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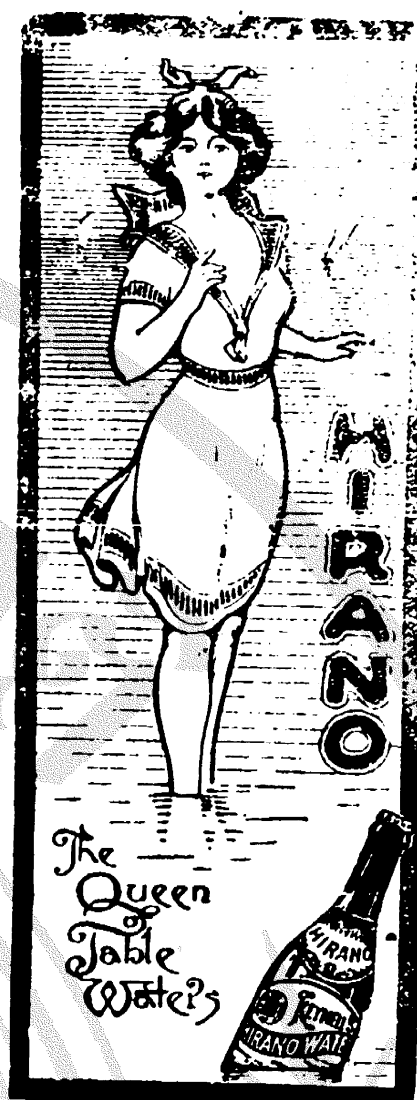
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DEPTH OF WATER ON THE
BANGKOK BAR.
FOR March 1917.

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

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

PHASES OF THE MOON.
Mar. 9th O Full Moon 4 h 40 m a.m.
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" 23rd O New Moon 10 h 47 m a.m.
" 28th) First Quarter 5 h 18 m p.m.

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|------------------------|-----------|----------------|---------|------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----|
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| | | I. | III. V. | | | VI. | VJ. |
| | | A.M. P.M. P.M. | | | | A.M. P.M. | |
| Km. Bangkok Dep. | 8.30 | 12.30 | 4.30 | Km. Meklong Dep. | 8.35 | 12.35 | |
| 33.1 Mahachai | | | | 33.8 Terminus Arr. | 9.55 | 1.55 | |
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| | | I. | III. V. | | | II. | IV. VI. |
| | | A.M. P.M. | | | | A.M. A.M. P.M. | |
| Km. B. Hlame | 10.20 | 2.20 | | Km. Mahachai | 6.45 | 10.45 | 2.45 |
| Terminus Dep. | | | | Terminus Dep. | | | |
| 33.8 Meklong Arr. | 11.40 | 3.40 | 33.1 | Bangkok Arr. | 8.08 | 12.05 | 4.05 |

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awaits the further development of a situation which a rupture of diplomatic relations has in no wise solved.

The leaders who direct the destinies of this country are already fully prepared for the state of belligerency; they are anxious only concerning the expression of that belligerency; an expression which will necessarily very largely depend on the measures which America herself adopts and the extent to which she will bind herself not only to wage war in common with the Allies but to make peace in common with them as well.

* We adhere to the view that if America declares war on Germany and if China follows that lead, it will be incumbent on the Peking Government to do more than merely associate itself with the Washington Government, since that association will not lay any of the original signatories of the Pact of London under direct obligations to be liquidated at the Peace Conference or afterwards—which should be one of the principal aims and objects of Peking diplomacy.

In other words, in our view, a state of technical belligerency cannot have anything truly constructive about it, armed assistance being the only argument which is categorical and absolute. Even Chinese man-power, although an extremely valuable asset, can be of very little use if placed at the disposal of America since that country has immense resources which are already fully developed and which have no grievous gaps made by war; whereas Chinese man-power, if placed at the disposal "by separate protocols" of Russia, of France, and of England, can work miracles, there being no limit to the extent of that man-power or to the diplomatic results it can achieve in such chosen fields. We know that these three nations would gladly take in wholesale quantities what they have so far been able to obtain only in modest amounts; and that each and all of them would bind themselves singly and jointly to co-operate with China after the war in securing a complete re-casting of the Treaties which regulate the politico-economic relationship between this country and the world.

But there is more. So far no one has gone beyond suggesting the general mobilisation of Chinese labour battalions, some of which we know are already at work on the Tigris, building

docks and thereby contributing very materially to the vastly improved position in Mesopotamia. But it does not do credit to the stature of the Chinese giant or to the qualities of the Chinese intellect for Chinese to remain internationally mere hewers of wood and drawers of water; it is imperative that if this nation goes to war she should actually fight, as the experience of the past five years shows what she can do with skill and science. . . . There is no other action which will have such decisive influence; there is no other such consummate move; and for it there is a good and excellent precedent. In 1855, when Italy was still a geographical expression and without any political unity, Cavour, the great Italian statesman, played that master-stroke successfully. As Prime Minister of the small Kingdom of Sardinia, ruled over by the House of Savoy, he offered to the French and British, then engaged in the Crimean War against Russia, a small and well-equipped contingent of 1,500 men, who fought victoriously against the Russians at Sebastopol, and as a result won the permanent friendship of France and England and materially hastened the work of uniting Italy under one sovereign.

