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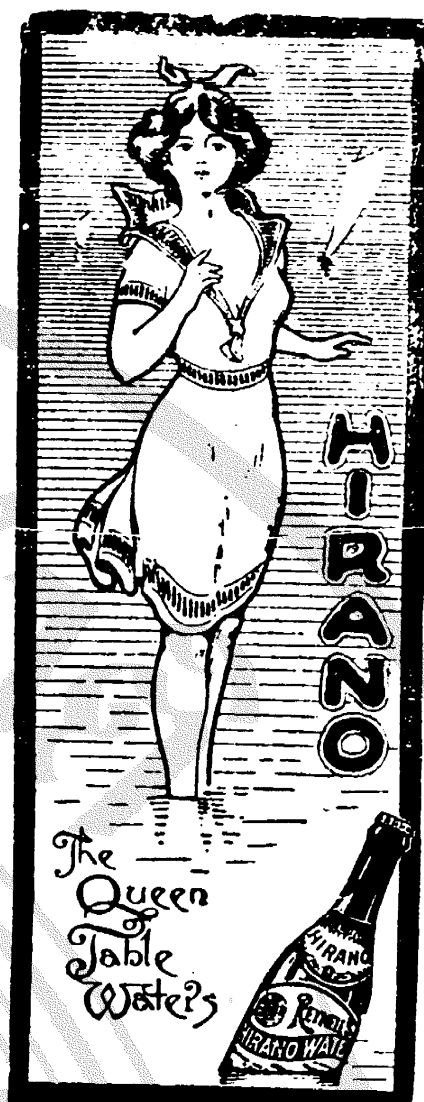
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TIDE TABLE.

DEPTH OF WATER ON THE
BANGKOK BAR
FOR March 1917.

Mar.	A.M.				Feet.
	H.	W.	Ft. & in.	L. W.	
1	7	00	14 4	...	...
2	7	00	14 2	...	...
3	7	00	14 2	...	...
4	4	00	14 4	...	...
5	4	30	14 6	...	...
6	5	00	14 8	...	...
7	5	30	14 8	...	...
8	6	00	14 10	...	...
9	6	00	15 0	...	...
10	6	00	14 10	...	...
11	6	00	14 10	1.0	7.0
12	6	30	14 10	1.0	7.0
13	7	00	14 10	2.0	7.0
14	7	00	14 6	...	...
15	7	00	14 6	...	...
16	7	00	14 6	...	...
17	7	00	14 4	...	...
18	4	00	14 8	...	...
19	4	00	14 10	...	...
20	4	00	14 10	...	...
21	4	00	14 10	...	...
22	5	00	14 10	...	...
23	5	30	14 6	...	...
24	6	00	14 3	...	...
25	6	00	14 3	...	...
26	6	00	14 2	...	...
27	6	00	14 0	...	...
28	6	00	14 0	...	...
29	6	00	13 8	...	...
30	6	00	13 6	...	...
31	6	00	13 6	...	...

Mar.	P.M.				Feet.
	H.	W.	Ft. & in.	L. W.	
1	10	0	13 5	...	...
2	11	0	13 3	...	...
3	...	...	...	...	...
4	...	...	...	...	...
5	...	...	...	...	...
6	2	00	12 0	5.6	7.0
7	3	00	12 6	6.7	6.0
8	4	00	13 0	7.8	6.0
9	6	00	13 6	9.0	6.0
10	6	00	14 0	11.2	6.0
11	7	00	14 10	1.2	6.0
12	7	00	14 10	1.2	7.0
13	8	00	15 0	1.0	7.0
14	9	30	14 2	1.0	7.0
15	11	00	14 0	2.0	6.0
16	...	...	...	...	...
17	...	...	...	...	...
18	...	...	...	...	...
19	2	00	11 0	5.6	7.0
20	3	00	11 6	5.6	7.0
21	4	00	12 6	7.8	7.0
22	4	30	13 0	8.9	7.0
23	6	00	14 0	9.10	7.0
24	6	00	14 6	10.11	7.0
25	7	00	15 0	11.12	6.0
26	7	00	15 0	11.12	6.0
27	8	00	15 0	12.0	7.0
28	9	00	15 0	...	...
29	9	00	14 2	1.0	7.0
30	10	00	14 0	1.0	7.0
31	11	00	14 0	1.2	6.0

PHASES OF THE MOON.

Mar. 9th 0 Full Moon 4 h 40 m a.m.
" 15th 0 Last Quarter 7 h 15 m p.m.
" 21st 0 New Moon 10 h 47 m a.m.
" 28th 0 First Quarter 5 h 18 m p.m.

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heavy work of the body. When they
are overworked or ill-nourished they
ache and people begin to worry need-
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which is rheumatism of the muscles of
the back, but more backaches are caus-
ed by overstrain, overwork, and muscle
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anything else.

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PARIS—
Bank Bills, demand
GERMANY—
Bank Bills, demand
NEW YORK—
Bank Bills, demand U. S. A.
INDIA—
Bank Bills, demand
SINGAPORE—
Bank Bills, demand \$65 1/2
HONGKONG—
Bank Bills, demand Y70 3/8
YOKOHAMA & KOBE—
Bank Bills, demand
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ments on Pages 2, 3, 6 and 7, must be
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Story of the Fall of
Bagdad.

Delhi, March 13th.—A communique
says:—In continuation of the an-
nouncement that our forces were en-
gaged with the enemy on the line of
the Djalal on the night of the 8th
March, our troops succeeded, in spite
of the bright moonlight, in effecting a
surprise, crossing the Djalal and estab-
lishing a strong position on the right
bank of that river. Meanwhile, on the
morning of the 8th March, the Tigris
having been bridged at some distance
downstream from the confluence of the
Djalal, a strong British detachment
marched up the right bank and found
the enemy holding a position about ten
miles south-west of Bagdad. The
enemy were driven from this position
to another two miles in the rear.

During the night of the 9th March
the passage of the Djalal was forced and
our troops advanced some four miles
towards Bagdad. During the 9th March
our forces on the right bank drove the
enemy from his second position,
bivouacking on the ground gained.
This advantage, in spite of blinding
dust-storms and a violent gale, was
pressed on the morning of the 10th
March, the Turks being forced back to
within three miles west and south-west
of Bagdad.

