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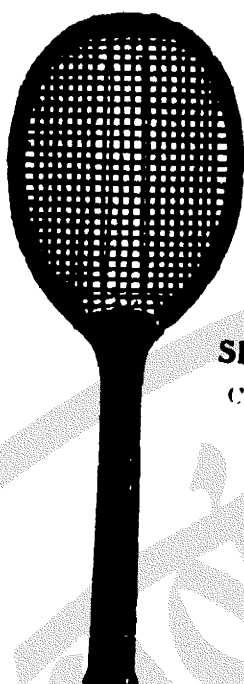
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" " " " 31	s.s. "Mongolia"	" 30	
" " " " April 14	" " "Malwa"	May 15	
" " " " " 28	" " "Khiva"	" 29	
" " " " May 12	" " "Mooltan"	June 12	
" " " " " 26	" " "Kashgar"	" 26	
" " " " June 9	" " "Arabia"	July 10	
" " " " " 23	" " "Kashmir"	July 24	
" " " " " 23	" " "Medina"	" 24	

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" " "Nellore" do	July 10	do	Aug. 18

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" " " " 19	" " "Mooltan"	" 19	
" " " " April 3	" " "Kashgar"	March 4	
" " " " " 16	" " "Arabia"	" 18	
" " " " " 30	" " "Kashmir"	April 1	
" " " " May 14	" " "Khyber"	" 15	
" " " " " 28	" " "Medina"	" 29	
" " " " June 11	" " "Malwa"	May 13	
" " " " " 25	" " " " "	" 27	

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s.s. Fushimi Maru	" 26	s.s. Kamo Maru	" 21

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s.s. Shidzuoka Maru	" 26	s.s. Sado Maru	" 27

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" " "Prachatiptok" 29 " "	" " "Aedang" 26 " "		
" " "Aedang" 6 May " "	" " "Boribot" 3 May " "		
" " "Boribot" 13 " "	" " "Prachatiptok" 10 " "		
" " "Prachatiptok" 20 " "	" " "Aedang" 17 " "		
" " "Aedang" 27 " "	" " "Boribot" 24 " "		

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application to the manager.

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ments on Pages 2, 3, 6 and 7, must be
sent to the Office not later than 10 a.m.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS must be sent
before noon.

TIDE TABLE

DEPTH OF WATER ON THE
BANGKOK BAR.

FOR APRIL, 1916.

Apr.	A.M.			
	H. W.	Ft. & in.	L. W.	(Approx.)
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	6 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	11-12	7-0
19	4 30	14 1	11-12	7-0
20	5 00	13 10	12	7-0
21	6 00	13 6	...	...
22	6 00	13 4	...	...
23	7 00	13 1	...	...
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.			
	H. W.	Ft. & in.	L. W.	(Approx.)
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	11 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	3-1	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	7 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.

Bangkok Mails Close.

SINGAPORE.
Friday 21st 2 p.m. s.s. Katong
CHANDABURI.
Saturday 22nd 10 a.m. s.s. Chutathut
SONGKILLA.
Saturday 22nd 10 a.m. s.s. Boribai

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To-day's Quotations.

LONDON—
Bank Bills, demand 1/6 7/16
Bank Bills, 4 months' sight 1/6 9/16
PARIS—
Bank Bills, demand —
GERMANY—
Bank Bills, demand —
NEW YORK—
Bank Bills, demand U.S.A. 35 3/4
INDIA—
Bank Bills, demand Rs. 113 3/4
SINGAPORE—
Bank Bills, demand \$65 1/2
HONGKONG—
Bank Bills, demand, \$73
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Latest Wire News.

London, April 12.—The Daily Chronicle
says a difference of opinion has
arisen in the Cabinet on the subject of
general compulsion.

London, April 12.—The position in
Mesopotamia is not yet clear but the
river is above the level of the land and
the water is probably percolating un-
evenly causing the British much diffi-
culty. The enemy may even inten-
tionally have flooded certain of the
Sanna areas.

London, April 13.—A district court-
martial has sentenced two privates of
a non-combatant corps to two years
imprisonment with hard labour for dis-
obeying a command in a manner show-
ing wilful defiance of authority. They
persisted in disobedience when cau-
tioned.

London, April 12.—The following
promotions and appointments to the
Order of St. John of Jerusalem are
gazetted: Knight Justice, Lord Chelms-
ford; Knights Grace, C. H. Hill, O. V.
Bosauquet, Major General Sir F.
Lloyd, Lieut. Colonel Sir J. R. D.
Dunlop Smith; Ladies of Grace, Lady
Carmichael and Lady Pentland.

London, April 12.—The match mak-
ers have withdrawn their opposition to
the match tax and have promised to
assist the Treasury to the utmost.

London, April 12.—The Govern-
ment has dropped the proposed railway
ticket tax.

London, April 13.—The P. and O.
dividends are preference five per cent.
less tax, deferred shares interim at rate
of twelve per cent.

London, April 12.—Mr. Kennedy
Jones is the independent candidate at
Wimbledon.

Amsterdam, April 12.—Expert in-
vestigation by the Dutch shipping
council has resulted in a triumphant
refutation of the German denials of the
torpedoing of the Palembang and
Tubantia. The evidence showed both
vessels displayed their colours plainly.
Torpedoes were seen approaching and
fragments found in the Tubantia were
indubitably those of a Schwartzkopf
torpedo.

Shanghai, April 13.—The Chinese
province of Chakiang has declared its
independence without fighting.

Shanghai, April 12.—The notorious

Chen Chi mei, of the 1912 revolution
has returned to Shanghai and is head-
ing the more violent section of the
anti Yuan movement.

