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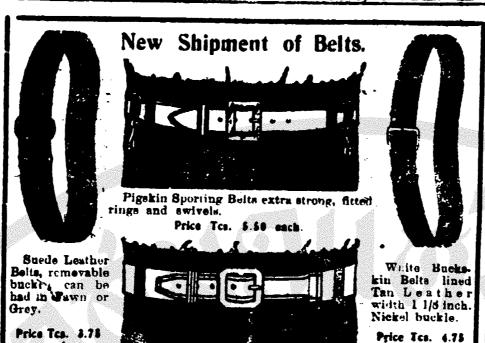
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PHASES OF THE MOON.

Apr. 4th (Last Quarter 8 h 15 m p m. 11th O New Moon 11 h 16 m a m 18th ) First Quarter 10 h 50 m a.m. .. 26th O Full Moon 2 h 47 m p.m.

#### Premier to Vicerey.

London, April 6.-The Press Bureau says Mr. Lloyd George has sent a message to the Viceroy of India as follows: At this time when the intention of Germany's rulers to establish tyranny not only throughout Europe but Asia has become transparently clear, I ask the Government and people of India to redouble their efforts. Thanks to the heroism of the British armies and their Allies the enemy's attempt in the west is being checked, but to prevent the menace spreading eastward every lover of freedom and law must play his part. I do not doubt India will add to the laurels she has already won, and equip herself on an even greater scale than now as the bulwark which will save Asia from the tide of oppression and disorder which it is the enemy's objects to achieve.

The Viceroy replied. All India is stirred to the depths by the noble sacrifice of the British people in the cause of the world's freedom and the stern and unalterable resolution that those sacrifices evince. India is auxious yet confident. She fully realises the great issues at stake and your frum. pet call in this crises will not fall on deaf ears. I feel confident it will awake the princes and people's loaders to a keener sense of the gray danger which, stemmed in Europe, mow threatens to move eastwards. I look to them for the fullest effort and the fullest sacrifice to safeguard the soil of their motherland against all attempts of a cruel and uncorupulous enemy, and to secure the final triumph of the ideals of justice and honour for which the British Empire stands.

London, April 7.-The Press Bureau says President Wilson replying to the King expresses warm gratification for his generous message, assuring him it will give the greatest satisfaction to the people of the United States to find themselves side by aids in the Insi for free self government with such steadfast and indomitable associates. adds: We shall continue to do our utmost to put the whole force of the United States into the great

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London meeting, said that after the the Jutland battle one sailor, whose wound necessifated the amputation of his leg, "came to," felt for his missing leg, and said, "Ere, where's my leg? labels; (various sizes); Manifold (Laughter ) A destroyer in the same hattle reported " certain minor defects." Those "minor defects" were that she could neither steam, steer, nor signal. There was the tang of the stablemen, the market gardners, and "painter," who joined the Navy as 'hostility' men. The painter was put to work with paint pots, but

The transports had made hundreds of thousands of voyages during the war, and the accidents would be counted upon the fingers. They had carried 30,000,000 to and fro, and the casualties due to enemy action amounted to 2,700. "General Robertson told me the other day that in six weeks week had carried 50,000 tons of stones across 2.000. 00 horses and mules, etc. If you asks the men of the navy who takes the biggest share they will answer. It's 'hats off to the destroyers every time.' The men stand at their stations wet through in a minute, cold, with a thing hot to cat or drink for it's the job of the navy."-Ez.

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Londan, April 8.—Reuter's corres-pondent at British Headquarters says just before dawn this morning the enemy developed a truly terrific bombardment north of the Somme, lasting an hour, but I have not yet been able to learn the meaning of it. Our troops are ceaselessly vigilant, for an early resumption of the German offensive on a grand scale is expected at any time. We retaliated to the passhelling of Armentieres by gas-shelling the German positions thereabouts.

We now know definitely that the objective of the big attack of April 5 by ten divisions of von der Marwitzs army was the high ground about Douz aucourt, Mailly Maillet and Colin Camp. This encounter developed into a pitched open battle, wherein, despite his sup-rior numbers the enemy made very little headway. Our counter-attacks have since further reduced his gaine.

German prisoners subsequently taken state this failure considerably upset all their plans, since the German second army was so disorganised by it that a further serious effort was impossible for some days. They aso say there is niuch confusion behind the enemy lines and lack of liaison, owing to many people not knowing quite where they are. A draft recently are rived for the ninety sixth infaniry rererve was composed of thirty men who had participated in a Berlin strike.

London, April 8 - Field Marshal Haig says that except for heatile artillery fire on different parts of the buttle front especially in the neighbourhood of Bucquoy there is nothing to

report.
London, April 8.—Reuter is informed the Anglo Japanese landing at Vladivostock was solely necessitated by disturbances in Vladivostock where on March 3 Japanese business premises were pillaged and Japanese were killed. The landing has no relation to any socalled Japanese intervention in Siberia, nor to any movement of a wider character than in indicated.