China has many problems to solve after the war, and she cannot make too many war-friends; when solutions have to be worked out it is mass-pressure which is decisive. The evacuation of Shantung may yet be won as the evacuation of the Liaotung was in 1895 by a cash redemption which cannot amount to less than twelve millions sterling, but which will be very cheap at the price. By retaining in her own hand the initiative, and carefully avoiding all commitments which expose her to exploitation, China, acting step by step with America, can at last march out of the dense undergrowth of intrigue which has been for too long rendering her progress impossible. There is much to do, there are many complications and difficulties to be faced. But the nation that two thousand years ago made the silks which clothed the daughters of Caesars and which has survived the fall of countless dynasties, has nothing to fear in the Twentieth Century if she remains calm and true. —Peking Gazette.

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BENEFACTIONS OF SCIENCE.

The horrors of war before the discovery of anaesthetics and the antiseptic treatment of wounds are things too dreadful to contemplate. But since then science has intervened to alter for the better much of the old order of things. For example, operations that the average person would have declared to be impossible are being performed to-day painlessly on shattered faces, with the result that even in very bad cases the features have been restored to sightlines. In the hospitals there has been close and constant co-operation between the surgeons and dentists. An operation so frequently performed as to be quite ordinary is that of grafting into the lower jaw a portion of bone cut from the tibia. An American surgeon, Dr. Alexis Carrel, as the result of assiduous experiment, has invented a new method for the treatment of septic wounds. The method is regarded as a most notable addition to surgical science, and it is being gradually adopted in all the military hospitals. A feature of this method is the daily microscopic count of the germs in a given wound. These germs are obtained from a certain area of the wound, placed under a microscope, and counted, and it is by means of this count that the progress of healing is gauged. To-day there may be less germs than there were yesterday; tomorrow the number may again be less. Thus the diminishing rate of suppuration is determined and established, and as this part of the work can be quite effectually carried out by his skilled assistants, the surgeon in charge of a case can, almost without it being necessary for him to examine the wound, know, by the count having fallen to a certain number, that it can safely be closed. By applied science of this high order, by an admirable hospital system, and by very excellent and efficient ambulance organisation, the wounded are spared a vast amount of suffering that would have been entailed upon them even only a few years ago. As will be seen in an article which appears in another column, Dr. Laveran, the celebrated French physician, has now discovered the bacillus of the deadly gas gangrene, and is experimenting with a view to preparing a serum that shall act as an effectual antitoxin against this particular virus. It is to be hoped that he will speedily be successful, and that gas gangrene will be combatted in future by a thoroughly effective antidote. Scientists like Dr. Laveran are deserving of humanity's highest gratitude, though their greatest reward must be their own sense of satisfaction at having been permitted to achieve so much in the service and for the benefit of their fellow-beings.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Turf Club Lotteries take place to-night at 9 o'clock at the Turf Club premises.

THERE will be an agricultural exhibition at Wat Prasri Ratana Maha Thast in the Changwat of Bhisnuloke, which will be open to the public from the 8th to 12th of April next.

PHYA Achirakan Prasiddhi, Director General of Posts and Telegraphs, is now at Mondhol Roi-et. After inspection there he will proceed to Ubon and will not be returning to Bangkok till April.

IT appears that a Chinese named Ah Sun who travelled by the Thaiwan Maru had concealed in three tin boxes, which had been hermetically sealed, opium to the weight of 833 tauntings of the value of Ticals 6,000. The case is now in the Borisaph Court. The opium is Indian.

NEW ads.—Lloyd de France Insurance Co., Ltd. are prepared to accept the usual Fire risks, Marine insurance and War risks. Full particulars may be obtained from Mr. Malcolm Beranger, Chief Agent for Siam. A notice appears in our advertising columns re the firm of A. E. Nana and Co., S. S. c/o this paper has for sale privately Teakwood household furniture especially designed and made by Badman and Con.

**Court Circular.**

DURIT PALACE.
Thursday, March 15th

This afternoon His Majesty the King received in private audience His Excellency Phya Dharmasakdi, Minister for Religious Affairs and Education, on affairs of State.

A Journey From Changwat Surindr.

Khun Vinol Nukorn, the Ayakarn (Grown Prom-cutor) of Changwat Surindr, has just arrived at Bangkok, having left his station on the 4th instant with his family in three buffalo carts (Kwien). He arrived at Korat on the 11th instant, taking seven days to do the journey, which is the average time. On the day of his departure (the 4th) there was some rain at Surindr, and on the way on the 9th they had a big shower. There are a considerable number of Laos who are coming down to Bangkok in search of employment.

Supplies of Rice.**Control of Importation of Rice to Britain.**

The Secretary of the Royal Commission on Wheat Supplies makes the following announcement:-

The Food Controller has decided that the Royal Commission on Wheat Supplies shall control the importation of rice for sale in the United Kingdom.

The trade must take returns for all holdings of rice not arrived and purchased for the United Kingdom on ex-ship or delivered terms which are taken over at c.i.f. price.

Present holders of rice are free to act as agents of the Royal Commission for re-sale of their holdings at prices to be fixed from time to time by the Commission, and they will be paid a brokerage on such sales. The amount of such brokerage will be fixed at a later date by the Commission.

All holders of rice to arrive are required to furnish the Royal Commission on or before February 1, 1917, with full particulars of their holdings of rice and freight engaged for the transport of rice and rice products to this country.

The Sinai Peninsula.

