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Apart altogether from Iron Crosses and other military decorations, which have been scattered broadcast by the million, the Germans have already struck nearly 600 different commemorative medals in connection with the war. Those in which the Kaiser figures include one in which the 'All-Highest' is shown with two of his fellow-criminals, namely, the Sultan of Turkey and the late Emperor of Austria. As to this Mr. Hill daily notes:

The motto assigns the "Glory to God alone," and discreetly leaves to the beholder the distribution of the same, between the three persons represented. The reverse of one of these pieces shows soldiers of the three Allies as brothers in arms, while a long inscription complains that "England wishes to starve us out, France to lay our land waste with fire, and Italy to avenge the ruin of Belgium." Italy should feel duly impressed by the noble indignation of the German professor at her criminal failure to sympathize with the most striking exemplification of Germany's superior culture.

Of course, the Crown Prince of Germany is not overlooked by the medalists. On one obverse he is made to look like a congenital idiot; yet this is said to be an excellent likeness. "If that is so," remarks Mr. Hill, "the caricaturist's occupation is surely gone." He adds:

This medal of the Crown Prince has on its reverse a figure of the young hero Siegfried attacking with his broadsword the four-headed dragon which symbolises the triple Entente with Belgium. Nothing but a failure of the authorities to see the significance of the contrast between the relentless portrait on the obverse and the Wagnerian hero on the reverse can account for the omission to prosecute the artist for "lese-majesty"; the more so as the dragon, in spite of the hero's theatrical efforts, is still intact in all her features.

One of the greatest jokes of the German medalists is due to the unhappy

prophet who struck a piece in honour of General von Kluck and his capture of Paris. "Old One o'Clock," as Thomas Atkins dubbed him, is looking "wistful, almost to the verge of tears," while the German Eagle on the reverse is looking "hungrily at the fortifications of its coveted prey." Neutral collectors have so much difficulty in securing a copy of this unique production that the probability is that it has been withdrawn from circulation.

In the military heroes' medals the artists have made brave effort to impart an "official expression of frightfulness." Yet even these, and especially those in which von Tirpitz appears, are really funny.

The German Neptune, who shakes his fist and shouts his curses at the British ships as they sink in the offing, betrays by his attitude nothing but impotent and childish rage; the conch through which, on another medal, he blows defiance at the shores of England is so modelled as to suggest a paper bag, which will eventually be burst with due effect.

If it were not for the Trading with the Enemy restrictions someone ought to secure a large consignment of these German medals. A complete collection would cause infinite merriment in British households.

THE Maharajah of Burdwan has issued to the "Bengalee" a belated contradiction of the statement often quoted to the effect that in 1905, in addressing a durbar, he said "My relations with the British continue to be friendly." In course of the contradiction he says: "The only reference to the British Raj was the following: 'I have but one honest intention in front of me and that is to lead a life of usefulness not only for this Raj but for the nation and the world at large and to loyally serve the Government.' He continues: 'I must now enter, however late in the day it may be, my emphatic protest against the allegation of my having used an expression which only a sovereign can use in relation to foreign and friendly powers, and which can perhaps be excusable in an arrogant fool, or a madman. All I can say in conclusion is on the word of honour of a gentleman that it is an expression I have never used in my life and that therefore it is, to say the least, an unmitigated falsehood.'

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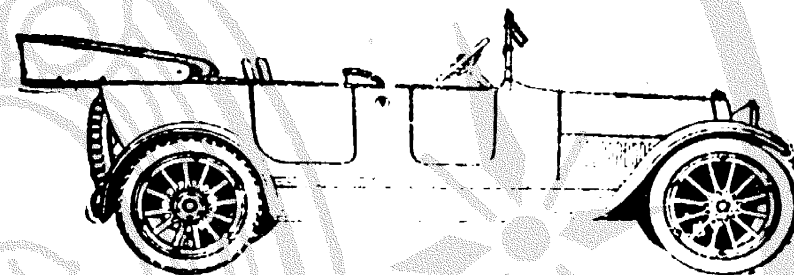
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The Registry of Partnerships and Companies, Ministry of Justice.  
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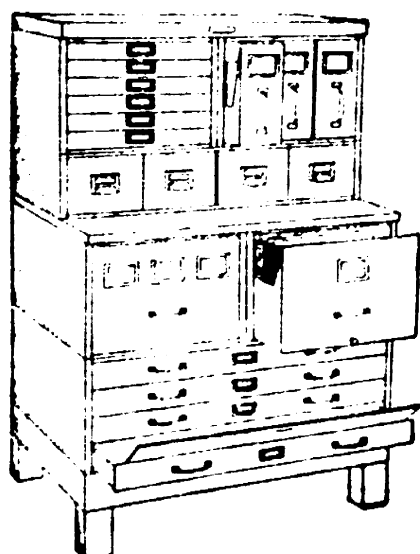
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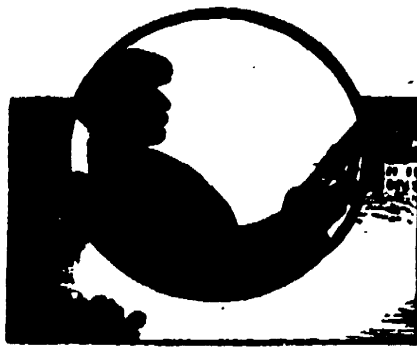


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## The Siam Observer

SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 1918.