The Experts Views. Paris, April 7. - A representative of the Daily Mail has interviewed a high authority whose declarations on military operations may be summarized as follows "General Folh is parrying the Germans with far smaller fores than they are employing. He is doing so simply because he dose not choose to engage his main army just where the Kaiser would like him to. The important thing to remember 15 that Germany has nowhere broken the line. Ludendorff in being teneral with and hustled not by our main terces but by little more than covering armies. Unbesten armies are more than town and what has happened in this battle is not in the least represented by newspaper maps. In a battle like this bulleting showing more or less important advances or retreats are simply peographical summaries which convey Very little except to those who are

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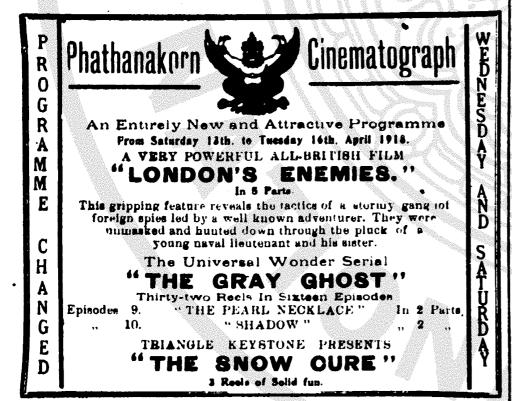
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TUESCAY, APRIL 16, 1918.

GOD AND THE KAISER.

In a recent speech delivered at Hamburg the Kaiser is reported to bare said that "the violent powers of Heaven must sasist us" while the remainder of his oration was full of references to the Almighty. To the ordinary person, other than a German, such appeals to the Deity savour of the most hollow mockery and, indeed, blasphemy. It seems incredible that the German Emperor, after he has seen his troops commit the most awful crimes against humanity, should claim that his people are the instruments of Divine will It seems too ridiculous that these who have murdered unarmed cirizens, have poisoned wells, have committed piracy, have burned churches and hospitals and have violated the sanctity of treasies, should look upon themselves as the ext of a God whose chief attribute is love. That these blasphemous remarks are accepted in all seriousness shows the great difference in type of intellect between the German and the rest of mankind. In spite of his throughness and genius the Teuton is possessed of a colossal vanity and such references to the Diety as those made by the modern Attila do not strike him as being in the least ludicrous. More than two years ago the New York Times on the occasion of a previous claim by Withelm II to Divine appointment said, "The crushing of Germany by the Allies means the destruction of a vain shameful belief obsessing the Germans, that they are fulfilling their destiny under Divine will, a belief that knows no compassion, discards treaty obligations and would trample on the rights of their neighbours in an effort to extend a power which is repugnant to the rest of humanity. The Kaiser's delusion affects all Germany and must be dispelled." It is impossible for us to believe that God is on the side of the Kaiser however anxional e may be to prove by incessant assertion that He is so. Abraham Lincoln once said that it behaved all men to be anxious to be on the side of God and if the Allies desire that which is for the benefit of mankind, if they have the hope that their efforts are for the betterment of the world we may rest assured that Divine aid will be given us. The Allies are passing through a time of terrible stress and the situation is critical. We can no longer pin our faith to the genius of one particular individual nor in any particular device of war for the enemy has also men of genius and resource, but we can hold to the

#### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

rational hope that so long as we are

fighting the battle of right against

tyranny and injustice we are on the

side of God and He will be with us.

PHR & Sri Satyaraks, a Judge of the Provincial Appeal Court died on the 13th met., at the age of 51.

THE death occurred at Kanchanaburi on the 12th inst. of Police Major Phra Bibid Balabhakdi.

CHAO Chom Marda Vas has given ics. 1, 00 and various articles to the Siam Red Cross Society.

H. E. Phya Chinda Bhiromya, Chief Justice of the Civil Court has left for Prachuab Girikandh for a change of air.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Paknampoh line is still in good order as far as Ayndhys. Other lines are all right.

ANOTHER instance of the danger of holding a fish between the teeth, a practice which fishermen often adopt when their hands are occupied, is reported from Hencratgods, writes the Times of Ceylon. A villager, fishing in the canal, had a fish between his teeth when it slipped through and stuck in his gullet, asphyxiating him. Two similar instances occurred recently, both being fatal. It is recalled that in 1853 a man was admitted to the Pettah Hospital in a sinilar predicament. The fish was, however, removed by a forceps being introduced through an incision in the gullet. The man narrowly escaped death by asphyziation.

THE a.s. Kuale will leave from the Borneo Company's wharf at 5 p.m. sharp, on Friday the 19th inst., and should arrive in Singapore on Monday

AT the new theatre hall near the Phathanakorn Cinema a troupe of Burmese athletes and jugglers will give their first performance to night. The show is said to be unique of its kind.

THE following passengers arrived today by the s.s. huale :- Mr H. G. Stronach, R. Belhomme, Dr. H. Camp. bell Higher, Mr. G. S. Sin lerson, Miss W. Sanderson, Mr. George Foss, Mr. F. • T. Ganse. Brother Frederic and Rev. Father Carrie.

THE se. Kuala brought up twentynine bags of n.sil this morning much of it being the balance of the mail that. was being brought by the French steam r that was grounded off 8 ngapore. Much o the mail matter bears very plain evidence of damage by seawater.

THE friends of Mr. Harold de Bildt, Counsellor of the Swedish Legation in Rom-, who accompanied Prince William of Sweden to the Coronation feetivities in Bangkok in 1911, will be interested to learn that he was emarried at Berne on the 27 h of December last to Baroness Martha Leijonhuvud, daughter of Baron and Baroness Sten A. Leijonhuvud, of Stockholm.

---:0: --A GOOD story of "standard clothes" is told by Mrs. Boberison Rogers, of the Minis ry of Food. Her danguter, after a long spell of narsing at Boulogne, came home with her uniforms worn out and patched. She ordered new dresses, sending her dresse maker one of the old ones for a pattern. When the new dresses arrived and were examined, it was four d that the modiste had copied not only the pattern but the patches. She thought they were part of the regulation uniform.

