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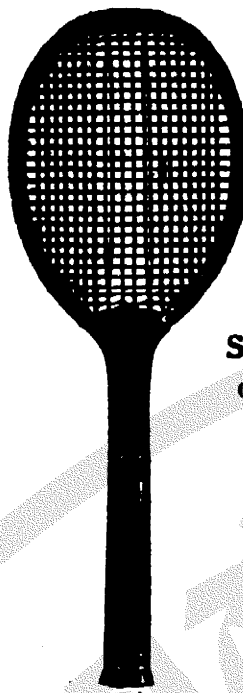
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" " " " 23	" " " "	" 24

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" " " " 30	" " "Kashmir"	April 1
" " "Malta" May 14	" " "Khyber"	" 15
" " "Nellore" 19	" " " "	" 15
" " "Nyansa" 28	" " "Medina"	" 29
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FOR APRIL, 1916.

Apr.	A.M.			
	H. W.	Ft. & in.	L. W.	(Approx.)
1	5 00	14 4
2	5 00	14 5
3	5 30	14 2
4	5 30	14 3
5	6 00	13 11	1-0	7-0
6	6 00	13 11	1-0	7-6
7	6 00	13 8	...	...
8	6 00	13 7	...	...
9	6 00	13 6	...	...
10	6 30	13 1	...	...
11	6 30	13 1	...	...
12	6 30	13 5	...	...
13	6 30	13 9	...	...
14	6 30	14 0	...	...
15	6 30	14 4	...	...
16	6 00	14 4	...	...
17	4 30	14 4	...	...
18	4 30	14 3	11-12	7-0
19	4 30	14 1	11-12	7-0
20	5 00	13 10	12	7-0
21	6 00	13 6	...	...
22	6 00	13 4	...	...
23	7 00	13 4	...	...
24	7 00	12 11	...	...
25	6 00	12 8	...	...
26	1 00	14 0	...	...
27	2 00	13 8	...	...
28	2 30	13 9	...	...
29	3 00	13 9	...	...
30	3 30	13 8	10-11	7-0

Apr.	P. M.			
	H. W.	Ft. & in.	L. W.	(Approx.)
1	4 00	11 11	...	...
2	4 30	12 7	...	...
3	5 30	14 0	11-12	6-0
4	6 00	14 3	12-0	7-0
5	7 00	13 7	...	...
6	7 00	14 8	1-0	7-0
7	8 00	14 7	1-0	7-0
8	9 00	14 5	1-2	6-0
9	10 30	13 11	2-3	6-0
10	10 30	13 8	3-4	6-0
11	11 00	12 9	3-4	6-0
12	12 00	12 6	4-5	6-0
13	12 00	12 3	4-5	6-0
14	3 00	10 10	5-6	7-0
15	3 00	12 4	7-8	7-0
16	3 30	12 8	9-10	7-0
17	4 30	13 8	10-11	7-0
18	7 00	15 0	...	...
19	8 00	15 2	...	...
20	8 30	15 0	1-2	6-0
21	11 00	14 9	2	6-0
22	10 30	14 4	2-3	6-0
23	11 00	14 1	3-4	6-0
24	12 00	13 0	3-4	6-0
25	...	12 6	4-5	7-0
26	...	...	6-7	7-0
27	2 30	10 7	7-8	7-0
28	3 30	11 11	9-0	7-0
29	4 00	12 7	10-0	7-0
30

PHASES OF THE MOON.

Apr. 2nd New Moon 11.3 p.m.
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Sir Edward Grey and the
"Baralong."

London, March 7.—The "Kölnische Zeitung" recently published the text of the German Note, rejecting Sir Edward Grey's proposal to submit the case of the "Arabic," the "Ruel," the "E 13" and the "Baralong" to the decision of a Council of American naval officers. Sir Edward Grey's reply of February 25 has just appeared in a White Paper. Sir Edward deals consecutively with the first-named three cases, which according to the German Note had been minutely investigated in Germany and the officers acquitted of all blame. Sir Edward Grey emphatically repeats his earlier statements on the subject and speaks decisively of the German version, according to which men, women and children of the "Arabic" perished miserably because the ship adopted a hostile attitude to a submarine which had no intention to attack. As a matter of fact the "Arabic" did nothing against the submarine, but was attacked without cause.

A "Battle."
Sir Edward Grey declares that there is absolutely no truth in the story that the firing at the helpless submarine, stranded on the Danish coast, was the last stage of a fight between submarine and destroyer. This has been confirmed by both British and Danish witnesses. There never was a fight. The submarine was quite unable to defend herself.

