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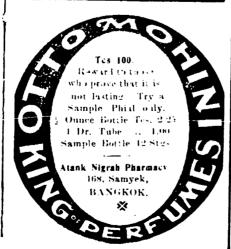
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German Unrest.

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Though the German Press refrains, significantly, from any reference, except in one or two instances, to German losses in the present offensive, there have been indications that the heavy sacrifices on the Western front are causing disquiet in Germany, if not

alarm. The first sign that losses were being discussed was the Wolff Bureau publication of an interview with von Schjerning, Chief of the German General Medical S aff, who admitted that, 'naturally, he had not failed to notice the alarmest reports in circulation con-cerning Greman losses" He said that it was impossible to give any figures, but that Gorman dectors were surprised that so large a proportion of the

wounded were only slight cases. The question noxt cropped up before the M in Committee of the Reichstag, when, on April 25, L d bour, the Socialist, asked if it were true that a great number of Germans had ben drowned in the Flanders floods. He was shouted down, General von Wrisberg, in reply, evaded any direct statement, and morely said that the War Ministry had never announced that unusually bigh losses had been sustained," and that "the Supreme High Command knew nothing of them.

Disappointed Hope.

These evasions show that reports of heavy losses are not only affoat, but are causing much disquiet. Further evidence of the uneasiness prevailing was furnished by the Berlin correspondent of the Amsterdam Tyd, who hitherto has consistently represented German affairs in at favourable a light as possi-

In a communication sent last week to the Tyd he says that the changed attitude of the masses is plainly visible; that the extent of the heavy losses on the Western front was becoming known despite official efforts to conceal them; and that a general feeling of distrust of authority was apparent. He added that disappointment at the results of the U-boat campaign had engendered disbelief in the potentiality to prevent the transport of the American armies and material. The dread of failure was reflected in the hysterical accusations which were being hur-

led by one German at another. The high hopes of victory which sprang from the results of the first on rush in the latter days of March were reflected in the general rejection of the Majority Resolution. Since then the offensive has been brought to a standstill, with the sobering effect that the German, disappointed of further gains, is turning to contemplate the cost of

those already achieved. Estimates of German losses in the offensive have been calculated from 300,000 to 900,000. The lower figure is based on a minimum for each division known to have been in action. Even so, it represents a large slice of the human material which German military experts have declared to be available this year to replace losses.

The inditary experts have estimated that the standing "Ersatz" army of from 600,000 to 700,000 men can be fed by 750,000 fresh troops annually, and only casualties in excess of this figure represent the net loss of the German Army-the actual attrition. • The number is made up of youths passing their eighteenth birthday in 1918, estimated at 300,000 and of the returned wounded. Even if we accept these figures, the minimum estimate of a loss of 309,000 in little over a month means nearly one half of the total of reserves available to replace the year's losses, And, moreover, the German knows well that this number of reserves represents the absolute limit of German manpower; for all Germany to-day is organised to breaking point for fighting only.

Man Power Situation.

Behind the army there is a serious shortage of human material-a shortage of man power in every form: skilled and unskilled, able bodied and semi-ablebodied, native and foreigneven of prisoner power. By practising the closest war economy with the still immobilised human reserves, and by further sifting of the unfit, by continued withdrawals from peace-time secupations, and by increased exploitation of woman and child labour, the front army has been maintained at its

present maximum strength. To keep the supply of military reserves up to strength there has been a withdrawal of 25 per cent of the man power supply--and the whole of the best of it, leaving only boys, unfit and old men and women to run the home machinery. How efficient mean power has dwindled away may be gathered from the returns of the Social Democrat Labour Unions, the membership of which in 1914 stood at 2,500,000, but

which after two years of war had bhrunk to 950,000. There is every reason for the thinking German to feel alarm as he reviews the situation. His supply of reserves for this year was calculated on the number of youths passing their eigh-

teenth birthday in 1918, and yet the 1918 class was drawn in during 1917, while from information at the front boys of the 1920 class have been seen in the lines

Food and Finance.

The food situation shows signs of benow it has been officially announced by an official of Food Bureau, in a speech at Leipzig, that furthers are the speech at Leipzig. tions in rations are to be expected -- a warning which foreshadows a certainty.

The same official warned the people to expect no supplies from the Ukraine for the present. He expressed a doubtful hope of wheat from Rumania. But, as it has been pointed out, supplies of grain from Rumania and Ukraine, even if equal to the most sanguine expectations, would only be sufficient for about two weeks' rations for the Em-

But the most disturbing suggestion made by the official was that there was a danger of a reduction of the potato ration. The potato has formed the only substantial item of the German dietary. so that a reduction of the ration would be a most serious calamity.