--:0:---OUR Arab friends may drive the Turk towards the Dead Sea, and even into it, but unless they sit on the onemy's head they will never drown him in its waters. This remarkable sea is not only the most depressed in the globe -nearly 1,30 feet below the level of the Mediterranean - but Its waters are the densest of all waters. The Dead Sea is a natural brine, in which one cannot sink. The water contairs 24 parts of sales per 100, or about seven times the proportion in ordinary sea water. And yet naturalists report this pickle has life.

In view of the depreciation of the rouble the Russians are contemplating the issuance of a new kind of bank-notes in North Manchuria, General Horvath recently approached the Government requesting it to encourage the people to accept these new notes, says a Peking paper. It is now learned that the new Russian notes are to be in the same denomination as the French banknotes, that is, its face value will be on; franc. The Russians want to issue these notes as soon as possible and do not seem to be anxious to enhance the value of the depreciated rouble.

#### Siam Philatelic Society.

This Society held its 79th Session at the offices of the Bangkok Times on Monday 8th April 1918 at 5 80 p.m.

After the general business had been concluded the President Mr. E. C. Monod gave a display of the Samps of th United States of America. He was assisted by Mr. R. S. le May, who had prepared notes of the different issues. The display included a number of the early Confederate stamps, practically complete sets of all the issues from 1847 onwards, complete sets of the different departmental stamps (only I stamp missing), and most of the newspap-r, parc-ls stamps, etc.

A copy of the Carrier stamp of 1851 was shown, valued at Fr. 800. The later issues showed a great range of perforation, being prepared for the different slot machines in use in Ame-

rica.

A hearty vote of thinks was accorded. Mr. Monod for his display and to Mr. le May for his assistance in preparing the notes.

Mr. Lyons showed a number of the Siam-se Censor marks. The session terminated at 7.40 p.m. .

beceived by Dummy Cruiser.

With reference to the announcement that has been made in America of the use of "dummy" ships, Reuter's Agency is informed that there is one authenticated case of a valuable convoy proceeding to the Dardanelles followed by a "cruiser.'

"A German submarine that was in the neighbourhood allowed the convoy to page and reserved her energies for the 'cruiser.' The vessel was duly hit, and the surprise of the Germans must have been great when they saw big 'guns' from the 'war ship' floating away from the wreck.

Paddy Crop Report April 15, 1918. Nasnan 1,250 coyans at Tes 100-136 each Samrang 4:0

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## Great War.

Havas Wires from Singapore.

#### Siam's War-Aims.

(PASSED BY MILIT RY CENSOR)

Paris, April 11. The Echo de Paris has interviewed Prince Vanvaidhayakara, Secretary of the Siamese Legation in Paris, regarding the Siamese expeditionary force recently arrived. The Prince declared that, owing to the difficulties of transport, Siam could not send considerable contingents to Europe, but her chief wish was to show that her adhesion to the cause of justice and right was not only of a platonic character. "We mean," said the Prince, to show Europe, and more particularly Germany who baffled us, that our declaration of war is not only a diplomatic manifestation. B sides the Siamese wish to give the Allies larger economic help. Siam possesses large quantities of raw material, which are at the entire disposition of the Allies. "We shall | thus help," concluded the Prince, " by more active co-operation towards the triumph of justice, the ideal which is

#### Kaiser Karl's Letter.

Paris, April 12. The Emperor Charles having denied that he had ever admitted the claims of France regarding Aleace-Lorraine, the French Government issued an official Note last night, giving the text suitable reward for their labours. of the authograph letter from the Anstrian Emperor, which was communicated on March 31st, 1917, by Prince Sixte de Bourbon, his Brother. the French Republic. It contains the

the moment, no real divergence of views or aspirations separates my Empire from France, and that I am arise, and that sometimes on-atisfacentitled to hope my keen sympathy for France joined to the like feeling which reigns throughout the monarchy will avoid for ever any recurrence of this state of war-for which I am in no way responsible. In this connection and to manifest in precise fashion the reality of these sentiments, I beg you to inform secretly and unofficially M. Poincaré President of the French Republic, that I shall support by every means, and using my personal intinence with my Allies, the just claims of the French with regard to

Paris, April 13.

The papers observe, concerning the subject of the letter of the Emperor Charles, first that the publication of the letter was only made because the Emperor Charles had addressed to the Emperor William a telegram contradicting the statement of M. Clemencean : and because Count Czernin in an official communiqué accused the French individual, it would put the Sovereign Premier of having prevented the truth. It was an indispensable reply to false inquiry and enable changes to be made

Aleace-Lorraine."

#### The Outlook.

The German offensive in Flanders seems to have stopped. A is at any rate reduced to local attacks of no decisive value, on a front which tends to become stable. Seventeen German divisions, ten of which were taken from the general reserves, were engaged there on a front of about thirty kilometres.

Whilst Marshal Hindenburg proceeds with dense masses - which gives -it seems that General Foch, confident in the Franco-British troops, waits his hour and engages his effectives as little as possible, since he who at the decisive moment has the largest masses

It is certain now that Hindenburg has neither made his way to Paris nor taken Amiens. He endeavoured to reparate the French from the British. int also failed there

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#### Official Corruption.

#### (CONTRIBUTED.)

In view of the widesprend existence of official corruption which this war has revealed the recent attacks upon Siamese Ministers and Officials strike one as being in extremely bad taste, if not an unseemly impertinence.

England, France, Italy and America have all been subjected to its influence and have suffered severely in consequence, while autocratic Russia is in hopeless chaos through its disasterous

It would therefore seem to be more to the point to give up sitting in smng self satisfaction contemplating each other's defects, to face the inevitable fact, and to unite our energies to defeat

It is clear that bribery and corruption fleurish in all countries and under all forms of Government, and the fate of Russia shows that even a powerful and efficient a my cannot secure either Crown or Government against its undermining influence.