Delhi, March 11.—Telegraphing late
at night on the 11th March the Gen-
eral Officer Commanding Force "D"
gives the following details leading up
to and subsequent to the capture of
Bagdad early on the 11th March:—

During the evening of the 10th
March we maintained close touch with
the enemy on both banks of the Tigris
to the south of Bagdad. During the
night the enemy evacuated his entire
trench line, while we pushed forward
in close contact. Before dawn on the
11th March a general advance on both
banks was ordered and at 5.30 a.m. we
occupied the railway station, the city
being entered shortly after. Our
cavalry pushed forward in pursuit and
after a slight resistance occupied Kazi-
main, capturing over one hundred pri-
soners and four damaged aeroplanes.
Our gunboats now took up the pur-
suit.

During this recent fighting the fierce
gales, blinding dust-storms, lack of
water away from the river, and the
vigour of the pursuit, have made the
operations arduous. Since the 23rd of
February the Turks had been busy
destroying and removing everything of
value in Bagdad. A considerable
amount of booty has, nevertheless,
fallen into our hands, including large
quantities of equipment, arms and
ammunition. Five hundred Turkish
wounded were also abandoned by the
enemy. On the left bank of the Tigris
between two hundred and three hun-
dred Turkish dead were counted on

the 10th March and three hundred
prisoners were taken.

On entering the city of Bagdad the
local inhabitants gave us a warm wel-
come. Slight disturbances occurred
in the city consequent on the Turkish
evacuation, but complete order was
restored when our troops entered the
city.

A communique says:—The following
telegram, dated the 31st March, has
been received from "Eye Witness" in
Mesopotamia:—Bagdad, 11th March.—
Our vanguard entered Bagdad soon
after nine this morning. The city is
approached by an unmetalled road be-
tween palm groves and orange gardens.
Crowds of Bagdadians came out to meet
us: Persians, Arabs, Jews, Armenians,
Chaldeans and Christians of diverse
sects and races. They filled the street,
balconies and roofs, hurrahing and
clapping their hands. Groups of
school-children danced in front of us,
shouting and cheering, and the women
of the city turned out in their holiday
dresses.

The people of the city have been
robbed to supply the Turkish Army.
For the last two years the oppression
has been becoming unendurable. Dur-
ing the last week it degenerated into
brigandage. I am told that the mere
mention of the British had become
penal and the people were afraid to
talk freely about the war.

It appears that all hope of saving the
city was abandoned after we effected
the crossing of the Tigris on the 23rd
February. Since that date the Tur-
kish Government has been requisition-
ing private merchandise wholesale and
despatching it by train to Samarrah.
Three or four thousand lines' worth of
stuff is believed to have been officially
looted, including five thousand sacks
of sugar. The German Consul left
two weeks ago and the Austrian Consul
two days ago.

The bridge of boats, the Turkish Army
clothing factory and Messrs. Lynch's
offices were blown up or otherwise de-
stroyed last night, and the railway sta-
tion, civil hospital and most of the
British property, except the Residency,
which has been used as a Turkish hos-
pital, were either gutted or damaged.

As soon as the gendarmes left at
two this morning Kurds and others
began looting. As we entered from
the east this morning they were rifling
the bazaar at the other end of the city,
and among the first citizens we met
were merchants who had run out to
crave our protection. Regiments were
detailed to police the bazaar and
houses, and pickets and patrols were
allotted, but there was much that it
was too late to save. Many shops had
been looted and the valuables had all
been cleared, and the rubble were found
busy dismantling the interiors, tearing
down bits of woods and iron and carry-
ing off bedsteads. They had even looted
the seats from the public gardens.

Our entry was very easy and unoffi-

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TIME TABLE.

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a.m. 7.00, 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.10.
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11.30 and p.m. 1.00, 2.30, 3.30, 4.30, and 5.30, daily.

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Ayuthia	Arr.	9.3	11.41	3.33	5.45	Lampang	Dep.	7.53
Ban Phaji	Arr.	9.47	12.20	4.24	6.30	Den Chai	"	p.m.
						Tua Sao	"	...	...	...	12.38
						Utatadit	"	...	...	...	7.1
						Ban Dara	Arr.	...	...	...	2.40
								...	...	...	8.16
Ban Phaji	Dep.	9.57	12.37	4.30	...			...	...	...	p.m.
Lopburi	Arr.	11.5	1.55	5.48	...	Sawa'loke	Dep.	...	...	...	7.1
						Ban Dara	Arr.	...	...	...	8.1
Chengkot	Dep.	12.33	3.38	...	7.25			...	...	...	3.11
Pak'poh	Arr.	2.17	5.40	...	9.54			...	...	...	p.m.
						Ban Dara	Dep.	...	...	...	8.34
Pak'poh	Dep.	2.26	6.30	...	...	Pitsa'loke	Arr.	...	...	...	10.43
Pitsa'loke	Arr.	6.	11.5	...	...			...	...	...	p.m.
								...	...	...	8.34
Pitsa'loke	Dep.	7.4	2.2	...	...	Pak'poh	Dep.	...	...	...	1.45
Ban Dara	Arr.	9.5	4.18	...	...	Pitsa'loke	Arr.	...	...	...	6.20
								...	...	...	10.34
								...	...	...	p.m.
Ban Dara	Dep.	9.20	4.40	...	...	Pak'poh	Dep.	...	...	...	7.20
S'kaloke	Arr.	10.21	5.41	...	...			...	...	...	10.43
								...	...	...	p.m.
Ban Dara	Dep.	9.10	4.26	...	...	Chengkot	Arr.	6.21	...	...	9.22
Utatadit	"	10.6	5.29	...	...	Lopburi	Dep.	...	7.10	11.6	12.28
Tua Sao	Arr.	10.15	5.38	...	...			...	...	...	1.56
Den Chai	"	11.57	...	...	...	Ban Phaji	Arr.	...	8.30	12.21	3.4
								...	...	...	p.m.
Lampang	"	4.52	...	...	...	Korat	Dep.	3.57	...	7.—	p.m.
						Lat Sua Kao	Arr.	5.55	...	8.40	...
						Chengkoi	Dep.	...	7.12	11.52	1.52
Ban Phaji	Dep.	10.—	12.30	4.41	...			...	...	...	p.m.
Chengkoi	Arr.	11.7	1.26	5.51	...	Ban Phaji	Arr.	...	8.22	12.29	2.59
Lat Sua Kao								...	...	...	p.m.
						Ban Phaji	Dep.	6.27	8.37	12.44	3.14
Korat	Dep.	...	4.2	...	8.2	Ayuthia	"	...	7.13	9.25	1.23
		...	6.8	...	10.3	Fangkok	Arr.	9.28	11.35	3.16	6.—
								...	...	...	p.m.
Bangkok	Dep.	7.45	...	...	3.50	Petrien	Dep.	7.50	...	...	3.55
Petrien	Arr.	9.33	...	...	5.38	Bangkro	Arr.	9.38	...	...	5.45

