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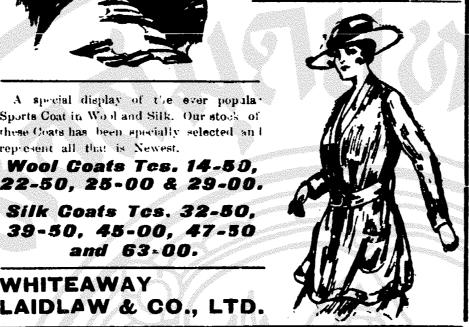
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Italian Railways in the War.

The nobilisation and assembly of the army for the great war of liberation proclaimed by Italy in May, 1915, constituted the first serious test of the railway organisation of the peninsula. This test was successfully passed, and it was possible to arrange for and carry through the mobilisation in a very short time, practically without disturbing the ordinary goods and passenger services. The work brought a high tribute of praise from the Supreme

Command. On the greater part of the railway system the traffic of a military character has been intense. In the first twenty-two months of the war the railways have carried altogether some 11,000,000 of soldiers and officers, about 1,000,000 qualrupeds, and 3,000,000 wagons for military material, while the monthly maximum was 900,000 men and 180,000 wagons. On some lines there is now a daily movement of one hundred trains, and on others it has reached, and at times exceeded, 120 trains in the twenty-four hours. In some of the principal stations there have been 300, 320, and even as many as 350 trains daily.

Yet all this vast transformation took place without eacrificing in the least degree the needs of ordinary life. Thus, in the last two fi ancial years, which correspond practically to the first two years of the war, new railway lines covering a total length of 160 kilometres were opened for public, use in territory not affected by the military operations.

The intensified service which the railway administration has been able to carry out demonstrates the great utility of the measures adopted during the last ten years. It was the improvement in the condition of the permanent way, and the reinforcement of the rolling material eff-cted in that period, which made is possible to utilise the railways up to the limit of their capacity. While the military transport alone employed more than half of the rolling stock, or about 10,000 wagons in the year 1915-16, it was necessary to make provision also for the demands of ordinary commercial traffic. And this internal traffic, which had nothing to do with the military movement, was very largely increased by the closure of the Adriatic ports and the reduction of the coastwise shipping service.

The distance covered by passenger and goods trains on the Italian railway system during 1915-16 was 116,718,397 train-kilometres. It was interesting to note that in the first half of 1916 the of that of the mobilisation period, in month or twomore, as they themselves May and June of the preceding year.

In January-June, 1916, in the Venetia district, for example, the actual top kilometres of traffic exceeded the figure for the corresponding period of 1915 by about 50 per cent. This was an enormous traffic, which proves the perfection, not only of the rolling stock, but

also of the locomotives. The splendid organisation of the Italian railways has notably assisted, especially in the more recent period, the transport services of the Allies, and particularly of England, in the conveyance of troops and materials across the peninsular. (E.C.)

Starvation of Montenegro.

Mr. Alex Devine, head master of Clayesmore School, Winchester, who during his holidays acts on the Continent as Commissioner on behalf of the Montenegro Red Cross and Relief Fund of London, has received a sworn statement by a Montenegrin, who, as an American subject, was able to pass out of the country before war was declared by the United States. He

"I visited Grahovo on April 26, when I saw 182 persons, women, children &c, die in 12 days because of lack of food, there being no food in the country whatever except a mixture of grass and millet, and not enough of that. The people have eaten up all the dogs, &c, they can find : Niksich city is like this, also Drobnjoci, Piva and Kolasi, and all the people are in the same condition, rich as well as poor as

money will not buy food. "I believe there are certainly 200 people a day dying of famine in the country. The Austrian authorities allow each person in Cettinje to buy 10 "dek" of corn meal a day (about a handful), so the situation is a little better than in the rest of the country,

where no such food can be bought. "I believe that there are but two battalions of Austrian soldiers, one in Cettinje and the other spread around the country, in all Montenegro, and about 20,000 in Albania, Scutari, and Droc, which are all I know of.

"The Austrian soldiers in the country are perhaps more badly nourished than the people, and I have seen in the same villages above mentioned, myself, from March until May 2, 1917, 200 soldiers, Austrians, die of starvation in Cettinje alone. The men on the front are a little better than those in the interior, but there they are also dying of starvation, as from time to time soldiers return from the front in a starved condition. The soldiers talk to the population and tell them that they know the war cannot last more than a can get nothing to eat."

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Indiaa Reform.

Aspects of Mr. Montagu's Tour.

London, Nev. 6.-Sir Valentine Chirol, in a letter to the Times, gives a long review of the situation in India, and says: "It is preposterons to suggest that Mr. Montagu has foisted his visit on an unwilling Indian Government or sought to impose on the Indian Executive a ready made policy of his own. The one real objection to his mission is that it will be very difficult to conduct just now a dispassionate enquiry in the politically over-heated atmosphere of India. In some respects, the fact that the Secretary of State is for the first time proceeding to India on a mission for personal investigation is surely all to the good, for in the last resort it is the Secretary of State who will have to persuade Parliament to divest itself of some of the powers which he exercises on its behalf, if any large measure of decentralisation is to be carried out in India, and if any considerable readjustment is to be effected of the constitutional relationship between the Indian and the Imperial Govern-

Country's Political Ferment.

