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FOR APRIL 1918.

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

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

PHASES OF THE MOON.

Apr. 4th (Last Quarter) 8 h 13 m p.m.
11th (New Moon) 11 h 16 m a.m.
18th (First Quarter) 10 h 50 m a.m.
25th (Full Moon) 2 h 47 m p.m.

Sea Affairs.

London, Mar. 22.—French Official:
A division of Franco-British destroyers
fought a detachment of German
torpedo-boats in the North Sea between
four and five o'clock in the morning,
sinking two of them.

Shortly afterwards, the same division
fought a second action with five large
destroyers, which had previously
bombarded Dunkirk. One German
destroyer was sunk and two others
were probably lost. We captured some
prisoners.

It appears that three destroyers were
ordered to bombard Dunkirk, Loperme
and Brayduns.

London, Mar. 22.—The Admiralty
states that British monitors suc-
cessfully bombarded Ostend this afternoon.
A naval air squadron destroyed five
enemy aircraft, British seaplanes re-
connoitring the coast. There
were no British casualties. All our
aeroplanes returned.

London, Mar. 25.—The first eye-
witness's narrative of the destroyer
action off Dunkirk on Mar. 21 says the
British destroyers Botha and Morris
and the French Mehl, Magon and
Bouchier were patrolling the Channel
at dawn when they heard firing north-
wards. The enemy was futilely
bombarding French watering
places. The Allies, the Botha leading,
went at full speed towards the flash-
ing starburst which caused the
raiders to disappear. The Allies then
searched south-west, star-shelling and
presently sighted the shadowy outline
of the enemy division sneaking off in
the darkness and mist. They im-
mediately fired heavily and a running
fight ensued. The Morris, emerging
from the enemy smoke screen, cut off
and torpedoed a large destroyer which
blew up and sank. The Botha's main
steamship was covered by a shell but
she fired both torpedoes at the leading
ships and putting over her helm
rammed and cut in half the fourth
enemy boat.

The Botha swung round and tried
to ram the enemy, which dodged
but was pounded to pieces by the
French destroyers. The Morris, mean-
while relinquished the pursuit in the
smoke and mist and took the Botha in
tow. The French destroyers played
up the survivors. These stated the
raiders numbered eighteen. They
were unhesitatingly attacked and
mauled by five Anglo-French de-
stroyers. The remaining fifteen on
their way home to Ostend were
bombed and scattered by seaplanes
which afterwards fought a squadron of
enemy seaplanes, felling four. The
troubles of the raiders were not ended
at Ostend for a sinister unseen thing
travelling at incredible speed rushed
in a cloud of spray across the face of
the water apparently from nowhere.
A torpedo struck the stern of a Ger-
man destroyer and in a cloud of spray
the submarine vanished unscathed in a
hall of bull.

Measures to Meet Crisis.

London, March 27.—The papers are
discussing measures to meet the emer-
gency.

The Daily Telegraph joins with sup-
porters of conscription for Ireland.

The Daily Chronicle urges raising
the age limit to forty-five.

The Times says the Government
must immediately embody in a single
comprehensive bill the various propo-
sals mobilising the last available man.

The consensus of opinion is that the
effect of the news from France will be
the complete cessation of labour trou-
bles. This was verified at Leeds yester-
day where a strike of engineers put
idle a thousand workers in three shell
factories. There was a meeting of
wounded soldiers to protest which as-
sumed formidable proportions and
sent a deputation to the meeting of
strikers. The deputation was denied
admittance but it was announced later
the strikers had decided to resume im-
mediately and to work during the
Easter holidays.

London, March 27.—Three inter-
allied Labour socialist delegates to
America due to sail in an American
liner had not arrived at their port of
embarkation yesterday. The crew
refuse to sail if the delegates are
aboard.

London, March 27.—Mr. Churchill
has appealed to the munition workers
to make special efforts to replace the
serious losses in guns, machine-guns
and ammunition. The resources are
sufficient to do this. He deprecates Es-
ter holidays and acknowledges the
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To-day's Quot

The Unmasking of Germany.

Stockholm, March 27.—The politician publishes further portions of Prince Lichnowsky's memorandum, which deal principally with negotiations for an Anglo-German Colonial treaty. Prince Lichnowsky remarks at the outset that the good relations which he had made in London had effected a noticeable improvement in German relations with England. He says that Sir Edward Grey devoted himself honestly to this rapprochement and his intentions were especially noticeable and regarding the Colonial treaty and the Bagdad railway.

The Prince says that Count Hatzfeldt and Mr. Balfour in 1898 signed a secret agreement dividing the Portuguese Colonies in Africa into economic spheres of interest between Germany and Britain, ensuring the inviolability and independence of the Portuguese Kingdom and declaring the intention of supporting Portugal financially and economically. It therefore did not clash with the old Anglo-Portuguese treaty dating from the sixteenth century. Nevertheless, at the instigation of the Marquis of Soveral, a new Anglo-Portuguese treaty, the so-called Windsor treaty, was signed in 1899, reinforcing the old treaty.

The Anglo-German negotiations, which began before Prince Lichnowsky's arrival, were intended to revise and improve the treaty of 1898, and thanks to the accommodating attitude of the British Government Prince Lichnowsky was able to give the new treaty a form conforming with German wishes and interests.

Lichnowsky says "Sir E. Grey wished to show us goodwill and also in the main to further our colonial development, while Britain also wished to lead German development power from the North Sea and western Europe to the Atlantic and Africa. 'We don't grudge Germany her colonial development.' A member of the Cabinet said to me." Lichnowsky continues that the treaty was practically ready in 1913 but "new difficulties arose to prevent the signing and only a year later, shortly before the outbreak of war, could I receive authority to conclude the treaty. It was however never signed. Sir E. Grey would only sign on condition the treaty was published, together with the 1891 and 1899 treaties. England has no secret treaties and it was contrary to existing

principles to keep the treaty secret. Sir E. Grey could therefore conclude no treaty without publishing it, but the German Foreign Office, where my successors in London created an increasing distrust, stated that publication would jeopardize German interests in the colonies and moreover the Portuguese would give us no more concessions. The treaty, which offered us exceptional advantages, consequently fell through and thus was another war sacrifice."