On the other hand man in general, no matter to what country he belongs, is, in the mainta reasonable and readily contented an in il. provided he is treated with judice as a decent self-respecting human being and not as a mere! beast of burden.

Let him be guaranteed work, good wages, reasonable house, and holidays, and above all absolute and impartial justice in the courts of his country and what will become of labour troubles? Where will be the need for trades unions, and what will be the use of strikes, once it is established that injustice has only to be exp s il to ensure its being promptly remedied!

The security of thrones and governments will in future rest not upon armaments but upon justice; sound laws, henestly and impartially administered, and a sound administration, honestly and patriorically endeavouring to do its best for all classes of society alike, and in particular to secure for the working classes a due and

We believe that this is well understood by almost all present day sovereigns, and that the majority of them spare no pains to promote the welfare of their aubices, but it ought not to be in-law, to M. Poincare, President of forgotten that their difficulties are very great, and every end-avour should | peace. be made to give them unawerving loyalty and assistance.

to see that, although adversaries for land they are bound to support them and to repose confidence in them once they are appointed. It is inquisoble that mistakes should

> tory appointments should be made. A Ministers, may be totally unfitted for the post to which he is appointed, or he may be corrupt and dis-honest. In any case the last thing that he will to will be to admit his own defects or shortcomings, | ing nations, but their gains against they have to be found out, and it is certain that they will be concealed from the King till the very last minute. If such a Minister is personally attacked in the press an awk ward situation is immediately created. The Sove. reign must ei her support hie Minister. and insist on proofs, in which case it is a million to one that satisfactory evidence cannot b · produced, with the result that the matter drops and the poper is discredited, or the Sovereign takes the impossible course of removing his Minister and so pute an end to ad confidence between himself and his Government in the future.

If instead of this cours - the press would avoid personalities; if it would content itself with ruthlessly and persistently exposing all irregularities and all apparent injustice and abuse, while it rigidly avoided any attempt at fixing the blame on any particular or the Government of the day upon without creating impossible situations, and once the integrity of the press and the soundness of its information are established neither King nor Government would ignors its timely and

friendly warning.
We believe that the greatest safeguard against bribery and corruption will be found in an abl, critical, patriotic and impartial press, and that journals conducted on these lines deserve the utmost encouragement, protection and support.

Let it however always be remembered that the function of the journalist is honest and impartial criticism, and the exposure of injustice and abuse, he has no business whatever to constitute him at least a temporary gain of ground i himself a Court of inquiry, still less to sit in judgment. Once he descends to the level of personal attacks his criticism becomes suspected and discredited and ceases to be of any public utility, while the journalist who disseminates false news or scandal to increase the circulation of his paper is just as contemptible and corrupt as the unjust judge or dishonest minister.

Anyone who honesty and justly compares the progress which Siam has made, with that which other nations, with greater advantages, have made at the same stage of their respective his. tories, will be immensely struck by what Siam has accomplished, while anyone who knows anything about her present ruler, knows that he spares neither health, time, nor trouble in his natriotic endeavour to promote the

#### Exhibition of Pictures.

#### This afternoon we had the fleasure of a private view of the pictures which are to be publicly exhibited on Saturday of this week on the premises formerly occupied by Dr. Dietzel.

The pictures are the work of Mr. Kilmykoff a Russian artist who has made a great name for himself, not only in his own country, but in other parts of the world. The artist was born in 1868 and is a native of the Donterritory. He begin his studies in the Mosoow Academy and later studied at Rome and other great art centres of Italy. His work soon m de a great stir in the world of painting and examples adorn the galleries of Moscow and Petrograd.

Mr. Kalmykoff is a specialist in landscape painting and his work is striking in ite naturalism. His colouring is brilliant and his truth fulness of broad conception is remarkable. Mr. Kalmykoff belongs to the impressionist school of which he is a worthy exponent.

His pictures include a very wide range of subjects but these of scenes in Mongolia and the Altai Mountaine are specially worthy of mention.

As stated above, the exhibition will be opened to the public on Saturday. Advertisements regarding the same will appear in our issue to morrow

#### Words of Wisdom.

London, April 6 .- The Lord Mayor gave a luncheon to a distinguished company at the Mansion House to commemorate the United States entry into the war. Telegrams were read from the King and Mr. Lloyd George. The latter in the course of his telegram s.id "doring the next few weeks America will give the Ponssian military junta the surprise of their

Mr. Balfour in a speech said there was no room on this earth for the ideals cherished by the German miletary party and the ideals of the great free democracies of the world. One or the other must prevail. He scathingly referred to snemy statesmen who exressed approval of the principles enunciated by President Wilson yet simultaneously threstened to divide Rumania between . Balgaria and Hungary, and to extinguish Rumanian nationhoon if the did not conclude

After referring to territory mexcusably ravished by the Central Powers "It is particularly agreeable for me They are bound to appoint Ministers, from Russia he declared the future lised if such unjust arrangements were dlowed to remain. He looked forward to the time when the Russians would be not only independent and unled but free. We would give them every pos-ible assistance in their painful upward struggle.

Dealing with the war map Mr. Bal. four said most of the enemy gains had been against unprepared and unresist. efficient armies were not great. He put confidence for the future in the fact that the forces fighting for right and freedom were greater than the forces fighting against them.

