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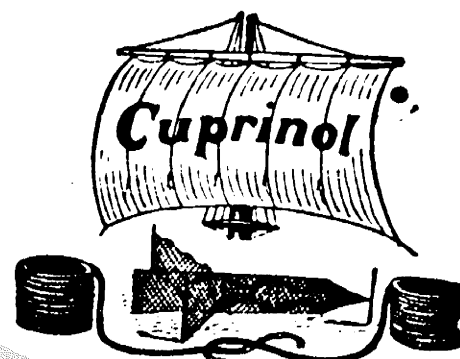
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What Italy Faced.

Heavy Austrian Attacks.

Rome, May 22.—The Semi-official states that on May 15 there were on the Italian front thirty-eight Austrian divisions drawn from Galicia and the Balkans and some new formations. Sixteen divisions of the best troops were intended for the offensive in the sector between the Adige and the Brenta. The Austrians also massed in the Trentino their heaviest artillery taken from the Russian front. It is thus evident the Austrians launched an immense effort against our front but our brave army stems the furious offensive and is most confident in the final outcome.

Zurich, May 22.—Recently 80,000 German troops were sent to the Russian front to replace the Austrians who have been sent to the Isongo front.

Rome, May 23.—The communique says: There were minor actions in the Tonale and Adamello Zones and weak enemy attacks between the Garda and Adige. A fierce enemy onslaught on the left bank of the Adige was repulsed with great slaughter. The Austrians supported by numerous powerful guns continued successive attacks between the Astico, Brenta and Sugana valley.

London, May 21.—The Italian line is holding firm. The Austrians are unable to claim further successes. The Austrian heir-apparent has arrived at the front and taken over the command.

The Tribuna says the Austrians brought twelve divisions from Serbia and Russia to participate in the offensive replacing them by third-rate troops, while additional munitions were got from Germany. It appears the offensive was necessary for political reasons to appease the restlessness of the Austrian people and forestall an Italian offensive. The Tribuna assures its readers the Italian command the position and view the situation with perfect equanimity.

Rome, May 22.—The continuance of persistent Austrian attacks is recorded in the communique. After an all-day bombardment of the front-line positions in Lagarina valley great masses of enemy infantry attacked late in the evening but were repulsed after a desperate fight with enormous losses. There was a fierce artillery duel from Passio to Terragnola valley where the Austrians continued their reinforcement of the support lines to which they had fallen back. The enemy in the afternoon and evening repeatedly and fiercely attacked in great force the Italian positions between Astico and Brenta. The Italians not merely withstood the assaults most stubbornly but recaptured a number of forts after desperate hand to hand actions taking a number of prisoners. The enemy in the Sugana valley attacked our advance posts which repulsed the attacks and then retired gradually to their supporting lines.

Russia's Campaign.

Petrograd, May 22.—The communique says: An attempt by the Germans to take the offensive in the Hinkst region and north of lake Ilon was repulsed with heavy enemy losses. Hostilities were confined to an artillery and rifle duel on the remainder of the front.

Petrograd, May 23.—The communique confirms the sinking of German steamers in the Baltic by a Russian submarine.

It mentions the repulse of German attacks north of lake Narocz, north west of Czortorysk. Elsewhere from the Gulf of Riga to the Rumanian frontier there were only fusillades.

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Mr. H. Warner Allen, Special Correspondent of the British Press with the French Armies says: Now that the Allies are able to state without fear of contradiction that at last they are at least on more than level terms with the common enemy as regards the supply of guns and ammunition, the remarkable effort which has been made by the French in this direction since the beginning of the war is well worthy of being placed on record. When the Germans in August, 1914, invaded her richest industrial provinces France was deprived at a stroke of 70 per cent. of her coal supply, 90 per cent. of her iron ore, 85 per cent. of her output of cast-iron, and 75 per cent. of her steel production. In addition to suffering the horrors of invasion by the German hordes, France, therefore, found herself confronted at the very outset of what to a less brave nation might have appeared to be a hopeless struggle with the necessity of creating absolutely new machinery to enable her to provide means of combating the invader, and that in his very presence. When it is realised what stupendous energy and perseverance the French have shown in not only successfully facing the tremendous problem but in organising the magnificent resistance which merely began with the victory of the Marne, there can be no possible doubt as to the final result of the war.

The extent of the work which has been done in the workshops of the Republic—most of which have been entirely created since the war began—can best be judged from the following data which I have been able to gather from unquestionable sources in regard to the French output of artillery. As it is, of course, not possible to give the exact numbers, the progress which has been made may be indicated by relative figures. Taking the figure 1, as representing the normal output on August 1, 1914, the production of unloaded shells for French 75's rose to 14 by the middle of May 1915, then to 25 by the end of December, 1915, and to 30 by February 1, this year. That is to say, on February 1, more than 30 times as many shells for the famous 75's were made as at the beginning of the war.

The output of all kinds of larger shells increased to 8½ by the middle of May, 1915, to 35 by the end of last December, and to over 41 by February 1. In other words, six weeks ago the total French output of heavy shells was over 41 times as at the beginning of the war.

Equally remarkable increases have been made in the output of heavy guns, of which the French are turning out 23 times as many as at the beginning of the war. As to field-guns, the number of 75's is now 23 times as great as when the German rush in Paris commenced nearly twenty months ago.

Aeroplane Reconnaissance.