Case of the "Ruel."
In regard to the "Ruel," Sir Edward Grey states that the German Government does not seem to have understood the earlier British Note, which did not touch upon the general principles of the legitimacy of the submarine war. To the British Government it seems always illegitimate, sometimes cruel and often murderous to sink a merchantman without previous investigation and expose the crew to the privations and dangers of open boats on the high seas. Nevertheless, such a line of conduct has always characterised the German spirit of humanity, and it is not for this reason the proposal was made to submit the matter to a Council of American naval officers. The point to be specially investigated is the conduct of the Germans, who fired shrapnel at the men of the "Ruel," after they had been compelled to take to their boats, killing one man and seriously wounding seven. It would be difficult to find a case of more pronounced and brutal violation of the laws of humanity. The German Government does not claim to have investigated these facts, but they are an additional reason for submitting all these cases to an impartial Court of Arbitration. The German conclusions drawn from the "Baralong" case do not in the least agree with those of the British Government, and are founded on contradictory statements. It may be added here that the only witness on the German side, whose antecedents could be ascertained,

Visit to the Battlefield.

Tremendous Accumulation of
German Guns.

Berlin, March 7. (Hansa-Rotterdamsche Courant)—I visited the battlefield of Verdun yesterday, more particularly near Ornes, the Bois de Chaume and Douaumont. The whole country was studded with heavy guns, shelling the French positions. The massing of artillery in Galicia when breaking through at Tarnov was, according to the statements of neutral eye-witnesses, child's play compared with what is to be seen at Verdun. The village of Douaumont is now nothing but a heap of white ruins. The French had posted themselves in caves, in which they were safe from the German shells. This rendered the infantry attack very difficult. If the position is viewed aright, however, it will be understood that the village had to be taken if the fort was to be held. Yet the German garrison of the Douaumont fort was not so hard pressed as to have their supply of food cut off.

A correspondent writer from Zürich: Recent indications go to show that the Germans will this time direct their great offensive towards the Verdun-Belfort line, thus not on the northern front. It is fairly certain that something is in the air. The proceedings against the Swiss Staff officers have brought to light that the Swiss Staff is fairly well posted on the German plans. Now the astounding news has reached us that the VII. division of the Swiss army, which after having served for months on the Austro-Italian frontier was on its way home to be dismissed from service, has been hastily sent towards the Basle frontier region. The thousands of men, who after months of service were longing to return home, would not be sent to some fresh part of the frontier, unless under the most urgent necessity. Some also assert that the French are contemplating a serious attack from Belfort.

ed, was not at sea when the "Baralong" incident took place, although he claimed to have been an eyewitness. Sir Edward Grey, therefore, urges a complete and impartial investigation of the four almost simultaneous events.

German and British Methods.

Concluding, Sir Edward disputes the German statement that the British Government intends in future to neglect in regard to submarines the first rules of warfare, namely that a disabled enemy should be spared. He says:—The German Government errs. True, the German navy has bombarded open cities, it has ruthlessly drowned men, women and children, neutrals and belligerents, and the German Press has applauded these acts. But it has never been the custom of the British fleet to destroy an enemy who has surrendered, and it does not intend to change its mode of warfare merely because it enters into conflict with enemies holding different views of honour and humanity.

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Rumania.

Bukharst.—Nobody here expects that anything short of a military catastrophe will range Rumania on either side in the war.

Leaders of the responsible political parties say that the chances of her doing so have vanished, although it is admitted that when it appears to be certain that one group of allies will triumph over the others Rumania will join the expected victors in order to gain territorial advantages.

That is the quintessence of statecraft made to the writer in interviews with leaders of public thought and affairs.

Rumanians who have advocated action against the central group now deem the military situation in Europe unfavorable, while others maintain that joining the central powers would be the best policy. The former blame Premier Bratiano for permitting opportune moments to pass. Ex-War Minister Filipescu, an ardent supporter of the Entente allies, is Premier Bratiano's severest critic. Ex-Minister of Interior Jonescu takes a similar stand, with the difference that in his opinion Rumania may yet join the Entente group.

Ex-Finance Minister Marghiloman considers Russia is the arch-enemy of Rumania and argues that before the war ends Rumania must join the central powers or find herself isolated and "without a friend on earth."

General Indifference.
In the main the general attitude now is one of indifference. It must not be assumed that full control of the Government by either faction would place Rumania on one side or the other. Premier Bratiano is gaining the upper hand, according to the general belief, would throw Rumania to the Entente side, while it is thought that Marghiloman undoubtedly would range her with the central powers.

There has been a split in the so-called Federal Party, formed by the merging of the Jonescu and Filipescu factions to support Premier Bratiano. Several days ago Filipescu formally broke with Bratiano, so that the latter's position as Government head is considered badly shaken. Even Bratiano's supporters feel that another important Entente reverse would cause his fall. Bratiano is quoted as saying that if the Entente loses Salonica it must expect him to retire.

The Grain Deal.
Rumania's position as viewed in the light of recent developments is one of helplessness, the best indication of which is found in the fact that after the sale to the British Purchase Bureau of 80,000 carloads of wheat, Rumania was obliged to sell to the central powers 100,000 carloads of mixed

cereals. The British transaction had the full sanction of the Rumanian Government, but the pressure exerted by the Marghiloman faction robbed the contract of many advantages to the British.