Mr. H. Wilkins, formerly of the United Engineers and now of the City of London Rough Riders serving with the Salonika Army, writes to a friend in Bangkok:- "We have had a strenuous year and our facilities for either writing or posting have been very meagre, as we have been buried away over 100 miles inside the Sinai peninsula, near the Turkish border, since May last. Briefly, since the Gallipoli and Senusi campaign we have been kept hard at it, barring six glorious weeks in barracks at Cairo with brigade polo tournaments and Shepherds' grill. We were there to refit and pick up horses and were pushed off to Sinai (beginning of March) and there we have spent the summer, constantly on the move from the Red Sea to the Mediterranean, right through every bit of the waste which Moses justly termed the wilderness. Our job was to work through and gradually clear the place of enemy troops (they held it last year) and we were consequently always running into bits of trouble of sorts.

As you know, the Turks attacked in force up north during July and August and being on the spot we had the time of our lives, working as a mobile column with the Australian cavalry and camel corps, well away on the flank and rear of the Turks. We took and held for nearly two months two important Turkish bases, and were then relieved and went off on another expedition to the Maghara mountains, entailing a march of 230 miles over heavy drift sand. Having strafed the old Turks there we then got orders to get down to our base for a long promised rest. This occupied over a week's march and we eventually got into a most comfortable camp near the shores of Lake Timah with real tents and all our base kits, which we hadn't seen for six months. Five days after our return we got orders to prepare for departure overseas. Frantic indenting for warm clothing followed, then off to Alexandria, a week or so dodging the wily submarine, now here we are, perched up among the mountains of the Balkans, wondering if we shall ever feel warm or dry again. We are sitting on a hillside, surrounded by snow clad mountains, with a blustering east wind sending the rain down in torrents for days on end."

What Raiding Means.**No Winter Quarters in France.**

The success of the British tactics in the West—continual local aggression and artillery activity—is amply borne out by reports from the German side, gleaned by the *Telegraph* correspondent. Germans on the Ypres front complain bitterly of the trying conditions now obtaining. "Rest—there is none, and the comparatively snug quarters of previous winters, with ample rations, are unknown at the present time. The periods of repose are short, and the spells of duty in the trenches long, and it is impossible to get the water out of the trenches. The Allies are always busy, delivering hot attacks at various points, and shelling the lines often for 24 hours at a stretch. There is no prospect of victory, is the plaint,—and the Allies know it. They have an aim in view; the Germans have merely to hold on. And how long? Rumania seems to have made no difference to the position in Germany! There has been no increase of rations, according to letters from the Vaterland to the front.

While the German rank-and-file are thus, simmering with discontent, the winter is slipping away, and spring is approaching with all its hidden terrors. Men would fain know what is happening behind the Allies' lines, the preparations that are being made for the storm which is to break upon the Germans. Meanwhile the latter are working with feverish activity, putting every foot of ground in a state of defence. Transport to Ypres, Dixmude, and Bruges is very brisk, and quantities of material are being despatched to northern France, for there, it is believed, the decision will be reached.—Ex.

Smoking by Deputy.

The happiest tobacco smoker in England has permanent quarters in a West End tobacconist's shop. He smokes all day without ceasing, except to take in his lips a refilled pipe. He can smoke any mixture, any pipe. He knows nothing of burnt tongue, smoker's vision. He has, indeed, no tongue, nerves, heart, or vision to worry about—he is simply a pair of lips for the eternal inhalation of the divine incense.

The happy smoker is simply a clever, eerie, and rather misanthropic invention of his tobacconist owner. All smokers know how unpleasant are the first few smokes of a new pipe, until it is "broken in." The happy smoker is a mechanical "breaker-in" of customers' new pipes. He is unassuming and retiring in appearance, his facial features are merely an electric switch and a pair of rubber lips. He is, in fact, only an oxidized plate, about the size of a door plate, on the wall of the tobacconist's shop.

"I hate new pipes," says a customer. "That's soon remedied," says the master-tobacconist. He charges the new pipe with tobacco, hands it to an assistant, and says cryptically: "Let Adolphus smoke this pipe three times," and to the customer, "Come back in an hour, please."

"Adolphus" is worked by a piston and bellows arrangements, driven by electricity. The sight of a plaque in a wall, with a pair of rubber lips, puffing away with apparent gusto at a briar pipe, making the exhalations of serene enjoyment, is the funniest and most uncanny of sights.

Fryatt Memorial.

The Special Committee which is administering the Captain Fryatt Memorial Fund has been gratified to receive the following letter from Rome, accompanied by Two Hundred Guineas to the Memorial:—

"It is with pleasure that we associate ourselves, not only as Shipbuilders but also as Proprietors of the *Societa Nazionale Italian di Navigazione*, to the erection of a Memorial in honour of the brave martyr 'Captain Charles Fryatt,' who was a victim of the ferocious enemy for having gallantly done what he considered to be his duty in trying to save the steamer under his command, a deed which ought to have had the admiration even of the barbarous enemy and which will always remain a standard of the gallantry of the Mercantile Naval Officers and men who, without seeking glory are doing daily their duty in the dangerous task entrusted to them.

Therefore we have the pleasure to enclose two hundred guineas, of which one hundred are on behalf of the *Societa Anonima Italiana Gio. Ansaldo and C.* and one hundred on behalf of the *Societa Nazionale di Navigazione*.

