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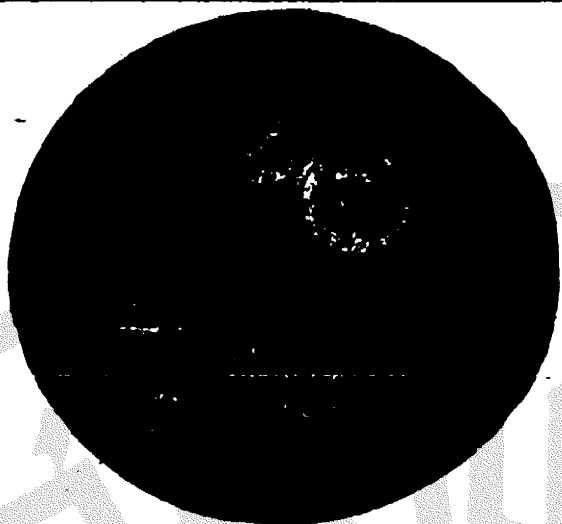
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" " " " " 20	" " " " "	" 26
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s/s "Novara" April 30	s/s "Morea"	April 1
" " " " May 14	" " " " "	" 15
" " " " " 19	" " " " "	" 15
" " " " " 28	" " " " "	" 29
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" " " " " 25	" " " " "	" 27
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" " " " " 23	" " " " "	" 24
" " " " " 6	" " " " "	July 8
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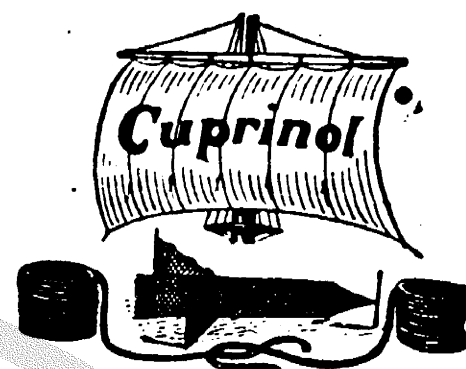
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" " " " 27 " "	" " " " 24 " "
" " " " 3 June "	" " " " 31 " "
" " " " 10 " "	" " " " 7 June "
" " " " 17 " "	" " " " 14 " "
" " " " 21 " "	" " " " 21 " "

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FOR MAY, 1916.

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

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

PHASES OF THE MOON.			
June 1st	New Moon	2.19	a.m.
" 3rd	First Quarter	6.41	a.m.
" 16th	Full Moon	4.24	a.m.
" 22nd	Last Quarter	7.58	p.m.
" 30th	New Moon	5.25	p.m.

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Affairs in the Baltic.

Copenhagen, April 14.—The newspaper Ekstrabladet states that the Germans are busy south of the Drogden Lightship in the Sound setting a wide net across the international waters in the shape of a huge submerged steel net, with meshes about six yards in diameter. This measure is a precaution against British submarine activity. Danish torpedo boats are carefully watching the proceedings and seeing that no foreign warships are trespassing in Danish waters and that no steel netting is being laid down there. So far no violation of Danish rights has occurred.

The Berlingske Tidende publishes a telegram from Malmo stating that a fisherman who has arrived there reports having seen an almost continuous line of German warships in international waters between Falsterbo and Stevns Cliff laying mines and huge quantities of steel netting.

A severely damaged German torpedo boat which recently passed Helsingborg going south is supposed to have been attacked and torpedoed by a British submarine.

There is also renewed activity in the Baltic. Captains who have arrived from Gotland report that during the last few days they have seen a German cruiser-squadron patrolling the waters outside the entrance to the Gulf of Riga. The Southern Baltic line between Stockholm and Dago is now free from ice; in the same region a large number of new German submarines have been seen.

United States and Mexico.

There appears to be a consensus of opinion among the American newspapers in favour of the maintenance of American troops in Mexico, for the present, at any rate. The "New York Herald," assuming that President Wilson was referring to the Mexican situation, when he asked whether America was prepared to stand the test, replied emphatically in the affirmative, citing the liberating of the negroes in the Civil War, the liberation of Cuba, and the establishment of stable government in the Philippines in support of the claim that Americans have in the past fought for the cause of humanity. The "Herald" concludes: "Raise the old flag and see the young manhood of the country rally to the cause of life, liberty and humanity."

The "New York Sun" remarks that Mr. Wilson is not President of humanity, but President of the United States, and his duties properly viewed, are not especially vague. If he would only get out of his mind the confusion due to his sense of official responsibility, the difficult task confronting him would become much less difficult.—Central News.

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Under-Water Bombs.

Used By Italians.

The naval critic of the Corriere della Sera publishes interesting information concerning a new method employed by Italian destroyers in dealing with enemy submarines off the Albanian coast. A recent official communiqué reports that two Austrian submarines which attempted to torpedo a small flotilla of Italian destroyers were in turn attacked by "special bombs."

The critic explains that these "special bombs" are a new invention of a very formidable character, a kind of mine which is thrown into the water after the submarine has submerged. "The Italian destroyers," he says, "located the spot where the submarine submerged, and then launched a considerable number of these bombs or mines, which exploded with terrific force many fathoms below the surface."

It is just possible that the submarines, may have escaped, but it is far more probable that they now lie, twisted pieces of wreckage, at the bottom of the sea.

Serbia's Army.

London, May 16.—The Serbian army is reduced to about 150,000 men instead of 450,000, which existed twelve months ago. These hardy warriors, injured to campaigning have had three months at Corfu, and are now to be transported by rail across Greece from the Patras to Katerina on the extreme easterly shores of Thessaly, within a few days march of Salonika, some 80 miles only. It is anticipated they will take up their position midway between the French and ourselves; and when the final advance is ordered they will be permitted to have the place of honour in the attack on Monastir.