A sergeant in the Royal Engineers, who was formerly a draughtsman in the employ of a Manchester engineering firm and is now serving in France,

in the course of a letter to a friend, says:—

The accuracy of modern artillery is little short of wonderful. A few days ago I passed along a road which had been shelled a little time previously, and I noticed that half of the shells had dropped plump in the centre of the road, and the farthest one from its mark was not more than twenty yards off the road—not bad shooting from about three miles range! A horse transport had been "spotted" and got pretty badly cut up, from the wreckage I saw. This little score for the artillery was due to a daring bit of work by an aeroplane. The sky was cloudy and he took cover in the clouds to cross the line, and suddenly diving he had dropped so low before the aircraft gunner could get his range that they dared not fire for fear of giving their position away. He wandered backwards and forwards several times without his drance beyond a few rifle shots, and, spotting the transport, gave his batteries the word. Whenever an aeroplane comes over all artillery fire ceases, otherwise the slight smoke and haze from the guns would give their position away. With the accuracy of modern artillery the moment their position is discovered they have to clear, if they get the chance, or take the bits away.

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Five days we have the German planes over taking stock, or on bombing-expedition. The aeroplane is the most spectacular part of the present mode of warfare, and everyone welcomes a bit of excitement. All work immediately stops to watch the firing, and the remarks one hears are very similar to the banter at a football match when some unfortunate player misses an easy goal. The odds are greatly in favour of the pilot: from what I have seen of sporting at aeroplanes, it is a case of the "pitcher and the well" proverb.

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The East African Campaign.**Primitive Jungle.**

London, May 22.—Reuter's special correspondent with General Smuts force says the campaign is in a land of surprising beauty. Snowcapped mountain torrents and deep dark forests are dominated by Kilimanjaro which the natives worship as a fetish, and infested with lions, leopards and other big game so that a cockney chauffeur complained it was "a blooming zoo where the animals were not locked up at night."

Round Mochi are great German coffee and rubber plantations. Most of the trade is in the hands of Greeks or Indians. All German houses are loop-holed testifying to the grim relations between the natives and German colonists. The correspondent states that had the enveloping movement in the advance on Mochi been quicker a great capture would have been made but the density of the country delayed the operations and General van der Venster who was to have enveloped the enemy's left was held up by a crocodile infested river and so unable to intercept the enemy.

Future of Tsingtau.

The British Vice-Consul at Tsingtau (Mr. R. H. Eckford), writing on the future prospects of Tsingtau, states that nearly a year has elapsed since trade was resumed at that port, and it is only natural that conjectures should be made as to the ultimate fortune of the place.

Before the war, the entire production of straw braid had been diverted to Tsingtau from Chefoo, Tientsin, and Shanghai. Shantung groundnuts (about 60,000 tons annually) and the entire output of Shantung bristles, were also passed through Tsingtau. The exceptional transport and shipping facilities—the railway running from the extreme west (Tsinanfu, a big trading centre and capital of the Province) to the eastern seaboard (Tsingtau) into the wharves where there are branch lines right alongside the fine godowns to any point, in fact, where steamers were required to discharge or load—proved a great inducement to the Chinese to utilise the port as a primary market for their goods whence, in the event of it failing to consume supplies, transshipment to Shanghai and other large ports was convenient. Tsingtau was also an advantageous shipping centre for the large output of raw silk and pongees which are produced within easy reach of the railway. Consequently a number of Chinese bought property in the place, and had permanently settled there, but after the bombardment of Tsingtau and the subsequent Japanese administration of the part the premises of most of the influential merchants were definitely closed down, and they retired to Chefoo, Tientsin, and Shanghai, to which ports most of the produce that was directed to Tsingtau was thereby again diverted. Owing to the presence of a few British firms, however, the Chinese have after considerable persuasion sent a small quantity of produce to Tsingtau just recently, and have expressed willingness to reopen business generally there. This, however, they certainly will not do until more competition is created, and it is greatly to be hoped that more British firms will take the opportunity of entering the field in Tsingtau before German firms reopen, as some undoubtedly will on the termination of the war.

In addition to the articles already mentioned, quite an important trade can be done in Tsingtau in hides, cotton and oil, (bean and groundnut), as well as moderate quantities of hemp, jute, tallow, etc. In considering the business future of Tsingtau, the chief question of interest is as to the form of administration under which the port is likely to be placed after the war, and of the ability of such administration to run the port on a paying basis.

For China, and trade in general, there is not the slightest doubt that an international settlement would be the one and only method of bringing Tsingtau to the status of a first-class port in China. It has a harbour second to none in the East, and its wharves and waterworks, electricity works, and slaughter-house plant are assets so up-to-date that they compare favourably with any other institutions of their kind in China. Tsingtau is a port such as the Chinese want and this in itself is a sufficient guarantee for a successful future.

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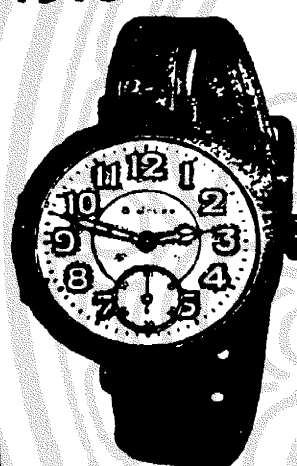
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THE**Great War.****Verdun.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, May 27.

Paris.—Fighting is still heavy in
Verdun. The communiqué reports in-
tense artillery duels on Hill 304, Mor-
thomme and Cumieres.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, May 26.

Yesterday between Haudromont
Wood and Thiaumont farm the enemy
suffering heavy losses took some tren-
ches. There was violent cannonading
in Douaumont.

To-day we repulsed an attack in the
region of Morthomme. We re-took a
trench between Haudromont Wood and
Thiaumont farm. By means of grenade
fighting we made progress north of the
farm and took prisoners.

Paris, May 27.

Yesterday we repulsed an attack
near Fort Douaumont inflicting heavy
losses.