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BANGKOK-MEKLONG.					MEKLONG-BANGKOK.				
STATIONS.	Train No.				STATIONS.	Train No.			
	I.	III.	V.			VI.	VI.		
Km. Bangkok Dep.	8.30	12.30	4.30		Km. Meklong Dep.	8.35	12.35		
33.1 Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya Arr.	9.50	1.50	5.50		33.8 Terminus Arr.	9.55	1.55		

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STATIONS.	Train No.				STATIONS.	Train No.			
	I.	III.	V.			II.	IV.	VI.	
Km. B. Hlane Terminus Dep.	10.30	2.20			Km. Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya Dep.	6.45	10.45	2.45	
33.8 Meklong Arr.	11.40	3.40	33.1 Bangkok Arr.		3.08	12.05	4.05		

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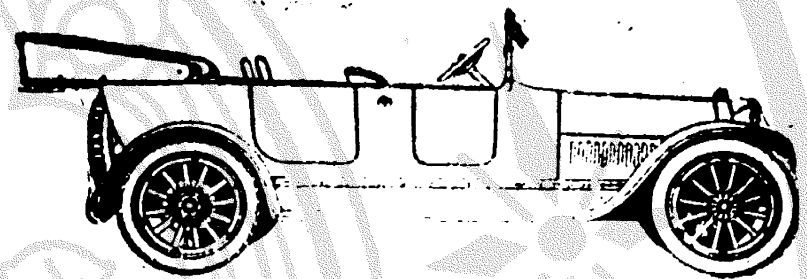
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The Siam Forest Company, Limited, hereby give Notice that under sanction from His Britannic Majesty's Board of Trade, and in accordance with a resolution passed at the Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the Company held in London on the 20th November, 1917 and confirmed as a Special Resolution at an Extraordinary General Meeting held in London on 11th December, 1917, the name of the Company was changed to:—

The Anglo-Siam Corporation, Limited

On 1st April 1918 from which date the Company carries on its business under the new name.

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Liquidator's Notice.

Luang Rama Banjah, Liquidator of the business of A. Markwald & Co., Ltd., begs to notify that further tenders are invited for the purchase of the land and rice mill buildings and machinery known as Messrs. A. Markwald & Co's Rice Mill Property at Ban Ta Wai, including certain fire extinguishing appliances.

Inspection of the mill may be obtained on application at the office of the liquidator.

The title-deed, plans, lists and particulars of the buildings, machinery, &c., may be inspected at the office of the liquidator.

The insurance against fire subsisting on the property shall from the time of sale be for the benefit of the purchaser, subject to the consent of the fire insurance office, and subject to the purchaser paying a proportionate part of the premium for the unexpired term of the insurance.

Tenders for the purchase of the above-mentioned property should be addressed to the liquidator (in sealed envelope marked "Tender for the purchase of Messrs. Markwald's Rice Mill") c/o the Director General of Commerce and Statistics, Ministry of Finance, on the 10th or 11th April 1918, on the latter of which dates the tenders will be opened at 12 noon at the office of the said Director General of Commerce and Statistics. Each tender must be accompanied by a deposit of Tcs. 5,000, which will be returned to the tenderer if his tender is not accepted.

The liquidator disclaims liability for any incorrectness in the title-deed, plans, lists and particulars, or any defect in the property, and does not undertake to accept the highest or any tender.

No tender of less than Tcs. 700,000 will be considered.

Notice of acceptance of any tender will be sent to the successful party. Payment of 25 per cent of the full amount set out in the tender must be made within three days, counting from the date of the receipt of such notice, and payment of the balance within 15 days. On default of any payment within due date, the deposit or the payment of 25 per cent will be forfeited and the property re-sold.

Fees for the formal transfer of the property, and taxes (if any) owing upon same must be borne by the purchaser.

LUANG RAMA BANJAH.

Liquidator.

The Registry of Partnerships and Companies, Ministry of Justice, Bangkok, 25th March 1918.

28-10 A.

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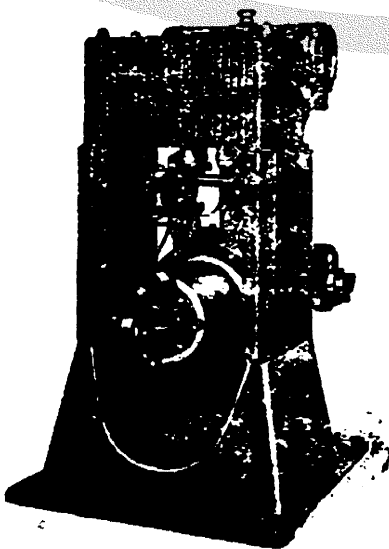
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THE GREAT BATTLE.

The lack of telegraphic news during the past two days makes the exact situation very difficult to gauge but what little has come through indicates that the position is easier and that the Germans are being held. Hindenburg's rash boast that he would be in Paris by April 1st has certainly not been fulfilled and the German claims regarding the number of prisoners taken, as Mr. Perry Robinson the war-correspondent says, are absurd. It is true that at various points the Franco-British forces have been forced to retire and have suffered severe losses but counter-attacks have restored many of the positions that were taken in the first great enemy rush.

The morale of the Anglo-French troops under the pressure of German attack has been superb. The men have fought, and are fighting, magnificently and have caused the enemy to pay a price out of all proportion to the smallness of his gains and the heroes of the New Armies are proving themselves worthy successors to those "Old Contemptibles" who won the admiration of the world at the retreat from Mons. A feature of this momentous battle has been the wonderful spirit of comradeship shown by the Anglo-French forces who have shared dangers and difficulties, hardships and discomforts in a truly heroic manner.

It is too early to speak yet of the enemy's failure for the great battle is by no means at an end and there is no doubt that he will strain every nerve and use up the whole of his resources in the endeavour to gain his ends. This morning's Havas wire speaks of the front on the Somme and Oise being "relatively quiet" but this may be only a lull in the storm while the enemy is bringing up reserves of heavy artillery. The first force of the offensive seems to have spent itself and the enemy's bombardment is not so intense as it was. The Allies await the issue of the contest with confidence for the whole experience of the war shows that unless the enemy attains his end in the first great rush he very rarely attains it afterwards. Another factor in the Allies' favour is that while the Germans have been most prodigal in the use of their reserves, the Anglo-French have yet many divisions that have not hitherto been thrown into the conflict.

As we said before, there is no indication as yet that the battle is at an end and an Austrian commander has stated that it may be necessary to throw in men who are yet hundreds of miles away—men who, unfortunately, are available because of the Bolshevik treachery to the great cause. It has also been reported that Bulgarian troops will soon be seen on the western front. Britain, France and America, however, are prepared for a protracted struggle and if Germany is to continue to suffer such enormous losses for such small gains her people will soon begin to count the cost.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE *Mata Hari* is due to arrive at daylight on Sunday 7th April to load for Singapore direct.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Paknamphong line is interrupted. Other lines are in good order.

THE Siamese racing ponies Thai Bat, Boon Nak and Sam have been measured and their weights for inches respectively are 7.6, 7.11 and 8.8.

THE s.s. *Kuala* will leave from the Borneo Company's wharf at 4 p.m. sharp, on Friday the 5th inst., and should arrive in Singapore on Tuesday daylight.

MR. Beranger who bought a menu card for Tcs. 4,000 at the auction sale after the entertainment at the Theatre Royal on Tuesday, was the recipient of a signed photograph from His Majesty the King this morning.

THE Socialists in the Diet of the Duchy of Saxony-Meiningen have introduced a Bill the object of which is to compel the reigning duke to devote the profits of his private estate to the war funds. The duke is one of the richest of the German princes, and brother-in-law of the Kaiser.



Court Circular.

GRAND PALACE.

Wednesday, April 3.

