turf Club.

The following are the events for the first day's races beginning on March 17 at 3 p.m. with the handicaps:—

First Race.—Value Ticals 150. For Siamese Ponies being Subscription griffins. Distance 4½ furlongs. Handicap weights.

1. Phya Prasiddhi's Sib Hok (h'cap) 7.7 Red; 2. Phya Anirudh's Samardh 7.6 Pink and Blue; 3. Phya Prab's Poo Thalay 7.3 Pink and Red; 4. Phya Pradibaddha's Maprik 6.12 Old Gold; 5. Phya Asavabodi's Pinhar 6.9 Brown and White; 6. Chow Phya Dharma's Yammoo 6.5 Skyblue and purple.

Second Race.—Value Ticals 150. For Siamese Ponies being Subscription griffins. Distance 4½ furlongs. Handicap weights.

1. Phya Krasat's Morakote (h'cap) 7.7 Green and Red; 2. Mr. A.C. Warwick's Shy 7.7 Green, White Sash; 3. Phya Pradibaddha's Max Linder 7.0 Old Gold; 4. Mr. V.L.'s Ling Dum 6.12 White and Yellow; 5. Phya Pradibaddha's Phra Rot 6.40 Old Gold; 6. Phya Arthakara's Little Imp 6.7 Red wh. sl. wh. sh.

Third Race.—Siamese Ponies. Open class. Distance 4½ furlongs. Handicap weights.

1. His Majesty's Un Chon 7.13. Royal blue and white; 2. Mun Krai Pechara's Nilanon 7.13; 3. Madame de Bhienulok's Phawng 7.9 Blue Grey; 4. Phya Gadadhara's Hiri 7.4 Purple, red sleeves; 5. Phya Prasiddhi's Dham 6.8 Red; 6. Kana Raja Damnern's Thong Chai 6.8 Yellow and red.

Fourth Race.—For Siamese Ponies Open class. Distance 4½ furlongs. Handicap weights.

1. His Majesty's Son Chai 6.8 Royal Blue and white; 2. Phya Arthakara's Neuter 6.3 Red wh. sl. wh. sash; 3. Kana Raja Damnern's Hirun Ratana 6.3 Yellow and red; 4. Khana Raja Damnern's Sang Chandra 5.13 Yellow and red; 5. Mr. V.L.'s Ling Deng 5.3 Yellow and white; 6. Mr. G.G. Bart's Bluff 5.3 White, Purple sh.

Fifth Race.—For Australian Ponies being R. B. S. C. Griffins. Distance 6 furlongs. Handicap weights.

1. His Majesty's Lily E. (H'cap) 9.7 Royal Blue and white; 2. Madame de Bhienulok's Silver Cross 9.7 Grey Blue; 3. Phya Arthakara's Say When 9.7 Red, wh. sl. wh. sh.; 4. Nai Riemi's Kanda 8.12 Blue and red; 5. Phya Gadadhara's Yot Hak 7.9 Purple and red; 6. Phya Pradibaddha's Red Star 6.7 Old gold; 7. Phya Arthakara's Merrylegs 6.0 Red, wh. sl. wh. sh.; 8. Mr. W. G. Johnson's Molly 6.0 White and blue hoops.

Sixth Race.—For Australian Ponies Open Class. Distance 6 furlongs. Handicap Weights.

1. His Majesty's Ella T. (H'cap) 8.7 Royal Blue and white; 2. His Majesty's Nai Pradiht 7.12 Royal Blue and white; 3. Phya Pradibaddha's Kop 7.12 Old gold; 4. Madame de Bhienulok's Aminta 7.3 Grey blue; 5. Phya Arthakara's Icaro 11.7.3 Red, wh. sl. wh. sh.; 6. Mr. V.L.'s Vanida 6.0 white and yellow.

Seventh Race.—For Australian Ponies Open Class. Distance 6 furlongs. Handicap Weights.

1. His Majesty's Marie L. (H'cap) 8.0 Royal Blue and white; 2. Mr. A. C. Warwick's Lady de Melba 8.5 Green, white sash; 3. Phya Arthakara's Mai Meg 8.0 Red, wh. sl. wh. sh.; 4. Phya Arthakara's Buffalo Bill 7.8 Red, wh. sl. wh. sh.; 5. Mr. A. C. Warwick's Sandfly 7.5 Green, white sash; 6. Phya Gadadhara's Thong Dee 6.12 Purple and red.

Eighth Race.—For Australian Ponies Open Class. Distance 6 furlongs. Handicap Weights.