Grain dealers and producers having failed to offer wheat in sufficient quantities to fill the contract of 80,000 cars made between the British Purchase Bureau and the Rumanian Export Commission, the contract has been radically modified. Sellers under old contract received \$6.40 per hundred kilograms, the price paid by the Germans and Austrians, but the sellers were required to store and insure the British purchases at their own expense until six months after the war. The sellers figured their expenses would be \$120 per hundred kilograms, while the German and Austrian purchases were to be delivered immediately without expense.

Grain experts here say it is not likely that the full 80,000 carloads will ever be obtained.

Tentative Refuse Favor.
In exchange for the sale of 100,000 carloads of grain to the Germans and Austrians, Rumania wanted to import certain needed articles, some of military value. The Germans and Austrians refused to include any of the latter in the list granted.

It is no longer a secret that the Rumanian army has ammunition for only two months if the demand upon it is not too great, and it is feared that any attempt to import ammunition from any country would be disastrous, because either side would pounce on Rumania before any quantity of ammunition had been received and she would suffer the fate of Serbia and Belgium.

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The girl who returns home from school or work thoroughly tired out every evening may be beautiful, but her beauty will soon fade. She will be fortunate if she escapes a physical breakdown, because this getting tired so quickly is the first warning symptom of a thinning of the blood.

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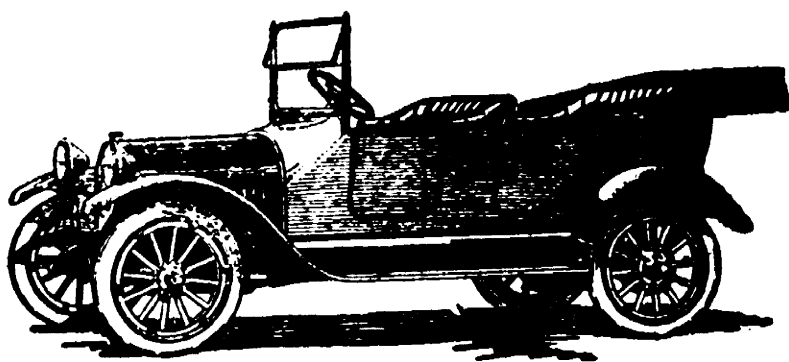
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Director General of Posts and Telegraphs.

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THE Great War.

French Success at Verdun.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, April 19.

Yesterday bad weather hampered operations in the Verdun region. There was an intermittent bombardment.

To-day there was nothing important doing. There was a rather violent bombardment east of the Meuse and south of Haumont wood.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, April 20.

Yesterday north of Verdun artillery activity continued. We repulsed three attacks. To-day in the Argonne we destroyed subterranean works of the enemy. On the right bank (of the Meuse?) we attacked enemy positions north-west of Etong and Vaux. We occupied elements of trenches and captured a fortified redoubt. We took prisoners 214 men, ten officers, and 16 non-commissioned officers. We took machine guns and material.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)

London, April 20.

Paris.—The communiqué says in the region of Verdun bad weather hampered operations. There was intermittent bombardment west and east of the Meuse but no infantry action. Our artillery was active and shelled enemy communications in the Argonne and gatherings of troops east of St. Mihiel.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)

London, April 21.

Paris.—The French made another brilliant counter-attack at Verdun. The communiqué says we strongly attacked at dusk a German position towards the north-west of Vaux. We occupied portions of the German line and carried a fortified redoubt. We inflicted serious losses on the enemy and took many prisoners, also machine-guns and a quantity of war material.

The French batteries delivered a concentrated fire on the enemy's communications in Woivre. There were mining operations in Argonne in our favour while the Germans west of the Meuse bombarded our second lines.

The British Front.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, April 19.

London.—During an incursion into enemy trenches we destroyed a machine-gun emplacement killing twenty-one Germans. We repulsed small attacks against our positions at St. Eloi.

The Russian Campaign.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, April 19.

Petrograd.—We repulsed all attacks in Galicia.

In the Caucasus we dislodged the Turks west of Erzerum from strongly organised positions.

The Black Sea fleet co-operated in the taking of Trebizond and helped in the disembarkation of artillery and troops.

Russian Troops in France.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, April 20.

On the occasion of the landing at Marseilles of an important contingent of Russian troops General Joffre in an order of the day welcomed the soldiers coming to join the struggle on our side.

Relations Between U. S. A. and Germany.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, April 20.

Washington.—President Wilson's Note to Germany threatens a rupture of diplomatic relations if Germany continues an unlawful submarine war. Congress has approved the President's attitude.

The Italian Front.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, April 19.

Rome.—We have taken new trenches in the valley of Ledro. There is an artillery duel on the whole front.

Annamites for War Work.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, April 20.

The steamer "Lotree" landed at Marseilles 1,466 Annamite workers for war work.

In Persia.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, April 19.

Teheran.—The chief of the tribe faithful to the Shah has captured near Benroujirde the most important chiefs of the Turco-German intrigue in Persia.

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.")

(Official.)

Recruiting in England.

London, April 20.

The Cabinet at a meeting to-day came to an agreement regarding the proposal to be made to Parliament on recruiting, which will be submitted to a secret session in both Houses of Parliament on Tuesday.