The food supply, moreover does not depend entirely on the quantity of food available, but on the means of transport, the increasing disabilities of the railways being evidenced by the frequent break-downs of food supplies to the cities and the drastic regulation

to check passenger traffic.
In their demands for indemnities, the Jingo s are making clear some very unpleasant financial facts for the people to consider. The war has added fifteen thousand million marks to the peace expensiture. This total, it is Daimler engines of German make, and pointed out, will absorb 60 per cent. of the whole national income. Capitalised at 5 per cent. it would amount to 392,000,000,000 n arks, or more than the entire national wealth of Germany before the war, a burden which would paralyse production and all enterprise.

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The German Tank.

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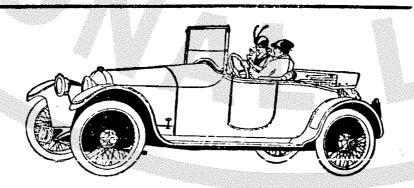
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The Hiam Observer

SATURDAY, JULY 27, 1918.

SOME AMERICAN WAR-FIGURES.

On the fourth of the present month Mr. Danie!, the American Secretary of the Navy, in an address stated that on that date there had been released such a powerful aggregation of ships as was calculated to stagger the imagination. On that day more than 400,000 tens of shipping took the water while the total amount of American shipping destroyed by verman submarines since the outbreak of war amounted to 350,000 tens. Thus in one day the United States was able to launch more tonnage than had been lost for four years. In the same address the Secretary said that the launchings of destroyers will increase every month until, in conjunction with the other Allied naval craft, they will free the seas from the pirates whose distardly deeds have caused the German name to be dishonoured for

The ships thus launched are destined to send across the Atlantic such a great array of American warriors as will compel Germany to see the futility of prolonging the contest. In the course of a few voyages these ships will assist in the outnumbering of the German hordes. They are, indeed, ships of vectory the building of which Geruriny cannot prevent neither can her submarines prevent them from transporting thousands upon thousands of American troops to the seat of the great conflict.

The figures relating to the American troops are equally interesting. Mr. | and snatched the child. The body has Baker, Secretary of War, said that out ot 276,332 American soldiers who sailed for France during June only 391 men had been lost at sea Fourteen months ago there were 9,524 officers and 202,510 men to the American regular army and National Guard and over 2,000,000 men serving with the colours. It is estimated that by January 1st of next year there will be 2,500,000 Americans on the French front while there will in all probabilify be 4,000,000 on that front a year

America was the most peace loving of all nations yet Profesianism has converted that country into an armed camp. Germany is being caught in the whirlpool of her own militarism for her military aggression has led to the whole world being armed cap-à-pic to beat that militarism into submission. It is now recognised by all that force can only be met by force and Germany is about to be taught that war waged for the purpose of aggrandisement and world-conquest does not pay.

. IN THE BALKANS.

The great German offensive in the west has overshadowed to some extent

pelled to retreat from the strong positions they it II while since July 6th, they have lost over 2,000 men as prisoners. The successful operations carried out in Macedonia a month ago and the present movements in Albania seem to indicate that a more vigorous policy is to be enforced in the Balkans. Three months ago it was stated that enemy troops in the Balkans, composed of Bulgarians, Austrians, Turks and Germans did not exceed half a million men while the Allied forces composed of men from Britain, France, Serbia and Greece together with many Jugo-Slavs who have deserted from Austria totalled about three-quarters of a million. This preponderance of men on the Allied side, however, is counterbalanced by the fact that the enemy is operating upon interior lines. Although most military critics incline to the view that there will be no decision on the Bilkan fronts this year yet the Allies are putting in very effective work and anticipating any enemy

General Gillanmat who has lately been so successful in Albania made his reputation in the defence of Verdun and he later succeeded General Serrail at Salonika. His great success was in August 1917 when he drove back the Germans nearly three miles, recovering the ground held by the French in 1916 and taking 8,000 prisoners.

Military experts have often pointed out that Vienna is the weakest link in the system of the Central Empire's defence and that a move on Vienna through Italy and the Balkans would offer a less difficult route to victory Before such a blow could be struck however the communications between the Macedonian front and the Western Allies would have to be greatly im-

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

LUANG Arthakonchanath won the R. B. S. C. 250 up Billiards Tournament last evening by beating Mr. C. E. W. Hogge in the final.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Paknam line is crossing with telephone line at Bangna. Other lines are in good order.

WE have received from Messrs the Nippon Yusen Kaisha an excellent map of the world showing the Company's steamer routes and railway connecting lines.

LATEST Advts: -- Whiteaway Laid-law and Co., Ltd. have just received the latest styles in smart model mil-

X. Y. Z. advertises for an experienced overseer.

WHILE a Malay woman was bathing with a one-year-old child in the river a' Sungei Way, a crocodile appeared not been recovered. The women suffered a nasty wound in the arm.

