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Dutch War News. The Naval Battle.

A German communique states that in the naval fight, Germany lost the small cruisers Wiesbaden, Pommern, and Fraueulob, and several torpedo boats, the number of which is at present unknown. The communique says that the Germans sank a British dreadnought, and two battle cruisers, the Queen Mary and the Indefatigable, and wo cruisers of the Achilles Class, and a new type of cruiser. German torpedo boats, torpedoed the destroyers Nestor and Alcaster and a large number of British torpedo boats, destroyers, and a submarine. A great number of British warships were damaged. The

Marlborough was torpe-load.

The "Meta-lbewerker" (Dutch Matalworkers' organ) states that the firm of Nering Boigel at Deventer, according to an admission made by Minister Bosboom has for some time been manufacturing grenades, shells and other forms of ammunition in order to

increase its profits. The Aniline Dye Trade. During the past few days several Dutch steamers have been taken into English harbours and made to unload their cargoes of aniline dyes. The "Rondo" which was detained at Durban with 1,400 cases of dyes has been liberated under the condition that the English Consul at Batavia has control of the cargo. These dyes are destined for the Batak trade mostly sarong manufacture, and the course taken by the British is in consequence of former cargo having been diverted.

An Austrian communique states that the Italian offensive has come to a standstill.

German divisions from the Verdun front are daily arriving in Belgium. As a sequel to the German attack on the St. Eloi-Hooge front, large numbers of German wounded are arriving at Dadaxdele Ledegens, and Moorsele, where all the churches, numeries and monasteries are now being used as

hospitals. The Allies and Greece The Paris correspondent of the "Telegraaf" states that the Allies will commence a more vigorous policy against Greece unless the Bulgarian troops in Greece are immediately with-

the Russian artiflery has been particularly-lively along the whole of the Eastern front and has effected a heavy

Major Moraht on Verdun.

Major Moraht kindly suggests that the moment has come to point out to the Entente that its view of the military position is wrong. The Central Powers, he says, are still on the offensive. Germany has forced France to give up the offensive she had prepared, prevented her from advancing between Metz and Strassbourg, forced her to draw in her front and concentrate all her forces upon Verdun. The result was that the British army had to extend over a larger front, thus robbing it of its possible offensive strength. It had been announced that the British army would proceed to wider action, but it is still limiting itself to minor engagements. No more is heard of the British plans (sic) of invading the Dutch coast.

Major Moraht then makes merry over the assertion that the long struggle for Verdun had exhausted Germany and calls to mind-Port Arthur. We should not forget, he says, that Port Arthur offered resistance for 210 days to the Japanese attacks. The Japanese had to approach step by step, amidst the most terrible fighting. Their blood wis shed in streams. Between August 16 and 24, 14,000 killed were left on the battle-field, and the sacrifices against the eastern front proved totally fruitless. We do not underestimate the tough resistance of the Russians, Major Moraht goes on to say, but we pay the greater tribute to the French defensive organisation.

Taking all in all, says a correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten," nothing is known at present of the Germans, but it cannot be supposed that they will allow fate to overwhelm them passively and in despair. A survey of the latest events shows us that the recent fighting only bears a local character and that at present at any rate there is not likely to be any general offensive by the French. As before, the German artillery has a great advantage, in that it can act concentrically against a comparatively limited front.

bombardment. The army of Archduke Josef Ferdinand has in consequence An Austrian communique states that tres, thanks to its effectiveness, and is now expecting a heavy Russian infantry attack,

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Items of Interest.

The Canal from the Rhone to Marseilles, commenced in 1911 has been completed at a cost of 53 millions. The canal is 77 kilometers long and is expected to deal with 1,400,000 tons per year.

The Turks claim to have captured a British aviator on the Sinai Peninsula.

Interviewed by American journalists, the British Secretary for India, Mr. Chamberlain pointed out that all German intrigues in India had resulted in one or two murders and exploits by bandits, India. so far from being a source of anxiety had sent troops to France, Egypt, Gallipoli, East Africa, Mesopotamia, Persia and China.

As evidence of the systematic propaganda made by Germany, a Soerabaya journal mentions that pro-German reading matter is sent to pupils of native educational institutions. The same paper says a German jeweller at Djokjo makes it his work to put German reading into the hands of soldiers.

The "Kolnische Zeitung" published a day or two a dispatch from Amsterdam giving a sensational story about the arrest of a band of English spies at Flushing. Nothing is known of this report at Flushing, according to news received by the "Nieuwe Courant."

The Allies have promised Belgium their support at the peace negotiations, for the preservation of the Belgian Congo.

At the commencement of the recent fighting at St. Eloi, the British, according to Max Osborn in the Vosische Zeitung, exploded six mines close together thus making great gashes in the surface of the ground over a diameter of a quarter of a mile.