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London, May 26.—A communiqué from Egypt says that in retaliation for the air attack on Port Said, four of our aeroplanes dropped forty bombs on the advanced posts of Rodhaleim, El Hamma, Bir Bayud, Bir Salman and Bir el Mazar. They did much damage, including the destruction of water tanks at Rodhaleim. This upset the enemy's whole plan, as he greatly valued the water tanks at Rodhaleim since our patrol destroyed the drilling plant of Sijjafa. One machine returning had the tank pierced by a bullet and descended beyond our lines. She repaired the leak and returned safely.

Supplementary reports show that it was a German column that suffered from our aeroplane attack at El Arish on May 18. Details of the naval bombardment of El Arish on May 18 say that the accurate fire of two monitors and a sloop directed by seaplanes was most effective. The heavy guns of the monitors fired thirty-four shells, two of which hit the banger and aerodrome and most of the remainder burst in the tents and camp, scattering the enemy, who sheltered in the palm groves on the shore. The sloop stood in a searched the groves with salvos.

The bombardment lasted two hours and destroyed a strong fort and the town. The enemy was demoralised and did not attempt to reply.

How Britain Helps.

London, May 24.—Mr. Asquith continuing his speech on the credits said one of our great contributions to the Allies was financial assistance which was gladly given to the common cause. The House would not grudge an addition to our expenditure in order that the whole composite financial, naval and military fabric upon whose co-operative work the success of the Allied efforts depended, should be kept in a state of efficiency (cheers). The present credit would carry us to the beginning of August but he should not hold out any hope of a sensible reduction of expenditure.

The Silver Market.

London, May 25.—Montagu's report attribute the sensational fall in the price of silver to the coincidence of the absence of competition and the sudden eagerness of Indian bazaar to sell not only small holdings in London but amounts for delivery weeks ahead. The latter are apparently bear operations. It says the statistical position of silver is very strong. The United States authorities estimate the production in the United States in 1915 at 67½ million ounces compared with 72½ million in 1914.

Government's Trade Policy.

London, May 25.—In the House of Commons Mr. Bonar Law at question time said the Government's trade policy after the war was being carefully considered. Though no representations had been officially made to him from the Dominions, he added that the Imperial Government were paying attention to the subject of preferential trading with the Dominions and our Allies, the importance of which the Government appreciated.

British Prisoners in Germany.

London, May 24.—In the House of Commons Mr. Tennant said that but for parcels of food from Britain many British prisoners in Germany would have starved.

He dissented from the suggestion of reprisals.

Lord Robert Cecil expressed grave anxiety regarding the future of such prisoners.

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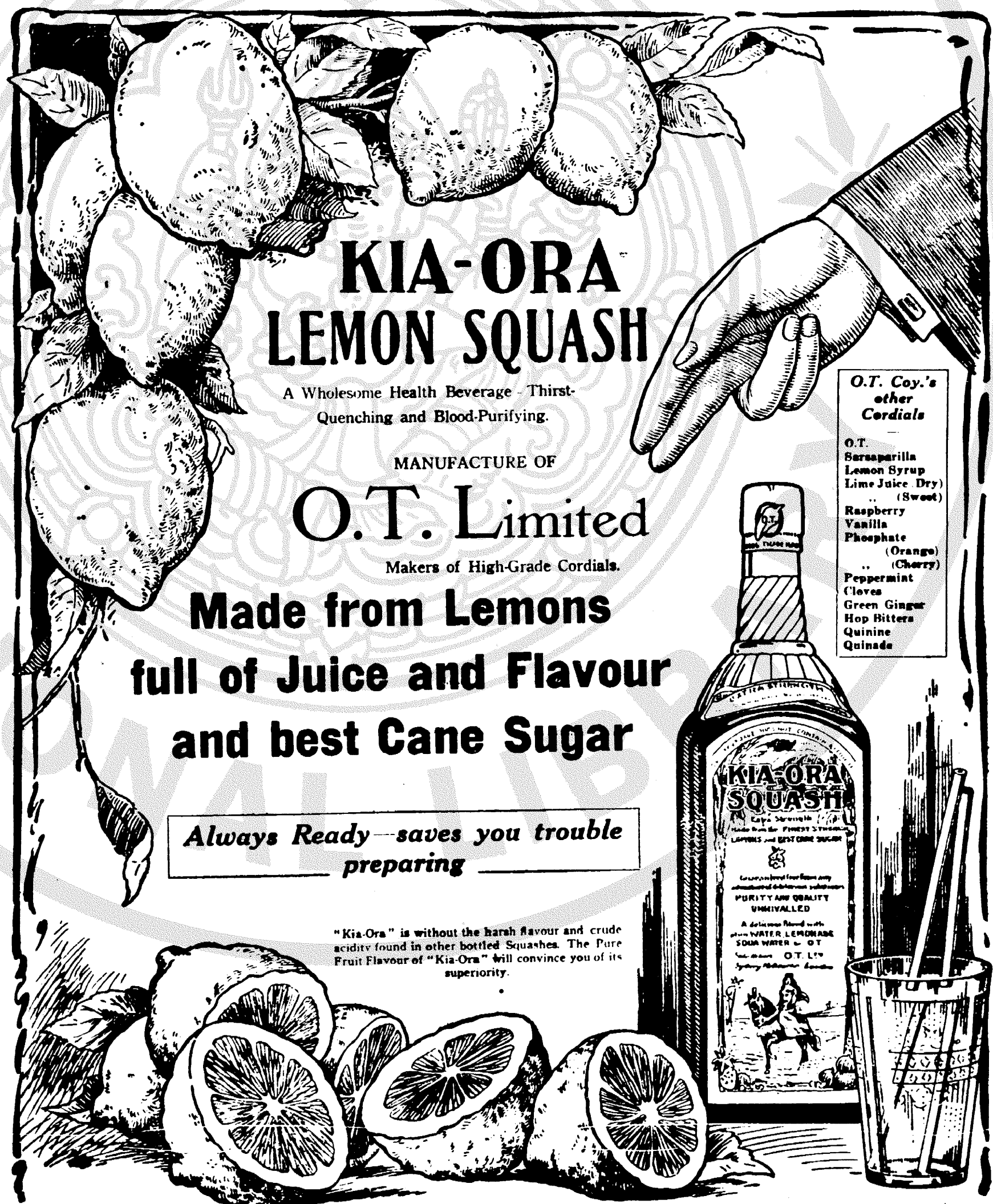
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Great War.**The French Front.**