The war has precipitated such a political ferment in India, partly healthy and partly very unhealthy, that it may pass human wit to devise any scheme which will satisfy all parties. But we may at least hope that, whatever scheme emerges from Mr. Montagu's mission, it will be a genuine and straight forward scheme, which, if it fails to gratify extravagant expecta-tions, will fulfil in practice all that it may promise to the eye Mr. Montagu is in no way a stranger to Indian affairs or to India. The choice of his associates for the mission shows him not to have undertaken it in any narrow party spirit, or with the mere desire to collect arguments to support preconceived theories. He goes out as a responsible enquirer at a very critical moment in the history both of India and of the Empire. It seems to me, therefore, to be the duty of every patriotic Englishman at Home and in India to wish him heartily a god speed in his mo-mentous undertaking."

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The Japanese.

Doubtless someone in authority will flash a greeting to the Japanese squadron sharing with us the perils of the Mediteranean, for it is 59 years this week (says the "D. Chronicie" of Aug. 24) since we signed our first treaty with Japan. Never until then had a British warship entered a Japanese herbour; never, before Lord Elgin, had a British Ambassador touched Japanese soil. What a change between then and now: The conversation of a shipless, trainless, telegraphless Japan into a Power which is helping us with arms and fleets to conquer Germany: Elgin took them 'their first steam vessel, a tiny yacht, less than 60 years ago.

Everything save Japanese genius has changed. The progress of Elgin's warships was barred by a gorgeous official who threatened us, not with guns, but with a fan! We were "Chinese" to the people, but not to the myriad spices in little bests are a little bests. little boats who invaded our ships, and in stentorian tones described to shorthand writers every detail of our craft and their armament. Japanese diplomats carried away from the banquest, food, especially raspberry jam. In their eleeves, for discussion at home. They noted our cheering of speeches at dinner, and, in the midst of official negotiations, would rise and solemnly roar, in flattering imitation.

CHANG Hsun, the would-be Emperormaker of China, appears to be a man of considerable wealth. He has what are described as "palatial mansionat Tientsin, Tsingtau, Tsinin, Peking and Hsuchow. He is a large share-holder in several public ventures, rang-ing from banks to beer breweries, and is a sleeping partner in several goldsmiths' establishments in Tientsin and Peking. He had large deposits in the German Bank in Teingtau, but since the Japanese ceptured the place, he bas been unable to get them and now is accustomed to regard all foreign banks as insecure. Then at his stronghold at Hsuchow he has a large quantity of opium, gold and silver bars, pearls, etc. enough to make the mouth water. Although his wealth is estimated at \$30,000,000, in addition to \$4,000,000 of which he deprives the Government annually by appropriations, taxes, etc. This property is not to be confiscated. it is stated, though it would appear particularly convenient at the present moment when the Government is so much in need of money.



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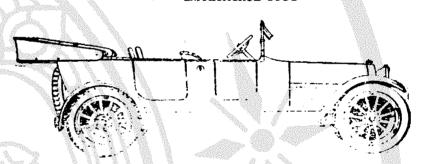
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Notification by the Liquidator of the business of Enemy Subjects.

By a Notification of the Minister of Finance dated the 9th day of November, B.E. 2460, the business of Behn Meyer and Co., Ltd. carried on at Bush Lane, Bangkok, under the name of Engler and Menzi, was ordered to be attached and wound up, and undersigned liquidator appointed Liquidator

Notice is hereby given that all persons who are creditors or debtors, or otherwise interested in any manner in the above-mentioned bu-iness, must present written claims or demands or p y their debts to the Liquidator at the Sheriff's Department, Ministry of Justice, within one month from the date of this Notification. If this provision is not complied with, the Liquidator will not accept responsibility for any loss occasioned thereby.

Dated, 9th November, B. E. 2160. (Signed) Pra Karani Sri Samruat.

Liquidator. 9 - 16



Notification of the Minister of Finance appointing a Liquidator for winding up an Enemy Business under the Law Forbidding Trade with the Subjects of Enemy Countries.

Whereas the business of Behn Meyer and Co., Ltd. carried on at Bush Lane, Bangkok, under the name of Engler and Menzi, appears to be carried on wholly or mainly for the benefit of and under the control of persons of enemy

nationality. Therefore the said business is, in pursuance of Article 8 of the Law Forbidding Trade with the Subjects of Enemy Countries, ordered to be attached and wound up, and Pra Karani Sri Samruat is appointed liquidator

Notification issued on the 9th day of November, B. E. 2460.

(Signed) Kitiyakara.

Minister of Finance.

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FRII 4Y, NOVEMBER 16, 1917.

AIR-RAIDS OVER GERMAN

TOWNS. Speaking recently at Manchester, Mr Bonar Lew suid, "We did more damage to the enemy in September than he had done in all his raids on England since the leginning of the war. More had been dene in the bombing of German towns than the public realised." This is welcome news for it is evidence that England is beginning to overcome her aversion to anything in the nature of reprisals for the Hun's dastardly disregard of the laws of humanity. The succession of air-raids that occurred recently in London and the south east of England has confirmed the impression that has long been forming in the British mind, that, however distasteful such a task may be, some definite reply must be made to the er.emy's bombardment of open and defenceless towns. In considering the question of reprisals there is more than one point that raises itself. The first is the natural desire to hit back which is undoubtedly one of the main motives of the popular demand. Greater than this however is the question of the military advantage to be gained. A superiority of fighting aeroplanes on the front is an absolute necessity and no popular cry should be allowed to lessen this superiority and thus give an advantage to the enemy however temporary. We have, however, now attained such a stage in output both of machines and trained men that there need be no anxiety on this score and the use of the available surplus of all fighting air-machines for the purpose of conducting air-raids on German manufacturing towns is consequently a matter of military importance. In all the belligerent countries, the whole industries of the nations are organised or war and it follows that any inter ference with industry must have an effect on the conditions at the front. This is only too well-known to the Germans who reason that by causing panic among the people of England they have much to gain and although they probably realise that the actual mili tary dan age caused by their bombs has been small, there is always the chance that a lucky hit may do irreparable harm. The question thus arises if the British Air Board, by not organising long distance air-raids on German towns, is not allowing the enemy to direct military advantage. This is a question difficult for the layman to answer for the members of the Air Board alone know the exact nature of the demands made upon them and they, therefore, are the judges to decide whether a surplus of men and machines is available for carrying out raids against Germany, not merely as reprisals, but with a definite military