To-day we attacked the Cumieres
positions. On the west we penetrated
into a portion of the village; on the east
we took many trenches and on the
north-east we repulsed a violent counter-
attack.

We made progress east of Hill 304,
and repulsed an attack on the ap-
proaches to Fort Douaumont.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, May 28.

Paris.—The German fury at Ver-
dun has somewhat abated. The French
resumed a slow but steady progress re-
gaining ground.

In the Sudan.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, May 28.

The War Office announces that in
view of the truculent and unsatisfac-
tory attitude of the Sultan of Barfar
(Darfur?) who concentrated a force
on the Kordofan frontier, a force
under Colonel Kelly occupied the
capital of Barfar (Darfur?) on the
23rd instant after defeating 23,000
of the enemy who were strongly
entrenched and who fought in a
most desperate manner losing at
least a thousand men. The British
losses were 5 killed and 23 wounded.

The Casement Trial.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, May 27.

The Grand Jury has returned a True
Bill against Sir Roger Casement and
Bailey. Casement's trial will take place
on June 26. His counsel include the
famous Irishman, Sergeant Sullivan.

Other Fronts.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, May 26.

Petrograd.—We repulsed an attack
on the west of Dalin Island.

In Mesopotamia our troops from the
region of Kermanshah and Kashishir-
im are joining the British forces
operating near Kut-el-Amara.
We repulsed an offensive in the
direction of Mossul.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, May 26.

Rome.—We drove out the enemy
from the Valley of Logarina, Col Buolo
and our positions in Pasubio, and in-
flicted on him severe losses.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, May 27.

Rome.—Impetuous attacks by the
enemy in the Lazarina valley suffered
bloody defeat.

We evacuated an advanced position
between the Posina and the Astico.
Enemy attacks on Monte Civarones
on the left of the Mase Torrent were
repulsed.

Paris, May 27.

Salonika.—A Bulgarian regiment
penetrated into Greek territory and
occupied Fort Roupet.

Obituary.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, May 27.

The death is announced of General
Gallieni.

The Compulsion Bill.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, May 27.

The Royal assent has been given to
the Compulsion Bill and consequently
it will come into force on June 24.

In Mesopotamia.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, May 27.

A Petrograd communique reporting
the junction of the Anglo-Russian forces
in Mesopotamia says that the comacks
arrived at British Headquarters on
May 22.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Two railway houses in Rong Muang
road are to let.

Mrs. M. F. Buszard and Mrs. Craig
returned to Bangkok by the s.s. "Mahi-
doi."

Miss Noi Bunnag, daughter of Phya
Dejanujit was married to Phra Throng
Boirab yesterday.

THE collection at S. Mary's Mission
yesterday for the Armenian Refugees
amounted to Tos. 141.

Nai Choi Sanpakarn who was de-
clared bankrupt some years ago, has
received his discharge.

THE s.s. "Katong" left Singapore at
noon on Saturday the 27th inst., and
may be expected to arrive at the Borneo
Company's wharf on Tuesday eve-
ning.

THE Indian Government has re-
solved to raise the upset price of opium
sold at Calcutta from the present mini-
mum of Rs 1,800 per chest to Rs 2,500
from 1st July.

THE Foreign Office, London, has
informed the Bombay Chamber of
Commerce that the Compulsory Ser-
vice Act does not touch men of milita-
ry age on leave in England.

CONSEQUENT on the promotion of
H. R. H. Prince Prom to the Dika
Court, His Majesty has been pleased to
appoint Phya Dharmasatra as Acting
Chief Judge of the Appeal court.

NEW Ads. Messrs. E. M. Pereira will
sell by auction on Saturday next the
furniture of the late Mr. Segnitz.
MESSRS. Whiteway Laidlaw & Co.
have received a new consignment of
footballs. MESSRS. Badman & Co.
advertise Kia Ora lemon squash.

M. Ernest Roume, Governor-Gen-
eral of Indo-China, who was returning
to France via Siberia, has postponed
his departure owing to some incidents
in Arnam. He has now left for Hué,
the capital of Annam, accompanied by
M. du Parc de Marsoulles, and his
aide de-camp Lieutenant L. Longlais.

ACCORDING to a Simha message, the
recent winter on the north-west fron-
tier of India has been the quietest dur-
ing the last five years. The highly
satisfactory state of the situation is
in some degree attributed to the strict
neutral attitude of the Amir of Afgha-
nistan, whose relations with the Indian
Government continue to be friendly.

THE Government Gazette of May 28
contains regulations with regard to the
dress to be worn by judges and legal
practitioners when appearing in the
law courts. Lawyers who wear Euro-
pean clothes will in future have to
wear a coat of black material. This
applies also to foreign advisers and in
addition they will have to wear the
gowns of the respective legal institu-
tions of which they are members.

SUPERSTITIOUS people are talking
of a curious incident which happened
at Nay, a little Pyrenean village far
from the noise of battle. Twice in the
history of France the big church bell
of Nay has fallen without being damag-
ed. It fell from the belfry exactly
three months before the Crimean war
ended, and it fell from the belfry again
three months before the end of the
war of 1870. It has just fallen a third
time, again without damage.

PERHAPS the most unusual of the
late Sir John Gorst's experiences was
when, in the Maori rebellion of 1863,
the natives raided his newspaper office
and used the type as ammunition.
"There," he exclaimed as a volley
scattered around him, "goes my lead-
ing article on Christian fortitude!"
Numerous editors have eaten their
own words; but not to many has fal-
len the delicious anguish of being bom-
barded by them.

PADDY REPORT FOR MAY 28.