1. His Majesty's Gladys C. (H'cap) 10.0 Royal Blue and white; 2. Boriat Say When's Moment 10.0 Maroon, light blue; 3. Phya Prasiddhi's Royal Red 8.5 Red; 4. Phya Prab's Mars 7.0 Red and pink; 5. Phya Pradibaddha's Sunflower 6.3 Old Gold; 6. Phya Prasiddhi's Phung Boon 6.0 Red.

America's Filibusters.

Washington, March 4.—It is learned on the highest authority that President Wilson will arm American merchantmen and take any other necessary protecting steps even should the Senate be compelled automatically to adjourn on March 4 before passing the Armed Neutrality Bill, which is obstinately obstructed by a handful of Senators. The President is confident he possesses sufficient powers and considers the vote given by the House of Representatives and the general attitude of the Senate show that Congress is behind him. In the meantime ninety per cent. of the Senators have signed a manifesto to the public declaring the Senate favours the bill. The obstructionists' opportunities to speak are unlimited.

Washington, March 4.—The Senate has adjourned without action on the Armed Neutrality Bill.

Washington, March 5.—The opponents of the Armed Neutrality Bill number twelve and are denounced as the most reprehensible filibusters of history. President Wilson has signed the naval appropriation bill and likewise the issue of 150 million dollars bonds to be expended on naval construction.

THE Great War.

Lieut.-General Maude.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, March 8.

Major-General Maude has been promoted to lieutenant-general for distinguished service in Mesopotamia.

British Advance in Mesopotamia.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, March 8.

Official.—Our cavalry engaged the Turkish rearguard on the 5th instant at Lajj near Ctesiphon. The enemy and his booty were strewn over eighty miles of the country. It is impossible to obtain accurate figures of the captures. Thirty-eight guns are at present being salvaged from the river.

The Egyptian Campaign.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, March 8.

Egypt official.—The Turks have abandoned a strong position at Sheikh-nur westward of Shellal whereon they spent two months constructing defences. Yesterday our aircraft dropped a ton of high explosives on troops and railway trains.

Russians Pursuing Turks.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, March 9.

The Russian communique says: We are pursuing the Turks from Hamadan. We occupied Kengaver on the 5th instant. Military operations continue to develop in the direction of Bidjar and Diarbekir.

German Concentration On West Front.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, March 9.

Reuter's correspondent from headquarters says that the British are now confronted with double the number of German divisions compared with a year ago, including what remains of the flower of the German army.

America and Armed Neutrality.

(“S. O.” SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, March 8.

Twelve senators in opposing the American armed neutrality bill have succeeded in blocking the measure. President Wilson says he intends to take other steps to meet the submarine menace.

The Road to Bapaume.

(“S. O.” SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, March 8.

French reports say that the Germans are increasingly being harassed in their retirement. The German line from Arras to Bapaume is becoming increasingly difficult to defend and the fall of Bapaume is expected soon. The British have taken an important step in this direction menacing Peronne.

Havas Telegrams.

Paris, March 8.

Eight hundred and fifty nine vessels of all nationalities entered French ports this week. Two cargo boats were sunk by submarines, one over 1,600 tons and one smaller. Fifteen French fishing boats were sunk.

Official.—A submarine sank the French torpedo destroyer *Cassini* in the Mediterranean on February 28. There were 106 victims, 34 were saved. The submarine fired at the survivors as they were trying to reach a raft.

Washington.—President Wilson has decided to arm merchant vessels without waiting for the decision of Congress. The Admiralty have taken the necessary measures.

Havannah.—The Governmental troops have captured ex-President Gomez, the chief of the rebels.

Count Zeppelin Dead.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, March 9.

Count Zeppelin is dead.

The Latest Plot.

German Intrigues in Mexico.

London, March 2.—The revelation of Germany's Mexican plot is regarded by the British press as a crowning exposure of the roguery, desperation and fully of Germany's rulers. The dramatic timing of the revelation is considered to be a fresh proof of the prudence and diplomacy wherewith President Wilson is seeking to consolidate the American nation by fully acquainting it with Germany's crimes before announcing his decision that the Laconia torpedoing is an overt act necessitating war.

Washington, March 2.—The revelation of German plotting in Mexico has stirred the capital to the depths. Congressmen have forgotten their differences and are rallying to the support of the President.

Mr. Flood, the chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, introducing in the House of Representatives a bill authorising the arming of merchantmen was ovated when he asserted the right of Americans to travel and added: “We hope to uphold our right peacefully, if this is impossible then it will be upheld by force of arms.”