### THE MOTIVES OF THE ALLIES.

The predominant motives of the Allies in this great struggle are security against the establishment of a universal military despotism and the defence of political and national liberty. It was England that was the first to set the example on a large scale in the securing of the latter. There have been many phases of this struggle among which may be numbered the wars of Elizabeth against Philip II, of William III and Anne against Louis XIV of those against Napoleon and, greatest of all, the struggle that is being waged against the German Emperor to-day. The essential part of the doctrine of the "balance of power" is that the whole of Europe is unsafe if any single Power is strong enough and sufficiently aggressive to establish, or even contemplate establishing, supremacy over the rest and this is true whatever the Power may be. It would also be equally true of a Europe joined together in a Society of Nations if an undefeated and unregenerate Germany were a member. Europe may be likened to a family whose members are of unequal age, size and importance yet all possessed of one common interest, namely, that no one of them shall have the will or power to tyrannise over the rest. History shows that on two occasions France tried to do this and Germany has been consistently endeavouring to do so ever since the year 1870.

The war has undoubtedly brought inconvenience and even some amount of suffering upon some of the small neutral nations, one of the causes of which is the blockade policy of the Allies; but no sane person in Scandinavia, Holland or Switzerland has ever had the least fear of the independence of his country being interfered with by France, England or any of the other Allies. With reference to Germany, and with very good reason, the exact opposite has been the case and in all the neutral countries above mentioned thinking persons have had the most lively fears concerning the intentions of the Central Powers.

For years Sweden and the Balkans shared fears of Russia with those of Germany although such fears are somewhat hard to explain for the history of a series of wars from 1854 to the comparatively recent struggle with Japan shows that while Russia is too huge for actual defeat she is too slow, backward and stupid for real aggression.

Whatever fears may have been held of Russia, they are now things of the past for those who are present her rulers have practically expunged her from the list of European Powers and even if in the days to come these insane rulers be succeeded by those who can give her a stable government it will be years before she can be restored to her former place. The policy of the Allies must be to render William II as harmless as Napoleon was made a century ago and thus to show Germany once and for all that Europe is not a despotism but a number of free states. On this depend freedom, nationality and peace and the condition under which these may be attained is victory.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Mrs. W. H. Moore and Capt. J. Johansen have arrived from Singapore.

DURING the year 1917, it is estimated that 106,330 logs of teak had been floated down to Bangkok from Paknampho.

A NOTIFICATION from the Ministry of War says that Mr. B. Masterman of the Survey Department has terminated his agreement with that Ministry.

A RETURN showing the number of cases of communicable diseases which have been notified as occurring in the City of Bangkok during the week ended the 30th March 1918 gives 13 cases of plague and 2 of small-pox. There were 14 deaths from plague—2 being last week's cases—and 2 from small-pox.

LATEST advts.—The surplus earth from the excavation at the New Oriental Store can be taken away free of charge.

The International Stores have in stock a variety of preserves, wines and liquors to suit both purse and taste.

The week-end programme of the Pathanakhorn is advertised.

A WORLD'S height record of 23,048 feet, with passenger aboard, attained in 1 hour 3 minutes, has been established by Flight Lieut. Francesco Brak Papa, of the Italian Army, on a Fiat biplane. The flight was made from the Turin aerodrome on December 14, the machine carrying a useful load of 792 pounds, and was officially controlled. The rate of climbing was as follows: 3,250 feet were reached in 2 minutes 30 sec.; 6,561 feet in 5 minutes; 9,822 feet in 9 minutes; 12,123 feet in 13 minutes; 16,400 feet in 24 minutes; 19,685 feet in 37 minutes 30 sec.; 21,325 feet in 45 minutes, and the maximum height of 23,048 feet in just over the hour. This record performance was made with a 300 h.p. six-cylinder Fiat water-cooled engine, of the same type as the one used for the flight from Turin to London. This engine has four valves per cylinder and direct mounted propeller. The previous height record with a passenger was 21,161 feet and was also held by Flight Lieut. Brak Papa.

### Obituary.

We regret to announce that the Italian Minister has received a cable from Paris reporting the death of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Landon, and her two daughters, killed by bombs.

### Swatow Taychew Earthquake Relief Fund.

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April the 7th, Quasimodo Sunday: the first after Easter.  
5.20 a.m. 1st Mass.  
6.10 a.m. 2nd Mass for the Native Community.

8.00 a.m. 3rd and last Mass for the Foreign Community.

4 p.m. Rosary, Instruction and Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament.

#### WEEK DAYS.

5.30 a.m. 1st Mass.

6.00 a.m. 2nd and last Mass.

Devotion of the Month: The Resurrection of Our Lord.

April 8, Monday: The Annunciation of the B. V. Mary.

High Mass of the day requested by a member of the congregation.

April 9, Tuesday: The 20th day's Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Mrs. Anna Bua (requested by Mr. John Poi, son of the deceased).

April 10, Wednesday: St. Macarius, Abbot.

High Mass requested by a member of the congregation.

April 11, Thursday: St. Leo I, Pontiff and Doctor.

April 12, Friday: St. Julius, Pontiff.

Requiem High Mass requested by the Revd. Brothers of Assumption College on behalf of their co-workers, parents, pupils and benefactors who have departed this life.

April 13, Saturday: St. Hermenegild, King and Martyr.

#### S. Mary's Mission.

Sunday, April 7. First Sunday after Easter.

9 a.m. Matins and Sermon.

Hymns:—

7 Christ, Whose glory fills the skies.

125 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem.

504 The Lord is risen indeed.



## THE Great War.

### The Great Battle.

(Havas Telegram.)  
Paris, April 4.  
The artillery contest is raging intensely to the north of Montdidier. We took prisoners in Champagne and on the left bank of the Meuse.

### Clemenceau Returns.

(Havas Telegram.)  
Paris, April 4.  
M. Clemenceau has returned from the front and has expressed his extreme satisfaction.