cial; and it was clear that the joy of the people was genuine. No functionaries came out to meet us, as there was still fear of reprisals. Our own attitude was characteristic, there was no display or attempt at impressiveness. The troops entered in the order of advance ready to deploy against a new position, dusty and unshaven after several days' hard fighting and bivouacking. It was not known until we actually entered that the Turks had evacuated the city.

The fighting between the 7th and the 10th had been heavy. Extraordinary gallantry was shown in crossing the the Diala river.

Lahore, March 13.—At a meeting of the Punjab Legislative Council at Government House, Lahore, on Tuesday, His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor referred, amid cheers, to the British occupation of Bagdad.

Sir Michael O'Dwyer traced the progress of the Mesopotamian Expeditionary Force from the time that it forced the Turks to evacuate Kut-el-Amara, remarking that in the course of the recent advance the troops covered over one hundred miles in ten days. His Honour alluded to the sanctity and religious associations of Bagdad as a former centre of the Caliphate, and characterized it as most gratifying that the town should have been taken without the stern fighting that seemed likely to occur. The British had always hoped that when the time came for them to capture Bagdad the town might suffer no harm. It was certain that all religious interests would be safeguarded by the army of occupation (Applause).

His Honour ventured to assert that the capture of Bagdad was the greatest military success of the war. In the course of the campaign in Mesopotamia the British had met with difficulties, disappointments and failures, but he thought that the members of the Council would realise how utterly those bitter memories had been wiped out by the present brilliant achievement. (Cheers.) The success had established the superiority of British arms in the Middle East, and he was glad to think that among the Indian troops which had assisted in the triumph the Punjab soldiers figured prominently. (Applause.)

Sir Michael dwelt on Germany's ambitions in the Middle East and mentioned how she hoped to find means through the Constantinople-Bagdad Railway to attack India. He referred to the notorious mission sent by the Germans from Bagdad to Persia and Afghanistan and to other evidences of German intrigue, as revealed in the Lahore conspiracy case. When Turkey was coerced into making war with the Allies the British did not hesitate

to take the initiative and attack boldly.

Sir Michael considered that the capture of Bagdad had safeguarded the outposts of India. His Honour announced, amid cheers, his intention of sending on behalf of the Council a message of congratulation to the Viceroy.

There was a general illumination of the civil station to-night to celebrate the capture of Bagdad.

Bombay, March 14th.—The news of the British occupation of Bagdad was received in Bombay with the greatest enthusiasm. The rapid pursuit of the Turks after the fall of Kut was the cause of much speculation, but the celerity with which General Maude instituted the final attack and gained his objective was unexpected. The triumph was loudly acclaimed, especially in the war hospitals. Yesterday morning flags were flown from all the public buildings and the ships in the harbour.

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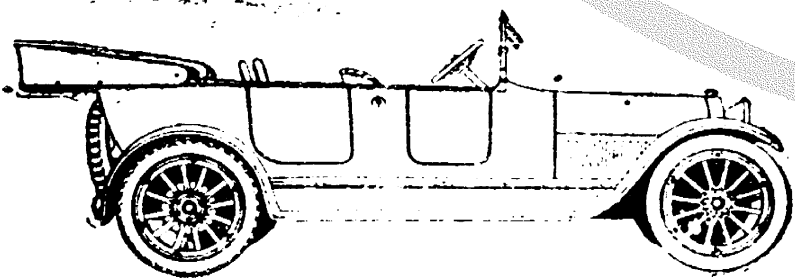
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INDIVIDUALISM AND COLLECTIVISM.

Up to now the life of humanity in general has been conducted on the individualistic principle. Individualism is but another word for selfishness. It need not necessarily be selfishness of the ugly and unpleasantly aggressive sort, but still it is selfishness. In the terms of Eastern philosophy—which has received so much favourable attention in the West during the last two or three decades—the self has been exploited at the expense of the Self. This may seem a little vague to the non-instructed Westerner, but the meaning will be quite clear to all who are acquainted with the philosophical systems of the Orient. The Sanskrit sacred writings, in particular are full of references to the self and the Self, these standing, of course, for the lower and the higher nature of man. According to the old sages, the Self of each individual, while not identical with the Higher Egoes of other individuals, has an intimate and indissoluble connection with them, so that in the ultimate aspect the individual Selves become one great Self. Something of this idea is bound up with Emerson's conception of the Over-soul; and it is the essence of the Buddhist doctrine of Nirvana, the "merging of the drop into the shining ocean." It underlies also the "Continuity of Saints" in Christian theology, and is likewise the root-principle of Collectivism as a philosophical scheme. The human race has not yet come to that stage of evolution when it is capable of abdicating the bonds of individualism, nor is the time ripe yet for it to do so. The world has attained to its present condition of material progress mainly if not entirely by the application of individualism to the current of existence. In spite of this, however, collectivism has in all ages had its advocates, though in general they spoke with weak voices and were unheard by the multitude. But of later years their voices have grown and their tones have become louder and more insistent. It would no doubt have been long ere they would have succeeded in arousing sufficient interest in the masses to bring about any marked changes in life and conduct, had there not transpired events of such magnitude as to shake the foundations of civilisation itself, and compel the attention of the most careless to serious things. Without question the world is within sight of a new era. That individualism is going to be abolished not the most sanguine of its opponents is prepared to believe; but that as a political creed it will be subject to very great modifications seems tolerably certain. The co-operation forced upon the units of a nation or a combination of nations working with one common object by the necessities of an unprecedented situation must compel them to realise not only the value of collective effort but also that collectivism itself is one of the truths of existence, whether we profess to believe in it or not. No one individual can separate himself from the rest of humanity, and his words, thoughts and deeds react on the rest of his kind just as do theirs on him. It is even coming more and more to be held by Western psychologists, as has long been taught in the East, that his most secret and unuttered thoughts are not his alone but have their due though subtle influence on the others of the race. Into such occult questions it is needless here to go, but it affords some indication of all that is covered and implied by the idea of collectivism. But it is with collectivism in its practical application that the world will be most concerned in the near future, and everything tends to indicate that the co-operative spirit will enter into national life and conduct to a very noticeable extent, particularly in so far as the interests of the State are involved in it, and that the people, having tasted of some of the realities of that spirit, will cheerfully work in unison with it, each conscious that he is not one by himself but a part of a living and corporate whole.