The Russians have cleared away hostile mines in the Black Sea with the inscription: "Christ has risen."

There seems no doubt, says the Daily News, that the Sinn Feiners received support from German and Austrian sources. The Exchange Telegraph Co.'s correspondent states that an Austrian officer, wearing the uniform of the Dual Monarchy, surrendered at the Post Office when it was set on fire, and is now a prisoner in Dublin Castle. Two Austrians were arrested in a house in the Balls Bridge area, and it was found that they had been engaged in making bombs.

Siam Observer. Special War Edition

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Trade in the East Indies.

Both Japan and America are putting forth their best endeavours to win the position occupied by the Germans in the Far East before the war, and some interesting facts are just to hand regarding their operations in the Netherlands East Indies.

Shortly before the outbreak of war the Japanese dealers on this coast were on the point of bankruptcy, writes the Medan correspondent of the Locomoticy. In their precarious position they appealed to their colleagues at Singapore, where the Japanese Capital was ampler, with the result that the latter opened a credit three times the amount the East coast Japanese had in the bank. This not only saved the Japanese, but enabled them to extend their business. The Japanese, who had thus far carried on a retail trade, at once realized the splendid chance offered itself as a result of cutting out of the Germans and took to the wholesale trade. They are now carrying on wholesale business in all kinds of articles, including cement and beer. In addition to this they have extended their retail trade considerably. There is not a Japanese toko now, where articles are not met with, which before the war would have been looked for in vain.

"It is an open question, however, whether the Japanese will be able to retain the place they have gained.

"As for the Americans, their goods

pensive than those from Europe, but, on the other hand, their quality is highly appreciated. There is a great demand for them and it is believed that the Americans will be well able to obtain a firm footing here.

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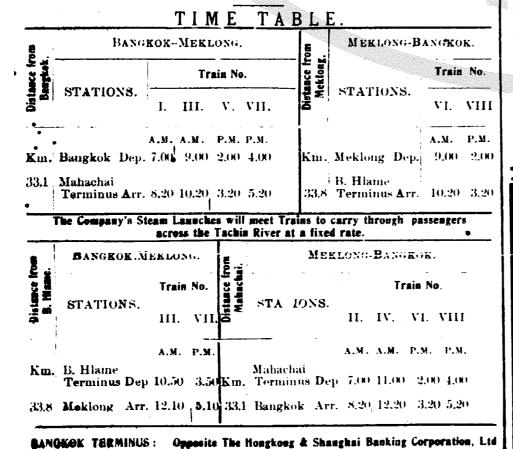
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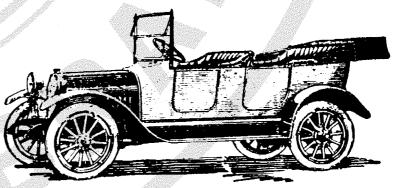
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Telegraph Lines.

The Post and Telegraph Department reports that Nongkai line is not properly working with Makheng. Smudasongram line is interrupted between Eangkok and Smudasagor. Malay Peninsular main line is in order as far as Chumpon. Tavoy line is still interrupted beyond Siamese frontier. Other lines are in order.

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MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE IN ENGLAND.

Not very long ago a commission was appointed in England to report upon the question of the Divorce Law with a view to remedying its inequalities and doing away with its injustice. Various suggestions were put forward but none of them struck one as being of any great promise. There is no doubt that the contract of marriage has been very much complicated by the interference of the Church and as usual the interference of the clergy in things temporal has not been beneficial. Under the Jewish Law marriage was a simple contract and adultery was punishable with death: at the pre sent day marriage is a religious or a civil ceremony and adultery merely involves, if it involves anything at all, a question of money. Why should religion or religious ceremony enter into the question of marriage at all? The only thing that matters is that the union and its fruits should be legiti. mate. The religious ceremony is only an entirely unnecessary waste of money and the words of the service are in the worst possible taste. The marriage vows are not taken seriously and there is no remedy at all for the breach of some of them. Would not the whole question be simplified by the abolition of any religious ceremony? Why not make marriage merely a simple contract? Let there be a written agreement drawn up between the contracting parties setting out all the terms of the contract and the penalty for breach thereof if any be agreed upon. The State could make a law providing for the legitimacy of the children and all other questions such as the termination of the contract by reason of incapacity, lunacy, imprisonment of the parties, &c. could be provided for by the agreement. The parties could still go through the religious ceremony if they wished to do so but that would be entirely a matter of their own choice, the State being merely concerned with the fact of there being a legal contract between the parties. We venture to think that such a procedure would put the sexes on an equal footing, would fulfil all the purposes of the marriage ceremony of to-day and would enable the parties to provide against all contingencies and so avoid much of the unpleasantness which to-day militates against the happiness of the married state.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

THE subscriptions to the Cruiser Fund now amounts to Tes. 2,075,581.

