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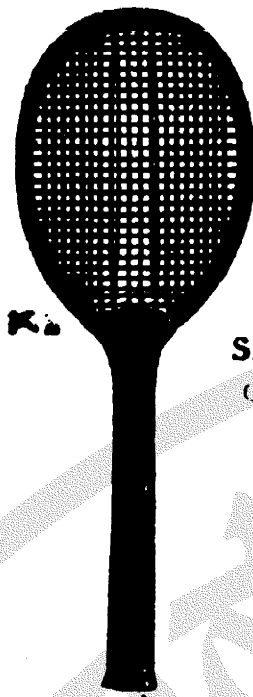
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"Nampur" May 12	" "Kashgar" " 12	June 12
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"Nampur" April 3	" "Kashgar" March 4	March 4
"Nankin" " 16	" "Arabia" " 18	" 18
"Novara" " 30	" "Kashmir" April 1	April 1
"Malta" May 14	" "Khyber" " 15	" 15
"Nellere" " 19	" "Medina" " 29	" 29
"Nyanza" " 28	" "Malwa" May 13	May 13
"Mongara" June 2	" " " " 27	" 27
"Nampur" " 11	" " " " " "	" "
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FOR MAY, 1916.

May.	A.M.			
	H. W.	Ft. & in.	L. W.	(Approx.)
1	4 00	13 8	11	7-0
2	4 00	13 6	11-13	6-7
3	4 33	13 2	11-12	6-0
4	5 00	13 0	12	6-0
5	5 00	12 7	...	...
6	5 30	12 6	...	...
7	5 30	12 5	...	...
8	6 00	12 7	...	...
9	6 30	12 7	...	...
10	6 30	12 1	...	...
11	1 00	14 0	...	...
12	1 00	14 0	...	...
13	1 30	14 0	...	...
14	2 00	13 11	...	...
15	2 30	13 11	9-10	...
16	3 00	13 9	10	7-0
17	3 30	13 7	11	7-0
18	4 00	13 6	12	6-0
19	4 30	13 1	12	6-0
20	5 00	12 10	...	6-0
21	5 30	12 9	...	...
22	6 00	12 4	...	...
23	6 00	11 8	...	...
24	7 00	11 0	...	...
25	7 00	11 0	...	...
26	1 00	14 0	...	...
27	1 00	13 4	...	...
28	1 00	13 2	10	7-8
29	2 00	13 2	9-10	7-8
30	2 30	12 11	10-11	7-0
31	3 00	12 4	10-11	7-0

May.	P.M.			
	H. W.	Ft. & in.	L. W.	(Approx.)
1	5 00	13 8	...	...
2	6 00	14 2	...	...
3	6 30	14 8	...	...
4	7 00	14 9	...	...
5	8 00	14 9	1-0	6-0
6	8 30	14 10	1-2	6-6
7	9 30	14 7	2-3	6-0
8	10 00	14 6	2-3	6-0
9	11 00	14 0	3-4	6-0
10	...	...	4-5	7-0
11	...	...	4-5	7-0
12	...	...	4-5	7-0
13	3 00	11 0	...	...
14	3 30	12 1	...	...
15	4 00	13 6	...	...
16	5 00	14 2	...	...
17	6 00	15 0	...	...
18	6 30	15 4	...	...
19	7 30	15 3	...	...
20	8 30	15 1	1-0	6-0
21	9 30	14 10	1-2	6-0
22	10 30	14 7	1-3	6-0
23	11 00	14 3	2-4	7-0
24	11 30	14 1	4-5	7-0
25	...	...	4-5	7-0
26	...	...	4-5	7-8
27	...	...	...	...
28	3 30	11 10	...	...
29	4 30	13 2	...	...
30	5 30	13 8	...	...
31	5 30	14 2	...	...

PHASES OF THE MOON.

May, 2nd ○ New Moon 11 p.m.
" 10th ○ First Quarter 3.29 p.m.
" 17th ○ Full Moon 8.53 a.m.
" 24th ○ Last Quarter 11.53 a.m.
June 1st ○ New Moon 2.19 a.m.

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LONDON—
Bank Bills, demand 1/8 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—
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The Other Fronts.

London, April 16.—Official. The Australians made a successful reconnaissance to Jijfafa, thirty miles east of the Canal and occupied the enemy's camp after a brisk fight. The enemy left six killed and five wounded. An Austrian lieutenant and 33 Turks were made prisoners. The British had one killed. All is well. The plant was destroyed and Katiaosis occupied.

Melbourne, April 14.—An official report says that 169,066 troops in all have embarked from Australia.

Heroic Italians.

Rome, April 15.—It is stated the Italian offensive which began at Verdun simultaneously with the German attack at Verdun has resulted in an advance of the Italian lines by several kilometres in the southern and eastern frontiers, Isenzo and Carnia. Thirty villages and many fortified hills in the Ledro, Daone, Adige and Sugana valleys have been captured by the Italians, who also advanced several kilometres beyond the northern shore of Lake Garda, besieging eight Austrian forts near the lake. The town of Rovereto is almost within the Italian lines while Tolmino is commanded on three sides.

Amsterdam, April 15.—Austrian communiqué admits withdrawals on the Russian and Italian fronts under heavy enemy pressure.

On the Strypa.

Petrograd, April 15.—The communiqué says: Two German attacks between lakes Sventen and Iliza were repulsed. Many German dead and wounded were abandoned. The Russians in the region of the mouth of the Strypa stormed a hill and trenches to the southward repulsing two enemy counter-attacks and capturing many prisoners. Fighting continues.

West of Erzerum Turkish attacks against the Russian centre lasting for six days were repulsed. The Turks suffering heavy losses, retreated in disorder; the Russians are vigorously pursuing.

The Tigris Forces.

London, April 14.—The War Office says Sir Percy Lake reports on the afternoon of April 12 our forces on the south bank of the Tigris forced back the enemy's advanced lines 1½ to three miles. The British had to cross an inundated built intersected by deep cuts five hundred to twelve hundred yards wide extending from the Tigris to Ummelbrahan.