Mr. Lansing has issued a statement that he is confident Mexico will not be a party to such a plot, adding that “it is impossible to publish all the details for fear of endangering the lives of our informants.”

A Japanese official statement has been issued scotting the idea that Japan would ever entertain such a proposal and dwelling on the good and growing friendship of Japan and the United States.

An official of the Embassy said the idea of Japan adhering to such a proposal was monstrous, impossible and outrageous.

Amsterdam, Mar. 4.—Germany justifies the intrigue with Mexico against America on the ground that it constituted an intelligent anticipation, subsequently justified, of America abandoning neutrality. Germany is very angry at the “treachery” whereby the intrigue was discovered.

New York, March 3.—At Tokio Baron Motono told the Associated Press he had received no proposal to join a possible war against the United States. The idea was ridiculous and was based on the outrageous presumption that Japan would abandon her Allies.

Washington, March 4.—In the Senate Mr. Sherman read the Berlin despatch containing Zimmermann's admission of the Mexican plot. Thereafter Mr. Brandegee continued his speech regarding the armed neutrality bill and asked whether Americans were going to allow the Teutonic monster to trample on them ruthlessly. He said war was inevitable when armed American merchantmen entered the submarine zone, but war had really existed since Feb. 1st when Germany's submarine proclamation defied the world. Mr. Stone, chairman of the foreign relations committee, whose constituency in Massachusetts is largely German, moved an amendment to the bill with a view to preventing the arming of merchantships or authorising the President to employ other instrumentalities. Mr. Stone said he had heard that the naval experts had planned to provide merchantmen with submarine chasing boats, he was thereupon denounced for revealing naval secrets. Mr. Stone spoke for several hours, obviously obstructively.

Washington, March 4.—It is now known that Count Bernstorff was instructed from Berlin to arrange for the dismantling of German ships in the United States, simultaneously with the receipt by Mexico of Zimmermann's note. It is inferred by the detailed instructions sent to Bernstorff that this procedure was to make war by the United States impossible. Officials are very reticent but it is indicated that the plot was general and wholesale. The New York World's Washington correspondent says there is a strong impression that an important section of Zimmermann's note was withheld from publication. The Government has correspondence showing that the Germans sought to alienate South American and Central American countries from the United States, and that Germany instigated the recent Cuban revolt and plotted a reign of terror in the United States in the event of trouble.

Items of Interest.

Petrograd, March 5.—An inspired statement says the Allied Conference afforded fresh proof of the increasing solidarity of the Allies and their unswerving fidelity to the common cause. The Conference decided on measures for the better distribution of common resources.

London, Mar 4.—Italian Official. After a violent preparation the enemy attempted to storm our positions east of Gorizia but were driven back with heavy loss.

Athens, March 3.—The Minister of the Interior has urged the police gendarmerie authorities to apply the disarmament decree more strictly, as

the military control is dissatisfied with the results.

Amsterdam, March 8.—According to Belgian correspondents a new Zeppelin taking its speed trials at Ghent Feb. 26 caught fire and exploded, the crew being burnt to death. Belgian eye-witnesses were arrested and taken to Germany.

Amsterdam, March 3.—A Berlin announcement says the Americans in the Yarrow's crew are still detained because the British seamen have developed spotted typhus. It is hoped to raise the quarantine on March 7.

London, March 3.—The Anti-slavery and Aborigines Protection Society has appealed to the Colonial Office to procure freedom for 185,000 slaves in German East Africa.

Rome, March 5.—Subscriptions for

the new loan at present are two and a half milliards of lire, whereof 1720 millions is new money.

London, March 3.—The death has occurred of Mr. H. J. Cust, former Editor of the Pall Mall Gazette.

London, March 3.—Silver is at 37 5-16d., with less offering. The market is steady.

Amsterdam, Mar. 3. Baron Arx von Straussberg supersedes von Hoetzendorf as Chief of the Austrian General Staff.

London, Feb. 28.—The House of Lords has passed the second reading of a bill enabling women to practise as solicitors.

London, March 3.—The Press Bureau says General Smuts has been made a Privy Councillor.