THE output of tin ore from the Ngow property of the Siamese Tin Syndicate, Limited for the month of May was

THE Medical Officer of Health reports that there were five deaths from bubonic plague during the week ended June 10th.

THE s.s. Ban Hong Liong left Singaore for Bangkok on Thursday the 15th June at 5 p.m. with the European (English) mad on board.

THE population of the State of Trenggann is about 155,000, of whom approximately 150,000 are Malays, who contribute less than \$1 per head to the annual revenues

An Armenian committee has been formed at Lausanne to demand the creation after the war of an autonomous Armenia under the suzerainty of Russia, or under the joint control of Russia, England, France and Italy.

A TELEGRAM received in Amsterdam from Halle states that the Frankfurter Zeitung says that the eldest son of Prince Ernst von Sachsen Meiningen, namely, Baron Georg von Saalfeld, has been killed in an air tight at La Bassee by an English aeronaut.

SIR Cecil Spring Rice, British Am-bassador in Washington, has been instructed to apologize for the action of the British Governor at Trinidad in failing to return the call of the Secretary to the Treasury, Mr. McAdoo, on the latter's visit on board the American cruiser Tennessee.

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Court Circular.

DUSIT PARK, Thursday, June, 15.

To-day the remains of Her late Royal Highness Princess Barnaraya were cremated with due ceremony at the Cremation Pavilion in the precincts of Benchamapabitra Monastery.

The remains were conveyed on a State car in State procession with due honours from the residence of His Royal Highness Prince Narism to the Phra Meru.

On arrying at the Phra Meru the remains were conveyed three times round the Cremation Pavilion in procession and then were set up ready for crema-

At 5 o'clock His Majesty the King drove in a motor car to the Phra Meru and took his place in the Royal Pavi-

The Funeral Sermon was preached by His Royal Highness the Holy Prince Vajiranana, Supreme Patriarch of the Kingdom. After the Sermon the "Satapakarana" rites were per-

lion.

His Majesty personally lit the funeral pyre and the members of the Royal Family and Officials proceeded to do the same homage to the Dead.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by our Correspondents]

The Up-Country Mail.

To the Editor of the "Siam Observer."

On noticing the paragraph in the Bangkok Times" of the 13th inst., under the heading "The Up-Country Mail" one could not refrain from writing. Everybody is well aware what difficulties the Postal Service has to cope with to meet everybody's satisfaction, especially the B. T.'s.

Millions of letters are dealt with by the Postal Department yearly, and if one, two or even 10 persons (don't forget millions) are unsatisfied they are sure complain through the the B. T. because they are well aware that the B. T. is always on the alert to publish complaints against the Postal Service, however unreasonable, only to have some article published daily. The Postal Department ordinarily works from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.; when there is special work as the sorting of the European mail, the work has to be kept up sometimes to 11 p.m. or even midnight —what more is required? In what country does a Post Office work the whole time? Everybody knows that the Post Office closes at 4 p.m. and that the early train leaves before 7 a.m., and therefore if they post their letters before 3.59 p.m. or just before the clock strikes the 4th hour they are still in time; but those who find fault post their letters at 5 p.m. after office hours. If the office was open up to 5 p.m. they would have written to the B. T. and said they could not get their letters posted at 6 p.m. and how then can they expect their letters to go by the mail train leaving at 7 a.m. the next day?

Even if the service hours were open specially for him for 24 hours he is sure to complain again, because he has hands to write and a paper ready to publish his complaints. He would say: Why send his letters by train which takes 2 days, instead of quicker means, such as by an aeroplane like the one Mr. Navarre used which completed a course of 125 kilometers in an hour etc., etc.? He seems to forget that 3 mont's ago his letters reached Lampang in 4 days, whilst now it takes only 2 days there, and 7 days to Chiengmai.

Yours truly, PREISNI.

Bangkok, June, 15.

Trade With Bangkok.

Says Kelly's Monthly Trading Review with regard to Bangkok: Importers here of perfumery and soap etc., complain bitterly at the enormous decrease at the end of March, 1913, although the reason why the imports have decreased has not been given.

During 1914, biscuits were imported to the value of £18,881. It would appear that the market for sugar and molasses is constantly increasing, and canned fish, especially canned salmon, is an article very much in demand. It is regrettable that there are no purefood laws or similar measures to regulate or restrict the import and sale of foods in Siam.

GENERAL Brussiloff, the leader of he great Russian armies now operating against the Austrians, bas won the thanks and gratitude of the Czar. He is one of the commanders who were appointed to the task of conquering Galicia early last year, with an army of a million Russians, when the Hungarians retreated through the passes of the Carpathians and the Austrians fled to Cracow.

THE

Great War.

Czernowitz.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, June 12. Petrograd.—The Russians have cut off railway communications of Czernowitz with the North.