London, April 12.—In the House of
Commons, Lord Robert Cecil said that
the unrest in China does not show any
signs of diminishing. The situation
varies daily, but there is no indication
of any danger to foreigners.

London, April 12.—The death has
occurred of the Master of Trinity Hall.
Lisbon, April 12.—The Cabinet has
resigned.

Washington, February 17.—The real
live bald eagle, given to President
Wilson by Judge George F. Patrick of
Colorado, has found a home at the local
zoological garden. White House officials
had been unable to find a suitable
roosting place for the monster bird in
the executive mansion.

Judge Patrick in his communication
to the President says that the eagle is
the most magnificent bird ever captured
in Colorado, the home of eagles and
adds: "It represents the indorsement
of the people of Colorado for
preparedness."

London, April 13.—Nineteen of the
Union's crew have been rescued.

London, April 12.—The Whitby
steamer Sineaton has been sunk. All
the crew were saved.

New German Grenades.

London, April 13.—Reports from
Verdun and Russia both refer to new
German grenades. An Exchange
telegram from Petrograd says that they
have a range beyond the throwing
powers of the minesweeper (sic). The
Russians declare that the latest 12 inch
guns emit blue flames and strange
non-injurious fumes. The conclusion
is that the Germans since they have
been deprived of cotton, have been
using wood fibre as a substitute in
nitroglycerine.

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Better and Cheaper than Aspirine, Antipyrine and
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by the medical profession throughout the world. It contains no opium,
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Women will find Stearns' Anapiralgin Tablets effective as a pain reliever
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These tablets in the tube are convenient to carry in the pocket or purse
and should be taken at first symptoms of a headache or pain, thus preventing
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the tablet may be crushed and taken as a powder. The dose may be
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TIME TABLE.

BANGKOK-MEKLONG.					MEKLONG-BANGKOK.						
Distance from Bangkok.					Train No.		Distance from Meklong.			Train No.	
	STATIONS.							STATIONS.			
	I. III. V. VII.							VI. VIII.			
A.M. A.M. P.M. P.M.											
Km. Bangkok Dep. 7.00 9.00 2.00 4.00					Km. Meklong Dep. 9.00 2.00						
33.1	Mahachai				B. Hlane						
	Terminus Arr. 8.20 10.20 3.20 5.20				33.8 Terminus Arr. 10.20 3.20						

Zeppelin Prisoners.

London, April 3.—The "Telegraph's" London editor, and other neutral journalists, who have been permitted to interview Zeppelin prisoners, supply articles to the British papers.

The crew of the Zeppelin stated that when spotted they were approaching the British coast. There were hit three times before they had thrown any bombs. The ship broke in the middle and fell. It was admitted that the raiders were unable to see more than the difference between land and water. "We do not know what our officers could see through their glasses (they added), we could see nothing." Asked was it not a sorry business, killing women and children? they answered: "We do as ordered."

The officers were questioned as to the military value of the raids. The Commander said: "You must not suppose we seek to kill women and children. We have higher military aims. No German officer would go to kill women and children. Such things happen accidentally."

When the neutral journalist pointed out that none of the raids had done any military damage, one of the officers suggested that the journalists had not been allowed to tell the truth. The Germans anticipated they would be shot. The Commander exclaimed immediately he arrived at Chatham: "I take all responsibility. My men are not responsible." He was thereupon informed they would be treated as ordinary prisoners of war.

The officers and men agreed that they had been treated kindly. They refused to give the height at which they were hit. A journalist suggested 5,000 feet. The Commander said: "I do not think we were flying so low over England." The Commander denied that he signalled the patrol ship to rescue them, saying: "We would rather have taken the risk of losing our lives."

Allies' War Conference.

London, March 29.—The "Daily Telegraph's" Paris correspondent learns authoritatively that the Allies' Conference has been remarkable for its confidence in success, its unity, unselfishness and expedition. Two hours sufficed for the examination and ratification of the military decisions already worked out in fullest detail by the military representatives. The Conference sketched the broad outlines of an economic agreement covering the war and post-war periods. The Italian papers are pleased at the Italians' reception, and are most interested in the Conference. Their comments are full of references to the common enemy and the common cause.

The "Corriere d'Italia" apparently stands alone in deprecating the extension of Italian intervention.

New Submarines.

London, April 4: The "Idie Nazionale's" Berne correspondent says that Germany launched eight submarines of a formidable type last week. There was great difficulty in manning them.

The Disastrous Month.

London, April 6.—The "Agenzia Libera's" Berne correspondent says that March was the most disastrous war month for the Germans. The casualties were nearly half a million, half of which were at Verdun. The Austrian losses were one hundred thousand, fully half on the Italian Front.

After the Battle.

London, March 30.—A report from the Rhine districts says that 1,500 Germans from Verdun had arrived for a rest. They were unwounded, but unable to endure further bombardment. They were deaf, speechless, and helpless automata utterly useless for an attack.

Crown Prince's Failure.

London, April 4: The "Times" Military correspondent, who has visited Verdun, says the fight is not yet over, although a moral victory has already been won. The correspondent pays a high tribute to General Petain's skill in reorganising the defence, and particularly in the use of heavy artillery. He pays a high tribute also to the French supremacy in the air, and the gallantry of all arms. He does not believe the moral of the French Army was ever higher. They believe (the correspondent goes on) in their chiefs and in themselves; and are confident of victory. They are out to win. The Crown Prince, as a Commander, has been a failure, and is using up divisions singly. The German line is being drained of men to save him from failure. The Germans have 34 divisions, including reserves, before the British Front, and 30 before Verdun. The remainder of the Western Front is thinly held. There is scarcely a single fully formed brigade in reserve, apart from those before the British and those withdrawn from Verdun for repairs. The Germans boast that many French divisions have been used at Verdun. This is because the French rest their divisions before they lose their quality. The Germans, lacking in reserves, are obliged to use their men until they have lost fifty per cent. They reconstitute them, and use them again.