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, May 29.

Yesterday there were bombardments. To-day we repulsed attacks on the left of the Meuse. In the course of aerial combats our aviators brought down five aeroplanes.

Bulgars in Macedonia.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, May 29.

Athens.—The invasion of Greek Macedonia by Bulgaria has provoked long conferences between the King and the general staff. Fresh information indicate important movements by German and Bulgarian troops in the Demirhisar sector and Xanthi and in the direction of Seres and Cavalla. There is popular agitation all over Greece.

The Lagarina Valley.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, May 29.

Rome.—We repulsed attacks in the Lagarina valley and inflicted losses.

Italy and the Austrian Offensive.

We have received the following official communication from the Royal Italian Legation in Bangkok:—

In view of certain misleading statements which have appeared in the public press in regard to the Austrian offensive and the Italian losses in men and war material, the Italian War Office wishes it to be known that whereas owing to the nature of the ground some guns had to be abandoned, after they had been rendered unserviceable, the numbers quoted from enemy sources are grossly exaggerated.

A very violent Austrian offensive is taking place between the rivers Adige and Brenta but, after the first assault, it has been vigorously arrested on the two wings in Val Sugana and Val Lagarina where the enemy suffered enormous losses and failed to penetrate through our principal line of defence.

In the centre zone between Asiago and Asiago owing to the unfavourable nature of the ground and the powerful artillery fire from neighbouring enemy forts, our defence was slightly pushed back and is now holding the eastern margin of the two plateaux, where our lines, having been strongly reinforced, are opposing a tenacious resistance and preparing for a vigorous counter-attack.

The morale of our troops is most excellent and they are full of confidence in the future.

Prospects of Ireland.**Settlement.**

London, May 24.—The Times says it is understood Mr. Asquith, Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Bonar Law individually and informally conferred with the Nationalist and Ulster leaders. The atmosphere last evening was more favourable to a settlement than ever since the revolt.

The Daily Express says Mr. Asquith will to-morrow announce the abolition of the Irish Viceroyalty and Lord Wimborne will be offered another post under the Government.

The Daily News says the ministerial idea of a future settlement is that if the Irish leaders agree to the establishment of separate parliaments for Ulster and the rest of Ireland after the war this will facilitate the establishment of a present coalition executive in Ireland.

A Compulsion Exemption.

London, May 24.—The Compulsion Bill allowed a man leaving work of national importance two months wherein to look for another job without becoming a soldier. An amendment by the Lords reduces this period to a fortnight. This will be considered in the Commons to-day hence the bill is not likely to be law before to-morrow.

London, May 24.—The Commons have adopted by 160 to 69 votes the Lords amendment cabled this morning, after Sir T. C. Cave had pointed out that it was confined to men who had joined their present occupation since August. The amendment thus affected only those who had entered [starred] occupations to avoid serving.

**Court Circular.**

DUSIT PARK,
Tuesday, May 30.

To-day being the commencement of the State funeral rites to be held in connection with the cremation of the remains of His Majesty's beloved relatives who have passed away during His Majesty's Reign, His Majesty the King was pleased to command a memorial service in honour of His late Royal Highness the Prince of Nagor Chaisri at the late Prince's residence.

At 5 p.m. His Majesty drove in a motor car to attend the memorial service. A memorial sermon was preached by the Right Reverend Phra Nana Lakkit, Lord Abbot of Nivana monastery, Bang-Pa-In. After the sermon His Majesty laid down robes and clothes for the "Satapakarana" rites, after which the King took his departure.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Mr. J. L. Ehrhardt is leaving by the "Changchow".

Messrs. the Borneo Co. have a notice to consignees.

Mrs. J. Mackay, Miss Mackay and Mrs. W. E. McNaught are leaving by the "Katong" on Friday.

THE Phathanakorn and the Phathanarom cinemas announce a complete change of programme for to-night.

Messrs. Fraser and Neave's premises will be closed on June 3rd being the anniversary of the birth of H. M. King George V.

THE correspondent of Le Temps at Athens says the Austrian and Bulgarian Consuls have left, taking their personal property and archives.

THE s.s. "Katong" will leave from the Borneo Company's wharf at 4 p.m. sharp, on Friday the 2nd prox., and should arrive in Singapore on Tuesday about daylight.

THE Exchange Banks, with the exception of the Siam Commercial Bank, will be closed to public business on Saturday June 3, being His Majesty King George V's birthday.