A northwesterly gale drove the water from the marshes on the north bank into some of the enemy trenches at Sannaiyat. The enemy was heavily punished as he took refuge from the floods to new positions.

Salonika, April 14.—A more intense artillery duel has opened in the Ghev-

gheli-Dolma sector. Twenty French aeroplanes attacked enemy positions eastward of Ghevgheli but all returned safely.

French Credit.

New York, April 16.—A sharp recovery of French exchange has occurred as a result of the announcement of a new French loan which it is reported will new amount to twenty millions sterling.

In Berlin.

Paris.—The nervous state of Berlin is revealed in a letter quoted in the *Gazette* from a Dutchman who has returned from the German capital.

"Since the battle of Verdun opened," he says, "the population of Berlin has become grave and anxious. It is aware of the vital importance of the struggle that has begun, and if it had not blind confidence in the Headquarters Staff it would show itself more nervous regarding the French resistance that the 'irresistible' push of the Imperial troops was expected to break from the start."

"The communiqué vainly pretended that the German objective was a limited advance on the front of the Meuse, but nobody believed this explanation. It is Verdun that the Germans want to reach. Everybody imagines that this is the last offensive. If things turn out otherwise the disappointment would be profound and widespread. Failure would have a disastrous effect on the public and also the Reichstag."

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THE RAINFALL.

Rainfall for the 4th week in March 2488

Locality.	Rainfall recorded during the week.	Rainfall of corresponding week of last year.	Total rainfall for present year to date.	Total rainfall for last year to corresponding date.	Remarks.
	Millimetres.	Millimetres.	Millimetres.	Millimetres.	
Ministry of Agriculture	0.5	91.6	1234.1	1284.7	
Dhanyaburi	None	13.6	1253.3	1230.9	
Samudprakar	"	48.5	1283.3	1391.0	
Krang Kao	"	48.5	1073.5	1055.6	
Anglong	2.2	41.2	1466.6	1301.1	
Lobbur	None	38.5	1269.0	1434.6	
Jainart	"	4.8	1272.2	996.8	
Udaidhani	"	44.6	1471.2	1092.5	
Hienuloke	No report	8.3	—	1771.5	
Petrow	"	58.0	—	1671.5	
Prachin	2.1	50.0	1267.5	1286.1	
Nagor Patom	11.2	25.9	1581.0	1098.4	
Rajbari	0.8	19.5	1261.8	959.7	
Bejaraburi	14.7	34.0	1755.4	1180.6	
Xiangmai	None	None	863.9	1099.7	
Singora	229.7	13.0	2432.9	1492.2	

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Verdun.

Paris, April 14.—The Germans are still striving fruitlessly at Verdun.

Paris, April 14.—Semi-official. The German explanation that the slackening of the battle of Verdun is due to bad visibility is far too simple. The truth is their resumption of the general offensive cost them considerable losses which they must now repair. The only result of this offensive was the occupation of five hundred metres of trenches at the foot of Morthomme whereas the first attack on Verdun ended in the enemy gaining five kilometres on a front of ten kilometres. The overwhelming disproportion of the results of the two similar offensives denotes the increasing power of the French defensive and the decreasing strength of the German offensive. The moral superiority of the French troops combined with their constantly improving material justifies the belief the enemy will never reach Verdun.

Paris, April 17.—Semi-official: It is highly probable that the Germans will retreat when their troops are reconstituted, but it is very doubtful whether they will fare any better.

Sea Perils.

Copenhagen, April 15.—It is stated the Germans are placing a huge steel net at the entrance to the Baltic against British submarines.

London, April 15.—It is stated the liner conveying Lord Chelmsford to India was unsuccessfully attacked by a German submarine.

London, April 15.—The British three thousand ton ship Chic (? Clio) has been torpedoed and sunk.

London, April 14.—The following steamers have been sunk. Orlochhead (British) Dorthes (Danish) the barque Inverlyon (British). The crew of the Dorthes, and twelve of the Inverlyon's were picked up. It appears the Colombian was Danish and not Dutch and the Imperator was not sunk but was towed into Valencia.

London, April 14.—The French steamer Vega has been sunk but thirty-three of the crew were saved.

Is Villa Dead.

New York, April 17.—An unfounded report states that the nephew of Carranza is bringing to Chihuahua the body of Villa, who is said to have died after the amputation of a leg.

The American Commander reports that three hundred Carranzistas, aided by the townspeople of Parral, attacked the American troops, who were forced to fight a rearguard action from Parral to Santa Cruz. The Mexicans had forty-one killed; the Americans had two killed and seven wounded.

The Submarine Note.

Washington, April 14.—President Wilson and the Cabinet are understood to be agreed on the presentation of cumulative proofs of submarine violations to Germany. The note will probably be forwarded in forty-eight hours accompanied by a definite final demand for evidence of Germany's good faith and observance of guarantees.

New York, April 15.—The Evening Post's correspondent at Washington says: the text of the note has been drafted, and Mr. Lansing has approved of it. The Cabinet demands from Germany the final abandonment of the submarine warfare as affecting neutrals otherwise there will be a diplomatic rupture.

London, April 15.—The correspondent of the Times at New York, says the note demands the punishment of the submarine commanders responsible for the attacks on the Sussex and other steamers and a full and satisfactory indemnity and guarantee for the future conduct of submarine warfare under penalty of immediate rupture.

Withdrawal from Mexico.

New York, April 15.—Mr. Lansing announces he is prepared to treat with Carranza's proposal for the withdrawal of American troops from Mexico but an immediate withdrawal is not contemplated.

Panama Canal.

London, April 15.—The Panama Canal reopens to-day after having been closed for seven months.

The Portugal Outrage.**Russian Indignation.**

Petrograd, April 17.—The Russian Red Cross has resolved to cease direct relations with enemy Red Cross Associations in the absence of protests against the sinking of the Portugal. The Russians have telegraphed provisionally cancelling the mandates of the Russian delegates to the International Red Cross Commission at Stockholm, asking Prince Charles to ascertain the views of the German and Austrian Red Crosses as to the Portugal.

Alpine Fighting.