Nasuan 1720 coynas at Tos.	82/38 each
Samruang 640	74/80 "
Namruang 70	69/70 "
Total Coynas	2430
22 to 28 May 1916. (Last week.)	
Nasuan	9650 Coynas.
Samruang	6380 "
Namruang	670 "
Total	16700 "



Court Circular.

DUSIT PARK,
Saturday, May 27.

This afternoon at 5 o'clock His Majesty the King drove in a motor car to the Royal War School, behind Saranramya Palace, on the occasion of the distribution of the Challenge Shields for the Shooting Competitions of the Army for this year and the distribution of prizes.

His Majesty was received at the War School by General His Excellency Chao Phya Baidindra Dejanujit, Minister of War; General His Royal Highness the Prince of Bannok, Chief of the General Staff, and Lieutenant-Colonel Phya Upades, A.D.C., Director of Military Instructions. There were also present to receive His Majesty, Field Marshal His Royal Highness Prince Bhanurangsi, Inspector-General of all His Majesty's Forces; Lieutenant-General Phya Siharaj Dejojaya, A.D.C., Under Secretary of State for War, and other officers of the Staff of the War Office and of the War School.

His Majesty proceeded to the reception room of the school, where he graciously distributed the prizes for the Shooting Competitions of the Army for this year.

The Challenge Shield for Rifle Shooting, presented by His Majesty, was won by the 13th Infantry Regiment, while the Challenge Shield for Carbine Shooting, also presented by The King, was won by the 8th Artillery Regiment. His Majesty next graciously distributed prizes to the Gentlemen Cadets who have won them in competitive examinations.

His Majesty then proceeded to the School Ground and took his place on the Royal Stand, erected specially for the occasion, where he witnessed the Military Sports displayed by the Gentlemen Cadets.

When the sports were over the Gentlemen Cadets formed up close to the Royal Stand, saluted The King and sang the National Anthem.

The King then took his departure.

DUSIT PARK,
Sunday, May 28.

This afternoon at 5 o'clock, at the Ambara Palace, Dusit Park, a marriage was formally celebrated between vice Chamberlain Phya Throng Balarab (The Honourable Mum Luang Ura Ganachara na Kringsob), of the Department of the Master of the Horse, and Miss Noy Bunnag, daughter of His Excellency Phya Dejanujit, His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of the Circle of Pattani.

His Majesty the King, who in this case has also been graciously pleased to act in local parentis for the bridegroom, poured lustral water upon the couple and anointed them. His Majesty, who had graciously acted as guardian to the bridegroom since the death of the latter's father up to the time of his coming of age, had already previously made a gift of 4,000 bahts from the Privy Purse to the bridegroom as a marriage settlement.

The couple signed the Marriage Register in the presence of The King, who afterwards appended his signature thereto as witness.

The following also signed the register: First Grand Chamberlain His Excellency Phya Varabongsa Bihadi, Inspector-General of the Royal Household and Acting Master of the Horse; Lieutenant-General His Excellency Phya Deb Arjun, Chief Aide-de-Camp General; Second Grand Chamberlain and Major-General His Excellency Phya Prasidhi Subhakar, A.D.C.; Lord Chamberlain and Assistant Chief Aide-de-Camp-General; Second Grand Court Officer His Excellency Phya Dejanujit, His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of the Circle of Pattani, and Madame Dejanujit; Chamberlain Chao Mun Sri Sararaksh, principal Gentleman of the Bed Chamber; Third Grand Court Officer Phya Sthira Soraprabeni, Comptroller of the Ministry of the Royal Household; and Third Grand Court Officer Phya Abhai Rana-riddhi, Chief Registrar of the Royal Household.

Phya Throng Balarab and his bride were afterwards escorted by His Excellency the Lord Chamberlain to the official residence of the bridegroom, in the 'Royal Stables' Precincts, to which, by His Majesty's command, the Lord Chamberlain invited a number of guests to give the customary blessing to the couple.

H. M. the King's Clemency.

Friends of Mr. P. A. Lewin will be glad to learn that he has been reinstated in the service of the Royal Southern Railway Department.

A full report of the case, including a frank expression of regret and a full apology from Mr. Lewin, was submitted to H. M. the King. His Majesty felt that the apology was a sufficient guarantee against any repetition of the unfortunate occurrence and considering the difficulty of Mr. Lewin's position, His Majesty has exercised his clemency and ordered him to be reinstated in the Service.

Shooting.

The 15 bird May Cup was won yesterday by T. H. Pollard with a score of 151 (handicap 21): J. J. McBeth and A. J. Irwin, both scratch, tied for second place with 140.

A five bird sweep preceding the Cup event was won by C. L. Groundwater with 5 kills: McBeth and Irwin tying for second place.

The following five bird sweep resulted in a tie between Groundwater and Irwin with 4 in 5.

The final sweep, five birds, was won by Irwin with 5 kills: McBeth and Pollard tying for second place carried on, McBeth winning with 6 in 7.

Golf Notes.

The winner of the May Medal was Mr. A. Lewis with a score of 82 net.

Below is given the draw for the prize presented by Mr. S. Brighthouse, the Captain for 1915.

Match play under handicap, 18 holes.

1st and 2nd Rounds to be completed on or before Saturday June 10th; 3rd Round on or before Saturday June 17th; 4th Round on or before Saturday June 24th; 5th Round on or before Saturday July 1st; and the Final Round on a date to be settled later.

Matches not completed on the dates named will be scratched.

