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

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

PHASES OF THE MOON.

Apr. 2nd O New Moon 11.3 p.m.
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18th O Full Moon 11.50 a.m.
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Bank Bills, demand —
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Odessa.—Information has been received here of the arrest at Constantinople of the first secretary of Prince Yussuf Izzedin, the murdered Turkish Heir Apparent. Many letters were found when his house was searched, and from these, it is alleged, the discovery has been made that the dead Prince was concerned in a conspiracy of an anti-German party to overthrow the Young Turk Government.

The letters are said to contain the names of many conspirators, all of whom have been arrested. Among them are two persons holding high positions at Court who previously were considered to be firm supporters of the Young Turk Party.

The new Heir Apparent has visited Enver Pasha, although until now they have been enemies. This is considered to be a sign that the new Heir Apparent approves the policy of the Young Turks.

Conspirators Executed.

Athens.—According to Greek arrivals from Constantinople, the circumstances in connection with the death of Prince Yussuf were as follows: Enver Pasha had been informed that the Prince, together with a number of Old Turks, some Young Turks, and a few Allied subjects, intended to hold a meeting for the purpose of deciding how they might enter into negotiations with the Allies. While they were conferring, Enver Pasha himself suddenly appeared with soldiers and had all present except the Prince arrested. After the departure of the prisoners the Prince was also arrested and murdered next day.

The other conspirators underwent a brief trial and were afterwards executed as traitors.

Kaiser's War Council.

The Daily Mail's special correspondent at Petrograd writes:—

The "Ruski Invalid," the official organ of the Russian Army, publishes an account, partly based on a telegram from a Stockholm newspaper, of a Council of War in Berlin at which the decision is said to have been taken to attack Verdun. The purpose of the Council was to discuss the best means of dissipating the bad impression caused by the fall of Erzerum.

The German and Bavarian Crown Princes and Hindenburg and Mackensen took part. The Princes are said to have hotly advocated the move on the French front and proposed to advance against Verdun. Both the field-marshal's opposed on the ground that it would be better to develop the operations already planned against the Russian front. It would be necessary, it was argued, if the Princes' plan were adopted to send to France the reserves designed and specially trained for Russian warfare.

Further, Hindenburg declared his belief that the chances of success are greater on eastern front; he had not much hope of a favourable issue of the Verdun operations, and pointed out that if the attack failed, thus proving that the new long-range heavy guns are less formidable than has been stated, then the Germans and not Russia would be discouraged and "deprived of that moral support especially required in warfare against Russian troops."

These arguments did not prevail. The Kaiser supported the Crown Prince, and orders were immediately given for the necessary transport of reserves, men, and materials.

The "Invalid" bids this with satisfaction as "another instance of the Allies' ability to prevent the Germans from carrying out carefully elaborated schemes. Three times they have been

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Turkish Official, Feb. 24.—An enemy detachment of about a battalion tried to approach our positions near Felahie (Tigris, where General Aylmer is, twenty-three miles from General Townshend at Kut), but was compelled to retreat, leaving many dead. Among those who fell in the last battle at Felahie were seven British officers. We took seventeen soldiers who fled into the surrounding country.—Reuter.

Still Shelling Gallipoli.

Turkish Official, Feb. 24.—On February 20 an enemy cruiser with minesweepers penetrated the Gulf of Saros, supported by three aeroplanes, and unsuccessfully bombarded the coast near Galata and Gallipoli. One of our battle-aeroplanes drove off the enemy aeroplanes, whereupon the cruiser and minesweepers departed.—Reuter.

forced to change their arrangements by the occupation of Salonica, by the Russian advance in the Bukovina, and by the capture of Erzerum. Each time they had hurriedly to send troops in a different direction from that previously intended."

Now, the "Invalid" thinks, the attack in the east cannot begin for some little time, certainly not the attempt which Hindenburg was hoping to make in the direction of Petrograd while simultaneously Mackensen was to make a demonstration on both the strategic and political frontiers of Galicia and the Bukovina. "Maybe when the attacks do begin they will be too late."

Cavalry Changed To Gunners.

The Daily Mail's Copenhagen correspondent states:—I learn from Berlin that the greater part of the German cavalry has been turned into artillery in consequence of the lessons learned on the western front. This alteration has made necessary an important increase in the manufacture of heavy guns.

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M. Rodzianko, the President, described the fall of Erzerum as "the most fabulous exploit of the fearless Russian soldier." It was "the first rays of the dawn of victory."

The President greeted Russia's gallant Allies amid a great outburst of cheers, the members standing and cheering wildly.

M. Sazonoff, Minister for Foreign Affairs, said: We have secured complete union without any of the Allies having to sacrifice a particle of their independence or personality.

The misunderstandings which in former days threatened our relations with Great Britain have been completely removed.

Discussing Russia's relations with the neutrals, M. Sazonoff said: Russia's history does not impel her towards the coasts of Scandinavia. She must obtain an outlet in a free sea in quite another direction. Rumania has continued to maintain the state of neutrality she has chosen. The Allies have adapted themselves to this situation, being convinced that Rumania will not betray her own interests, and that when the hour strikes she will know how to realise her national unity at the cost of her own blood.