Court News.

To-morrow at 10 a.m. His Majesty the King will leave by motor car from Bhanumas Chamruu to Rajavaradit landing from where he will go by motor launch to Bangkok Noi Station and will leave for the Southern Provinces by Special Train.

His Majesty will probably be away from the Capital for about two months.

Steamers to the Philippines.

The American Consulate has received the following cablegram from Governor-General Harrison of the Philippine Islands:-

"American Consul, Bangkok, Please make public the following regulations now governing entrance of steamers to Manila Bay: South channel into Manila bay closed and mined. This channel extends from Cabello Island on north to Restinga Point and south and north channel between Corrigido and shore of Bataan province and will be closed from sunset to sunrise. Harrison."

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Misses Rosenberg have left Singapore by the s.s. *Dryas* for a trip to Hongkong.

A VARIETY of household furniture, etc. for sale at Messrs. E. M. Pereira and Co's store vide advertisement.

THE s.s. *Katong* left Singapore at 8 a.m. on Monday the 9th inst., and may be expected to arrive at the Borneo Company's wharf on Thursday morning about 9 a.m.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Malay Peninsular Local line is imperfectly working between Singora and Bangkok. Other lines are in good order.

THE Danish Consul and Madame von Holck left by the s.s. *Prackatipok* for a health-trip until the end of the month. During Mr. von Holck's absence Mr. Erik Leth will be in charge of the affairs of the Consulate.

THE Reverend C. R. and Mrs. Simons are leaving for Singapore by the s.s. *Kamor* to attend the annual conference of the clergy of the diocese. They will pay a series of pastoral visits in Kelantan before returning here via Singora. Until further notice there will be no mid-week services at the S. Mary's Mission and no Evensong on Sundays although there will be Matins at the customary hour on Sundays. The S. Mary's Mission School re-opens on Friday, May 5th.

Belgians Engaged.

London, April 2.—A Belgian communiqué says: There is continuous artillery fire on the whole front, especially in the region of Dixmude.

Mexican Rebels.

London, March 31.—Gulfstream: A reign of terror prevails in the oilfields in Vera Cruz State. It is reported that several have been killed by revolutionists, including two Britishers.

Sweden.

London, March 31.—Stockholm: A new Cabinet has been formed. Senator Swartz, the Premier, in a statement of his policy, says that the first duty will be to continue the policy of impartial neutrality.

Brailov Docks Bombed.

London, April 1.—Wireless. Russian Official: We repulsed attacks in the Kiribaba, Jacobeni and Vale-Futnara regions. Our aeroplanes by gun fire burnt an airship in the Odobetschi region. Twenty-two of our aeroplanes bombed Brailov, causing dock fire.

The Troublous Turks.

London, April 1.—Mesopotamia Official: The enemy's attempted converging movement from the Shatt-el-Adhaim and Deli Abbas on our Deltawa detachment failed.

The enemy's movement from Deli Abbas was continued and his troops are now in full retreat. We attacked the Shatt el-Adhaim force on Thursday and after severe fighting occupied the whole position. Several enemy counter attacks failed, the enemy leaving 124 unwounded men and many wounded on our hands, and again retreating to the right bank of the Shatt el-Adhaim.

PADDY REPORT FOR APRIL 8.

Nasuan	2280	coyans at Tcs.	65/86	each
Samruang	410	"	52/64	"
Namuang	420	"	51/58	"
Total	3340	Coyans		
2nd to 8th April. (Last week.) 1917.				
Nasuan	1340	Coyans.		
Samruang	400	"		
Namuang	210	"		
Total	1950	"		

THE Great War.

British Air Attack.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
London, April 9.
The Admiralty says that naval seaplanes on the night 7th-8th instant bombed the mole at Zeebrugge. Naval and military aeroplanes attacked ammunition dumps at Ghent and Bruges. All returned safely. The same night off Zeebrugge we torpedoed two destroyers. One sank and the fate of the second is uncertain but it was severely damaged. We had no casualties.

Cuba and Germany.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
London, April 9.
Havana.—The Senate has unanimously passed a vote declaring that a state of war exists between Cuba and Germany.

The Question of Armed Merchantmen.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
London, April 9.
The Dutch Government has finally informed the British that they will not allow armed merchantmen to enter Dutch ports. It is not known what steps Britain will now take in the matter, which has formed the subject of grave discussion in Britain and Holland.

Mesopotamia.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
London, April 7.
Petrograd.—The Russians have joined hands with the British at Kizilobad, Mesopotamia. Official.—The Russian and British detachments established touch on April 2nd on the left bank of the Diale River. The Turks are reported to be retreating towards Kifri.

America's Vigorous Action.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
London, April 8.
Washington.—President Wilson has signed the War Resolution passed by Congress, and it is officially intimated that America is at war with Germany.
New York.—The German merchantmen at New York, Boston, Baltimore and New London have been seized. Probably likewise those in all other ports to the total of ninety-one. Official orders will be issued stating how these vessels will be employed.
Washington.—The German gun-boat *Cormoran* interned at Guam Island refused to surrender, and was blown up by her crew. Two German warrant-officers and five of the crew were killed by the explosion. Twenty officers, twelve warrant officers and three hundred and twenty-one men are prisoners.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, April 8.
Havana.—President Wilson has asked Congress to declare War on Germany.
Washington.—In conformity with the resolution of Congress, President Wilson has signed a proclamation formally declaring that a state of war exists between the United States and Germany. The mobilisation of the fleet has been ordered, also the seizure of German ships. A proclamation has been issued calling upon American citizens to enrol themselves under the flag of the Union, in order to carry out to the maximum degree the operations of the Federal arms.