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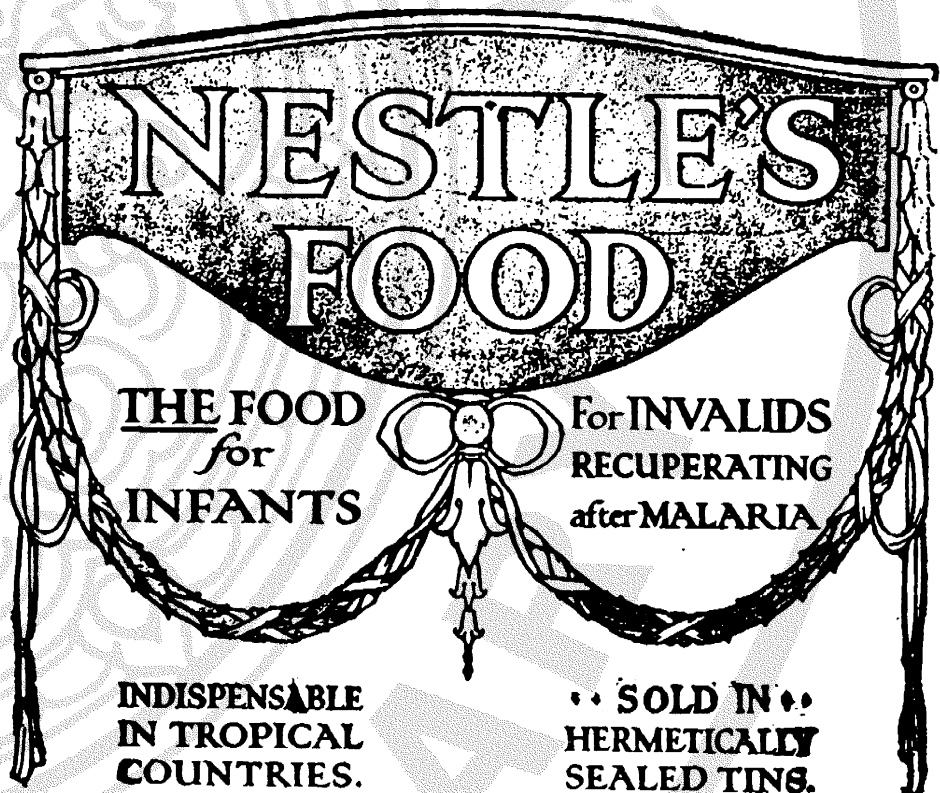
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Humanities of the War.

Women have been caught quite recently doing their best to obtain information for the Germans. One pretty girl—not more than twenty-one—speaking French like a native, got into France through Switzerland, and eventually managed to get right into the war area in a town occupied by the Staffs of two Army Corps. But her flagrant amours with officers who knew things aroused suspicion, and she was arrested. A minute search revealed tracings of trenches under her two big-toe nails, which were false, but fitted into the toes like a cap. Needless to say, she was shot.

The Danish steamer Iris was stopped in the North Sea by a German submarine, which ordered Captain Christensen and his crew to leave the ship. Captain Christensen refused, declaring his vessel was a neutral ship without contraband. He said the submarine could sink the Iris, but he and the crew were going to remain on board. That settled the matter. The submarine disappeared, and the Iris steamed to Denmark.

The Lord Chancellor (Lord Finlay), seeing some Australian soldiers gazing at the Parliament Buildings recently, asked them inside, and found someone to conduct them through the buildings. A sequel to this occurred later, when a party of soldiers, who had heard of the incident but misunderstood it, visited the House of Lords and enquired for the Lord Chancellor to show them the building. An attendant informed them that his Lordship was engaged judicially.