As to the Balkan position he said: Serbia could by an anticipated offensive have prevented the mobilisation of Bulgaria, but the Serbian Government was unwilling to incur the responsibility of beginning a fratricidal war. I am ready to admit that diplomacy did not choose the shortest and surest road. An opportune occupation of the Black Sea ports and Dedeagatch might have influenced the psychology of the Bulgarian people and helped them to hold back a Coburg, who is an alien to them, on the slippery slope of his fratricidal fantasies.

Girls Sold at "High Prices."

Geneva newspapers, according to the "Exchange," state that massacres of the few remaining Armenians by their Turkish masters have begun. The men and the boys are being shot and the younger women and girls conveyed to Constantinople, where in the open market high prices are being offered for some of them.

German Spies.

An interesting article on "Wolves in Sheep's Clothing" is contributed to the *English Review* by Major de Brézé Darnley-Stuart-Stephens, into whose possession has fallen a vast collection of the doings of the German fighting service emissaries in the British Isles.

He tells how he became acquainted with one Max Garlick, who had secured a position in the London offices of the Hamburg-America Line and at the same time acted as German secret police master in London and Westminister.

This man, says the writer, had under his eye a little army of 12,000 German spies, all resident in this country, and many of them naturalised British subjects. Eight-tenths were reserve officers and noncoms., and only some 2,000 of these were on Garlick's pay list, the rest working and daring for nothing at all.

While he held office as a "staff ride" in the eastern counties was organised by a number of German officers in mufti. In his waste-paper basket was found a document concerning the landing of a German surprise force, with a special idea for a staff ride. Two brigades were ordered to march on Norway and live on the country, and the problem was to follow the routes of both brigades, showing what food for how many men and beasts would be found on each route.

Greek Troops Leave Salonica.

Paris.—The Salonica correspondent of the *Echo de Paris* telegraphs: As the result of commissariat difficulties the Greek War Minister is moving certain army corps, some to camp near Athens. On General Sarraïl's request the sale of absinthe in Salonica is forbidden.—Reuter.

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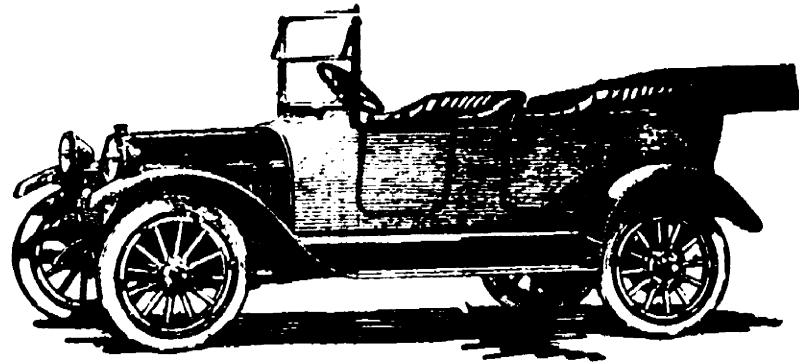
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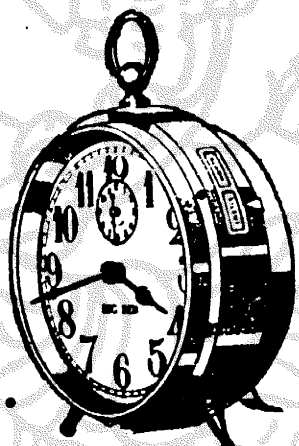
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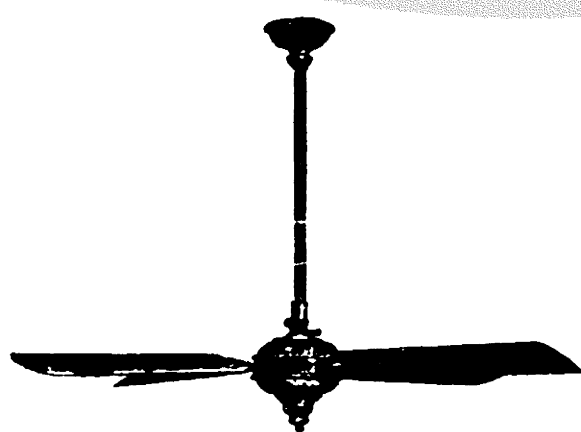
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THE Great War.**The French Front.**

(HAYAR TELEGRAM.)

Paris, April 11.
Yesterday west of the Meuse the enemy launched an attack with about two divisions on our adjusted line. Between Avocourt and Cumieres we repulsed furious assaults made in close formation inflicting considerable losses.

To-day west of the Meuse there was a violent bombardment. The enemy at the close of the day yesterday penetrated along a length of 1,500 metres into our advance trenches and Hill 295. We took about 100 prisoners.

We made progress east of the Meuse in the defiles south of Donaumont.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)

London, April 11.
Paris.—The communiqué says west of the Meuse there was a violent battle all day along the whole of our front from Avocourt to Cumieres and extending even to the eastern bank. A premeditated evacuation of the Bethincourt salient effected yesterday night enabled us to establish a continuous line from Avocourt redoubt along the wooded slopes west of Hill 304, the southern bank of Forges brook and north-east of Harcourt, rejoining our positions in the south of Bethincourt, Ennes, Bethincourt, Chataucourt and the cross roads. All this line was violently attacked. We resisted most furious assaults.