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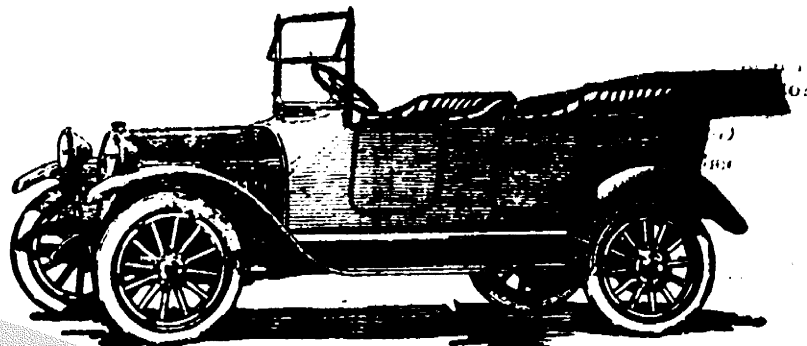
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Bangkok, 14th April, B.E. 2459.
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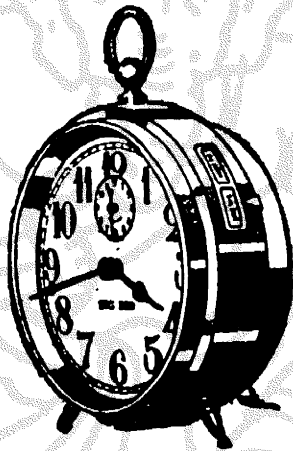
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Great War.**Verdun.**

Violent German Attack on
Douaumont.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, April 19.

Paris.—The Germans did not attempt a further infantry action at Verdun after the heavy losses yesterday.

The communiqué says that the bombardment continues between Mortomme and Cunieres, while east of the Meuse it is calm.

It is confirmed that yesterday's German attack at Douaumont was of extreme violence and was conducted by troops belonging to five different divisions. Fresh information shows that the enemy penetrated the first trench east of the salient of Chaufour from where he was partly driven out by a counter-attack.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, April 18.

Yesterday between the Meuse and Douaumont were repulsed a strong attack inflicting very important losses. The enemy obtained a footing only on a small salient south of Bois Chaufour.

To-day it is confirmed that troops belonging to five divisions took part in the offensive yesterday.

We counter-attacked east of the salient of Bois Chaufour and expelled the enemy from positions occupied by him.

Yesterday we repulsed a reconnaissance north-east of St. Die.

Enemy aeroplanes dropped seven bombs on Belfort. Three were killed and six injured. The damage caused is insignificant.

In Mesopotamia.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, April 19.

Sir Percy Lake reports that a series of heavy counter-attacks were delivered on the right bank of the Tigris on the 17th inst. Our lines in places were forced back from 500 to 800 yards.

Trebizond Falls.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, April 19.

Petrograd reports that Trebizond has fallen.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, April 18.

The Russians have taken Trebizond.

[Trebizond is a city in Asia Minor, situated on the Black Sea, near its south-eastern angle. From the time of its foundation as a Greek colony to the present day it has always been a considerable emporium of commerce, and it was for two centuries and a half the capital of an empire. Its importance is due to its command of the point where the chief trade route from Persia and Central Asia to Europe, over the table-land of Armenia by Bayezid and Erzerum, descends to the sea.]

The total population of the place amounts to about 40,000 of whom 22,000 are Moslems and 18,000 Christians. All the larger European states have consulates there.]

In the Caucasus.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, April 18.

Petrograd.—In the coastal region of the Caucasus our troops after the occupation of Surmeneh pursued the enemy and occupied Arsene Kelesai, 18 versts east of Trebizond.

Tin and Rubber.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
Singapore, April 20.

Tin is quoted at \$96.25 per picul. At the rubber auctions there was only a fair demand. Prices all round were lower. The top price for fine crepe was \$177 per picul having gone six dollars down. Out of 336 tons offered 233 tons were sold.

A Federal Chamber of Commerce.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
Singapore, April 20.

The Perak Chamber of Commerce met at Ipoh. It was resolved advisable to form a Federal Chamber for the better advancement of commercial interests in the F. M. S. and it was decided to confer with the Selangor Chamber on this subject.

German Losses Before Verdun.

We have received the following communiqué from the British Legation:—

The Bangkok press published on April 6th a German Overseas Service telegram of March 4, quoting correspondents at the West Front in regard to the battle in the neighbourhood of Verdun. The correspondents reported that the German tactics persistently evaded all possibilities of great human losses, and emphasized the fact that all gains were obtained with comparatively insignificant losses.

His Britannic Majesty's Minister has received instructions to state that reliable French estimates place the German losses before Verdun, at the most moderate computation, at not less than 200,000 men for the period between February 21st and April 1st.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

* * * THERE will be no issue of the Siam Observer's English edition tomorrow but the Siamese edition will be issued as usual.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Chiengmai line is imperfectly working. Nongkhai line is interrupted. Other lines are in order.

THE s.s. "Katong" will leave from the Borneo Company's wharf at 4 p.m. sharp, on Friday the 21st inst., and should arrive in Singapore on Tuesday about daylight.

