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Germans Envy Russia.

Amsterdam, March 30.—The Upper House of the Prussian Diet discuss electoral reform simultaneously with

the Reichetag. General Kleist declared that reform of the franchise would simply lead to a Republic. He concluded by shout-ing "Hands off old Pressis!"

Count Roon said that Bethmann-Hollweg's panetyric in the Beichstag was quite uncalled for. The Beichstag had only done its "damned duty ' in voting the war credits. It was the Reichstag franchise that needed reforming.

London, Mar. 31 .- The fact that the whole of the Socialists in the Reichstag voted against the budget is variously commented on. Some papers regard it as a manifestation of a new antiwar movement; others consider that it was a pre-arranged move designed to delude the Russian Socialists into offering peace.

A telegram from Amsterdam supports this view, stating that Herr Bethmann-Hollweg, prior to his speech,

consulted the party leaders. The comments in German papers telegraphed by Reuter from Amsterdam show that they are generally hostile to the Chancellor and that German domestic politics may become a factor in the international struggle.

The Vorwaerts says that the Chan-cellor still fails to recognise the seriousness of the times and is oblivious to the fact that domestic reform is now the main question of foreign politics. It declares that it is impossible for Germany to remain politically the most reactionary of all the beiliger

The Berliner Tageblatt, which is a moderate Liberal paper, declares that Bethmann-Hollweg's policy of process. tinating and promising is most regret-

table. The Vossische Zeitung heads an article "Hesitating Chancellor," and article "Hesitating Chancellor," and demands Government respect of the convictions of the majority of the Reichstag.

It is noteworthy that the question of reform was raised during the debate on foreign estimates.

Even the National Liberals are hoping that the Crown will respect the tendency of the moment regarding fran-

Finally the Reichstag, by 227 votes to 33, adopted a National Liberal motion appointing a committee of twenty-eight members to examine constitutional questions, especially popular representation in the Reichstag, and the latter's relation to the Govern-

The Socialist David said that a separate peace with Russia was not so easy as the Chancellor imagined. He de-manded the creation of a constitutional

democratic state. The Socialist Ledebour asked that if the Kaiser advised the Tsar in 1905 no longer to oppose the people's demands, why did not the Chancellor venture similarly to advise the Kaiser? "We regard a republic as an inevitable development in Germany. (Uproar.) History is marching with seven league boots, and the German people are incredibly patient." (Shouts of "Trea-

son!" The President can ioned Herr Lede-bour, who continued: "The Reichstag must have a voice in concluding alliances, peace treaties and declarations of war. The Chancellor must be dismissed when the Reichstag demands

Another Raider Busy.

Rio de Janeiro, March 31.—The French barque Cambronne has arrived with two hundred British, French and Italian sailors belonging to vessels which the German raider sank off Trinidad. The raider is described as a sailer with gasoline engines. She is probably one of the Moewe's captured ships. The survivors state that many lives were lost in connection with the sinkings.

Rio de Janeiro, Mar. 31.—The raider is probably a captured and converted American barque, laden with mines, armed with two guns and quickfirers, and equipped with wireless, being commanded by Count Ukner.

Under a Neutral Flag.

Survivors relate that the raider has been renam d the Secadler, and is provisioned for eighteen months. She hoisted the Norwegian flag on sighting merchantmen, then displayed the German ensign when the prey was within range of her guns.

There were 285 refugees aboard the Cambronne. The sunken ships number nine, including the sailing-vessel Charles Gounod. Another ship resisted but was obliged to surrender after the engineers had been wounded.

The Years's Bill.

London, March 31.—The revenue for the year was £573,427,582, an increase of £236,660,758; expenditure £2,198. 112,710, compared with £1,559,158,377 last year.

London, April 1 .- Features of the revenue returns are the income tax and excess profits, the former totalling 205 millions, compared with 128, millions, and the latter 140 millions, compared with 140 thousands last

The total revenue was seventy millions in excess of the estimate, but the expenditure was over 373 millions in excess of the estimate. The total deficit is £1,624,685,128.

Eton in the Fifties.

The Rev. Arthur Campbell Ainger's "Memories of Eton Sixty Years Ago" (Murray, 96.) are of particular interest to lovers of the history of the famous school, because they register the features of the closing years of the old order at Eton, just before the beginning of the new order of things. The author's very precise recollections are supplemented by contributions from General N. G. Lyttleton and Mr. John Murray, and they present, therefore, a remarkably detailed and vivid picture, which is supplemented by illustrations showing buildings which no longer exist or landscapes which are no longer visible. The Eton songs, some of which are remarkably clever, are selected in the same spirit, as depicting a phase of Eton life which has passed away. The author mentions, as a trifling circumstance which links up his school life to that of many bygone generations, that he went to his first preparatory school, the Forest School at Walthamstow, by coach from the well-known Swan with Two Necks in the City. This was in 1850, and so near the time of change that he returned home by railway.