To-day at 3 p.m. His Majesty the King proceeded in State procession from Bhannumad Chattran Palace to the Chapel Royal. On arriving at the Western Gate of the Chapel, The King proceeded on foot through the courtyard to the Chapel Royal, where the ceremony of taking the Oath and Drinking of the Water of Allegiance took place in due form.

After the service, The King returned in procession and alighted at the entrance of the western courtyard of Amarindra Hall. Here, having assumed his overmantle, His Majesty, entered the Sanam Chandra Pavilion and lit the candles and incense, paying homage to his August Predecessors. Then having doffed his overmantle His Majesty entered Baisai Hall, where he heard the Oath administered to the Ladies of the Royal Family and the consorts of the Royal Princes and officials, after which the ceremony was brought to a close.

At the ceremony of taking the Oath and Drinking of the Water of Allegiance to-day, His Majesty the King was graciously pleased to confer upon His Excellency Chao Phya Surasitha, Minister of the Interior, additional insignia of honour due to the rank of Chao Phya having his style and title engraved on a silver tablet.

Opium Smuggling.

An important seizure of illicit opium was effected yesterday afternoon by officials of the Customs and Opium departments.

About 2 p.m. yesterday Phra Binich Bogakar of the Opium Department and Mr. Knox of the Customs boarded the Norwegian steamer *Skuld* which was lying at Bangkok to search for opium. After a long and fruitless search in different parts of the ship, the officers went into the engine room and instituted a thorough overhaul of it and this time their efforts were rewarded by the discovery of 2,960 taels of raw opium hidden under the propeller shaft.

No owner, of course, came forward to claim the opium and it was therefore removed to the Opium Department.

According to the present price of opium in Bangkok the "find" is valued at Tcs. 28,500.

The *Skuld* arrived here from Hongkong a few days ago.

Royal Turf Club.

Saturday's Handicaps.

1st Race	2nd Race
4 1/2 furlongs H'dcp.	4 1/2 furs. H'dcp.
Tratayaron 8.0	Ikavaku 6.11
Mahalek 7.5	The Worst 5.0
Dao Leong w.f.i.	White Star 7.12
Hong Ron 5.9	Fai Fa Luang 5.6
Gambler 8.3	Don't Stop 6.7
Thai Bat w.f.i.	Mu Deng 4.5
Vongin 7.9	
Sam w.f.i.	
Dawkrak 5.3	
Thabarna 7.12	
Dhow Harn 6.5	
4th Race	5th Race
6 furlongs.	5 furs. H'dcp.
Lily E. 7.7	Bhisavadi 9.11
Amita 5.7	Miss Cue 7.0
Silver Cross 8.0	Di Chan 8.0
Bhisawong 9.6	Miss McGiggie 4.7
Boomerang 9.8	Tou Ton 5.0
Sunflower 8.11	
Sandfly 6.6	
6th Race	7th Race
6 furs. H'dcp.	6 furs. H'dcp.
Gladya C. 9.12	Unchon 7.8
Royal Page 9.5	Pootalay 8.0
Pop Gun 9.0	Gambler 8.7
Bandon 5.6	Thai Bat w.f.i.
(late Buffalo Bill)	Bisith 7.0
Moment 8.6	Boonnak w.f.i.
	Dhow Harn 6.7

The French Red Cross.

The following is the list of prizes and winning numbers of the lottery drawn in favour of the French Red Cross.

- 1st Prize: Buick Motor Car, ticket No. 576 won by Phra Sophon Phecharat (Kim Sang Lee).
- 2nd Prize: Tcs. 2,500.—cash, ticket No. 67 won by Mr. Nabaa.
- 3rd Prize: Renommée Bronze Statue, No. 1,827, won by Mr. M. Beranger.
- 4th Prize: Three Savres Biscuit Groups, ticket No. 1,311, won by Yong Lee Guan.
- 5th Prize: Calcutt Motor Cycle, No. 2,660, won by Mr. Nila Hiorth.
- 6th Prize: Gold Watch Bracelet No. 2,562, won by Mr. Sooy Boon Sang.

Transfer of Enemy Property.

Important Judgment by the Civil Court.

H. H. Prince Bidayalong-karana, The Custodian of enemy property; Phra Nard Mondadul, The liquidator of the firm of Falck and Beidek; and Luang Rama Banja, The liquidator of A. Markwald & Co. Plaintiff.

Nang Plank, the guardian of Nai Fak, Nai Charlie, Nai Nao, Nang Sao Lee and Nang ao Pao. Defendants.

In this case the plaintiffs claim the right to have and hold in custody the land and building in Chartered Bank Lane (Title deed No. 2672) and the mortgage interests in the land and building at Sarnbandawongsa (Title deed No. 655) alleging that they belonged to one Charles Kramer, a German subject. Charles Kramer had actually transferred them to defendants so as to evade lawful seizure in the event of war breaking out between Siam and Germany. The plaintiffs now ask for the declaration that the transfers be made null and void.

The defendants contend that the said property had been legally and properly transferred to them before the declaration of war. The defendants are Siamese subjects and owners of the property.

The facts not in dispute are as follows:

1. Charles Kramer is an enemy subject interned and deported to India. Defendants are children of Kramer and Nang Plank born in Siam. They are not registered in the German Consulate.

2. On the 15th day of June 1917 Kramer made legal transfers to the defendants the following property:

(a) The land and building of the firm of Falck & Beidek estimated at the value of Tcs. 100,000 (without the goods and stock in trade of the firm.)

(b) The mortgage interest in the land and building at Sarnbandawongsa of A. Markwald & Co., for the value of Tcs. 200,000.

(c) A piece of land at Sadhorn district about 14 rai in area.

(d) 100 shares of the Bangkok Dock & Co. to the value of Tcs. 10,000.

(e) 1,344 shares of the Meklong Railway to the value of Tcs. 134,400.

3. All the above transfers were made in favour of Nang Plank as guardian of the defendants, three of whom are studying in London.

4. After the transfers, Charles Kramer still remained in possession of the said premises and carried on his usual trade under the firm name of Falck & Beidek as if he were the owner up to the date of the declaration of war on the 22nd day of July 1917.

5. In consequence of the declaration of war and by virtue of the Law forbidding trade with enemy subjects, the land and building of Falck & Beidek and the mortgaged property are attached and held by the plaintiffs.

6. No claim had ever been made on behalf of the defendants before the entry of this case.

It appears from the evidence produced by the plaintiffs that about the time of making the transfers i.e. in June 1917, most of the Germans including Kramer then, anticipated war to break out in the following month of July. War rumours were at that time most current. As far back as the 18th June 1917 H. Hertka an enemy subject, late manager of Messrs. Alois Schweiger and Co., in drawing advanced salary for the three months, made an entry in the book of the firm thus: "Advance of salary for July, August, September on account of war rumours."