Austrian Ambassador to Leave America.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
London, April 7.
Amsterdam.—A message from Vienna states that the Austrian Ambassador to the United States has been instructed to demand his passports if Congress ratifies a state of war with Germany.

Air Raid on England.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)
London, April 8.
German aeroplanes dropped bombs on the Kentish coast, but effected no damage.

War Resolution Passed.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
London, April 7.
Washington.—The House of Representatives has passed the War Resolution.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, April 7.
Washington.—The Chamber has voted in favour of war by 372 votes to 50. The part of Congress is finished, and it is now officially announced that a state of war exists between the United States and Germany.

Brazilian Liner Sunk.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
London, April 6.
Cherbourg.—The Brazilian liner *Parana* has been sunk. Thirteen of the crew are missing.

Satisfaction Among the Allies.

(S. O. SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
Singapore, April 8.
President Wilson's speech caused great excitement in France and Great Britain, the vast potentialities of American aid to the Allies being fully appreciated.

More Men for British Army.

(S. O. SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
Singapore, April 8.
Lord Derby stated that certainly large and more drastic measures were necessary for the supply of men to the British Army.

Rejoicing in France.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)
Paris, April 8.
The Government will display President Wilson's message publicly throughout France in all schools, colleges and lycées, in order that scholars and students, on returning from the Easter holidays, may read it, together with the comments of MM. Ribot, Dubost and Deschanel. The prefects have invited all Mayors to fly flags on public buildings. Flags were flown from the Paris Hotel de Ville yesterday.

Sinkings.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)
Paris, April 7.
Marseilles.—The French mail-steamer *Ernest Simon* has been sunk in the Mediterranean. There was no loss of life. The American cargo-vessel *Misourian* has been sunk, also in the Mediterranean.
Cherbourg.—An enemy submarine sank the Brazilian transport *Parana* off Barleur. There are three missing.

Russian Withdrawal.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)
Paris, April 7.
Petrograd.—The Russian forces, after heavy losses, have withdrawn to the right bank of the Stokhod.

French Communique.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)
Paris April 7.
To-day there were artillery actions on the Somme and Oise front, and we arrested a German coup-de-main in the Argonne. To-day we defeated German counter-attacks to north of La Folie farm. We made excellent progress to north of Landricourt and south of the Oise, and recaptured further trench-elements north east of Reims. The British made progress in spite of desperate resistance, and captured Ronsoy Basse-Boulogne.

Paris, April 8.
We continued progress yesterday, with grenade fighting, east of Sapi-gneul and north-west of Reims, which the Germans are bombarding violently. To-day there was force artillery fighting east and west of the Somme, in the region of Ballen and Grogies. We continued to progress north of Landricourt. One of our air-squadrons dropped 410 kilogrammes of explosives on enemy establishments at Villers, Spincourt, Maugieunes forest and Bois-Billy. The British continued their offensive north of St. Quentin, and gained possession of Lempricq, progressing north of Moreuil, and inflicting heavy losses.

British Legation Telegrams.

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

London, April 6.
In France there has been vigorous fighting during the past week, which resulted in considerable progress by both the French and British, especially in the neighbourhood of Saint Quentin. West and north-west of this important town the British made steady progress against strong resistance. South-west and south thereof the French have advanced until they now hold the plateau on which Urvillers is situated, and further north they have entered the south-western suburbs of Saint Quentin itself. Other two sectors wherein they have been fighting have been the area south-east of Arras and north-east of Soissons in both cases the ground won from the enemy has been hotly contested. The British advanced to a line that runs almost straight from the neighbourhood of Arras, through Croiselles to Bognies, just south of the Bapaume-Cambrai road. In the Soissons area the French pushed forward through some difficult country in the direction of Laon. Throughout these operations fighting has been greatly hindered by bad weather. In spite of this and all other obstacles, the recent advance has undoubtedly been swifter than the enemy anticipated. Several field-guns and howitzers have been captured, and many prisoners, machine guns and much other booty taken. There are indications that the German retirement has not worked as smoothly as the enemy hoped. It is probable that the Germans have now reached the main line of defence wherein they were rearing Saint Quentin in advance of this line, but its possession is of importance. The enemy is resisting strongly the movement which threatens it. Since the beginning of the present year the British have captured approximately five thousand German prisoners.

In Mesopotamia the successful advance of the British continues. Up the river Diale considerable resistance has been encountered, but the Turks have been thrown back wherever they attempted to stand. The Russians have now broken through the passes where they were temporarily held up by heavy snow and the enemy's defence, and have reached Khankin. The British and Russian cavalry patrols have established touch.

Information has been received from a reliable source that Turkish troops have been employed to quell rioting and disturbances in Munich. The necessity for retaining Turkish troops in Germany and Austria is therefore apparent.

A reference in the German wireless to destruction by the British and French gunners of French churches and villages needs no refutation, but is interesting as a reminder of the operations of the German authorities at Lige and Dinant, and of the sack of Louvain and innumerable other towns and villages.

The King has sent a message of thanks for the devoted loyalty of all parts of the Empire in their efforts to bring the war to a successful conclusion, as expressed through their representatives at the Imperial War Conference, which has adjourned to the thirteenth of April.

Mr. Bonar Law announced in the House of Commons that the Government was considering the question of reform of the House of Lords.

The Military Service Bill has passed the House of Commons, and secured a further one hundred thousand men by the re-examination of the exempted. Sir William Robertson, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, addressing the Cardiff Trade Unionists, declared that it was impossible to put a limit to the number, and that the Army would require a further half-million before the end of July, which would undoubtedly be forthcoming.

General Smuts, speaking at a luncheon in the House of Commons, referring to the united efforts of South African Dutch and British in the cause of Empire, and said that this co-operation was possible because the Boer War was supplemented by the wisest settlement in history, which was due to the fact that the British Empire was founded not on force, but on freedom, equality and equity.