THE "Mata Hari" is expected to arrive on Saturday afternoon, June 3rd. The "Zaida," whose place the "Mata Hari" took, is shortly expected back on the run.

THE following passengers arrived by the s.s. "Katong" last evening:—Mr. and Mrs. Schultz, Mr. Temonissen, Mr. Y. Trusen, Mr. Briton (Education Department), Mr. C. S. Coy, Mr. Mason and Mr. Smith.

THE total subscriptions to the Cruiser Fund up to 29th instant amounted to Tcs. 2,050,834. The amount received locally on that day was Tcs. 682, from Mondhol Prachinburi Tcs. 83, from Mondhol Nagor Sawan Tcs. 90 and from Mondhol Chantaburi Tcs. 100.

No Buddhist temple exists in Calcutta and a proposal is on foot to build a vihara on a piece of ground which has been purchased for the purpose adjoining the Theosophical Lodge in College Square. Application has been made through the Government of Bengal that sacred relics of Lord Buddha found at Taxila may be entrusted to the Maha Bodhi society to be placed in a shrine in the vihara. Funds are being invited for building the vihara.

Forty-two members of the crew of the T. K. Chiyo Maru, now lying stranded near Hongkong, have arrived at Kobe. The Mainichi quotes a member of the crew as saying that the Chiyo Maru has virtually been seized by the pirates inhabiting the Hainan-tao island, a notorious rendezvous of Chinese pirates. These ruffians came in over twenty boats, carried away what remained of the passengers' baggage, and every moveable article of value on board. The Mainichi's informant added that "the more audacious of these pirates still remain aboard the steamer, and the Chiyo Maru has been converted into a pirates' den."

THE directors of Messrs. Steel Brothers and Co., of Rangoon, have recommended a dividend of 50 per cent. for 1915 on the net profits of £322,699 after providing for bad debts and maintaining in full working order all the company's plant. A sum of £30,000 had been set aside for bonuses for employees and for provident and benevolent accounts and a further sum of £54,928 to special reserve account towards the loss on investments and debts outstanding owing to the war and income tax. Owing to the outbreak of war there was last year a set back in the activity in search for mineral deposits noticeable during the last few years.

Buddhism and Preparedness.

Says the Straits Times:—We have received a copy of an interesting brochure published in Bangkok with the title of The Buddhist Attitude Towards National Defence and Administration. It is an English translation of a work by the Supreme Patriarch of Siam, made by one of the Patriarch's disciples, and additional interest is lent to it by the fact that the disciple is no other than the King of Siam himself. His Majesty is an English scholar of attainment and has considerable literary ability, and anything from his pen always repays perusal. In days when so much is heard of the conscientious objector this little work is distinctly opportune. The opinion held by those with a superficial knowledge of the tenets of Buddhism is that the Buddha is opposed to military force in any form, but here we learn that the policy of preparedness is justified, duty to one's sovereign and country is an article of faith. So the man in England who objected to military service on the ground that he was a Buddhist had no real knowledge of the religion he professed. The booklet, and not least the foreword by the translator, will well repay study. It is published at the price of 65 satangs (about 45 dollar cents), and copies may be obtained locally from Messrs. Kelly and Walsh.

Items of Interest.

Shanghai, May 25.—The independence of the province of Szechuan was officially proclaimed on May 22.

London, May 24.—In the Commons in reply to Col. Yate, Mr. Chamberlain said there is no reason to suppose that the claims to promotion of officers who were serving in the Indian Army Reserve at the outbreak of war have not been duly considered.

London, May 24.—Sinking in the Mediterranean; Steamers: Adamantios Korais (Greek), Tjomo (Norwegian); crews saved. Sailors: Fabricotti F. (Italian), Myosotis (French).

Petrograd, May 24.—The Tsar, Tsarina and Tsarevitch have arrived at Odessa and had an enthusiastic reception. The Emperor reviewed the troops.

Amsterdam, May 24.—A new vote of credit of two hundred millions will shortly be submitted to the Reichstag.

Amsterdam, May 24.—U 22 has been mined near Zeebrugge and seriously damaged. She was towed to Ostend.

London, May 24.—Major General Peyton has been gazetted military secretary, replacing the Duke of Teck.

London, May 25.—Sinking. Steamers: Levanzo (Italian), Istros (Greek), Sailer: Orealla (Italian). The steamer Teressa (Italian) was damaged.

London, May 24.—In the Lords, Lord Curzon announced that a new air board had been formed of Lord Curzon, Admirals Tudor, Vaughan Lee, Generals Sir D. Henderson and Bracken, Lord Sydenham and Major Baird.

Petrograd, May 25.—The communiqué says: There have been minor operations on all fronts.

A Turkish offensive was repulsed in the Mosul region.

The communiqué reporting the junction of the Anglo Russian forces in Mesopotamia says: Cossacks arrived at British headquarters on May 22.

London, May 25.—General Lake reports the enemy is still holding his positions on the left bank of the Tigris in the vicinity of Samarra. British artillery from the right bank are maintaining an effective fire on the Turkish communications on the left bank.

London, May 25.—The Cunard line has arranged to absorb the Commonwealth Dominion line.

New York, May 24.—Col. Roosevelt has accepted the offer of a committee of Republicans of thirty States to work on behalf of his candidature for the Presidency.

TELEGRAMS were received in Hongkong from Shanghai on May 13 announcing the collapse of the shipping strike. The local officials of the China Coast Officers' Guild and the Secretary of the Engineers' Guild were informed that the "demands have been granted to the satisfaction of the Guild." The local officials were requested to "allow all ships to proceed. Strike ended" says the Straits Times.