He said that President Wilson had crystallized the Allies' ideals in the words with which he circled the earth and had round the answering echo in everyone who knew the meaning of fre dom. He reminded his hearers the Ailies not only had reserves of military power which they could developed but the great weapon of commerce and concluded by tousting the unity of the corporation of great and free nations.

London, April 5 - The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Petrograd say it is reported that an association of German banks has offered the Government a loan of a thousand million routles, to be guranteed by the revenues of the Northern a d Sib-rian railways. Petrograd, April 4 .- It is reported from Copenhagen that German ex porters have petitioned the Government to arrange a German monopoly in Turkestan cotton for forty-eight years.

#### 'Liberty" Sheets for Germany,

New York, Feb. 13 .-- American ae roplanes have flown 300 miles into Germany and dropped pamphlets containing an appeal to the German peo. ples to shake off the Imperial yoke. These appeals conclude as follows:-

"We are aiding and supporting the German refugees who are striving in Switzerland to make a republic of the Kais-r's Empire.

The military authorities have destroyed all the copies which they have been able to seize, but' thanks to the Germans in Switzerland and to our aviators the American appe 1 has been heard throughout Germany .- (Intrausigeant.)

welfare and prosperity of his subjects and country.

We are certain that no one is more anxious than he is to do away with every form of injustice and that if the press will give him its loyal support by exposing abuses without tying his hands he will make any changes that appear to him desirable and will prove himself a most deadly for to bribery, corruption, and injustice.

#### General Wire News.

London, April 9.-The correspondent of the Times at Stockholm says there is a very strong anti-(i-rman party in Finland, including not merely the whole commercial and industria! elements but even General Count Mannerbeim commedding the white army. The Entente must take steps which the anti-Oerman Finns recommend because Finland is rapidly becoming a G-rman province. The Times in an editorid orges the Allies to protect the ica free harbour of Kola in Russian Lapland and keep open the Murman Ruitway which is the door to European Russia, besides trying to maintain relations with the powerful anti-German Finnish party. It says there can be no just comparison of the sci n of the Allies at Vladivostock and the German invasion of Finland. The Allies must spare no effort to prevent Siberia sharing the fate of Finland.

The Times says that government has found in the deliberations of the Irish Convention a basis for proposals as regards the covernment of Ireland, but their scheme of conscription for Ireis not conditional upon the acceptance of these propurile.

Parliament conscription will be i-ted upon whatever the fate of the proposala.

London, April 9. - A Royal Warrant states that promotion to the rank of 5,482 Askarie, fou then gote, 77 mas general will h neeforth be by selection instead of seniority. The Daily Express says that the new

home rule bill will include an Irish Parliament and the Dathin executive will be responsible to that. There will be military service, safeguards for protestant minorities, no control of the navy, army or foreign policy and a new customs aira gement

The Daily Mail says that Mr. Bonar Law in his new budget hopes to obtain a thousand millions from taxonyers by mereszing the income tax duties on beer, spirits and licenses, also on tea, coffee, cocas and sugar, imposing an advalorem fix on arricles of luxury.

Washington, April 9 .- The acting ocretary for war announces that the

transportation of American troops to France has already been accelerated. London, April 5. - General van der Venter's first lengthy desputch cover ing the operations in German East Africa for the six in inthe ended Dec. I shows the campaign was of a vers exicting nature owing to the bad effects of the climate on all but indig a ous Arricans. Other campaigning difficulties such as the character of the country were largely to the advantage of the enemy. The despatch deals a: some length with operations against one small mobile command r Nan mann which were particularly trouble some until the column was captured or dispersed, owing to tactics reminis. cent of the pursuit of de Wet. Van der Venter believes Naumann's raiding exploits were only possible in a country lke German East Africa, where the bush is so thick that two considerable forces are able to pass within a male

After tracing the measures whereby the enemy forces were tracked down and broken up General van der Ven ter opines that the remnants which entered Portuguese East Airica max n cessitate an equality arduous campaign, though on a very much small r se le before being brought to book, sowing to the size of the country and the difficulties of communication. Our c snatnes for six months were six thousand. The enemy lost 1.618 whites, chine gons and thousands of rifl s. Van der Venter praises all the military arms, especially the South Atrican. Indian, West African and East African, troops. He also thinks the navy under Rear-admiral Charlton, and the Indian, South African and Uganda Governmenta.

unaware of each other's existence.

BOWEL COMPLAINT IN CHILREN.

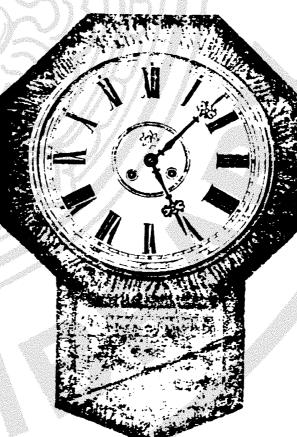
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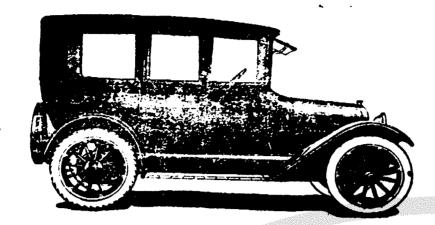
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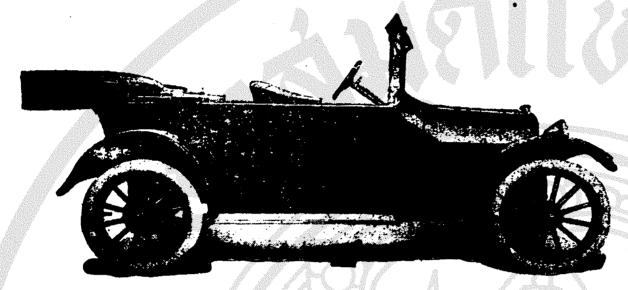
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tifteen divisions on our battlefront of which seven are fresh. Despite the marked numerical superiority of his effectives, which he used up regardless of cost, the enemy did not attain his objective, namely the railway from Amiens to Clermont. This is borne out by orders found on prisoners.