A letter of thanks has been returned for this generous contribution. The Memorial, which has been organised by the Imperial Merchant Service Guild, Liverpool, will take the form of a permanent Memorial, and a Fund for the purposes of alleviation of cases of suffering and distress, primarily those due to the war, arising amongst the members of the profession to which Captain Fryatt belonged, or their dependents. If so desired contributions may be earmarked for one object or the other.

Another recent contribution through the medium of the Liverpool Underwriters Association is that of a thousand francs from the *Comite Des Assureurs Maritimes De Paris*. This has been supplemented by an additional contribution of £100 from the Liverpool Underwriters Association.

M. Herve and President Wilson.

President Wilson's January discourse on peace is the subject of a brilliant editorial by M. Gustave Herve in "Victoire," translated by an American contemporary published in Paris. M. Gustave Herve is the daring anti-militarist Socialist writer in the "Guerre Sociale" of pre-war days. He made an open minded recantation of some of his former views, "when the Germans' lust for devastation and plunder was demonstrated in their last aggression." He satirically remarks that what Mr. Wilson asked for then is almost all that the Allies' Note demands! He says:

"And if the two Kaisers of Berlin and Vienna refuse, as is certain, 'the peace without victory' offered them by Mr. Wilson—because to accept it is to repudiate to themselves, to give a slap in the face to their entire history, and, at least for Austria, to commit suicide—will Mr. Wilson continue to remain neutral in face of the strangulation of Belgium? He wants to found the international gendarmerie. When? Tomorrow? It is not needed to-day. We are the gendarmerie of the nations struggling with the disturbers of the public peace of Europe; if Mr. Wilson, after the violation of Belgian neutrality, is unable to distinguish between the gendarmes and the burglars, what confidence would he have us have in the discrimination of the judges of the future tribunal of the nations? And what authority will he have to sermonize us to-morrow on the constitution of a great international gendarmerie, if in the present drama he, like certain carabinieri, is willing to draw the sword only after the battle?"

The terms of President Wilson's Peace Note, are however, almost forgotten now that America's interest in the war promises to become acutely personal. Newspapers like the "Deutsche Tageszeitung" probably correctly forecast events when they counted on America's entry into the war on the side of our enemies as soon as the new submarine campaign has come "properly into force."

It is nevertheless the case, apparently, that the German leaders, up to the eve of the severance of relations, hoped that America would undertake a new démarche with the Entente in order to force an early peace conference. It is remarked that the nobility, including a number of Imperial Princes, are owners of immense properties in America, while it is well-known that the Kaiser has invested a fortune in the States. The alleged attitude of the responsible men in political circles in Germany (as put forward by semi-official agencies) that whatever course America may take will have no significance can be dismissed as being very wide of the mark. It cannot, of course, be a matter of indifference, or of little account, that the greatest neutral Power sides with the Entente, but there has hitherto been no indication that Germany will abandon its "best weapon" as the result of American action.

Meanwhile it becomes patent that the severance of relations between America and Germany is almost bound to have its sequel in war, that, in fact, it is a preliminary to armed intervention.

As a diplomatist, interviewed recently in London, pertinently said, a precedent for a powerful State severing relations with another, except as a preliminary to action of another sort, cannot be recalled. That is, indeed, almost bound to follow. Germany announced her intention of taking certain action towards neutrals. Her shipping programme was cut and dried before she notified neutrals and friendly Powers.

"So far as I can see, one of two things must happen. Germany must either climb down or allow vessels flying the Stars and Stripes to traverse the blockade unhindered, or the time will come when a German torpedo finds its target in an American steamer. There will be no Bismarck in Washington to explain that it is a pardonable error, and that the submarine commander will be strangled for stupidity. In that event I do not think we need doubt what course the United States will pursue."

Meanwhile, internal trouble from the German element has to be reckoned upon, and and strong steps taken to forestall these hyph-nates and others, or at all events to deal with their activities promptly and with an iron hand.

It is estimated that there are 10,000 spies in the United States to-day and according to a New York message at the beginning of February the U. S. Secret Service admits that the Germans have endeavoured and are now attempting to secure the plans of the principal fortifications. The message adds, fortunately, that wide-spread plans to cope with the menace are being arranged.

There are in the United States, with its population of about 92,000,000, some 14,000,000 Germans and Austro-Hungarians. This total includes about 4,200,000 born in Germany or Austro-Hungary, 4,800,000 both of whose parents were born in those countries, and 2,000,000 one of whose parents was born there. It may be that pessimistic prophecies would prove much exaggerated, though it will be seen from recent telegrams that Germans in America have already begun to plot against the President's life.

Italian Heroism.

During the month of December, when it rained incessantly, the Austrian Press was full of foreboding for the next Carso offensive, which was expected within the first dry days. The enemy's state of mind was confirmed by deserters, who had presented themselves in great numbers. The enemy's nervousness and activities have taken many forms. One has been the persistence and violence of his attacks. There has been practically no part of the line from San Marco to the sea which has not been put to the proof in the past six weeks. A constant bone of contention remains in Hills 114 and 205 south (near Monfalcone), whose loss the Austrians feel keenly and increasingly.