The book is conceived in just the right spirit to stimulate the minds of readers, whom it will carry back to their own school days. It is not only rich in descriptions of the idiosyncrasics of the masters of those far-off days and of the manners and customs of Eton at the time, but it takes a wide view, including an interesting chapter on dress in an age when no one took evening clothes to school and flannels and colours were unknown. On this branch of the subject the author concludes, "While it may be doubtful whether our successors have not a little too much, it is quite certain that we had much too little." An amusing description is given by General Lyttleton of how he realised in 1878, when he came back from a lengthened stay in India and paid a visit to Eton, "how different the boys were in their manners towards their elders. I went into 'Pop' and got into conversation with two of the leading boys, and soon discovered that so far from being shy with me they were on terms of equality and almost patronising. I admit in quite a nice way, but still patronising." For he remembers the breakfasts to which Provost Hawtrey used to invite boys: "Those repasts were sumptuous and thoroughly appreciated. As social gatherings they were failures "The late proprietor of Truth, who compared with which a Quaker's meeting would have been a busy beanfeast. No boy ever originated a remark, and the old Provost was singularly de

ficient in the art of drawing boys out." Some notes of the early days of the Volunteer Cadet Corps are particularly valuable in the present phase of affairs, and it deserves to be put on record how, by the far-seeing generosity of some of her sons, Eton was awakened in time to the approach of the speculative builder and saved from being smothered in mean streets.

There are many anecdotes which will give the book its sweetest savour to those who remember the times and places described. The Great Western station at Slough seems to be one of those centres round which stories cluster, and there is a familiar aspect about one of the platform inspectors whose life was spent in shouting with a voice like a bull all day long, the same words as each train arrived, so that on one occasion he was absent for a few hours to attend the christening of his own infant, and in answer to the summons "Name this child," he replied in stentorian tones, "Slough, change for Windsor."

"Sniping with peashooters was a course of juvenile amnsement. Peas were not the only or the most effec-tive missile—what we called squg, bread and milk rolled into a doughy sort of ball, was much more in vogue. There was no windage, and consequently their range was much longer and more accurate. I remember catching a fat-faced man on the top of a haycart a stinger on the cheek and greatly enjoying the strongly expressed re-monstrances the smart elicited."

There is more than one ancedote of Charlie Wise, who was quite a character, with a fund of racy humour. One of the begs fired at one of his men with a catapult, a far more dangerous weapon than a pea-shooter, and the bullet flattened on the wall close by his head.

"Charlie brought it to the then cap-tain of the house and said 'If it'ad'it im in the 'ead it would've killed'im, and that would have been an everlastin thing—a d——d expense, too, an admirably terse summing-up of what

might have happened." An attempt is made to describe the peculiarities of Mr. Wolley Dod, the author's tutor, a scholar and an English gentleman, an accomplished bo-tanist, horticulturist and naturalist, but with strongly-marked peculiarities.

"One day a very large dog wandered into the dining-room while we were at dinner, and naturally enough we all set to work to feed it with anything we could lay our hands upon. 'What sort of a dog is that ?' said my tutor.
'Please, sir,' said one boy, 'I believe it
is a Russian boarhound,' 'Ah,' replied
my tutor. 'Now, I should have supposed it was a hungry (Hungary)

Dr. Balston, who always prefaced his remarks with "You, sir," like other successful masters always trusted his pupils, and perhaps some took advantage of his confidence.

virtue, transgressed a general prohibition against catapults, and flagrante delicto.

"' Labouchere, you sir, you have been using a catapult.' 'No. sir, I've not. I'll take my oath of it.'

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THE BRITISH CONSULAR SERVICE.