LOCAL AND GENERAL

aim. From Mr. Bonar Law's words it

would appear that such a surplus is

available and there is no doubt that

when the Germans realise that they

will be paid back with interest in

their own coin the air-raids over

England will become very few and far

between.

THE Uriental Store has received a fresh stock of Simon Arzt Egyptian cigarettes.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Paknampo line is interrupted between Ayuthya and Bangkok. Other lines are all right.

THE Hungarian Ministry of War has decided to supply the Army with meat through the Ministry of Agriculture and to cancel the contracts with the Cattle Supply Company, which made a yearly profit of over £1,000,000.

JOHN Edwards, of the Royal Naval Reserve whose home is at Bristol and who for nearly three years has been prisoner of war in Germany, has been given a derman certificate for saving a German boy from drowning in a

--:0:---THE Return showing the number of cases of communicable diseases which have been reported as occuring in the C ty of Bangkok during the week ended the 10th November, gives two cases of bubonic plague both of which ended fatally.

Mail Communications.

We are informed by the Posts and Telegraph Department that the mail communications of the Kingdom is completely reestablished. There is no mail held up at present.

There may be a little unavoidable delay where mails have to be despatched by boats or carriers.

Siam Philatelic Society.

The 75th session was held at the offices of the Bangkok Times on Monday Nov. 12th with Mr. E. C. Monod in the chair.

Several novelties were shown, smongst others a used set of the new Mecca stamps, a set of the 1913 issue of China printe I in London and another set printed in China, a remarkable United States error a 5 cent printed in the 2 cent sheet, and a Congo stamp overprinted in French and Flemish "German East Africa occupied by Belgium.'

The members then discussed the 1906 and 1908 issues of Siam and many new points were brought to light. The Session terminated at 7.30 p.m.

Football.

There will be a Soccer Match between members of the R. B. S. C. at Wat Debsirindr School ground on Saturday Nov. 17th, kick off 4.80 p.m. Referee: Mr. N. Sutton.

Whites. Chapman, Glahnson, Malcolm, Dalsgaard, Halls, Findlay, Walsh, Jones. A., Le May, Olsen, Fogtmann.

Colours. Cranmer, H. E. Jones, Gronneman; M. C. Sithiporn, Ramsay, Rasmussen, Roberts, McDonald J. H., Preston, Von Holck, Jenkins.

Flood Relief.

The following amounts have been collected and sent to the Ministry of Finance by the Cinema Shows under the direction of the Phathanakorn Cinemetograph Co., Ltd.

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In consequence of the continuous increase in the cost of living in Italy, a Royal Decree obliges all private employers of labour in towns of less than 90,000 inhabitants to pay an extra 40 per cent. indemnity on all fixed salaries exceeding £15 per month.

A COURT-martial has condemned to death a Swiss singer named Regina Diene, who, during last November entered a military zone of Paris to procure information interesting to the enemy and last March attempted to procure information for the enemy which might endanger the defences of the port of Marseilles.

ACCORDING to an estimate in the Munchner Neueste Nachrichten," to February, 1915, German requisitions in Belgium of raw material and industrial plant amounted to £80,000,000. To December, 1914, the Germans had obtained levies amounting to £8,000,000. Since then, the regular contribution shows a total of £48,000,009 to August

WHAT the Food Production Department aim at in their 1918 tillage programme for England and Wales is to secure three million additional acres under corn, potatoes and mangolds, compared with 1916. This they hope to obtain by breaking up two million acres of grass land and by converting one million acres, now devoted to crops of less national importance, to food crops.

A RAID story: An old gentleman from the country, tremulous with fear after hearing bombs and gun-fire, emerged from his hotel with his wife. In the street they inquired of an imperturbable police-constable if it was "all over." The policeman, imagining they were eager sightseers, said. "Well, I'm afraid, sir, it is all over: but they may return in 'alf an 'our." Rapid departure of old lady and gentleman.

A VEGETARIAN society which appealed for the exemption of its mem-bers on the ground that "they do not eat fish, flesh, or fowl, and are consequently opposed to the killing of human beings," received from the Deputy Attorney-General a diverting reply. 'I think," he wrote, "there is no idea on the part of the Government, notwithstanding anything the Germans may have in mind, to kill any human being for eating purposes." The vegetarians will therefore have to "do their bit," like those who eat mutton and

Eliministic Journalism.

Some Motley Vapourings.

BY SRI DHANONJAI. " Invest me in my motley; give me leave to speak my mind."

We have already seen how far eliminism could be practised, in painting, poetry, and music, but these are not the only things wherein it could be practised. In journalism, for example, one could easily write a series of articles which should contain "Some notable eliminations," as Tertius Quiss would express it.

