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s.s. "Nankin" Mar. 17	Colombo with	April 16
" " " " 31	" " " "	" 30
" " " " April 14	" " " "	May 15
" " " " 28	" " " "	" 29
" " " " May 12	" " " "	June 12
" " " " 26	" " " "	" 26
" " " " June 9	" " " "	July 10
" " " " 23	" " " "	" 24

#### Intermediate Direct Sailings.

s/s "Nore" leaves Singapore about	Due London
do do July 10	May 11
" " " " do do Aug. 18	Aug. 18

#### OUTWARD—1916.

##### For China.

Due Singapore	Connection with	Leaving London
s/s "Malta" Mar. 8	s/s "Khiva" Feb. 5	" 5
" " " " 19	" " " " 19	" 19
" " " " April 3	" " " " March 4	" 4
" " " " 16	" " " " 18	" 18
" " " " 30	" " " " April 1	" 1
" " " " May 14	" " " " 15	" 15
" " " " 28	" " " " 29	" 29
" " " " June 11	" " " " 27	" 27
" " " " 25	" " " " 27	" 27

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" " " " 22 ..	" " " " 19 ..
" " " " 29 ..	" " " " 26 ..

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FOR APRIL, 1916.

Apr.	A.M.			L. W. (Approx.)
	H. W.	Ft. in.		
1	5 00	14 4	...	...
2	5 00	14 5	...	...
3	5 30	14 2	...	...
4	5 30	14 3	...	...
5	6 00	13 11	1-0	7-0
6	6 00	13 11	1-0	7-6
7	6 00	13 8	...	...
8	6 00	13 7	...	...
9	7 00	13 2	...	...
10	6 30	13 6	...	...
11	6 30	13 1	...	...
12	2 30	13 5	...	...
13	2 30	13 9	...	...
14	3 30	14 0	...	...
15	3 30	14 4	...	...
16	4 00	14 4	...	...
17	4 30	14 4	...	...
18	4 30	14 3	11-19	7-0
19	4 30	14 1	11-12	7-0
20	5 00	13 10	12	7-0
21	5 00	13 6	...	...
22	6 00	13 4	...	...
23	7 00	13 4	...	...
24	7 00	12 11	...	...
25	6 00	12 8	...	...
26	1 00	14 0	...	...
27	2 00	13 9	...	...
28	2 30	13 9	...	...
29	3 00	13 9	...	...
30	3 30	13 8	10-11	7-0

Apr.	P.M.			L. W. (Approx.)
	H. W.	Ft. in.		
1	4 00	11 11	...	...
2	4 30	12 7	...	...
3	5 30	14 0	11-12	6-0
4	6 00	14 3	12-0	7-0
5	7 00	14 7	...	...
6	7 00	14 8	1-0	7-0
7	8 00	14 7	1-0	7-0
8	9 00	14 5	1-2	6-0
9	10 30	13 11	2-3	6-0
10	10 30	13 8	3-4	6-0
11	11 00	12 9	3-4	6-0
12	12 00	12 6	4-5	6-0
13	12 00	12 3	4-5	6-0
14	3 00	10 10	5-6	7-0
15	3 00	12 4	7-8	7-0
16	3 30	12 8	9-10	7-0
17	4 30	13 8	10-11	7-0
18	5 30	14 6	...	...
19	6 00	15 0	...	...
20	8 00	15 2	...	...
21	8 30	15 0	1-2	6-0
22	11 00	14 9	2	6-0
23	10 30	14 4	2-3	6-0
24	11 00	14 1	3-4	6-0
25	12 00	13 0	3-4	6-0
26	...	12 6	4-5	7-0
27	2 30	...	6-7	7-0
28	3 30	10 7	7-8	7-0
29	4 00	11 11	9-0	7-0
30	...	12 7	10-0	7-0

## PHASES OF THE MOON.

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

## Paknam Railway Company Limited.

## TIME TABLE.

PAKNAM—BANGKOK.					BANGKOK—PAKNAM				
Stations.	Train No.				Stations.	Train No.			
	1	2	3	4		1	2	3	4
	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.		a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.
Paknam Dep.	6.30	9.30	12.45	3.45	Bangkok Dep.	7.45	10.45	2.00	5.00
*Maha Wong ..	6.35	9.35	12.50	3.50	Sala Deng ..	7.52	10.52	2.07	5.07
*Ban Naug ..	6.40	9.40	12.55	3.55	Klong Toi ..	8.00	11.00	2.15	5.15
Chorakhe ..	6.45	9.45	1.00	4.00	*Ban Kluei ..	8.05	11.05	2.20	5.20
*Samrong ..	6.50	9.50	1.05	4.05	Prakonong ..	8.10	11.10	2.25	5.25
Bangna ..	6.55	9.55	1.10	4.10	Bangjak ..	8.15	11.15	2.30	5.30
Bangjak ..	7.00	10.00	1.15	4.15	*Bangna ..	8.20	11.20	2.35	5.35
*Prakonong ..	7.05	10.05	1.20	4.20	Samrong ..	8.25	11.25	2.40	5.40
*Ban Kluei ..	7.10	10.10	1.25	4.25	Chorakhe ..	8.30	11.30	2.45	5.45
Klong Toi ..	7.15	10.15	1.30	4.30	*Ban Naug ..	8.35	11.35	2.50	5.50
Sala Deng ..	7.23	10.23	1.38	4.38	*Maha Wong ..	8.40	11.40	2.55	5.55
Bangkok Arr.	7.34	10.30	1.45	4.45	Paknam Arr.	8.45	11.47	3.00	6.00

\*Trains stop only at the request of passengers.  
Trains may leave intermediate stations 5 minutes before the stated time

## The Near East.

## Germany's Ambitions.

Earl Curzon presided at a meeting of the Royal Colonial Institute, which Mr. J. L. Garvin, Editor of the "Observer," addressed on the subject of the British Empire and the Near East.