OFFICIAL statistics published in Berlin contain, suggestive figures regarding the profits made by German heavy industry firms interesting in the manufacture of war materials. Thirty geven firms whose aggregate capital amounts waile to day there are 160,000 officers to £83,500,000 during 1917 made £17,-650,000 aggregate profits, an increase of 75 per cent on the profits in 1916.

HERE is a bon mot of Clemenceau which is going to rounds of Paris. The usual number of rifles used in a French firms part at the death of a traitor is 12. Many people came to Clemenceau to try to influence him not to impose the death pena ty on Bolo. "Anyway he was only half a traitor," said one influential man to the "Tiger." being so it is easily arranged," said Clemencean "We will only give him eix rifles!

AT Fishmongers' Hall Sir Edward Busk, who was re-elected president of the Oyster Merchants' and Planters Association, said much satisfaction had been caused by the order of the Food Controller extending the open season for native cysters by a month. Dr. Lyster Jameson, of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, related some of his experiences in the Far East with regard to the drying and smoking of shell fish, and declared that such diet afforded a splendid basis for some and stews. Even the limpet could be treated in that way, and around our coasts there was among shell fish an the operations on other fronts but in those the stress of war the Allied arms those the stress of war the Allied arms to the Government

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Great War.

The Fifth Offensive.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, July 23. In spite of violent counter-attacks

we progressed between the Marne and the Ourcy and took the village of

We made 200 prisoners between the Marne and Rheims during the course of the night.

Artillery continues active on all the battle-front.

The English progressed at numerous points and made prisoners.

Our air-service has caused serious fires in the stations and bivouacs and has dispersed the gatherings of troops.

The journals report num rous fires in the rear and suppose that the enemy is thus trying the conceal a new retreat.

English airships have caused an immense explosion in the Bottwelle powder-factory.

Paris, July 25. We continue to progress and have taken several villages.

The Americans advanced more than three kilometres in the centre of the battle-front capturing considerable material.

In the region of Rheims we took several hundred prisoners.

The journals comment on the excellent impression made by the latest news from the front.

We are bombarding continuously the route along which pass the supplies for the German forces who are enclosed in a "pocket" between the Aisne and

Hellferich Ambassador to Moscow.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.) Paris, July 25.

Vice-Chancellor Hellferich has been appointed Ambassador to Moscow in place of Count Mirbach [recently

Killed in Battle.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, July 25. Governor Van Vollenhoven was killed in the course of an attack in the region of Longport.

Mail-Boat Sunk.

(HAVAR TELEGRAM.)

Paris, July 25. The British mail-boat Justicia has been sunk. All the passengers were

Intervention in Siberia.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, July 25. The Japanese Privy Council has approved the government measures for intervention in Siberia in agreement with the United States.

Austrian Affairs.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, July 23. The Austrian Minister von Seidler

has resigned. Paris, July 25.

Baron Jussarey has been appointed President of the Austrian Council.

THE "Arbeiter Zeitung," of Vienna. continues to administer to the feverish German Kaiser its cooling draughts of bromide. In its issue of May 3 it writes: The enormous empire which Germany dreams of founding would completely up-set the Anglo-Saxon balance of power and turn it in favour of Germany. It would further degrade France and Italy to the level of Powers of a second or third order. Such a scheme is impossible of realisation. No people would submit to such a peace as German Imperialism now wants without being conquered, and we hardly expect even the German Empire, despite all its vanity, airily to embark on the conquest and overthrow of every nation on earth.

Church Services.

Church of the Assumption.

Pentecost. 5.20 a.m. 1st Mass,

6.10 a.m. 2nd Mass for the Native

Foreign Community.
4 p.m. Rosary, Instruction, Benediction of the most Holy Sacrament.

WEEK DAYS. 5.30 a.m. 1st Mass.

600 a m. 2nd and last Mass. Devotion of the Month. The Most Precious Blood of Our Lord.

July 29, Monday, St. Martha, Virgin. Solemn Requiem Service for the repose of the soul of the late Mom Anne Sut,

requested by relations of deceased. July 30, Tuesday, S. S. Abdon and Senmen, Martyrs.

July 31, Wednesday. St. Ignatius of

Loyala, Confessor.

August 1, Thursday, St. Peter in Chains Confessions of the month.

August 2, Friday. 1st of the Month

St. Alphonsus of Ligorie, Bishop and Doctor. Holy Communion in honour of the Mest Sacred Heart of Jesus. August 3, Saurday. The finding of the Body of St. Stephen, Proto-Martyr. High Mass of Requiem for the Souls in Purgarory. (Requested).

Christ Church.

Services for 28th July, 9th Sunday after Trinity 6 p.m. Evensong with Sermon.