Rome, April 16.—The communiqué says: The fighting in high altitude has continued. Several machine guns have been captured. Artillery duels are unceasing in the Giudicaria and Sugana valleys. The Italians brilliantly assaulted and captured a position at Santos Valdo in the Sugana valley. Eighty prisoners were taken.

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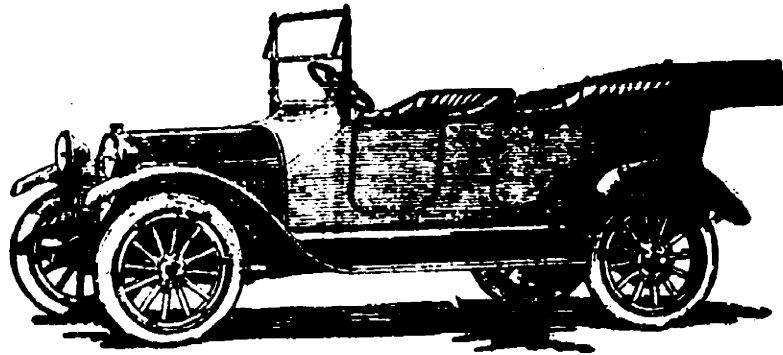
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THE LOCAL SANITARY DEPARTMENT.
24th April 1916. 25-31

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GRAND PALACE.

Friday, April 21.

This evening His Majesty the King was pleased to receive Lieutenant His Serene Highness Prince Tri Dhibess Bongsha (son of His Royal Highness Prince Devawongse) and his wife on the occasion of their marriage.

His Majesty, besides making them monetary present, anointed them and poured lustral water over their heads according to Royal custom.

GRAND PALACE.

Saturday, April 22.

To-morrow afternoon His Majesty the King, with members of his suite, will leave Bangkok for Rajaburi Province. The programme of His Majesty's official tour is as follows:—

At 2.30 the Royal party will leave Bangkok Noi Terminus by special train for Rajaburi. At Klong Bang Tal station, Phra Vijit Songkram, Governor of Rajaburi, will present The King with the highest form of offering consisting of candle and incense, fresh flowers and roasted corn according to ancient custom.

At 5.30 the Royal train will reach Rajaburi, where His Majesty will be received by the Lord Lieutenant, officers and officials of the Province. The King will remain in Rajaburi for one night.

On the next day (Monday, April 24) in the morning, His Majesty will proceed to the Royal Pavilion for the ceremony of presenting the "City Sword." His Serene Highness Prince Sriabhudei, Lord Lieutenant of Rajaburi, will on behalf of the officials and inhabitants, read a loyal address of welcome, to which His Majesty will be graciously pleased to reply, and announce his pleasure to present to the town the "City Sword" as an emblem of the Royal authority.

At 10.15 a.m. the Royal party will leave Rajaburi by special train for Bejraburi. At Klong Pra Du station His Majesty will be received by His Excellency Phya Bejra Binsaya, Governor of Bejraburi, who will present him with the highest form of offering.

At 11.45 the Royal train will arrive at Bejraburi. From the station His Majesty will proceed to the Royal Pavilion, where he will again present to the town the "City Sword." The ceremony here will be somewhat similar to that of Rajaburi. After lunch, served in the Administration buildings, the Royal party will again entrain, leaving the station at 1.45 for Hua Hin where The King will be welcomed by His Excellency Phya Sriabharm, Governor of Prachuab Girikhandha, who at the same time, will present His Majesty with the highest form of offering. The special train is timed to arrive at Prachuab Girikhandha at 6 p.m.

On Tuesday, (April 25) in the afternoon His Majesty the King will proceed to the Royal Pavilion for the ceremony of presenting the "City Sword." The Governor, on behalf of the officials and citizens, will read an address of welcome. His Majesty will then be pleased to make a reply and hand to the Governor the "City Sword." This brings the function to a close.

The King will take up his residence in this town till his return to the Capital.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

ITEMS of interest from latest Singapore papers will be found on page 8.

FROM the British American Tobacco Co. we have received a very attractive and useful wall calendar.

A CABLE from the Hague to the Sumatra Post says that the Germans have built submarines without periscopes.

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

THE East Asiatic Company have decided to recommend the payment of a dividend of 30 per cent. for the year, as compared with 10 per cent. for 1914, says an exchange.

THE following passengers arrived by the s.s. "Kuala" to-day:—Messrs. F. Dennis, A. R. Pasmore, A. F. Buzard and J. Berlandier. Mr. Berlandier who had left this to join the army in France fell ill while training there and had to return.

PRESIDENT Yuan Shi-kai's wife has sent to England, France, Russia, Italy, Belgium, Germany and Austria 200 dozen pairs of socks, 400 dressing gowns, 300 dozen bandages and 500 bed-sheets for the use of the wounded. These gifts are all of Chinese manufacture.

THE s.s. "Kuala" will leave from the Borneo Company's wharf at 4 p.m. sharp, on Friday the 28th inst., and should arrive in Singapore on Tuesday about daylight.

PROFESSOR L. W. King, speaking at the Royal Institution recently on "Recent Excavations in Mesopotamia," referred to the discovery of Nebuchadnezzar's palace. It was now possible to stand within Nebuchadnezzar's throne-room and note the recess against which the throne was placed. Another discovery was that of Babylon's great temple, the original of the Tower of Babel and the Gate of Ishtar.

THE death occurred on Sunday night of Mr. P. Noorkhan of the Ratanamala Co. The deceased had been ailing for some time but had made progress towards recovery and was able to attend church on Sunday morning. On Sunday night he went to bed apparently in good health but was found dead in bed the following morning. The deceased, who was a French subject, practised law for some years in Bangkok and often appeared before the French Consular Court. The funeral will take place this evening.

Obituary.

("S.O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
Singapore, April 24.

The death occurred suddenly on Saturday of Comte de Bondy, the French Consul.

He was born in March 1856 and entered the diplomatic service in 1878. After serving in various parts of the world, he held the post of Consul in Singapore since 1902. He was a clever linguist and was noted for his kindness and courtesy.

There was a great representative gathering at the funeral service including the Governor, Admiral Grant and General Redout.