Later: The settlement reached at to-day's Cabinet meeting has, while meeting the demands of the military situation, satisfied all sections of opinion represented in the Government. The sole reason for the secret session to be held on Tuesday is that Parliament may be informed confidentially of the main facts and figures on which the decision (decision?) of the Cabinet is based, and of which publication must obviously be undesirable.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

* * * THERE will be no issue of the "Siam Observer" on Monday next.

THE "Hopeang" brought 1,118 deck passengers from Swatow yesterday.

THE Phathanakorn Cinematograph announce a change of programme for to-night.

The lottery in aid of the Italian Red Cross will be drawn at the Trocadero to-morrow at 10 a.m.

THE s.s. "Katong" has brought a fresh stock of haddock, filletted fish and kippers for the B. M. C.

THE s.s. "Phraanaug" has been chartered at \$21,000 to go to the Indian Coast. She is a vessel of 1,021 n.r. tons.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Maesot line is interrupted between Bahien and Maesot. Malay Peninsular main line is in order as far as Surabhadhani.

AT a performance given at the Sivalai garden on the 19th instant a sum of Tcs 18,145 was realized. This amount will go to the aid of the Medical Department of the Wild Tiger Corps.

To-day's Races.

The following are the results of the first two events:—

(1) **Australian Griffins Race.**
4 fur. h'cap. Value Tcs. 250. Presented by R. B. S. C.
Phya Gadadharabadi's Loin Thalay (6.9) 1
Luang Pattibatti's Vittoria (9.0) 2
Elioka also ran.
Time: 55. 4/5 secs. Tote: Tcs. 12.
(2) **Australian Ponies Race.**
5 fur. h'cap. Value Tcs. 250. Presented by R. B. S. C.
Mr. V. K's Isabella (6.2) 1
Luang Pattibatti's Flirt (8.7) 2
Mr. Warwick's Sanddy (7.6) 3
Mario L. and Kop also ran.
Time: 1 min. 9 secs. Tote: Tcs. 19.

Entitled to Offer Peace.

Zurich messages state that Herr Maximilian Harden, the famous German publicist, writing in the review, *Die Zukunft*, declares that Germany has piled victory on victory, and is now entitled to offer peace.

Such an offer could only augment her prestige and in no way diminish it; it would be a proof of strength, not weakness.

"Moreover," he continues, "Germany needs peace, for, victorious though she has been abroad, she experiences some difficulties at home."

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"Invest me in my motley, and give me leave to speak my mind."

As a Neutral myself, I confess to finding much edification in reading the "Advice to the British People" by "Neutral Opinion," which appeared in the columns of a contemporary on Thursday last. The correspondent both amused and amazed me. The amusement was caused by the discovery that the communication was signed "Neutral Opinion"! while the amazement was caused by the extraordinary latitude of the word neutral, as conceived by the writer of the letter.

Having read the "advice" above-mentioned, I hastened to consult a friend who is frantically learned in International Law, and asked him how many degrees of Neutrality there were, and this is what I gather from his explanation. Generally speaking, there appear to be the following grades, arranged in the order of their intensity:—

1. Strict and Impartial Neutrality.
2. Strict Neutrality.
3. Neutrality.
4. Benevolent Neutrality.
5. Partial Neutrality.

According to my legal friend, 1 and 2 are "Perfect" Neutrality; 4 and 5 are "Imperfect" ones; while 3 is well,—is just plain neutrality without any frillings. He also explains that there are several degrees to each grade; and it seems that if we compare it to a thermometer, Strict and Impartial Neutrality would be zero centigrade, while partial neutrality would be 40. To avoid any unpleasantness, I prefer to leave you to place Mr. "Neutral Opinion" on the Neutral thermometer, though I do not believe you will be likely to find him anywhere below 20 degrees centigrade.

When I had no further hopes of getting anything more out of my friend the International Lawyer—who, by the way, says that International Law is neither International nor Law—I turned to my friend Mr. Webster, or rather to his New Century Dictionary, for further information, and this is what I got as an explanation, of the word:—

"Neutrality, n. the state of being neutral."

Mr. Webster, as you see, positively discourages inquisitiveness. But even at the risk of getting my nose pulled, like the elephant in Kipling's "Just-So Stories," I persevered and got more information as follows:—

"Neutral, adj., unbiased; indifferent; taking no part on either side in a contest; neither very good nor very bad; neither acid nor alkaline."

Now applying Mr. Webster's test to the different grades into which my friend the International Lawyer divided Neutrality, I got some rather amusing results, which I hereby present to my dear readers free of charge. The results appear to be as follows:—

1. Strict and Impartial — unbiased.
2. Strict — in different.
3. Neutrality (plain) — neither very good nor very bad.
4. Benevolent — neither acid nor alkaline.
5. Partial — both acid and alkaline, with a dash of cayenne pepper in it.

All the five grades must of course have the "taking no part on either side in a contest" as a common foundation. The strength of any one of the "deceptions" entirely depends upon the amount of ingredients added.