For the sake of argument-we will let it go at that, and eliminate unneceseary explanations—let us examine some recent flood reports.

We have been recently favoured with some most highly interesting titbits from past records of inundations in Siam. We were told of what was done by the authorities during the reign of King Rama HI: we were even told of what was undertaken during the reign of King Rama IV, during which, by the way, there does not appear to have been any very notably high floods so far as I am able to ascertain from some of the "survivors" P happen to know; but then survivors usually possess wretched memories as a rule. Having had our appetite whetted by records of inundations and flood measures of the Third and Fourth Reigns, we looked in vain for an account, however brief, of floods and flood measures undertaken during the reign of King Rama V. Seeing that His Late Majesty's reign was spread over a very much longer period than those of His predecessors, it seems very remarkable that there should have been no mention whatever of inundations and relief measures undertaken during that long period of over forty years.

Being by nature an inquisitive person, I made some inquiries on my own account, and found that there were at least two occasions upon which inundations occured during the period named: indeed I even recollect these two occasions myself: but, not being in a position to consult past records in the Ministry of the Interior, I have not been able to find out what measures, if any, were undertaken for the relief of from certain positions.

whether there was any distress or not: Now, the individual who has been supplying us with those interesting facts about the Third and Fourth Reigns must obviously have been able to gain access to official records of those reigns, and if that was so, then the chances are that he must also have been able to do the same with the records of the Fifth Reign.

But, in so far as inundations and relief measures are concerned, the Fifth Reign has been entirely eliminat-

ed! May we ask why? Let us now " follow our leader," and drop from the Third and Fourth Reigns to the present. We have been told many very interesting facts about the height of the present inundations; we have been told how many inches of water covers a certain prince's "palace" at Bang Pa-In, though the palaces of other princes elsewhere have been eliminated! Again, may we ask

We remember reading a leader in one of our esteemed local journals which was headed "Authorities Active," and yet we were informed immediately afterwards that they were not. The same "authority" suggested that certain Ministries should be told to co-operate in dealing with relief work, but when the heads of the Ministries named were actually appointed members of a special Royal Commission, it did not apparently give satisfaction, because the men appointed were "busy men." Apparently then, what is wanted is a sort of "Flood Dictator," who must not be "a busy man" to begin with. I hope I have got it right? If so, then the problem is to find the right man for the job; and he must be a person who is not already "a busy man," which would point to some man at present out of a job. So far as it occurs to my limited intelligence, it would appear that, in a country like Siam where the amusing game of Party Politics does not exist (except in the Chinese sense of the term, which means in plain English "every man for himself and the devil take the hindmost"), the best men to organise such relief work effectively are or should be-already found in the ranks of the Government. But we gather, from what has been vaguely hinted at by the people who seem to know things. that there exist outside the government's active service some person or persons who would be suitable as "Flood Dictator," or as a body of "Flood Controllers," or something of the kind. But the name or names of such person or persons have been eliminated by our informant. May we ask why?-Modesty, we presume?

Well, well! I was really going on to say something more, but have received a hint that it would be better to eliminate the rest of my remarks; therefore please do not blame me if I fail to tell you my own pet candidate for the post of "Flood Dictator." You see, his name would probably have been censored (which I understand is the technical THE

Great

Russia.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.) London, Nov. 15.

The Leninists are holding out only in s small part of Petrograd, otherwise the whole of Russia is in the hands of the Provisional Government.

General Kaledin is Dictator in Southern Russia.

The order of the Provisional Government is being signed by Kerensky, Korniloff and Kaledin.

The Allied Embassies are now in touch with Kerensky. The Cossacks destroyed the Red

Guard which was the Chief Leninist The population of Petrograd is now

tearing down the Leninist proclama-

French Politics.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.) London, Nov. 15. Paris: - The Government has re-

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Nov. 14. President Poincaré has consulted with the politicians. It is believed that the crisis will be brief the Senate has removed the parliamentary privilege of Senator Humbert.

The Italian Front.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Nov. 12. The situation on the Italian front remains the same. Resistance has been organised on Prive. The more serious menace is found in the flank attacks. The Italians have repulsed the enemy

Paris, Nov. 13 The Italians are resisting heroically on the line of the Piave.

M. Venizelos.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Nov. 12. M. Venizelos has bad a lengthy inerview with Mr. Lloyd-George und M. M. Painlevé and Barthon.

Success in East Africa.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Nov. 12. East Africa Official :-- The English columns in the southwest repulsed the enemy towards the east.

The Russian Situation.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Nov. 12. Petrograd: -The loyal Russian regiments have occupied Tearkoselv. The rebels have retired on Petrograd. The Moscow garrison affirms its fidelity. Compiloff has arrived in Moscow and Kaledive has been proclaimed chief of all the Cossacks.

Paris, Nov. 13. The situation in Petrograd is obscure owing to lack of official news. Kerensky is said to have defeated the Maximalists at Tsarkoselo. During the course of the fights at Moscow and Petrograd there were 150 killed.

The Kaiser.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.) Paris, Nov. 12.

The Kaiser has arrived on the Italian Front.

Help to Italy.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Nov. 12.

M. Painlevé gave a dejeuner in honour of Mr. Lloyd George and Signor Bere. nini the Italian Minister. M. Painlevé spoke affirming that the aid given to Italy would not be inferior to the greatness of the peril.

term for "eliminated") by the Editor in any case. And, when I come to think of it myself, I think it is after all for the best that the name should remain eliminated. I think it makes it more exciting and exhibarating to leave people guessing, don't you?