Mr. Garvin said that the Germans regarded the whole world as their oyster, which the sword would open. They intended to build up a Middle Empire, annexing the loose lands of Europe, and also casting covetous eyes on South America, Africa, Asia and Australia. The scheme was a mixture of madness and method. Only the Entente's successive blunders during the Balkan wars saved the Central Empires from one of the most melancholy chapters in diplomatic history. A route from Berlin to Baghdad was the main line of Germany's ambitions. If that was attainable in the war, the Near East, without Britain's participation, would be in German hands, thereby giving Germany the sceptre of the world. Britain's intervention had upset the German plans, but the crushing of Serbia might have been prevented at slight cost. It was more expensive to retrieve it. We ought never to have undertaken the Dardanelles campaign, or we should have been determined to succeed, instead of attacking weakly and fitfully. Despite the prodigies of unsurpassable valour by the British, Australians, New Zealanders, and Gurkhas, we withdrew. Although it was a brilliant escape it was little worthy of our historic obstinacy. Our mastery of the sea was unavailing, if the enemy were permitted to retain positions jeopardising Egypt and India, which he believed, would shortly become untenable, unless we countered German intentions in the Near East. German organisation would quickly draw minerals and crops of cotton from Turkey in Asia and Mesopotamia, and build up a Middle Empire, to which Rumania, Greece, and even Serbia, would be compelled to gravitate. That would be the end of the British Eastern Empire. The Entente, however, had power to change the situation in a simple method. As to the Germans on the East and West

## New Zealand's Share.

New Zealand is certainly doing its share in the way of providing fighting contingents in the war. Already 40,000 men are either at the front or training in camp, and another 110,000 have expressed their willingness to serve when called upon, while 43,500 have notified their desire to serve in a civil capacity. Considering the comparatively small population of the islands these figures are very gratifying, and there can be no doubt that the troops in the field, roughly 30,000, can be kept up to full strength by drafts sent from time to time. The local labour-market has, of course, been affected, but in the agricultural districts machinery has been more freely employed while men from the towns have cheerfully taken up farm-work. The Government have been considering how best to regulate the diversion of labour in order to ensure the reaping of the harvest, and there is to be a slackening of construction in respect of public works. This will release a number of men from the country districts. It may be noted that New Zealand has undertaken not only to equip its force but to transport and maintain it in the field.

fronts, it was impossible to prophesy the results of the tremendous attacks which would doubtless presently be made with an unparalleled expenditure of munitions. The Entente's forces in the Near East, now dispersed were collected and focussed. Apart from the results on the main fronts the Allies would probably be compelled to take a powerful aggressive in the Near East. He believed that the Entente would increase their Balkan forces to 500,000 men, with the result that Rumania would be brought in with them. A land blockade, breaking the line from Berlin to Constantinople, would complete the pressure of the sea blockade. If the Entente employed its surplus strength at telling points it would steadily advance towards its goal. If it delayed elsewhere, the mastery of the Near East and a thrust through the Balkans, must open the way to victory.

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## AIDS TO TRADE.

The business problem of to-day is not the manufacturing



## Siberian Railway Disaster.

### Appalling Accident Near Irkutsk.

The Harbin correspondent of the "North China Daily News," writing on March 2, says:

Details are now to hand of one of the most shocking railway disasters that has ever taken place on the Trans-Siberian Railway resulting in the death and mutilation of many passengers bound westwards to Russia. On Monday, February 21, the mail train from Irkutsk at 1,184 versts from Novo-Nikolaievsk near the station Taished, was forced to stop owing to some damage to the engine. It occupied the main line over which the express train travels direct from Vladivostok to Petrograd, and at 9 o'clock in the evening going at the rate of over 60 versts an hour (the speed having increased as the way is here on a decline), the fast train rushed headlong into the tail of the mail train causing the catastrophe.

For some unknown reasons the express had been permitted to pass through the station Cairanoffka, though no news had been received that the mail train No. 3 had safely reached the next station Taished, nor was the driver of the express aware when he passed the former station that the main line was occupied.

The impact was so great that all the eight railway carriages which composed the mail train were smashed, the express having its locomotive and baggage-car destroyed. Immediately the collision took place there was a panic among the passengers travelling by the express. Among these passengers were several residents from China and Japan who had left Harbin on the preceding Friday, February 18. Fortunately no one on the express was badly injured, though many were suffering from shock and bruises, whilst a few were slightly wounded.

### Heartrending Sounds.

The travellers on the mail train were far less fortunate. From under the wreckage of broken wood and bent iron which had but a few minutes before been coaches, came heartrending sounds, from those who were pined by pieces of materials. News of the disaster was immediately telegraphed to the authorities of the Tomsk Railway Administration and officials arrived on the spot by single locomotives. In extreme haste were organised rescue parties from among the unharmed passengers and the navy gangs employed to look after the line. The scenes depicted were most appalling. Under the hindmost carriage of the mail train was a pile of mutilated bodies and from under other cars were to be seen single hands and arms, feet and legs, that had been actually torn away from the trunks of the injured. From the wreckage were taken 22 dead including two women and children, all passengers, except one conductor and an officer, 29 badly injured and 15 slightly wounded, giving a total of some 66 persons.

First aid was given to the wounded by the Ambulance of Taished and by doctors arriving on the scene of disaster, the more badly injured being afterwards sent by special train to the hospital at Krasnoyarsk. The two last 3rd class carriages of the mail train were completely demolished, whilst the next three waggonettes consisting of the 1st class and two third class were wrecked. The postal van and baggage-car, which were situated nearest to the engine, suffered least. The next morning the breakdown gang had cleared away the wreckage and repaired the damage done to the line, which early in the morning had been inspected by the Governor of Irkutsk. The damage to the locomotive of the mail train, which forced it to stop had been caused by the breaking of certain supports to the springs near the wheels,

## "Headman of the Cossacks."

The announcement that the Tsar's honour for the Grand Duke Nicholas, of Erzerum, is the title "Headman of the Cossacks" will lend additional interest to the achievements in the war of Russia's frost-coated roughriders. In this country, writes a London correspondent, we are familiar with the Grand Duke's historic position through Byron's story of Mazeppa, who was the Cossacks' headman or chief magistrate. The numerous plays and works of fiction which have been written around Mazeppa mostly depict him as a hero of romance or a victim of tyranny. The truth about Mazeppa is that he deserted his master Peter the Great, joined Charles XII. of Sweden, and after the defeat of Poltava fled to Turkey with 1,500 Cossacks, the remnant of his original 80,000. But the Cossacks of Mazeppa and of medieval Russia were a different order of soldiery from those who will acclaim the Grand Duke as their latest and greatest "headman." The earlier Cossacks were freebooters and barbarians. The Cossacks as modern Europe knows them rallied to the Tsar against the tyranny of Napoleon. Then they became the people's liberators, and as such their headman, Platoff, was joyously welcomed in London when he came here, with the Tsar and Allied Sovereigns shortly before the battle of Waterloo.