Heavy fighting is proceeding in the east, southeast and north of the town.

Russian Successes.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, June 14. Petrograd.-We have cut the Austrian railway communication between

South of the Dniester we occupied the town of Sniatyn, capturing 20 officers, 6,000 men and 6 cannon.

Czernowitz and the North.

In Mesopotamia, in the Diarbekir sector we took encampments, routing the enemy.

The French Front.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, June 14. To-day we repulsed a strong patrol

between the Oise and the Aisne. We took a small post east of Soissons.

Economic Conference.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, June 14. . M. Briand has opened the Allied Economic Conference.

A Minor Affair.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, June 14. Stockholm.-On the night of Juna 13.14, six German armed trawlers entered into a fight with enemy ships which appeared suddenly. On the them being damaged, entered the port of Nykorping. They refused to give any details.

Italian Front.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, June 14. Rome.-We progressed between the ·Adige Brenta and Walla Godina, inflicting considerable losses on the

Tin and Rubber.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.) Singapore, June 16. Tin is quoted at \$89.25.

The rubber market shows a decline. At the auctions crepe was \$10 down. The auctions were not completed. The total offered was 400 tons.

The Vivat Collision Case.

("8. Q." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.) Singapore, June 16.

· The Appeal Court has fixed June 27 for the hearing of the arguments in the Vivat-Brisbane collision case. The Court will be assisted by two Assessors.

Imperial Council of Commerce.

London, June 9.—The Imperial Council of Commerce, concluding its sitting, passed a resolution unanimously in favour of an early agreement be-tween the Imperial Government and the Dominions to adopt a single income tax on all income within the Empire, wherever earned or produced. Sir J. McRobert, seconding the resolution, said that the only fair solution was to revert to the old system of charging income tax only on income received in England.

The Council also resolved urging other resolutions on the governments ot the Empire to legislate for British control of business carried on within

the Empire.

Funeral of Lieut-Col. Fitzgerald. London, June 10.-The funeral of Lieut. Col. Fitzgeraldtook place at Eastborne with military honours to-day. It was preceded by a service at St. Mathews Westminster. Commander Kitchener, nephew of Lord Kitchener, Sir Reginuld Brade, Assistant Secretary to the War Office, and Sir W. Robertson, with representatives of Field Marshal French and the War Office attended.

Telegrams to Foreign Countries.

The Posts and Telegraph Department informs us that the following restrictions in respect to telegrams to foreign countries are at present in force.

All telegrams to foreign countries are accepted only at the risk of the sender. A reply will not be given to an enquiry about the fate of a foreign telegram.

All telegrams to foreign countries must have a plain address (no code or abbreviated address) and must bear the full signature of the cender. They are subject to censorship beyond the Siamese frontier. No refund will be made for a telegram detained by censors, except the amount which the foreign Administrations may grant.

No PC. or PCP, telegrams are allowed, On account of lack of communicaion no telegrams to Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Germany, German East Africa, Hungary, Luxembourge, Montenegro,

Servia, and Turkey can be accepted. Telegrams to Neutral Countries and Russia can be accepted only in plain English and French, no abbreviations and cyphers are admitted.

Telegrams to France can be sent : (a) via India and Penang (1) In plain English and French

(2) ABC code 5th Edition, Lieher's code, Scott's code 10th Edition, Western Union Code (b) Via Indo-China

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Japan can be sent (1) Via India and Penang: * In plain

English or French or in one of the following codes

ABC 5th Edition, Lieber's Code, Scott's Code 10th Edition and Western

Union Code

(2) Via Indo-China: In plain English or French, in ABC code 5th Edition or Lieber's code.

Telegrams to French Colonies can be sent in ABC code 5th Edition, Lieber's code, AZ Code or in plan English and

The restrictions to telegrams to Italy are the same as those for France except that telegrams in plain Italian are at-

When code telegrams are allowed the name of the code must be stated and is transmitted free of charge. Not more than one code can be used in a telegram. Contraction of code and plain language in the same word is prohibited.

The Public is advised to write their telegrams, whether in code or in plain language in such a manner that the contents may be easily understood by the censors beyond the Siamese from

The Hampshire Tragedy.

More Details.

London, June 11 .- The Admiralty have now established the fact that the Hampshire struck a mine at eight in the evening, and sank in ten minutes. She was escorted by two destroyers, which eventually detached, owing to heavy seas.