The Sky Meeting.

The following are the results of the last four events in Saturday's races:—

(3) Australian Ponies Race.

For Australian ponies 14.2 and under. 5 Fur. H'cap. Value Tos. 250. Presented by R. B. S. C.

Mr. Nab's Pom (7.6) 1
Mrs. W. A. Graham's Iownit (6.0) 2
Phya Gadadharabadi's Thong Dee (9.5) 3
Others that ran were: Nancy, Phuang Phet and Sneyha.

Won by one length, a length separating second from third.
Time: 1 min. 11 secs. Tote: Tos 11.

(4) Siamese Ponies Race.

Race Course. Value Tos. 150. Presented by R. B. S. C.

Phya Sri Suriyabaha's Tsai Raow (7.6) 1
Mr. W. G. Johnson's Tom (5.7) 2
His Majesty's Sorn Chai (5.0) 3
Also ran: Samuha, Khome Loi, Krut, Thaviwongse, Thong Thai, Vaju and Nilarej.

Won by one length, a head between the second and third.

Time: 2 min. 33 secs. Tote: Tos. 12.

(5) Australian Ponies Race.

For non-winners at this meeting. 5 Fur. H'cap. Handicap to be made on the Race Course. Value Tos. 250. Presented by R. B. S. C.

Sriracha Kongs's Jacobin (7.5) 1
Seabreeze also ran.
Won by one length.

Time: 1 min. 12 2/5 secs. Tote: Tos. 7.

(6) Australian Ponies Race.

For Australian Ponies 14.2 and under. Race Course. Winners handicap. Handicap to be made on Course. Value Tos. 250 Presented by R. B. S. C.

Mrs. W. A. Graham's Mad Meg (7.11) 1
Nai Cha Young's Royal Pace (10.7) 2
Mr. V. K's Isabella (7.7) 3
Others that ran were: Nai Pradiet, Mars, Sandfly, Vapni, Thong Dee and Sunflower.

Won by a length; same distance between the second and third.

Time: 2 min. 1 4/5 secs. Tote: Tos. 21.

The Suicide of China

In a recent speech by a Chinese lawyer, Tan I Kung, at Chengtu, at the Association for the promotion of education and morals it was stated that fifteen per cent of the Chinese are farmers, 5 per cent workmen, 5 per cent merchants and 5 per cent in other lawful trades, 20 per cent are weaklings, 25 per cent robbers and smugglers, 30 per cent. drones and parasites. From these figures it would appear that 35 der cent. of China's millions support the whole population. This is regarded as the Suicide of China, and all are asked to do individual duty to his country. China's present condition, it is contended, is not due to the inferiority of its people's wisdom, knowledge, or potentialities, but in a general neglect of heaven-appointed duty, and a desire for self-aggrandisement instead of the general benefit. Self-denial for the good of all is the only way held out to save the country.

THE GREAT WAR.

Communications Shelled.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)
London, April 22.
Paris Communiqué.—We shelled enemy communications at Malancourt Wood.

In the Argonne there was great artillery activity in the Hill 303 and Avocourt sectors.

West of the Meuse we attacked in the region of Morhommé and drove the enemy from trenches occupied by him on the 10th instant.

There was violent bombardment at Donaumont, Vaux and the region east of the Meuse.

There was quiet elsewhere.

German Offensive Against British.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)
London, April 22.
British Communiqué.—After heavy bombardment yesterday night the enemy attacked our line at Ypres at four points. His infantry penetrated our lines but was everywhere ejected, except at St. Eloi where he captured two craters and on the Ypres-Langemark road where he retains a trench.

In East Africa.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)
London, April 23.
General Smuts reports that General Van der Venter's Mounted troops after the success at Lolkisale on the 4th instant continued the advance and occupied Umbagwe and Sealanga capturing small garrisons in both places.
On the 17th instant the enemy was encountered in some force at Kondoirangi. Fighting continues.

Death of von der Goltz.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)
London, April 23.
Amsterdam.—An official Berlin telegram states that Field Marshal von der Goltz died of spotted fever on the 19th inst. in the headquarters of his Turkish Army.

Violent Bombardments.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)
London, April 24.
Paris Communiqué.—West of the Meuse there was violent bombardment on Hill 304. In East Meuse and Woivre there were artillery salvos, but no infantry action.
We vigorously shelled enemy works south of the Somme and Lorraine.

Shropshires Retake Lost Trench.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)
London, April 24.
British Communiqué.—The King's Shropshire Light Infantry yesterday night recaptured the trench on the Ypres-Langemark road which was lost on the night of the 19th instant. Our line there has been completely re-established.

There was artillery and mining activity to-day.

Aeroplane Station Bombarded.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)
Paris, April 22.
Rome.—An Italian squadron bombarded an aeroplane station at Trieste.

Aeroplane Activity at Salonika.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)
Paris, April 22.
Salonika.—A French aeroplane flew 600 kilometres and bombarded Sofia. Two squadrons bombarded a German encampment at Petrich and a concentration of troops in the region of Doiran.

Turks Fleeing from Trebizond.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)
Paris, April 21.
News is coming from Constantinople that the Turkish population is fleeing from Trebizond and that the Russians were enthusiastically received by the Christians.

French Reports.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)
Paris, April 21.
Yesterday we attacked in the region of Morhommé and reconquered some trenches.
To-day we progressed in the region of Morhommé.

We took trenches north of Courrettes Wood and captured 150 prisoners.

We repulsed a strong attack east of the Meuse between Thiaumont and Vaux and took prisoners and two mitrailleuses.

South of Haudremont Wood we took 21 prisoners.

All the newspapers celebrate the arrival of the Russians and regard the event as an indication of the co-operation of the Allies which will assure final victory.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)
Paris, April 22.
Yesterday north of Verdun there was a violent bombardment without infantry action.

To-day we threw back an attack against our positions on the slopes north of Morhommé. We repulsed another attack made with liquid fire north of Bois Canettes. Our counter preparation in artillery arrested an enemy attack between Etang and fort Vae.