Church Services.

Christ Church.

Ascension Day, Thursday, June 1. Mattins will be said at Christ Church at 10 a.m., followed by a Celebration of Holy Communion.

St. Mary's Mission.

Ascension Day, June 1. 7.30 a.m.—Holy Communion. 6.30 p.m.—Evensong and Address. Hymns: Hail the day that sees Him rise. Jesu, Our Hope, our heart's Desire.

The Fury of Verdun.

Paris, May 24.—The evening communiqué says: The German counter-attacks in the Verdun region have developed extreme violence. After a bombardment with heavy guns lasting the whole morning the Germans on the left of the Meuse several times launched assaulting masses against our positions east and west of Morthomme. The first attack was swept by artillery and machine gun fire and repulsed with sanguinary losses without the enemy being able to approach our lines. The second attack was equally desperate and at seven in the evening gained a footing in a western trench but an immediate counter-attack completely drove back the enemy.

A murderous struggle raged all day in the Haudremont-Douaumont region on the right of the Meuse. The Germans multiplied their assaults, each of which was preceded by most formidable artillery preparation. Despite all these efforts we maintained all the positions we conquered yesterday particularly in fort Douaumont. We took over three hundred prisoners.

Two German aeroplanes were felled in flights in the air near Fures and Beaumont respectively. A French pilot attacked in the Linge district in the Vosges three enemy machines. He felled one and put the others to flight.

Paris, May 24.—The French lines south of Douaumont, whence the main attack was made, are only three hundred and fifty yards distant from the fort. The defence was so formidable that it was an hour before the first triumphant Frenchmen arrived at the fort. This is really remarkable rapidly. There were two lines of trenches before the fort, lavishly fortified. The first was reached in a quarter of an hour and the occupants bayoneted or captured. Waves of assailants rushed on the second line, where the resistance was more serious. Twice the French were driven back; the reinforcements were released and carried the trench with irresistible dash and reached the fort, where they joined columns from the west. The garrison resisted in every corner and cellar but were driven out by bayonet and bomb to the north-eastern corner. The fiercest fighting continued all night. The French are confident they can secure the whole position, while the conviction is growing in Paris that the moment of decision of the whole Verdun battle is imminent.

Artillery preparations and infantry attacks succeeded one another with unabated violence in the region of Haudremont and Douaumont. Despite furious assaults regardless of human life, the Germans only succeeded in gaining a footing in some elements eastward of the fort. All attempts against our positions westward and the fort itself were frustrated.

A bombardment is proceeding in the Woivre.

The enemy attempted an advance under cover of poison gas in Champagne but were thrown back by our batteries.

German Capture Cumieres.

Paris, May 24.—The Battle at Verdun rages with undiminished fury. The night communiqué says that the Germans attempted a powerful offensive eastward of Morthomme. In an intense struggle wherein every foot of the ground was contested the enemy at the cost of heavy sacrifices succeeded in penetrating to the village of Cumieres, and also one trench.

The enemy's offensive employed at Deadman since May 21 exceed three divisions.

Paris, May 25.—It is estimated that the Germans used two Army corps on Tuesday on the left of the Meuse only, in an attempt to turn the whole Morthomme position from the east. There were astounding rushes of massed infantry, characterised by extraordinary determination, but they were unable to penetrate the curtain of shells or screen of maxims. There was an advent of firefighters, who recently have been multiplied greatly, following a liberal use of shells, which enabled the Germans at the close of the day to burn the French out of a position in the first line and ejected them in half an hour. The enemy assaulted repeatedly all night long between Morthomme and the Meuse and finally got to grips with the French in the ruined village of Cumieres, which was carried after prolonged bayonet and bomb fighting.

East of the Meuse, since the French re-centred Fort Douaumont, they have been fighting ceaselessly, driving out the Germans who are hanging stubbornly to every wall and digout northwards. The German counter-attack on the fort on Tuesday night was directed on three sides simultaneously. An apparently unending stream of shells was followed by rushes from the west, east and north. The efforts were unavailing except on the east, where they gained a portion of advanced trenches.

The situation may generally be summed up that the Germans left of the Meuse, despite tremendous sacrifice of men and expenditure of shell, are still far from the main defences of Verdun, while on the right of the Meuse, though they reached the main defences on Feb. 20, their progress has since been backward.

What has happened in the last two days at fort Douaumont is impossible to describe. No language could do justice to the heroic deeds and marvellous exploits of our soldiers, whose keenness was incomparable. The slopes of fort Douaumont were covered with

Peace Fanatics.

London, May 25.—In the House of Commons in the report stage of the vote of credit Mr. Ponsonby and Mr. Ramsay MacDonald drew attention to the Sir E. Grey and Dr. Bethmann Hollweg interviews, and said the latter contained nothing conflicting with Sir E. Grey's statements sufficient to prevent a rapprochement toward peace.

Both speakers insinuated the continuance of the war only due to our undivulged obligations to our Allies.

Sir E. Grey replied that if he believed the German Government, German opinion and the war had reached a stage at which the Allies could bring peace, compatible with their ends nearer by speeches about peace he would make dozens of speeches but the time had not arrived and there could be no statement about peace conditions except after consultation with our Allies.