It is understood that active steps are

now being taken towards the re-

organisation of the British Consuler Service throughout the world on entirely new lines as regards its future methods of working. The aim is to establish a practical and up-to-date system, which shall render the British Consul an official of more real help to merchants and manufacturers in foreign markets than he has sometimes been in the past. One of the features of the old system was the annual report, a document which largely defeated its object by being too late in reaching the hands for which it was destined. But the new scheme contemplates the issue of quarterly reports, and the form of these is also to be laid down. Consuls will be required to furnish certain classes of information and give definite details and facts on all matters relating to the trade and commerce of their respective districts. The reports are to state the volume of trade done in the district, its character, names of local firms, and such particulars as will enable exporting houses to judge of the requirements to be met by them, the competition likely to be encountered, the various directions in which British methods may be improved, and so forth. As these quarterly reports will be largely of a confidential nature, embodying particulars concerning. foreign firms which it would be indiscreet and unfair to disseminate haphazard, they will not be issued to the general public, as was the case with the old annual reports. The whole plan resolves itself into a revolution in the Consular service as it has existed hitherto. The innovations are in course of being introduced by the Foreign Trade Department of the British Foreign Office, working in conjunction with the Commercial Intelligence Department of the Board of Trade. The reformation is one for which the business community of Great Britain has been working for some time. The old system was a faulty one, and was conducted too much on the laisser faire principle. Frequent complaints were made by the travelling representatives of British firms of the lack of interest shown in their case, the small amount of information they were able to obtain. and the perfunctoriness displayed by the Consular authorities. That the charge is justly to be made against all Consular offices is, of course, far from true. It was the system rather than the individual which was at fault. The Consular service has always had in it some very excellent men. There wereothers, however, of a different type, some even who rather resented being called upon to interest themselves in trading questions; and it is a fact that there were cases where the British Consul was not even a Briton. All this is to be remedied in future, and the activities which are in progress towards this end form another sign of the new spirit of energy and deter-

mination which has taken possession of

the British nation.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Malay Peninsular main line is good as far as Prachuabgirikhan. Other lines are all right.

THERE will be a fresh programme at the Phathauakorn Cinema to-night, including "The Underworld of Lon-don" in four parts, a new Max Linder film, and the latest War Gagette.

THE Medical Officer of Health for Bangkok reports that four cases of bubonic plague were notified fluring the week ending March 31st, and four deaths resulted. One small pox patient died on the 27th instant.

WE understand that a branch of the Wang Lang Girls' School is to bs opened at Bang Kapi, in the Chang-wad of Minburi, the land necessary for the purpose having been kindly given by Dr. MacFarland (Phra Arch Wityagom.)

MR. S. J. Pieris of the Survey Department having retired owing to ill-health after a 24 years' connection with that department, His Majesty the King, in recognition of Mr. Pieris' valuable services, has granted him a special pension of Tcs. 2,160 per annum.

A NEW edition, pocket size, of Dr. McFarland's English Siamese dictionary has been published by the Smith Premier Typewriter Co., Bangkok, and can be obtained from them and from the booksellers at the price of two ticals. This edition was printed in Japan from plates obtained by phographically reducing the pages of the large edition.

The Promised Reprisals.

London, March 30. Reuter authoritatively announces that Britain, without further warning, will take such measures as will perhaps bring home to the German Government some realisation of its infamy."

Ministry of Munitions.

London, April 1.- A new branch of the Ministry of Munitions has been established, with Sir Lionel Phillips as controller, to deal with the examina-tion and development of mineral pro-perties in the United Kingdom, with the exception of coal and iron. It is likely to be specially valuable for the purposes of the war. An advisory committee of nine will sesist the Con-

Female Suffrage.

London, March 30 .- A deputation of Suffrage Societies and women workers was received by Mr. Lloyd George, who said that a draft of an Electoral Reform Bill had already been prepared, while the inclusion of women's franchise would be left to the vote of the House of Commons. The majority of the Government favoured such inclusion, and he did not doubt that it would be voted by an overwhelming majority of the House.

India's Raw Materials.

London, March 27,—A meeting of the Raw Materials Committee of the Association of Chambers of Commerce, held at the Imperial Intitute, considered the question of promoting the fur-ther use in the United Kingdom of certain raw materials of India, and re-commended a course of action by the Chambers of Commerce in co-operation with the Indian Trade inquiry now progressing at the Imperial Institute.

War Expert's View.

Paris, March 30.—An expert commentator says: We have reached the celebrated Hindenburg Line, and will now pause in our operations until the new positions have been consolidated and the weather improves.

In view of the British victory in Palestine, the Turks can no longer doubt that their Empire is threatened. Without the help of the Germans, the

Turks cannot dream of avenging theirdefeats in Asia, and it is not likely that Hindenburg can at present spare troops to assist Turkey.

S. Mary's Mission

Sunday, April 8-Easter Day. 7 a.m. Holy Communion. 8 30 a.m. - Mattins.

9 s.m.—Holy Communion and Sermon. Hymns. Jesus Christ is risen to-day. At the Lamb's high feast we sing. The strife is o'er, the battle done. O God, unseen yet ever near. Jesus lives, no

longer now. 6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon. Hymns. The foe behind, the deep before. Christ is rison, Christ is risen. On the Resurrection

morning. The Collections at the above Services will be given to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

THE

Great War.