London, June 11.-Vessels which have arrived at Aberdeen from the Orkneys, states that Lord Kitchener embarked from the extreme north of Scotland at seven o'clock on Monday evening. A gale was blowing on the rocky coast and islands, the disaster occurred at eight in the evening, and a patrol boat an hour later reported seeing the warship afire. She apparently blew up and sank in twenty minutes after the fire was sighted. The people ashore saw four boats launched, but they were battered to pieces on the rocks. That containing Kitchener and his staff is believed to bave been swamped in the terrific seas. Vessels instantly summoned found no trace of the warship, the captain's gig stranded empty. A raft with twelve survivors was found on the cliffs, the men were exhausted and some murmered:--Kitchener aboard" and their fell asleep. Seventy-five bodies have been found on the cliffs, some still warm, they were hauled up by ropes. Some of the bodies had lost a finger, and others toenails, apparently in their desperate efforts to climb the cliff. The bodies were buried at Stromness. with

The Shackleton Relief.

Monte Video, June 9.-The Shackleton relief ship has sailed for Elephant Island and calls at the Falklands to pick up the Shackleton Expedition.

Battle of Lutsk.

Petrograd, June 9.-The Russian successes in Volhynia continue. The total number of prisoners since the offensive began is over 65,000.

Petrograd, June 9.—The scene of the Austro-Russian fighting is swampy and cut up by many rivers. The roads are carried on narrow causeways easily destroyed. The Austrians were unable to entrench at many points and erected breastworks which are not so difficult to storm as trenches. Hence this region was completely disordered by the unexpectedness of the onslaught The German officers tried to rally their panic-stricken companies, sometimes shooting the men surrendering in droves. How far the Russians penetrated is shown by the announcement of the capture of the reserve ammunition, which is usually ten miles to the

Twenty Divisions Broken Up. In some sectors the Russian artillery isolated large units, which surrendered. The destruction of the enemy telegraphs and telephones prevents coordination in the enemy retreat. Linsingen commands the group of three armies under Bothemer, Boch-mer, Molli and the Archduke Joseph Ferdinand, altogether twenty divisions, whose line is thus broken and the general retreat of five Austrian armies is expected. Already there are signs of reinforcements summoned from the Bessarabian and Italian fronts. Precautious are being taken to evacuate (1) In plain English and French. Lemberg, which is imperilled. Little (2) ABC Code 5th Edition, Lie- help will probably come from the Germans, who since the end of May have been desperately striving to reach the important railway junction of Molodec-

> of Kreve Whole Fortified Position Captured. Petrograd, -June 10 .- The Russians occupy the whole of the triangular

thus, near Smorgon. Hence their continual attacks in the neighbourhood

fortified position, Kolki, Lutzk, Olyka, which is strategically most important as a connecting centre between Polies sie, Volhynia and Poland and the roads to Galicia and Bukovina.

The Russians tought their way to Latzk, a distance of twenty five miles Telegrams to British Colonies and in three days, through forests and marshlands, over battered defences which the enemy for Rumanian consumption boasted of as insuperable t)nly a few days ago a German organ at Bukharest ridiculed the "myth" a Russian irruption in Galicia. The total unexpectedness of the onslaught is confirmed by the Austrian officer prisoners, who state that on the eve of the attack they were celebrating the German victory in the North Sea. An Effective Surprise.

One of the most effective of the Russian surprises was the capture of a raitway station with the staff. A quarter of an hour later a train arrived full of troops and supplies. They were all captured. The telegraphist had just wired for shells and in the course of an hour a train of shells fell into Russian hands. Practically the whole Austrian division surrendered at one point, including two generals.

At Petrograd it is estimated that the Austrain line is broken to the extent

of a hundred miles. German Communications Severed. Brussiloff's success has uncovered the German right and the Austrian left, the flanks of the latter commanding the approaches to Lemberg. It is reported that the Russian cavalry has appeared twenty-five miles south east of Lemberg (and severed?) the German communications, namely the railway they had constructed from Brest-litovsk to

The Russians in Bukovina have captured the lead of the railway leading

to Czernovitz.

Enemy's Vain Efforts. communique confirms the above Petrograd message and adds that the Germans are vainly trying to arrest the development of our offensive on the pierced front. German troops have arrived from the north of the Pripet marshes. The prisoners include many Germans. Despite obstinate resistance here and there the offensive continues on the whole Pripet-Rumanian front. Our cavalry had many opportunities to charge. We captured the bridgehead at Rojestche or the Styr, making prisoners of 2, 500 Austrians and Germans with rich

We have crossed the Strypa and reached Riverzlotapotok. General Mikuline is severely wound-

The Germans made a strong offeneive at Krevo in the Smorgon regious but failed to reach our positions.