Destroyer Rams Submarine.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)

London, April 11.
Petrograd.—An official report says that a destroyer strongly rammed a submarine near the place where the "Portugal" was sunk.

"Another Hecatomb."**French Resistance Unbreakable.**

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)

London, April 11.
Paris.—A semi-official report states that the German attack along the French line from Avocourt to Cumieres was launched with great force on a seven-mile front. It was kept up desperately the whole day long. The only result was another hecatomb. The French resistance remains unbreakable. Forty eight days, fighting at Verdun has ended in a bloody defeat of the enemy.

The Italian Campaign.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)

London, April 11.
Rome.—The communiqué states that there was artillery activity on the whole front. The enemy concentrated many batteries against our recently gained position at Raichkofel. We evacuated the line most in advance in order not to expose our troops to unnecessary losses. We repulsed enemy attacks on Monte Nero taking machine-guns and 76 prisoners. An advanced Austrian post in mid Isanzo was captured.

The Budget's Welcome.

London, April 6.—The morning papers' maturer consideration does not appear to alter their general approval of the Budget. The opinion is expressed that the increase of taxation of motorcars above sixteen horse power will lead to increased sales of smaller British cars in place of American cars, which mostly come under the new tax. The cinema tax alone is expected to produce forty-five thousand daily.

The new proposals meet little opposition in labour circles, where the tax on railway tickets alone is questioned. It is understood that efforts are being made to withdraw this. Reuter learns that it is hoped to pass this season a private Bill excluding Germans from the Rhodes scholarships and providing Dominion scholarships instead.

London, April 6.—In the House of Commons, Mr. McKenna said that in order to avoid delay involving a loss of three millions to the revenue the new taxes would be embodied in one Finance Bill and the old taxes in another which might be delayed. Discussion on such subjects as the excess profits tax would be taken later in the sitting in which the former were introduced.

**Court Circular.**

GRAND PALACE.

Tuesday, April 11.

This afternoon at 5.30 His Majesty the King was present at the religious ceremony held at the residence of His late Royal Highness Prince Divakara, an uncle of His Majesty, on the occasion of the 100th day of his demise. On arrival His Majesty laid a wreath before the remains. A commemorative sermon was preached by His Royal Highness the Holy Prince Vajiranana, Supreme Patriarch of the Kingdom. After the sermon His Majesty laid down the robes and clothes for the "Satapakaruna" rites, after which he took his departure.

Italian Communique.**A Summary of the Situation.**

The Italian Legation communicates the following extract of an official statement from the Italian General Staff concerning the result of the operations on the Austro-Italian frontier at the beginning of the present year:

In the *Trentino*, the conquest of the line comprising the Daone and Ledro valleys, the Loppio depression and the valley of Terragnolo has had the effect of cutting off the southern extremities of the salient which, advancing to the West and to the East of the Lake of Garda, down to a short distance of the plain, were a continual menace to the Brescia-Verona line.

To the east of the salient we have barred the numerous roads which cross the frontier between the Adige and the Brenta and lead down to the plain between Verona and Vicenza, a portion of the frontier which has always been considered a dangerous zone of invasion into the Venetian plain. Further north the Valugana has been occupied as far as Borgo as well as the extensive mountainous zone at the base of the Alpe di Fassa.

In the *Adige* we have occupied the upper Cordevole up to Chierz and the basin of Cortina d'Ampezzo with the heights of Tofana and Cristallo.

We have thus intercepted the important road of the Dolomites, built by Austria in view of the better fortification of the frontier and of rapid communication between Toblach and Trento. We have followed this up by sending advanced posts into the upper valleys of Rienza and Sexten at a short distance of the great Austrian communication route along the Drava valleys.

In *Carnia* we have maintained possession of the frontier line against the persistent attacks made with a view to penetrating into this sector and to menacing thereby the flank of our army. By means of artillery fire and of repeated infantry attacks, we have disturbed the enemy's communications along the valleys of the Gail and of the upper Fella: Fort Hensel has been destroyed and Fort Predil has been damaged.

On the *Isonzo* we have occupied the Plezzo basin as far as Mount Ronbon and Mount Javoreck, and also a great portion of the Monte Nero "massif" thus obtaining a firm footing on the left of the river. From our positions on the Volil and the Mrzi and from the hills of Santa Maria and Santa Lucia we are threatening Tolmino, which is within range of our guns.

On the middle Isonzo we have established a strong bridgehead to the east of Plava.

By means of the occupation of a great part of the heights to the west of Gorizia, we have rendered that formidable enemy bridge-head valueless and the town—at one time a centre of supplies and rest for the Austrian troops—uninhabitable.

We have cleared the adversary out of the extensive and populous plain on the right of the Isonzo and, lastly, by crossing the river we have broken through his strongly entrenched lines on the Carso and have taken up strong positions on that plateau.

Under the pressure of our attack the adversary has gradually had to fall back along the whole front, and notwithstanding the enormous natural advantages of the position reinforced by art, they have lost besides a considerable number of men, killed or wounded, 30,000 prisoners, not to speak of guns, rifles and munitions and stores of all kinds.

On the other hand our army having faced the difficulties of an offensive action, has been obliged to fight under most unfavourable conditions, and amidst the greatest hardships against an enemy who were masters of all commanding positions in a country the defences of which they had leisure to prepare and continually to strengthen.