French Communique.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, April 5. East and west of the Somme, after violent artillery preparation, we attacked the enemy positions south of the line Castoeses-Signybenay from Epindedallon-Oise, and attained our objective. In spite of desperate resistance we carried on a front of thirteen kilometres a series of strong points solidly organised and held by large forces. We captured Epinededallon, the villages of Dallon, Giffecourt and Cerusy, and the heights of Novillers.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, April 4. Yesterday on a front of thirteen kilometres we captured a series of solidly organised positions defended by strong forces from l'Epine de Dallon to the villages of Dallon, Giffecourt and Cerizy and the heights of Urvillers. which we took. "We continued to progrees south of the Allette, in the region of Laffaux. We took Sauveny. The Germans launched' two thousand shells on Reims. To-day we continued to progress east and west of the Somme, and gained by a reconnoitre the fanbourgs of St. Quentin. We captured Moy-sur-Qise, and gained the districts southeast of Grugies and north east of Castres. We pushed the fight south of the Ailette as far as Laffaux, and penetrated into the village in spite of desperate resistance, gaining the ground foot by foot. We defeated German counterattacks south of Vauveny, inflicting heavy losses. The British took several more villages, including Henin-sur-Cejenc, Masseny and Bois de Ronssoy, and repulsed all counter-attacks.

Paris, April 6. Yesterday we overcame the enemy on the Oise front and ejected him from dominating and very important positions, in particular marked by the villages of Grugies, Urvillers and Misy, which we took after brilliant operations, pushing back the enemy in every direction. To the north of Folie farm the Germans in precipitate retreat abandoned three lines of defence. leaving behind them many wounded and a quantity of important material.

To-day we defeated a counter-attack proceeding from the Laffaux and Margival lines. We repulsed an attack north-east of Reims, between Sapiguent and Godat farm, and threw out those of the enemy who had penetrated our advanced line.

United States and Mexico.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, April 5. New York.—The attitude of Mexico towards the United States is attracting renewed attention. It is reported that the civilian leaders in Mexico City are disposed towards neutrality, while the militarist party is in favour of a pro-German declaration of war.

British Progress.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.). London, April 6.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports: We captured the villages of Rongeoy and Basse Bouillogne after sharp fighting. The retreating enemy became entangled in their own wire and suffered heavily. In spite of resistance we continued to progress north-east and east of Metzencourt, and reached the western and south-western edges of Gouzeaucourt and Havrecourt woods, taking sixty prisoners, two trench-mortars and five machine-guns.

Belgian Relief Steamer Torpedoed.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, April 6.

Ymuiden.-On the 4th April twelve miles off Scheveningen a German submarine torpedoed the Belgiau relief steamer Trevier proceeding from New York to Rotterdam with a cargo of grain. Twenty-four of the crew were brought to Ymuiden, eight of them being wounded, the submarine having shelled the boats.

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Spain.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.) London, April 5. The situation in Spain appears to be settling down.

America Declares for War.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.) London, April 6.

Washington.-The Senate passed the war resolutions by eighty-two votes to

More Peace Hints.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, April 5. Telegrams from Vienna emphasise that the Foreign Minister's statement coincided with that of Herr von Bethmann-Hollweg, and was intended to show that complete unanimity existed between the Central Powers.

The Bavarian Press declares that Austria and Germany are ready to enter upon any practical way that will lead to an honourable peace.

Wireless to French Colonies.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.) Paris, April 5.

M. Majinot is in communication with the Commission of Posts and Telegraphs on the subject of wireless telegraphy to the Colonies.

American Navy to Act.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, April 4. Washington.-The discussion of the resolution before Congress concerning the war was continued to-day. The co-operation of the American navy with the Allied fleets will begin as soon as authorisation has been given by Congress.

France and America.

(HAVAN TELEGRAM.)

Paris, April 5. M. Poincaré has telegraphed the congratulation of France to President Wilson. M. Ribot, speaking successively in the Chamber and the Senate, welcomed the United States entering into the war against military despotism with the object of overthrowing it and establishing a new order of things. M. Deschanel in the Chamber and M. Dubost in the Senate, associated themselves with M. Bibot's words.

President Wilson's Speech.

("S. O. " SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.) Singapore, April 4.

President Wilson in his speech to Congress advised the United States of America formally to accept the belligrent status which Germany had thrust upon her. Such a Government as that of Germany could never be a friend, but was a menace to all democracies. America desired no territorial aggradisement, but was prepared to make sacrifices freely as the champion of the rights of mankind. The United States would never submit to injustice, and would freely give all necessary help to the Allies.

On From Baghdad.

London, March 31. — Mesopotamia official: Our troops since March 19 have been operating northward and north-eastward of Baghdad, actively engaged in pushing back the enemy and consolidating positions.