M. Painleve Speaks.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Nov. 13. In the Chamber M. Painlevé read a declaration reporting recent events in Russia and Italy which called for immediate measures. The French and English had in nediately come to the aid of the Italians. He said it is necessary to place all the resources of the Allies in common. For this an inter-Allied War Committee had been constituted which will define the general policy but will not be an executive agency. The Government is meditating a new extension of the English front. Germany is making a desperate effort and it is necessary to oppose it by an equivalent effort. M. Painlevé ended by saying that hours of crisis are inevitable in a war of such duration. It is necessary to have confidence because four-fifths of the civilised world are with us for the sacred triumph of international At Samudaprakar Nov. 11 15.2 mm. union.

Steel Patriotism.

U. S. Price-Fixing Triumph

A gigantic experiment in price fixing is announced. After months of discussion an agreement has been reached between the War Industries Board and the American steel producers establishing uniform prices for steel, whether sold to the United States Government, the Governments of the Allies, or the American public.

These prices effect reductions from the inordinate rates quoted in the open market of from 43 per cent, in the case of pig iron to 70.5 per cent. in the case of steel plates. They will prevail without revision until January 1, 1918, and in the meantime producers contract to refrain from any attempts to interfere with existing schedules of

The arrangement is regarded as a triumph for national patriotism, and is greeted everywhere as the only effective alternative to Government commandeering of the entire industry. "If steel thus meets the demands of patriotism," exclaims the New York World, "where is the combination that can withstand its example?

Henceforth the entire output of ! American steel plants will be distributed under the supervision of the War Board, which, exercising the powers of deciding priority of transportation given it by Congress, will apportion it in a way that will best meet the requirements of the war.

The Government experts declare that the new prices ensure "a handsome profit" to large steel producing plants, and that even the small producers ought to be able to continue in business without difficulty.

For the first time in well over half a century the eminent position of Lord Mayor of London will be filled by a member of the Stock Exchange, Mr. Charles Augustin Hanson, M. P., who is due to be elected having joined the House in 1890 and being a member of the well-known firm of Coates, Son and Co. The last occasion on which the Stock Exchange supplied London's Chief Magistrate was in 1858, when Sir Robert Carden was elected.

KING Gustavus, of Sweden, is the great-grandson of Bernadotte, Napoleon's famous marshal, who, born the son of a Pau lawyer, ascended the Swedish throne in 1818 and was the only Napoleonic king who contrived to keep his crown. King Gustavus is, therefore, French by descent, but marriage has brought him much German blood. The Queen of Sweden was a princess of Baden, and her mother is a Prussian. The Crown Princess is English, the daughter of the Duke of Connaught, and first cousin of the King.

Says the "China Mail" (Hongkong). Mr. Stephens, appearing for the plaintiff in a claim for \$150, asked his Lordship, Mr. Justice Gompertz, that a day should be fixed, without further delay, for the hearing of the case; preferably Monday next. Mr. Gardiner,

for the defendant, objected.
His Lordship: -Will Tuesday suit you, Mr. Gardiner ?

Mr. Gardiner :- No, Your Lordship. His Lordship: -Will Wednesday

Mr. Gardiner:—No, Your Lordship, His Lordship:—Well then, say Thursday, will that do?

Mr. Gardiner: -No, Your Lordship. His Lordship: -What are you doing on those days?

Mr. Gardiner :- Nothing. Mr. Justice Gompertz very con-siderately refrained from putting obstacles in the way of Mr. Gardiner's vacation, and put the case down for hearing on Friday.

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Narrow Escape of Austrian Emperor.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, Nov. 15. A Gorizia telegram relates the narrow escape of the Austrian Emperor while crossing a torrent. The motor car broke down and a footman and a soldier who were carrying the monarch fell and all were swept over the weir. Prince Felix arriving plungel in accompanied by his suite and rescued the emperor who was constantly sub-

Rainfall.

We have received the following Per British American telegraphic reports of rainfall from the Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Lands and Agriculture.

KRUNG DEB. MONDOL KRUNG KAO. Nov. 10 3.2 " At Ayudhya

"Singhaburi .. 10 12,9 , ., 10 17.0 ., 10 22.0 MONDOÈ RAJABURI. At Bejraburi Nov. 10/287.1 Samuda Songram , 10 165.6 , Bejraburi ., 11 17.7 Samuda Songram ,, 12 6.9 MONDOL PRACHIN.

Nov. 10 26.5 ... MONDOL NAGOR SVARGA. At Udaya Nov. 12 21.9 Kambaeng Bejra ., 12 37.5 ...

THE Kaiser's latest telegram, in which he speaks of the loyalty of the German nation "indissolubly bound to its ancestral princes," reminds one irresistibly of the occasion on which Mr. Gladstone said that the English people "seems to have become attached to the income tax." Asked for an exexplanation, the G.O.M. went on: when I say 'attached,' I do not mean as the bridegroom is attached to the bride, but as the captive is attached to the car of his conqueror." So, also, there are two ways of being "indis-

British Flood Relief Fund.