Russian Report.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)
Paris, April 21.
Petrograd.—During a small reconnaissance in the Caucasus the Russians captured 190 soldiers and seven officers. We took cannon and six inch guns.
We dislodged the Turks south of Bitlis, and made progress in the direction of Saird inflicting losses and taking prisoners.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)
Paris, April 22.
Petrograd.—In Galicia a violent enemy attack was made in vain in the region of Popovagona.
In the Caucasus we continued the offensive in the region bordering the sea.

Fall of Trebizond.

Russia's Fine Fighting.

Petrograd official, April 19.—Recording the capture of Trebizond, the communiqué says that united efforts of the army and fleet crowned with success the capture of the most important fortified town of the Anatolian Coast. The Caucasian troops, after a bloody encounter on April 14 on the River Karadasei, unceasingly pressed at the heels of the Turks, surmounting terrible obstacles in the face of furious resistance.

The Russians west of Erzerum dislodged the Turks from a series of strongly fortified positions.
The Russians under cover of the fleet effected a landing, the warships powerfully assisting with their artillery.

Petrograd, April 19.—Only optimists expected General Judenitch, the conqueror of Erzerum, to present Russia with an Easter egg in the shape of Trebizond, where the Turks are known to have an Army Corps which was expected to defend the fortress most desperately as the starting point of the great caravans eastwards. The success is a triumph of co-ordination of the fleet with the Caucasian Army and the Russian forces holding the Turks in the heart of Asia Minor. The Turks believing that the recent appearance of the Breelau in the Black Sea would cause the Russian fleet to abandon co-operation with the land forces, constructed no shore batteries, not anticipating a naval bombardment. They limited the defences to elaborate wire entanglements. These were demolished by the vigorous bombardment of the warships, which the infantry attack followed.

When the Turkish resistance at Baiburt in the region is overcome, there will be no further obstacle to the junction of the two groups of the Russian armies on the coast and west of Erzerum, and resistance to the solid advance of the Russians on the whole width of a front based on the sea will be useless. The Turks in Mesopotamia will then be cut off.
[Baiburt lies about midway between Erzerum and Trebizond, at an elevation of 5,108 ft. eighty miles from Erzerum, on the western Euphrates. The line Trebizond, Baiburt, Erzerum and Bitlis is about 200 miles long, hilly country, but with the great heights of the Caucasus all behind it to the East.]

The Final Note?

U. S. Firm Stand.

Washington, April 19.—In view of the frequent statement by officials that the President will fully advise the heads of the Foreign Affairs Committees of the Congress before breaking off relations with Germany, it is significant that President Wilson invited these Committees and Republican Congressmen to a Conference at White House on the morning prior to the President's departure from the Capital. The President's address to Congress is believed to be a strong indictment of Germany's lawlessness, despite her pledges, and the call for a joint session electrified Congress officials and diplomats. Almost immediately afterwards, the Senate passed a Bill providing for an army reserve of a million men. The consensus of opinion is that the breaking point is nearer than ever before.

Washington, April 19.—President Wilson has sent a Note of warning to Germany that unless attacks in violation of international law against merchantmen carrying Americans be stopped, diplomatic relations will be severed.

The Note is regarded as practically an Ultimatum. Although it does not contain a time limit an immediate answer is demanded.

President Wilson thinks that the question at issue is one for all neutral nations.

The Loophole.

The Note intimates that the United States are ready to discuss how submarine warfare may be conducted after Germany has declared that the present methods will be abandoned.

No time is specified for a reply, but the State department expects an answer before the end of the week.

President Wilson, addressing Congress said he had given Germany an irrevocable notification that the United States would break diplomatic negotiations if the illegal submarine campaign continued.

The President did not ask Congress to take action. He simply informed it of the accumulation of facts proving that Germany's assurances to the United States are being violated, and that the submarine warfare is being conducted with renewed vigour in contravention of all the laws of nations and humanity.

Wilson made it clear that a continuation of friendly relations depends on Germany's future conduct.

Washington, later.—The note to Germany is most lengthy and substantially covered Wilson's address to Congress. It says as regards the "Sussex" that information is in the possession of the United States by which it is established conclusively that the Sussex was torpedoed without warning by a German submarine. This is substantiated by Germany's disclaimer.

The note adds, if the Sussex were an isolated case, it might be possible to hope that the officer responsible was negligent, or disobeyed orders, but unhappily this terrible example of submarine warfare does not stand alone. The United States has gained the impression from the recent communication that the Imperial Government failed to appreciate the gravity of the situation. It concludes that unless Germany now immediately declares and effects an abandonment of present submarine methods against passenger and freight vessels, the United States has no choice but to sever relations.

An appendix discloses that the American Army and Navy officers found in the Sussex aerobolts corresponding to those of German torpedoes. These are in possession of the French authorities.

President Wilson's address to Congress was cheered by the Democrats and Republicans upstanding. It was referred to the Foreign Affairs Committee of representatives.

The address was full of striking passages: it recalled the United States protest to Germany's proclamation of a submarine zone in 1915 on the ground that it was impossible to carry out the proclamation without grossly violating the law of nations as long established by the assent of all civilised nations. "What this government foresaw must happen has happened. Tragically following tragedy upon the seas in such a fashion in such attendant circumstances as make it grossly evident that such warfare, if warfare it be, cannot be carried on without the most palpable violation of the dictates alike of right and humanity. Whatever Germany's disposition and intention, it is manifestly proved that it is impossible for her to keep such methods of attack on commerce within the bounds of reason or the heart of mankind."

Cabinet Crisis.

London, April 19.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Asquith regretted there were still material points of disagreement in the Cabinet and if these were not settled by agreement the result must be a break up of the Government.

The Government is united in believing such an event would be a national disaster of the most formidable kind. (General Liberal with many Unionist cheers but some Unionist dissent). Mr. Asquith added: It is in the hope it may be averted by a few day's deliberation that I propose the House adjourn till Tuesday.