Hynn, Processional, 172 Praise to the Ho lest in the height. 244 Lord when we bend before

Thy Throne 231 Forever with the Lord. 21 The day is past and over.

Psalm, 137, 138, Chant, Lloyd, Mornington Magnificat, Samer, Nunc Dimittis, Barnby. Vesper Hymn, 31, 2nd verse

S. Mary's Mission.

Sunday, July 28, Ninth Sanday after Trinity. 9 a.m. Holy Communion and Sermon.

> 321 We pray Thee, Heavenly 193 : Jesu, Lover of my soul.

318: Boad of Heaven, on Thee we feed. 461; For ever would we gaze on

192: O Love, Who formedst me

6 p.m. Evensong and Sermon. Pealms, 46 and 47.

270: Soldiers of Christ, arise. 176: How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds. O Strength and Stry, up-holding all creation.

Wednesday, July 31. 6.30 p.m. Intercession Service.

The New India.

London, July 13 .- The Maharaj Bahadur of Patiala, in the course of statement, to the Times on the Reform Report, t stiffes to the thoroughness and and care with which Mr. Montagu and the Viceroy conducted the inquiry in India. "The Report is a fitting sequel to the most important inquiry con-ducted in India in recent years. He was glad to see, in the chapter dealing with the Indian States, reference to their war efforts. "We feel that the King Emperor's quarrel is our quarrel and as far as the Princes are concerned the war has linked us closer, it possible, that ever to the Throne and person of the King Emperor." He did not doubt that he was expressing the opinion of his brother Princes in welcoming wholeheartedly the proposals ensuring that in questions where the British in India and the Indian States jointly were concerned, the views of the Princes would be presented to the Government by an anthoritative body.

A Say in Indian Affairs. The Maharaja said: "We look forward to taking our place in the organic development of the British Empire. and if we are to do this satisfactorily, provision taust exist for taking our views into account as regards the relations of India as a whole with foreign States, aiso as regards such questions as defence, currency and customs."

He was unable to speak on behalf of British India as regards the recommendations for the development of provincial self Government, of the suggested changes in the Government of India, but he would draw the attention of his fellow countrymen to the statement of Sir C. P. Sinha cabled on July S. He was confident that Sir C. P. Sinha's judgment would receive very careful consideration in India. Thruling Princes realised how closely the fortunes of their States were interwoven with those of British India, and they welcomed such developments as were designed to associate the people of British India more directly with the responsibilities of the administration. as they realised that such changes would tend to promote the unity of India and the prosperity and contentn.ent of the Empire.

Chinese Bandits.

The papers lately have been full of accounts of how not only the Chinese July the 28th, 10th. Sunday after | are being brought to a state of desperation by the audacity of the bandits Leverywhere but, also foreigners have also been captured and held for ran-Community. som. This is becoming more and 8.00 a.m. 3rd and last Mass for the more common, and if strong examples are not made it will go from bad to

worse. It must first be clearly recognised that the Chinese authorities, both metropolitan, Provincial and local, are utterly unable to cope with this ever-increasing danger. The local soldiery have all been collected and heir arms and ammunition requisitioned by the local leaders who are mainly engaged in the suicidal civil war. The bandits mostly all well-armed, having collected many of the abandone I weapons of the Northerners. They often at'ack solitary soldiers for the sake of their weapons and cartridges. It must be understood that China from time immemorial has honeycombed with secret societies. These were the rendezyous of all the rascals who were too fired to work for their daily bread, The custom of the rich Chinese gentry to hourd up their treasures in their isolated country residences provided canstant buit to these robbers.

The general rule is for a well-known leader to lie "perdu" and provide the funds to equip and run a band of robbers who are sent out to prey upon the country-ide. All is gist which comes to their mill. When there are no opportunities to rob they lie in wait for the rich merchants and wavlay them. They seize them and take them to their mountain fastnesses and de mand large funds from the districted relatives for their release. In many cases this ransom runs into thousands of dollars.

Then the illicit trade in opium offers them many exportunities. They asser-tain through their spics when and where a cargo can be seized. They steal the valuable drug and sell it to opium dealers for tabalous prices. The victims knowing they are doing an unlawful business have no recourse bu, to suffer in silence.

The lion's share of the proceeds goes to the leader, who may in private life be a quite unsuspected and respectable member of society. The rest is divided amongst the gang. They are living with their lives in their hands, as should they be apprehended they are executed without trial.

Form-rly foreigners were not molestd but recent success and immunity from punishment or adequate reprisals has made these miscreants reckless, recognising that Europeans and Amerima are either belonging to missions or representatives of wealthy firms, they now think of them as toothsome morsels to be exploited.