A. Lewis	Bye
A. J. Hall	"
J. H. Heal	"
E. S. Smith	"
J. H. McDonald	"
W. A. Graham	"
A. E. Stiven	"
W. Nunn	"
P. Bulner	"
J. D. Powell	"
P. A. Church	"
J. S. Forrest	"
J. J. Macgill	"
M. A. B. Duncan	"
L. W. Horne	"
A. W. Beaman	"
N. L. Selley	"
D. L. Perrins	"
N. G. Colley	"
H. Chester Walsh	"
H. Leatherbarrow	"
J. King	"
C. L. Groundwater	"
J. H. Sedgwick Bye	"
W. M. Gilmore	"
D. Couper Johnston	"
P. Christmas	"
T. H. Pollard	"
R. M. McCrone	"
N. Sutton	"
N. Maxwell	"
A. McKelvie	"
C. D. Gee	"
E. Wyon Smith	"
C. L. Watson	"
C. G. Cranmer	"
J. M. Sinclair	"

East Asiatic Company.

Says the "Straits Times": The manager of the Singapore branch of the East Asiatic Company forwards a copy of the company's annual report for the year ended December 31 last. It states that the high rates of freight resulted in large earnings to the company, but were also the means of increasing the expenses for chartered vessels on the company's services. During the year the company's fleet was augmented by five new motor ships, viz., Falsria, Panama, Australien, Columbia, and Chile, having a total carrying capacity of 47,424 tons. In accordance with the company's general principles, viz., as far as possible to maintain its fleet on a level with modern developments, it was decided in future principally to employ motor-ships on the overseas routes.

In the beginning of the year the Bangkok service was partly suspended, but was afterwards resumed to the same extent as before the outbreak of war. The outward freight rates remained practically unaffected, whereas the homeward rates, although on a high level, were comparatively lower than those from North and Central America, Argentina and the Pacific Coast. The China and Japan Line was worked without interruptions of any importance. The outward rates were somewhat low in view of prevailing circumstances, and the homeward rates were also relatively lower than those ruling on the shorter routes mentioned above.

Bangkok and Singapore.

Bangkok branch.—There was an ample supply of teak from the forests, but owing to the scanty demand in Europe the saw mill in Bangkok continued only a small number of logs, the stock of cut as well as uncut wood being larger than normal. Owing to the war there was some decrease in the imports to Siam, resulting in a relative reduction of the local turnover.

The Singapore branch increased its turnover considerably. The progress of the Mount Austin Rubber Estates and of the company's coconut and rubber plantations in Krotay, in the Malaya Peninsula, has been very satisfactory. The young men, who, as stated in previous reports, received instruction in tropical forestry and plantation management at the school started in 1913, are now employed in the company's plantations and forest concessions in the East.

The company's profit was 28 million kronen, a 30 per cent. dividend was declared, the reserves raised to 20 million and bonuses over 14 million paid to the board and employees.

King George-a Siamese General.

London, May 24.—The Gazette says the Siamese Minister had an audience of the King and presented his Majesty with the appointment of honorary General of the Siamese army. —Reuter.

India's Self-Government

London, May 23.—In the House of Lords, the Government of India Bill was read a second time and referred to a joint committee.

In the House of Lords, Lord Islington, moving the second reading of the bill, called attention especially to the clause enabling the appointment to civil posts and military commissions the rulers and subjects of native states and the adjacent territories like Nepal. Many of these persons now, and previously had served in the Army and done loyal and gallant service to the Empire. He was confident the proposal would give satisfaction to the rulers of those states, many of whom freely employed British subjects in their territories. These states, though enjoying a large measure of autonomy, were always proud to consider themselves component parts of the Empire and presented our forces with some of the finest and most reliable of our fighting material.

The provisions enabling selected subjects of these States to complete for the Indian Civil Service, and for rulers and subjects to be nominated to the Legislative Councils, were significant of Indian development. He felt sure that they were in full accord with modern Indian sentiment.

Clause five was intended to enable the Executive Council to obtain the services of an eminent banker or merchant on their bodies. Such appointments would be only for five years, and no pension would attach to them. Under the present law it was impossible to expect any eminent business man to sacrifice his business for so short a period. He hoped that the opportunities now afforded would be seized in coming years, when commercial and industrial development should play so important a part in India.

Referring to the amendment in the fifth schedule of the act of 1915 he said he recalled last year some of their lordships desired the whole schedule repealed. He thought the amended schedule would satisfy them. Only what was necessary had been left in and what could not properly be left in the hands of the Governor General in Council had now been omitted. The bill had been carefully examined by the advisory committee and he described their work. They considered the various amendments discussed in the House of Commons last year. If in the main they had not been admitted he could assure the House it was only after due consideration of each case. The bill marked a definite advance in the political development of India and he believed would be accepted in that sense by the Indian community.

London, May 24.—Lord Sydenham warmly welcomed the announcement regarding the opening of the public services to Indians not born in British India and other amendments affecting the relations of the Indian Government with the native States. The powers of the India Council and the Secretary of State might seem small as regards administrative adjustments but they might under certain circumstances prove of vital importance. Administrative results require careful scrutiny. Sir Muir Mackenzie said that he thought it would be advisable if a joint committee was formed and assisted by such members of the House of Lords as were familiar with India and who realised the exact bearings of the amendments suggested.

In addition to Lord Sydenham, Lords McDonnell, Islington and Loreburn supported the suggestion. The bill passed second reading.

The Loyalty of India.

London, May 21.—Interviewed in London by a correspondent of the New York Times, Lord Hardinge paid a warm tribute to the loyalty of India's princes and people and also the attitude of the educated and political classes in suspending controversies in order not to embarrass the Government, and not opposing drastic legislation when necessary. The sense of increased responsibility amongst Indian members of the Imperial Legislative Council was strikingly shown by their speeches. There had been a vast political development in India in recent years and politicians whose ultimate aspiration was self-government had become more moderate and sensible in their demands, as they came to realise the impossibility of India's standing alone. This improvement was unquestionably due to Lord Morley's and Lord Minto's reforms. Lord Hardinge hoped it might be possible to make further concessions in the way of provincial autonomy after the war.