Our troops, also the Russians, converging on Khanikin encountered considerable difficulties, owing to the bridging of a number of canals and rivers that was necessitated, the Russiane through snow, the retreating Turks' devastation, and the formidable Paitak Pass position.

Our troops encountered considerable forces in this direction and stronuous resistance, but inflicted severe losses and captured prisoners, foodstuffs and

anpplies. We occupied Shahroban on March 23 after lively fighting, and heavily punished the enemy in the Diala River region, Jebel-hamrim and Kizilrobat. Monday, March 25. We occupied Deltwah Sindiyah and rich productive areas thirty five miles north of Baghdad. We occupied Fallujah, thirty-six miles westward of Baghdad, on March 19, the Turks offering little opposition, and retreating towards Hit.

Sir Rabindranåth Tagore.

Sir Rabindranath Tagore, who is still in the United States, recently visited New Haven (Conn.), where he was presented with the Yale Bicentennial Medal. In making the presentation the President of the University

Apart from its share in the debt which the West owes the East, Yale acknowledges special obligation to India which it can never repay. To your country our scholars are indebted for a large source of their inspiration. For three-quarters of a century the classics of India have been taught in these halls, and the Sanskrit studies of W. D. Whitney are one of the brightest ornaments in Yale's scholastic crown. To your country we owe our local habitation and our name. Two centuries ago the Collegiate School of the Colony of Connecticut was firmly established iu New Haven by the gifts of Governor Yale of Fort St. George; and the fortune which enabled him to make these gifts was acquired, perhaps not scrupulously, in the Indian Peninsula. In recognition of these obligations and many others, I have the honour to present you, as a memorial of your visit, with the Yale Bicentennial Medal. We welcome you as one of the great brotherhood of seekers for light and truth; we honour you as one to whom it has been given to help thousandsyea, millions-in that search.

The Hymn of Hate.

German Music to Charm Money For the Loan.

The music of the famous German Hymn of Hate was played in public in London on February 10, for the first time, by the band of the Coldstream Guards, outside the Royal Exchange, and just opposite the Bank of England, the headquarters of the great War

It was just the kind of British joke which Germans are never able to understand, for it was played to encourage people to go and invest their money in the War Loan. Thousands of peo-ple assembled to hear it, and when the playing was finished they gave a great shout of laughter. It was a pity that the Germans could not hear that

The laughter was due, however, not to anything comic in the Hymn of Hate, for it is not at all comic, nor to its absordity, for it is not even absurd; it was due to the ridicule which the Guards' band cast on the heavy footed German hymn by a simple and nnexpected device.

As the solemn notes of the Hymn of Hatedied away the shrill voice of the fifes piped a little phrase of eight notes. The little tune is familiar to everyone as that with which a small boy derisively calls attention to the presence of a policeman. It night be translated into Go and get your hair cut, cocky ! although it is said to go with the words, Hurry, boys, here comes a copper? The immense crowd instantly accepted it as a stroke of good-humoured mockery, meant to make fun of the hymn's heaviness. A moment later the Guards' band struck up the stirring strains of "Rule, Britannia," and the thousands of people enthusiastically sang "Britons never shall be slaves!"

The Lord Mayor marched in state from the Mansion House across to the steps of the Royal Exchange, and made a brief speech exhorting every one to support the War Loan. The crowd filled the space outside the Exchange, and the windows of the buildings all round were filled with onlookers. By way of introduction to the dose of Hate, the Guard's band entertained the crowd with a giant hotch-potch of British Cheerfulness in the form of a medley of dozens of airs which have been popular during the past twenty years. Altogether, it was one of the most jovial hours the cits has had since the war began, and there were cheers for Captain Mackenzie Regan, the veteran bandmaster, when the band marched away.

The Victory in Palestine.

London, March 30.—General Murray's brilliant victory is hailed as a new crusade opening up the prospect of ejecting the Turks from the whole of l'alestine. It is considered certain that Judaea will fall into Britsh hands this summer, and the papers already speculate on the possibility of the establishment of a Zionist State in Palestine under British protection. The progress of the British is largely due to the remarkable construction of roads and railways across the desert. When the enemy was crushed at Romani in August, Romani was the railhead.

It now appears that the railway has been carried a hundred miles further east, and already the Turkish position at Beersheba and the railway which is their sole line of communication in Syria are untenable. The victory also indirectly supports the British from Baghdad and the Russians from Kermanshah, and makes Egypt absolutely secure, while a lesson has been taught the Turks which will resound throughout the East.

Amsterdam, Mar. L.-A Turkish communique gives an imaginaary des-cription of the fighting on Mar. 26 and j

27 at Gaza. After claiming a brilliant victory it states that the British left numbers of dead on the ground and retired.

Alnwick Castle Sunk.