Until China is made to put her house in order, the lives of those who live in the interior will become more and more precarious. -- C. C. Post.

Japanese in Singapore.

Proposed Commercial Museum

According to the "Japan Chronicle the authorities of the Department of Agriculture and Commerce contemplate es al lishing Japane-e commercial museums at Singapore, Harbin, and other places with the object of promoting Japan's trade during and after the war. One will be established at Singapore this year, and the authorities have entrusted all the necessary arrangements to the South Seas Society, which is to establish and maintain the commercial museum with funds supplied by the Government.

With regard to this proposal, Mr. Nakoshoji, Minister of Agriculture and Commerce, says that the proposed Commercial Museum at Singapore is designed to serve as a central base of Japan commercial operations in the South Sea Islands. The functions of the Museum will be divided into a number of sections, and not only will merchadise be exhibited, but all investigations relating to trade and commerce will be undertaken. It will also serve as a medium for the Japauese exporters and foreign importers, and efforts will be made to bring Japan and the South Sea Islands into mo e intimate relations. It is further intended later to undertake some financial business connected with the South Sea

Similar institutions will be established in future at other places abroad, and since the proposed mu-eum at Singapore is the first of its kind, the result of its working will have an important bearing upon the whole plan. The Government, adds Mr. Nakashoji, will accordingly exercise the closest supervision on the Singapore institution when established.

Paddy Crop Report July 26, 1918.

Nasuan 450 Coyans at Tcs. 90-164 each Samruang 120 87-90 .. Namuang 20 .. ., ., 84--- .. Total 590 Coyans.

Imperial Conference.

London, July 15.-The Imperial Conference has passed a resolution favouring the establishment of an Imperial Bareau of Mycology to investigate fungoid diseases, to which the Governments of the Empire should contribute.

The Conference agreed that further action regarding double income tax was impracticable in war, time but the whole question should be reviewed immediately after the war and the law should be amended to remedy the present unsatisfactory position.

The Conference approved the propos I for a Dominions Royal Commission and Postal Conterence to consider the establishment of an Imperial

Statistical Boreau. The Conference has asked the Governments of the Empire immediately to consider what steps may on taken to co-operate with the Imperial Government in developing he dye industry in the British Empire. so as to avoid enemy domination of essential industries.

The Conference has accepted in principle the establishment of an Imperial Investigation Board to deal with ocean freights and has appointed committee to frame a detailed scheme therefore and consider cognate questions, with special reference to the probable size of vessels and the conquent demands upon harbour acommodation.

Four Confident Statements.

Signer Orlando, the Italian Premier, n his return from the Western Front, lectared :- "I rejoice to find that our Army leaders in the West feel that the Germans will neither reach the Chan-·I ports nor separate the English and French, General Foch is master of the

Mr. Winston Churchill says : do not believe that the German reserves are sufficient for their ambitious program. Our Armies will maintain a firm

front throughout the summer, using their deadly weapons upon the German masses and husbanding there own strength. Meanwhile our kith an kin from the United States are coming to our aid as tast as the ships can steam. Our Navy is coping with the submarines, and our airmen see mastery

Dr. Maenamara, Financial Secretary to the Admir.dry, says: -- There is a date before us round about which the new construction of the day will balance the tennage losses of the day. The balance thereafter will incline in . our favour, and we shall proceed to make good previous merchant ship loss s. The freedom of the world depends upon the shipyards of this country.

General Matterre, in the Matin, Our enemies are very near

Russia Will be Back in War.

Trondhjem, May 9,-One of the most powerful personalities in Russia, whose name I cannot mention now for obvious reasons, has assured me that there is an organization which could overthrow the Bolshevist movement. disarming it in one day, but he considers that it would be a mistake to do it now, for the new Government would the expecied to fulfil impossible promises made by the Bolsheviks.

"Bolshevism must run its course and discredit itself completely; otherwise

it might rise again," be said. "Bolshevism had to come to Russia, and the sooner the better, for every delay retarded the moment of Russia's regeneration. The Bolsheviks found a temporary following among the masses by ultimated promises, but we are experiencing and extreme crisis now. The people can no longer be bribed by further promises. All elements are suffering in the cities and villages. There is an anti Bolshevist movement among the workmen; the peasants are nearing an emption, and any effort of a party to overthrow the Bolsheviks would cause unnecessary delay and bloodshed; the Bolsheviks will be overthrown

by a mass movement -elemental like

the revolt against the monarchy. "If Russia remains under the German yoke it would be ruinous for France and England. The success of the Allies is certain if they continue to act energetically, for I believe Russia will figure as ain in the war. Her internal front is turning against the German front. We abandoned the Allies at a most critical moment but we may come to their aid again at a most critical moment. After our terrible disease we shall recover and just as the Allies urged us to hold out until the spring of 1918. I say to the Allies; "Russia will reawaken; it is wrong to wave your hand at Russia in despair. No army can exist without discipline, which is incompatible with Polshevism, but the Bolsheviks will be uproofed by a mass movement. A new leader may appear who did not participate in the norising," "—Herman Bernstein in the "New York Herald."