India's Affairs.

London, May 21.—Lord Hardinge has accepted the presidency of the Northbrook society for five years in succession to Lord Amphil. Lord Sydenham has given notice that he will move for the despatches containing the reasons leading the Indian Government to recommend the abolition of indentured emigration of Indians.

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Kitchener's Approval of Compulsion.

London, May 23.—In the House of Commons Mr. Asquith moved for a vote of credit of three hundred millions making the total war credits 2,312 millions. He said the recent expenditure for fifty days averaged £1,820,000 daily. There had been a slight diminution of expenditure on the fighting forces and the increase had been incurred mainly in loans to our Allies, and the Dominions which totalled £74,350,000 up to May 24.

The vote passed unanimously. Mr. Bonar Law answering a series of questions regarding the payment of British Troops in East Africa in Indian rupees stated the question of the future currency arrangements of East Africa would be carefully considered after the war. He did not consider the establishment of a local mint justified.

London, May 23.—In the House of Lords, Lord Kitchener introduced a bill to enable Government to regulate the flow of recruits and prevent fluctuations. The General Staff would be able to rely with greater certainty on the necessary drafts and the rank and file would be encouraged by the thought that all their countrymen were prepared to support to the utter-

most. It also enabled him to use men unfit for general service but suitable for home service or clerical work and so maintain the army's numbers in a manner hitherto impossible and thus take our full share in the great conflict. The Bill passed third reading.

The Italian Front.

Rome, May 24.—The communiqué says: The enemy is reported gathering between the Garda and Adige. The Italians after repulsing enemy attacks between the Asiago and Brenta and val Sugana gradually fell back to their main lines in perfect order.

The Italians carried an important position in the Upper Cor de Vole taking fifty prisoners and much ammunition. There has been more intense artillery activity at Gorizia and Montebelluna.

The Submarine War.

London, May 24.—The steamers Anastasia Coronos (Greek) and Germania (Italian) have been sunk. Others are the steamers Rhonass (British); Karla (Danish); the barque Erminia (Italian). Seven of the crew of the Rhonass were killed. The Erminia was sunk by an Austrian submarine in the Mediterranean. The crew was landed at Cartagena. The submarine crew stripped the vessel.

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Wimborne's Indictment.

London, May 22.—Lord Wimborne testifying before the Irish Commission emphasised that a doctrine had been established of the complete irresponsibility of the Lord Lieutenant. He pointed out to Sir Mathew Nathan the absurdity of having to rely on the newspapers for his knowledge of current administration. He obtained partial insight after repeated representations and afterwards received daily reports. He dealt with his tour in the south of Ireland and west of Ireland and said that everywhere the Sinn Feiners were belittled.

Lord Wimborne said he imagined that the charges against the Irish Government would be supine blindness and irresolution in dealing with the Sinn Feiners. He often formed independent divergent views from the Irish Executive. He pressed the War Office that another division of troops should be trained in Ireland but it was objected it would delay sending troops to the front. Lord Wimborne suggested that the Sinn Feiners should be either deported or interned, but Sir Edward Carson, as Attorney General, considered deportation as an extreme interpretation of the Defence of the Realm Act.

Lord Wimborne declared that he strongly urged the arrest of the Sinn Feiners and wrote to Mr. Birrell when the outbreak occurred 'the worst has happened. If only we had arrested the leaders yesterday as I wanted, it might have been averted.' He said he had also brought his anxieties about Ireland before other cabinet Ministers.

Rebels Sentenced.

London, May 23.—There have been nine more courtmartial sentences promulgated in Ireland including one of death in Dublin and another in Wexford but these were commuted to ten and five years penal servitude. Other sentences vary after commutation from one to ten years and include two in Dublin and five in Galway.

Germany's Food Supply.

Amsterdam, May 22.—Germans papers state a new scheme is being organised for food supply which the Bundesrath is discussing. It empowers the Chancellor to seize and distribute all foodstuffs, fodder and their raw materials and to fix the sale price. The authorities in the different States will be obliged to obey the Chancellor's instructions. According to the Berliner Tageblatt Herr Botocki, President of East Prussia, becomes the foodstuffs dictator and Count Roedern,

Secretary of Alsace-Lorraine, succeeds Dr. Helfferich as Minister of Finance.

Mesopotamia.

London, May 21.—Official. Mesopotamia. General Sir Percy Lake reports the enemy vacated Beth Ales and his advanced positions on the right bank of the Tigris. General Gorrings carried the Dujailah rebut. The enemy is still holding the Sanniyat position on the left bank. Russian cavalry have joined General Gorrings after a bold and adventurous ride.

London, May 22.—A telegram from Bukharest on May 16 says four thousand German troops are expected in Bagdad in June; twelve thousand Austrians are already there. The Turks are weakening the defences of Constantinople and sending all possible reinforcements to Asia Minor and are concentrating a large force at Marash three days northeast of Alexandretta. Deserters who have arrived at Salonika confirm the reports of the departure of most of the German troops from the Graeco-Serbian frontier to France.

London, May 22.—Official. The American ambassador at Constantinople announces that General Townshend and his staff will go to the island of Prinkips and allowed full liberty. Most of the officers and men are still at Kut and Bagdad, where there are ample medical stores.

London, May 22.—General Lake reports that the south bank of the Tigris is clear of the enemy as far as the river Shattelhai which joins the Tigris opposite Kut. Except for small rearguards covering the bridge over the Hai some five hundred yards from its junction with the Tigris the British main force reached the line from Magasis to Dujailah which is about two miles inside the Esinn positions. The enemy on the north bank is still occupying Sanniyat.