I forgot to mention that, as I was leaving my legal friend's presence, I heard him murmur something about "armed neutrality," but as he seemed then to have transferred his attention to his pipe, I did not venture to turn back and ask him for an explanation of the term. Another (and non-legal) friend suggests that it may possibly mean the sort practised by the Irishman who, on entering a saloon and finding a fight in progress in one corner of it, asked the bar-tender whether the fight was a private one, or if anybody who cared to could join in! But I do not believe that could be the right explanation, could it?

By the way, a rather good illustration of Neutrality is provided by the following story, which though a somewhat hoary chestnut, has its points. A tenderfoot, arriving at a certain Mining Camp in one of the Western States of America, happened on a fine fight in progress. Going up to a fully armed native standing by and watching the show, the tenderfoot asked, "Why don't you stop the fight?" The Westerner looked queerly at his questioner and finally ejaculated, "Why should I? It's their fight, ain't it?"

To such an argument, there is obviously no answer.

Finally, I am wondering what makes "Neutral Opinion" so sure about the all-powerfulness of the "untested booties." Could it be the result of reading Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's account of the wonderful doings of Captain John Siris? If so, I have the following advice to give to all whom it may concern:—

(1) I advise the side that desires to gain the best use of "untested booties"

to obtain the services of Captain John Siris.

(2) I advise the oppositeside to obtain the services of Mr. Sherlock Holmes, to pit his colossal brains against Captain Siris.

(3) I advise both sides to obtain the services of Brigadier Gerard to act as eye-witness in the coming contest.

(4) I advise myself to stop trying to be facetious.

SRI DEANONJAI.

The Sky Meeting.

The results of Thursday's racing are as follow:—

(1) Australian Ponies Race.
For Australian ponies 14.2 and under.
5 Fur. H'cap. Value Tcs. 250. Presented by R. B. S. C.

His Majesty's Marie L. (8.2) 1
Luang Sunthorn Kosa's Kop (7.10) 2
Luang Patibatti's Flirt (9.2) 3

Bueyha also ran.
A fairly good start was effected and Marie L. soon took premier position and her jockey coming round the bend was able to keep her to the rails. With this advantage she maintained her lead and though Kop tried hard he failed to overhail. Flirt was a good third. The time 1.9 4/5 was a second worse than Flirt's time in the 1st day's race carrying 7.11.

Won by 4 lengths; a short head between second and third.
Time: 1.9 4/5 secs. Tote: Tcs. 28.

(2) Siamese Ponies Race.
6 Fur. H'cap. Value Tcs. 150. Presented by R. B. S. C.

Madame de Bhianuloke's Khone Loi (8.10) 1
His Majesty's Sorn Chai (5.6) 2
Phya Sri Suriyabaha's Thai Raow (8.0) 3

Others that ran were: Samuha, Krat, Thawiwongse, Thong Thai, Tom, Vaju and Nilanj.

The ponies were not difficult to manage at the start. Mr. Sutton made the jockeys walk along from a distance of 30 or 40 yards and when they had come to the post the flag went down to an excellent start. Thai Raow, Thawiwongse and Sorn Chai were soon quite well in front of the field. Khone Loi who was with the whippers in soon improved his position and at the quarter mile bend was challenging the leaders. About half way along the straight he asserted himself and could not be displaced even with the large quantity of lead he was carrying. The time 1.41 4/5 was nothing extraordinary and was the same as Thai Raow took over the same distance last meeting carrying 7.11.

Won by three lengths; a short head between second and third.
Time: 1.41 4/5 secs. Tote: Tcs. 10.

(3) Australian Grifflin Race.
7 Fur. H'cap. Value Tcs. 250. Presented by R. B. S. C.

Luang Patibatti's Vittoria (8.9) 1
Mrs. W. A. Graham's Iowit (6.4) 2
Sriracha Kongsi's Jacobin (6.7) 3

Ella T. also ran.
Ella T. had the best of the start while Iowit was badly left. Vittoria who was moving very freely passed the leader at the 3 furlongs post and Iowit and Jacobin got into second and third places, Ella T. dropping out altogether. In this way they came up half way down the straight when Iowit for some reason from outside position got to the rails but could not pass the leader Vittoria winning by a neck. Jacobin made a spurt at the end but too late.

Time: 1.41 2/5 secs. Tote: Tcs. 11.

(4) Australian Ponies Race.
For Australian ponies 14.2 and under.
6 Fur. H'cap. Value Tcs. 250. Presented by R. B. S. C.

Luang Southern Kosa's Sunflower (7.12) 1
Mr. V. K.'s Isabella (7.10) 2
Mr. Nabb's Pom (6.10) 3

Others that ran were: Nancy, Phuang Phet and Thong Dee.

In this race Thong Dee the favorite got badly left. Pom got the best of the start and improving in every stride had the field well behind but Sunflower and Isabella coming up together were up with the leader on the straight and passing Pom raced past the post neck to neck. The dead heat was run off after the last event ending in a victory for Sunflower by one length.