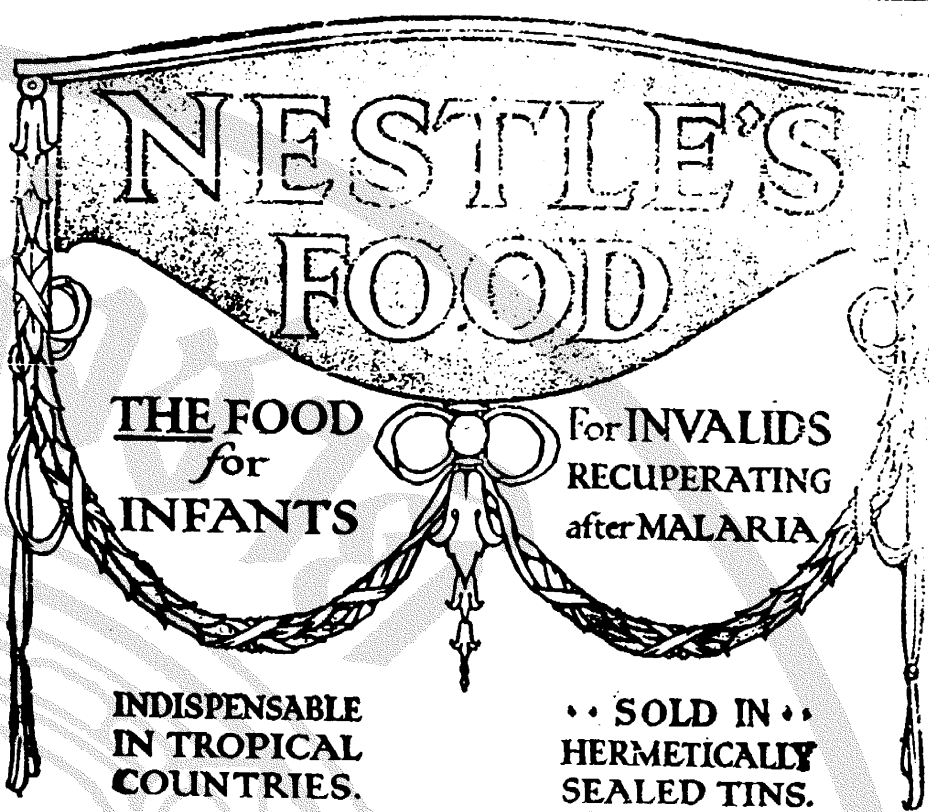
The submarine campaign shows promising signs for all but the Germans. The volume of trade passing through the danger zone shows no great difference since its increase in the middle of last month, wherefore apparently neutral traffic was being resumed. The losses show no decided tendency to increase, and are apparently much below the total which the enemy confidently anticipated. French and Italian returns show no sign of their mercantile marine suffering from interruption or undue loss. Admiral Jellicoe, speaking at Cardiff, said that fresh schemes were daily being introduced for sinking submarines, which were now forced to attack from under water. The enemy losses are not published, owing to the uncertainty of ascertaining whether a descent is voluntary, but it was certain that they were not getting off scot-free.

The Russian Government has announced its intention of an entire reconstitution of Poland on the basis of a Government chosen by the Poles themselves. The Russian Cabinet has been re-formed on the British model, establishing close bonds between headquarters and the Government. A Commissioner has been appointed to take over the Tsar's domains, whence apparently the combined private fortunes of the Tsar, Tsaritsa and Tsarevich amount to £200,000 sterling. Revelations touching the scandalous expenditure of the Tsar's colossal State income have had the effect of profoundly modifying public views regarding the ultimate establishment of a Monarchy, and even the Moderates are considering a republican form of rule.

At Washington the resolution of the Senate in favour of a state of war was

passed by eighty-two votes to six. Steps are being taken in the direction of efficient co-operation between America and the Allies by the creation of an Anglo-French and American Military and Financial Commission. It is considered probable from this that co-operation will primarily take the form of financial assistance, also of policing the Atlantic with small craft, with a base on the European side.

A sensational rumour is published by the *Morning Post* that the Kaiser is dangerously ill at Homburg, where he was visited by the Emperor of Austria and his Ministers. Although tentative peace proposals were undoubtedly discussed, the Vienna Press states that it is not intended on the part of the Central Powers to make any immediate peace offer.



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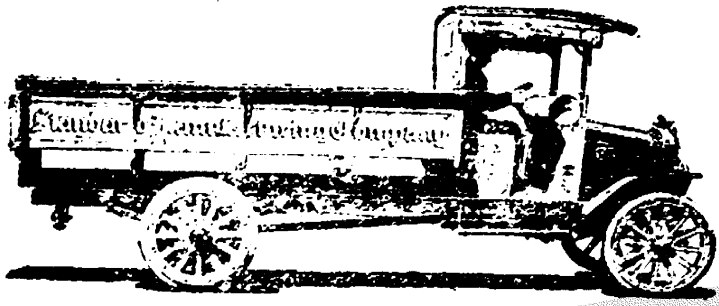
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India Matters.

The Coffee Crop.

London, March 18.—In the House of Commons, Sir J. D. Rees emphasized the seriousness to India for the prohibition of the import of coffee into the United Kingdom, and urged the Imperial Government to allow the import of the Indian coffee crop by licence. Mr. Chamberlain replied that he was communicating with the Board of Trade on the matter.

Exchange in Persia.

In reply to Col. Tate, Mr. Chamberlain said that the Indian Government was considering the recommendations of the committee regarding the granting of the same rate of exchange of rupees into kranas to the troops in Persia as the Indo-European Telegraph Officers in Persia received. A decision would be reached as soon as possible.

A Munitions Experiment.

In reply to Mr. Warding, Mr. Chamberlain said that Mr. Wakefield, Director-General of Revenue in Hyderabad, had called the attention of the Indian Government to the possibility of using a certain material for the manufacture of munitions. Experiments, while showing the utility of the material, had not yet established its superiority over other materials, consequently the final decision regarding its employment had not yet been taken.

Saving On Sea Transport.

London, March 28.—The Army appropriation account states that the sum of £5,570,320 credited to the Indian Government includes the provisional payment of £542,300 by India representing the estimated saving to the Indian Government on sea transport service in 1914-1916 inclusive. The War Office and India Office are still corresponding on the subject.