London, March 29. - The British steamer Alnwick Castle was torpedoed without warning on the 19th in the Atlantic, 320 miles from land. She had previously rescued the crew of another orpedoed British ship.

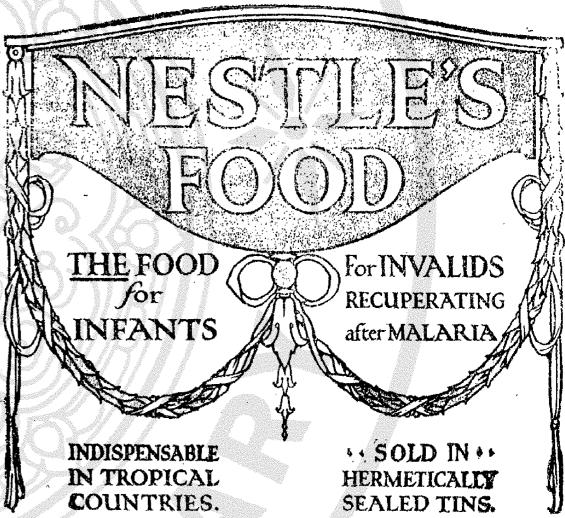
The passengers and crew of both vessels abandoned the Alawick Castle in five boats, of which one has landed on the Spanish coast with twenty-nine aboard, including one stewardess and child. Eight of the number have died and the survivors are suffering from frost bite.

Three other boats were picked up during the week. One contained twenty-seven, another twenty-nine, and the third twenty survivors and five corpses. The remaining boat is unaccounted for as yet. Liondon, March 31.-The Union

Castle Company tannounces that three boats of the Alnwick Castle are missing. London, March 31.-The Union Castle make an announcement that all the Aluwick's passengers and crew left in six boats, not five. Those picked up were the second officer's boat, landed on March 20, the third officer's, landed on March 26, and the chief officer's, landed in Spain on March 27. Altogether eight passengers and 53 crew have been saved up to the present, exclusive of eight who died of exposure. One was killed in transferring from the steamer in the heavy weather,



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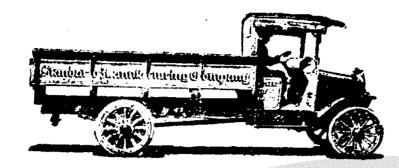
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British Imperialism.

London, Mar 27.—The final report of the Dominious Royal Commission expresses the view that existing organisations are inadequate to deal with matters of joint interest to the Empire as a whole, such as the scientific development of the Empire resources, despening harbours on a coordinated plan, improved mail and cable service, and the preparation and publication of statistics. Therefore the report recom-mends the establishment of an Imperial Development Board representing not only the United Kingdom and Deminions, but India, the Crown Colonies and the Protectorates.

In its initial stages the Board should be advisory

The following representation thereon is suggested: United Kingdom, India, Crown Colonies and Protectorates, seven members : South Africa, Canada, Anstralia, New Zealand and Newfoundland, one each.

The report declares, regarding the scientific development of natural resources, that it is vital that the Empire be placed in a position enabling it to resist any pressure which a foreign power or group of powers could exer-cise in time of peace or war, through the control of essential raw-materials or commodities.

A complete survey should accordingly be made of the relation between Empire production and Empire requirements of such materials and commodities as are mainly produced or prevented them reaching the deck.

controlled outside the Empire. Thus in the matter of cotton, petroleum, ni-

The report and survey and investi-gations in this respect should be entrusted to the Imperial Development Board which should work through the exis-ting departments in the United King-dom and self-governing Dominions and the local scientific departments and the Imperial Institute for India and the Crown Colonies and Protecto-

The report emphasises the necessity of cheap, speedy and efficient transport and recommends larger vessels and larger harbours. Therefore improvement schemes should be supervised by the Imperial Development Board. It suggests improved mail facilities by quicker routes, and some measure of Government control of steamship com-

panies regarding freights.

Cheaper cabling is described as an urgent necessity. The report states that the Dominions' opinion favours

A considerable reduction of press rates is proposed, to enable the wide dis-semination of imperial news.

Dealing with trade questions, the Commissioners advocate the epasting up of the intelligence system, periodic holding of inter-Imperial exhibitions, and unification of legislation, particularly on patents, trademarks and com-

Moewe's Cruise.

Copehagen, March 29.-A vivid story of the stout resistance which the British steamer Otaki offered when attacked by the Moewe on March 10 is told by released neutral members of crews who have arrived from Berlin.

They state that a regular engagement was fought. The Moewe was bit by seven shells, one of which struck her two feet below the saloen, where a number of neutral prisoners were congregated, killing two German soldiers. The Moewe caught fire, and the outbreak took three days to extinguish. Ultimately the Otaki surrendered and the crew were taken aboard the Moewe.