This notwithstanding our army has kept up its aggressive position during all these months bearing with the privations due to the nature of the country, in one of the most difficult amongst all the theatres of the present war, with unshaken steadfastness of resolve.

Motley Reflexions.

"Invest me in my motley, and give me leave to speak my mind."

It appears that I was on the right track when I happened, in my recent reflexions, to mention the "silly season." The Rikisha strike and the evening correspondence about it is as near as possible to being the usual silly season stuff that one finds in English papers. We only want the giant gooseberry and the sea-serpent to make it all complete!

Taking pride in my own ability to see humour in almost any effort made by anybody in that direction, I was glad to observe how humorous the correspondents were who wrote about the rikisha problem. The person who began it advocated the abolition of rikishas and gave as a reason for such a drastic reform the idea that it would make people walk more, and thus their physique would be improved. Then, having made this proposition at about the hottest time of the year, when even to toddle from one room to another is a fearful exertion, he calmly and humorously signs himself "Humanitarian"! Why "Humanitarian"? Sandow would have been more appropriate, if physical culture was his plank.

The same individual also suggests that countless millions of germs may be lurking among the cushions of rikishas. Ugh! What a gruesome thing to remind one of just now! But how are we to be certain that we do avoid germs even when we don't ride in rikishas? Also, it is really a good thing for us—this germ-dodging game, I mean. I remember hearing of a certain health resort "somewhere in Europe," which possessed some remarkably pure springs, the water from which was found on an analysis to be absolutely germless, or nearly so. An enterprising business man at once decided to boom the place; and as a result all sorts and conditions of men and women, mostly with nothing in the world the matter with them except the possession of superfluous money, flocked to the place for a "cure." It was a ghastly failure. Nearly all of them got really ill! Then the medical put their heads together and they hit upon the notion that the water was too pure. So a few millions of benevolent microbes were imported from a neighbouring village, and were let loose in the springs—and all the sick people got well again!

Having read this edifying story, I hope you will agree with me in sticking up for the rikishas, for the sake of the germs they may contain, if for nothing else. And let us hope that the benevolent germs may be strong enough to overcome the malevolent ones that may be lurking among those cushions. Personally to be on the safe side, I shall keep a phial of benevolent germs in my pocket, to be let loose on the cushions, should I come across a somewhat doubtful looking specimen of the "rot-cek," and a few judiciously placed upon the jacket of the puller might also be a wise precaution.

The correspondent who answered "Humanitarian" was also very humorously inclined, since there was no earthly reason why he should not have signed himself "A Sane Person," there did not on the other hand appear to be any reason why he should! It was evident, therefore, that humour was aimed at, and I hereby respectfully beg to tender a nice, polite smile. The letter was apparently humorous all through. His reference to the rikisha as a necessity of life for the Siamese is quite humorous, seeing that there are no rikishas anywhere but in Bangkok, and that over seven millions of Siamese men and women have to use other conveyances or foot it in almost every other part of Siam except Bangkok! It is hardly the same in Siam as in Japan, where you find the rikisha, or "Kerama," as they call it, almost everywhere and is practically the general form of conveyance for town and country; but that does not matter, does it?

The next point is, that some of us "cannot be favoured with motor-cars to-morrow." That's true. The same writer also said something about people going from their long-distant homes to their clubs, and his point seems to be that they would scarcely appreciate walking, exercising apart. There certainly are some places from which it is a bit difficult to reach home on foot, since the roads in between are apt to be as wobbly as the deck of an ocean tramp in a billowy sea. In such cases, it is certainly wiser to employ a "rot-cek" than to trust one's own "nervy limbs" to negotiate the difficulties of the road!

The next point is that the abolition of the rikisha would suppress one of the things that bring out local colouring. Well, well! Places would be exceedingly dull and drab without local colouring, to be sure! Personally, I have not succeeded in discovering any very pleasant colour in the rikisha-puller; but, never mind, since I now know him to be one of the local colourings, I will have a good try. Hitherto I have only discovered the rikisha-puller's "scent," but I will in

future keep a sharp look-out for his "colouring."

There also appeared to be an "inherent" complaint about the abolition of games. By this I presume is meant the recent abolition of the Huey Lotteries. If so, the "Sane Person" need not be down-hearted, because the "Po" and other kinds of games still flourish. It is true they too will soon be gone, but one could make hay while the sun shines. By the way, all the best known forms of gambling in Siam only came to us from China less than a century ago; and yet they have apparently become one of our "local colourings"!

Finally, beside rikishas and games, both of which have been ignorantly considered by us Siamese as Chinese things, what else are our local colourings, or "special practices and appearances"? Is laziness one of our "special practices"? I wonder? If it is, then I hope we won't be always getting slated for it, because in continuing to be lazy, we are trying to "improve without renouncing our special practices and appearances," as suggested by my friend the "Sane Person."

SRI DHANONGJAI.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE S.S. "Drufer" brought 1,303 deck passengers from Swatow to-day.

SINCE the printing of the race programme, Phya Gadadharabadi has changed his racing colours to purple jacket, red sleeves, and red cap.

THE S.S. "Kuala" will leave from the Borneo Company's wharf at 4 p.m. sharp, on Friday the 14th inst., and should arrive in Singapore on Tuesday about daylight.

