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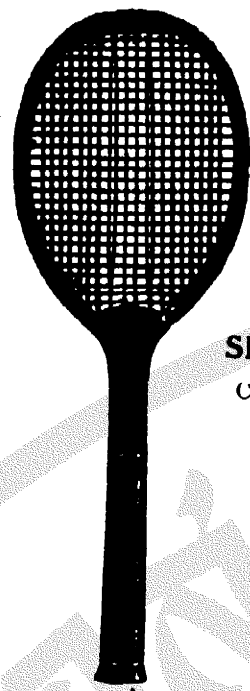
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s/s "Nankin" Mar. 17	Colombo with	April 16
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Intermediate Direct Sailings.

s/s "Nore" leaves Singapore about	April 4	due London	May 11
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OUTWARD—1916.

For China.

Due Singapore	Connection with	Leaving London
s/s "Malta" Mar. 8	s/s "Khiva" Feb. 5	
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s. s. Kitano Maru April 12	s. s. Kaga Maru June 7
s. s. Fushimi Maru " 26	s. s. Kamo Maru " 21

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1916	1916
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s. s. Shidzuka Maru " 26	s. s. Sado Maru " 27

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" "Boribat"	13. " "
" "Prachatiok"	20. " "
" "Asiang"	27. " "

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" "Prachatiok"	10. " "
" "Asiang"	17. " "
" "Boribat"	24. " "

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS must be sent before noon.

TIDE TABLE.

DEPTH OF WATER ON THE BANGKOK BAR.

FOR APRIL, 1916.

Apr.	A.M.			L. W. (Approx.)
	H. W.	Ft. & in.	L. W.	
1	5 00	14 4
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10	10 30	13 8	3-4	6-0
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PHASES OF THE MOON.

Apr. 2nd	New Moon	11.3 p.m.
" 10th	First Quarter	9.18 p.m.
" 18th	Full Moon	11.50 a.m.
" 25th	Last Quarter	5.20 a.m.

Bangkok Mails Close.

CHANDABURI.
Wednesday 19th 10 a.m. s.s. Krat SINGAPORE.
Wednesday 19th 1 p.m. s.s. Chofu Maru HONGKONG via HAIHOW.
Wednesday 19th 11 a.m. s.s. Wingang HONGKONG via SWATOW.
Thursday 20th 1 p.m. s.s. Chaochowfu

Exchange Rates.

To-day's Quotations
LONDON—
Bank Bills, demand 1/6 7/16
Bank Bills, 4 months' sight 1/6 9/16
PARIS—
Bank Bills, demand —
GERMANY—
Bank Bills, demand —
NEW YORK—
Bank Bills, demand U.S.A. 35 3/4
INDIA—
Bank Bills, demand Rs. 113 3/4
SINGAPORE—
Bank Bills, demand \$65 1/2
HONGKONG—
Bank Bills, demand, \$73 1/8
YOKOHAMA & KOBE...
Bank Bills, demand, Y72 1/8
NOTE:—The rate of Interest on Advance Bills has been reduced to 6 per cent. per annum.
Equivalent of Exchange demand London in Siamese Currency:—
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Armed Merchant-men's Fight.

Alibababad, March 29th.—Press accounts of the *Alcantara* v. *Grief* fight, claiming to be inspired, says that the enemy did not in the early stages of the fight deliver a submarine attack. The *Scotsman*, however, mentions the presence of a submarine. It is not permissible, it says, to recount what happened, but the submarine which was of the finest type was put out of action. It was clear that the raider was sinking when the *Alcantara*, which was almost untouched, turned broadside on and was torpedoed. The *Scotsman* attributes her broadside to a desire to pick up the crew of the beaten enemy.
Another account says "with the raider hit the light was carried on at point blank range. Every shot that the *Alcantara* fired hit the raider, whose deck was soon a shambles. The German gunnery was hopeless. Prisoners questioned afterwards explained that the Germans realised that they were in a trap and that if they sank the *Alcantara* others would soon arrive. How would you feel if you were obliged to fight the British fleet single-handed? That was why the gun-laying was bad." One prisoner added "we knew when we left Wilhelmshaven we were going to our doom."

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Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

The Mexican Situation
A Surprise Invasion.

San Francisco, March 9.—Reports have been received from the commander of the American frontier garrison as to the attack on the city of Columbus, N. M. by the troops of General Villa. The invading troops were between 800 and 1,000 in number, the reports say, and they attacked the city early this morning. They killed or wounded many persons and set fire to many houses, besides committing other crimes.
The commander of the garrison on receipt of the news despatched 350 mounted soldiers and they forced the Villa troops to flee across the border the same morning. The American cavalry are now in pursuit of the Mexican invaders across the frontier. Among the Americans killed in the invasion were six cavalry soldiers and nine citizens; among those wounded were seven cavalry soldiers.

The invasion was a surprise to the Americans. Even the commander of the frontier garrison had thought Villa was 40 miles from the frontier at least. The attack has given a chance for the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives to attack President Wilson's policy in Mexico most severely. The Senator from New Mexico has introduced into his House a resolution that the Government should employ an armed interference in Mexico by sending a force of 50,000 soldiers to that country. Mr. Robert Lansing, Secretary of State, will request the Carranza Government's consent, it is reported, for all the necessary steps to be taken for the pursuit of the Mexican rebels by the American troops into Mexico. The President talked with Mr. Baker, the new Secretary of War, about the Mexican question.