Time: 1.24 4/5 secs. The Tote paid Tcs. 6 on Sunflower, and Tcs. 9 on Isabella.

(5) Australian Ponies Race.
For Australian ponies 14.2 and under.
6 Fur. H'cap. Value Tcs. 250. Presented by R. B. S. C.

Nai Cha Yong's Royal Page (9.4) 1
His Majesty's Nai Pradisht (7.9) 2
Mr. A. C. Warwick's Sandfly (7.6) 3

Flirt, Kop, Mad Meg and Vanni also ran.

The fifth race was the race of the day. Royal Page and Nai Pradisht quickly established themselves as leaders and continued racing in this position all through the race Sandfly being next with Mad Meg and Vanni whippers in. Thus they came on till Royal Page showed his superiority over Nai Pradisht. Sandfly was a bad third.

Won by 3 lengths; a short head between second and third.
Time: 1.33 secs. Tote: Tcs. 13.

Greek King on Allies' "Pin-Pricks."

Mr. M. H. Donohoe, says: The King honoured me with an audience on February 24th. As on the previous occasion when I was privileged to see his Majesty, he received me in his study or private "den," as we would call a corresponding apartment in England. Current rumours concerning the state of the King's health I discovered to be unfounded. His Majesty is simply suffering from an attack of lumbago which it is hoped will soon disappear. The King told me he is frankly amused at some of the fantastic legends concerning Greece and her Sovereign which have found ready circulation in a section of the European Press.

"What a weighty scrap-book I could fill," said his Majesty, "with things I never said, and equally with actions attributed to me which I never did and have no intention of doing."

Athens—Not Africa.
"One would imagine," said the King with an air of waggishness, "that they were writing about some remote little-known corner of Central Africa, and yet Athens is not very far away from London and Paris."

We touched upon other topics including the thorny one of Salonika. "Yes," said the King, "I think it an excellent thing for everybody concerned that General Sarail came to see me. Perhaps he did not find me so terrible and uncompromising a personage as he had been led to expect. No doubt" continued his Majesty with a merry twinkle in his eye, "he anticipated finding a sort of human egg in a rage who lived on a daily diet of Entente Ambassadors cooked in a special brand of pro-German sauce. But in all seriousness I was glad to speak with General Sarail and listen to his explanation of certain military operations on the Salonican front. I trust that he on his side went away equally satisfied. I think now I may begin to hope that France and England are obtaining a clearer insight into and a firmer grasp of the details of my policy, and a better understanding of what I am attempting to do in the interests of my country."

Anti-Ententists.
"As far as I am aware, the Greeks as a body have never been pro-German, but putting it mildly, the series of pin-pricks administered by the French and ourselves have made them anti-Ententists. I have been told that the pin-pricks are now to cease. So much the better; in that case everything will be well for both sides. But naturally, although a radical change of treatment has been inaugurated towards Greece, the irritation produced by the former system, leading us towards a certain goal will take some time entirely to disappear. As to England, the War Office and the Foreign Office people—I am not sure," said the King, "what they are attempting to do now or whether they still think Greece and her King are to be treated with suspicion. I must say, however, that my remarks are not intended to apply to Lord Kitchener who is in complete accord with me regarding the whole question of the Balkan Campaign and the occupation of Salonika."

Church Services.

Assumption Church.

Calendar of the Week.
April the 23rd Easter Sunday.
5.30 a.m. 1st Mass.
6 a.m. 2nd Mass for the Native Community (Holy Communion).
8 a.m. Pontifical High Mass, Exposition of the Most Holy Sacrament.
4 p.m. Rosary, Pontifical Vespers, and Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament.
Week Days.
5.30 a.m. 1st Mass.
6 a.m. 2nd and last Mass.

Christ Church.

Service for Easter Day.
Celebration of Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m.
Mottos and Sermon with Celebration of Holy Communion at 10 a.m.
Processional of Jesus Christ is risen Hymn to-day.
Special Psalm 2 Chant Cooke in G.
" 57 Chant Rimbault in E flat minor.
Easter Anthem, instead of Venite to Humphrey's Chant in C.
Te Deum to Oakeley's quadruple Chant in F.
Hymns: On the Resurrection morning. The strife is o'er, the battle done.
All-Gloria: sing to Jesus: Kyrie: Calkin in E flat.
Final Amen: Threefold.

St. Mary's Mission.

Wat Takiem.
Services for Easter Day, April 23.
8.30 a.m.—Holy Communion and Sermon.
Hymns: Jesus Christ is risen to-day. At the Lamb's high feast we sing. Author of life Divine. I am not worthy, Holy Lord. Nunc Dimittis.
4 p.m.—Children's Service.

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End of Germans in Persia.
Petrograd.—The Germans are evacuating Isfahan (Persia). The occupation of Kermanshah by the Russians has made a deep impression among the Persian tribes, who have unanimously submitted. Negotiations regarding the surrender of the German conspirators are in progress.—Reuter.

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The Military Methods of Germans.