THE following passengers arrived by the S.S. "Kuala" to-day:—Mr. L. L. Flores (Charge d'Affaires of Portugal), Mr. C. E. Flores, Mrs. Strachan, Miss Weir (Nursing Home), Mrs. Maclean and Miss Maclean.

WE regret to hear of the death of Mrs. de Campos, wife of Mr. A. E. de Campos of the Survey Department, which took place yesterday morning at about 11 o'clock. The late Mrs. de Campos was the eldest daughter of the late Capt. Lampe, pilot, Bangkok. The funeral takes place this evening at 5 o'clock at the Roman Catholic Cemetery at Windmill Road.

HIS Majesty King George has been pleased to give and grant unto Thomas Judge, Acting Headmaster, Wat Dolsirind School, Bangkok, His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to wear the insignia of the Fifth Class of the Order of the White Elephant, which decoration has been conferred upon him by His Majesty the King of Siam in recognition of valuable services rendered by him.

Aurora's Escape.

LONDON, April 4.—The Daily Chronicle publishes a long telegram from Chief Officer Stenhouse, from Dundee, describing the experiences of the Aurora. The Chief Officer says that the ship reached Cape Crozier on Jan. 30th, 1915, and proceeded westward to Cape Evans, where a large depot of benzine, kerosene, and coal was established. Three depot-laying parties were despatched into the interior, one of which, under Commander Mackintosh, consisting of three men and nine dogs, had not returned when the ship put to sea. A party of four more who landed at Cape Evans on March 23rd for scientific work also remained behind.

Remarkable Comet Observed. Chief Officer Stenhouse emphasises that there were ample provisions for the parties' needs, and there was no fear of scurvy. The Aurora observed a remarkable comet on May 2nd over Mount Erebus, the length of the tail being ten degrees.

The Aurora was carried about in drift ice in a most precarious position up to July 22nd, when the terrific pressure raised the ship on to the ice. On the previous day, heavy floc inclosed the ship. The steel bound, six ton rudder was bent and twisted like a corkerew and became useless.

A Nightmare Passes.

A dramatic passage in Chief Officer Stenhouse's diary is that made at midnight on July 22nd, chronicling the final safety of the ship. It says: "Lanes have opened in every direction. The ship is 90 miles south east of Coulman Island. Thank God we have been spared through a fearful nightmare."

The first thing the Aurora's crew asked for on arrival at Dundee was an English breakfast of porridge, bacon and eggs, to which they had looked forward after a month on seal and penguin.

Wellington, April 4.—General opinion is that the Aurora was fortunate to reach port as latterly she was making seven feet of water daily.

LONDON, April 5.—The Gazette notifies that Major Souter Murray, of the Jate, commanding the Dorset Yeomanry has been awarded the Distinguished Service Order for gallantry at Agadir, Egypt, on Feb. 26th.

The British Budget.

LONDON, April 4.—The morning papers are awaiting the Budget statement with unusual calm, and there is an absence of speculations. It is generally suggested that there will be an increase, possibly of twenty per cent., in the income tax, that the excess profits tax will be raised from fifty to sixty per cent, and also that there will be an increase in the duties on cocoa, coffee and chicory, possibly an increase in the duty on spirits, a tax on theatre and cinema tickets, perhaps a tax on domestic servants, and additional imposts on motor cars. It is suggested that there will possibly be further duties on imported luxuries.

The Times believes that any changes will be on the lines of extension of existing taxation. It is improbable that there will be a big departure from tradition.

It is expected that Mr. McKenna will make appreciative reference to the King's gift of £100,000.

LONDON, April 4.—In the House of Commons, there was a full attendance for the Budget. Mr. McKenna began his speech by assuming that the war would last the whole of the financial year. The actual expenditure detailed in the Budget is 1,553 millions. The total financial assistance to the Allies and Dominions was 316 millions. The actual revenue was 337, so that the deficit was 1,222 millions. It would be made up by 600 millions of war loan, 154 millions by the sale of bonds, fifty millions from the Anglo-French loan, and the balance by the sale of Treasury Bills.

Expenditure must inevitably increase. He estimated the total expenditure for the year at 1,825 millions, of which 1,150 millions are directly for the war. Advances to the Allies and Dominions are 150 millions. It is hoped that various economies will be effected in military administration. He expressed loyal gratitude for His Majesty's kindly gift to the Government, and he is awaiting the return of Mr. Asquith to decide as to the disposal of the gift.

The estimated revenue is 502 millions, a deficit to the net by borrowing. It is proposed to raise the lowest rate of income tax to 2.5, raising on earned incomes of £2,500 to five shillings, and on unearned incomes to reach a maximum of five shillings at two thousand. But the flat rate on unearned income, deductible at the source, would be five shillings.

The income tax on naval and military salaries is unchanged. The increased mentioned will produce 13½ millions.

The amusement tax, including theatres, cinemas, horse-racing and football, are estimated to produce five millions. There will be a tax on railway tickets, producing three millions.

An additional half-penny a pound on sugar will produce seven millions. The duties on cocoa, coffee, and chicory are increased to six-pence per pound, producing two millions.

A tax on matches of four-pence per thousand yields two millions.

Mineral water taxes go from four-pence to eight-pence a gallon, yielding two millions. The licences on motor cars are doubled or tripled, according to the horse power, yielding £800,000.

The excess war tax is increased to sixty per cent.