San Francisco, March 10th.—President Wilson issued orders to-day to the commander of the frontier garrison troops to march across the border into Mexico to pursue and punish Villa's troops, who invaded American territory and did violence to American citizens yesterday. Major-General Scott, Chief of the General Staff, says that the Government has 8,000 soldiers ready for the pursuit of the Mexican rebels. The President says that his orders do not mean real armed intervention, but that he has ordered an expedition into the country to punish the rebels, whom the Carranza Government has not been able yet to suppress.

The two hundred and fifty American cavalrymen who pursued Villa's troops across the frontier overtook the Villa forces of 1,500 men about five miles from the border line. After an engagement in which 100 Villa soldiers were killed the Americans returned to their own territory.

The State Government of New Mexico has called out the militia to guard against further invasion.

The Mussulman Faith.

London, April 10.—A further search among the German archives captured at Mosh, East Africa, shows that not only was there an anti-Islamic programme definitely drawn up, but just before the outbreak of war steps had been taken to carry it out. Recipients of the circular mentioned on the 7th had been instructed to report thereupon within three months.

The official recommendations were to prohibit all Government officials from following the Mussulman faith; secondly to prepare to register all mosques; thirdly to prohibit circumcision except by licensees, who must submit to an examination by an official before receiving a license. Nevertheless Germany is now figuring as the chosen champion of Islam.

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The JAWARAD DISPENSARY

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Favoured with instructions from
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The undersigned will sell by Public Auction.

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AT HIS RESIDENCE,

Suriwongse Road, opposite the Japanese Legation

The whole of the valuable household furniture and other effects consisting of:—Drawing Room suites in Morocco leather and plush, dinner and breakfast services, valuable pictures, ornaments, glassware, dressing and bedroom furniture, carpets, tiger skins, rattan furniture, silverware, mosquito-houses, a 400 days clock, wines, provisions etc., etc., etc.

Also one "ITALA" 5 Seater Motor car, 4 cylinders, 35 H.P. in good condition. The car will be put up for sale at 4.30 p.m. on Friday the 21st inst., which intending purchasers will please note. The public are notified that said goods will be on view from 5 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday the 19th and 20th inst.

Terms as usual. No goods to be removed on days of sale. Delivery will be made on Sunday from 8 a.m. to 12 noon, and Monday from 8 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Refreshments will be provided on the days of sale.

For further particulars please see Catalogue or apply to,—

C. COWAN

Auctioneer.

18-20

Notice.

Our Store will be closed on Good Friday the 21st. of April.

Respectfully,

ORIENTAL STORE.

18-20

Notice.

The undersigned Exchange Banks will be closed to Public business on Friday 21st, Saturday 22nd and Monday 24th inst. respectively being Easter Holidays.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

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For the Banque de l'Indo-China

Agency in Bangkok,

CAMILLE HENRI,

Le Directeur.

18-20

Notice.

CONSIGNEE OF GOODS:—

Ex s.s. "Tosa Maru"

"Benken Maru"

"Penang Maru"

"Yotorafu Maru"

"Sado Maru"

"Oeylon Maru"

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THE Great War.

Brilliant Success of the French.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, April 17.

Paris.—The brilliant success of the French at Douaumont is the feature of the communiqué.

The French made a vigorous attack southward of the village at dusk. They were completely successful and occupied some enemy trenches and took many prisoners.

The Germans continued to bombard Avocourt and Courtes Wood.

There was intermittent bombardment in Woivre, and the usual artillery activity on the rest of the front.

Russian Report.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, April 17.

Petrograd.—The communiqué says that the Germans continued their unsuccessful offensive against Iskull and Smorgon, using asphyxiating shells.

The Russians after the severest fighting drove out the Turks from a strong position sixteen miles east of Trebizond.

British Legation Telegrams.

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

British Air Raid.

(Official.)

London, April 16.

The Admiralty announces that on the evening of the 14th instant a raid on Constantinople was carried out by three naval aeroplanes. Bombs were dropped on Zeppelin powder factory and aeroplane hangars.

Another naval aeroplane visited Adrianople and dropped bombs on railway station.

All the aeroplanes returned safely. The flight to Constantinople and back measured over 300 miles.

Verdun.

How the Attack Was Built Up.

Paris, April 11.—The French evacuation of the Bethincourt salient led the Germans to think the chance had at length come to break through and they reverted to attacks in masses in broad daylight, a system which they had abandoned since their disastrous losses early in the battle. They thus gave the French artillery a splendid chance from which it fully profited. Each of the three attacks were made by the force of two army corps and failed disastrously.

East of the Meuse the Germans attempted in the course of the night to drive us out of the trenches taken by us during these last few days southward of Douaumont. This attempt which was also accompanied by sprays of liquid fire sustained a bloody defeat. A violent bombardment is again raging in the Douaumont-Vaux region and there is some hurricane artillery fire in the Woivre.

We felled a German aeroplane at Badonvillers. Both the aviators were killed.