### Message from King of Italy.

(Havas Telegram.)  
Paris, April 4.  
The King of Italy has telegraphed to President Poincaré his certitude that the heroism and unity of the Allies will restrain and break the shock of the invader.

President Poincaré replied that the offensive of our enemies will finally result in a cruel disappointment to them.

### Food Figures From Other Lands.

The following figures from other lands may be given for the purpose of comparison:—

Paris.—The level of retail food prices in April (the latest available figures) was 47 per cent. above that of July, 1914.

Holland.—The increase in the cost of food between 1914 and 1917 for a rural working class family of 10 is 107 per cent. and for a family of six, 116 per cent.

Denmark.—The average increase in prices of necessities in July, 1917, as compared with prices in July, 1914, was 152 per cent. (bread, 231 per cent. butter, milk, beef and mutton, 130; bacon and pork, 146).

Sweden.—The cost of maintaining the standard pre-war budget of a typical household in food, fuel, and light represents an increase of 74.9 per cent. in comparison with July, 1914.

Vienna.—The general level of prices was about 212 per cent. above that recorded for July, 1914, the heaviest increase being in lard (687 per cent.) bacon (500), margarine (500), and butter (469).

Canada.—The cost of food, measured by the weekly expenditure of a family, showed an increase of 56.6 per cent. as compared with July, 1914.

Australia.—The average retail price of food in the 30 chief towns shows an increase of 38.5 per cent. as compared with July, 1914.

### Tirpitz and Belgium.

The "Kölnische Volkszeitung" gives prominence to an interview which its Berlin representative, Herr Eisele, had with Admiral von Tirpitz. "It should be clearly recognized," Admiral von Tirpitz remarked "that Mr. Lloyd George's whole basis for negotiations is impossible. The kernel of his proposals is Germany's complete surrender to Belgium. He does not mind what Germany takes from Russia; therefore Germany ought to be cautious in her policy towards her Russian neighbour. If we desire to make the risk too great for England to attack us, then we must continue to keep our armies on the Flanders coast. Annexation is not necessary. We want the Flemings to win their independent development and kultur. A way will be found."

In reply to another question Von Tirpitz said: "For me and all who have really examined the point, there is no doubt we can beat England within a measurable time if we maintain the submarine war. Fate is inexorable for England, and she knows it herself quite well."

### Germany's Plans.

London, March 12.—It is reported from neutral sources that the Kaiser was all out for a western offensive and von Hindenburg for exploiting Russia. It is believed that a compromise policy had been adopted and that for the first time the Germans will operate offensively on two fronts. The Russian front offers no opposition but needs a great number of troops for advancing in and holding the border territories. To this fact is due the failure to fully reinforce the Western line which is half a million stronger than before and no more. This leaves the Allies with an advantage in numbers. Never have the Allies been so well prepared.

## Havas Wires from Singapore.

### America's Share.

Paris, April 1.  
It is officially announced that the Government has decided to agree to the desire expressed by General Pershing on behalf of the Government of the United States. The American troops will fight side by side with the British and French. The starred flag will float next the British and French flags on the plains of Picardy.

Washington, March 30.—President Wilson has sent the following telegram to General Foch:—"Allow me to convey my sincere greetings for your new command. Such a united command is one of the most hopeful omens for our final success. We follow with the keenest interest the very daring and brilliant deeds of your force."

### The Generalissimo.

The British Press comments favourably on the realisation of the unity of command placed in the hands of General Foch.

The Times says:—"We can assure our valorous French Allies that not one voice of importance in England will protest against the choice of the French General for that task."

The Morning Post writes: "All who have followed General Foch's career will admit his right to the great honour shown him by the Allied Governments, which is approved in the most chivalrous way by the Field-Marshal commanding the British forces in France."

The Daily Telegraph says:—"By bestowing such authority on the most distinguished French General, the Allied Governments have done the only feasible thing from the military point of view."

The Daily Express writes:—"We warmly applaud the nomination of General Foch, who has always proved of fertile resolution, indefatigable before the greatest difficulties, and prompt in decisions in full confidence."

The Daily News itself, which previously protested against the nomination of a Generalissimo, expresses the same opinion as President Wilson, that the new unity of command is of the best omen.

### The German Losses.

Paris, April 2.  
An Associated Press telegram sent on Monday from the French battle front to the New York Herald says of the last operations:—"Heavy German forces were thrown on Sunday against the village of Grivesnes, about half way between Montdidier and Moreuil. All the efforts of the enemy were in vain. The French troops held firm and the Germans were repulsed with very heavy losses. Wherever the Allies regain territory they find heaps of German dead, which the invaders had no time to bury. They appear to have suffered terrible losses from the effects of the French field guns."

An attempt of the Germans to cross the Oise and storm a bridgehead permitting their future advance, was easily frustrated by the French. One of the famous German storm battalions succeeded in getting over near Chauny, but never returned, as it was almost annihilated, only a hundred unwounded men remaining to be taken prisoner.

At le Plémont two German divisions found themselves confronted by a French Division. For a moment the French were forced back, but they came again at the enemy with such a rush that the Germans were driven back, leaving seven hundred prisoners, including twenty officers, in the French hands.

### The Guns at Last.

Yesterday was the eleventh day of the battle, and the Germans found before them a solid wall of Allied troops, which is daily becoming firmer as the artillery is advancing from all directions to support the infantry, who have stood the entire shock hitherto.

### Paddy Crop Report April 5, 1918.

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### On the Sick List.

Mr. A. Reis, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, is, we regret to learn, somewhat seriously ill with an internal disorder. He was removed to the Hongkong Nursing Home yesterday afternoon and Drs. Bell and Robert are attending him.