New York.—Germany's system for the rapid transportation of troops from one battle-front to another was described by Captain Frank E. Kleinschmidt, who has returned to his home here after sixteen months with the Austro-German forces on three war fronts.

"The rapidity of movement of the German armies," said he, "may be realized when it is seen that entire corps may be moved from the western to the eastern fronts, or back, in two and a half days. What the limit of the transportation facilities may be I do not know, but I do know of my own personal knowledge of 40,000 soldiers being started from the western lines to a position on the eastern front and made ready for action against the Russians in sixty hours."

Captain Kleinschmidt, who is an American, is known here for his work as commander of the Arctic expedition sent out by the Carnegie Museum at Pittsburgh, and as a big game hunter and explorer in Alaska. With his American credentials he was permitted to remain a year with the advance forces on the eastern front. Having been a participant in American aviation flights he paid particular attention to this branch of the service in action on the war front.

"With the most perfect and well constructed roads and rails that I have ever seen, the troops move swiftly, in comfortable cars, to any designated point," said Captain Kleinschmidt. "To me it appeared as the last word in mobile fighting forces. Equally remarkable, too, was the ease with which supplies, munitions, and guns kept pace with the movement of the men."

"Another thing I noticed as distinguishing the German and Austrian mode of advance or retirement from that of the Russians was in the handling of the railroads. Whereas the Russians destroyed towns and villages and attempted usually in their retiring movements to wipe out food supplies, even growing crops, they invariably left rails and roads intact, and often failed to destroy important bridges."

"When General von Hindenburg withdrew after his first attempt to get to Warsaw had failed, he blasted out every rail in his rear and left the road-bed a hopeless wreck. Further to impede the pursuing Russians, he felled poles and trees over parallel roads, and was soon safely out of reach."

"With the return of the Austro-German forces they utilized to the utmost the Russian section of the intact railways, and were enabled to push

forward at a speed that astonished not only the enemy, but military experts everywhere. This was done by the simple expedient of changing the position of one rail to conform with the gauge of the German railway systems. The Russian railroads are several inches wide between rails than either the Austrian or German. Engineers, heading hundreds of mechanics and soldiers, drew the spikes from one line of rails and pushed the rails nearer to the other line on the ties, railed them, and the road was ready for their trains."

"Contrary to Russian reports of the destruction of the harvests in Galicia and elsewhere, which was attempted by the retreating Russians by felling great trees and dragging them over the cultivated fields, the Germans and Austrians were able to recover a large part of the grain. With harvesting and threshing machines the Austro-Germans raked over the fields at harvest time and secured valuable additions to their food supplies from this source."

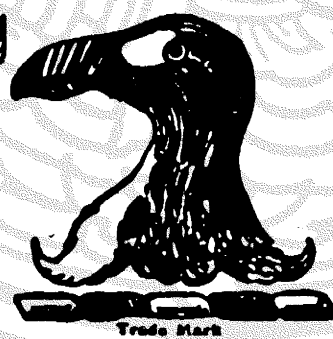
Through their aviation scouts the forces of the Central Powers had every move and position of the Russians marked out in advance of the breaking-through attack, which ultimately sent the Czar's armies in full retreat. Of this Captain Kleinschmidt said:

"The aviators were able to map out the trenches of the Russians by the ridges of fresh earth thrown to the surface, and what was more important, they were able to make known to the commanders of the Austro-German forces the roads which the Russian artillery and troops must take in the event of either a forward or reverse movement, and with this information the Austrians and Germans knew exactly where to meet the foe and to follow him."

"Much has been said about the dangers faced by charging columns and the hundreds of other hazards of war, but I do not think the risk taken by the sappers and miners and the importance of their work at the very forefront of every attack have been fully realized or appreciated by those who never have seen them in actual conflict with the enemy."

"Each time previous to their being sent on one of their fearful tasks of opening a way through all kinds of obstructions for a charge and attack, a commander takes them aside for instruction, and he practically talks nothing but death to them, although he never mentions the exact word once, but the meaning is there, and none knows it better than the men themselves. In no other war have the sappers and miners played so fatal a part. The few men who survive after making a breach in the obstructions between the opposing lines may be sent again to widen them, always

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"It also is an interesting study to watch great bodies of troops in preparation for an expected attack. On the eastern front I saw this situation repeated several times. First there is great artillery fire, then silence, resumed and stopped at intervals, until neither the enemy nor the men who are to make the attack have any idea when to expect the next move, and they show their doubt by many nervous movements due to the strain of suspense. The Austro-German forces wear white bands on the backs of their helmets or caps, so that their artillery officers may distinguish them from the enemy at advanced positions and avoid hitting these men, as had been done earlier in the war.

"A social feature of the eastern campaign which caused much annoyance to the Austrians came to my attention. It appears that many Austrian women of prominence living near the Austro-Russian border received some of the Russian officers as guests and attended balls with the invaders of their country. When these reports were repeated by the common people to the returning Austro-German forces there was much angry resentment but so far as I could learn no official notice was taken of the incident.