London, April 11.—The Times military correspondent discloses the composition and distribution of the German armies attacking Verdun. Eight and a half divisions were engaged on the left of the Meuse and twenty two on the right bank. There were only two reserve divisions available all the others being drawn into the fight and severely mauled. Twelve divisions have been taken out of the line and patched up and sent in again. The central fact of the situation is that the Germans, unable to conduct the offensive on the whole western front, have two strong groups of forces at Verdun and North of the Somme respectively. The rest of the front is lightly held and it is undoubted the position causes deep anxiety of the German command and possibly to the events are impending on the British front, as the Germans may be tempted to desperate action by our inactivity. The French are confident of their ability to deal with attacks on Verdun and are quite content for the British to hold up thirty-four German divisions on their front without attacking the latter.

Last Night's Explosion.

About 12 o'clock last night a terrible explosion took place at the Naval arsenal at Bang Nah a few miles from Bangkok on the Paknam railway line. Two buildings in which gunpowder had been stored were blown up and some damage done to some adjoining buildings used for the manufacture of cartridges etc. The shock was so great that it was distinctly heard as far as Bang Kwang. Fortunately there was no loss of life. It is said that the explosion was spontaneous.

B. B. W. N. G.

Members are reminded that the meeting to-morrow is at Mrs. Lyle's house at the usual hour 4.45. The following one will be held at Mrs. Watson's house on May 3rd.

Thakur Singh, Lada Singh, and Makand Lal Das have contributed three dozen table-cloths and towels for the use of the hospitals in Egypt, and these will be enclosed in the case containing the old linen, and the Indian garments mentioned previously, and will shortly be despatched to Alexandria.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A LIST of vessels and cargoes detained or captured by British forces has been received at H. B. M. Legation and may be consulted by those desiring to do so.

Mr. Frank Delamotte Mott (47) 39, Amhurst-park, Stamfordhill, director of Messrs. Denny, Mott, and Dickson, Ltd., left estate of the gross value of £27,354.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Nongkai line is still interrupted. Malay Peninsular main line is in order as far as Rajburi. Tavoy line is in bad working order. Other lines are in order.

THE Rev. Hudson Grossett Heaven, for many years known as the "King of Lundy Island," Bristol Channel, has just died on retirement at Torrington, Devon, in his 90th year, and was buried on March 1 in the family vault at Lundy.

SAYS the L. & C. Express of March 14. Rice continues in good demand, but holders are firm in their ideas. Rangoon two Stars on the spot old crop 16s. 3d., new crop 16s. 9d., Japan 22s. 9d., and Garden Siam 18s. 6d. to 19s. Broken Rice is firmly held.

KING George has granted authority for the wearing of the following decoration:—Insignia of the Fourth Class of the Order of the White Elephant (conferred by the King of Siam), Mr. R. D. G. de Wilton Bainbridge, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Nan, Siam.

MR. Bonar Law, in a written reply to Mr. Lough, furnishes a table giving particulars of the German Colonies captured, and the value of their revenue. The reply as to Kiauchau states:—Area, 200 square miles. The principal town is Tsingtau. Revenue for 1914 estimated at m.8,060,000 and expenditure at m.18,410,000. In 1912, imports valued at m.121,254,000, and exports at m.79,640,000.

SIR Thomas Jackson, Bt., of Stanstead House, Stanstead, Essex, chairman of the London Committee and late chief manager of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, chairman of the Imperial Bank of Persia, and a director of the London County and Westminster Bank, the Union Discount Company of London, and the Royal Exchange Assurance Corporation, who died on Dec. 21 last, aged 74, has left unsettled estate of the gross value of £121,715, the net personally amounting to £74,598. He left his property at Creggan, Louth, Ireland, to his son, Sir Thomas Dare Jackson, M.V.O., D.S.O.

On the British Front.

London, April 12.—The British communiqué says:—Grenade fighting in the craters east of St. Eloi continued last night with varying fortune. We hold three of the craters but not the other two at present. The enemy today exploded mines northeast of Vermelles damaging a portion of the old crater but without altering the situation. There is considerable artillery activity opposite Wytschaete and important artillery engagements near Souchez and East of Ypres. In the course of eight air fights yesterday our machines drove down an enemy aeroplane without sustaining any loss but one of our aeroplanes during the day was brought down by gunfire.

The Fokker Beaten.

Paris, April 11.—The new French aeroplane is declared to be the fastest in the world and one that could easily outmatch a Fokker.

The Allied Entente.

London, April 11.—In the House of Commons Mr. Asquith referring to the recent great allied conference at Paris emphasised the fact that the results were the reaffirmation of the solidarity of the Allies and the establishment of complete identity in their views which insured unity of action. He added that his visit to Italy was signalled by the most striking manifestations of the traditional Anglo-Italian friendship which the present brotherhood in arms served to demonstrate. (Cheers).

London, April 11.—The French press commenting on the King's speech on the 10th pays tributes to Great Britain, and especially to the colonies for their splendid efforts to succour the French. "Millions of splendidly equipped men are flocking to the colours and have aroused the admiration of the world; these magnificent troops are daily attempting to overtake the big task, while the Navy maintains the mastery of the seas."

Greek Island As Naval Base.