Our regiments by resistance step by step and energetic counter-attacks maintained their line entirely and inflicted on the enemy cruel losses. Whilst northward we have withdrawn to the neighbourhood of Castal, we repulsed the enemy from Bois de l'Arrierecourt to tue west of Mailly Meneval.

Southeast of Griveenes a brilliant counter attack gave us St. Aignan Farm, which we retained against all asaanlia.

London, April 6.—French communi-que: The Germans did not renew tueir attacks to-day. We vicorously counterattacked north of Montdidier, improving our positions at several points, notably in the region of Mailly, Baineval, and Cantigny, of which we hold the northern and western ont-skirts. There was reciprocal Molent artillery activity between Lassigny and Noyon. We gained ground this after-noon north of Mont-Renaud.

Twenty-three tons of bombs were dropped on enemy cantonments and railway stations. Fires were observed at the stations of Laon St. Quentin. Pive enemy aeroplanes were brought

London, April 6.-A French communique says the night was marked by violent bembardments north and south of the Avre, especially in the region of Monchel. There was no infantry attach.

On the right of the Meuse and in Aprement wood the artillery duel was

sometimes very lively.
Paris, April 6.—A semi-official says the majority of the fresh German divisions appear not to drawn from the reserves but from troops from other sectors, indicating the German General Staff is now economising in men.

Franco-British aviation has definitely obtained the mastery of the air on the

Somme battlefield. British Steadiness.

Loudon, April 5.—Fieldmarshal Haig reports heavy fighting in the afternoon and late evening of Thursday between the Luce river and the

Official Despetches.

London, April 5.—French communique: The Germans continued to strack at night time with undiminished violence, and by hurling into the battle fresh forces. We identified tifteen divisions on our battlefront of which seven are feet.

London, April 5.—A War Office communiqué says that the Germans since dawn here delivered heavy attacks north and south of Dernancourt, southwest of Albert and in the region of Moyenneville. The Germans got a foothold in our defences at Dernancourt and southwest of Albert. Our counter-attack restored the situation at Albert. The enemy beavily shelled the line in the region of Meenil and Beaumont Hamel. There was some infantry fighting near Mesnil where the enemy did not gain an advantage. We repulsed an attack on Moyenneville. We attacked southwest of Gommecourt and took prisoner 120. The situation is quiet on the British front south of the 8 mme.

London, April 5.-Haig: The activity of the enemy's artillery'and trench mortars increased this morning northward of the Somme and was followed by strong infantry attacks between the Somme and the neighbourhood of Bucquoy. The latest reports are that he had practically no success anywhere, resulting in further heavy enemy casualties. We successfully attacked on the same front in the neighbourhood of Hebuterne, taking prisoner 200 and a few machine guns. The enemy did not attack to-day on the British front south of the Somme. It is confirmed that ye terday's fighting was of the severest and most persistent nature, the enemy repeatedly assaulting our positions eastward of Villers Brettoneux.

London, April 6.—Field Marshal Haig says north of the Somme heavy fighting continued along the whole front south of Ayette until late yerter-day evening. The enemy constantly attacked in considerable strength with no further success.

In local fighting yesterday afternoon south of the Somme in the neighbourhood of Hangard-en-Santere we improved our position by a counter-

Hiding the Losses.

Ameterdam, April 5.-The German frontier has been closed for ten days in order to conceal the large transportation of wounded.

Describing the Battle.

London, April 5,-Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters, wiring to-day, says that the enemy is again thrusting at what he believes Somme. The enemy employing strong junction of Franco British armies in forces delivered repeated assaults. the hope yet of separating them. His These were beaten off with loss to the assault against the British yesterday

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was apparently aimed at a converging movement upon the little town of Corbie. It was delivered in denwaves, which machine-gun and riftfire Beavily punished. He succeeded in straightening out a little sulient in our line in the neighbourhood of Ham-l wood and village. Our counter-attack was insufficiently strong to restore the

The weather is wet and misty, hence it is impossible for the airmen to co-

Fragments of projectiles with which the enemy is shelling our back areas bear British marks, showing that guns and ammunition have come from the Russian front.

London, April 5.- Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters on the evening of April 5 says that fuller details reveal that the enemy thrust between the Somme and Avre was a formidable effort aimed at getting astride the Paris Amiens railway and developing a thrust at Amiens. Thanks to the stubbornness of the resistance the enemy success was limited to the breation of a salient of 7,000 yards wide, with an extreme depth of two thousand.

.There is reason to believe that the Germans threw in fourteen divisions of fresh troops, including some crack corps and three guards divisions. The fifth German division which bore a large share in the early days of the offensive and had been withdrawn to refit and rest, were again fighting. It is estimated that practically a hundred German divisions have been used up to

the present battles. Although the enemy yesterday con-centrated all the available artillery the bombardment relatively was not heavy. He consequently relied chiefly on preponderating numbers. Prisoners complain of the state of the roads due to our ceaseless shelling as causing delays in zeiting up the heavy batteries and adequate munitions. Yesterday rifles and machine-gons played a principal part in the defence.