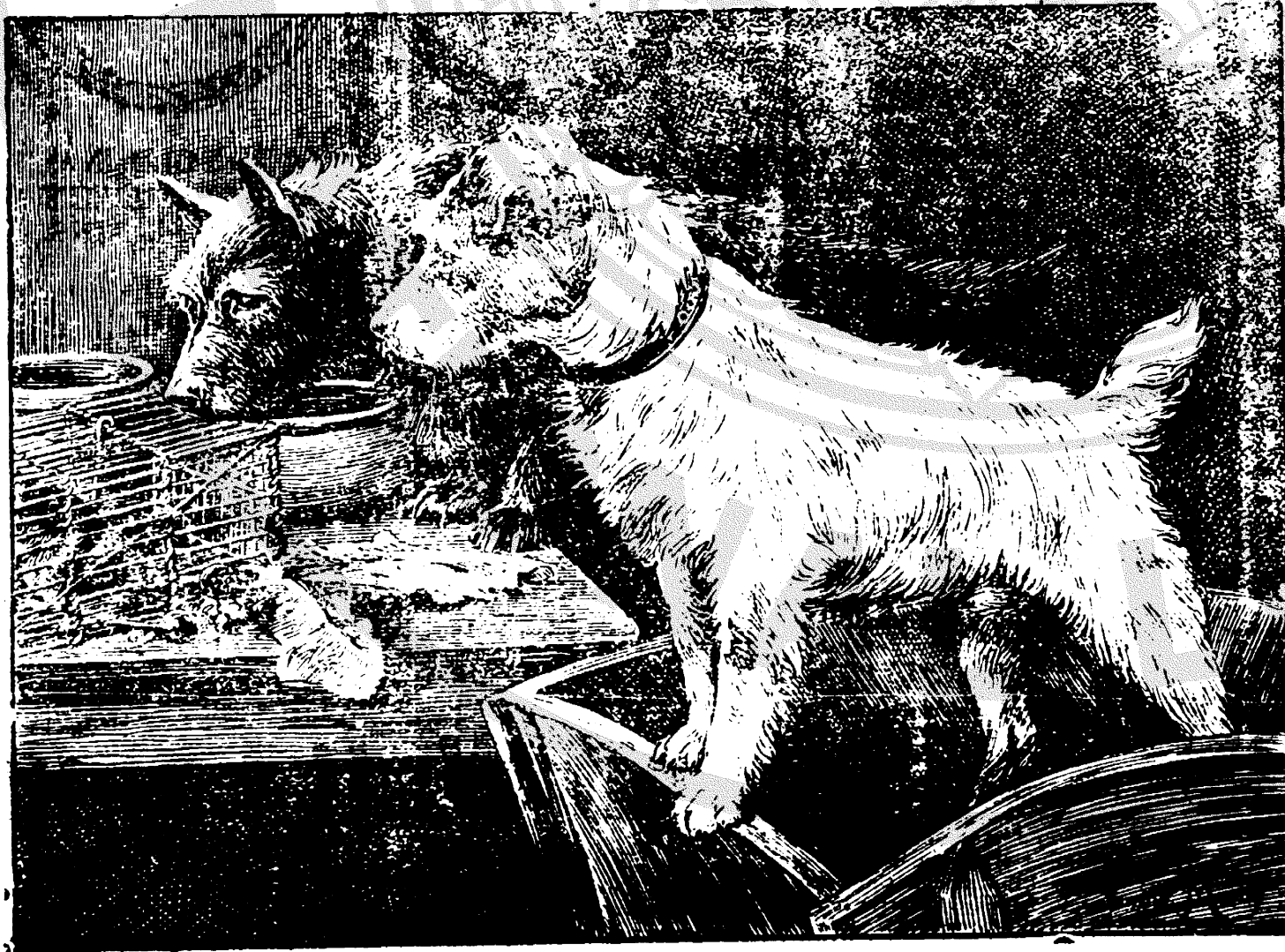
War economy has evidently made its need felt in the vicarage as well as in the private house. A clergyman's little son went to stay at a friend's house. The next morning he was asked to say grace. As he hesitated, his host, endeavouring to help, said, "Say what father says before breakfast." Thus encouraged, the boy began: "Go easy with the bacon; it's eighteen pence a pound."

A certain adventuress has lately been haunting first-class restaurants, black-mailing in a very ingenious way. She craftily drops a diamond bracelet. If the person who picks it up hands it to the establishment officials she simply claims it. If the finder puts it into his or her pocket trouble ensues. The adventuress's confederate, acting as a detective, follows the picker-up home; then ensue sinister accusations, and the victim, instead of securing a prize, is frightened into "squaring" the transaction.

King George has consented to receive as 1st class decorations to a Japanese soldier named Private Harry Ohara, of the Middlesex Regiment, who has just left the Edmonton Military Hospital. He was in India when war broke out, and joined the Sikhs. He was four times wounded, but afterwards transferred to the Middlesex Regiment, and was again twice wounded. The doctors regard him as the most wonderful case they have had. He has over 70 wounds upon his body. He is a journalist, and was attached to a Tokyo newspaper for several years. King George will present him with the Military Medal, which he won in France. Ohara is now anxious to join the Royal Flying Corps.

Notwithstanding the summary way the French dispose of persons caught spying, they have all their work out to cope with the plague. The favourite disguise of the German intelligence agent is to don a dead Poilu's uniform and simulate shell-shock. In this way he is carried back with the real French wounded. He has no identity disc, and doesn't remember anything. As time goes on he walks around, and then at a convenient moment endeavours to slip away. But the French sentinels are now very wide awake, and it is seldom the spy escapes being shot.