Athens, April 11.—The British and French ministers here informed the Greek premier of the intention of the Allies to land forces on the island of Kephallonia westward of Greece and to establish a naval base there. They gave assurances that the rights of the Greek Sovereign would be respected. The premier made a firm protest and an animated conversation followed. Sir Charles Elliot there after interviewed the King. An Allied communique announces the establishment of the naval base to be a purely defensive measure.

Finding the Men.

London, April 11.—The Times understands the Chief of the General Staff and the military members of the Army Council have furnished the Cabinet with a very plain statement of their immediate requirements in men. A sub-committee of the Cabinet investigating the recruiting consists of Messrs Asquith, McKenna and Chamberlain. It is hoped their findings will be available at the end of the week. The Cabinet's decisions will probably be taken on April 17 and there will be a debate on April 18. No crisis is now anticipated though as a result of the meeting of the Unionist War Committee to-day Sir E. Carson will probably give notice of a motion in favour of General compulsion.

The Submarine War.

London, April 11.—Sinkings. The steamers Margau Abbey (British), Santanderino (Spanish) and Caledonia (Danish). Four of the Santanderino's crew were drowned. Penzance, April 11.—The Italian steamer Unione has been sunk by a submarine, the crew is believed to have been saved by a French Destroyer. The British steamer Elliston and the Italian steamer Union have been sunk. The former's crew have been rescued.

The Imperial Institute.

London, April 11.—In the House of Commons, Sir John Rees referring to the Select Committee's bill to transfer the management of the Imperial Institute to the Colonial Office moved that four members of the Executive Council should be appointed by the Secretary of State for India and two by the Government.

Mr. Steel Maitland said that similar representations have been made by Mr. Chamberlain and therefore he proposed that one of the nominations be made by the Colonial Secretary and should be subject to the approval of the Secretary of State for India and the Indian Government. As to the adequate representation of Indian interests it was also hoped that Lord Islington would give additional representation to India: one of the sub-committees whereby the work of the Executive Council may be carried out while dealing with Indian affairs. Sir John Rees thereupon withdrew his amendment.

Blockade and Air Questions.

London, April 11.—In the House of Commons Sir Edward Grey said that the effectiveness of the economic blockade of enemy countries is being fully maintained in every way. Mr. Tennant said in the House that he understood that two members of the Air Committee resigned owing to differences of opinion and not on account of any friction. He evidently referred to Lords Derby and Montagu.

The Promotion List.

London, April 11.—The London Gazette announces the following promotions:

Raja Sir Baldeo Singh of Poonch to be honorary Major. Captains C. R. Bradley 4th Cavalry and Y. A. Channer 33rd Punjab to be Squadron Commanders and temporary Majors. Flying Corps. Captain D. Rainsford Hannay 53rd Sikhs to be balloon officer. Major W. A. Fetherstonhaugh, assistant adjutant and quartermaster general, to be temporary Lieut. Colonel. Captain A. H. Jukes 9th Gurkhas to be Brigade-Major.

Items of Interest.

The Paris communique adds that a French pilot felled a Fokker machine in an air fight in the region of Verdun. On the eighth another Fokker was felled by anti-aircraft guns near Woivre. On the 9th a third Fokker landed in our lines in Champagne; the machine was intact and the pilot was captured. A German aeroplane to-day bombed Nancy only doing slight material damage.

Amsterdam, April 10.—According to the Handelsblad, the steamers Kam-bangan and Krakatau sail for Java on Wednesday by the Northern route.

Flushing, April 10.—The steamer service with Britain has been resumed. Sweden has prohibited the export of manganese ore.

London, April 10.—The British steamer Zafra, Silkworth Hall, Glenalmond, (three of the crew of the former are missing.) Yonne, and Eastern City have been sunk. (The crew of the former were rescued.)

Amsterdam, April 10.—The German newspapers have not been allowed to publish any report of the proceedings in the Reichstag on Saturday, when there were wild scenes.

Melbourne, April 10.—Mr. Pearce, the Minister of Defence, in a speech to trade unionists, said the Commonwealth policy is to do its utmost to assist the Allies to win. Their policy was voluntary but they were being defended by the conscript armies of the Allies and sooner than have German rule he would have conscription but he believed they could do their duty by means of voluntary enlistment.

London, April 10.—In the House of Commons Mr. Asquith announced that the Australian Premier Mr. Hughes has been invited to attend the Paris Economic Conference as one representative of the Imperial Government. Mr. Asquith expressed the sincere hope that Mr. Hughes would be able to accept the invitation.

London, April 11.—The Wimbledon Conservative Association has adopted Sir Stuart Coats as candidate in succession to Mr. Chaplin. Probably the attested married men's candidate will oppose him.

London, April 11.—The House of Commons has passed the second reading of the Finance Bill unanimously. The Government intimated it was prepared to modify the railway ticket and match taxes to meet objections.

Amsterdam, April 11.—France has assured Holland that neither France nor any other of the Allies ever intended to violate the neutrality or territory of the Netherlands.

London, April 11.—Doctor David Hooper, ex-curator of the Indian Museum, Calcutta, has been elected President of the British Pharmaceutical Conference.

London, April 12.—The corporation of Brighton has published a souvenir of the Indian hospital which includes translations in Urdu and Gurmukhi and contains splendid illustrations.