Officers Die Fighting.

The Otaki's captain, first officer, chief engineer and two of the crew, six of the crew of the Monwe, also two Hindoo prisoners, were all killed.

During the fight, British prisoners already aboard the Moewe forced the iron doors of their quarters. German soldiers, armed with hand grenades,

The Moewe on one occasion was cruising outside Capetown, and on another near Rio de Janeiro. She turned homeward via Newfoundland trates and potash, the most careful enquiry is needed, regarding the possibility of new sources of supply or for finding substitutes within the Empire.

The second cotton, petroleum, nitrates and potashe Capstown, and on another near Rio de Janeiro. She turned homeward via Newfoundland and the North Atlantic when coal was running short. British prisoners were kept under strict surveillance and isolated from others.

Armament and Disguise. The Moewe carried four big guns and five torpedo-tubes, and was fitted with high masts, and removable dummy funnels, unshippable. She repeatedly repainted herself in different colours, and she also had a sham steering wheel. At night-time her masts were set in cruiser style and she went at full speed. In the daytime she steamed slowly.

The Moewe passed Elsinore on March 21, and entered the Sound. On strival at Kiel, the British officer prisoners were sent to Karlsruhe and the men to Westphalia.

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The New Russia.

Petrograd, Mar 31.—The Republican Union of Pensant Members of the Duma have issued a manifesto to the peasantry which promises them that the land they need will be granted under the new regime. "We have thrown down the idole of the gods, the anointed rulers under whose yoke we have languished hundreds of years. We will be ruled in the future, not by the grace of God, but by our common-

Petrograd, March 30.-The Government has issued a proclamation that the Poles themselves will determine the form of their new Covernment at a constituent assembly based on universal enffrage.

Ameterdam, April 1.—The German press, with one inspired accord, flatters the new Russia. It hints at the conclusion of a separate peace, and denies the rumours of an impending German offensive against Petrograd and Bess-

arabia. saying that these rumours are inspired by Britain.

London, March 30.—A deputation of British and French Labour representatives will shortly proceed to Petragrad to greet the new Government.

London, April 1.—The great meetings in London vesterday masself resolutions.

ings in London yesterday passed resolu-tions congratulating the Russian demo-

The most influential gathering was The most influential gathering was that at Queen's Hall, presided over by Lord Bryce and addressed by the himisters hir. Fisher (Education) and Sir A. M. Mond (Commissioner of Works). The largest was at the Albert Hall, presided over by Mr. Lansbury. Petrograd, March 30.—M. Rodzianko informed the Duma the situation at the front is most satisfactory. Owing to

front is most satisfactory. Owing to the thaw no deisive operation could be expected at present but the enemy was concentrating forces at various points. Petrograd, April I .- The whole Government has gone to headquarters at

the front. London, March 30 — Wireless. Russian Official. We attacked with asphyxiating gas south-east of Baranovitchi, our artillery simultaneously bombarding with chemical shells. A counter-attack dislodged the enemy from our trenches on the Odynsky

London, March 24.—Wireless Russian Official. The enemy attacked between the rivers Sulchas and Chvanich causing us to withdraw twothirds of a mile eastwards.

On March 17 we occupied Kerind. Which the Turks had destroyed.

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Renewed Peace Talk.

Amsterdam, March 31.-The Austrian Foreign Minister, interviewed by the Semi-official Fremdenblatt, stated:
"The Central Empires are ready to negotiate a peace honourable to our enemies as well as ourselves. Moreover, if the negotiations fail, the war can continue." Coming after the numerous reports of new Austro-German peace moves, this declaration is

regarded as most significant.

London, April 1.—Vienna messages
state that the Austro-Hungarian press
is following the Foreign Minister's lead, with clamours for peace, declaring that Czernin's proposal offers an honourable settlement.

Man-Power Needs.

London, March 30.—In the House of Commons, in the committee stage of Medical the Re-examination Bill, Mr. Forster, replying to objections to the calling up of discharged men, said that only paramount necessity would have induced the Government to make the

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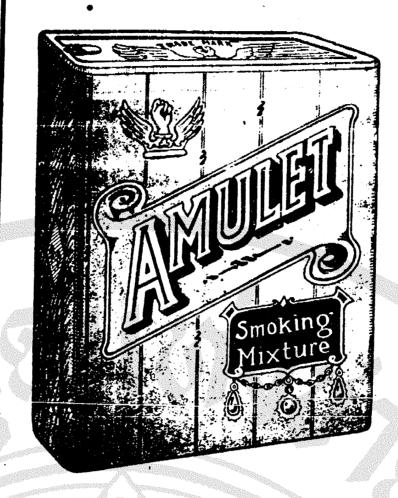
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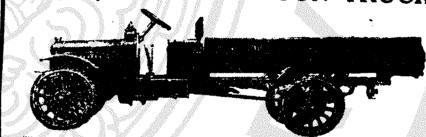
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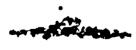
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Humanities of the War.