Four pressed copies of Kramer's letters which were found in the strong room of the premises of Falck and Beidek were produced as evidence and identified by witness to be in his handwriting. In a letter (exhibit 1) to Mr. Bedell of Copenhagen which was dated as far as June 10th, 1917 i.e. five days before he made the transfers, he wrote "I thought I would just let you know that everything is quiet so far. Whether conditions will remain so in future seems doubtful. The market is rather disturbed on account of rumours of an impending change. The result may be that I have to close down and have a rest." In a letter to one of his sons (exhibit 2) dated 27th June 1917 he wrote "In Bangkok things are not running smoothly and I am afraid there is going to be trouble." "In any case if the worst happens, it will mean closing up and going on leave. Mother and the boys are quite well and happy. They are now very wealthy people, while you and I are quite poor, but perhaps we shall see happier times again." In a letter to Paulus of the same date (exhibit 3) informing him of the persistent local rumours of an impending change of attitude of this Country, he wrote "Of course no body knows how things will develop, yet to be on the safe side I have had to do all sorts of transac-

tions involving a lot of legal proceedings which take much time in considering and which have kept my mind occupied for some considerable time. However I have safeguarded my interests as far as possible and am waiting developments not just with ease but certainly with much concern as I would, if I had sat quiet and done nothing." In a letter to Mr. Waldburger of the same date the 27th June 1917 (exhibit 4) he said "there are persistent rumours about locally of an anticipated change of attitude similar to that adopted by Muang Chin (i.e. China) some time ago."

Further we have the evidence that on the 18th day of June 1917 i.e. three days before he effected various transfers of property already referred to, he drew out an extraordinary large sum of money in cash from both his private account as well as the account of the firm of Falck and Beidek in the Siam Commercial Bank Ltd. to the total amount of Tcs. 222,000 without giving any reason whatsoever and no entry was even then made in the book of the firm. When the liquidator and his auditor went through the books and accounts of the firm they discovered this item. When he was brought up to explain matters in September 1917, Charles Kramer admitted that he had drawn out himself, and contended by saying that it was his own money; but beyond that he refused to say anything. He asked leave however to enter this item into his book, and when granted, he made the entry in its proper place as if the cash was drawn out of the firm on the 16th June 1917.

By the rule of Law a person may dispose of his property in any manner he pleases: he may sell, exchange or give it away. But a transaction which is on the face of it perfectly legal may yet be illegal if the purpose for which it is made is contrary to the Law or public policy. A transaction which is valid between the parties may yet be unenforceable against a third party.

The Law forbidding trade with enemy subjects has, as its preamble says, been enacted in the interests of national defence and of the maintenance of public order to prohibit all trading with the subjects of enemy Countries as well as to preserve, with a view to arrangements to be made at the conclusion of peace, all money and other property belonging to the subjects of enemy in this Country.

Section 6 of the Law reads: "The Minister of Finance shall appoint a custodian of enemy property and order him to attach and hold in custody any movable or immovable property belonging to an enemy subject until the termination of the present war, and thereafter to be dealt with as His Majesty by Royal Decree may direct."

Section 8 reads: "When it appears to the Minister of Finance that the business carried on within the Kingdom by any person, firm or company is, by reason of the enemy nationality or enemy association of that person, firm or company or of the members of that firm or company or any of them or otherwise, carried on wholly or mainly for the benefit of or under the control of persons of enemy nationality, he shall order the said business to be attached and wound up and appoint a liquidator therefor."

According to this law all property which is in fact belonging to an enemy subject may be attached and held in custody. It makes no difference even if the nominal ownership is vested in any person not being of enemy nationality, provided that he holds it for his benefit or subject to his control. If it be construed otherwise, the plain policy of this country would have been easily frustrated by such an enemy scheme of covering his real title and setting up a nominal ownership instead.

The question which we have to determine is whether in reality the said property belongs to an enemy subject or that it is held for his benefit or is subject to his control. The fact that the nominal ownership is in defendants as the transfers were made over to them one month before the war, will not preclude us from enquiring into its real title. The question is one of fact and the onus of proof lies with the plaintiffs to prove that fact.

The evidence in this case shows clearly the purpose for which Charles Kramer made the various transfers. To use his own expressions he did it only to safeguard his own interest. This arrangement was cleverly made with a view to evade attachment in the event of war breaking out.

The defendants are minors. By the Lakmana Bab Fong Section 21 a child cannot sue his parents. The father usually acts as his guardian and does all the legal transactions for him (Cf. the Consolidated Land (No. 1) Act Section 65).

Under the cover of this Law Kramer might on his return take over the property from the defendants without having regard to the nominal transfers which he had made. But such a device cannot be used so as to evade the operation of the Law forbidding trade with enemy subjects.

The counsel for the defence calls no evidence but asks the Court to send out a letter of request to take evidence of Kramer and his clerk Lumm in India where they are now interned. But we see no reason for granting leave to take evidence abroad. Nang Plank signed all the transfer deeds and defended this action on behalf of the defendants. Why did she not come

forward to give evidence for the defence? Nobody knows about this scheme of Kramer better than Nang Plank.

The counsel for the defence has referred to the Lakmana Bab Fong Section 114 and the Consolidated Land (No. 1) Act Sections 59 and 71 in support of his contention that the defendants are the owners, as the property has been properly transferred to them according to the law. This transfer of the property might have been good between Charles Kramer and the defendants who were parties to the transaction, but this cannot be held to override the provisions of the Law forbidding trade with enemy subjects above referred to. When war is imminent a transfer in fraud of belligerent right is void. Counsel also referred to judgments of the Supreme Dika Court Nos. 527/123, 163/129, 1446/131 and 818/2456, but these cases only deal with the right of the parties to the transaction so that they have no bearing on the present case.

We are of opinion that the property in dispute is an enemy property or otherwise is held for his benefit or under his control. The plaintiffs have the right to attach and hold in custody. We therefore declare that the transfers of land and building in Chartered Bank Lane (Title deed No. 2672) and of the mortgage interest in the land and building at Sarnbandawongsa (Title deed No. 655) by the said Charles Kramer to the defendants are null and void. We make no order for costs as they will come out of Charles Kramer's estate.

(Sd.) PHRA CHINTABHROMYA.
(Sd.) PHRA SUDAMVINCHAI.
(Sd.) LUANG SRI BANJA.

H. H. Prince Bidayalong-karana, The Custodian of enemy property. Plaintiff.

Nang Plank the guardian of Nai Fak, Nai Charlie, Nai Nao, Nang Sao Lee and Nang Sao Pao. Defendants.

In this case the Plaintiff claims the right to hold in custody 100 shares of the Bangkok Dock Co. and 1344 shares of the Meklong Railway, by alleging that they belonged to one Charles Kramer an enemy subject. He asks for a declaration that the transfer of these shares by the said Charles Kramer to the Defendants be made null and void, as it had been done with a view to evade lawful seizure in the event of war breaking out between Siam and Germany.

The defendants contend that they are the owners of the shares, as Charles Kramer had properly effected a transfer in their favour before the declaration of war. The defendants also say that these shares have again been transferred to Doctor Hays.