London, April 11.—In the House of Commons Mr. Chamberlain said that if any Native State of India wished to have any advice from the Economic Commission he did not suppose the Government of India would object.

London, April 11.—A spy was shot in London to-day.

London, April 11.—There will be a munitions conference of the Allies at Rome in May. Mr. Lloyd George hopes to attend.

Munitions Makers and End of War.

London, March 18.—The severe check which the Germans have suffered in their attacks on Verdun, and the low rate to which the German mark has fallen in neutral countries, lend weight to the growing belief that the Germans will be unable to continue the war beyond the close of the present year. A number of munition manufacturers in the last few days have placed insurance to cover the risk of having large supplies of material left on their hands by an early cessation of hostilities. The rate for this insurance has risen from fifteen to twenty-five per cent. This shows that it is the opinion of the under-writers that there is a strong probability that the war will be over by the end of the year.

End in Sight, Says Ribot.

New York, March 18th.—A Paris despatch states that on the night of March 17th, the French Finance Minister, M. Ribot, speaking in the Chamber of Deputies, stated that the end of the war was in sight. This is taken to indicate that the Entente Powers expect an early collapse of Germany.

Foreigners Leave Mexico.

San Francisco, March 14.—The U. S. Department of War has decided that the expeditionary force will march into Mexico from Columbus. Trains carrying war munitions and provisions are arriving there day and night. Many Americans and other foreigners are leaving Mexico.

Espionage in Swizerland.

Officers on Trial.

Milan, Feb. 25.—The scandal of the Swiss colonels who gave private information to the German and Austrian attachés is creating quite a sensation here, and their trial, which began at Zurich yesterday, is being followed with great attention. The two accused are Colonel Egli, chief of the Information Bureau of the Swiss General Staff, and his immediate assistant, Colonel Moritz von Wattenwyl. Doubt hardly exists, since the first interrogatory of the two accused, that they unduly favoured the Austro-German attachés. A German agent, under the name of Baron von Heine, call frequently at Colonel Egli's house. A résumé of the frontier reports to the Swiss General Staff was communicated freely, but the Austro-German attaché wanted further details, especially all the information which the Swiss General Staff might have of the movement of troops and of preparations along the Franco-Swiss frontier. In return for this favour the German attachés handed Colonel Egli information about the Russian and Belgian frontiers, which had no interest for the Swiss General Staff, but was evidently a pretext for obtaining a return of the services specially desired by Germany.

Further, they employed an expert to translate, for the benefit of the German Government, the secret ciphered despatches intercepted by their agents or seized on prisoners at the Russian front. This expert is Professor Langie, of Lausanne University. He was born in Switzerland, the son of a Polish refugee who went to Switzerland in 1880. His mother was a Swiss. Professor Langie already began to have suspicions last April, when Colonel Wattenwyl was eager to have documents translated two days after he had submitted them, and these documents had no interest for Switzerland. These were secret between him and Colonel Wattenwyl in October, and finally, on Oct. 21, Professor Langie ceased his collaboration, convinced that his work was being used for a foreign Power. He wrote a letter signed "Look" to the attaché of an Entente Power, informing him of what was going on, and suggesting that they should change their cipher, the secret of which had become known. (Daily Tel.)

What A German Airman Saw.

The "Paris Journal" says that a German aviation officer who had been taken prisoner told the following story to its correspondent at Lyons:—

"I left the flying school a month ago. Verdun was my real debut in war. I was given one of those Fokkers upon which aviators had founded such hopes. During the preparation period my instructions were definite to the effect that I must not go beyond the German lines, but do patrol duty to prevent French aviators from reaching us. There were some rough engagements, and we did not succeed in preventing certain of your men from flying over our positions."

"The battle began. For two days the artillery thundered; then my squadron received orders to go and report the results obtained. We had to fly very low on account of the thick black smoke which overhung the ground, but we saw, in spite of this, that the earth had undergone a thorough upheaval. There was no longer any trace of defensive organization. On my return our captain was enthusiastic. He said to the general, 'We have done it. We can get through. There is nothing left alive.' Undoubtedly reports were everywhere the same, for an infantry attack followed immediately. But the result was general stupefaction. 'Your soldiers were not pulverised, as we thought, and our men only advanced at the price of heavy losses. By order of the divisional general I departed alone on a reconnaissance. I had decided to stake all."

Real Lines Intact.

"At full speed I went as far as the south of Verdun, and saw perfectly well that your real lines of defence were intact. I saw also interminable convoys of material and immense reserves. I returned as quickly as possible. I was pursued by three of your aviators, from whom I escaped with difficulty. I immediately reported on my mission. The general reflected for a long time, and with a grave air said to me, 'If the French have succeeded in this manoeuvre of withdrawing their troops and making us sweep with our machine guns ground which is clear of men it is one of the finest things which the history of battles has ever told. The next day I had less luck. When over the area where the battle was taking place down. On the road along which I was brought to the rear I was able to verify from close observation what I had seen from above in my machine, and I know very well that my divisional general had not at all been mistaken."