### The Merchant Seaman.

What has the merchant seaman to do with war? In Christian times he had good hope, like his civilian brother on land, that the fury of the storm might spend itself elsewhere. True, on a voyage in war time a shot might be fired across his bows; he might be boarded by an enemy officer in charge of a prize crew, and conducted, considerably to his annoyance and inconvenience, to a port other than that to which he was originally bound. But in respect of life and limb, food and drink, and other creature comforts he was not often seriously the worse for his experiences.

But now, in this year of grace, at any hour he may be shelled without warning, or blown to fragments by mine or torpedo, or adrift in an open boat left to drown, starve or freeze to death as chance may determine. The marvel is that he has elected, guided by who knows what divine inspiration, to suffer these things, when he might very well have declined the monstrous risks, and by that election has to his credit—is it no more than the sober and demonstrable truth—the salvation of the world.

There are few, possibly, who know it yet between the most exalted of German dreams and their fulfilment the barrier at this hour is no more than two or three thousand ships and the British merchant sailors who man them. Human imagination is sluggish, but no fight is necessary, no profound reflection, to inform us that not a soldier, not a gun, not a shell in any zone of Britain's war, but is and must be carried by these ships and men; that upon them not this country alone but the whole Alliance is dependent for the supplies without which the struggle could not be maintained for a week. The country is beginning to know something of their quality, their wrogs, their sufferings, their endurance, their strange, hidden, indomitable valour, the story of which has not its like in all the long and varied pages of history.

It has been truly said that every time a man, woman or child sits down to a meal, thanks ought to be given to the Navy. But thanks are really due equally to the Mercantile Marine. Without the British Fleet to contain the German Fleet port and hunt the enemy's submarines no merchant ship could reach this country. Without the merchant ships, however, there would be no means of bringing foodstuffs and all essential supplies into the country. And the seaman, as Mr. L. Cope Cornford says in a book just published: "He is the same merchant seaman who, but three years since, was the drudge of commerce, and who now in his own right is entered of the chivalry of the sea."—Ex.

### Alfonso's Throne.

In the course of an interview, Count Romanones, the Spanish Liberal leader, said:—

"My own opinion is that, although the economic situation is very grave, we shall overcome our difficulties."

"The treaty which we have just concluded with Britain is practically the same as the one I drafted and which led to my fall. I hope we shall enter into similar treaties with America and France."

"I was King Alfonso himself," said Count Romanones "who suggested that your request for an interview should be granted," and he then proceeded to deal with the present aspect of the situation.

"The present Government," he said, "is stronger than most people may have thought. I believe, indeed, that after the elections the same Government will face the new Cortes. One of the first subjects the new Parliament must discuss is the question of Catalanian separation. I believe that all fear of trouble with the military juntas has now passed, and that we shall most likely be able to come to some arrangement."

"The stability of the monarchy is now greater than it ever was. All discontent—and I own there is quite a lot—is traceable to economic conditions brought about by the war. The entry of our troops into Jerusalem has had a very great effect on Spanish Roman Catholic opinion, which is now very favourable."

I asked Count Romanones if he had read Lord Lansdowne's letter, and whether he was prepared to pronounce any opinion on it. Count Romanones said: "I never understood how the letter came to be written. I prefer to express no opinion, except that it seems to me that the statement given to you by M. Clemenceau concerning the letter was admirable."

"I think it would be perfectly needless to discuss peace at the present moment. Although I still have no doubts regarding the Allies' ultimate victory, I think the war will have to continue another two or three years."

## "The First Class Air Fighters."

Mr. H. G. Wells, who recently stated that the war would be won by the superiority of "First Class Air Fighters" should enquire into the records of the British Air Squadrons on the Western Front, and elsewhere. The amount of destruction, both material and moral, caused among the German forces by the operations of British aircraft day and night, would astound even him. Quite a long time ago one of the British ferry pilots (i.e., an officer employed in taking aeroplanes from England to the aerodromes in France and Belgium) put up something of a record for one day's work. He flew a new machine overseas in the morning, brought down three German machines en route, and re-crossed the Channel with an unserviceable machine in the evening.

Setting out on a bombing raid before dawn recently, a British pilot returned with the following report: "As soon as I got out of a low bank of thick clouds over Ypres and the smoke of our artillery barrage farther East, two German scouts chased me for about ten minutes but broke off the fight, probably having spent all their ammunition. Picking up bearings, I made straight for the objective (an enemy aerodrome) and circled round at a height of about 200 feet I could see no signs of activity, except a man lighting a pipe at one end of the aerodrome, no doubt for the guidance of the enemy's returning aviators. Flying straight over the line of hangars my first bomb caught the third shed. The explosion brought the place to life, and I got two more bombs on to the other sheds and among the personnel running about below. The remaining bombs did not answer to the release lever, and as the enemy had now got their defence machine guns to work, I got well away in the direction of—station. There the bomb came clear of its carrier and exploded between a goods train and a shed."

"It was my turn now to machine-gun the aerodrome so, turning back, I picked up the position of one of their guns, and diving down let fly with both of mine. Carrying past this target I put several bursts into the southern sheds from a height of about 20 feet, cleared the sheds and made off straight for— aerodrome, attacking their sheds and one machine on the ground. Next stampeded two horses and machine gunned a train a few miles farther on. Turning west and spotting a column of infantry about 200 strong on the march I made two successive attacks, with the result that the troops scattered in all directions. Then encountered a "two seater" enemy machine, and getting behind and below apparently unobserved fired about thirty rounds into it, causing it to go down in a steep spiral and ultimately crash alongside the railway out of— Finished my ammunition on the usual crowd gathered round the wreckage, from which only one occupant emerged."