The taxes on tea and tobacco will for the present be unchanged.

A second Budget may be necessary in July, when the question of further taxation on these commodities might arise.

A Comparison with Germany.

Mr. McKenna concluded by saying that we were making ample provision for the war. When peace came we should have an ample margin for the remission of taxation. We are raising upwards of three hundred millions yearly by post-bellum taxation while Herr Hülferich, in announcing a doubtful increase of taxation, was raising twenty-four millions. We can justly claim not to be behind wanting in civil and military courage.

The Budget was well received. It is undoubted that it will easily be passed. The Labourites have assured Government that the working classes are determined to bear the burden of securing victory.

LONDON, April 5.—In the House of Commons, all the new taxes were adopted.

Praise from the Papers.

The Times, while doubting the wisdom of the tax on railway tickets and the justification of the income tax increase, expresses the opinion that the net result of the new proposals for financing another year of war can only be regarded with justifiable pride by all having the maintenance of British credit at heart.

The Daily News says that the war has discovered a financial strength beyond the most extravagant dreams. Mr. McKenna faces the problem with boldness and prudence.

The Daily Chronicle says that it is a bold War Budget, and entirely business-like.

The Daily Mail says that Mr. McKenna's measures are heroic, but the public will respond cheerfully.

LONDON, April 5.—The morning papers greet the Budget statement with general approval.

The Graphic describes it as a magnificent War Budget, and says that at last the Government have had the courage to propose an adequate scheme of war taxation. There may be some

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Latest Wire News.

HONGKONG, April 5.—The Chiyo Maru has broken in two.

LONDON, April 4.—The introduction of the rupee into Egypt is merely temporary.

THE Morning Post declares that the Budget statement does not dampen the nation from continuing the course it has laid down for itself. From the King downwards, everybody is prepared to make great sacrifices.

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LONDON, April 5.—Admiral Sir Cyprian Bridge emphasises that the shortage of tonnage is not due to submarines, but owing to naval and military requirements. He says that during the war only four per cent of Allied shipping has been destroyed, and the loss has been more than made up.

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Lord Northcliffe wrote: My dear Burnham,—Were it not that before I knew of this occasion I had already accepted an invitation to re-visit the French Army I should have been with you cordially to welcome our Russian guests.

By this time they will have doubtless learned how grateful we are for the immense service they rendered in drawing the Germans to the east at a time when our new armies were not yet prepared. In the vast munition factories we have erected and in the millions of men that we have called to the colours they will see that we have in our hands weapons to assist them to avenge the losses involved in their noble sacrifice to the cause of the Allies.

When they have seen our Navy with their own eyes and have gained by direct experience a sense of its invisible but not impalpable power, they will understand still better what our contribution to that cause has been.

They will be able to take back to Russia news of an immense and growing effort on our part and of the conviction of every single Englishman that each day brings us closer to a complete and final destruction of the unspeakable tyranny of German aggression.—Yours faithfully, Northcliffe.

The Czar's Courage.

Lord Robert Cecil spoke of the Czar's unbroken courage and single-minded devotion to duty. (Cheers.) Our enemies have tried to make the world believe that England is a robber State and that the danger to the peace of the world comes from Russia. No two greater libels could be imagined. Both nations passionately desire peace. We are fighting with all our strength because we believe that only by our victory can peace be secured. We are fighting for our honour, for our safety, but above all for the peace of the world. (Applause.)

In replying to the toast of the Czar, M. Constantine Nabokoff, Councillor of the Russian Embassy, said: Count Benckendorff had an indisposition rendered more severe by the Russian winter which had set in London. All knew his Majesty had always been a staunch friend of Great Britain.

Lieutenant-General Sir James Wolfe

Murray, speaking in Russian, said we firmly believed this visit would bring about a complete union of hearts between the Russian and British nations. We could not but feel, to quote a well-known Russian poet, that an end was coming to the darkness.

Lord Burnham said: During this, the greatest, cruellest, and most catastrophic war in the annals of mankind, there had been on both the English and the Russian sides the greatest and fullest admiration for what each Empire had done and attempted for the common cause. This alliance of war would become an alliance of peace also. The soul of England is warm towards Russia.

Peter the Great's Will.

A speech of M. Nemirovitch-Danchenko, a veteran journalist, was read in English. Referring to the legend about the will of Peter the Great in favour of a march on India, he said the utmost search had been made in Russia for this testament. Its failure proved that the genial creator of modern Russia could never have bequeathed such a senseless legacy to his people. From his seventy years' knowledge of Russian life, the speaker said that the people of Russia who dreamt about the conquest of India could be found in Russia only in a madhouse.

His memory recalled the Turkish war of 1877-78. Archibald Forbes had said to him he feared he would not have the skill to draw the Russian soldier worthily, so that the hearts of England should understand him and that if and when this understanding did come about there would be no words that could separate the two countries. He believed that this hour had come.

England's sailors had won the gratest respect and love of their Russian comrades. He saw in the not distant future fresh laurels added to the monument of Nelson. Russians for their part were not losing a single hour in preparing to take their place worthily beside their Allies.

Mr. Robert Donald said the advance of Russia into East Prussia had as much to do with the saving of Paris as had the siege of Liège. (Cheers.)