QUITE a sensation was created in Hongkong, early on the morning of July I when the news was circulated that a European had been stabled to death by some person or persons unknown. On enquiry it was ascertained that the unfortunate victim of the foul deed was Petty Officer Adams, manager of the Royal Naval Canteen. According to the statement made by the de ceased it would seem that three men. who were masked, entered his room through the window, and it is suggestsel that the motive for the crime wa desire for revenge on the part of some discharged servants.

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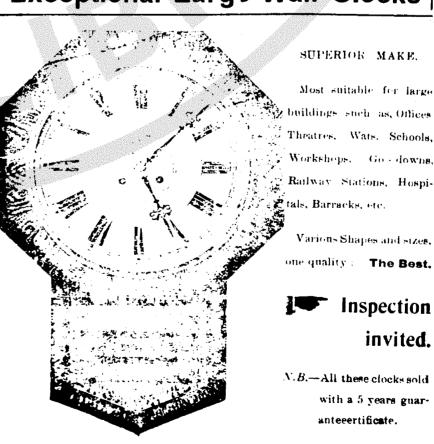
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1918 at 2 p. m. Inspection and lists may be obtained from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on any day from 29th. July up to the date of sale at the said premises.

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Luang Arthakalyana,

Ministry of Finance.

July 20th, 1918.

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- " Tango Maru"
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General Wire News.

Paris, July 13.-A telegram from Stockholm says that a meeting of delegates from works and factories in Petrograd has addressed an appeal to the workmen of Moscow and the whole of Russia declaring that the life of the working classes is unbearable, em-phasising the danger of German im-perialism, and that Russian working-men will never recognise the treaty and alliance concluded with Germany, and stating that they will fight for the independence of their country.

"We cannot continue the struggle alone," the address says. "Our interests demand a military compact with the Allied peoples, after having resuscitated the Russian republic, free and united.

London, July 11.—Sir Eric Geddes in a speech in London, said that the extension and improvement of minelaying were gradually restricting the movements of enemy submarines. A barrage of mines stretched from Norway to Scotland. There were British mines in the Heligoland Bight. There was also a barrage across the Channel. German photographs in possession of the Admiralty confirmed that the Zeebrugge harbour entrance was completely blocked and showed that the destroyers which came out from Zeebrugge came not from the canal but from the side of the mole outside. We visited Heligoland Bight almost daily, on, over or under the water.

London, July 15.—Palestine Official: Enemy attacks developed on July 13 and 14 against our positions covering the passages of the Jordan, and on Aburallul ridges to the north of Jericho. Indian cavalry dispersed the enemy eastward of the Jordan, lancing a number, taking prisoners and capturing machine-guns. The enemy penetrated positions about Abutellul, but the Australians and the New Zealanders counter-attacked and entirely restored the position, taking prisoner 400. The total prisoners are 510 of whom 350 are Germans.

Rome, July 15.—In connection with the Albanian operations, Italian destroyers successfully bombarded the coastal zone in the neighbourhood of Cape Samana, destroying the defensive works and dispersing the garrison, which had heavy casualties during the

London, July 16.—French Eastern communiqué: Continuing our pursuit in Albania, we passed Gramsi and reached the outskirts of Cekeni and Cruja, where we established contact with an Austrian fortified position. Our left established touch with the Italians who captured Cafadarza heights.

London, July, 15.—Italian Official: The Italo-French armies carried out raids on the Asiago plateau and we repulsed a new attack at Coronne.

London, July 16.—New York newspapers ascribe to Major General Brancker, now on a mission to the United States for the co-ordinating of Anglo-American aviation reforms, a statement that the British and American Governments may undertake trans-Atlantic flights this year with a view to testing the practicability of sending American

aeroplanes to Europe by air.

The Hague, July 15.—Les Nouvelles learns that the Allied air raid on Gladbach on the night of the 12th 13th resulted in the incineration of the railway station and widespread destruction of the lines and crossings. Traffic towards Holland is demonstrably much disorganised.

British aviators at Zeebrugge sank a tug endeavouring to remove one of the sunken British cenisers.

Paris, July 12. - A draft decree of appropriation for 59 million fra to secure the expenditure on the construction of a Paris (2) harbour will be submitted to the Municipal Councils.