THE Medical Officer of Health reports that there were 18 deaths from plague during the week ended 15th instant. There were no deaths from cholera or small pox.

THE following are leaving by the s.s. "Katong" to-morrow:—Mrs. P. Nesbitt, Mr. C. Allegri, Mr. E. W. Townsend, Mr. E. Nichols, Mr. O. Brandenburg, Mr. J. D. Hogg, and Mr. Tovey-Consins.

THE Commercial Hotel has engaged the services of the Filipino Band under the direction of Mr. Salls. It will play every night commencing at 8 p.m. and can be engaged for dances, dinners etc. at reasonable rates.

WE are asked to state that if the auction sale of Mr. C. Allegri's household furniture and other effects does not terminate on the second day as advertised the sale will be continued on Monday and Tuesday next from 8 a.m. to 12 and from 1.30 p.m. to 5 p.m. each day.

The Lotteries.

The totals of the lotteries for to-day's races were as follows:—

	Tos.
1st Race	506
2nd "	631
3rd "	485
4th "	517
5th "	541
2nd sheet	619
2nd sheet	629

The following fetched the highest prices:—

	Kop	Tos.
1st Race	75	
2nd "	110	
3rd "	70	
4th "	70	
5th "	70	
2nd sheet	110	
2nd sheet	110	

Church Services.

Services at Christ Church for Good Friday and Easter Day.

A shortened form of Evening Service will be held on Good Friday at 8 o'clock.

On Easter Sunday there will be an Early Celebration of Holy Communion at 7.30, instead of at 8 o'clock as formerly.

Mattins and Sermon at 10 o'clock, with Celebration of Holy Communion after this Service.

There will be no evening Service at Christ Church on Sunday.

Service for Good Friday.
Evening Prayer (shortened form) and Sermon at 6 p.m.
Special Psalm 88 Chant Barnby in F minor.

Magnificat: Foster's Chant in E.
Nunc Dimittis: Barnby's Chant in E.
Hymns: When I survey the wondrous Cross.

My Lord, my Master, at Thy Feet adoring.

St. Mary's Mission.

Wat Takien.
Services for Good Friday, April 21.

8 a.m.—Mattins and Ante-Communion Service.

9 a.m. to 12 Noon—Devotions on "The Seven Words from the Cross."

Pavilion Hymns will be sung.

8 p.m.—Service with Lantern Pictures "The Way of the Cross."

Gounod's "There is a green hill far away" will be sung.

Preparations Against Riga.

A curious and an interesting feature of their preparations is that they have established a battery of naval guns near Schlock, not far from the shores of the Gulf of Riga. The position is remote from the main line of a possible advance on Riga, and the only explanation of this manoeuvre is that the Germans are getting ready to shell, with the opening of the spring campaign, those Russian warships whose harassing activity in this corner of the Gulf has checked all of their attempts to move along the coast road in the direction of Riga.

The manoeuvre also suggests that the Germans have not abandoned the idea of a fresh naval attack on Riga. A competent observer who has recently revisited the Riga front after a considerable interval expresses amazement at the strength of the Russian positions and the splendid state of preparedness in which he found the Russian army, and is confident in the ability of the Russians to check any possible German offensive here.

Talks With Apes.

New York, Feb. 11th.—Prof. Richard L. Garner, who several years ago made a study of the language of the apes in the African forests, will soon again take up his temporary residence in a steel cage in the Congo region to resume his scientific studies of the gorilla and chimpanzee.

He will attempt to increase his vocabulary of words used by the apes and will carry phonograph records to record the language of monkeys. The scientist will construct a cage of steel rods enclosed by a netting of steel wire, on a pineapple plantation in the Lake Fernandez basin, about two degrees south of the equator and 150 miles from the coast. The cage will be covered with branches and leaves, and Prof. Garner will live in it while pursuing his studies.

Trapped in Ice-Field.

March Over Frozen Sea.

It was a thrilling and, at the same time, terrible narrative that was told at Hull by the three survivors of the Wilson liner Sappho, which was ice-bound and abandoned in the North Sea. There were 23 on board the vessel, including Captain Martin, and only three are believed to have survived—namely, Jack Stort, seaman, High-street, Flamborough, Martin Hanbia, A.B., of Hull, and Second-officer Ashford. They travelled for four and a half days over ice in the White Sea, undergoing terrible hardships.

The Sappho left Archangel on November 28 and should have reached Hull about Christmas. After leaving Archangel, said Stort, the vessel became fixed in the ice, and after many days the crew abandoned her on December 24. They had been living on biscuits for two days and the reason they left her was owing to the lack of food. The ice around the ship, said Stort, was 9 ft. thick.

On the afternoon of Christmas Day some of the party lay down on the ice and snow, whilst the rest walked about. "At nine p.m. we started to walk again," he added. "At ten o'clock in the morning Captain Martin said, 'I cannot go any further,' and gave the ship's papers and other documents to the steward, but he would not leave him. We were therefore forced to leave the captain the steward, and one of the A.B.s, who absolutely refused to go further, as they were beat. We kept at it all that day, with short intervals for rest for the benefit of the older men. A fireman fell into the water and was nearly frozen, and we had to leave him behind. What happened to nine of the others who went on ahead I don't know but six of us kept on another day.

"After travelling further we sighted land, but broken ice and water barred our way. On the third day it commenced to snow, and in the evening the chief engineer gave up. There were now only five of us, and Third Engineer Bartlett kept calling for water. We left him behind. Second officer Ashford began to despair of ever reaching land, but we struggled on and eventually came upon an abandoned steamer, the Mascara, of Glasgow, with paraffin on board. We melted some snow for water, and made some tea and ate some biscuits we had with us.