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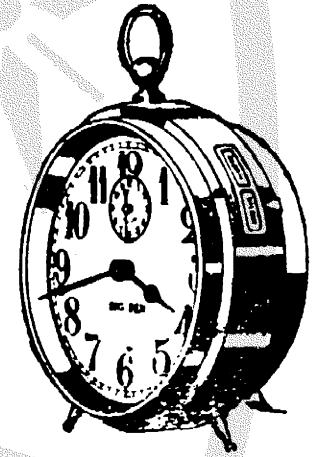
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Sir E. Carson said that while he regretted the delay, over the important question of recruiting, he would be the last to suggest that time should not be given to enable further counsel to see whether an agreement could not be attained. He made no criticism of Mr. Asquith's course and would be satisfied if the position of his own motion was not prejudiced. (cheers.)

Mr. Asquith replying to a question thought he could assure the House there would be no further delay beyond Tuesday.

Later.—Members swarmed in the Lobby to discuss the speech of Mr. Asquith, whose announcement of a deadlock being the first official intimation thereof, caused tremendous sensation. It is considered that Mr. Asquith acted sagaciously in giving time for reflection of the precarious situation. Many Liberals regard the statement as an Ultimatum to Mr. Lloyd George with the indication that the bulk of the Cabinet is apprehensive of national issues and anxious for a settlement.

If Mr. Lloyd George should resign taking with him the leading Unionist Cabinet ministers Mr. Asquith must resign, but Mr. Asquith's support in the house would remain most formidable because the Nationalists, Labourites and many Liberals seem to be strongly against Mr. Lloyd George.

The excitement in the Lobby yesterday was reminiscent of the Irish crisis members remaining discussing the numerous rumours long after the House had risen.

This is reflected in the perplexing

and contradictory statements of the papers which, however, agree the Cabinet is confronted by an extraordinarily difficult position. On the one hand Mr. Lloyd George and the Unionist Cabinet members will resign unless general compulsion is adopted; on the other hand the Labour ministers go if the Cabinet so decides to-day. Moreover, while the War Office is represented as insistent on compulsion, it is stated the Admiralty has emphasised that the need of the fleet must be first considered in recruiting modifications and more men cannot be spared from the ship yards.

The Times states that late last evening a new recruiting committee consisting of Mr. Asquith, Mr. Lloyd George, Lord Kitchener, Mr. Bonar Law and Mr. Henderson reached a compromise that general compulsion be not adopted now but later, if required in the national interest. It is believed this will be approved by the Cabinet to-day but some politicians believe the crisis will recur after Easter.

The Daily Chronicle takes a gloomy view and declares that some resignations are inevitable to-day. Mr. Asquith may boldly decide to carry on by a reconstruction on a Liberal-Labour basis, while among the possibilities is the creation of a Unionist Government including Mr. Lloyd George. This would involve an election in the month of May. This view however is apparently antecedent to the late development of compromise.

London, April 19.—Sir Starr Jameson denies he is replacing any Unionist war committee man.

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Politics and News.

London, April 15.—Marked differences of opinion will come out in the Parliamentary discussions in the Houses of Lords and Commons in the coming week. While partisans of wholesale compulsion anticipate strong support from the Army Council, which may sway the final decision of the Cabinet, the anti-compulsionists believe satisfactory results will be achieved by conscription of the eighteen year men, providing 300,000 not liable to service abroad before they are nineteen, but releasing older men for foreign service.

The Daily Chronicle says a minority of the Cabinet is pressing for compulsion but the situation is governed by the fact that the adoption of compulsion would mean the resignation of the Labour Ministers. Moreover the question is overshadowed by the more vital problem of merchant tonnage. Apart from the recent heavy toll by German submarines it has been demonstrated that the Navy and Army have made wasteful use of requisitioned tonnage. The Cabinet is insisting on economies in this direction and a large shipbuilding programme is essential. The Cabinet has determined to find the labour necessary to complete over a hundred merchantmen which had been held up in the shipyards for months.

The Spectator in a striking article says Mr. Asquith has gained a considerable hold over his Unionist colleagues, who are unanimously of opinion that his removal would prove a capital mistake.

London, April 15.—Opponents of the double income-tax have asked Mr. McKenna to receive a deputation after Easter.

London, April 15.—Representatives of the Lancashire cotton spinners and employers conferred at Manchester yesterday regarding the spinners' application for a ten per cent advance of wages but failed to arrive at a settlement. The matter will be submitted to the Committee on Production.

Obituary.

London, April 15.—The death is announced of Lord Clanricarde and Major General Jones Vaughan.

[Lord Clanricarde was a large Irish land owner, who was in the diplomatic service half a century ago and M. P. for Galway.]

Major General H. T. Vaughan-Jones was 75 years of age. A Mutiny veteran; Afghan war; C. B., and G. O. C., of the Straits 1894—92.]

Russia's Great Fight.

Petrograd, April 16.—The communique says: The Russian infantry had a brilliant success at Garbukovka near Dwinsk, when they carried four lines of barbed wire and stormed two important hills. The Germans made repeated counter-attacks but were completely repulsed. The battlefield between the hills and the enemy trenches is covered with German bodies.

The Russians also continue to have the upper hand in Galicia. The Austrians were guilty of a treacherous trick. They threw away their rifles, shouting that they surrendered, and then drew their daggers and attacked the Russians, but they were severely punished in the melee which followed. The Russians have taken further prisoners in Galicia and also in the region of Bitlis, where after obstinate fighting they routed a Turkish division which had recently arrived from Constantinople.

Italy's Work.

Rome, April 16.—In the Italian Chamber Baron Sonnino debating foreign estimates and recounting Italy's part in the war said thanks to the co-operation of the Italian navy with the allied navies thousands of tons of stores have been sent to Albania and 250,000 Serbians and 10,000 horses were transported across the sea with the smallest possible losses.

Despite numerous attacks the battle of Verdun constituted a remarkable instance of the success of the French arms because the enemy has missed his chief aim—a fact which has created the feeling of encouragement in allied and neutral countries. Baron Sonnino was most confident of the future of the Allies.

Rome, April 17.—The communique deals generally with minor operations. The Italians in daring attacks east of Montefalco captured new advanced positions, a score of prisoners and ammunition.

Athens, April 16.—Some Allied warships have anchored off Suda Bay; no troops were landed.

British Lines Shelled.