Petrograd. June 11.-The enemy losses hitherto are estimated at two hundred thousand. The Russians in the Styr and Strypa regions have regained all the ground lost since September 1915. The enemy's Galician front, from Buczacz to the Dniester has been completely broken, and the Russians have crossed the river Zlota which is a few miles westward and parallel to Strypa, and are advancing on the river Golden Lipa, ten miles from Ziota. It is believed that the Germans are reinforcing the Austrians from the Vilna-Lida front, but to no great extent. Thousands of prisoners have been brought into Royno. They are described as being in good condition and well clothed. The Austrians in many cases are asking to be separat-

ed from the Germans. Poincare Congratulates Tear. Petrograd, June 11 .- A communique

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caré have exchanged the warmest telégrams over the Russian success. The Russians continue the offensive and are pursuing the Austrians. The Russians after a series of actions with Austrian rearguards, crossed the Styr above and below Lutzk, and followed on the the heels of the enemy, who were endeavouring to cling to their positions in the rear. There was heavy fighting for the hills near Tarnopol, which have changed hands several times.

Artillery Parks Captured.

Petrograd, June 11.-The communiqué continues :- The piercing of the enemy front in the Strypa region, resulted in our occupation of the forcified position on the eastern bank of the Strypa. We occupied Buczacz and developed an offensive along the Dniester. The Russians have captured a large artillery park and great quantities of shells in the village of Potokzlota. Tile Russian captures total 1,240 officers, 71.000 men. 94 guns, 167 machine guns, and 53 mortars. The German mortars have been busy around Dvinsk, while the German attacks in the Smorgon region were repulsed. The Turks have also been severely punished west of Trebizond.

School of Oriental Studies.

London, June 10.- The school of Oriental Studie- has been incorporated

clude Sir John Hewett, chairman; Sir Charles Lyall and Lord Reay representing the India Office and the Royal Asiatic Society respectively; and representatives of the Foreign Office, the War Office, the Universities, the City of London, the County Council, the London Chamber of Commerce. The appointments are mostly for five years. It is understood that the first meeting will be held before the end of June. It is hoped that the school will be starte I in the awumn. Alterations in the London Institution for the accommodation of the school are nearly completed.

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The Presidency.

Chicago, June 10 .- At the Ropublican convention Senator Fall nominated Mr. Roosevelt as candidate for the Presidency. He described him as a colossal figure of American manhood. The speech was received with mingled

cheers and hisses.

The nominations of Mr. Elihu Root and Judge Hughes were also proposed. The name of Judge Hughes was cheered for twenty minutes.

The first ballot was:—Hughes 253; Weeks 105; Root 103; Cummins 82; Burton 77; Fairbanks 74; Roosevelt

The votes necessary to the choice number 193.

In the second ballot, Hughes got 328; Root 98; Fairbanks 88; Cummins 85; Roosevelt 81; Weeks 79; Burton 76; Sherman 65.

Chicago, June 9 .-- The Republican and Progressive committees are jointly conferring with a view to securing a united nomination but hitherto the Progressives have mentioned Fair-banks, former Vice-President Root,

and Judge Hughes.

Chicago, June 11.—The Republicans have nominated Judge Hughes practically and the state of tically unanimously, and the Progressives have nominated Roosevelt.

Chicago, June 11.-Mr. Roosevelt has telegraphed the Progressive convention, declining nomination for the presidency, and suggesting Senator Lodge as a compromise candidate.

Washington, June 11.—President Wilson has accepted Judge Hughes resignation of Supreme Court judgeship. on the latter accepting nomination as a candidate for the Presidency.

The Neutrals.

Dutch Army Fully Prepared.

Amsterdam, June 9 .- It is officially announced that the army is thoroughly prepared for war. The Reichstag has adjourned to June

London, June 9.- The Dutch official announcement that the army is ready to take the field, if or when necessary. has aroused considerable interest and some speculation whether it is more than a mere warning of abands off Holland. The communique in which the announcement was made describes to the most detailed extent the augmentation of Dutch War material of every kind during the war.

Sea Warfare.

London, June 9.-Reuter is informed that officers from the Jutland Buttle are amazed at the German assertion of a victory. They describe the attacks of the enemy destroyers as the feeblest. They retired at the first eigh of defeat. The German fire was generally accurate at the outset but became the wildest immediately the ships were hit.

As regards the Lutzow, the second salvo of a British warship at eight thousand yards smashed all the turrets except one. The Lutzow burst into

The officers estimate the German losses was at / least thirty ships namely two battleships, two battle cruisers four cruisers, twenty destroyers, two of the Poumern class. Moreover five lattleships were so damaged as to be usele-s for months.

It is reported from Kiel that five German submarines were lost in the battle.

London June 9.—Official: A patrol of monitors and destroyers yesterday morning engaged the enemy's destroyers off Zeebrugge. On being fired at the latter returned to port. We had no casualties and no damage.

London, June 10 .- The Daily Mail says that its Copenhagen correspondent reports that the steamer Dunrobin of Newcastle passed the Sound to England. She has been in a Swedish port since the beginning of war. Twenty German armed trawlers chased her but a Swedish torpedoer, Prince Wilhelm commanding, convoyed the Dunrobin in safety. As the Dunrobin has been at Lulea, the northern end of the Gulf of Bothnia, she must have started directly after the Jutland battle. It is a thousand miles to the Sound.