This case was by consent tried together with the case No. 481/2460 of which a judgment has just been read. The facts as found in that judgment equally apply to this case, as the question to be determined is the same viz. whether these shares are in fact enemy property or that they are held for the benefit of or under the control of an enemy subject. We have found them to be so and accordingly the plaintiff being the custodian of enemy property has, by the Law forbidding trade with enemy subjects the right to attach and hold them in custody. There is another point to be considered—Have these shares been again legally transferred to Doctor Hays, a third party, in good faith and for valuable consideration?

The plaintiff has called the Secretaries of the two companies concerned to give evidence that these shares are still in the names of the Defendants as owners. An attempt by Doctor Hays to have the alleged transfers registered in his name on or about the 22nd of January 1918 had failed. The two companies refused to accept or register the transfers, as these shares have been notified by the plaintiff to be enemy property and have been advised to hold them in their favour. Doctor Hays is one of the Directors of the two companies concerned, he must have had notice of the Custodian as far back as about the end of August 1917, when he attended the Directors meeting of the Bangkok Dock Co. This was nearly five months before he attempted to register the transfers on the 22nd January 1918.

The defendants did not call Doctor Hays to prove their contention.

According to the Law of Partnerships and Companies of 2454, Section 130, as well as the articles of the Companies concerned, no transfers of shares are valid against third persons unless they have been duly registered in the book of the Company. The contention of the defendants on this point therefore fails.

Under these circumstances and for the reasons as set out in the case No. 481/2460 we declare that the transfers of the shares from Charles Kramer to the defendants are null and void.

We make no order for costs as they will be paid out of Charles Kramer's estate.

(Sd.) PHRA CHINTABHROMYA.
(Sd.) PHRA SUDAMVINCHAI.
(Sd.) LUANG SRI BANJA.

[Mr. G. K. Wright for plaintiffs;
Nai Chai for Defendants.]

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THE Great War.

The Great Battle.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, April 2.

On the Oise and the Somme the night has been relatively quiet.

The Anglo-French made progress at several points and took prisoners.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, April 3.

French Communiqué:—The battle continues on the whole front to the north of Mont didier where the enemy artillery is particularly active.

New enemy attacks delivered against Orvennes were all repulsed with heavy losses.

In the course of sharp fighting the Anglo-French troops progressed appreciably at various points between the Somme and Demuin.

Georgia Mobilises.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, April 3.

There is fierce fighting in the districts near Batoum. A large army of Armenians and Georgians has been formed and are opposing the Turks who are attempting the occupation provided by the Treaty of Brest-Litovsk. Georgians have seized most of the Russian warships at Batoum. The whole population of Georgia has mobilised.

The Pope Protests.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, April 3.

A telegram from Rome states that His Holiness the Pope has lodged a protest at Berlin against the bombardment of Paris and especially against the destruction of churches causing wholesale massacres of people.

The Bolo Affairs.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, April 2.

The Court of Cassation has rejected the appeal of Bolo and Porchere.

The Bombardment of Paris.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, April 2.

The big gun has recommenced the bombardment of Paris.

Air-ships Reach Paris.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, April 2.

Two groups of enemy airships crossed our lines and gained Paris but our defense fire obliged them to return.

Clemenceau Under Fire.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, April 2.

M. Clemenceau has returned to the front and is greatly animated by the enthusiasm of the troops. His motor-car while in the first line was struck by projectiles and its windows were broken.

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The Hoa Eng Yong Chin Huey begs to acknowledge with thanks receipt of the following sums to the above Fund to-date.

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The Bangkok Library.

The following is a list of books received at the Bangkok Library.

Anon.—The Book of Artemas.
Bennett, Arnold.—Books and Persons.
Blathwayt, Raymond.—Through Life and Round the World.
Conrad, Joseph.—A Personal Record.
Hankey, Donald.—A Student in Arms.
Lloyd George.—The Man and His Story by Frank Dinnot.
Mackenna, Robert W.—The Adventure of Death.
Nichols, Robert.—Ardours and Sadness.
Wright, Arnold.—Early English Adventures in the East.
Yeats, W. B.—Poems.
Anon.—Helen of Four Gates.
Bloch, Regina M.—The Swine Gods.
Dunsany, Lord.—Plays of Gods and Men.

F. O. O.—The Wordly Hope.
Farnol, J. Fery.—The D-finite Object.
Hine, Mariel.—Autumn.
Jesse, F. Tennyson.—Secret Bread.
London, Jack.—Jerry of the Islands.
Orczy, Baroness.—A Sheaf of Bluebells.
"Bapper."—No Man's Land.
Stacpool, H. de Vere.—In Blue Waters.

Steel, Flora A.—Marmaduke.
Stevens, E. S.—The Safety Candle.
Sullivan, J. W. N.—An Attempt at Life.
Vachell H. A.—Fishpingle.
Wagh Alec.—Loom of Youth.
Wyllie, I. A. R.—The Temple of Dawn.

Books Presented.

Barnes-Grundy, Mabel.—Hilary On Her Own.
Bartlett, Frederick O.—The Prodigal Pro Tem.
Broughton, Rhoda.—A Thorn in the Flesh.

Green, Anna K.—Dark Hollow.
Hungerford, Mrs.—Lovice.
Johnston, Mary.—The Wanderers.
Locke, William J.—The Red Planet.
Macnaughtan, Sarah.—Selah Harrison.
Pryor, Mrs. Roger A.—The Colonel's Story.

Reynolds, Mrs. Baillie.—The Idea of March.
" " " Out of the Night.
" " " The Supreme Test.

" " " Thalassa.
Sedgwick, Anne D.—The Shadow of Life.
Winter, John Strange.—A Magnificent Young Man.
" " " The Other Wife.

Holme, Heinrich.—Pictures of Travel—2 vols.
Shelley, Percy B.—Poems.
Wordsworth, William.—Poems.

Insult to Kaiser.

Amsterdam, Jan. 13th.—On purchasing a diary at a book shop at Schwyz, in West Prussia, Charles Davis, an Englishman, who had been permitted to leave the Russian internment camp to work for a relative at Schwyz, tore out the title page with the Kaiser's portrait on one side and a school time table on the other, remarking: "That's not wanted here. That can come out." The result was a prosecution before the Graudenz Criminal Court, on a charge of displaying anti-German sentiments. Davis asserted that he had not torn out the page on account of the Kaiser's portrait, but on account of the time table. The Court confirmed the Low Court's acquittal, holding that the intention of an anti-German demonstration was not proved.

Steel for Ships.

Tokio, Mar. 3.—An arrangement for the supply of steel from America on the basis as already reported may be considered practically concluded.

The American demand for 200,000 tons of shipping by April cannot possibly be complied with owing to three ships which can be completed by that time being already contracted for sale or charter. The American Ambassador has been approached on the point and he expressed no doubt that favourable consideration would be given to the shipbuilders.

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(The Kaiser.)