"On the way back observed one of our machines engaged with a ground target near—"

The flying time occupied in this adventure was less than two hours and it is typical of the daily undertakings by the thousands of machines which compose the present day British Air Service.

### How Germans are "Loved" in Their Colonies.

What has struck Belgian circles in the German reply to the Lenin peace proposals is the passage claiming the restitution of the German colonies, on the plea that "their native populations have shown their love for Germany by fighting strenuously under her flag to the last."

That passage, for one, constitutes a deliberate lie. It has been officially proved that the conquest of the German Kamerun and East African possessions, however arduous, would have been thrice as arduous had not hosts of native tribes surrendered gladly to the French, English and Belgian troops, expressing their joy at escaping from the brutal German rule. In a recent official communication, the Belgian Government quoted, besides the names of African natives, kings who welcomed the Belgian forces as their deliverers from the defeated Tontou yoke. The same was witnessed in Namaland and Namqualand (German South Africa), where the Herero population who had revolted fifteen years ago against the cruelties of German colonizers, hailed the British conquerors, under General Botha, as saviours.



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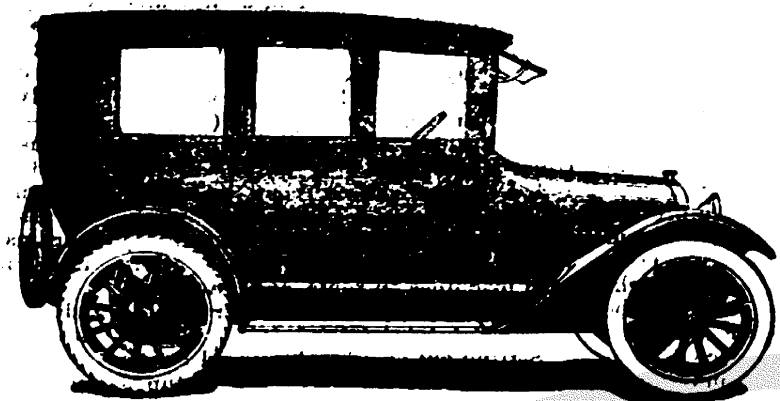
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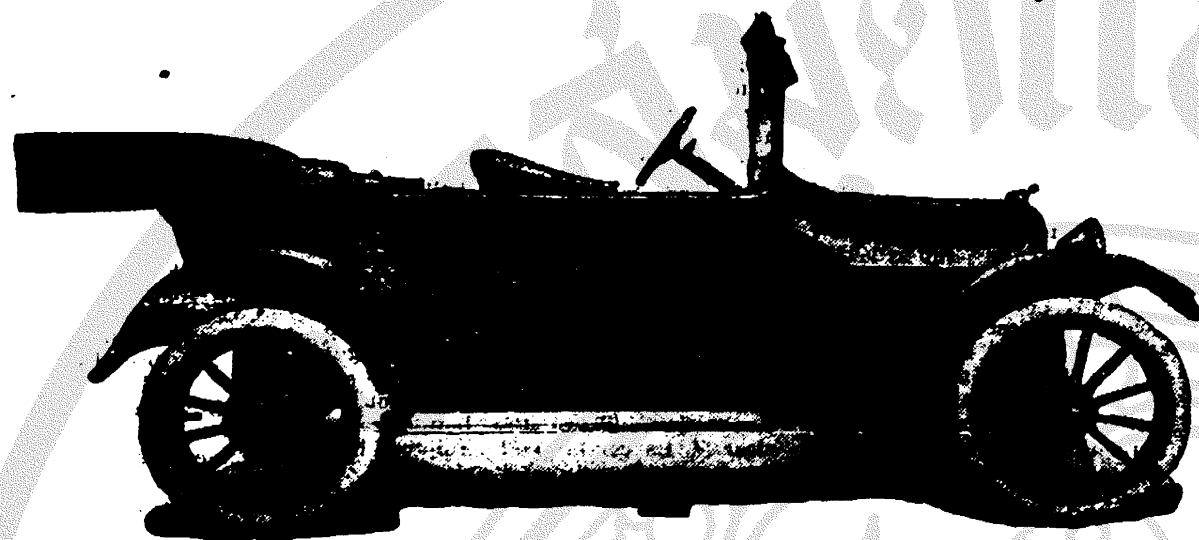
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### General Wire News.

London, March 27.—The Admiralty announces that the arrivals during the week were 2,471, and sailings 2,481. Sixteen over, and twelve under 1,600 tons were sunk. The former include one which was sunk in the week ending March 16, and the latter, four small sailing vessels sunk in December and January. Nineteen were unsuccessfully attacked. One fishing vessel was sunk.

London, March 27.—Italian arrivals last week were 443 sailings 412; sinkings, three steamers over 1,600 tons and two sailing ships over and three under a hundred tons; unsuccessfully attacked, one steamer.

London, March 28.—The French arrivals last week were 925 and sailings 961. Sinkings one over, and five under 1,600 tons. Unsuccessfully attacked, two.

Cádiz, March 27.—The trans-Atlantic liner *Palmas* has landed thirty three survivors of the Spanish steamer *Arillero* which was torpedoed by a German submarine.

Moscow, March 26.—The Bolsheviks officially state that after a sanguinary fight loyal Soviet and Ukrainian troops assisted by naval forces have retaken Odessa.

Petrograd, March 27.—Simultaneously with the news of the triumph of the Bolshevik forces at Odessa over the Ukrainian Government which concluded a separatist treaty with the Centralites, comes the information that the Russian Black Sea fleet has been bombarding Sakhtunkale, a port of Caucasus which has been adopting a separatist regime. The news appears to imply a revival of the military spirit against both the Centralites and the separatists.