He pointed out that his interview contained no new declaration and there was nothing new in Dr. Bethmann Hollweg's except the lie about our attitude at the Bosnia crisis. It was impossible to reason with the Germans as long as they were fed with lies and knew nothing of the truth. The real thing responsible for prolonging the war was the German Government which kept telling the people they had won the war or were going to next week as the Allies were beaten. The Allies were not beaten and were not going to be beaten but were going to win. The first step towards peace would be a recognition of that fact by the German Government. He paid a warm tribute to the French defence of Verdun in a long battle. France was saving not only herself but also her Allies. Diplomacy's present duty was to maintain the solidarity of the Allies, support to the uttermost the common military and naval measures and to bring the war to a stage not yet reached wherein the prospect of maintaining an enduring peace would be with the Allies (loud cheers).

London, May 25.—Dr. von Bethmann Hollweg in an interview mentioned that what Sir E. Grey had given the American Journalist on May 23 grossly misrepresented Britain's aims and actions prior to the war. He declared "only when statements take the war situation as the map shows it, and honourably desire to discuss practical peace proposals shall we approach peace."

The Capture of Trebizond.

The "Pioneer's" correspondent lately in the Balkans wrote on the 20th of April: The advance on Trebizond was effected by one column working along the coast from Batumi by miserable mountain paths practicable only for pack transport as far as Vizi midway between Batumi and the objective. On nearing Trebizond it became necessary to supplement our mountain guns with the Batumi force by heavier pieces and to reinforce the infantry. This was effected by landing under cover of the guns of the fleet a couple of divisions at Erzurum, where there is a fairly good beach. The advance of the column from Erzurum on Balburt compelled the Turkish Commander to diseminate his forces. He was being isolated and his communications with Erzurum, his land base were in jeopardy. He was thus under the necessity of weakening his army by despatching a division to Mural Khanah in hopes of staying the northward advance of the Russians. The Russians took advantage of this by pressing on vigorously from Etina and in less than ten days from the landing of their reinforcements they were in possession of Trebizond.

The German Forces.

London, May 16.—The military correspondent of the "Times" discusses the German statement that they employed twenty-five divisions at Verdun, while the French had fifty-one; thus they attacked an entrenched enemy with half his numbers. The correspondent describes this as an act of insanity and declares that Falkenhayn's only reason for not employing a large force was a lack of men. Some fifteen German divisions have been thrown this way and that in search of a decision but strategic measures of this nature are altogether inadequate at the present stage of the war.

German corpses. The fact that the German losses were greater than ours is explained by the curtain of fire of our seventy-five which was far more murderous than the German preparatory bombardments. It is reported fifty-seven trains full of wounded Germans have left for the interior of Germany.

French bombers progressed at night time in the thickets eastward of Cumieres. A strong German attack gained a footing in one trench northward of Handremont quarries.

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Mr. Asquith's Speech.

London, May 25.—In the House of Commons Mr. Asquith announced, that at the request of Government Mr. Lloyd George had undertaken negotiations with the Irish leaders.

London, May 25.—The Commons was crowded to hear Mr. Asquith and eagerly awaited his statement as to Ireland.

Lord Wimborne was a spectator in the Peers Gallery.

The Premier affirmed that the primary duty of the Government was to restore order and prevent a recurrence of disorder. He rejoiced at the overwhelming evidence that the great bulk of the Irish nation was not in sympathy with the rebellion. Martial law would continue as a precaution, but he hoped its disappearance would be speedy and complete.

The composition of the executive must temporarily be provisional. The two main impressions of his visit were firstly the breakdown of the Irish executive and secondly the strength, depth and universality of the feeling in Ireland that now was a unique opportunity for a new departure for settlement of the problem. He emphasised that Irishmen of all creeds and classes had shed blood for the Empire, and it was inconceivable that a prospect of internecine strife after the war could be tolerated.

It would mean a confession of bankruptcy not only of statesmanship but of patriotism. The agreement of the different interests of the parties in Ireland was of paramount importance.

Mr. Lloyd George at the unanimous request of his colleagues would devote his energy and power towards an agreement. He had already been in communication with the various parties and Mr. Asquith hoped and believed his mission of peace and reconciliation and if possible unity would be successful.

He solemnly appealed to everyone to abstain from the immediate discussion of Irish affairs as likely to prevent a great and lasting settlement.

Mr. Redmond said the appeal imposed a very severe test upon the Irish Party but he could not take the responsibility of not responding. If the Government's new step failed it would not be due to any unreasonableness of the Nationalists. (Cheers).

Mr. O'Brien concurred somewhat grudgingly. Sir Edward Carson readily responded.

Mr. Redmond's Hopes.

London, May 25.—Mr. Redmond, entertaining at luncheon the Premier of Queensland at the House of Commons, hoped that the result of events in Ireland would not only be good, but

unexpectedly good. Though he was unable to speak with any confidence, the Local Government Board is preparing a bill for a new parliamentary register to include provision for the record of the votes of soldiers and sailors on active service.

London, May 25.—Giving evidence before the Irish Commission now sitting at Dublin, Mr. Neville Chamberlain declared he had reported on the seriousness of the Sinn Féin movement and made recommendations, but the Government had not adopted them.

Empire Day Celebrations.

London, May 24.—Empire day's special significance this year was emphasised not merely by the Government's recognition of it but by imposing demonstrations throughout the Kingdom. A message from Kipling says "knowing as Nations what we are fighting for, realising as men and women the resolve that has been added to us by what each has endured, we go forward now under the proud banner of griefs and losses to a greater effort of endurance and if necessary heavier sacrifice, equal sponsors for the deliverance of mankind."

London, May 24.—Sir Douglas Haig telegraphed to the King on Empire Day on behalf of His Majesty's armies now in France, representative of every part of His Majesty's Dominions. "We respectfully submit the assurance of our loyal devotion to your Majesty's cause and the principles of freedom and justice symbolised for us by the Crown and Flag of the British Empire."