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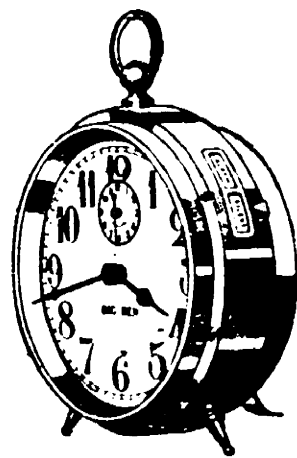
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Three U.S. Armies Against Villa.

San Francisco, March 11.—The American expeditionary force against Villa is to be divided into three armies. One army will proceed from Columbus, N. M. and another from El Paso. The force which will take the Juarez route will have to march through the street of that town, and the commander of the Mexican forces there has refused permission for the passage of the troops. The American commander is still trying to arrange the matter.

One commander of the Mexican force has requested the United States army to postpone the invasion into

Mexico for two weeks, saying that Villa and his force are being now besieged by General Carranza's army and that Villa will be captured by the Carranza force soon. His request, however, has been refused by the American army. It is said that General Villa plans to proceed into the mountains and then go south to make the pursuit of the Americans more difficult. General Pershing has established headquarters at Columbus. The number of the American troops now on the way to Mexico is 15,000. Unless the militia mobilized, the United States can dispatch only 33,000 soldiers to Mexico in short notice.

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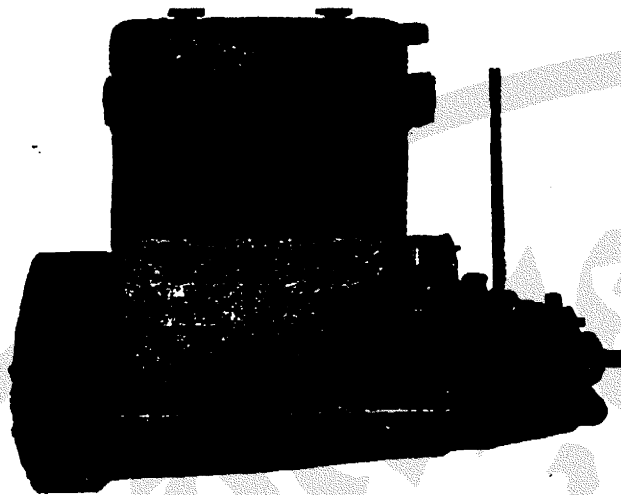
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German Ships in
Portugal.

Lisbon.—The Official Gazette publishes a decree regulating the form of utilisation by the Portuguese Government of German vessels interned in Portuguese ports. The Minister of Foreign Affairs stated, in an interview, that the act of requisition was not belligerent but necessary, owing to the lack of means of transport. The Government had made no previous communication to the German Government, having merely telegraphed the fact to the Portuguese Minister at Berlin.

Captain Lote Rego, Commander of the Naval Division, took forcible possession of thirty-six German and Austrian ships which have been lying in the Tagus since the beginning of the war. When the Portuguese flag was hoisted the warships saluted with twenty-one guns. The Germans were completely taken by surprise, as great secrecy had been observed, and the event was utterly unexpected.

Captain Rego directed the operations from on board the destroyer Guardian. The order was given unexpectedly to him, and he immediately called to the flagship various officers from the Naval Division in the Tagus. Orders were given them to take full command of the German ships and to hoist the Portuguese flag.

Within three hours all the Germans had been disembarked, leaving the Portuguese in complete possession. Some of the German ships presented written protests, but two Portuguese warships stood by in case resistance was contemplated.

In an interview after the seizure the Minister for Foreign Affairs stated that the action of the Government was the result of an apprehension on their part that the ships might endeavour to escape, while the vessels were also necessary to the Government as a means of transport.

Dr. Alfonso Costa gave the same reason for the Government's action, and further stated that no previous negotiations had taken place with the German Government. They had merely telegraphed the fact of the seizure to the Portuguese Minister at Berlin, instructing him to inform the German Government. Dr. Costa is convinced that no serious difficulties will accrue.

On Tuesday night the German ship Hochentfeldt, which had anchored off Funchal, Madeira, succeeded in making her escape.

Amongst the ships seized are several of over 8,000 tons.

London, April 10.—The Norwegian steamer Sjolyst has been sunk, but the crew were saved.

German Socialist's
Revelation.

Amsterdam, March 5.—Amid frequent interruptions, and calls to order Dr. Liebknecht, the well-known German Socialist leader, delivered a sensational speech in the Prussian Diet. He denounced the Censorship and declared that newspapers were forbidden to announce the impending popular demonstrations in her favour. Newspapers have been prohibited from mentioning trials, peace demonstrations and food riots. The result was that the population were unaware of the vast increase of such trials. A prominent Lubeck Senator had been imprisoned for placing his Swedish copper mines at the disposal of Russian capitalists. Treachery in selling munitions to the enemy through neutral countries had so increased that the Government were obliged to issue a warning. German soldiers, he declared, had been killed by guns supplied by Krupp. Referring to atrocities in Belgium, Herr Liebknecht said:—The German army contained many criminals. Already 4,000 soldiers were in military prisons under the Prussian administrations, and the prisons under the Ministry of the Interior were largely populated with soldiers. The dearth of foodstuffs was one of the sources of crime. After mentioning the case of a person who was sentenced to death for a poem and the sentence commuted to imprisonment for five years, Herr Liebknecht denounced military justice towards civilians. The police had opened a new department in Berlin to deal with peace propagandists. He predicted a more severe class war, an increase in political prosecution and reaction. The cry from prisons would soon become more audible and would rouse mankind to the only holy war which Socialists knew. The situation in Austria, he concluded was worse than in Germany. There a field court-martial was a reign of terror. One of his Austrian comrades was sentenced to death for a speech he made in December 1913, on the ground that the remarks were hostile to the State.