"After remaining on the ship for 22 hours we set off again and reached land. At length a Laplander with his sledge and a reindeer team, discovered us about 10 miles from Sennovet. We were taken to a village where a doctor, out away the blackened portions of our frozen feet."

PAUDY REPORT FOR APRIL 19.

Nasuan 1000 coys at Tes.	77/91 each
Samruang 850 " "	68/79 "
Namung 90 " "	66/67 "
Total Coys at "	1940 "

German News Service.

Headquarters, March 15.

Official German Telegram. Western Theatre Near Neuve Chapelle, an advanced position was blown up, with its occupants. British artillery heavily bombarded Lens. The French artillery has been very active near Aux Bois and in the Champagne. On the left bank of the Meuse, Silesian troops pushed forward. West of the Corbeaux forests and on the heights of Mort-homme, 25 officers and over 1000 wounded men have been made prisoners. In repeated counter attacks which were all made without success, the French suffered very considerable losses. On the right bank of the Meuse and on the hills east to it, strong artillery duels are taking place. In the Vosges, numerous small French attacks have been repulsed.

March 16. In Flanders, especially near the coast, the artillery duels increased to considerable intensity. Likewise in the sectors of Roye and Villers laux-Bers, northwest of Rheims. The French, after a strong but inefficient artillery preparation, attacked the German positions south of St. Souplet and the road west of the Somme, from Fy to Souain, without the least success. The French suffered serious losses, the German losses were only slight. The Germans captured 2 officers, 150 wounded men and 2 machine-guns. West of the Meuse, French attempts to reconquer the height of Mort Homme and the forest positions north and eastwards, were stifled at the beginning. There were no attacks between the Meuse and the Moselle.

South of Nieder Aspach, German patrols after an efficient bombardment of the enemy's trenches, advanced into them and destroyed the defensive positions. They returned with prisoners and booty. In an air combat southeast of Beirs, in the Champagne, a French aeroplane was shot down, the aviator being burnt to death. Enemy aviators at night repeated the attack against the German hospital in Labry, east of Conflans.

The first attack was made on March 11, during the night. No military damage was caused but 2 children and 2 women were wounded and one of them seriously.

March 17. The blasting of six British mines south of Loos has been without success. Violent artillery duels have occurred in several sections of the Champagne and between the Meuse and the Moselle. In the Meuse district, the enemy repeatedly pushed a fresh division against the German positions on the heights of Mort Homme. This division is the 27th used since the beginning of the engagements in this comparatively small section of the front. The first attack was made without an artillery preparation, as a sudden raid. Only some companies reached the German lines, where the few survivors were made prisoners. The second attack was stifled by the German curtain fire.

Vienna, March 15. **Official Austro-Hungarian Telegrams.** Russian theatre: Violent Russian attacks against the bridgehead northwest of Uzeskocko have been repulsed. Italian theatre: The Italian attacks on the Isonzo front are continuing. Bitter fighting has occurred on Podgora Height, where the enemy, having partly succeeded in entering our lines were repulsed in hand to hand fighting. The Italians delivered a night attack, after several hours artillery preparation, in the region southwest of San Martino, but were repulsed. In front of this place, more than 2000 dead are lying, who had fallen in the engagements on the previous days. At several other places on the Isonzo front, there were lively artillery and mine-thrower engagements. The Italian artillery shelled the Fella region on the Kaerthner front and the Colli-Lina district in Tyrol. Italian aviators dropped bombs on Trieste, without doing any damage.

March 17. Russian theatre: On the Strypa front, successful patrol engagements have occurred. West of Tarnopol, the Austro-Hungarian troops entered a Russian advanced position and captured one ensign, 67 men, one machine-gun and 4 minethrowers.

Italian theatre: The Italians have given up their useless attacks against the Isonzo front. In the course of the new Italian offensive, all positions have remained firmly in the hands of the Austro-Hungarian troops.

Berlin, March 16. It is officially announced that Grand Admiral von Tirpitz has resigned as State Secretary of the Navy. He is succeeded by Admiral von Capelle, who for a long time, has been familiar with the business of the Navy Department, especially with the organization of naval construction, in which he was von Tirpitz' most capable collaborator. Admiral von Capelle successfully represented the Navy Department in the Reichstag, where he succeeded in obtaining the funds necessary for naval construction. As to the question of submarine warfare, the personal change is of no importance, since the direction of the warfare is in the hands of the Chief of the Admiralty. The Grand Admiral's resignation is much commented upon, because of his successful activity in fostering naval construction. In certain quarters, it is believed that the resignation is connected with the Emperor's decision not to extend submarine warfare beyond the limits an-

Execution of a Spy.

There was a grim scene at the execution of a spy on the military grounds at Vincennes. The man was sentenced to death by the Paris Court-martial at the beginning of January.

He was a tall, handsome young fellow of twenty-five, whose identity is not quite definite. He is supposed to be Italian by birth, and pretended to have been naturalized successively Argentine and Swiss. The man who was always elegantly dressed, and lived in a fashionable quarter of Paris, gave himself out to be a commercial agent when he was arrested last year.

Serious were the charges against him, as the details concerning the affair were kept secret, and the case was heard in camera by the court-martial, and the spy was sentenced to death. He appealed twice against the sentence, but his appeals were rejected; the President of the Republic refused to reprieve the young spy.

At four in the morning the Officer Procurator at the court-martial and the military authorities of the Vincennes Prison entered the prisoner's cell. He was sleeping soundly. When awakened the man dressed quietly, and while lighting a cigarette, said to the officers who were in the cell: "I recognise my guilt, and I really deserve the punishment I am going to have."