H. B. M. Minister acknowledges with many thanks the receipt of the following amounts :--Previously acknowle lged

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THE Tokyo Government recently an nounced that an agreement has been entered into, whereby Japan agrees to float for Russia a loan of Y.69,667,000. on condition that the whole of the loais taken up by the Japanese Treasury and not placed on the open market for subscription. The loan is to be redeemed in a year and to bear interes at six per cent, per annum. Of the low-Y.50,000,000 will be covered by the receipts obtained by the Treasury from the issue of Exchequer Bonds, and the remaining Y 16,667,000 with be take:

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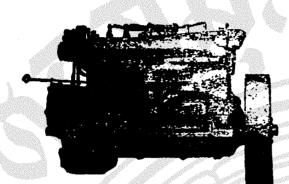
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How Germany Has Benefited.

peatedly placed her diplomatic cable facilities at home and abroad at Germany's disposal, and that Germany has nsed them to direct her submarine campaign, cannot but raise many and contentions issues.

There is an aspect of our "blockade" of Germany which has been insufficiently considered. It consists in this if they were dispatched at the sender's -that all cable communications between not only Germany and her allies, but between all the adjacent neutral countries, on the one hand, and the ou er world of Asia, the United States, and South America, on the other, are in our possession or the possession of our Allies. Any cable map of the world will con-

firm this statement. The majority of the German cables started from near Emden and landed on our own east coast. Others ran to the Azores and thence to New York; to Teneriffe and thence to Monrovia, in Liberia, and thence again to German Cameroon and to Pernambuco, in Brazil; and to Vigo, in Spair. One need bardly speculate on the fate that overtook these cables on the declaration of war or inquire whether a single one of them is, or has been since August, 1914, available for business.

On Germany's eastern frontier Russia, and on her western France, present for the length of their respective territories a sheer dead wall through which no communications can penetrate. Switz-rland for these purposes is equally out of the question. Through Greece, even as Greece was under the Constantine regime, and through Turkey the Germans could only get in touch with countries across the Atlantic by means of British cables. Through Italy, even in the days of Italian neutrality, they were restricted in the same way to French or British

Position of Northern Neutrals.

There remain, then, the small Northern lands. But in their case, too, the way is blocked. All the Dutch cables, all the Danish cables with one excep-tion, which runs to France, all the Norwegian cables, and all the Swedish cables come to England. No one in Holland, Denmark, Norway or Sweden can send or receive a cablegram except with our permission. We are absolute masters of the cable communications of Germany, of her allies, and of all the near by neutral States through which she and they have been drawing supWhat use have we made of

maner At the beginning of the war, exercising the rights reserved to us under the International Telegraph and Radio Telegraph Conventions, we announced the suspension of all cable and wireless The disclosure that Sweden has re- , services "to and from or in transit through" the United Kingdom, all British possessions, and all British protectorates whatsoever. At the same time, and specifically as an "act of grace," we declared that messages might be transmitted via the United Kingdom if they were written in plain lauguage in either French or English. risk and bore his full name and that of the addresses, and if they were passed

by the censorship.

But we also added that, even if all these conditions were complied with, the messages might still be stopped, delayed, or otherwise deat with at the discretion of the British authorities, without notice to the sender and without incurring any liability of any kind. In otherwords, we have, an I have always had, an absolutely free hand. Legally and morally, at any moment we choose, we have the right and the power to cut off completely all cabled messages that pass between Germany's neighbours who are feeding and suplping her and the countries overseas from which they draw goods and products.

Main Artery of Trade.

It is doubtful whether at any time we could have reinforced our naval "blockade" more effectively than by exercising this right. To sever cable communications is to cut the main artery of such trade—and as we all know it was a valuable and, indeed, an indispensable trade—as Germany was able to carry on through neutral intermediaries with the United States before America joined the Allies. It would be too much to say that if you cannot cable you cannot trade. But it is certain that, unless the quickest and surest means of communication are open to you, you can only trade with the greatest difficulty and delay, by roundabout routes, and in an atmosphere of perpetual uncertainty. It is true that Germany has had her wireless service direct to the United States. But its capacity is limited, its operation, especially in summer time, is uncertain, all messages transmitted by it can be tapped, and it probably could not in any circumstances have borne more than a quarter of the business that was being transacted by German agents in the small Northern Kingdoms with their Transatlantic customers throughout the period of American

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control. We built up an extremely efficient intelligence service to keep watch over the ins and outs of the "blockade." Speaking broadly, we have for a long time known pretty nearly everything there was to be known about Germany's war time trading methods. The names of her agents in Holland, Denmark, Norway and Sweden, the firms with which they did business in the United States and elsewhere, the disguises in which their connection with Germany is wrapped up, the tricks and false scents adopted in ordering goods—all this has been no secret from our authorities.

Knewledge Not Acted Upon.

I said just now that we have always had both the right and the power to put a stop to all cable messages between German representatives in Holland and Scandinavia and their clients and customers across the ocean. As a matter of bald fact, we have not so enforced it. The great bulk of Germany's oversea trade has been carried on not merely with our connivance, but with our assistance. Our censorship of the cables has been conducted more with an eye to neutral susceptibilities than with an eye to preventing goods from reaching the enemy. It has been too much of a political and too little of a belligerent censorship; and while the entry of the United States into the war has immensely eased and simplified the situation, there are still many loopholes in the "blockade" that can only be stopped by stopping the cables.

That neutral Powers have allowed their diplomatic and Consular services and their privileges of official communication by cipher cablegrams to be used by the Germans as a war weapon has long been suspected by our authorities in some cases and known as a fact in others. But it has been concealed from the public. Now, however, that the game has been exposed, and now that the United States is actively and fervently on the side of the Allies, it would seem as though the last excuse had been removed for not depriving neutral Governments as well as neutral individuals of the ability to work the cable services of the world to the benefit of the enemy and to our own and our Allies' detriment.