Paris, March 10.—During the operations around Verdun yesterday, a French captain called for five volunteers, to proceed on a perilous mission. Forty men held their hands up, and the officer exclaimed: "I cannot send you all. Those men whose names begin with the letter B step forward six feet." The men who went on the mission never returned.

New York, March 18.—Russia has ordered 250 submarines. Valued at 70 million dollars, from the United States.

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Speech by Lord Kitchener.

London, March 2.—At the Guildhall yesterday a crowded meeting was held to inaugurate a national savings campaign.

Lord Kitchener, who received a rousing reception, said:—"I want the country to understand what is meant when told that the present war is largely a war of financial and economic exhaustion. This is a war in which the whole nation is fighting. Speaking as a representative of the army in the field I want to appeal to the civilian army at home to play its part strenuously. This is vital to the army in the field, which cannot last a single day without the efforts of the civilians at home. Whether the army continues to get the vital things in sufficient quantities depends entirely upon whether every man and every woman at home shows the utmost energy in production and the utmost economy in consumption. If they are not doing this civilians are doing something to help our enemies to win. We are bound to take all the men who possibly can be spared from industry, agriculture, and commerce. We want an unceasing supply of munitions of war for ourselves and our Allies. The question is, how can we take millions of men from workshops, farms, banks and offices and yet provide the things the nation consumes under peace conditions, and provide the vast mass of war material for ourselves and Allies? If we admit that those left behind are only going to work as hard as before, and the civilians are going to consume as much food, clothing, and luxuries, then the problem is insoluble. If everyone is going on living as though times were normal we shall be unable to get the soldiers and munitions that are imperatively needed to carry through our tremendous task. Hitherto we have filled up the gap by vast importations from foreign countries, but owing to the naturally increasing difficulty of paying for these imports it is essential that we should rely much more upon ourselves. Civilians therefore must go short of many things to which they have been accustomed in peace time, or the armies must go short of indispensable things. Which is it to be? Are civilians at home prepared that their friends and brothers in the trenches should sacrifice their lives and endure hardships of all kinds, yet they, themselves, be unready to undergo small sacrifices in the way of harder work and increased economy, which alone can with certainty provide the armies with all they require until the end of the war? Let those who are making large profits and wages, and are consequently tempted to extravagance, remind themselves that such profits and wages are only possible by the sacrifices of the navy and army, and therefore should not be spent in personal indulgence. If every man and woman works his and her hardest to produce everything the army needs they will be doing their bit. If those receiving higher wages owing to the war are saving and investing all that is possible, they are equally doing their bit. This has

only to be understood for everyone to do his duty to the utmost of his power."

Economic War.

Calcutta, March 22nd. Mr. Runciman, interviewed by an American journalist said that a Central European customs union means an economic war. The Allies will know how to meet it. Peaceful penetration as a means to a military end will never again be tolerated. ("C. and M. Gazette" cable.)

Holland's Position.

Allahabad, March 23rd. The "Daily Chronicle's" Amsterdam correspondent says that Holland has suddenly changed from a nation indirectly affected by the war to one prepared and determined if necessary to play a very different role. ("Pioneer" cable.)

Italy United.

Allahabad, March 23.—The debate in the Italian Chamber began last week was originally expected to result either in the reconstruction or resignation of the Ministry, but the debate ended yesterday in a vote of confidence in the Ministry, 394 voting for it and 61 against it. Salandra stated that the Government was sparing in words but not lacking in vigour and enthusiasm. ("Pioneer" cable.)

German Quarrels.

Allahabad, March 23.—The German Central, National Liberal, and Conservative parties recently introduced into the Reichstag resolutions advocating the most strenuous submarine warfare and are now agitating against the Chancellor, whose disagreement with Admiral von Tirpitz on this question led to the latter's resignation. Their candidate for the Chancellorship is reported to be the Bavarian Premier but the Constitution requires the Chancellor to be the Prussian Premier. ("Pioneer" cable.)

The Submarine War.

Allahabad, March 23rd. Stockholm.—The "Dagblad's" Berlin correspondent says that Admiral von Tirpitz recommended the ultimate torpedoing of every commercial vessel in the war zone. The majority of the Federal Council wished to avoid conflicts with neutrals here. Herr von Capelle, formerly assistant of Admiral von Tirpitz, quitted his post in November owing to dissensions with Admiral von Tirpitz on the same question. ("Pioneer" cable.)

Rumoured Rupture Between Bulgaria and Rumania.

Allahabad, March 21st. The "Agenzia Nazionale's" Bucharest correspondent says that Bulgaria has forbidden the passage of all merchandise to Rumania. All commercial relations between Bulgaria and Rumania have been broken off. A Russian force has landed at Ismail. ("Pioneer" cable.)