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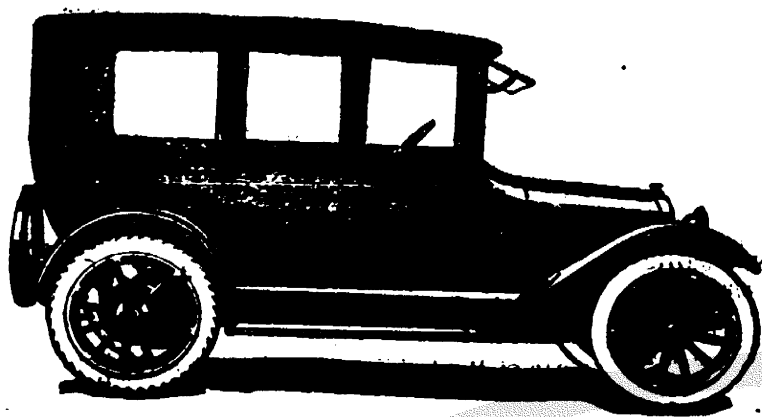
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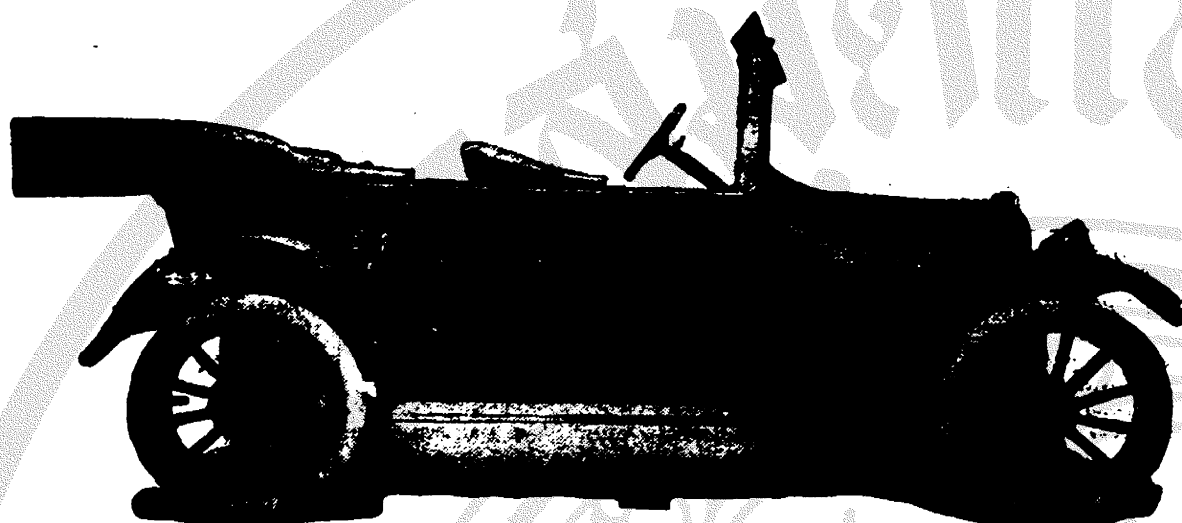
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General Wire News.

London, Mar. 28.—Wireless German Official: Our armies engaged are slowly progressing in the attack on both banks of the Somme.

London, Mar. 27.—The Press bureau says: Our troops during (Tuesday) night were pressed back a short distance on both banks of the Somme. We, early this Wednesday morning, are holding a line approximately Rosieres, Barbonniere, Sully le sec Mericourt l'Abbe, thence to the Ancre to the railway embankment southwest. We occupy Albert. The Germans on Tuesday afternoon crossed the Ancre near Mesnil. Our counter-attacks drove them back across the river. The position is unchanged north of this point. We counter-attacked this morning north of the Somme between the angle of the Ancre and the Somme recapturing Morlaucourt, and Chilly. Simultaneously we advanced our line south of the river to Proyart. A fresh Guard division was brought up and attacked in the neighbourhood of Bucquoy but made no impression. The enemy made a number of other heavy attacks to-day north and south of the Somme. The latest information is that he was heavily repulsed. The French are heavily engaged west of Roye and have been forced to give some ground but reinforcements are arriving.

London, March 28.—Field Marshal Haig says the battle was renewed on Wednesday morning north and south of the Somme. There was intense fighting during the day from south of Rosieres to north of Abtainville. Tuesday night's unsuccessful attempt to drive in our line south of the Somme was followed next morning by a series of heavy attacks in the neighbourhood of Rosieres and to the north. All the enemy's assaults at Rosieres were heavily beaten off. Our line was maintained farther north in the earlier part of the day despite great pressure of large forces, but fresh attacks developing later bent back our line a short distance. The latest reports show that counter-attacks completely restored the situation. Fierce fighting resulted from a number of determined attacks between the Somme and Ancre and north and south of Albert.

The enemy forced his way into part of our position south of Albert but a counter-attack regained the lost point. We completely repulsed a further heavy German attack at this point in the afternoon and drove back repeated attempts of the Germans to debouch westwards from Albert inflicting the heaviest casualties. The enemy attacked in the afternoon in great strength at Bucquoy and Abtainville and gained a footing in the latter but at all other points was beaten off with great

loss. Our troops again fought magnificently and heavily threw back the enemy all along the front despite most determined attacks and superiority of numbers. Heavy fighting continues on the whole battlefront.

London, March 28.—Field Marshal Haig reporting on aviation says. There were great concentrations of our aeroplanes to-day over threatened points. Masses of our machines bombed and machine gunned infantry and cavalry. Thirty tons of bombs were dropped and thousands of rounds of ammunition were fired. We brought down twenty German machines in the fighting, two others by anti-aircraft guns. Twelve of ours are missing. Our night fliers continuously attacked troops at Bapaume, Cambrai and Peronne where 25,000 rounds were fired. We dropped twenty-four tons of bombs on important centres of the battle front and also four tons on Valenciennes railway station through which troops trains were passing to the front.

London, March 28.—A French communiqué says the Germans are throwing into the battle new fresh troops and attacks to-day were redoubled with violence east of Montdidier. Our troops several times with admirable tenacity arrested the enemy onslaughts. He succeeded in progressing owing to marked numerical superiority. Equally powerful attacks in the regions of Lassigny and Noyon were completely repulsed and broke before heroic resistance of our regiments.

Paris, March 27.—The military critic of le Journal sums up in these terms the military situation after the first six days of the struggle "We are at the moment of transition. The Germans have only regained territory they lost eighteen months ago. French troops are playing an extremely important part in the battle. Our communiqué speaks of Bray so that our soldiers are intervening throughout the region south of the Somme. Another task no less serious is made plain to them that they must bar the way to any German attempt to advance by the valley of the Oise and to dieloate, as far as possible, the mainpring of the German manoeuvres. We know with what valour they acquitted themselves of this task at Terrier, Chaufny and Noyon. Strongly established on the left bank and to across the river they are holding the enemy in check. Such is the situation after six days fighting. Confronting the loss (having witnessed the loss of the enemy) which now numbers seventy-three divisions, the British armies withdrew. There has been inevitable loss of ground and material. Under the tremendous shock the line had to bend or be broken. Our Allies retreated keeping close contact with each unit. The superiority of their aviation is striking proof of their moral. The excellent comradeship between French and Eng-

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Klong Toi "	7.15	10.15	1.30	4.30	*Ban Nang Greng "	8.35	11.35	2.50	5.50
Sala Deng "	7.22	10.22	1.38	4.38	*Maha Wong "	8.40	11.40	2.55	5.50
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lish on the right wing is another proof of their audacious fraternal feelings. In short we are witnessing the first phase of an immense battle."