"The colonel of an Irish regiment," says the Globe "noticed that one of the privates was following him everywhere, even when the fighting was hottest, and at the end of the day he said: 'Yon've stuck to me well this day, Private Rooney, 'Yes, sor,' replied Rooney, saluting smartly, and the ould mother she sez to me sez she, Patrick, me boy. stick to the Colonel, and yo'll be all right; them colonels never git hurt."

The Globs heads this "Material Cynicism" ; we should call it Irish density -though the Irish are not dense as a rule. Witness the following:-

The squire had given Paddy a taste of the Real Thing, and saked him what he thought of it. "It has made a new man of you, hasn't it, Paddy?" "Yes, sor," Paddy replied quickly, "and, av ye plaze sor, he's thirsty tu!"

An applicant before a Tribunal who claimed that he really was, or ought to be deemed, over age, as well as virtually untit, nervously twiddled a dilapidated card in his fingers. "What does that say?" he was asked. After examining it at various angles and from all possible perspectives, he blurted out.
"It says I'm a B. C. man," "Oh, no—
not as old as all that," retorted the chairman, unsympathetically.

The following pathetic story is told by a correspondent in the Spectator:— Not long ago a middle-aged couple entered a Perth suburban train. Both sat silent, and the woman, looking neither to the right nor the left, kept on counting one—two—three on her fingers. Some young people in the carriage exchanged smiles, when the man turned and sail: "Don't laugh at her. She is my wife. She has lost three sons at the war, and I am taking her to Claremont" (the hospital for the mentally afflicted.)

Some of the men recently enlisted into the Flying Services have quaint ideas of service ways. The other day a mechanic at a certain Air Station asked to see the Commander after receiving his pay. On presenting himself, he explained that he had brought his paysheet to show that he had not had full money, because he had been working fourteen hours a day, which, according to Union rules, entitled him to six hours a day "overtime." The Commander's reply was brief and to the point. "See here, my lad," said he "just get it firmly into your head that the service is always at work. You've enlisted to serve your country for twenty-four hours a day. At present you're ten hours a day short of th



BRITISH OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN ON THE WESTERN FRONT. A Belgian armoured Motor-car, and scouts firing on retreating German scouts.

Tommy in the trenches or Jack at sea like to be able to charge up overtime at Union rates?

Germany's boasted victories make one think of Smith. Smith said at the club one night: "Brown's a fool,"

"Brown a fool? Why 80?" they æsked him. "Why," snarled Smith, "I told him bossed my wife and he went and told

"Dad, what is an anomaly?" "I can't explain the term very well, son, but a deck-hand on a submarine would be anomalous."

ring again-"somewhere in France." The famous old pug enlisted at Victoria (B.C.), where he has been living since he returned from the Klondyke: but how he managed to pass. Heaven only knows, for he was born at Maitland (N.S.W.) nearly 54 years ago. Slavin's most sensational scrap was at the Oc-monde Club, when he put Joe McAu life, the California Giaut, to sleep in the second round; his best exhibition was when he stopped Jake Kilrain in nine r-unds (some time before, Kilrain stood up to the mighty John L. Sulliven for 75 rounds); and his greatest fight and Waterloo was on 30th May, 1892, at the National Sporting Cinb, when, after a classic conrun away and be thankful!" Wouldn't | Frank Slavin has stepped into the round.

Murdering Neutrals.

London, March 30.-The survivors of the German submarine U33, recently sunk in the North Sea, state that on Feb. 8 the submarine tired on the Norwegian steamer Ida. The Ida immediately stopped and the submarine gunlayer asked for permission to cease fire, but was ordered to continue till he had fired twenty-five rounds. Then three men from the submarine rowed to the Ida and found the mate and steward dead on deck, being killed while lowering the boat. The Ida was then runk by bombs. The inhumanity of the outrage appears to have imthat the eight of the poor lead Nor- ing vessels were sunk.

wegians would be engraved on his memory in letters of blood.

U-Boat Bars

London, March 30.—Mr. Machamara states that British ships submarined or mine I during the first eighteen days of December, January, February and March respectively were 30, 26, 66, 55, not including fishing craft and the victims of the Moewe.

Paris, March 31.-Official. During the week ending March 25, 874 mer-chantships entered French ports and of whom wrote to his parents declaring unsuccessfully attacked and seven-fish-

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