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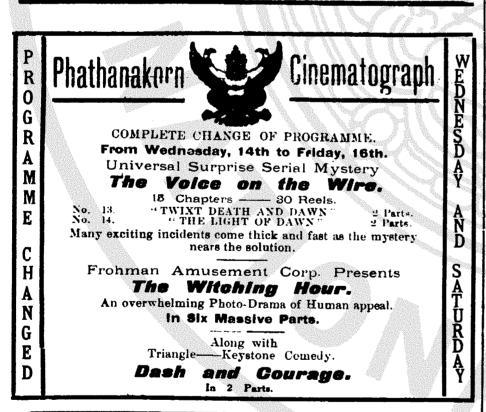
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Indescribable Devastation by the Huns.

Speaking of the terrible devastations wrought by the Hun in France and Belgium, Sir Edward Carson said: Just as no written account gives a true notion of the magnificent work our men are doing in Flanders and in France, so, too, no written account can enable one to conceive the frightful devastation that has been wrought by the Germans," he said with emphasis. "You may read of defiled and ruined churches, of crumbled villages, of destroyed woods, of deserted fields pitted with water logged shell holes, but not the most vivid imagination can picture the reality which these phrases try to describe. Even when one stands on the ground itself, among thistles knee-deep and stretching in every direction as far as sight, aided by field glasses, can reach, and when one tries to thread one's way between holes, the smallest of which would hold a taxicab and the largest a church, it is difficult to believe that what looks like a vast expanse of rough moor or fen, covered with every conceivable kind of litter and filth, and without a sign of human habitation or human care. was until the coming of the Hun, a rich plateau of wheat and rye, of beet and potatoes, of hops and apples and plums, with bright little clusters of gardened cottages, of which it is now difficult even to find a trace by searching among the rank weeds for the lime and brick dust that alone mark the site of former prosperous village life. My one regret is that this abominable of desolation cannot be witnessed by every Englishman, if there be any such who for one moment tolerates the idea of a peace without full reparation. This wilderness cannot, at all events for some generations to come, be made to blossom again like the rose. It will probably be afforested, if it can be sufficiently levelled even for such use.

Victims of the German. "What is to become of its former inhabitants no one knows. Many families have disappeared altogether. The men have been killed; the women who survived have been deported. In other cases they are refugees to other parts of France, where they have managed to find some sort of subsistance, and where they will probably remain permanently. Ocasionally some owners are allowed to make a temporary return to search for possessions buried, perhaps, in garden or orchard, but which are but rarely to be found, since it is almost impossible to determine even the site of any particular plot of ground now merged in the surrounding wilderness. Germany has (Bowring & Co. New York suffered none of this tolling and has had the advantage of carsuffered none of this terrible devastarying on this destructive work on the soil of Belgium and France along the Western front. No reparation can ever make good what Germany's crime against humanity has destroyed, but no one can witness the work of the Hun without vowing that the reparation shell be as complete as France and her Allies can exact from the despoiler."





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The Women of France.

"They Make a Better Fist of Social Life."

Mr. John Galsworthy has recently been in France, and gives some interesting impressions in the Fortnightly Beview.

"And the women of France! If the men are bound in that mysterious kinship, how much more so are the women! What is it in the Frenchwoman that makes her so utterly unique?

"There is in her a kind of inherited, conservative, clever, dainty capability; no matter where you go in France, or in what class—country or town—you find it. She cannot waste she cannot spoil, she makes and shows—the best of everything. If I were asked for a concrete illustration of self-respect I should say—the Frenchwoman. It is a particular kind of self-respect, no doubt, very much limited to this world; and perhaps beginning to be a little frayed.

"No wonder the French are spiritual," a word so different from our 'spiritual," for that they are not; pre-eminently citizens of this world—even the pious French. This is why, on the whole, they make a better fist of social life than we do, we misty islanders, only half alive because we set such store by our unrealised moralities.

"Not one Englishman in ten now really believes that he is going to live again, but his disbelief has not yet reconciled him to making the best of this life, or laid the ghosts of the beliefs he has outworn. Clear air and sun, but not so much as to partive action, have made in France clearer eyes, clearer brains, and touched souls with a sancynicism. The French do not despise and neglect the means to ends. They face sexual realities. They know that to live well they must eat well, to cat well must cook well, to cook well must cook well, to cook well must soil.

"France! Be warned in time by our dismal fate! Don't lose your love of the land; don't let industralism absorb your peasantry, and the lure of wealth and the cheap glamour of the towns draw you into their uncharmed circles. We English have rattled deep into a paradise of machines, chimneys, cinemas, and halfpenny papers; have bartered our heritage of health, dignity, and looks for wealth, and badly distributed wealth at that.

"You were trembling on the verge of the same precipice when the war came; with its death and wind of restlessness the war bids fair to tip you over. Hold back with all your might. Your two dangers are drink and the large of the hig towns. No race can

preserve sanity and refinement that 'really gives way to these. You will not fare even as well as we have if you yild; our fibre is coarser and more resistant than yours, nor had we ever so much grace to lose. It is by grace and self respect that you have had your pre-eminence."

The most esthetic and perhaps most humiliating sight that a Westerner could see was seen by Mr. Galsworthy at Marseilles.