M. Egroff hoped that the British and French, who are stronger than ourselves in the domain of industry, will not leave the German road an open one, but will oust Germany from the Russian market and succeed in establishing a basis of just and equitable business relations with Russia." (Cheers.)

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German News Service.

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Italian theater: Bad weather is hindering the activity. Only in the region of Col di Lina and San Michele artillery engagements have occurred.

Berlin, March 8.

Deutsche Ueberseesicht: According to the Athens newspaper Neunasty, the Greek Government notified the Greek authorities of the German Government's intentions to treat hostile armed merchantmen as men-of-war and of the German advice to the Greeks to entrust neither their lives nor goods to such armed merchantmen.

In the *Koelnische Zeitung*, the expert on international law, Dr. Teich discusses the question whether the present German attitude towards armed British merchantmen implies a change of the international law during the war. Dr. Teich states that the international law is only valid by the consent of the civilized nations. The former British pretence, according to which armed merchantmen were admitted by international law, has never been agreed to by Germany. The British claim for the admission of armed merchantmen is therefore, only a one-sided declaration and its present refusal consequently does not imply a change of the nation's law.

This fact is also proved by the text of international treaties, as for instance, that of the Hague Convention, where armed merchantmen have never been mentioned. Thus the seventh Hague Convention of 1907 only recognizes the changing of merchantmen into men-of-war.

Dr. Teich mentions the Scandinavian legal opinions, as this would obliterate the rules of the Seventh Hague Convention of 1907 about the changing of merchantmen into men-of-war.

Berlin, March 9.

Deutsche Ueberseesicht: "The German Government therefore considers itself from now on to be in a state of war with the Portuguese Government." Thus ends the note which has been handed to-day to the Portuguese Government by the German Minister in Lisbon and in Berlin to the Portuguese Minister. The German note emphasizes that this step has become necessary through the recent illegal seizure of German ships in Portuguese ports which constitutes the gravest breach of neutrality and of special treaties.

Germany has thereby been forced to give up its former patient attitude which it still observed on account of the awkward position of Portugal. The note enumerates the long series of breaches of neutrality of the Portuguese Government, such as the permit of free transit of British troops through the colony of Mozambique; the permit granted to British men-of-war to use the Portuguese ports for a longer period than allowed to neutrals; the permission given to the British fleet to use the island of Madeira as point d'appui; the actual fighting of Portuguese troops with German troops at the frontier of German South-West Africa and Angola, as well as the frequent insults to German people by members of the Portuguese Parliament, which have never been reprimanded.

The note further points out that the

seizure of German ships in the Portuguese ports on February 23 is against all laws and against the treaties existing between Germany and Portugal. According to these treaties, the seizure ought to have been made on the basis of an agreement regarding the price to be paid to the owners.

Furthermore, a capture would only have been permissible in case of an absolute public necessity for Portugal, while, in this instance the tonnage of the captured ships is far greater than necessary to balance the lack of tonnage at the disposal of Portugal. The Portuguese Government, however, did not even try to communicate with the owners of the ships in Germany, or with the German Government.

The note continues: "The Portuguese Government, through these actions, has openly give evidence that it considers itself a vassal of Britain for whom Britain's interests and wishes stand above all other conflicting ones. The Portuguese Government has seized the ships in a way which has to be considered as an international provocation of Germany. The German flag has been hauled down from the ships and the Portuguese flag has been hoisted under the salute of the guns of the flag-ship of the Portuguese Admiral."

It has further become known regarding the events of the last days that the German Minister in Portugal protested against the illegal seizure of German ships in Portuguese ports. Nevertheless the Portuguese Government semi-officially declared in the Lisbon newspapers that no German protest has been made. The Portuguese Minister of Justice, in the House of Commons, also denied the existence of a German protest.

The Portuguese Minister of Foreign Affairs gave his word of honour to a member of the staff of the Italian newspaper *Il Secolo*, to the effect that Germany had issued no protest against the seizure of the ships. The German Minister unsuccessfully demanded a correction of the semi-official statements.

Only on March 1, the Portuguese Minister in Berlin handed a note of the Portuguese Government to the Foreign Office, denying the right of the German claims. A copy of this Portuguese note was sent to the German Minister in Lisbon, with instructions to hand to the Portuguese Government the German note, as quoted above.

A semi-official statement declares: "The rumours recently floated that the Japanese Government, during the last years before the war, offered to the German Government a political rapprochement and, even a short time before the war, asked for a friendly understanding about Kiaochau; that however the German Government refused, are absolutely without any foundation. In fact, the Japanese Government never made such suggestions, but especially during the critical time before the rupture, the Japanese Cabinet, with Baron Kato, who, in the meantime, resigned as Minister for Foreign Affairs, refused to meet the German wishes to maintain peace in the Far East and declined to enter into any conversations."