### Grand Duke's Liberalism.

At least on one previous occasion it was made clear to the world that the Grand Duke added to his military qualities those of one of the most liberal-minded statesmen throughout the Tsar's dominions. Upon his first invasion of Austria Poland it will be remembered he issued a solemn proclamation to all the Poles, assuring them of the constitutional autonomy of the reunited Poland which it was proposed to set up after the war under the Tsar's regime. Now, following upon the victory of his Caucasian troops at Erzerum the Grand Duke as Viceroy of the Caucasus, has, I hear, petitioned the Imperial Government to grant constitutional privileges and provincial autonomy to the Caucasian people after the manner of the authority exercised in the central parts of the Russian Empire by the local assemblies or parliaments known as the Zemstvos. The Grand Duke influenced in this by the splendid rally to the Tsar's banner of Caucasians of all races and creeds urges that the scheme of reform should be settled without delay by a special plenipotentiary commission, and pledges himself to see that it is given effect as soon as it has been sanctioned.

but though this halt had to be made, train personnel did nothing to signal that the line was not free nor did they lay danger rockets on the track. The investigation into the actual cause of the accident and to find out who is responsible for such an appalling loss of life is now being carried on. All passengers who were able to continue their journey left by special trains that were sent from Irkutsk for their use. Accidents to passenger trains travelling this enormous stretch that separates the East and West of Russia are of such rare occurrence that the present catastrophe stands out particularly as being most unfortunate.

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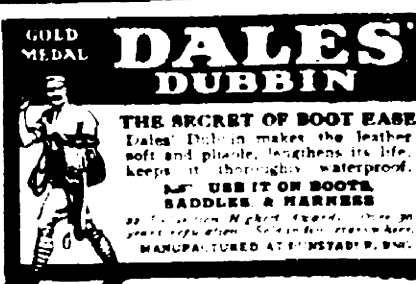
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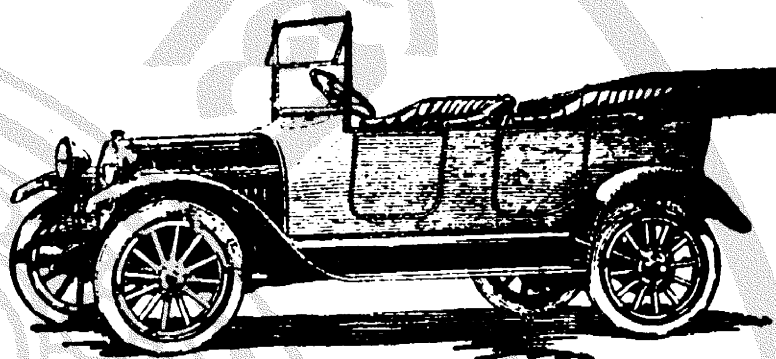
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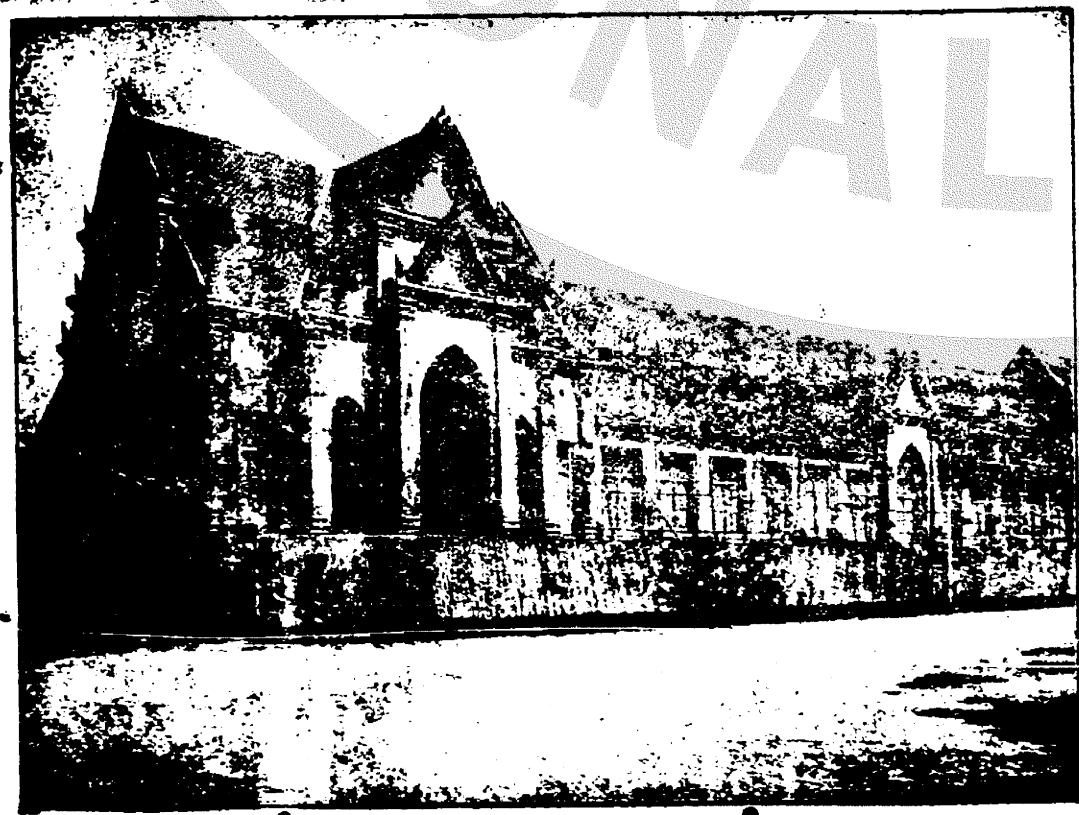
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**Great War.**

**Mr. Asquith.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)  
 London, April 7.  
 Mr. Asquith has arrived in London.

**The Western Theatre.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)  
 London, April 7.

Paris.—The communique states the bombardment of German trenches at Steenstraete had a good result. There was artillery activity at the Aisne and in Argonne. The day was calm east of the Meuse. There was intermittent cannonade on the Douaumont-Vaux front. There was no infantry action at Verdun.

**German Submarine**  
**Sunk.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)  
 London, April 7.  
 An Anglo-French flotilla on the 3rd instant sunk a German submarine. The officers and crew were captured.

**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**

PRINCE Songkla is leaving for Koh Lak on the 15th instant.

KHUN Phat Chong who was burnt during the fire in his house the other day died at the Chulalongkorn Hospital last night.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Malay Peninsular main line is imperfectly working. Other lines are in order.

THE text of regulations relating to passports to foreigners and their residence in Italy can be seen by those interested at the Chancery of the Royal Italian Legation during office hours.

A WRITER in the "Daily News" tells of the embarrassing position of the official in attendance on King Lewanika during his visit to England: it was one of his functions to play lawn tennis in such a manner as to permit His Majesty (who didn't know the game and had a great dislike to personal exertion) to win. But these problems are always cropping up. I think it was Sir Salter Pyne who told how, in accordance with the etiquette of the Afghan Court that the Ameer must catch the first fish, one might see on an angling expedition courtiers with monsters struggling on their lines which they dare not haul in till their royal master had landed his catch.