Colonel Egli in the Basler Nachrichten on March 26 publishes this significant statement upon the German offensive: "The new successes the Germans have gained have been serious but they are not sufficient to have a decisive influence. The attack would have to be pursued till the British resistance was completely broken; besides the large French reserves have not yet intervened. If the German High Command has had to pay very dear for its early success, it will be seen to lack perhaps necessary strength for completion of the work begun."

Another continental view is that of the Madrid press which almost unanimously comments upon the development of the battle of the Somme in terms favourable to the Allies. It considers that the retreat at the first under a hail of fire and shell was inevitable. That gain of territory however appreciable it may be means nothing to the army making the offensive if it does not reach its double goal of separating the Franco-British armies and exhausting them and so gaining its strategic end. The example of Verdun is recalled when one witnesses Germany gaining miles of territory and France winning the victory.

Paris, Mar. 28.—A most remarkable part in the battle is being played by our aviators. Squadrons and groups of Squadrons drove off enemy machines and attacked marching infantry, artillery, munitions depots and railway and dropped daily fifteen tons of bombs poured thousands of machine-gun rounds into infantry almost brushing the ground in their attacks. Fires were caused in munition parks and on important railways. Observation balloons and numerous aeroplanes were destroyed.

London, Mar. 28.—The death is announced of the composer Claude Debussy.

London, Mar. 28.—Wireless German Official: Our attack between the Somme and the Aisne captured villages which were toughly defended.

London, Mar. 28.—A French communiqué says the enemy continuing his push with powerful forces in the region of Montdidier attempted this morning to extend his gains west and south of Montdidier, but with magnificent dash our troops counter-attacked with the bayonet and ejected the enemy from Courtemarck, Meuilly St. Georges and Assainvillers which we carried and solidly hold. This advance exceeds two kilometres deep on a front of twelve.

On the front Lagny Noyon and south of the Meuse bitter fighting gave the enemy no advantage our troops holding vigorously.

London, March 28.—Mesopotamia Official: We carried out on March 26 a highly successful operation on the Euphrates north-west of Hit leading to the capture or destruction of virtually

the entire Turkish force in that area. We early in the morning attacked positions about Khan Baghdadieh twenty-two miles north-west of Hit, our cavalry making a wide movement around the Turkish right and establishing itself astride the Aleppo road in the enemy's rear. By nightfall the main positions were carried by assault. The enemy's main body in attempting to break northwest was intercepted by our cavalry and repulsed with heavy losses. So far it is reported three thousand were taken prisoner including a divisional commander and two hundred other Turkish officers. A German officer and a few German non-coms, ten guns, two thousand rifles, many machine-guns and six hundred animals were also taken. The remaining fugitives were pursued beyond Haditha forty-five miles northwest of Hit. Our casualties were very slight.

London, March 28.—Field Marshal Haig reports heavy fighting during the day along the whole British line from south of the Somme to northwest of Arras a battlefield extending for fifty-five miles. This morning the enemy after an intense bombardment and covered by a smoke cloud opened a fresh attack in great strength on a wide front north and south of the Scarpe. Simultaneously he delivered a series of powerful attacks all along our line southward of the Somme. The enemy in the new sector of battle eastward of Arras succeeded in forcing his way through our outpost line. There was hard fighting all day in our battle positions. All assaults were heavily repulsed. Fierce fighting is still proceeding southward of the Scarpe.

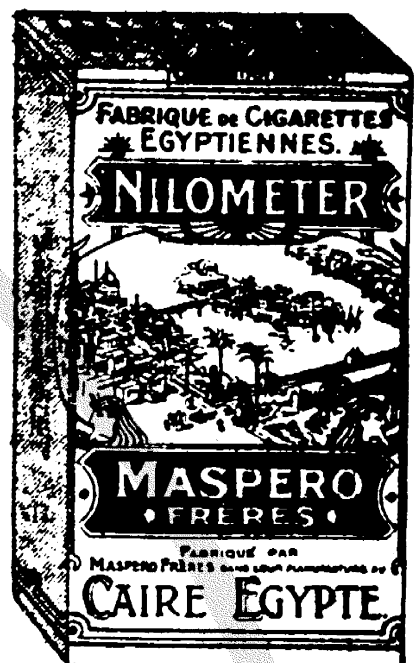
We beat off repeated and determined assaults at Boyelles, Moyenneville, Ablainzeville, Bucquoy, Puisieux. The enemy succeeded in forcing his way into Dernancourt a second time. Our counter-attack drove him out killing and taking prisoner many.

We have been fiercely engaged all day south of the Somme in the neighbourhood of Arvillers, Vrely, Hamel. Some localities frequently changed hands after bitter fighting but our positions were substantially maintained.

Heavy fighting continues. London, March 28.—Reuters's correspondent at Headquarters wiring on the evening of March 28 says wintry weather has arrived. A break in the east wind and a sinking of the glass is threatening snow. Heavy fighting developed this morning the Germans launching two attacks against Arras, one north the other south of the Scarpe. The former quickly died down but the latter assumed serious proportions. By eleven o'clock dense German waves under cover of a tremendous bombardment made some advance. We exacted a terrible price as the valley of the Scarpe from the Blangy to Roeux affords a good field of fire for machine-guns while our batteries posted on the ridges northwards swept all the terrain.

Further south we have been attacking but details have not transpired.

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Respecting the enemy claims as to captured artillery it transpires the Germans included all light artillery mounted in tanks which they captured. It is noteworthy in this connection that the male tank carries two guns, thus the claims are heavily discounted.

London, March 29.—Field Marshal Haig reporting on aviation says: Large bodies of our aeroplanes again yesterday carried out low flying operations. Aeroplanes dropped over thirty tons of bombs and fired a quarter of a million rounds inflicting severe casualties, delaying the enemy in bringing up troops and ammunition.

In airfighting we brought down twenty-four Germans, destroyed two balloons. Nineteen of ours are missing. It is believed some of these landed within our lines. Anti-aircraft gun-fire accounted for the greater portion of our casualties. We continued our night bombing of Bapaume, Bray, and Peronne with the utmost vigour and dropped over a thousand bombs and fired thousands of rounds at good targets which were plentiful and easily visible in the moonlight. Our pilots saw bombs bursting in the middle of columns of troops, transport and encampments. Four of our machines are missing.

We dropped over a ton of bombs on Sablon station at Metz on March 27. Good bursts were seen on sidings. We successfully raided Luxembourg station on March 28 dropping twenty-one heavy bombs of which several burst upon objectives. All machines returned.