The greatest onslaught, however, was against the line at the Adria Werke, a mile and a half east of Monfalcone on the night of December 10. It is doubtful whether, even in the sanguinary history of that most tried sector, such a bombardment and such an attack had been known before. Certainly nothing finer in the way of resistance stands to the credit of Italian troops. A trench line in the marshes and without protection, which for one hour was subjected to the most awful rage of high explosives and big shells the Austrians had ever given vent to, was held without a break against superior forces, and the veteran troops of the Italo-Slovene and dismounted cavalry who held the line managed to prevent the greater part of the assailants getting back to their own lines.

There is no doubt that the intention was to recapture Monfalcone that night.

Enemy's Improved Defence.

Hungarian troops have been most largely weeded out from this front for Rumania, but a fresh division has arrived from Galicia and the home depots. The increase in the enemy's artillery has been enormous. Such an abundance of munitions as has not been observed for many months is now the rule. Whereas the Austrians used not to reply to night shelling, they are now continually active. There has been, too, a great improvement in and co-ordination of enemy methods in every department. The 10 miles of Austrian first-line trench, running from Fajti Hrib to the marshes of San Giovanni, are almost entirely unbroken. From the Italian observatories, on a dull day, one sees only the dim lines of grey entanglements and chevaux de frise. The visibility of the Austrian trench lines has been enormously reduced during the last three months. The trenches are narrower and deeper, and they are often covered with bomb netting which slopes down to a percussion gallery at the back. Innumerable broken lines, each with its ample defence of wire and iron, give more elasticity of resistance. There are no longer the huge dug-outs capable of containing a whole company, but there are many more small ones, in which seven or eight men can find refuge. In the matter of artillery, the enemy no longer concentrates his guns but scatters them here, there, and everywhere—in caves, in "dolines," where it is almost impossible to see them. To these improvements in method they have added copious supplies of guns, machine guns, and mortars, and they also have the advantage of artillery positions.

This is the Austrian response to the Italian advance on Treviso, an advance which has carried General Cadorna's troops to within 15 miles of their goal. The new elements favouring the Italians are the profound depression everywhere manifest in the enemy's rank and file and the recent reduction of rations. The Austrian rations for a year past have been barely sufficient. For six weeks past they have been quite insufficient both as to quality and quantity.

Toy Industry.

Sonneberg, the chief centre of the German toy industry, is in great alarm over the determination of Canada, England, Japan and other Allied countries to maintain their independence of German toys. The annual report of the Sonneberg Chamber of Commerce sets forth that the German toy trade must count on an extremely uphill struggle to regain its pre-war position in world markets. German toy manufacturers derive good cheer from the belief that "no matter how many factories foreigners build or how many millions they invest, they lack those generations of workpeople who have built up the German trade."

It is only two short years since the Canadian toy industry, which belongs essentially to the Province of Quebec, started to wrest the trade from Germany, and during that time they have established the trade on rock foundations. Quebec toys are to be had throughout Canada. They are an improvement on the "made in Germany" specimens in Quebec Province where there are many small towns and villages where large families of children live the "simple life," but whose very numbers make work on the part of the young people a necessity. The individual operations in the manufacture of toys are necessarily quite simple, and in most cases are handwork rather than machine-work. The French Canadian boys and girls are quick to learn. It is anticipated that Quebec toys will reach the European markets during the war.

New Japanese Budget.

The main details of the Japanese Budget for the year 1917-18, show estimated Revenue and Expenditure balancing at 604,050,000 yen although the figures include a sum of 110,480,000 yen of extraordinary expenditure. During the year it is proposed to issue internal loans to the amount of 138,290,000 yen for the purpose, mainly, of certain public works, but also with the object of regulating the Money Market, which, it is stated, has recently developed a tendency to inflation owing to the trade conditions. Of the sum mentioned, too, 30,000,000 yen will be raised for the special purposes of increasing the National Fund; this, with the 50,000,000 yen provided out of Revenue, giving a total of 80,000,000 yen.

The whole of it is £8,000,000 to be applied in the redemption of the foreign held debt, which is an important point for the market in Japanese securities, and, doubtless, a good part of the amount will be used in the Allied countries, where it should prove a helpful factor in the financing of the war.