Paris, July 12.—The Chamber of Deputies yesterday voted for the renewal of the charter of the Bank of France

for 25 years, from July 1, 1921. Washington, July 15. - It is an-

nounced that three army corps, of 225 to 250 thousand men each, have definitely been organised from the American divisions in France. Shipments of troops are proceeding ceaselessly at the same rate as in recent Washington, July 15.—The Ameri-

can Shipping Board has given a Chinese yard at Shanghai contracts for four cargo ships of 10,000 tons each, and has taken options for the building of 80,000 more tons; 35,000 tons of steel will be shipped from America but the engines and other fittings will be built in China.

London, July 10.—The Daily Mail, referring to the rumoured possibility of a South American airman attempting to fly the Atlantic this year, repeats its offer of £10,000 for the first trans-Atlantic flight.

London, July 15 .- In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. George Lloyd, Mr. Ballour stated that the Government had not denounced commercial treaties containing a most

favoured nation clause. Mr. Macqueer suggested that in view of the failure of the hard fruit crop in the United Kingdom the restrictions on importation of supplies of pears, Ah Seang. Tailer. on importation of supplies of pears, peaches and similar fruits from the

Dominions, dependencies and Allies should be promptly relaxed.

Sir A Stanley repried that he was considering the matter in consultation with the Minist rs of Food and Ship-

Peking July 15 .- With reference to the Daity Mail report that since the removal of the embargo on exports the Chinese gave been sending to Russia large quantities of goods vitally needed for Germany, the Inspector General of Customs has authorised Reuter to state that no such goods have been exported to Russia by trade routes under the control of the maritime custonis since the embargo was removed; and if they were exported they would be unlikely to come into German

hands at present. Amsterdam, July 14.—It is note-worthy that Count Von Hertling's reference to Belgium was omitted in the first official report of the speech, which simply said: "Count Von Hertling reviewed the political situation in the west." It was subsequently published with a covering note that the passage was now given fully, in order to dissipate any possible mi understanding in the public mind.

London July, 15. Hertling's declaration regarding Belgium is variously received in Germany.

The pan German Tages-Zeitung declar's that all parties favouring a Ger man prace most sharply oppose Hertling and the Government.

The more moderate papers approve the declaration although the Tageblan points out that the restoration of Belgium is still a condition.

The Centre organ Germania also emphasises that Hertling is strong for political safeguards.

The impression is growing here that the Chancellor's statement was made merely to appeare the Socialists. London July 15 .- The Morning Po-t understands that the peace terms on which, according to Mr. Lloyd George, the "Imperial War Cabinet is pretty well agreed," certainly include a deter-

mination to refuse to return the German territories in the Pacific and Africa. Amsterdam, July 14.-The Reichstag has passed the vote of credit for 15,000,000,000 marks. The Independent Socialists voted against the credit. and the Poles abstained. The Reichstag has adjourned for the summer

Amsterdam, July 15—The Prussian upper house on Friday discussed for a lively four hours a motion to expel Prince Lichnowsky. The result is not disclosed, as the Kirg's sanction is

The Hague, July 1.-Queen Wilhelmina has charged Monsignor Noelens, a Catholic member of the second

chamber, to form a Cabinet, the fall of the Bastille was celebrated very enthusiastically. Detachments of all the Altied armies, amid the cheers of a huge crowd, marched past President Poincare from the Bois Boulogre

to the Place de la Concorde. Giving an example of daily events on the high seas, Sir Eric Geddes told how six trawlers off Iceland attacked a submarine which fired a hundred shots but the trawlers knocked out one of her guns and bit her again. Then she dived. It was impossible to tell whether or not she sank. He also told how an enemy submarine, discovered by a certain method, was nunted for 72 hours, many charges being drapped about her. She was finally compelled to come to the surface and surrender.

London, July 11.-The India Office announces that their Majesties have directed that the silver weading gitt of £2,000 from Sir David Sassoon shall be handed over to the Indian Soldiers' Fund, to be devoted to the welfare of Indian war prisoners.