Transport Workers Conference.

London, June 9.—The Transport Workers Conference at Glasgow has passed a resolution demanding legislation as a check on the alarming increase of employment of Chinese and other Asiatics on British ships.

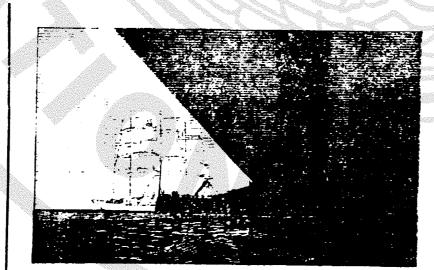
to the new Dutch East Indian loan of eighty million guilders amounted to over 145 million guilders.

Athens, June 9.—In the Chamber the Premier announced the demobilisation of twelve classes. He added that the measure was taken at the Government's own initiative.

Salonika, June 10.-It is explained triction of the commerce, coasting The Hague, June 10.—Subscriptions trade, and fishing still carried on.

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What the Restrictions Have Accomplished.

The second report of the Central Control Board (Liquor Traflic), which was issued on May 6, stated that the policy of the board has been to undertake or encourage constructive work in scheduled areas as well as to impose restrictions upon the sale and supply of intoxicating liquor. The restrictive action of the board has for the most part consisted in the issue of prohibitions and regulations contained in orders which have been framed on the same general lines for each of the scheduled areas, subject to successive modifications adapted to local wishes or requirements.

The board have from the first realised that the evil results arising from excessive indulgence in intoxicating liquor are frequently due not so much to the unrestricted facilities for obtaining it, or even to the detrimental practice of consuming it at irregular times and unaccompanied by a meal, as to the absence of wholesome and satisfying substitutes, whether food or drink. A reform of the national habits in this matter, or a reconstruction of the machinery for the provision of refreshments throughout the country being out of the question in an emergency period like the present, as well as being outside the province of the board, the board had taken such opportunities as have presented themselves to urge the improvement of public houses in scheduled areas and to assist in the provision of canteens at which good ineals can be obtained at a low charge.

In addition to action, whether restrictive or constructive, on the abovementioned general lines, the board have felt themselves compelled to undertake in certain districts the direct control of the sale and supply of intoxicating liquor. The more stringent powers of the board have up to the present been exercised only to a very limited extent, 20 licensed premises, of which 17 were in Scotland, having been closed for the sale and supply of intoxicating

Drinking Among Women.

A committee of women, appointed under the chairmanship of Mrs. Creighton, to inquire into and advise the board regarding the alleged excessive drinking among women, has reported that the undoubted increase of excessive drinking amongst women is mainly amongst those who drank before, that there is much evidence of improvement in the homes and in the condition of the children, that they have heard from many witnesses that excessive drinking in the homes is on the increase, and that they believe this tendency needs special considerations. The committee desire to emphasise their conclusion that untold harm is being caused to the country by the drinking habits of a section of the popu-

The recommendations of the committee are at present receiving the careful attention of the board, Industrial canteens are now being established in large numbers, and additional provison is now made for the daily refreshment of tens of thousands of dock and munition workers. In the case of the vast mojority of these persons this new supply of nourishment, combined with its change of surroundings and its welcome period of rest, has contributed substantially to the formation of more temperate habits, with an improvement in physical health and well being, and an increased energy and output.

England and Wales where the orders of the board have operated there has been a notable decline in convictions for drunkenness. The most recent authoritative expressions of opinion from Admirals and other officers in important commands are summarised by the Admiralty as confirming reports received earlier in the year that "the general effect of the restrictions has been decidedly beneficial," and in the latest report received from the Admiralty (March 28) it is stated that transport officers are unanimously of opinion that the restrictions have had a considerable benefit upon the efficiency of the transport service. The principal officer at Southampton has commented on the increased efficiency and good health of all the labour at the

Similar results have been reported by the military authorities. Statements received through the Board of Trade are singularly uniform in their testimony to the advantages secured Various circumstances have contributed to make the successful operation of the board's orders in Scotland more difficult than in England, but it is now possible to report an improvement of

Rainfall.

We have received the following telegraphic reports of rainfall from the Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Lands and Agriculture: Mondol Krung Deb.

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Indian Native Marriages.

The Position of Christian Converts.

A recent decision of the Chief Court in Rangoon must have given the Christian convert much food for thought. says the "Times of India. An old Karen woman, professing Christianity, petitioned for a divorce from her husband, also a Christian, on the ground of repeated misconduct, cruelty, and

desertion. The misconduct was admitted, the desertion was in the opinion of the Court not proved; the question of cruelty remained. On this point the Court was hard to convince. The judgment, as reported in the Press,

"Even if he did beat her six times, the injuries caused appear to have been cured with a little shampooing on most of the occasions. The single severe assault on the plaintiff, considered in connection with the circumstances under which it was made, scarcely amounts to the requisite degree of cruelty.