Two Arab Spahis walking down the main street in their long robe uniforms, white and red, their white linen bonnets bound with a dark tur and canting slightly backwards. Over six feet high, they moved unharrying, smoking their cigarettes, turning their necks slowly from side to side like camels of the desert. Their brown, thin, bearded faces were neither scorn nor interest, only a superb self-containment; but, beside them, every other specimen of the human race segmed cheap and

"God knows of what they were thinking—as little probably as the smoke they blew through their chisselled nostrils—but their beauty and right."

"They were groping about for him when a cheery voice was heard calling out. 'Oh, I can get on the stretcher all right.'"

grace were masurpassable. And, visioning our western and northern towns and the little, white, worried abortions they breed, one felt downcast and abashed."

THE Rev. Albert Lowe, who has been acting as a chaplain at the front, narrated to a meeting at Norwich the fol lowing instance of the pluck and endurance of a wounded sol tier. "Our doctor one night found a man in a shell hole with his leg shattered below the knee. The doctor said, 'Your leg ought to come off but I have no implements and no chloroform. Will you let me take it off with my pocket-knife?" All the man said was, 'Get on with it quick, doctor." This was done, and the doctor remarked that he thought he had made a good job of it. Then a stretcher was brought up and the patient laid upon it. The mud was deep. A shell burst near by, and the man was blown off into a mod hoie. They were groping about for him

Clergy to Fight.

A Divisional Court, composed of Mr. Justice Darling, Mr. Justice Avory, and Mr. Justice Bailhache, in a West Hartle-pool appeal case, decided that no minister or priest ordained or appointed later than 30 days after the passing of the Military Service Act, 1916, could claim exemption on the ground that he was in holy orders or a regular minister of a religious denomination.

of a religious denomination.

Mr. Jus ice Darling said that at the expiry of the 30 days all eligible persons were deemed to have enlisted for service with the colours. Having acquired that statutory status a person could not by becoming a minister divest himself of it. It seemed remarkable that Parliament should have made such an enactment because if the war tasted another 50 or 60 years there would be no priests or ministers left. Parliament could never have contemplated that such an inconvenience could arise.

The Act received, the Royal Assent on January 27 and cone into force on Marc's 1, 1916.

A Poser for the Enemy.

Paris, Nov. 7 .-- Le Temps gives authorised description of the British "hush hush" boats, a species of battlecruisers. The two sizes have equal power and have been evolved from the experiences since 1915. They have long, low lying immense decks, fore and aft two tripod masts, and a squat castle amidships carrying enormous guns which can fire two shots a minute. They have a tapered yacht like stem for very high speed and can travel faster than the fleetest pre-war cruisers. They are rapidly turned out and are designed for surprise actions. They are torpedo-proof and their steadiness is indicated by the fact that they carry billiard tables.

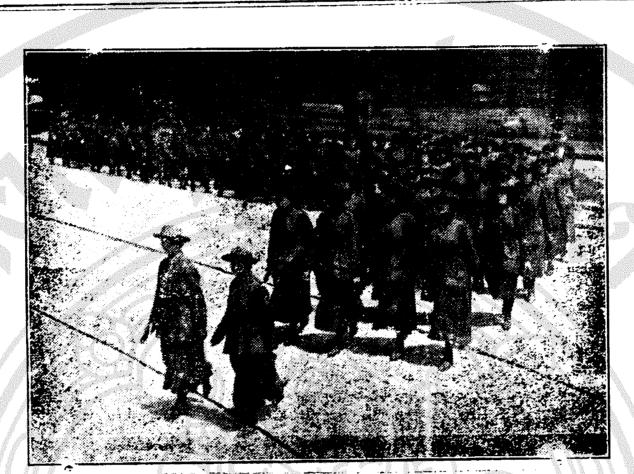
Tikari's Munificent Gift.

For a School for Indian Girls.

Bankipore, Sept. 29 .- The Maharaj Kumar of Tikari has executed a deed of trust of his whole estate for the purpose of founding an institution for the e incation of Indian girls. The trustees appointed by the deed are the executant himself, Sir S. P. Sinh, the Raja of Mahmudabad, Mr. Sbarfuddin, Dr. Sapru, Sir Ali Imaun, Mr. Sachidananda Sinha, Mr. Hasan Imam, Mr. Brojendro L !, Rai Bahadur Harihar Prasad of Dumaon, Mr. Chas Andrews and the Maharani Sita Devi of Tikari. A meeting of the trustees will be held at Gaya in October, when the Maharaj Kumar will address and wish them god speed. The dependant members of the family and others connected with the Maharej Kumar have been amply provided for and all the liabilities of the estate are duly secured. The endowment is the most unnificent in India since the present gress income of the estate is 13 lakhs of rupees yearly. With the careful management of the estate it is hoped the institution will have a yearly income of about Rs. 10,00,000. The scheme is for a strictly purdah residential institution, where girls will be trained and educated on best modern principles from the tender age of 5 till eighteen. There will be no question of caste or creed. Sir Ali Imam is about to execute a deed of gift of 50 bighas of land worth Rs. 40,000, which will probatly be the site for the institution. The Lieutenant-Governor has expressed his sympathy with the object.

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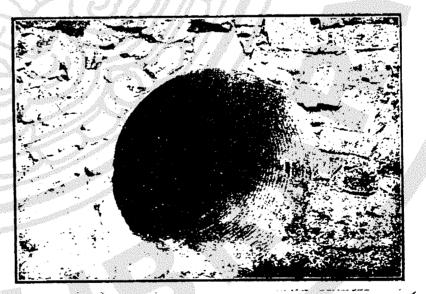
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