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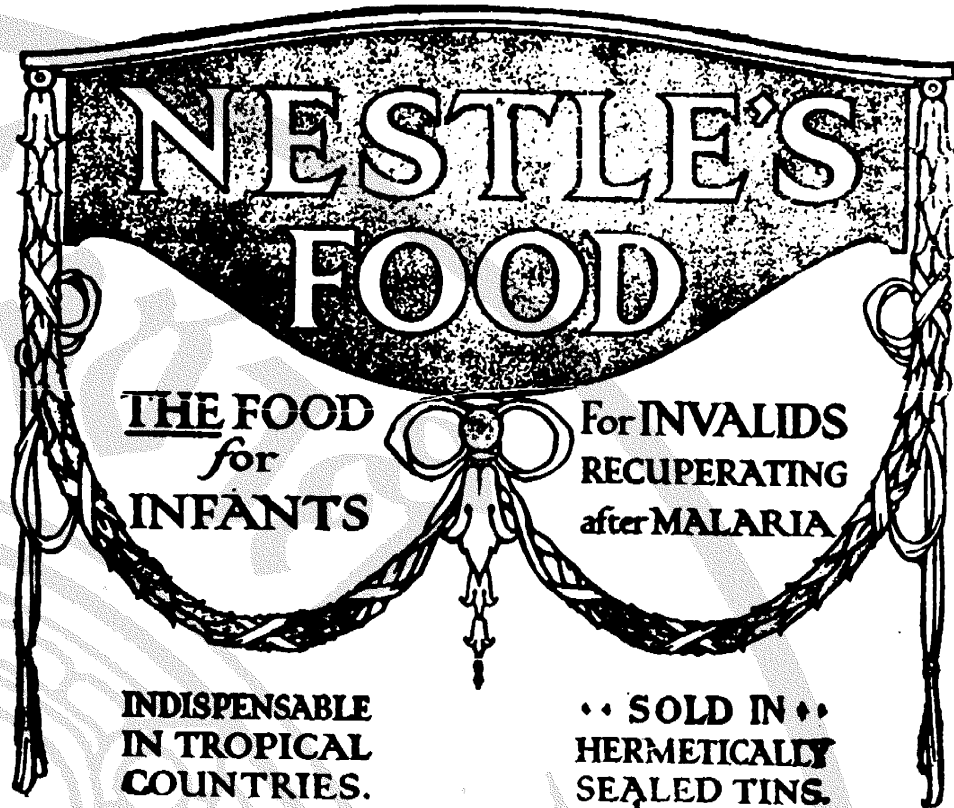
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|-------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|---|----------|
| | Millimetres. | Millimetres. | Millimetres. | Millimetres. | |
| Ministry of Agriculture | 65.7 | None | 1206.8 | 1233.6 | |
| Dhanyaburi | None | None | 977.5 | 1253.3 | |
| Samudprakar | No report | 10.4 | ... | 1385.0 | |
| Krung Kao | 88.4 | None | 1306.2 | 1073.5 | |
| Angtong | 103.9 | 1.5 | 1643.7 | 1451.8 | |
| Lobbur | None | None | 1508.6 | 1289.0 | |
| Jatani | 17.0 | " | 1431.6 | 1272.2 | |
| Udaihani | 65.3 | 4.7 | 1540.6 | 1465.2 | |
| Bienuloke | 54.8 | 3.7 | 1863.9 | 1475.1 | |
| Xhakera-gao | 57.3 | None | 1333.1 | 1213.1 | |
| Prachin | 15.0 | " | 1433.4 | 1550.4 | |
| Nagor Pathom | No report | 3.5 | ... | 1567.8 | |
| Rajburi | 8.6 | 5.0 | 1246.4 | 1261.0 | |
| Xiaaraburi | None | 18.3 | 1774.9 | 17.0.7 | |
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Norway's Shipping Problem.

The insurance of Norway's shipping, in view of the increasing hostilities of Germany's submarines, is becoming a very serious problem with owners. The amount of insurance on Norway's mercantile fleet Jan. 1 was 1,250 million kroner, which is double as much as at the previous new year. At the beginning of the war the amount of insurance was only 400 million kroner. Under these circumstances it is not to be wondered at that Norwegian as well as other neutral owners doing business with British ports, are casting longing eyes upon our Government War Risks Insurance Scheme, to whose privileges they are very anxious to be admitted. The gravity of the situation, so far as Norway is concerned, will be seen from the fact that since the outbreak of war in August 1914, to the close of 1916, 274 Norwegian merchant vessels have been lost owing to hostilities. Of this number, 213 were steamers, with a total tonnage of 327,000 gross tons, and 61 were sailing vessels, aggregating 44,000 net tons. The value of these vessels may be put at over 200,000,000 kroner. Seven vessels have been confiscated as prizes, their total gross tonnage being 6,337 and their insured value 5,677,000 kroner. As a result of these war losses, 193 seamen were drowned, 172 from steamers and 20 from sailing vessels.

Sensitive Steel Hands.

Some of the wonders of physical reconstruction that are being achieved in the treatment of disabled soldiers in France are described by Sir Henry Norman, M. P., in a special report to the Secretary for War. Particularly successful is the work of Professor Jules Amar, to whom, as he goes down the street near his hospital in Paris, the women smile and say, "That's the man that gave my husband his arm back."

On the day of Sir Henry Norman's visit there were in the laboratory three one-armed men who are earning 6s. 8d. a day as fitters. One of them while waiting amused himself by running on a lathe little brass shells, as souvenirs, as well as any turner could have done.

Professor Amar offered a cigarette to one man whose arm had been amputated just below the shoulder. Sir Henry Norman was about to take a cigarette from his own case in order to hand it to the man, but the latter, saying "Harden me, I can help myself," proceeded to take one with his steel hand. Placing the cigarette in his mouth he selected a match from a box, struck it on the box in his sound hand, and lighted the cigarette, holding the lighted match in his steel hand.

A second man, using his artificial hand, grasped the hand of Sir Henry Norman and shook it warmly. The third, whose arm was amputated above the elbow, picked up a needle from the table with a small pair of dissecting forceps. Afterwards the men gave an exhibition of turning and filing metal and wood-drilling with a sensitive bit.

The motions of these wonderful artificial limbs are controlled, through straps and cords, by movements of the muscles of the chest and back.

How 23,000 Serbian Boys Perished.

There are in England now 300 Serbian boys who, together with a number of others in France are the sole survivors of perhaps the most ghastly of all the horrors that succeeded the enemy invasion of the Balkans. They are all that are left of 30,000 boys who, marshalled together, attempted to escape the foe by crossing the Albanian mountains to the sea.