Some details reached the "Times," which deserve to be recorded, of the death of Colonel Ronald Carden, of the 17th Lancers, who fell when leading into action a battalion of Welsh Fusiliers which he was temporarily commanding on July 10. While the battalion was waiting for orders to advance some of the men began to sing "Jesus, Lover of my Soul," and nearly a thousand voices joined in, until the accents changed and the words rang out in the sweet sounds of Welsh. When they had done, the Colonel said: "Boys, make your peace with God. We are going to take that position, and some of us won't come back. But we are going to take it." He bound his handkerchief to his walking-stick and added: "This will show you where I am." The yellow handkerchief was in front all the way. He was hit by a bullet and fell, but rose, and again went forward. He was then hit in the stomach and killed. As the chaplain said afterwards: "His battalion, who loved him, took the Bois de Mametz." He was the brother of Sir Frederick Carden, and few more gallant soldiers ever sat in a saddle. Gifted with all the qualities of mind and body, tall and commanding in appearance, he might (as Napier said of Sydney Beckwith) have "turned an army in retreat." He did even better; and his death was worthy of his life.



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Turkey's Independence.

Question of Guarantees.

The latest action of the Turks in repudiating any outside authority or suzerainty within their territory can be read in more than one way. The point of the whole affair has been touched upon by the Government of the United States in a declaration that any such assertion of independence is bound up with the outcome of the war, and cannot be otherwise considered. But it still has a certain importance which may enable the Allies to deal the more thoroughly with Turkish claims when they are presented.

From one point of view the manifesto recalls a time far older than the Crusades. The best-known of all Caliphs, Harun-al Raschid, granted "capitulations" to foreigners resident in his Empire before the year 800, and either directly, or under the form of the "most favoured nation" stipulation, these concessions governed the administration of justice within the Ottoman territories until the outbreak of this war. They form the earliest recognition by the East of the advantages to be derived from the presence of Western men, and their repudiation—which took place simultaneously with the entry of Turkey into the war—was a mere act of supererogation. All such agreements were, of course, terminated by the declaration of war. This new announcement was unnecessary. It has, however, an interest for ourselves from the fact that the capitulations with Prussia—which date from 1756—were unaffected by this declaration. So far as we can judge, Turkey, by her recent action, has put an end to all limitations upon her sovereign rights, including those enjoyed by Germany, and it is a matter of some importance to estimate the quid pro quo given by Turkey for this extreme boon. It may have taken the form of military assistance, or it may have been a regularisation of what may be called facilities of transit. In any case, something must have been surrendered by Turkey to Germany in return for these rights of importance and validity.

Financial Problems. But there are other aspects of this action that require attention. As the result of various "Great Power" treaties during the nineteenth century, Turkey enjoys—or is disabled by—certain guarantees, the most important of them being the closing of the Dardanelles and Bosphorus against ships of war. The latest move of the Porte may not improbably be a formal rejection of such dependence in order that when she enters the Peace Conference

she may have in her hands an asset of great value, with which to secure better terms for herself in the hard bargaining that is going to take place. Even if disaster stares her in the face, she intends to go down with her flag flying.

Or, on the other hand, questions of finance may be concerned. Turkey's position has never been secure. Her credit has been the precisely limited credit guaranteed by Western nations, and she may now look upon financial independence as essential to any influence she may be able to exert at the Conference. There are, also, other restrictions upon her authority, which assume some importance at this moment.

She has, for example, agreements in a nebulous form, by which justice of some kind was promised to Armenians

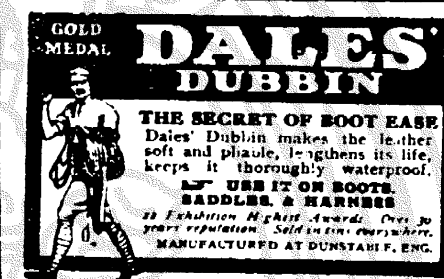
in time of peace. Such an understanding would require much explanation at the Conference, and Turkey may think it best to disavow in public obligations which in private she has long neglected.

But the kernel of the whole matter is the issue of the war. The Allies have made no secret of their intention. That the Allies will win the war there is, I imagine, no doubt, even at Potsdam.

Therefore the manifesto that has been sent to Washington is in itself of no great interest. Our protectorate of Egypt has cut the Gordian knot of many difficult legacies from the old Turkish regime, and the Allies' attitude towards the large reductions of Turkish territory in Europe, Asia Minor, Mesopotamia and Arabia will

be stated with sufficient clearness when the day of conference arrives.

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