A DANGEROUS rebel, who acted as the leader of the discontented band operating in the Tay Ninh district, Indo-China, which has been disturbed for some time, was captured at Saigon recently. Dressed in a "boy's" garb of a white coat and black silk trousers, Duong-van-Le, who is only twenty years of age, thought that he could enter Saigon with impunity in this disguise. Thus he stepped from the train, arriving from Govap, was recognised by a vigilant officer and half an hour after his arrival he found himself safely handcuffed, in the police station. The French authorities believe that the capture of this boyish general will have an important bearing on the restoration of peace and quietness in the disturbed districts.

**PADDY REPORT FOR APRIL 7.**

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Namrang 280 " "	65.66 "
Total Coyans	1710

**The Tin Market.**

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)  
 Singapore, April 8.  
 Tin is quoted at \$96 per picul.

**F. M. S. War Loan.**

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)  
 Singapore, April 8.  
 The F. M. S. Government notify that it will accept full payment of bonds for the war loan if desired but no discount will be given.

**Affairs in China.**

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)  
 Singapore, April 8.  
 A Hongkong wire says that Kwangtung and Canton have declared their independence.

**Court Circular.**

GRAND PALACE,  
 Friday, April 7.

This afternoon at 5 p.m. His Majesty the King was graciously pleased to hold a special meeting of His Majesty's Privy Council in the Amarindra Hall, at which the following were sworn (or re-sworn) as members thereof :-

1. His Royal Highness Prince Rajasakdi Samosor.

2. His Royal Highness Prince Anubongsa Chakrabarti.

3. Captain His Royal Highness Prince Oscar Nudis, A.D.C.

4. Sub-Lieutenant His Royal Highness Prince Nibandhu Bhaubongsa.

5. His Serene Highness Prince Sudhasinodaya, (son of H.R.H. Prince Devawongse).

6. His Excellency Chao Phya Surasiba Visith Sakdi, Minister of the Interior, (Privy Councillor in the previous reign, re-sworn).

7. His Excellency Phya Visukarma Silpaprasiddhi, Director-General of Palace Works.

8. Major-General His Excellency Phya Samosor Sarbakar, A.D.C. Director of Military Supplies and Transport.

9. His Excellency Phya Sri Kridakara, Assistant Marshal of the Court.

10. His Excellency Phya Raja Montri, Lord Chamberlain to Her Majesty the Queen Mother.

11. Police-Major-General His Excellency Phya Gadadhor Badi, Inspector-General of the Police and Gendarmerie.

12. Major-General His Excellency Phya Bididi Deja, A.D.C. General Officer Commanding the 9th Division.

13. His Excellency Phya Dharma Saraneti, Chief Justice of the Borisabha Courts.

14. His Excellency Phya Dharma Saraved, Chief Justice of the Court of Provincial Appeal.

15. His Excellency Phya Phadech Dulabadi, Chief Justice of the Criminal Court.

16. His Excellency Phya Abhai Ranariddhi, Registrar-General of the Royal Household.

17. His Excellency Phya Sthira Suraprabhi, Accountant-General of the Royal Household.

18. His Excellency Phya Abhan-tarikamatya, Director-General of the General Services Department, Ministry of the Royal Household.

19. His Excellency Phya Uden Debakosindra, Director General of the Treasury, Ministry of Finance.

20. His Excellency Phya Bapulya Sombatti, (who received the "Phan Thong" and Knight Commandership of the Order of Chula Chom Klao during the previous reign).

21. His Excellency Phya Sucharit Dhamrong, Deputy Mayor of the Palace.

22. His Excellency Phya Sri Suri-yabaha, Assistant on the Board of Grand Chamberlains.

23. His Excellency Phya Barirakha Chaturong, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

**The Sky Meeting.**

The following are the handicaps for the first day's races :-

RACE No. 1.—Lom, Thalay 7.12, Sea Breeze 6.7, Iownit 7.10, Flicha 7.11, Jacobin 7.10.

RACE No. 2.—Marie L. 8.2, Phuang Phet 6.0, Flirt 8.7, Mars 7.12, Sanddy 8.3, Isabella 7.5, Pom 8.0.

RACE No. 3.—Sorn Chai 5.7, Samuha 7.6, Khone Loi 7.2, Klong Tan 5.7, Thai Raow 8.3, Krat 7.5, Thaviwongse 6.13, Thong Thai 7.7, Tom 7.4, Peter Simple 7.11, Vaju 7.10, Nilaraj 7.6.

RACE No. 4.—Nancy 5.10, Sneyha 7.5, Kop 8, Slipaway 6.10, Vanni 8.5.

RACE No. 5.—Ella T. 9, Vittoria 7.12, Jacobin 6.8.

RACE No. 6.—Nai Pradiet 8, Thong Dee 6.12, Flirt 7.11, Sunflower 7.13, Royal Page 9.8, Mad Meg 8.2, Sanddy 7.7, Isabella 6.5, Vajo 7.9.



**The Danish Consulate.**

Mr. Erik Leth has from to-day, 8th instant, taken charge of The Danish Consulate during the absence of Consul C. von Holck.

**B. B. W. N. G.**

At a committee meeting held on April 4th Mrs. A. H. Duke was elected Vice-President of the Guild.

Drafts will be sent home by next mail as follows:—£50 to the Red Cross for the upkeep of Motor Ambulances, £50 to the Y. M. C. A. for their special for the Troops, and £25 to the Serbian Relief Fund.

Acknowledgments have been received from the Joint War Committee for a draft for £150, the Serbian Relief Fund for £20, and Church Army for £20.

The following letter has been received from Queen Mary's Needlework Guild:—

Prinary Court, St James's Palace,  
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With our renewed most grateful thanks to you and to all your workers for your continued kindness.

Yours very truly,

(Sd.) ALICE DAWSON,  
Acting Hon. Sec.

**Prevention of Disease.****Royal Commission's Report.**

London, March 2.—The report of the Royal Commission on venereal diseases reveals very serious conditions. It makes drastic recommendations, and says that no shortsighted parsimony should prevent the utilisation of all scientific methods or organisation to guard the present and future generations. Statutory recognition should be given to the principle that these diseases constitute incapacity for marriage. Other recommendations advocate every facility for free treatment and diagnosis, notification of disease, and most careful instruction and warnings in schools and workshops and the army and navy.—*Reuter.*

**Church Services.****Assumption Church.**

Calendar of the Week.  
April the 9th Passion Sunday.  
5.20 a.m. 1st Mass.  
6.10 a.m. 2nd Mass for the Native Community.  
8 a.m. 3rd and last Mass for the Foreign Community.  
4 p.m. The Stations of the Cross.