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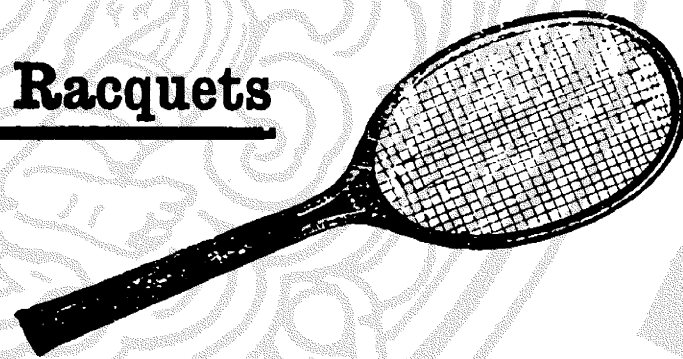
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Thus in tropical America this pest has spread so rapidly that it has been necessary to spend many thousands of pounds in endeavouring to eradicate it from rivers and streams. If it becomes at all common in our presidency it may most grievously affect our water and irrigation supply on the preservation of which the economic future of the Madras Presidency and the health of its people so largely depend.

In the early stages of growth it is easy to lift it out dry, and burn. It is not enough to leave it to rot, because the seeds readily germinate in moist earth. Thus if anyone sees it anywhere in water over which he has any control, he ought to uproot it at once and burn it. Both in America and in Australia it is one of the most serious weeds with which they have to contend and it is spreading dangerously in Burma also. With the warning and the experience of these countries it ought to be possible to prevent its extension in the Madras Presidency. All are requested to assist in eradicating this weed which, if left to spread unchecked, may cause serious economic loss. It flourishes chiefly in stagnant fresh water.

5 Wives Apiece—On April 1.

Zurich.—Persistent rumours have recently been circulated in certain Magyar districts in Hungary that men were

Dangers of the Slate.

It is an interesting fact, writes a medical correspondent of the *Times*, that since measles became a notifiable disease, London, and especially a part of North London, has suffered from an epidemic of the disease. With measles there has been associated an outbreak of whooping-cough. In the Vital Statistics for the week ended February 5th it is stated that there were 62 deaths attributed to measles, including eight in London, and the deaths attributed to whooping-cough rose to 140, including 28 in London.

Whooping-cough and measles are serious complaints of childhood, about which very little is known, though research work is being undertaken in respect of the latter. We may hope for much from notification, but the fact remains that children are still being sent back to school before they have ceased to be infective. The ridiculous idea that a child "must get measles" requires to be combated. It need not and the number of troubles which can be traced back to this dangerous disease is very great.

In view of these considerations, it is nothing short of monstrous that education authorities should be contemplating—according to a correspondent who is in a position to know—the reintroduction of slates to the school-room. If ever there was an invention of the devil it is the school slate—that filthy article which is cleaned with saliva and written upon with pencils that have been sucked to make them write. The school slate is a kind of jumping-off board for disease. A child may escape the infection laden breath of his class-fellow who has had measles, but he cannot escape the infection-inoculated slate he used half an hour before.

Let the education authorities exercise a little sense in their economy. They have spent large sums on the medical inspection of school children. Will they waste all that money now by making schools even more dangerous than they are?

to be permitted to marry more than one wife, but the total was to be limited to five.

Since the war has in many districts taken away the whole available number of marriageable men, the reports found considerable credence. In fact, in some districts the local authorities have received numerous protests from women against "the new law." Nobody seems to have noticed the date on which the measure was to come into force—April 1.—Reuter.

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Bangkok Dep.	7.00	9.48	1.25	3.33	Ban Meh	...	9.7
Ayuthia Arr.	9.3	11.41	3.33	5.45	Chang Dep.
Ban Phaji Arr.	9.47	12.20	4.24	6.30	Den Chai	...	12.38
Ban Phaji Dep.	9.57	12.37	4.30	...	Tha Sao	...	7.1	2.21	...
Lopburi Arr.	11.5	1.55	5.48	...	Utaradit	...	7.18	2.40	...
Chengkot Dep.	12.33	3.38	...	a.m.	Ban Dara Arr.	...	8.16	3.26	...
Pak'pho Arr.	2.17	5.40	...	9.5	Sawa'loke Dep.	...	7.0	2.10	...
Pak'pho Dep.	2.26	6.30	Ban Dara Arr.	...	8.1	3.11	...
Pitsa'loke Arr.	6.0	11.5	Ban Dara Dep.	...	8.24	3.32	...
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Ban Dara Dep.	...	9.20	4.40	...	Pak'pho Arr.	6.20	7.00
S'kaloke Arr.	...	10.21	5.41	...	Pak'pho Dep.	...	3.52	a.m.	a.m.
Ban Dara Dep.	...	9.10	4.26	...	Chengkot Arr.	6.21	...	9.22	12.28
Utaradit	...	10.6	5.29	...	Lopburi Dep.	...	7.10	11.6	1.58
Tha Sao Arr.	...	10.15	5.38	...	Ban Phaji Arr.	...	8.30	12.21	3.4
Den Chai	...	11.57	...	...	Korat Dep.	...	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Ban Meh	...	p.m.	...	...	Gengkoi	...	7.12	11.32	1.52
Chang	...	3.8	...	...	Ban Phaji Arr.	...	8.22	12.29	2.59
Ban Phaji Dep.	10.00	12.30	4.41	...	Ban Phaji Dep.	6.27	8.37	12.44	3.14
Gengkoi Arr.	11.7	1.26	5.51	...	Ayuthia	...	7.13	9.25	1.23
Korat	...	6.5	...	...	Bangkok Arr.	9.28	11.35	3.16	6.00
Bangkok Dep.	7.45	3.50	Petrien Dep.	7.30	3.55
Petrien Arr.	9.33	5.38	Bangkok Arr.	9.38	5.43

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