The Germans came on in dense waves and suffered heavily. The enemy wastage will prove the dominant factor in deciding the present struggle, hence the following details are noteworthy. A prisoner of the 126th infantry regiment stated that the average company strength in the three battalions of the regiment was forty of all ranks when he was captured.

A prisoner of the 64th infautry reserve regiment said that only eighty men of his battalion reached. Bapaun.e on March 25, when reinforcements arrived, composed of men all over thirty-five years. But when the battalion was reorganised, it remained so weak that it consisted on April 1 of only two companies, totalling 120 of all ranks. The second battalion of the 77th infantry reserve regiment was a thousand strong at the beginning of the offensive and reached Bapaume eighty strong; and during our attack on March 25 had between 50 and 60 kill-

Thus the tragic tale involved unit after unit, and consequently there are extravagant estimates of Gorman losses

The weather is wet, misty and unfavourable to the offensive operations. The troops are welcoming the inclemency gleefully.

To day the Germans have shown considerable aggressiveness. At eight in the morning they attacked in the neighbourhood of Dernancourt on a front of of 9,000 vards with an estimated strength of six divisions. After desperate fighting they reached the rulway. An attack in considerable s rength in the direction of Ablains. ville was completely repulsed.

W- attacked from the sector Fouquevillers. It is reported that we gained the first objective at Bucquoy, taking prisoner four officers and 120

The New Zealanders were in action

tookprisoner four officers and 130

Fighting is progressing on a conconsiderable portion of the front north of the Somme, but not on a grand scale such as would indicate a general resumption of the offensive. London, April 5 .- Mr. Himilton Fyffe mentions that a British division lost eight lieur, colonels in the recent

battle. French Analysis of Enemy Losses

The following figures obtained from the reports of German figures have been carefully revised. Certain elements of the 16th Bavarian Division, reserve division of the Guard, suffered losses equalling 25 per cent. of their forces. The third division of the Guard, 45th division reserve, suffered wors-losses, some of their battalions lost 40 per cent. The figures are higher the second reserve division for the Guard, the fifth infantry division, whose losses in certain units reached 50 per cent, but here is better proof. The sixth infantry division, the 195th, fourth and 119th divisions in certain units left 75 per cent of their men on the battlefield. The first Bavarian obviously suffered the same losses as several of its companies were reduced to 40 men.

London, April 5 .- It is not yet clear whether the new battle amounts to a resumption of a really big offensive or a series of Lammer blows similar to those the Germans delivered many weeks after the failure of the first phase of the attack on Verdon. The reciprocal raiding activity in Rheims area may indicate more important events in that region. A French semi ficial declares the enemy is held both in the French and British sectors before Amiens and is mable to develope his plan for out-tlanking that city. "The French reserves are now making their presence

London, April 6. -R-nter's correspondent at French Headquarters, wiring on the evening of the 4th says that the chief news of to-day's battle is the volume of artillery fire, especially heavy guns which is growing. It is raining heavily. Both sides are busy bringing up heavy material, while troops in the front line are mostly troops in the front line are mostly without shelter. Details of the battle of March 30th in the neighbourhood of Lassigny show that the German objectives were le Plemont and le Plessier. The battle is memorable because it was the first important engagement during the offensive wherein the enemy failed to gain an inch of ground. The centre of the attack was the village and chateau of le Plessier a beautiful counry house in a large square hitherto has been part of the old French line.

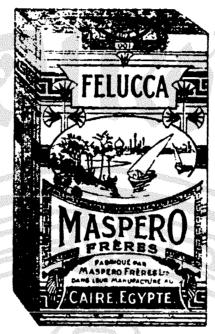
To the right of the park is le Plemont; to the left is Canny sur Mats which on March 30th. was held by French coloni l troops. Two enemy divisions attacked a few regiments. One division from Lassigny assaulted across the open in column, two companies of men marching side by side. The first waves disappeared under the machine-gun fire. The remainder, led by someone knowing the terrain, crossed a tiny stream and marshland which the defence had overlooked. Soon hundreds of Germans swarmed into the park. Simultaneously the enemy attacked the French colonials at Canny. They held the village but the right flank was forced to retire to reform, facing the north-west wall surrounding

the park. A German division attacked Plemont and fought its way to the summit, whereupon a most gallant French officer, with less than a dozen men, desperately attempted to recapture the summit and succeeded in defiance of all probab lity in installing a machine-gun and holding the Boohe.

Flanking attacks on Canny on the left and Thiese ort on the right had been stopped, but by 930 a.m. the again and as a result of a dashing sortie enemy held Plemont Park and village

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and le Piessier. Then counterattack canningly prepared by raking fire from the French arullery stove the enemy with heavy losses from the summit.

The colonial troops simultaneously counterattacking outflanked le Plessier Park from the north by the boldest sweeping movement, taking prisoner 200 and releasing a number of French captives, and by the end of the day the enemy had lost the whole of his gains. The following night the Germans reattacked Plemont and bombed their way to the middle of the hill. Next smorning the French made a four minute bombardment followed up by infantry, who in the next five mintes drove the enemy to the foot of the hill, taking prisoner fifty.

Foch's Calm Confidence.

London April 6.—Reuter's correspondent at French Headquarters, April 4th, says that Foch, addressing the Anglo French correspondents said: "Ail goes well. The Boche, to call him by his neual name, has been completely stepped. His advance has been arrested since March 30."

Turning to a map on which the successive lines of the German advance were daily marked since the beginning of the battle, Foch pointed out that the last lines of progress shown bore the successive date Murch 27, 28, 29th. After the last date no more progress was shown, because the German advance was then held.