London, March 27.—M. Trotsky has appealed to the French military mission in Russia to help reorganize the army.

L'Homme Libre states M. Pichon has signified the Government's willingness to agree to this conditional on the understanding that the new Army will fight Germany. The mission comprises five hundred officers.

Athens, March 27.—It is reported that Armenians and half a million Greeks at Trebizond are being atrociously treated by the Turks, who have pillaged and destroyed wholesale. Their pretext is the forestalling if possible, of the offensive by the Caucasian troops.

New York, March 27.—The city has been shaken by explosions which demolished a munitions warehouse in Jersey city wrecking two acres of buildings.

London, March 27.—Palestine Official: We occupied Esalt on Monday night. Our mounted troops yesterday were approaching Amman, upon the Hedjaz Railway.

Amsterdam, March 27.—At a by-election at Niederbarnim, Potsdam district, the majority Socialist defeated the minority Socialist by 25,000 votes to 250.

London, March 25.—Best informed opinion at Washington is absolutely confident. American military critics warn the public against unreservedly swallowing the German communications which are obviously chiefly inspired by the deliberate intention to create gloom, anxiety and fear among the Allies.

London, March 25.—It is authoritatively stated the British retired voluntarily from Bapaume to the west of which we possess excellent defences. The town itself is relatively unimportant. It is significant that the German war correspondents speak of German losses at Bapaume as being "comparatively heavy."

London, March 25.—Palestine Official: We threw fresh bridges across the Jordan during the night of March 27. We had progressed by the night of the twenty-fourth nine miles through difficult mountainous country in the direction of Esalt. Our advanced mounted troops secured the bridge of el Howej which is three miles south of the town. Turco-Germans opposed the advance. We took prisoners of both nationalities. A London Infantry battalion in a brilliant attack captured an entire battery. Our aeroplanes, including an Australian unit, effectively bombed and directly hit troops and also trains on the Hedjaz railway.

London, March 25.—Wireless German message to Russia refuses to evacuate Odessa because it is considered to be with in the Ukraine.

London, March 25.—The Admiralty reports that a mine sweeping sloop was mined and sank on March 22. Two officers and sixty-four men were lost. A destroyer after collision on March 23 sank. One officer and one man was lost.

London, March 25.—The Admiralty says that naval aeroplanes from Dunkirk between the twenty-first and twenty-fourth destroyed ten enemy machines and brought down seven out of control. They brought down a hostile balloon and carried out three bombing raids on Bruges docks scoring many direct hits on sheds whilst upon the quays bombs burst close to destroyers. Aeroplanes attacked several torpedo-boats, a destroyer and an armed trawler. A pilot who was forced to descend in the sea was picked up by a French destroyer. All others returned.

London, March 26.—Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters wiring on the evening of March 25 says the titanic struggle is unabated and continues although the enemy artillery fire shows a tendency to decrease owing to increasing difficulties of advancing the guns. On the other hand no stage of the war

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has seen such close infantry fighting. Yesterday a British infantry battalion changed the enemy tanks and secured 150 prisoners. One battalion of the twenty-fourth division captured a post in a great quarry commanding one of the main lines of enemy advance and fought to the last man delaying the enemy and killing up corpses in a semi-circular barricade breast high around the quarry.

The manner in which the gaps, tanks and transport were withdrawn behind the retreating line constitutes a marvellous feat. After crossing the Somme we blew up all the bridges except one which was so commanded by our guns that it was more advantageous to leave it. The enemy casualties in his efforts to cross the Somme have been prodigious. Again and again our parties on rafts and pontoons were annihilated by our guns. Ultimately a passage was effected by the famous Brandenburg Iron Corps near Leuport under a hailstorm of fire after tremendous failures.

At a certain place a large force of the enemy had thrust its way through and gained what promised to develop into a distinct tactical advantage, but during the enemy pause to reorganise ten tanks advanced, caused havoc in the German ranks and finally drove them back.

The scenes on the roads leading to the rear have been most remarkable in the past three days what with parties of civilians and villagers sheltered by soldiers and mixed labour groups of impassive orientals in all varieties of headgear, the African natives grinning as though the thing was a huge joke. There was a claycoated armoured car speeding back for ammunition, here a motorlorry stacked with maps and records with a redhatted officer perched atop.

Fulfilling their traditional crush through tactics, the German infantry are, pushing forward unsupported by artillery the High Command trusting by overwhelming weight to break down all resistance and thus affording unique opportunities for our fieldguns to spray the human awnings, while yesterday at High wood and Delville wood our machine-guns simply carpeted the earth with corpses before retiring. Before long the Fatherland must be asking the price at which the offensive is being waged. The weather is becoming unsettled and the glass is falling. The latest news is that fighting of fiercest description is continuing.

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In order to prevent our good German money falling into enemy hands a large number of exchange bureaux have been opened where German money can be exchanged for French notes at a gain of 6 per cent. Thus an opportunity is offered to every soldier to exchange German money for French notes at a gain of 6 per cent. which can be used for paying French shopkeepers and other small items, such as French washer-women and hair-dressers.

It is strictly forbidden to pay French inhabitants in German money. Soldiers who do so, and also civilians who demand payment in German money, render themselves liable to be punished.