Various Items.

London, April 2.—The strength of the St. Quentin position can be judged from the fact that it is defended by ten separate belts of wire, well protected from the rear.

The enemy is using a new field gun, outranging its predecessors by two thousand yards. He is also employing light guns drawn by a pair of horses.

There are numerous traces of the effectiveness of our gunners. One German graveyard contains two thousand graves.

London, April 2.—German correspondents wax sentimental on the subject of the great German graveyard left

behind on the Somme, "where every German village has sacrificed its manhood." "German children whisper the word Somme." "No river runs so red with blood, is so flooded with tears."

At the same time, the correspondents exult over the devastation of the evacuated country.

"War babies" are becoming a serious problem in Germany. Some 360,000 are already supported by the State.

The political situation in Germany is most interesting. The Prussian ultra-Conservatives are fighting tooth and nail to stem the growing movement in favour of reform of the Prussian electoral system, which is the most antiquated in Europe, but they find little sympathy elsewhere.

Liberal newspapers urge a change, "since Prussia cannot remain the only feudal regime in the midst of a totally changed world."

Jassy, April 2.—It transpires that the Germans have arrested in Bukharest the septuagenarian mother of Premier Bratianu, and are holding her as a hostage.

London, April 2.—Financial experts regard the revenue returns as an extraordinary testimony of the capacity and patriotism of the British tax-payer. The excess gives prospect that the revenue for 1917-18, on the existing basis, will not less than 600 millions.

It is pointed out that last year's increase was more than sufficient to cover the interest and sinking fund for the thousand millions War Loan.

Indirect taxation contributed 22.1 per cent.

London, April 1.—The War Office states: The rainy season has suspended extensive operations in East Africa.

The opportunity has been taken to reorganise the forces, exchange and relieve units, perfect transport, and reconstruct railways. The whole of German territory north of the central railway is being civilly administered and has rapidly settled down.

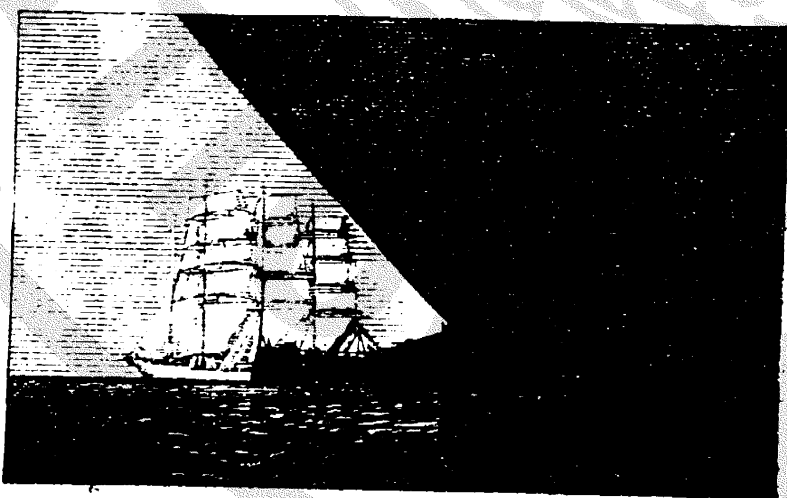
A small party of wandering Germans was captured on the slopes of Kilimanjaro on Mar. 25. The principal German force remains south of the Rufiji, with its outposts in contact with our columns. There is more activity in the western area, where the German columns moving southward are engaged with the Rhodesian and Nyasaland troops north and north-east of Lake Nyasa.

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As for the junior ranks, the usual avenues for permanent commissions in the army, Woolwich, Sandhurst, and the Special Reserve, were enlarged by increasing the establishments and shortening the courses. A certain number of ex-warrant and non-commissioned officers were given commissions, and finally the wisdom of Lord Haldane's "sandwich" method of rapidly expanding the permanent ranks by means of the Officers' Training Corps became apparent. At the outbreak of war there were 22 senior Officers' Training Corps, and considerably over 100 of the junior division, which comprises the public schools' cadet units. Oxford University O.T.C., for instance, provided over 2,500 officers for the army within the first year of the war, the Cambridge O.T.C. over 2,300, three of the smaller "University" O.T.C. over 1,000, and the Inns of Court O.T.C. over 2,500.

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General Wire News.

Germany Wants Peace.

Amsterdam, April 1.—Germany's hope that the Russian revolution would result in peace is evidenced by an inspired Berlin telegram purporting to give the views of political circles on Count Czernin's interview. It says that Czernin's frank utterances were greeted with joy and will doubtless help to destroy enemy rumours that the Central Powers are willing to assist in the restoration of Russian reaction.

It adds: It now lies with Russia to reply to the clear and unmistakable utterances of Herr von Bethmann-Hollweg and Count Czernin. The latter's readiness to negotiate peace whenever our enemies abandon their unrealistic idea of crushing us agrees with the wishes of the German people. We can, with head erect, await the offer of the enemy, who has known our intentions since Dec. 12. We are stronger than ever on all fronts and we can endure and still secure an honourable peace worth our gigantic sacrifices.

Berne, April 2.—Telegrams from Vienna emphasize that the Austrian Foreign Minister's statement of March 31 was on all fours with Bethmann-Hollweg's statement in the Reichstag, both being intended to show the complete unanimity of the Central Powers on all questions.

The Bavarian press has now joined in the peace chorus, declaring that Austria and Germany are ready to enter any practicable way leading to an honourable peace.

Amsterdam, April 1.—There were stormy scenes in the Reichstag on March 30, the Socialists amid shouts of "treason" declaring that a republic in Germany was inevitable, and demanding larger powers for the Reichstag in the matter of foreign policy.

Russian Messages.
Petrograd, April 1.—Nearly all the newspapers have emphasized that Herr von Bethmann-Hollweg's references to Russia in the Reichstag were intended to entrap Liberal opinion in Russia in favour of peace.

The Novoye Vremya recalls that the Kaiser was always interfering in the internal affairs of Russia and had officials and even ministers appointed. It says: "We want a peace which a new crowned German fool could not disturb. The best means to realise this is for Germany to take her destiny in her own hands."