The case seems a hard one, but at any rate the Karen was not obliged to put her head into the noose. On the other hand, a Buddhist or agnostic living in a Christian land finds himself bound by the old ecclesiastical view of marriage even if he marries before the registrar. Who would not chooseito remain a benighted heathen?

The absurdity of applying Western standards to Eastern customs was illustrated not long ago by another legal decision. A Burmese woman petitioned for an order for alimony from the man with whom she had lived at various times and places during a period of several years.

According to native custom cohabitation recognised by the villagers constitutes marriage. But the husband in this case aware no doubt of the vagaries of English marriage-law resisted the petition on the ground that the plaintiff was not his wife. The defence was a unique example of insult added to injury, but it succeeded by itsy ery impudence. The magistrate, obfuscated by his Christian upbringing, was unable to decide at what became a wife or what exactly constituted recognition by the community. And as usual the man received the benefit of the doubt.

Cruiser Armament.

Mr. Hector C. Bywater, writing in the "Naval and Military Record" on the armament of cruisers, remarks that from the nature of their work in manceuvres it was clear that the German light cruisers were intended to act in the dual capacity of scouts and flotilla leaders, while the very large coal supply provided in the later types showed that commerce destruction was another of their potential duties. But though the displacement rose from 2,600 tons in the Gazelle, to 5,000 tons in the Karlsruhe the armament remained stationary, consisting of nothing more powerful that the 4·1 inch. 85 pounder. This may be an effective weapon against destroyers, but it is evidently useless against anything bigger. At the battle of the Bight the little Arethusa, by virtue of her two 6-in guns, was able to put up a winning fight against several German light cruiupper works and hulled her repeatedly, but were not able to administer a same opinion. knock-out blow. In the engagement

between the Sydney and the Emden the ascendancy of the 6 in. gun was still more marked. The principal reason why the Germans always clung to the 4.1 in, was their belief that its very high rate of fire enable it to discharge a heavier weight of metal in a given time than the 6 in., and against unarmoured ships they considered volume to be more effective than weight. This theory had a remarkably fair test in the Cocos action, where the respective broadsides were five 4.1 in. and five 6 in. After a few salvoes had been exchanged, the German vessel was battered out of recognition, most of her guns were dismounted, the protective deck was holed, and half the crew were dead or wounded. The lesson was repeated at the Falklands, where the Leipsig and the Nurnberg both appear to have been quickly destroyed by 6 in. gunfire before they could do any damage with their 4.1 in. batteries. Thus all the evidence furnished by the war points to the 6 in. gun as the smallest weapon which cruisers can effectively employ, and German theories to the contrary have proved fallacious. It sers, whose 4.1 in shells riddled her may be recalled that many German active officers had long been of the

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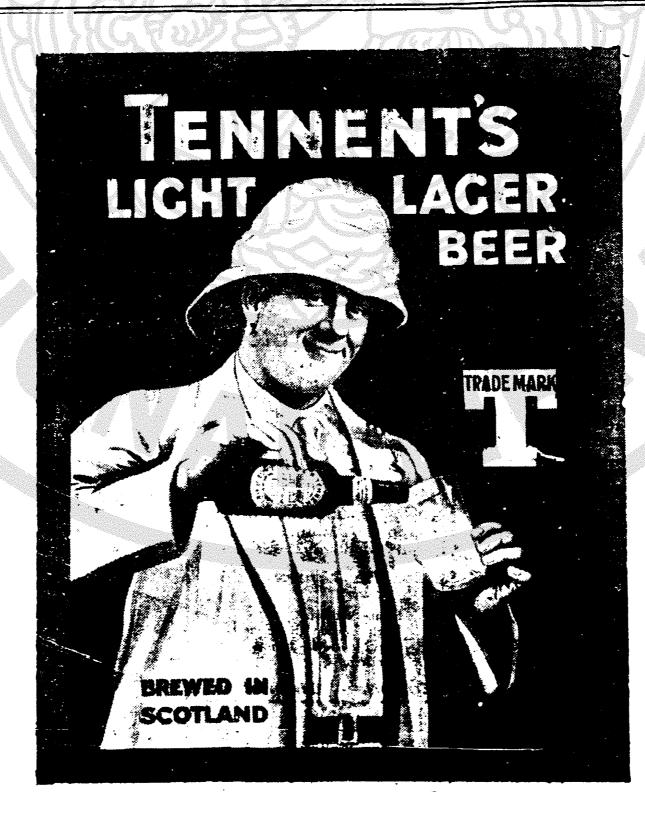
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