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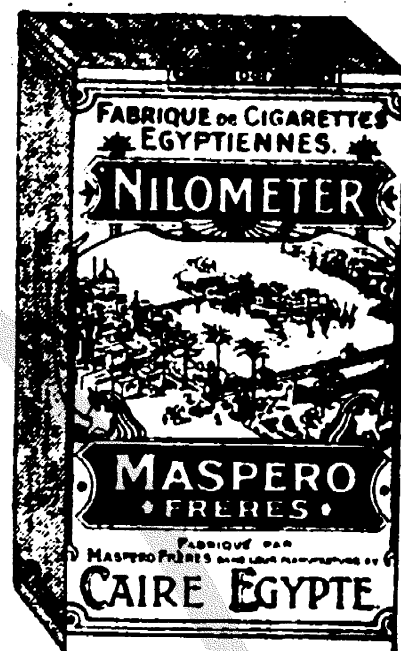
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## How Turkey is Fooled.

Among the recent captures by the British on the Gass front was a Turkish officer who had served in the Ottoman Army throughout the war. He was at the Dardanelles, through the Rumanian Campaign, and lastly in Palestine. In his opinion, his capture was the most fortunate thing that could have befallen him; for under the rule of the young Turk Committee of Union and Progress, nothing but calamities and disasters have been the fate of the Turkish people.

He states that the morale of the Turkish army is now extremely bad, that desertion from the ranks is so rife that a regiment will often lose thirty per cent. of its effectives during the journey from Constantinople to Palestine, and that bands of armed deserters are wandering all over the Ottoman dominions. The morale of the Committee of Union and Progress is largely to blame for this, but the general condition of chaos is greatly augmented by the attitude of the Germans towards the Turks.

In the old days of the Hamidian régime the condition of the Turkish army was bad, but now it is indubitably worse. Even in Abdul Hamid's time at least six monthly payments of the annual salaries were made in money during the year; now salaries are paid every month, but in depreciated Turkish paper worth only fifteen to twenty per cent. of its face value.

The whole military and administrative organisation of the Ottoman Empire he described as given over to an orgy of incompetence and corruption which puts to shame the worst excesses of Abdul Hamid's reign. In addition the Turkish Government is surcharged with the intolerable burden of German dominion.

From this German profanation and degradation, nothing remains sacred. Every department of private and public life has been invaded, and Turkey is merely exploited to benefit Germany. Any kind of German is good enough to be an officer over Turkish troops, and as a result, Turkish gentlemen of good birth and education have been subject to German cabmen, street-scavengers, and waiters. The experiences of these Turkish officers who have had to consort with the Germans have been one long exposure to insult, offence, and persecution.

The commercial acumen of the German is always to the fore even when he is an officer in the Army. They have made a special practice of profiting by the depreciation in Turkish money, buying it privately at an 80 per cent. discount, then paying their official accounts with it at face value.

Their unscrupulous practice goes even farther, for the officers in charge of the motor-lorry service in Palestine, Syria, and Asia-Minor are making large incomes out of the system which they have initiated of carrying passengers at very high fares! This system of bleeding the natives is now a regular practice throughout the German transport service in the East.

The German officers and soldiery are not alone in their extortions. They are even surpassed by the activities of the German civilian "experts," such as the engineers who sink wells for the armies, geologists who discover mineral wealth (for Germany) and contractors who pretend to improve the cities. All these obtain huge contracts, or else get control of the public funds, and most of the money vanishes without anything to show for it. What little is expended upon public work is subject to every form of commission, corruption, and exploitation.

The German attitude to the Turks in general is contemptuous, intolerant and insulting. They treat them, not as Allies, but as a conquered people; and in truth the Turks feel that this is precisely what they are. The corrupt Turkish politicians and the Germans work hand in hand, regardless of the sufferings of the Turkish people. Thus the Committee of Union and Progress imported sugar from Austria at 5 piastres the kilo, but retailed it to the famine-stricken populace at 200 piastres the kilo, pocketing the balance. In Constantinople last winter the daily death toll from starvation was 200, and there was no bread to be had. The Germans exploited the situation in their own peculiarly bestial way, using their stores of bread as a method of debauching the starving Turkish women. The *Göeben* and the *Breslau* were literally meeting places for Turkish ladies of good social standing, who were forced to yield their honour in order to save their

children from absolute starvation. Wherever the German soldiers have been stationed, they have proclaimed their acceptance of the Moslem faith and have then married Moslem women. Later, they have cast these off, divorcing them "in the name of Allah," according to the formula, and have returned to their homes single, leaving the wives destitute. The war has been waged simply for the personal profit of the Turkish Government, and regardless of the needs or destinies of the Turkish people. The Germans have crept in everywhere, and have drained Turkey of food to feed Berlin. They have brought nothing but misery and bitter dishonour upon the nation, and the whole of the Turkish people is seething with indignation against them. The picture of the internal condition of Turkey as portrayed by the captured office has been confirmed from many other sources. It is certainly in keeping with the general standard of conduct that the civilised world has

learned to associate with the German officer in occupied or vassal territories. The Turkish people are, however, almost as submissive to their Government as are the Germans to theirs, and any greater upheaval than local revolutions and sporadic tribal risings is unlikely to take place. On the other hand it is impossible for the present condition of affairs to endure. The Turkish people, impoverished by war, faced with food privations amounting to famine, and with every factor of their national economic life arrested, are slowly reaching a condition of anarchy which no governmental measure can allay. Their losses of territory, the fall of Bagdad and Jerusalem, and the successful revolt of the Arabs of the Hedjaz, all force an inevitable issue upon their rulers. Victory is not only beyond their grasp but beyond their ultimate horizon; and they are realising what their people have already learnt at the cost of their blood and their dishonour; namely that the Germany under its present rulers is the foe of humanity.