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London, May 22.—In the House of Lords Lord Islington said papers giving General Townshend's representation to General Nixon would be published in a few days. Papers regarding the operations in Mesopotamia entailed considerable correspondence with the Indian Government and the departments concerned. Steps were being taken to accelerate their preparation but a precise date could not be given at present. He asked for notice of a question whether the papers would include the private telegrams of the Viceroy and Mr Chamberlain.

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British Actions in France.

London, May 22.—Sir Douglas Haig's communiqué says:—Our aeroplanes yesterday had several successful encounters. Two enemy machines fell in flames in the enemy lines. A third fell over our lines. Much successful artillery work was accomplished. A hostile machine early this morning landed undamaged in our lines. The pilot and observer were captured.

The enemy yesterday night made three small attacks south-west of Wietje. All were repulsed. The enemy artillery throughout the day was most active between Vimy and Loos. Heaviest fire was from two in the afternoon onwards, and was directed against our front trenches south of Souchez. Our artillery replied and silenced the hostile battery.

London, May 23.—General Haig's communiqué says that after a heavy bombardment all yesterday very intense in the afternoon the enemy attacked our position on the north end of Vimy ridge and penetrated our front line position on a front of fifteen hundred yards to a depth varying from a hundred to three hundred yards.

Our artillery to-day heavily bombarded German positions. We sprang mines at Rocquincourt, Hohenzollern Rodoubt and the quarries and there was also mining activity at Nonville and Fleurbais. The Artillery on both sides was active opposite Lens, and east of Ypres. We obtained direct hits on an enemy battery east of Blaireville.

Enemy aeroplanes were active yesterday many being engaged and eight driven off. One of our reconnaissance machines was forced to land in the enemy lines.

Portugal's Parliament.

Lisbon, May 22.—Parliament has been prorogued till December 2.

Italy and Rumania.

Telegrams from the Hague to Dutch papers state the Harbour of Fiume is a scene of great activity. A big fleet has been amassed to convey troops, guns, munitions and food stuffs. It is thought Austria has decided to attack Valona.

A portion of the Italian press comments pessimistically on the new commercial treaty of Rumania and Austria. They state that energetic action by the Allies would have prevented its accomplishment or a strong military attack would have changed the whole economic and diplomatic situation.

India's Stored Wealth.

London, May 22.—Professor Foxwell in a lecture at the Royal Institution on the finance of the war said he could not understand why we had not tried to tap the large hoards of India for loan purposes.

Warning to Farmers.

London, May 22.—In the House of Commons Mr. Acland in submitting the agricultural estimates warned the farmers that they must not be prejudiced against women working on the land. The danger point has been reached as regards the agricultural labour position. He affirmed that 270 fishing vessels and five hundred lives had been lost at the hands of the enemy, but fishing proceeded regularly. (cheers).

Aeroplane Raid on Cairo.

Cairo, May 21.—Official. Doubtless in retaliation for the successful attack on el Arish two enemy aeroplanes dropped sixteen bombs, mostly on the Arab quarter here. Two civilians were killed and 13 wounded. Five soldiers were wounded.

Steamers Lost.

Copenhagen, May 22.—Russian submarines sank three more large German steamers in the Baltic.

The Italian sailing ship Santandrea has been sunk. The Swedish steamer Rosalind struck a mine near Stockholm. The crew were saved.

Marseilles, May 22.—A German submarine sank the steamer Languedoc on Saturday in the Mediterranean. The crew was saved the captain being taken prisoner because he resisted the attack.

British Prisoners in Germany.

London, May 22.—In the House of Commons Lord Robert Cecil said that the treatment of British prisoners in Germany has improved except in some industrial establishments. He assured the House that reprisals were not lost sight of, but that the Government was anxious to avoid them if possible.

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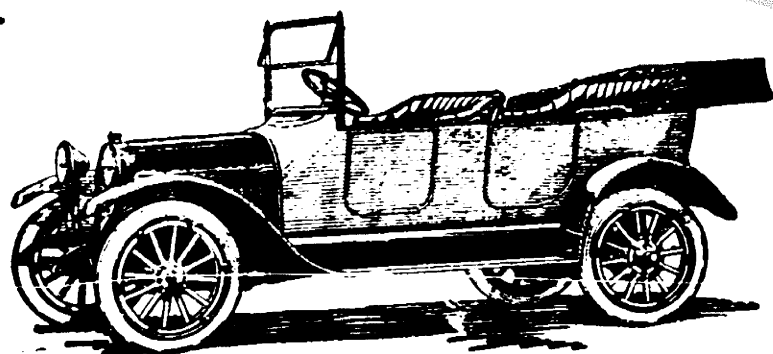
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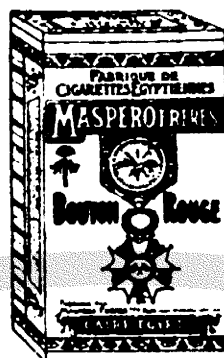


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Verdun.

Paris, May 21.—Fierce fighting continues at Verdun. The communiqué says: The Germans at night renewed their attacks on Deadman Hill. All attempts on the east side were completely defeated but they succeeded in occupying one first line trench on the western slopes. Artillery fighting has been most lively at Vaux fort. A German coup-de-main in Lorraine penetrated a trench but they were driven out leaving their dead and wounded.

A French bombarding air squadron attacked military establishments at Thionville, Etain, Spincourt and also bivouacs at Azannes, Damvillers. The bombardment of a big German railway depot at Luneray caused a precipitate departure of trains and an extensive conflagration in the station buildings. An air battle between four French aeroplanes and three Fokkers resulted in the falling of the Fokkers. Another Fokker was forced down in its own lines and destroyed by French batteries.