Week Days.  
5.30 a.m. 1st Mass.  
6 a.m. 2nd and last Mass.  
Devotion of the month.—The Passion of Our Lord.

April 10 Monday. St. Macarius abbot. High Mass of requiem requested by the Revd. Brothers of the Assumption College on behalf of their parents, co-workers, benefactors and pupils who have departed this life.

**Christ Church.**

Service for Passion Sunday.  
Evening and Sermon at 6 p.m.  
Processional } Off in danger, off in Hymn } woe.  
Psalms 47 Chant Davy in G.  
Magnificat: Beethoven in D.  
Nunc Dimittis: Heywood in E flat.  
Hymns: In the Lord's atoning grief, Sweet the moments, rich in blessing.

Holy Father, cheer, our way.

**St. Mary's Mission.****Wat Takien.**

Sunday, April 9.—5th Sunday in Lent. Passion Sunday.  
9 a.m.—Celebration of Holy Communion and Sermon.  
Hymns:—Thou art the Way; by Thee alone.  
We sing the praise of Him Who died.  
We pray Thee. Heavenly Father.  
Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour. Thee, Nunc Dimittis.

4 p.m.—Sunday School.  
Wednesday, April 12.  
6.30 p.m.—Intercessions for the War and the Diocese.

**The Salonika Deadlock.****Enver Pasha Dissatisfied.**

Budapest, Unbusiness prevails among military circles in the Monarchy, as well as in Turkey, regarding the position at Salonika. Military critics assert quite openly that they are unable to conceive what is going on in the minds of the Higher Command regarding Salonika, and express doubts as to whether they have made up their minds at all. The Austro-Hungarian anxiety is also being shared in Constantinople. Even Enver Pasha in an interview with a newspaper correspondent expressed dissatisfaction saying: "The Entente Powers have concentrated great forces at Salonika, and the menace increases every day, for the Entente strength is growing hourly, and their fortifications are becoming more and more impregnable. We are allowing them to carry out their plans, and to leave the initiative to them might upset the successes achieved thus far with great sacrifices."

Enver Pasha is evidently dissatisfied with the policy of his Allies regarding the Salonika question. His point of view is that of a Turk, somewhat self-confident after the withdrawal of the Allies from the Dardanelles, and with the air of a man who knows something about Salonika, whence his career branched out, whence he was the first to start on the expedition against the unfortunate Abdul Hamid which led to the loss of the Sultan's throne. He knows the value of Salonika as a base and as a defensive position, and he urged the Germans and Austrians not long ago, when he was at Orsova, to do something before it was too late. At that time the Bulgarians were not willing to participate in the campaign, and I understand they are still of the same opinion. On the other hand, the German and Austro-Hungarian troops are not in adequate numbers to undertake the offensive just now, when the Russian menace is continually increasing on the Bessarabian frontier, and when attacks are expected in the spring on almost all the fronts, rendering every available man necessary. Meanwhile the Austro-German forces are building defences in Macedonia, are pressing forward toward the Albanian shores, and are waiting for the development of the situation so far as Salonika is concerned.

**Teutonic Views.**

One of the officers attached to the Staff of General Mackensen said to a Hungarian correspondent who questioned him that the General Staff is of the opinion that it better serves the purpose of the Central Powers to keep the Entente in suspense at Salonika and allow them to concentrate larger and larger forces in Greece than to turn them out of the Balkan Peninsula and allow them to transfer their troops to other places more seriously menaced or to allow them to concentrate in Egypt where the Turks are about to embark on an expedition. So long as they are at Salonika they are quite harmless and if they begin an offensive with the view of liberating Serbia the Bulgarian troops would be quite sufficient to oppose them, for they are quite ready to defend the territory they hold but are reluctant to partake in an offensive against Greek territory.

Other military critics point out the possibility of the Greeks themselves siding with the Central Powers and attacking the Entente troops by land, which would then afford a favourable opportunity for the Austro-German General Staff to carry out their original plan of expelling the Entente from Greek territory.

Count Andrassy, who is supposed to be in the inner circle of diplomacy as well as in the confidence of Count Tisza, the Hungarian Prime Minister, in an article dealing with the question in the Magyar *Hirlap*, also thinks that "the Entente will dissipate its strength away in trying to organise against an attack which might not be delivered at all," and suggests that with Serbia and Montenegro occupied and the consolidation of the Central Empires' position by the Dalmatian sea-shore, it is quite irrelevant to the interests of the latter whether the Entente stay at Salonika or not. The Bulgarians, however, would be glad to see an attack on Salonika, for their hold on Serbian Macedonia is becoming the more precarious in proportion to the number of troops concentrated at Salonika. The Bulgarians are actively engaged in restoring order in their newly-occupied territories, and are drawing large numbers of troops away from the frontier on account of the difficulties they experience in supplying them. The new units formed since the war began, but which have not yet been in fighting line, are not sent there at all, and Sofia messages state that after they have been trained they are given leave to return to their occupations until called up again. The Turks would be only too willing to help, but the Bulgarians are putting difficulties in their way, for it would not please them to see their ally in strength on the Macedonian soil they wrested from them and procured by treaty. The Germans, too, do not wish the Turks to be employed on an expedition not serving their own direct aims. The expulsion of the Entente Powers from Salonika would not be a blow at England such as the Germans propose in Egypt, and they only contemplate such steps as would serve this purpose first of all.

**In Mesopotamia.****Flash of Townshend's Guns Seen.**

Delhi, March 16.—A message from the "Eye-Witness" in Mesopotamia says:—On the morning of March 8th after a night march our troops approached the extreme right of the enemy's position at Sin on the right bank of the Tigris. Our force marched in three columns. A group consisting of two of these columns was directed on a point facing the Dujailah redoubt stronghold, flanking the Turkish position on the south-east, while the third had as its objective a point east of the same redoubt.

Our artillery on both flanks opened a simultaneous fire soon after daylight. As the first shells burst over the redoubt and the Turkish camp the same stampede of horses and transport animals was witnessed as occurred in our attack on the Elhamah position on February 22nd. These came in for punishment from our guns which also punished the troops advancing in close order across the open to reinforce the position.

That the surprise of the enemy was complete was shown by fires in the Arab encampments, through which we passed silently in the false dawn. When nearing the Turkish position for hours nothing was heard in the inky darkness save the howl of the jackal and the cry of fighting geese. A column came upon abandoned Turkish trenches, made a circuit, and came into direct line again without a hitch. At five in the morning the flash of Townshend's guns at Kut, but eight miles distant, was comforting assurance of the correctness of the line. Daylight revealed that each column had reached its exact objective at the exact time. A series of attacks were delivered during the day, but the position was held in great strength and none of these reached their objective.