His Majesty the King replied: "I warmly appreciate the assurance of loyal devotion you send me in the name of the armies of the British Empire serving in your command. Tell them with what pride and interest I follow their fortunes, and of my confidence that success will crown their efforts. May the comradeship of battlefield knit still closer together the peoples of the Dominions and Mother Country in an age of peace which, please God will be the fruit of this long and arduous war."

The Racing Season.

London, May 25.—The Times says that Mr. Runciman has decided definitely not to change the racing arrangements for the present season. The consumption of petrol by racegoers, owing to the abolition of railway facilities, is engaging the attention of the authorities. The Board of Trade concludes that supplies will not last the summer at the present rate of consumption. Drastic restrictions of pleasure motoring are being prepared.

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Italian Tactics.**Fight and Reform.**

Rome, May 25.—The anniversary of the declaration of war was celebrated with fervent enthusiasm in Italy. Shops were closed everywhere; patriotic processions made lavish display of the flags of the Allies. It is stated that Sr. Salandra and Baron Sonnino go to London shortly to return Mr. Asquith's visit.

Rome, May 25.—The King in an order to the army and navy on the anniversary of the declaration of war says: "You have been victorious in a hundred battles with the ideal of Italy at your heart, but more efforts and sacrifices are needed. The country supports you in your arduous task with warm affection and admirable confident calm."

Rome, May 25.—The communiqué says that our whole front on both banks of the Adige, in the Quoina Valley, was bombarded yesterday, the enemy column attempting an advance. Small parties from Lizzana to Marco were stopped by artillery. An attack in the evening along Vallaria in the direction of Montedinezzo was held by our troops. The customary bombardment took place between Terragnola and Astico.

The Italian evacuation of the upper basin of the Posina and Astico was completed in the most orderly manner, the troops strengthening the positions on the protective line of Asiero Basin. We destroyed the guns it was impossible to remove. The enemy yesterday began strong pressure on our positions east of Valdassia. The retirement of the Italians in the Sugana valley on the principal line of resistance, begun on May 22 was still proceeding yesterday, slowly and methodically.

Rome, May 25, Semi official.—After inflicting the bloodiest losses on the enemy in a week's fighting the Italians have withdrawn to their principal line of defence, where they steadfastly await the renewal of the attacks. Only one small section of the principal line has been evacuated, owing to the excessive proximity of the enemy artillery and the precipitous nature of the ground behind preventing successful resistance. The line has been reformed on dominating heights in the rear.

British Demonstration in Moscow.

Moscow, May 25.—Russians joined Britons in enthusiastic celebration of Empire Day. Sir George and Lady Buchanan came specially from Petrograd and participated. The Ambassador speaking at a banquet, emphasized the British Imperial ideal to secure equal rights and justice to all nations and to protect the weak and oppressed. Hence the whole-hearted support of the Dominions and Dependencies. He trusted that they after the war would be given a voice in the direction of Imperial policy, and that an Imperial trade policy would be elaborated.

Belgium's Children.

London, May 25.—The National committee for relief in Belgium are arranging to celebrate a Children's Day for the benefit of Belgium throughout the British Empire on the 10th of July and ask that children in every school may organise concerts, sports and other entertainments and devote the proceeds to the children who are remaining in Belgium under German tyranny. A careful analysis indicates that 250,000 children up to the age of sixteen are still in Belgium, the majority being destitute. Through the Neutral Commission they are provided with a daily ration just enough to keep them alive. It is hoped that the children of South Africa, India and the Crown Colonies who have already done so much will on the 10th July assist in frustrating Germany's systematic warfare on children.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, the Minister for Education, has sanctioned the adoption of the proposal in English and Welsh schools.

The High Commissioners and Agents General have been asked to obtain the cooperation of their respective Governments. In view of the shortness of time the National Committee hope that all education and school authorities in the countries named will forthwith make arrangements so that the tribute of the British children throughout the Empire shall be worthy of the children in Belgium, who despite oppression and though threatened with starvation are remaining loyal to King Albert.

Indian Recruiting.

London, May 25.—Commenting on Mr. Churchill's speech in the Commons on May 23 the Times points out that recruiting in India has been surprisingly good. The paper emphasises the difficulty of officering new units. Probably there would be little difficulty in raising the rank and file of a dozen new divisions, but would it worth while?

Germany Suggests Peace.

London, May 25.—From an authoritative source it is reported that Germany has intimated to America that now is an opportune time for President Wilson to start peace mediation. President Wilson is unlikely to acquiesce.

The British Communique.

London, May 25.—Sir Douglas Haig's Communique says that the situation on Vimy ridge is unchanged. Small British parties pushed forward and engaged in hand to hand fighting. There was heavy reciprocal bombardment today astride the Souchez river.

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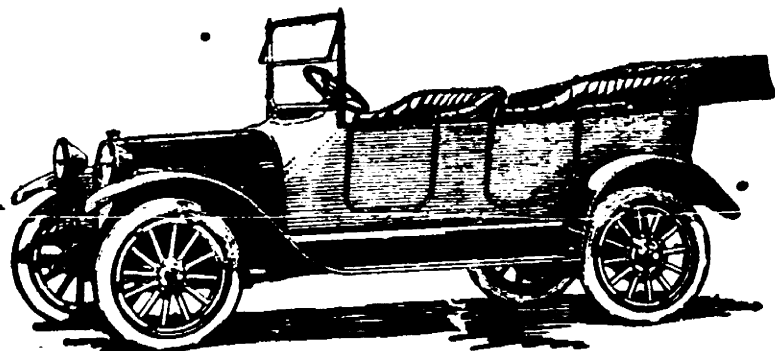
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The British and Verdun.