"During my whole year on the eastern front I heard of only one case of a soldier of the Central Powers being arrested for plundering a house. The man was shot by order of General Semachio. There was no plundering, nor were there any cruelties on any of the civilian population. As an example of the strict discipline all along the line, from war correspondents to the soldiers, it was forbidden even to slander the enemy in reports or statements. A notice to this effect was posted up at the Austrian great general headquarters. At Belgrade care was exercised to prevent civilian mobs looting stores, by placing soldiers at the doors of shops, banks, and stores.

"In all the guns captured from the Austro-German forces there was none of the largest type. I asked why this happened to be, and was told by an officer that every important gun position was mined, and that, when forced to abandon such a piece of artillery, it would be destroyed before the enemy could reach it."

Captain Kleinschmidt took part in mine-sweeping expeditions on the Adriatic, in which he was under fire. He made an aeroplane flight with Lieutenant Robert Oswald, who later was killed, from Trieste, Grado, and over Venice, where the plane was hit with sixteen pieces of shrapnel. He also accompanied the armies to Serbia and was with the aviation corps in numerous flights over Belgrade and vicinity. The military officials permitted him to bring away some 2,000 photographs he had taken of the various fighting lines.

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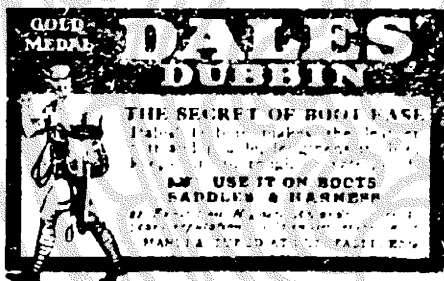
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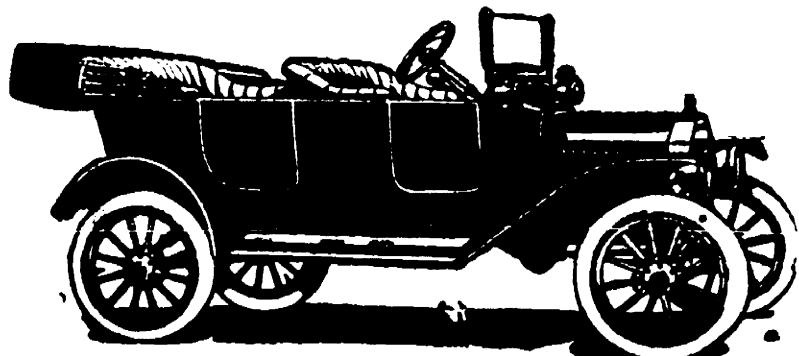
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Blockade a Failure.

Stockholm.—The British blockade of Germany has failed because it came too late, according to the Swedish press and Swedish business men.

As far as Sweden and the other Scandinavian countries are concerned the blockade only became really effective last April. For eight months prior to that time, or since the very start of the war, the Germans, anticipating England's tactics, were purchasing enormous quantities of military supplies, especially copper, cotton, antimony and tin, through Sweden, Denmark and Norway. Importers here are convinced that by the time the blockade was perfected Germany had stored up such quantities of these and other war materials as to meet all her needs for possibly two years.

The Petrograd correspondent of the *Temps* states that a high German officer taken prisoner on the Dvina, and to whom the offensive against Verdun was mentioned, made the following

remark:—
 "In what does the decision of the German headquarters staff seem strange? Verdun is an advanced point on our flank. How could we seek to march to Paris by other routes while leaving this salient thrust into our lines? Verdun would then be no longer on our flank, but behind us."

"What matters the price? When it is absolutely necessary to obtain something the price becomes a question of the third order.

"All foreign critics are appalled at our losses and are astonished at seeing us consent to them, bringing regiment after regiment to attack in close formation and that without hesitation. Be assured that Germany, more than any nation has need of these men. Their loss is to be done—to be conquered before having attained our end or to overthrow the adversary. That is the question: each day each hour, each minute, each second even, is for us of extreme importance, and that is why we find it to our interest to follow the method which others think too costly. Whatever our losses may be, they are infinitesimal compared with defeat."

The claims made by the British Government that great quantities of war material have been smuggled into Germany through Sweden are bitterly resented by Swedish merchants. These claims, which have been given as a reason for placing all sorts of restrictions on Swedish mercantile trade, are based on statistics showing great increases in Sweden's imports from England and America. The Swedish merchants point out that prior to the war Sweden was a heavy purchaser of German goods. The war had practically paralyzed this trade, and the country has had to turn to other markets.

In addition, it is pointed out that Russia has placed enormous orders for war supplies in Sweden, and that much of the raw material to fill these orders had to be imported from England or the United States. The blockade has seriously interfered with this industry. In fact it has forced the price of many sorts of metals here higher than they are in Germany. For example, \$1.40 a pound is being paid here for tin \$2.37 a pound for antimony and \$1.25 for aluminum.

An opinion frequently expressed here is that, as far as the Scandinavian countries are concerned, England has only succeeded in creating illfeeling among the neutrals by her blockade, without seriously injuring Germany.

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