The return of the force to the main camp on the 9th was uninterrupted save by distant artillery fire. These operations were carried out in waterless country and the troops were dependent on the rations and water which they carried in addition to their full equipment, trenching tools and extra supply of ammunition. The nights were cold and the days torrid, with sultry heat. Yet thus heavily laden, marching and fighting over a space of forty-eight hours without rest they displayed the highest qualities of courage, tenacity, and endurance.

Delhi, March 18th.—The following report has been received from General Lake on the operations in Mesopotamia:—

On March 10th information was received by the Tigris corps that the Turks had occupied an advanced position on the Tigris and a column was sent before dawn on March 11th to turn the enemy out. The infantry assaulted the position and bagged a considerable number of Turks, and the column then withdrew, with two Turkish officers and fifty men as prisoners. There are no further developments to report.

Delhi, March 19th.—The following message has been received from the Mesopotamian "Eye-Witness" dated Orak, March 16th:—There is nothing to record here since March 8th, save a few encounters of our posts in the neighbourhood of Abu Roman sandhills, on the right bank of the river, seven miles upstream from our camp. These began with an encounter at dawn on the 11th when we surprised the Turks, taking 34 prisoners, including 2 officers, and killed many. From the 11th till the 13th there was intermittent exchange of gunfire and sniping in this locality. Yesterday we put two of their guns out of action. The enemy evacuated the sandhills last night. We attacked early this morning, finding only a picket, and now occupy the position.

**Italy Closes A German Door.**

That M. Briand's visit to Rome was intended to secure a closer co-operation between Italy and the Western Allies was obvious; that he should have succeeded to the extent that from now onwards Italy will not only be substantially represented on the Allied war and diplomatic councils, but will prohibit all enemy trading with Germany, is still more important, since it will close a door whereby Germany via Switzerland had hitherto been able to evade an blockade in no small measure.

Italy's position towards Germany had been the subject of some perplexity and concern to the Allies. Her argument, which eminent Italians, such as Signor Marconi and even members of the Cabinet, had not hesitated to make public, against declaring war on Germany was that she could not afford to do so unless she could feel assured at the close of the war of the same financial support from this country or France which the German banks had been wont to lend her for the expansion.

Apart from this economic objection, it was freely pointed out that whereas a war against Austria was a national war, welcomed as such by the Italian people, a war against Germany might not enjoy the same degree of popularity, but serve the purpose and intrigue of Signor Giolitti and the pro-Germans in Italy.

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Italian Government's decision to stop all trade relations between their country and Germany, that the French bankers have pledged themselves through M. Briand, to replace the German bankers on most Italian financial boards, as they had recently replaced them on the directorate of the "Banca Commerciale." In the same manner it is to be hoped that British bankers will in future co-operate with Russian and probably Rumanian, industry and

agriculture in place of the Teutonic influences of old.

The interesting question of the moment is whether Potsdam will regard Italy's economic challenge as sufficient provocation to reply by a declaration of war. Such a move would be not at all unwelcome to the Rome Government, as it would relieve them of the danger of courting the opposition of a certain section of the Italian nation by themselves initiating a war against Germany.



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## German News Service.

(Continued from Yesterday.)

Berlin, March 6.  
*Deutscher Ueberseesendienst.* Reuter publishes a report in which it is stated that the German Government, in the Arabic case, told the United States Government a deliberate lie when transmitting the so-called report of Commander Schneider about the sinking of the Arabic. Reuter declares that the submarine which sank the Arabic was herself sunk by a British patrol boat and that the submarine's crew were either killed or made prisoners, so that it was materially impossible for the Germans to produce an authentic report of the commander. The reasons why Reuters disseminated this news at the present moment and months after the Arabic case, are transparent but Reuters in his clumsy report, entirely forget that everybody must ask himself as to why the German Government should have used this trick, since it would have been much easier for the Germans to admit the loss of the submarine and to state that it was impossible for them to relate what happened. This would have saved the whole trouble of long negotiations about the Arabic case, which could only be settled after repeated exchanges of views. It is, of course, unnecessary to add that the German Government made no incorrect statements whatever to the United States.

## French Comment on Shipping Problem.

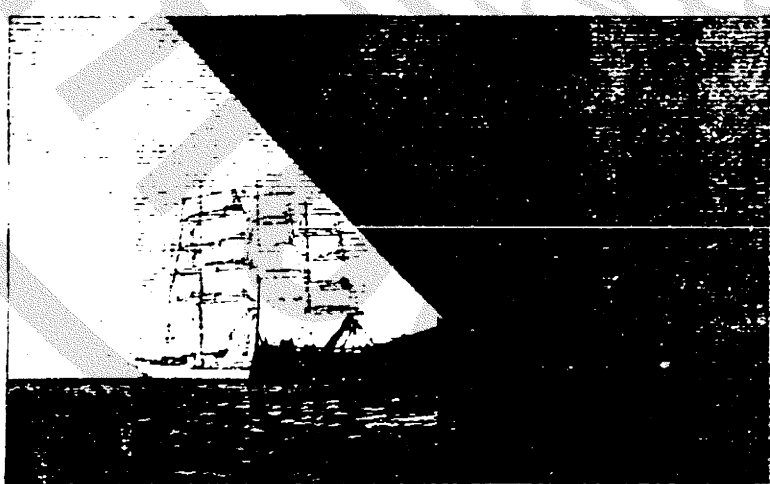
The "Journal des Debats," in an article headed "Grants for Ship-owners," says:—  
 Simple souls imagine there is nothing to do but to buy new ships, and that the State should provide the money: so there is talk of offering a hundred million francs to shipowners desirous of buying cargo-boats, and they think that immediately freights drop commodities will arrive in quantities and will be sold for nothing.  
 The only bar to the realisation of this beautiful dream is that it is based on a radical ignorance of the facts, and will prove an utter disappointment if any attempt is made to put it into practice.  
 It is not because France possesses too small a merchant marine that foreign goods are delayed or fail to arrive. It is because all the fleets of the world are insufficient to meet present needs. Subsidised shipowners might acquire at an exorbitant price ships flying foreign flags and hoist the French flag instead but this would not create a single new ship, and consequently would add nothing whatever to the amount of actual transport.