Attention was drawn to this terrible story the other day by Dr. Alex. Hill, principal of Southampton University College, who said that they had just admitted to the college a number of Serbian students from the hostel at Chandler's Ford without fee.

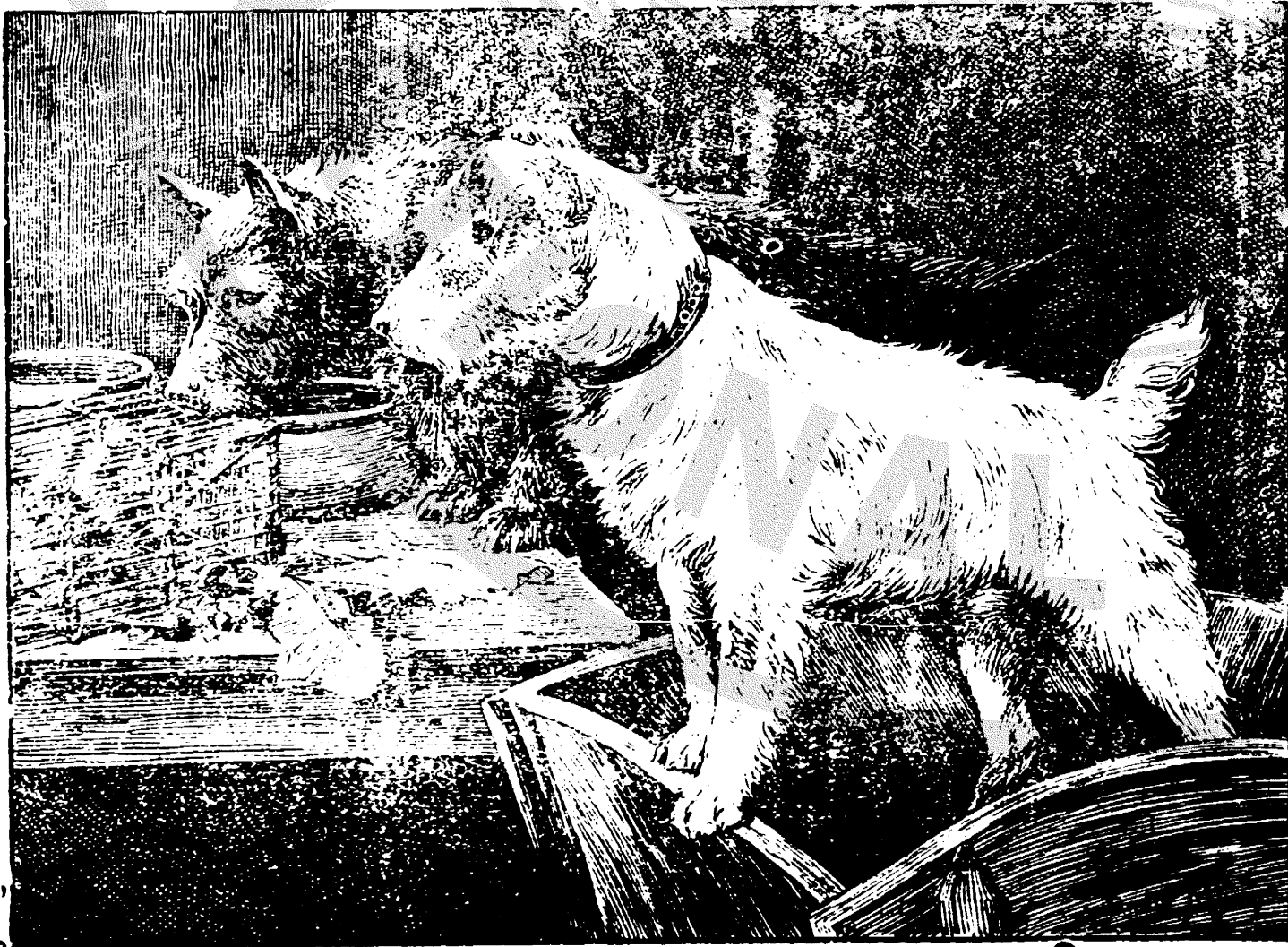
During the great retreat the only way of preventing these 3,000 boys from falling into the hands of the enemy that seemed practicable was to send them through the wild country of Albania to the coast of the Adriatic. But these precious young lives, to be so sorely needed by their country, with scarcely any food or clothing, could not survive a journey during which even a great many of the most hardened of the Serbian soldiery perished. Only 7,000 boys ever saw the sea, and then it was impossible to save a good many of them because they were in such a feeble state through exposure and starvation.

In this awful pilgrimage across the mountains they ate bits of wood and roots. They slept in the snow huddled together in batches, and some when they awoke found that their companions would never wake again. Every day took its heavy toll until, when the boys arrived at Avlona, only 15,000 were left. Of this number more than half were too feeble to live more than a few days, and there was no hospital accommodation for such large numbers.—Ex.

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How much satisfaction this part of the declaration of the Allies, gives to ourselves our readers will readily imagine. In season and out of season we have tried to explain to them that their cause is at stake, not only on this side of Europe, but on the other side. It is simply true to say, strange as it may seem, that but for the artificial and oppressive constitution of Austria-Hungary millions now perished or maimed would be still alive and whole. Those of our own who have made the last sacrifice have been indirectly doomed by the Hapsburg system. It has destroyed the flower of a generation and drenched Europe in blood.