Paris, May 22.—On the left of the Meuse a desperate battle continued all day between Avocourt wood and the Meuse. A French attack in the vicinity of the Ennes-Haucourt road resulted in the capture of two German trenches. Our artillery destroyed a small work which the enemy captured on May 14 south of hill 287. The Germans attacked immediately east of hill 204 and momentarily penetrated our first line trench but were completely ejected. A violent attack by a German brigade on the western slopes of Morthomme was stopped by machineguns and a counter-attack by bombers. Enemy columns following the assaulting waves caught the fire of our batteries and were compelled to retreat.

On the right of the Meuse there was a fierce artillery duel in the Donamont sector. A French attack captured the strongly fortified Handromont quarries with eighty prisoners and four machineguns.

German aeroplanes have twice bombed Dunkirk since yesterday. They dropped twenty bombs on Saturday evening four persons being killed and 15 wounded. Another squadron at noon to-day dropped hundreds of bombs on the suburbs of Dunkirk killing two soldiers and a child and wounding twenty persons.

Allied aeroplanes pursued the raiders and felled two as they were re-entering the German lines.

A group of fifty-three Anglo-French and Belgian aeroplanes immediately after the first raid dropped two hundred and fifty bombs on German cantonments at Wytwege and Ghiselles.

German aeroplanes dropped fifteen

bombs on Belfort. The damage done was insignificant.

Paris, May 22.—The semi-official speaks of yesterday's "terrible battle" as the greatest since April 9. The enemy employed no fewer than five divisions on a front of seven miles calculating the shock would be sufficient to secure a decision, but after extraordinarily stubborn fighting all day not only was the French line not broken but counterattacks resulted in the capture of tactical German positions.

Paris, May 22.—The communiqué deals with aviation. The French aeroplanes at Verdun attacked the German captive balloons and six fell ablaze. There were air combats wherein three German aeroplanes fell. The French bombarding air squadrons successfully attacked railway stations in the regions of Metz and Reims and dropped bombs on two munitions depots, also on bivouacs between Thionville and Metz. They attacked the headquarters establishment. Two French airships dropped numerous bombs on German railway lines northward of Verdun.

Paris, May 22.—The communiqué says that the most desperate battle is proceeding at Verdun. Infantry actions continued west of the Meuse. French bombers at Avocourt Wood gained successes, and occupied several block-houses. The struggle is particularly desperate in the region westward of Deadman Hill. Several German attempts to extend progress were defeated by our curtain of fire and machineguns. After that the French attacked, recapturing part of the ground lost during Saturday night.

Later.—The communiqué continues: The Germans east of the Meuse launched counter-attacks at Handromont quarries which we captured yesterday. All attacks were defeated and resulted in very heavy German losses, while the French on the outskirts of Vaux carried to-day a German

trench. The Germans in Champagne discharged poisonous gas in the Somme-Somme zone. The wind immediately changed and the cloud of gas enveloped the German trenches.

Paris, May 22.—Semi-Official. There was tremendous slaughter of Germans in yesterday's battle. Wave after wave of infantry being pitilessly mown down. "Shock columns" followed these waves but gusts of artillery drove them back to their trenches with bloody losses in great confusion. While the enemy is wasting his strength on the left bank the French assaults on the right bank, which remains the principal battlefield, gained important ground on the Donamont plateau.

Paris, May 23.—The afternoon communiqué says on the left of the Meuse we continued to progress South of Hill 217 and forced the enemy to evacuate a small work which he had occupied since May 18. Our counter-attacks west of Morthomme drove the enemy from some new trenches he had occupied. Our infantry on the right of the Meuse after a powerful artillery preparation assaulted the German positions on a front of two kilometres from the west of the Thiaumont farm to east of Donamont fort. Our troops on the whole front of attack carried the German trenches and penetrated to Donamont fort of which the enemy still holds the northern part. Numerous prisoners remained in our hands.

A successful surprise attack at Bouchat wood on the heights of the Meuse cleared the German trenches for a length of three hundred metres and captured prisoners. Our batteries in Argonne vigorously bombarded Nantillois, Montfaucon, Cheppy wood.

A French aeroplane pursued and overtook a German machine returning from bombarding Dunkirk and felled it north-east of Cassel. Two enemy aeroplanes were felled in a fight in the air in Alsace.

THE RAINFALL.

Rainfall for the 3rd week in May 2488

Locality.	Rainfall recorded during the week.	Rainfall of corresponding week of last year.	Total rainfall for present year to date.	Total rainfall for last year to corresponding date.	Remarks.
	Millimetres.	Millimetres.	Millimetres.	Millimetres.	
Ministry of Agriculture	23.9	64.1	62.9	216.8	
Dhanyaburi	No report	34.6	—	191.0	
Saenphrakar	—	5.3	—	190.7	
Krung Kao	8.3	38.8	45.0	112.4	
Anglong	21.1	10.2	105.1	221.3	
Lobbur	41.2	43.0	88.7	204.0	
Jaimart	21.1	76.8	106.7	208.9	
Udaihani	No report	43.5	—	278.0	
Banuloke	20.1	33.2	206.0	163.4	
Nhaxerengao	11.1	22.8	228.6	157.9	
Peuchin	13.7	14.7	131.2	125.8	
Nagor Pathom	12.3	37.2	125.7	321.1	
Rajburi	18.3	26.3	121.1	183.2	
Bojanaburi	9.8	38.4	133.8	215.8	
Xiangmai	19.0	7.0	147.1	158.7	
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