London, March 28.—The significant French withdrawal in the region of Montdidier, constituting a retirement of eight miles, is important news, as Montdidier as a railway junction is of undoubted importance. On the other hand the French success near Hainville is a hopeful sign that the enemy advantage around Montdidier may be retrieved.

Washington, March 28.—As regards Mr. Lloyd George's message which is stimulating America to renewed efforts, it is stated the Government is straining every resource and confidently hopes to place over a million troops on the western front in the present year.

London, Mar. 28.—Wireless German Official: The English again brought up fresh divisions from other fronts. We drove back the enemy northwest of Bapaume from the old crater positions in the direction of Buequont and Hainville. The enemy fought fruitlessly with special stubbornness for the reconquest of Albert. Strong attacks accompanied by tanks sanguinarily broke down on the slopes west of Albert. Our divisions broke through at many points south of the Somme driving back the Anglo-French into a

region untouched by the war since 1914. The Crown Prince's victorious troops in their uninterrupted attack have penetrated sixty kilometres from St. Quentin across the Somme and pushed forward yesterday reaching Pierrepont. They captured Montdidier. Our losses generally are within normal limit though heavier at some vital points. It is estimated 60 to 70 per cent. are slightly wounded. Artillery battalions have increased in violence in Lorraine.

Paris, Mar. 28.—M. Clemenceau returning from the front where he spent the day with the President Poincaré of the Republic informed the Ministers of the military situation at a meeting yesterday morning held under the presidency of President Poincaré. The Premier's impression was satisfactory. He stated that since Tuesday night the enemy's effort had been slackening. Afterwards the Premier explained before the committee of the Army and Foreign Affairs that he had been in

touch with the French and British command since the first day of the fight and informed them of the measures taken in agreement with the British Commander-in-Chief and General Foch for ensuring the effective unity and direction of operations. He also stated that the time for action of the Allies' reserves was nearing and we may entertain the hope that the Allies will wrest from the enemy the benefit of the gains he has obtained only at a cost of tremendous human loss, whilst on our side people will be astonished said M. Clemenceau when they know the small number of divisions engaged as also the slight losses sustained. No gun and no machine gun has been lost. The Government will control the direction of operations minutely and strictly, M. Loucheur, Minister of Armament being actually near the High Command for that purpose.

The situation seems hopeful as M. Clemenceau said though serious. The result anticipated by the enemy has not

been obtained, the attempt to separate the French forces from the British having failed. The slight gap made south of Saint Quentin by a surprise attack on the fifth British army was soon filled up. It is obvious the race towards Amiens and the sea has considerably slackened and even on many points, the German rush has been checked, at the same time the width of action is reduced to about one third as the first attack between Oronville and La Fere which developed on ground of no less than 85 kilometres is to-day concentrated between Albert and Laungy.

It seems that the Germans have weakened and the drive will still subsist only through fresh reserves constantly being thrown into the battle thus diminishing the possibility for the enemy to engage in further operations.

On the contrary the Allies have kept all their reserves at their disposal to be used when the time comes. To sum

up the situation the general impression is the enemy made a maximum and gigantic effort but as on the Marne and at Verdun our troops simply sustained the shock without breaking. The counter action will come in time.

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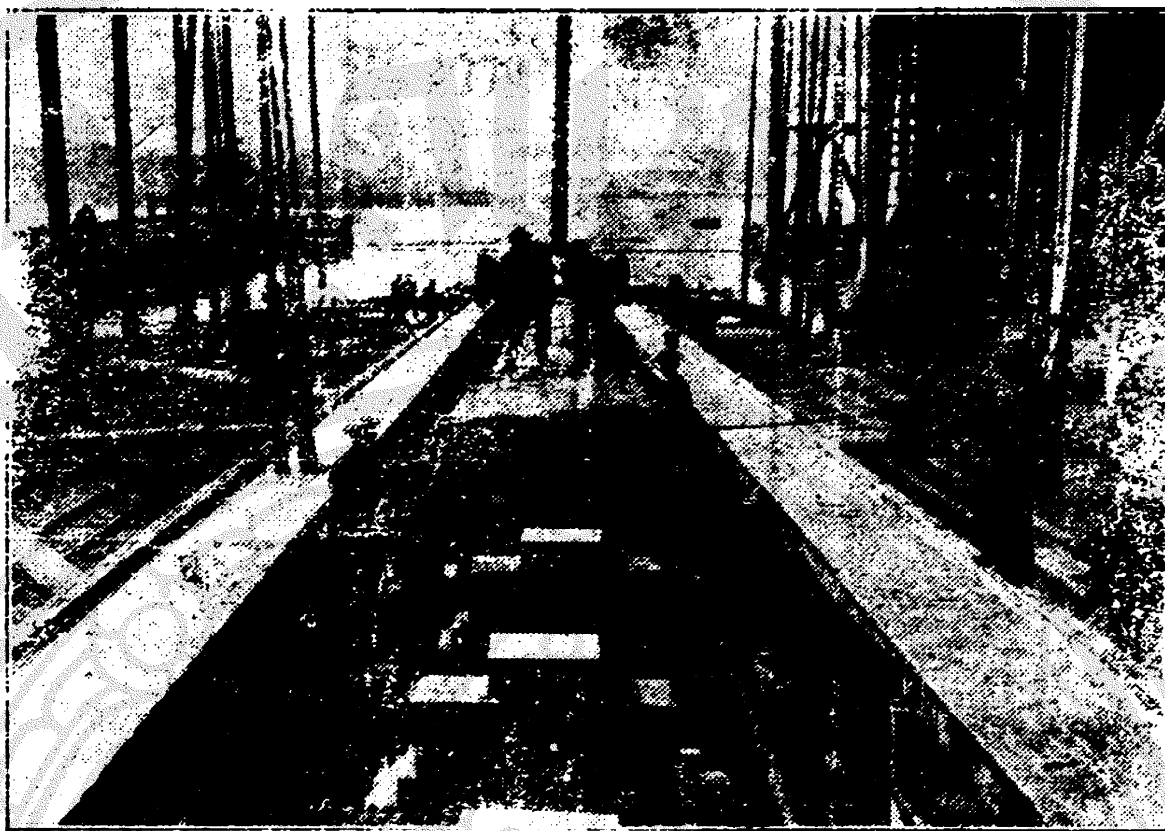
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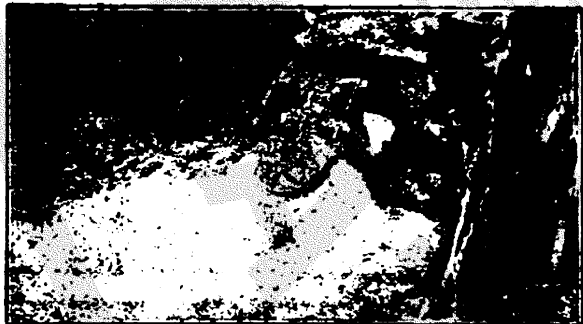


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