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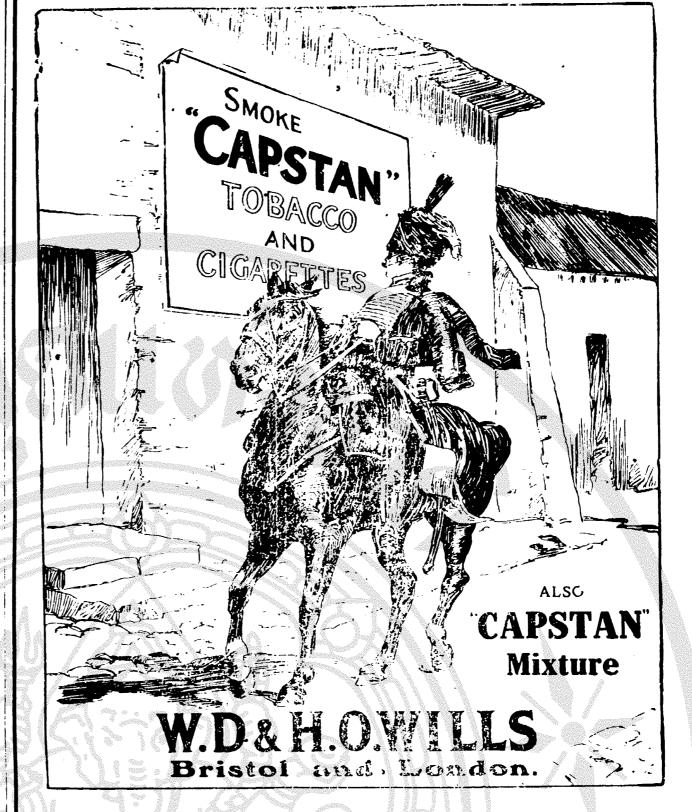
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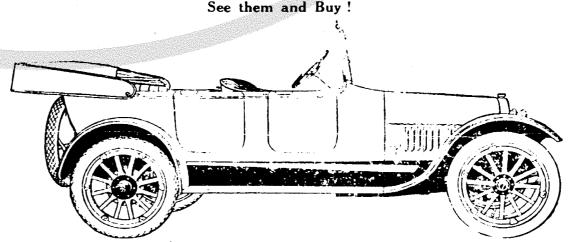
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The Peace Kite. Hertling's Last Flight.

London, July 12.—Hertling's speech in the Reichstag on July 11, lengthily covered the familiar ground that Germany abided by her policy indicated in the reply to the Papal peace note and was ready to begin preliminary peace talks, but the enemy statesmen continued to make inciting and insulting speeches, revealing a desire to destroy the fatherland. The chief of the army administrations was also ready to follow up any manifestations of a serious desire for peace amongst the enemies. At a conference at General Headquarters on July 1st it was decided to abide to the Brest Litovsk peace, but there were difficulties owing to the instability of the Russian conditions. There were grounds for doubting the Bolshevik's ability to carry out the promises they made.

He declared that they did not want a fresh Russian war which the enemy was trying to engineer. The fatherland was doing its utmost to support the Russan Government's peaceful aims, but varied political movements in Bussia required very careful watching. He said that you Hintze possessed a thorough knowledge of Russian affairs. Hintze had already given guarantees that he would follow Hertling's policy, which was still the same as the Reichstag majority adopted in November 1917.

The fellowing is substantially the text of Hertling's reference to Belgium: "The present occupation of Belgium only means that we have a pawn for future negotiations. One does not intend to keep what one holds as a pown, if negotiations result favourably. We have no intention to keep Belgium in whatever form. We want Belgium restored after the war as an independent state.

Hertling proceeded to dwell on Germany's need of "open air for expansion" especially economically, which was quite compatible with Germany's view point as regard Belgium. But how that viewpoint could be established in detail depended on future negotations, about which he was unable to give a binding declaration.

London, July 14.-Reuters correspondent at British headquarters (July 14) says that the peacefulness on the front has now reached a pitch which may be labelled as suspicious. The enemy is husbanding his ammunition either with a view to accumulating a wasted when it acts as an inspi store or not provoking retaliation in the great brotherhood of boys?

the sectors where his plans are maturing. For some weeks Paris entirely and Amiens have been mostly immune from bombardment. He accepted with strange meckness the lost positions of which previously he had seemed desirons. These undoubtedly resemble storm protents or alternatively adverse conditions for the enemy of which we are ignorant.

London, July 14 .-- Field Marshal Haig: By a successful local operation in the early morning of the 14th the English troops advanced their line eastward of Dickebusch loke and took prisoner over 260.

Aviation: We destroyed twelve aeroplanes on the 13th, and drove down four uncontrollable. Three of ours

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London, July 15 .- French castern official: The French are continuing their success in Albania and ejected enemy from the hill and village at the confluence of the Tomorica and Dovoli. They captured Gram-e on the right bank of the Devoli.

London, July 15 .-- French communiqué: There was intermittent artiflery activity, especially in the Corcy region

Boy Scout Shot.

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French Boy Scout's heroism :-"A traitor has just been shot-; little French lad belonging to one of those gymnastic societies which wear tricolour ribbons (the Echirenes, or Boy Scouts), a poor young fellow who in his infavoation wanted to be a hero. The German column was passing along c wooded defile, and he was caught and asked whether the French were about, He refused to give information.

"Fifty yards faither on there was fire from the cover of a wood. The prisoner was asked in French if he had known that the enemy was in the forest, and he did not deny it. He went with a firm step to a telegraph post and shood up against it, with the green vineyard at his back, and receive ed the solley of the firing party with a proud mile on his face.

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