## His Dangerous Guests.

"In a General Army Order General Joffre brings to the knowledge of France the heroic behaviour of Camille Eugène Jacquet, a tradesman of Lille.  
 "Condemned to capital punishment by the Germans and executed in the Lille Citadel on September 22, 1913, for having harboured, hidden, and given help to French soldiers and having helped them to escape, he died as a hero with his hands free and his eyes unbandaged, crying, 'Vive la France! Vive la République!'  
 "For months this middle-aged wine merchant, acting merely on the dictates of duty, devoted himself to establishing an 'underground railroad' for many officers and men who succeeded in hiding in cellars when Lille surrendered in October, 1914," says the Times Paris correspondent.  
 "Day and night M. Jacquet, according to the *Matin*, was aided by his daughter. For weeks he fed his dangerous guests, who, as occasion arose, were guided by a Belgian professional smuggler across Belgium and reached France via England.  
 "Among the extraordinary exploits of this heroic man was the saving of a flight-lieutenant, who on March 11, with two other airmen, dropped bombs on the German wireless station at Lille. Two machines got back safely to their lines, but one was forced to come down at the gates of Lille. When German motor mitrailleuses reached the spot the machine was in flames, but no trace could be found of the airman. A battalion of infantry searched the countryside for miles around without discovering him.  
 "It was 5.30 p.m. when the airman was forced down, and in spite of the swarm of German patrols looking for him by 11 o'clock that night he was drinking tea at the Jacquet house.  
 "For a fortnight the officer remained in the house, and on March 28 he started off, accompanied by Mlle. Jacquet and the Belgian smuggler, for the frontier. When leaving his guide the officer said, 'I owe you a call; I hope to see you again soon.'  
 "True to his promise in less than a month, on April 22 he flew over Lille and dropped the following message: 'Lieutenant — presents his respects to the commander of the German forces in Lille and regrets not having been able to make his acquaintance during his pleasant stay in the neighbourhood.'  
 "The officer was accidentally killed in August last, but his constant flights over Lille and the story of his escape will make him live long in the memory of the townspeople."

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The author tells how he was put under a superior, named Goyle, who had had luck with his subalterns, having already lost four. Accordingly the newcomer expressed the pious hope that he would not make a fifth casualty.

Writing in the first person, he tells of his experiences in the firing line and in the reserve.

Going out on outpost duty in the middle of a march (he says) is one of the hardest lots that can fall to an infantryman. It means that instead of being able to take his boots off, soap his feet (if they are sore), change his socks, have a dinner of hot stew and a good cup of strong tea, he has to spend the night out in the cold watching over the safety of those who are doing these delightful things.

A description of a night attack by the Germans:—

"By Gad! did you see that flash—they are only a hundred yards off. Here give me that." I took the rifle from a man next me who had been wounded, and laid it, with the bayonet fixed, on the parapet in front. At the same time I drew my revolver and put it ready for use by my other hand. This was getting exciting—quite pleasantly so.

For the next five hours the firing continued, sometimes dying down, sometimes swelling to a sharp volley. Ammunition boxes arrived and were emptied. Sergeant X bent steadily over his rifle, pumping lead into the dark patch where the enemy appeared to be.

Sometimes I could hear guttural voices and harsh words of command, somewhere away there in the blackness the enemy were lying. I could see clearly for about forty yards.

Would masses of dark shapes suddenly appear? They should have ten rounds from the rifle, then six from the revolver, and then the bayonet would be left. All the while the rifles rattled like the sharp ticking of a clock.

**Overcome by Sleep.**

I suddenly felt sleepy, as though lulled by the rattle of rifle fire. I set down a moment on the edge of my dugout.

"Mr. Mulligan's compliments, and could you tell him the time, sir?" I pulled myself together with a start.

"By Jove, I had nearly been asleep."

"What's the time, sergeant?" I asked. There was no reply. Sergeant X was nodding as he stood, arms folded over his rifle. He too, as the firing died down, had been overcome by sleep.

I sent back the time to Mulligan, each man passing the messages to the man next him. We kept passing messages to one another all through the night, and no man slept. With the enemy a hundred yards away it was advisable they should not!

It was growing dusk, and buildings along the outskirts of the town were standing out clearly against the skyline. Just in front of us was what appeared to be a large factory.

As I watched I saw a shell crash

against the roof of the factory, followed by another and another. Soon flames sprang from the corner of the building and in ten minutes the whole building was ablaze.

Dark figures could be seen running about from point to point silhouetted against the flames. Our men fired at the figures.

Then, as I watched I saw a very dashing piece of work by the enemy, for up galloped a section of horse artillery right into the firing line, unharmed, and opened fire. Their target was soon plain—a row of haystacks just behind our lines, in five minutes these stacks, too, were blazing merrily, and our lines were lit up as clearly as the Germans.

**Stopped by Enemy Artillery.**

A narrow escape immediately behind the firing line is thus described:

We pulled the kitchen table out to the garden for breakfast, and made a capital meal of fried eggs and bread and marmalade. It seemed odd to be living such a leisurely life 700 yards from the enemy, but the cottages in front secured us as long as they did not use artillery.

An artillery officer came to fix a field telephone just by our breakfast table. He expressed his opinion that the enemy had got their guns up, and that the day would be lively.

"Well," said Goyle, "perhaps we had better get away to the trenches for a bit any way." Our trench was only ten yards off, just the other side of the garden, and we stepped into it. Scarcely had we done so then—crash!—a Black Maria fell fair and square on the farm where we had been sleeping. It was a matter of seconds, and what happened to the artillery observing officer whom we left adjusting his telephone I do not know.

We had no time to speculate on his fate, for a minute later another high explosive shell burst fifty yards over the trench, followed by a second twenty-five yards over us. The enemy were shortening their range.

The men stirred uneasily in their dug outs. No rat in a trap could feel worse than an infantryman in a trench when a big gun is searching for him with high explosives.

"Bang!" A shell burst on the other side of the road ten yards from us. The next would undoubtedly do it.

"We had better quit," said Goyle. "The other platoon must stay."

With as much dignity as possible, considering I expected a Black Maria in my back at any moment, I led the men out, and we watched the vicious demolition of our empty trench—from a safe distance. Ex.