Petrograd, April 2.—The Premier (Prince Lvoff) is receiving pressmen and repeating the Government's determination unswervingly to fulfil treaties and agreements with the Allies and

prosecute the war to a victorious conclusion.

"Free Russians will not bow before an invader who is striving to humiliate them. Victory over the Kaiser will be the victory of democracy over the strongest bulwark of reaction in the world."

Petrograd, April 2.—The Government has ordered the removal to Petrograd of all personages detained with the ex-Tsar at Tsarskoe-selo. The Grand Duchess Marie Pavlovna and a number of the suite of the Grand Duke Boris have been arrested, it is supposed in connection with a plot to proclaim the Grand Duke Nicholas as Tsar.

Failure of Submarinism.

London, April 2.—The Telegraph's naval expert points out that, while the

the submarine piracy was designed to stop all British trade immediately, sticking at no inhumanity to effect that aim, British ports during the "blockade" have been visited by forty thousand ships, of all nationalities, excluding fishing vessels and local traders.

The writer challenges Admiral Capelle to say how many submarines, costing a quarter of a million sterling each have not returned.

A Serious Strike.

London, April 1.—The Press Bureau says: The Barrow-in-Furness strike now affects practically all the engineering shops in that area, but does not affect the shipyards.

The strikers to-day, despite efforts at settlement by the Society of Engineers and Minister of Labour, have determined by a large majority to continue

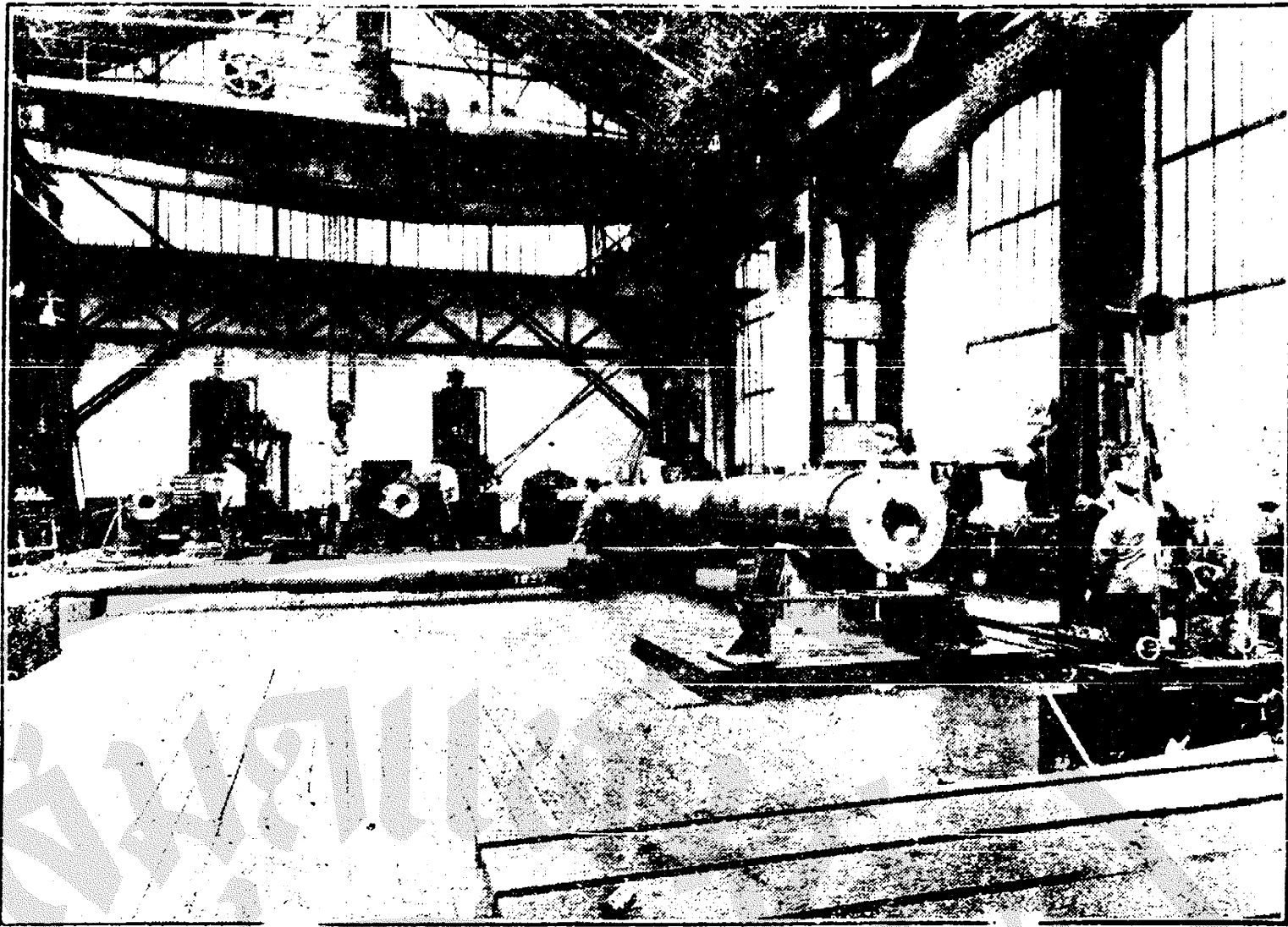
the strike. The production of munitions of vital national importance is being greatly delayed and the Government regards the matter in the gravest light and is immediately considering steps to deal therewith.

Kaiser's American Property.

The suggestion that the German Emperor is personally displeased at the prospect of an open conflict with the United States because of his financial holdings in that country has more foundation than is usually to be found in support of such statements. If the full extent of his personal commercial activities were revealed they would be found to be very large and remarkably diversified, for he is a good business

man, with a shrewd eye to the main chance. It is an open secret that he is largely interested in the Hamburg-America Line—hence his friendship with Herr Hallin—and his holdings were fixed before the war at something in the neighbourhood of £600,000. Like other European rulers, he has been attracted by the tremendous development of the United States and Canada in recent years. Through his agents (for his own name is discreetly withheld) he is the holder of a great deal of real estate and house property in the States and he is believed to own much undeveloped mineral-bearing land in the Dominion.

London, March 27.—The death is announced of John Dawson Mayne, author of the Indian Penal Code.



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