A Sign of Bad Luck. At one moment he noticed that he had put on one of his silk socks inside out. "This is a sign of bad luck, some people say—I must put it right," said the condemned man, smiling. Then in accordance with the condemned man's desire, a priest came to hear his confession. He was then taken in a horse carriage to the military ground. On the way the prisoner, who was guarded by gendarmes, told them: "If I was to be let free I can assure you I would not do again what I have done. I was a fool!"

It was nearly seven when the man arrived on the ground near the wall, in front of which twelve soldiers, with their rifles, were standing in a line. The prisoner, deadly pale, refused to have his hands tied and his eyes covered with a handkerchief, as it is generally done. With remarkable calm he took off his large soft hat and threw it on the ground, and turned towards the twelve soldiers who were going to shoot him. An officer read out the sentence, trumpets sounded, and the non-commissioned officer in command of the company commanded fire with his sword. A sharp volley rang out, and the spy fell dead with several bullets through his heart.

The troops marched past the dead body, which was afterwards taken to the Vincennes Cemetery.

nounced to neutrals in the memorandum and not to direct it against neutral ships.

The admiralty reports: The Dutch Navy department has stated that according to sworn declarations of the first and fourth officers and the lookout-man of the steamer Tubantia, the course of the torpedo was clearly seen. It is impossible that a German submarine can have been responsible for the sinking of the Tubantia, since the place where the accident occurred is less than 30 miles from the Dutch coast, which means that the place is within the territory declared as not dangerous for shipping by the manifesto dated February 4, 1915. It is further stated that no German mines were laid there.

It is semi-officially announced that the steamer Tubantia which was reported in a sinking condition near the Noorhinder Lightship, most probably struck a mine.

The Berliner Zeitung am Mittag publishes a telegram from the Dutch Agency, according to which the U. S. Consul in Stuttgart, Mr. Schilling, declared that the Tubantia was not sunk by a torpedo, but that she struck a mine. Mr. Schilling and his wife and daughter were on board the Tubantia when the accident happened, between 2 and 2.30 a.m. According to other Dutch reports all persons on board were rescued and some have arrived already in Amsterdam. A number of persons are still on board the Noorhinder Lightship. Other reports state that the passengers were in bed when the accident occurred and were immediately awakened. 34 boats were lowered; the crew maintained perfect order and behaved efficiently.

The Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant publishes a telegram from Yuniden, dated March 16th, that the Tubantia was not sunk by a torpedo but by a mine. All passengers were saved by the boats.

The German papers commenting upon the Dutch report that the Tubantia was sunk by a mine, discuss the question of origin of the mine. They state that according to the last statistical figures the probability is against the supposition that it was a German mine. Since the beginning of the war, altogether 918 mines were washed ashore on Dutch territory, of which there were 448 of British origin, 58 French, 201 unknown and 175 German.

Reports from Vienna, state that the hospitalship Elektra of the Austro-Hungarian Red Cross, bound from the northern Adriatic to Southern Dalmatia, was torpedoed on March 18 by an enemy submarine. The steamer stranded. One sailor was drowned and two nurses seriously wounded. The Elektra was not unknown to the enemy as a hospital ship and was provided with prescribed visible marks.

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if they were able to attain them. A Greater Bulgaria, organised on the Prussian model, would be swallowed up, speedily and inevitably, by the Teutonic octopus.

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Dutch War News.

Debate in the Reichstag.

The German Reichstag passed a measure proposed by the Budget Commission to use their submarines in such a manner as to obtain a peace in which the position of Germany would be fully secured. The status of the German navy must also be recognized though it be with every regard to the rights of neutrals. The Reichstag rejected a motion proposed by the social Democrat, Haase, that the submarine war be carried on with every respect for international law and that the enemy or neutral passenger vessel or cargo boat be torpedoed without having been sufficiently warned. His motion that the Chancellor be advised to negotiate for an early peace was also rejected.

In the Reichstag the Nationalist Liberal Deputy Buresman said it was absurd to deny that the British blockade was not effective. Social Democrat Haase said there was great shortage amongst the poorer classes. A stormy debate occurred over complaints by the Socialists regarding the feeding of the Army. Dr. Liebknecht was not allowed in the Chamber.

Holland and Germany.

The naval expert, Captain Canters, stated before the Dutch Admiralty Court of Enquiry that he concluded that the first explosion on the Palembang was caused by fragments of a mine exploded by fire from a destroyer. The "second explosion" was caused by a torpedo, which was fired at the destroyer, but missed its mark and in the same manner the third explosion took place. The Captain of the Palembang stated that a shot from a destroyer destroyed a floating mine and immediately afterwards the Palembang was struck, and quivered from stem to stern. As she did not make any water he stopped the S.O.S. order given to the Marconi operator. Immediately afterwards the other two explosions took place.

The German Government have again given an assurance that the Palembang was not torpedoed by a German submarine. They state that no German submarine was near the place.

The s.s. Princess Juliana, of the Zealand line was wrecked last week in a storm. She will be a total loss. The s.s. Princess Juliana was a Harwich-Rotterdam packet boat.

The tug Wotan has begun the examination of the Tubantia wreck. Great disturbances broke out among the Landsturm stationed at Liege, Ghent, Rousselare and Courtrai when they received an order to proceed to the front.

The great shipping lines have asked

the Dutch Government to pay a share of their war risk insurance as by their regulations the Companies are obliged to resume their services. The companies are awaiting the Government's reply before resuming their services.