This seems a dark saying. Why is it true? The answer is that Germany, by her own strength, never could have made this war or sustained it. The war owes its origin and character to the fact that Germany, acting through the Teutonic and Magyar minorities in Austria-Hungary on the Near East, has been able to mobilise 100,000,000 of people beyond her own frontiers. Had the Slavs and others, contemptuously called the "second-class races," of the Hapsburg monarchy possessed the political equality which the Allies now claim for them this war would never have happened. The pan-German war plotters would never have controlled the position and forces which excited them to make their bid for supremacy in Europe and Africa—in a word, for the subjugation of the Old World. These things require study. They are not very easy to understand. It has sometimes seemed difficult to make the nation see clearly that Germany might evacuate the territories occupied in the West, even pay indemnities, and still win the war in a manner deadly to the Allies' purposes in general and in particular to the future of the British Empire in the East.

The Hapsburg monarchy may disappear or may survive in a reformed shape, strengthened in security and independence, though diminished in territory. That issue largely depends on the degree of wisdom guiding the councils of the new regime at Vienna and Budapest during the next few months. But the political equality of the Slavs in Austria-Hungary, now mobilised unwillingly against the Allies, is essential for the overthrow of the whole ascendancy-system by which Pan-Germanism hoped to triumph both in West and East. The chief danger to our cause was that the real bearing of this new and far greater Eastern question might not be firmly grasped by the Allies as a whole, much less

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Gas Gangrene Bacillus.

The discovery of a curious but highly dangerous bacillus, whose development in gunshot wounds is said to be the principal cause of gas gangrene, is announced by Dr. Charles Louis Laveran, the Paris scientist and physician. The results of researches conducted by Dr. Laveran, with the assistance of Dr. Weinberg and Dr. Seguin of the Institut Pasteur, were first brought to the attention of the Academy of Scientists and have since been described in detail in a Paris despatch to the Lancet of London.

This particular death-dealing bacillus, which is an anaerobic microbe—one which thrives in the dirt of wounds but succumbs in the open air—has received from its discoverer the name of histolytic bacillus. It is asserted that nine hours after a culture of the organism is inoculated into the thigh of a guinea pig a progressive local liquefaction is observed. The muscles of the thigh, their sheaths and tissues and the skin itself are digested and transformed into a blood-stained pulp, and there remains no more of the damaged limb than the bare skeleton. The animal survives only twenty-four hours after mutilation begins.

Dr. Laveran and his assistants are now engaged in preparing a serum with which to combat this microbe. The announcement at this particular time is of peculiar interest because of the frightful number of fatalities caused by gas gangrene in the war. Up to the present the microbe which had brought about the destruction of tissues had not been isolated, though its association with gas-forming germs had been suspected.

More than a year ago the Lancet asserted that, contrary to general opinion, this most modern of wars was proportionately more costly in men than even the notorious Crimean campaign. When there is delay in giving aid the danger of infection and the development of life-destroying microbes is of course tremendously increased.

Dr. Laveran was among the first of the scientists to recognize the necessity of new methods in combating the effects of trench fighting and of the greatly increased use of shell fire. He believed changes in modern warfare demanded changes in the scientific treatment of wounds. The first step was to determine accurately the real causes of gas gangrene and he began the exhaustive researches which have resulted in the discovery of the histolytic bacillus.

Dr. Laveran has made other contributions of scientific and medical value and is recognised as an authority by the medical world. He was the dis-

coverer of the parasite technically known as the malarial plasmodium. He was awarded the Nobel prize for achievements in the medical field in 1907.

Expansion of the German Army.

British Headquarters, France, Jan. 10.—

I have had an opportunity of seeing some interesting and important figures, illustrated by a diagram chart, showing the degree of Germany's military expansion since the outbreak of war. The latest returns of her peace establishment are taken as the standard of comparison, these, of course, including all the effectives available on mobilization

in August, 1914.

The infantry has been multiplied down to date by 3½ times its peace footing; the field artillery by 3½ times; the heavy artillery by five times; and the pioneers by four times. These are not precise ratios, but are approximately correct. There was a very slow and uniform rate of increase in the infantry strength down to the spring of 1915, when an extensive organization was carried out, divisions being reduced from four to three regiments, and heavy levies made to create new formations. The absorption of manpower for the infantry has, on the whole, been at a more uniform rate of progression than in any other arms. The chart shows a steep rise just after Neuve Chapelle, owing to the coming in of the reconstituted divisions, and

since then a pretty steady slope of ascent.

The heavy artillery, on the other hand, shows the sharpest and most spasmodic rate of development. There was a regular fall in expansion between the Battle of Loos and the close of the Serbian campaign. Then came a rapid increase of progression down to the time of the Somme offensive, since when a gradual falling off is shown. The field artillery has been also rather erratic in its development. The biggest jump was in March, April, and May of last year, during the fiercest phases of the Verdun fighting. Then, following an almost horizontal chart line, comes an ascending scale again since the opening of the Rumanian campaign.

The latest pre-war statistics give the strength of the Germany Army as fol-

lows:—Professional standing army, 672,000; total of first line and reserves available on mobilization, 2,250,000. Taking a rough average of expansion of four times the original mobilization strength of the different arms enumerated in the foregoing, we find that the German Empire has put 10,000,000 men into the field since the beginning of the war. These figures suggest that the German official casualty lists have been very conservative indeed.—Reuter.

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