London, April 18.—General Haig reports heavy shelling about Voormezelle Dickebusch and between St. Eloi and the Ypres Communes canal. He further reports some artillery activity on both sides about Hebuterne and between Carnoy and Somme and also about Souchez and Noeux Lesmines. Mining activity is reported in the Hohenzollern sector and also considerable aerial activity yesterday. One of our machines did not return.

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London, April 16.—General Sir Percy Lake reports that during April 15 gradual but steady progress was made on the right bank, the enemy's advanced lines being driven in and occupied. The enemy left many dead and a considerable number of prisoners was taken in the captured trenches. The weather was fine but hazy after the heavy rain.

The Honours List.

London, April 16.—The following distinctions are notified in the Gazette: Companions of the Bath—Colonels G. B. Smith, H. D. Grier and H. M. Adamson, Lieut-Colonels J. F. Donegan (Medicals) and S. H. Pedley (West Kents.)

C.M.G.—Lieut. Colonel T. G. Black-Johnson. (22nd Punjab) Distinguished Service Orders.—Commander C. S. Hickman (Indian Marine), Major H. J. Cotter (Artillery), T. J. McLeod (7th Gurkhas) and N. V. Rybot (76th Punjab), Captains P. B. Baragana (Medicals), E. Butterfield, H. N. Colan (67th Punjab), W. Dant (113rd Mahrattas) G. Hewett (48th Pioneers), A. T. Wilson and N. W. Wilson 7th Gurkhas).

Military Crosses. Captains J. H. Carothers (39th Garhwalis), R. C. Clifford (Medicals), W. Johnston (7th Gurkhas), E. J. Nixon (Artillery), S. Pemberton (Engineers), S. V. Laing (76th Punjab), F. W. Paterson (66th Punjab) and T. R. Wells (33rd Punjab), Lieut. C. O. Mosse (120th Rajputanas), H. M. Pim (24th Punjab), and P. J. Wigley (90th Punjab), Second Lieuts. P. S. Bapty, F. C. Hendry, C. V. Heron Jones and A. L. Hill (Reserve.)

Serbian Army Transport.

London, April 16.—The explanation by the Allies of the temporary occupation of Aragozoli is indicated in a telegram from Athens, stating that there is talk of resisting the use of the Greek railways to Macedonia by the Serbian army from Corfu, where it has been completely refitted.

The Allies have now without doubt, cleansed the Ionian Sea of submarines but it is very difficult to clear the Aegean, with its hundreds of islets. Hence it has been decided to transport the Serbians overland from the railroad at Patras, and thence to Athens and Arissa, and the short final stretch by road.

It is stated that the British Minister declared to an interviewer that the need of transporting the Serbians by rail would not have arisen if Greek waters had been properly watched.

Situation of Greece.

Athens, April 16.—It has been decided to adjourn the Chamber till May 3rd and to give the Government a free hand to deal with the situation.

The Ministers of the Central Powers have visited King Constantine and the Premier. The situation is showing signs of softening.

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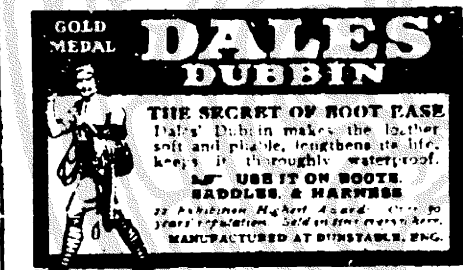
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Items of Interest.

New York, April 14.—Three more bombplotters named Schmidt, chief engineer of a German interned steamer, Frederick Praedie and Carl Praedie, his assistants have been arrested.

London, April 16.—The Danish schooner Proven has been sunk, the crew were picked up. The German steamer Hispania has been mined and sunk south of Stockholm. The crew were saved.

London, April 16.—Steamers sunk are the Fairport (British) and the Pusnastoff (Norwegian).

London, April 16.—The death has occurred of the Bishop of Mombasa.

Copenhagen, April 14.—It is reported that Sir Roger Casement has been arrested in Germany. The charge is not stated.

London, April 14.—Lisbon semi-official. The cabinet remains in office.

Paris, April 15.—It is stated the French are using sixteen inch howitzers.

London, April 14.—The Times says that seven millions in yearly treasury bills have been taken for Dutch account in payment of British purchases of Java sugar and other debts.

London, April 14.—A boot famine among British civilians is threatened, owing to the record Russian army order of nine million pairs, employing all manufacturers in Great Britain for months.

London, April 15.—The correspondent of the Times suggests that supplies of wolfram could be secured in Cornwall.

London, April 15.—The following appointments are announced in the Gazette. To the General Staff. Major C. J. Allanson 6th Gurkhas. Embarkation Staff Officers Brevet Major H. O. Wood 8th Rajputs, Captain P. A. Maxwell, 3rd Brahmins. Assistant Embarkation Staff Officer, temporary Lieut E. W. Wyld, (Indian Army reserve.)

London, April 14.—The London Gazette announces the following: Distinguished Service Order, Major F. P. Kelly, 125th Napier's Rifles; Military Crosses, Captains R. C. Morrice, 87th Dogres; Capt. E. M. Murray, Gildes, and Capt. A. M. Slingsby, 26th Punjab.

London, April 14.—President Poincaré has bestowed the grade of the Croix de Chevalier on Major C. L. Storr, 54th Sikhs.

Christania, April 17.—The accidental bursting of a coffee bag aboard a liner from America resulted in the discovery of 250 bags partially filled with rubber. The whole consignment was confiscated.

London, April 17.—The British ship Cardonia has been sunk.

London April 17.—The following steamers have been sunk: British steamer Harrovia; Norwegian ship Glendonn.

Washington, April 17.—Two Americans, one of whom is wounded, were aboard the Russian steamer Imperator, bound from the United States to Marseilles, which according to official advice was shelled without warning by an Austrian submarine.

Melbourne, April 17.—The Australian farmers have already received over twenty-one millions sterling for wheat delivered under the Government scheme.

London April 17.—In the House of Lords, the Imperial Institute Bill was read a third time.