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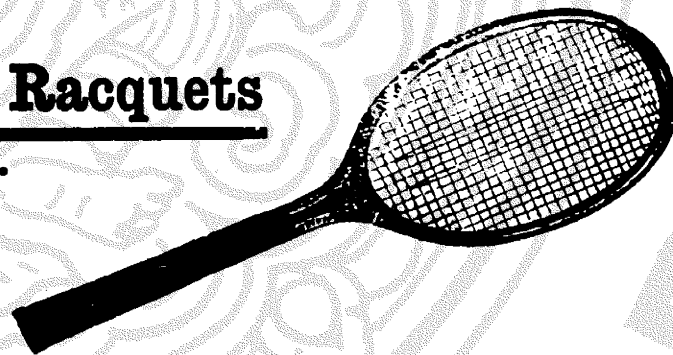
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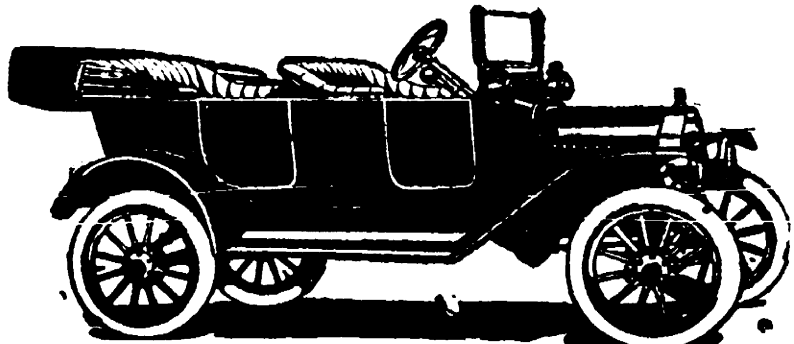
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Objective West of Meuse.

Mr. Hilaire Belloc says the immediate objective of the German efforts west of the Meuse is to clear the left or western bank of the river of French gun positions which render a decisive attack upon the left of the French main positions at Polvre Hill, impossible. The ultimate object may be a new development upon this front as active and determined as that which appears to be now held in check upon the further front at Douaumont.

"I have said that such an ultimate object would be the turning of the main French position on the Douaumont heights, by an advance direct on Verdun along the western side of the Meuse. I have also said that the test of such a policy would not be the clearing of the advanced positions but an approach to and capture of the Ridge of Charny (less than 4 miles N. W. of Verdun.)

"What is the importance of this height?"

"(1) It is a continuation of the main position on the other side of the river. Though lower (it is only 300 feet above the river) it exactly prolongs the hill of Polvre.

"(2) It is the last main position on the side covering Verdun. It is supplied by a railway running parallel behind it and is close to every form of accumulated supply. It was the line of advanced works in the days when Verdun was a fortress. Two dismantled and abandoned forts stand on it to this day.

"(3) It is a united open and continuous height from the wood to the river with a long bare natural glacis sloping down northward gently without an inch of dead ground anywhere and enfiladed from the spur so long this is held.

"On all these counts the reaching to and carrying of the Ridge of Charny would seem to be here the test of enemy success or failure on the western bank as the failure to carry the ridge Polvre-Douaumont was the test of failure on the eastern."

French and German Methods.

After reviewing the German and French objects in the battle for Verdun Mr. Hilaire Belloc says:—We have in the whole of this great battle a contrast between a certain French strategical conception and a certain German tactical tradition, each enriched by new experience gained in this war. The general French strategical conception at work is familiar. In all its forms there underlies that conception the detaining of an enemy superior

offensive by the smallest number which can sustain the shock, and the maintaining in reserve of all that can possibly be spared, with the object of bringing such fresh forces into play just at the right moment to achieve a maximum result. From the smallest details to the largest plans this strategical conception is seen underlying the operations of the French command. It is obvious, and has been obvious all the years during which this conception has been discussed, for and against, up and down Europe—it has been obvious especially during the present campaign—that such ideas can only be translated into reality by the successful exercise of a very accurate calculation in things as much moral as material. Upon the moral side comes in the peril (and therefore the art as well) of all such methods. If you overestimate the resisting power of your few troops which take the first shock you suffer irreparable disaster. If you mistake the exact moment for the counter-offensive you suffer no less. It is a method perilous in the extreme, but, like all risky work, yielding a harvest corresponding to its peril if it succeeds.

We can be fairly certain that even after a week of the strain the French Higher Command had not moved its general reserve at all; and that all the work done round Verdun had been done by the troops assigned to that sector, including the local reserve; though it is possible that before the close of Saturday, the 26th, certain units had come up from another portion of the line. The German assault showed once more the unbroken tactical traditions inherited from two centuries of war, and this, coupled with the extension and confirmation of it by the experience of the present campaign. It was a blow struck upon a comparative narrow front with a very dense mass of infantry whose charge had been prepared by the heaviest of artillery work—that is the whole of his method. We saw that principle at work upon the Grand Couronne 18 months ago, where it broke down altogether and failed. We saw it months afterwards upon the Dunajetz, where the new lesson taught by the war of the new scale upon which heavy munitions must be provided, had been learnt by the Prussian Higher Command, and, where it was aided by the great inferiority of the enemy in that same matter. We are now seeing precisely the same tactical tradition being put to the supreme test against the steep straight hills of the Meuse.

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