Minister Posthuma states that the s.s. Lodewijk van Nassau, with a cargo of saltpetre consigned to the Dutch Government was held up in the Downs by the British on March 22nd. Much distress will be caused in agricultural circles and the next harvest seriously affected by the seizure.

The Noord Brabant voyaged round Scotland en route for the Netherlands Indies.

The larger Dutch steamship lines have not yet resumed their services. The decision of the Rotterdam Lloyd and Nederland Companies has not yet been issued.

The Dutch steamer Eemdyk put into Southampton badly damaged. Nothing is as yet known concerning the Blijdyk. The two vessels had cargoes consigned to the Dutch Government.

England has paid Holland for all cargoes seized, on the understanding that no further cargoes of a similar nature are shipped.

The credit for the Dutch Naval Department has been increased to 3,200,000 guilders.

The military in and around Amsterdam are now allowed several hours leave daily.

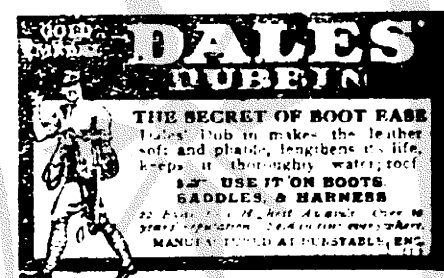
Several Dutch cocoa factories have shut down through the lack of cocoa beans.

The Swedish Riksdag unanimously passed a resolution that they would take no initiative amongst neutral powers to start a peace movement.

The "Daily News" states that between Bulgaria and Rumania the outlook is gradually getting worse.

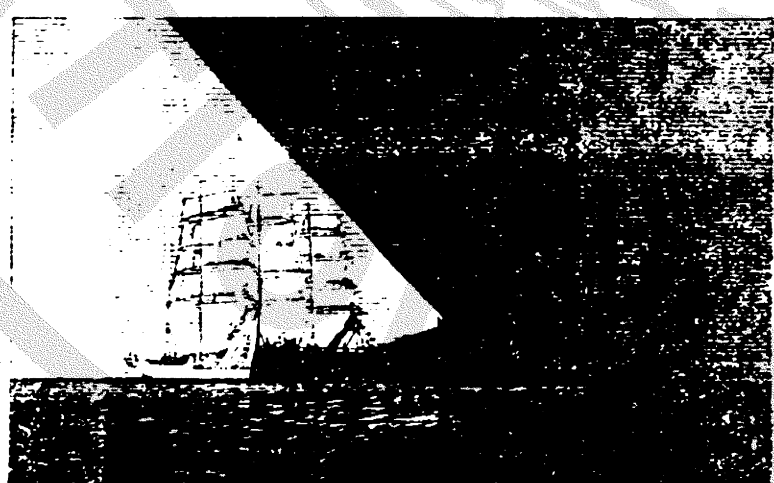
A barracks at the foot of the Admello Mountain was buried in a snow drift. Forty were killed and forty wounded.

Cardinal Hartman had a conference with General von Bissing at Brussels. Germany intimates that the Sussex was sunk contrary to any promulgated order. British merchantmen would continue to be submarined without warning.



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British Fusiliers' "Aplomb."

London, March 31.—The correspondents' accounts of the taking of the German salient at St. Eloi by the Northumberland and Royal Fusiliers say the salient contained a mound partially commanding our position. Moreover, there was a mass of trenches and fortifications. There were entanglements, and an extraordinary parapet beyond nine feet high. In some places the mine explosions had left the parapet intact. The men left our trenches between the explosions of our mines, and the commencement of the German bombardment. It would have been fatal to stop and cut the wire. An officer said afterwards: "They just barged through it." One correspondent says they gave each other pick-a-backs, and played leap-frog over into the trench, before the Germans had collected their faculties. A young officer of the Northumberlands immediately spotted a maxim in the ruins of a building, and flung a bomb at it, overthrowing the Maxim gun, and killing two of the men working it. The officer and a man ran in and respectively shot with a revolver and bayoneted two other men each. The salient and the communication trenches were quickly cleared. The enemy's second line lies beyond a fairly wide marsh, which the counter-attackers had to cross.

Energetic Action in Greece.

London, March 29.—Athens telegrams report energetic action by the Allies' warships in different Greek ports. For supplying Teuton submarines, Germans have been arrested at Patros and taken aboard a French warship.

According to "The Times" Athens correspondent, Candia (Crete) is blockaded in order to compel the handing over of the German Consul, and an Englishman has been arrested for approaching the Consul, offering supplies. The offer was really a trap.

The Paris "Journal" learns from Rome that an organisation for supplying submarines has been discovered at Corfu. Forty arrests have been made.

A War-Sick German.

London, April 3.—The "Daily Chronicle" Amsterdam correspondent has just met a German soldier visiting Holland on special leave. He declared that the sight of a war-free land, amply supplied with food, gave him transports of joy. He felt unable again to face the trenches and, but for disgracing and ruining his father, he would desert. There was nothing but a great depressing sickening misery in the German trenches. The moral of the rank and file was now deplorable. The losses everywhere were so heavy that the one idea of the officers and men was to get out at any cost. Large bribes were given to doctors and officers empowered to send men home. Many of the rich soldiers had been going, and the knowledge of this increased the discontent of the remainder. Food was bad, even in the Army, for which the Government tried to get the best. "We are running short of everything," he added.