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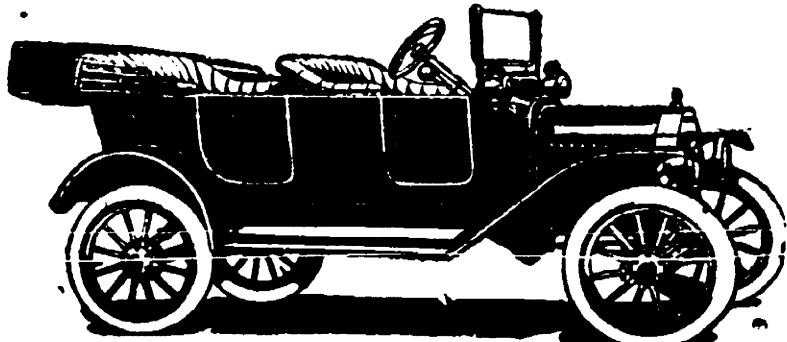
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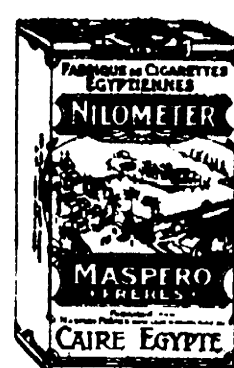
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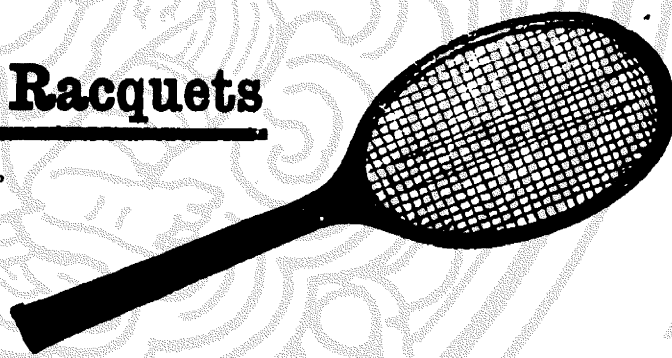
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### A Japanese Philosopher of Twenty-seven.

Mr. Robertson Scott, "Home Counties," has paid a visit to Yanaghi, a Japanese philosopher of twenty-seven, and in the *World's Work* describes their conversation. He went by a particularly slow train, to a little place called Akiba; and, after a few minutes of a real country walk, arrived at a cottage on a bluff, overlooking rice-fields and a lake. Indoors was the philosopher of twenty-seven whom he sought.

"It was an artistic indoors. The planning and proportioning of the cottage—by a woman, I was told—were delightful; and every touch which Europe had added to this Japanese home had been given in such a way that it was still Japanese."

His Library.  
"An armful of books about Blake, all Carlyle, all Emerson, all Whitman, all Shelley, all Maeterlinck, all Swedenborg, all Boehme, all Francis Thompson, and all Tagore, and plenty of other complete editions of like minds; much of Bergson, Bucken, Caird, James, William Law, Jeffries, Yeats, and so forth; not a little poetry of the fashion of Vaughan, Traherne, and Crashaw, a well-thumbed Emily Bronte—it was indeed an arresting book-room to come on in a Japanese village."

"I began by telling Yanaghi that I had come to find out what he had to say for himself and his people as 'heathen.' The trouble was that in that study I did not find myself in a heathen atmosphere."

The Wind in the Trees.  
"Yes," Yanaghi said dreamily, "our youngest maid, on being shown the full moon the other night, bowed her head. I find this natural instinct of hers of some value. Our people have much natural feeling towards Nature. You see it in their art. If modern art has degenerated it is because it does not sufficiently find out life in things. The sounds of the wind in the trees may have only a slight influence on character, but it is a vital influence."

"I do not, of course, like the word 'heathendom,' of which Uchimura seems so fond. I dearly admire Christ, but present Christianity is not the work of Christ. It is largely the work of Paul. It is a mixture of various ideas. It is not the clear, pure, original thing. I have sometimes gone to churches and listened to the preachers preaching, but none of them satisfied me."

These Four.  
"Yanaghi said his mysticism was based on science, art, religion, and

philosophy. 'My sincerest wish,' he declared, 'is to produce a synthesis, a beautiful reconciliation of these four. As it is, too often the scientist and the philosopher have no deep knowledge of religion or art, the artist has no deep knowledge of religion or science, and the religious have no idea of art. This situation is the most regrettable thing in Japan.'

"Surely the deepest religious idea is the deepest artistic and philosophic idea. Perhaps our scientists are in the poorest state just now, with no understanding of art or religion. The scientist is immersed in the problem of matter, the religious people in the problem of spirit, and the artist forgets that in dealing with nature he is dealing with spirit as well as body."

Which Way?  
"Always remember how difficult the Japanese find it to know which way to take. All their roots have not been torn up, but their foundations have been shaken and on the surface all has become chaotic. Fifteen or twenty years hence it will be possible to take an impartial view. There is much reason for high hopes. For one thing, the burden of old thought does not rest as heavily on us as might be supposed. We are very free in many ways. In the matter of religion Japan is the most free nation in the world. If England were to become Buddhist it would sound strange or exotic, but Japan is free to become what she may."

Politics and Success.

"The present war," he went on, "proves the weakness of the power of Christianity in Europe. For every war, of course, a moral excuse is forthcoming. Japan went to war for the sake of Korea, and in the recent negotiations, took her stand for the peace of the Far East. But in international affairs there is always a political motive mixed with the moral one; and Korea now belongs to Japan, and our country, as the result of the negotiations, has obtained considerable authority in China. The darkest, most sorrowful thing is that Governments always tempt the people or if you will have it so people always tempt the Governments in the name of morality."

"The majority of people in Japan may or not approve the recent negotiations with China; they are contented, however—because they are successful. Success is considered a sufficient excuse, for in every country politics are divided more or less widely from morality."

First Things First.

"Why do not Yanaghi and his friends make a public stand for what they believe to be the truth?"

"Because," he said, "at the present stage of our development it is almost impossible to take up a strong attitude. Again, we do not speak publicly, be-

cause, important though political and social questions are, they are not, in our opinion, of the first importance."

To artists, philosophers, students of religion, such problems are secondary. We are not called on to speak about them. To you English such problems become the first problems, but for the Japanese at present there are more important problems. They are: What is the meaning of this world? What is our life? What is God? What is the essence of religion? How can we best nourish ourselves so as to realise our own personalities?

Secondary Things.  
"Political and social problems are secondary for us at present; they are not related emotionally to our present conditions. If we faced such problems directly we should probably make them primary problems. Our present attitude does not prove, however, that we are cold to those problems. In fact, when we think of these terrible political and social questions they make us boil. But you will understand that in order to have something to give to others, we must have that something. We are seeking after that something, that something we must first possess as a basis."

"How can our people treat social problems adequately without knowing what human life is or what this world means or what God is? To think of these first problems is not only the true foundation for understanding what our society is, such thinking may have direct relation to the social problems."

"Political and social problems are urgent, but the understanding of what life is is still more needful in Japan."

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Petrieu	Arr.	9.33	5.38	...	...	Bangkok	Arr.	...	9.38	5.43	...

# A LIGHT

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