### O. U. Hoover.

My Tuesdays are meatless,  
My Wednesdays are wheatless.  
I'm getting more eatless each day:  
My house it is heatless,  
My bed it is sheetless,  
They're all sent to the Y. M. C. A.  
The bar rooms are treatless,  
My coffee is sweetless,  
Each day I get poor and wiser:  
My stockings are footless,  
My trousers are seatless,  
My God. But I do hate the Kaiser.  
W. M. R.

### Best Food for Summer.

### Amritanava Avalah.

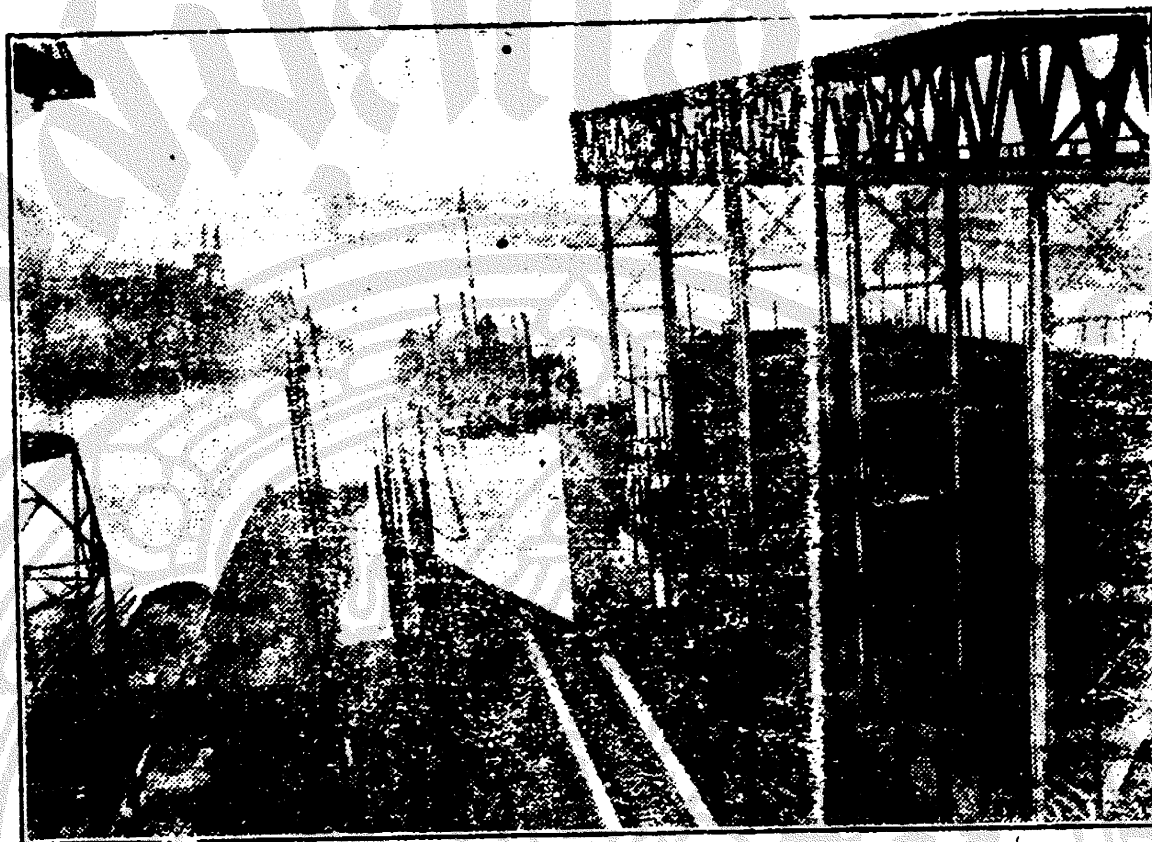
If you feel uneasy, excess of heat in the body, pain in the chest, continuous headache, weakness of the brain, less power of understanding, and poor memory, please use this Avalah only. It is the best food for brain and a good tonic. Consumption, chronic and acute Diarrhoea can be cured by the use of this Avalah.

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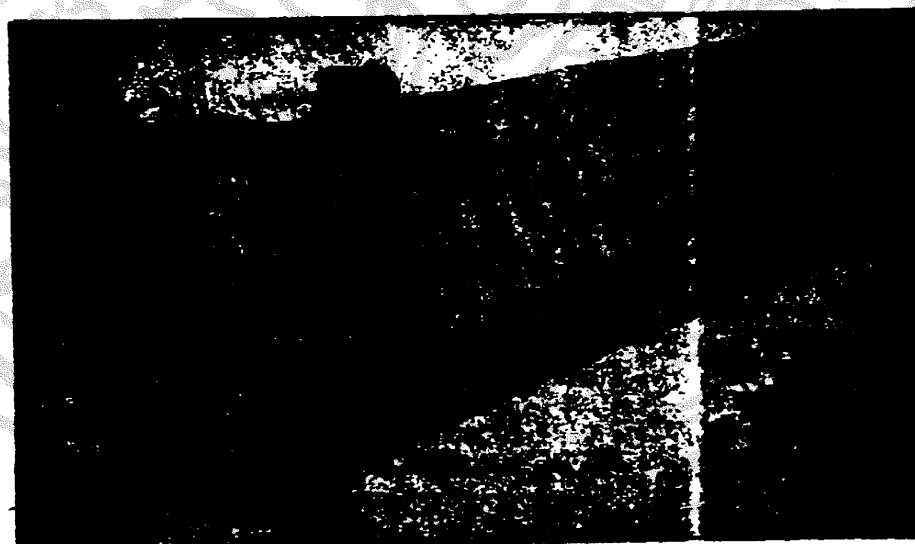
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