London April 17.—Mr. Asquith announced the fact that he hoped to deal to-morrow with the maximum number of men that could be with drawn from industry for the army.

Lisbon, April 18.—A fire broke out in the naval arsenal and spread with astounding rapidity. It was eventually controlled and the workshops remained undamaged. Everything points to enemy incendiaries.

Amsterdam, April 18.—The Telegraaf learns from a reliable source that the Public Prosecutor has opened an enquiry against the German consul-general von Humbolt who spread rumours of a British ultimatum to Holland.

Rio de Janeiro, April 18.—Germany has offered to lease three interned German liners to Brazil for coastal trade, provided the Allies will guarantee not to capture or attack them.

London, April 18.—Mr. Chamberlain has arranged to preserve the graves of Moslem soldiers who died while under treatment in England and who were buried at Brookwood cemetery and Horsell Common near Woking. The mosque and graves at Horsell Common will be enclosed by a wall with a domed entrance gate and minarets at the corners. Within the enclosure will be groves of cypress and yew and each grave will have a headstone. There is no corresponding Hindu cemetery as the Hindu custom of cremation has been followed.

London, April 18.—In the House of Commons Mr. Runciman said 3,117 British non-combatants, including 1,175 passengers, had lost their lives through enemy submarines and mines. Copenhagen, April 18.—There was a great explosion at Wilhelmshafen in the new torpedo works, on Friday. Numbers of men were killed or wounded.

London, April 17.—In the House of Commons Mr. Chamberlain said that the first proposal of an advance towards Bagdad after the battle of Kut-el-Amara made by Generals Nixon and

Townshend was not communicated to the Imperial Government.

London, April 17.—In the House of Commons Mr. Tennant stated that General Townshend has not been passed over for promotion. The House might be well assured that the circumstances attending his skilful and gallant defence at Kut and his conduct of operations connected therewith will receive adequate consideration.

London, April 18.—In the House of Commons Mr. Tennant said many conscientious objectors had voluntarily undertaken combatant service.

U. S. and Mexico.

Washington, April 16.—President Wilson has decided to propose an agreement with Carranza that the United States troops shall not proceed much further in Mexico and shall be withdrawn soon. It is evident that the Carranzas will be able to deal with Villa better. It is understood that the Parral incident will be treated separately in another note.

The Liberal Ex-M P.

New York, April 16.—The British Consul-General has applied to the Supreme Court for the extradition of Tribitsch Lincoln on a charge of forgery. Two of the gaolers have been dismissed in connection with the plot for Lincoln's escape.

Fight in Galicia.

Petrograd, April 18.—The communique says that large forces of the enemy desperately assaulted Popovamoghila in Galicia on April 16th. One attack alone had a front of a mile and half. All were repulsed with heavy losses. When the Russians carried Popovamoghila on April 13th they captured vast quantities of fire arms, cartridges and bomb throwers.

In the Adriatic.

Rome, April 18.—Official. There are reports of aerial briskeness in the northern Adriatic, where four Franco-Italian hydroplanes escorted by torpedo destroyers effectively bombarded military points near Trieste. Austrian aeroplanes which appeared on the return journey were beaten off.

Enemy aeroplanes attempted to approach Venice last night but were driven off by anti-aircraft guns. One machine was brought down and the crew captured.

Serbia's New Army.

London, April 18.—The special correspondent of Reuter at Salonika has visited the camp of the Serbian troops from Corfu and says the arrangements made by the French show extraordinary power of organisation and improvisation. The Serbians' fine appearance has favourably impressed General Sarail. The men have new uniforms, new rifles and accoutrements, in fact a new Serbian army has been formed in four months, reflecting great credit on the Allies, particularly the French.

Allies in Greek Territory.

London, April 18.—In the House of Commons Sir E. Grey said the steps taken by the Allies in Greek territory against which Greece had protested, followed naturally from the decision made at Greece's request to send an expedition to help Serbia. The Allies had to take precautions to safeguard the Serbian army and Allied shipping from the menace of enemy submarines.

Treaty of Chicago.

London, April 18.—After prolonged negotiations Great Britain has reached a settlement with the great American packing houses whereby Britain will regulate the entire shipments of all the packing products to neutral countries during the war.

That Final Note.

Washington, April 18.—President Wilson has complete what is intended to be the final note to Germany regarding the submarine controversy. The United States has asked Austria for an explanation of the shelling of the Imperator.

Washington.—The gravity of the German-American situation is indicated by the fact that President Wilson has decided to submit the whole submarine issue to a joint session of the Senate Representatives to-day, before forwarding the Note to Germany. The contents of the Note are secret but it is believed they will be the most emphatic hitherto, unequivocally demanding the cessation of submarine atrocities.

A rupture is believed imminent. Count Bernstorff yesterday called on Mr. Lansing who declined to discuss the submarine issue at present.

Italy and Germany.

London, April 17.—In the House of Commons Lord Roberts Cecil said that war has not been declared between Italy and Germany but all commercial intercourse between the two countries is forbidden by the Italian Government.

Australian Premier.

London, April 18.—The presentation of the freedom of the City to the Australian premier Mr. Hughes was a notable occasion attended with all the historical and statey pageant and circumstance. There was a guard of honour of Australians and the City National Guard which met Mr. Hughes at Guildhall where he was then welcomed by the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs and ovated by a crowded assemblage including Mr. Bonar Law and Mr. Chamberlain, the other ministers being absent owing to the Cabinet meeting.

Mr. Hughes, replying to congratulations on the magnificent work of the Australians, said the Empire had found its soul in the war. The dawn of new and better days was breaking. He emphasised that if we wished to hold the Empire we must be prepared to defend it.

Nuernberg's Dinghy Drifts to Germany.

Copenhagen.—The Kiel Zeitung says a sensation has been caused by the stranding at Schobnell in Friesland, Holland, of a small dinghy belonging to the German cruiser Nuernberg, which was sunk in the battle with the British fleet off the Falkland Islands, December 8, 1914. The newspaper suggests that the dinghy drifted from the Falkland Islands to Iceland and thence homeward under south-westerly winds. It adds that the Germans regard the return of the boat a happy omen for the Fatherland.

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