Extent of Their Aid to French Army.

Mr. H. Warner Allen, the representative of the British Press with the French army, writing on April 13, says:

France, both the France in the trenches and the France behind the lines, fully appreciates the assistance given by the British army during the battle of Verdun. Morally, it was no small encouragement to the French troops, who have fought so long and so heroically, to know how, by an effort unprecedented in the history of war, the British Expeditionary Force had swelled in numbers to the size of a great Continental army, and that they could count on the ungrudging support of their comrades and Allies. Materially, it was an invaluable service that the British troops were able to relieve and release for other duties an entire French army that was holding one of the most difficult sectors of the front.

The aid given was none the less valuable for being indirect, and it is desirable, in the interests of historical truth, that certain unfounded reports should be contradicted. I am authorized to state that the announcement reported to have been made in the Australian Commonwealth Parliament, to the effect that a brigade of Australian heavy artillery was actually fighting at Verdun, is incorrect. Other rumours suggesting that British guns and British troops were actually taking part in the battle are equally without foundation. The British army has given far more assistance than could possibly have been afforded by such piecemeal aid, and the French force which has barred the way to the Germans has remained entirely homogeneous. This fact is fully appreciated in France, and an eloquent testimony to the achievement of the British army is given by the following document, which will be published in the next number of the Bulletin des Armées, which may be regarded as the official organ of the French soldiers in the trenches:

French Appreciation.

On September 25, 1915, when the whole French army was waiting impatiently for details of the first French successes in Champagne and Artois, news arrived that the British army, at the side of its French Allies, had gained a brilliant victory. In a few brief words it was announced to the troops: "The English have taken Loos. They have made their way into Hulluch. On a front of five miles, with a depth in places of two and a half miles, they have carried the German trenches by storm. They have taken prisoners and guns."

In the French army there was a gen-

eral outbreak of enthusiasm. The brotherhood of arms had been expressed in action. In close contact with the French, at the moment chosen by the Allied General Staff, the English had taken the offensive and vigorously driven their way into the enemy's lines. Their victory was a symbol and a promise. Everyone realised this, and rejoiced accordingly.

Weeks have passed since then, and the British army has never ceased making itself more and more feared by the Germans. The day has gone by when the enemy could pretend to mock at "the contemptible little army of Marshal French." Already in the Cambrai General French's soldiers had given the first proof of their valour. From Crecy-en-Brie to Coulommiers they had taken their share in the victory of the Meuse, and since those glorious marches what a long way they have gone and what progress they have made. For months, at the side of the French troops, the valiant soldiers of Great Britain have served their apprenticeship in modern war, and as they gained in experience so they increased in number. The 60,000 men of August, 1914, are to-day 250,000. The Expeditionary Force has become a formidable army. It has often been said that Time is fighting for the Allies, but none of them has he favoured so greatly as the English.

It has become a commonplace to praise the organisation, equipment, and auxiliary services of the British army. The striking figure of Tommy Atkins and his smart bearing have been handed to the skies. With him the French have sung the chorus of "Tipperary," and perhaps in France too much emphasis has been laid on his picturesque side. There is, perhaps, a danger of it being forgotten that Tommy is a soldier in the most trying of wars, and that he fights as a soldier should.

A Matter of Temperament. It is a fact, and a natural fact, that these Englishmen, who are defending at their French comrades' side the civilisation and the liberty of the world, enjoy games and exercise, and do not lose the taste for them in their contentments behind the lines, and even in the trenches. In face of the enemy, the Frenchman jokes and jests as he is always accustomed to. The Englishman plays football between the lines. This is a matter of temperament, and both have given their proofs on the field of battle. Ask the German infantry what they think of the warriors of Neuve Chapelle, Loos, or Saint Eloi. The successes of the British army are sufficient evidence.

The list of these successes is a long one. They are composed of daily fights throughout twenty months of war, of a thousand heroic and brilliant episodes, of victories like that of Loos,

and of triumphs like those just won on the Ypres Canal at Commines and at Saint Eloi. The blood of British soldiers—soldiers of Great Britain and soldiers of the Colonies—has mingled everywhere with the blood of the French. At every opportunity the British army has proved its friendship and has had only one desire—ever to do more for the common cause.

Only a fortnight ago the Commander-in-Chief of the French armies, replying to a letter from Sir Douglas Haig, used the following words: "The French army is well aware that, when recently an appeal was made to the camaraderie of the British army, it replied by offering unreservedly its immediate support." In these words General Joffre made a just appreciation of a further proof of the close fraternity of arms between France and Britain.

To-day, in the trenches of Abain Saint Nazaire and Carancy, at Souchez, and Neuville Saint Vaast, in all the villages of Artois, wrested by French courage from the invaders, Highlanders, Australians, Canadians, and the men of England, Wales, and Ireland are on guard, preparing themselves for battles yet to come. Previously the British had undertaken the difficult task of defending Verdun, carried last year by the French. To-day they hold the Ouvrages Blancs, the Labyrinth, Notre Dame de Lorette, and the slopes of the heights of Thelus and Vinay, where so much French blood was heroically shed. Would it be possible to find a more eloquent proof of our union and friendship, which the Germans would give their souls to break? While the English friends of France are thus fulfilling the duties of their alliance, the French troops before Verdun are obstinately defending the common cause against the fiercest assaults of the enemy, whose desperate efforts break against their resistance. The British army is following the struggle with interest and emotion, but it is not, and never has been, inactive.

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