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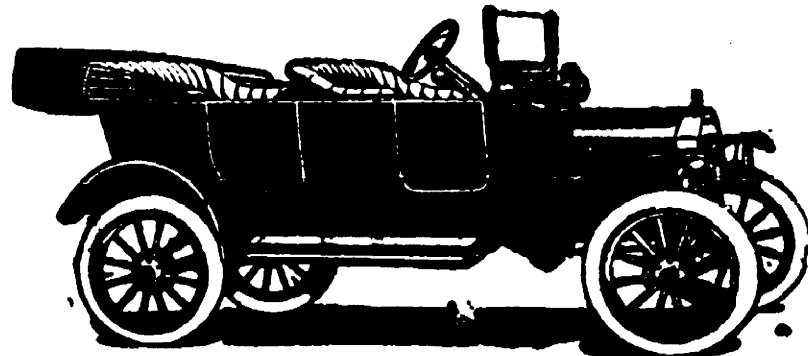
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America and the Philippines.

The great world-war naturally relegates to the background many problems within the region of Far Eastern politics which would otherwise evoke interest and discussion. Amongst them may be mentioned the question of the future of the Philippine Islands, about which very little has been heard of late. The subject is of more than academic interest, since there appears to be every prospect of an Act being accepted by both Houses of the American Legislature, the effect of which will be to confer full independence upon the Philippines. It was stated recently that the Congressional Bill directs the President to declare the Philippines independent within not less than two years or not more than four from the passage of the Act. An amendment, which Mr. Wilson is understood to favour, permits the President, if in his judgment the proceeding is necessary, to postpone the proclamation of independence until the concluding session of the next term of Congress following the expiration of the four-year period. The purpose of this proviso is to allow Congress to reconsider its present action if a revolution should break out in the Philippines, or if other serious difficulties should arise. Whether or not the time has arrived when the Philippines may safely be trusted to govern themselves is still a moot point, but there can be no question that recently the opinion has been gaining ground in the United States that the retention of the Philippines is likely to prove a source of danger to America's peace of mind in the future. The truth is, the bulk of the American people regard the matter from a practical rather than a sentimental point of view. Their attitude of mind is succinctly set forth by the New York correspondent of the *Standard*, who in a recent communication pointed out that the brief spirit of imperialism that arose in the United States during the period immediately following the Spanish-American War, no longer exists. To put it bluntly, having fought one war, which resulted in the separation of the Philippines from Spain, Americans want to avoid every possibility of being compelled to fight another on behalf of the black and brown Orientals. It would be unjust to say, remarks the correspondent, that in any respect fear of Japan is the dominant reason why the United States wishes to throw the Philippines overboard. But, at the same time, Americans do not want to be caught in a position where they will have to spend their blood and treasure making the Philippines free of possible Japanese ambitions. If the nations

of the world are willing to form an alliance for the guarantee of the Philippines' independence, America is agreeable to adding its name to the others. But America will not undertake alone to defend the Filipinos in the years to come. The five years' guarantee which the measure now before Congress provides must be taken literally. If thereafter the Filipinos are in need of help and appeal in vain to the European Powers, it will be useless for delegations to visit the United States urging America to engage in a war for the sake of old relationships. Americans who have refused to avenge the deaths of their own white fellow-citizens in Mexico and on the high seas will not rescue the Filipinos from Oriental troubles.

This fact, adds the correspondent, is frankly discussed in the American Press, and the Filipinos, in accepting independence, cannot claim hereafter that they were not fully warned of the possible consequences. It has lately been declared by Americans that in a conflict between the United States and Japan the Japanese would have no difficulty at all in seizing any part of the Philippines, except Manila, almost at will. The possibility of being compelled to raise a huge army, and then transport it across the Pacific to engage in, the almost, if not quite, impossible task of driving the Japanese out of the Philippines, does not arouse the least enthusiasm among Americans. The return would not be worth the cost, according to the popular view. For this reason one hears the frequent opinion that it is worth while giving the Filipinos their independence, if nothing more results than keeping the United States and Japan friends for the future. It is interesting to have this frank exposition of the prevailing view in America concerning the future of the Philippine Islands. In the meantime, advices from the Philippines are of the most conflicting nature concerning the ability of the natives to govern themselves. Ex-President Taft, who at one time was Governor-General of the islands, is convinced 50 years must elapse before complete freedom can with safety be conferred on the Filipinos. Other opinion favours the view that the effect of responsibility will be to ensure a stable government in the archipelago under native rule as under American. Time alone will prove.

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Ayuthia Arr.	7.48	9.48	1.25	3.33	Den Chai
Ban Phaji Arr.	9.47	12.20	4.24	6.30	Tha Sao ..	7.1	2.21
Ban Phaji Dep.	9.57	12.37	4.30	...	Utaradit ..	7.18	2.40
Lopburi Arr.	11.5	1.55	5.48	...	Ban Dara Arr.	8.16	3.26
Chengket Dep.	12.33	3.38	...	7.2	Sawa'loke Dep.	7.1	2.10
Pak'poh Arr.	2.17	5.10	...	9.5	Ban Dara Arr.	8.1	3.11
Pak'poh Dep.	2.26	6.30	Ban Dara Dep.	8.24	3.32
Pitsa'loke Arr.	6.	11.5	Pitsa'loke Arr.	10.43	5.30
Pitsa'loke Dep.	...	7.4	2.2	...	Pak'poh Arr.
Ban Dara Arr.	...	9.5	4.18	...	Pak'poh Dep.	3.52	...	7.20	10.43.
Ban Dara Dep.	...	9.20	4.40	...	Chengket Arr.	6.21	...	9.22	12.28.
S'kaloke Arr.	...	10.21	5.41	...	Lopburi Dep.	...	7.10	11.6	1.56
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