"We are now, at April 4. It is therefore clear that the enemy's rush is stemmed. The wave has expired on the shore, evidently because it broke upon an obstacle. What the result of our success will be cannot be said, the future will show."

The New American Sector. London, April 5.—Reuter's correspondent with the American army in France states that the American force is now occupying a section of the Messe heights, south of Verdun. The enemy yesterday raided here after a

heavy bombardment.

The Press and the Battle.

London, April 5.—The newspapers in London have articles celebrating the anniversary of the American entry into the war and declare that the Allies know no apprehension of failure, backed by the tremendous American reservoir of strength.

Zurich, April, 5 .- The German press betrays concern at the disillusion of the public upon the subject of the great offensive. The Frankfurter Zeitung contains this confession, "The enemy up to the present has succeeded in keeping his strategic unity on the Anglo-French front. All the enemy front from North Sea to Switzerland has undoubtedly been seriously affected but contact has been preserved between the French and British."

Vorwserts says "Let us wait with soundinges the conclusion of events. but let us not comend from ourselves that we still fees days and months of terrible combat. The enemy still possesses quantities of fighting men, with whom he hopes to conquer us. We have no reason to doubt the bravery

or will to win of these troops"

Amsterdam, April 5.—Captain Per-Amsterdam, April 5.—Usptain rerains writing in the Berlin Tage-blatt opiuss that seven if the British army is amached Germany cannot land treeps in England until the British fleet is besten. He doubts the ability of subsparinism to starve British and hands armes to the conclusion tain and hence comes to the conclusion that Britain and Germany should make peace, as neither can destroy the other. from which they are now only eight

von Jagow's disclosures that Britain of a fortnight ago and with reserves was not responsible for the war. The New Phase.

London, April 6 .- It is noteworths that the opening of the second phase of the German offensive differs markedly from the opening of the first. It was a swaying struggle, testifying to he incressed firmness of the Alliedt line, but the intensity of the struggle is expected to increase as it is now clear that Germany regards this as the decisive battle of the war. The renewal of the German attack by the shortest road to Amiens indicates that the enemy intention is to capture the city

thrown in to the Amiene furnace he is unlikely to develop an attack elsewhere. The crucial question confronting Foch is when and where to employ the reserves with which the Allies are

better provided. Correspondents describe the German infantry as lying exposed on the old Somme battlefield, practically shelterless. The enemy transport is asriously hampered by rain.

Our Aviation Supremacy.

London, April 6.-Field Marshal Haig reporting on aviation says: Rin and mist y-sterday interfered with operations. We brought down seven

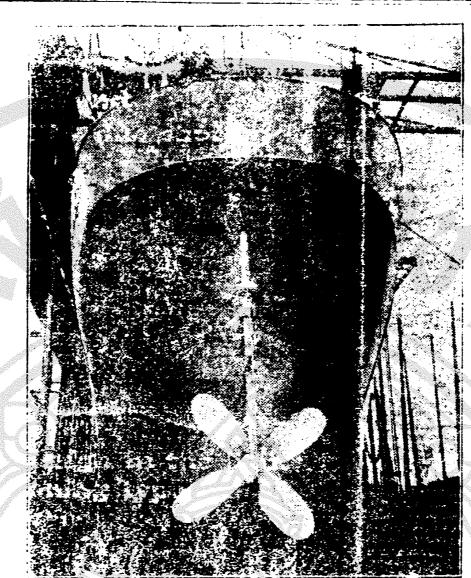
Such a peace he says should now be miles distant at one point. But the German machines and one of ours to missing. Two previously reported missing have returned. We drouped twenty-two heavy bombe at miliday the day on the railway station at luxem. burg. Many burst on the raffesty and caused a large fire. Despite consider. able anti-aircraft guntire all returned,

Paris, April 5.-The recent French air raids on Kurlsruhe railway station badly damaged the station and killed forty and wounded 160. At: Preves a munition factory was blown up. At-Mets Babions eight lacoustives were demaged, a munision train blown up, siso a gasometer. A number of wanging of munitions were set aftre and exploded, killing fifty.
London, April 5 .-- Mr. Perry Robin-

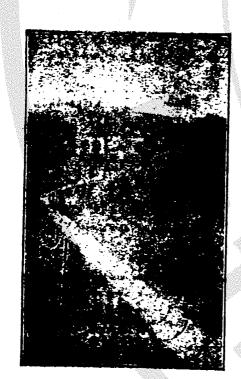
son describing the British use of seroplanes in the first phase of the battle, save there have been three bundred machines simultaneously in the air in one sector alone, the pilots comparing their experience to going down the Strand. The machine-ganning of troops and transports and bombing of goads and villages by lowflying machines has been unprecedented; The Germans were compelled to use by roads, as the main roads were blocked by wreckage of bombed transpost. Squadrons of machines have constantly gone our four and even six times in a single night returning for more ammunition. The German semplance which tried to interfere were constantly shot lown as an irom in the day's work. Captain Trollope, who is now reported missing, established a record. shooting down six machines in a single day. He first attacked four German fighting machines and smashed one, when the others dispersed. Trollops proceeding on his way saw and attacked two machines far below him and brought down both. He then climbed and rejoined his formation which was engaging an enemy equadron. Trollope who had exhausted his ammunitien returned and replenished and met and attacked three machines, bringing down one. He then pursued another group and brought down one in flames. He was flying home when he eighted an enemy scout attacking a British machine and felled him. Mr. Robinson pays a tribute to the work of the Dominions airmen and American pilots and mechanics in contributing to make the Flying Corps not an auxiliary arm but a major striking force.

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