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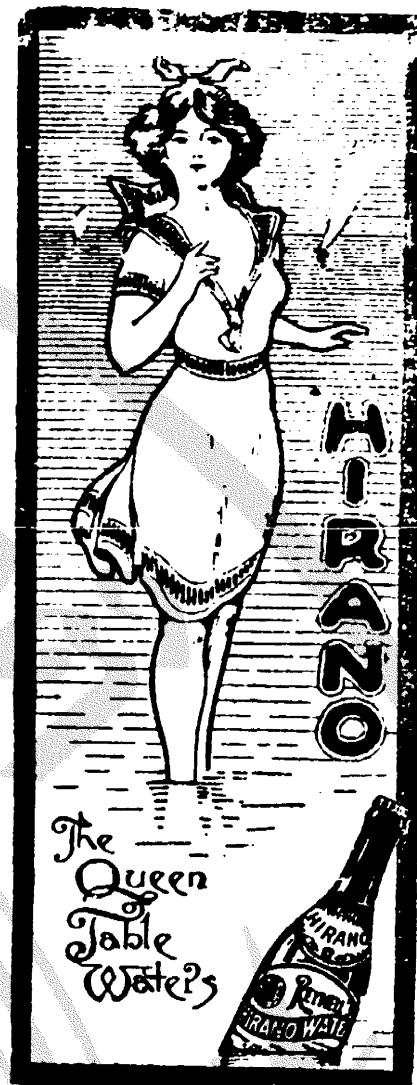
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1 7 00 14 4 ... Feet.

2 7 00 14 4 ...

3 7 00 14 4 ...

4 7 00 14 4 ...

5 7 00 14 4 ...

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29 7 00 14 4 ...

30 7 00 14 4 ...

31 7 00 14 4 ...

P.M.

Mar. H. W. Ft. & in. L. W. (Approx.)

1 10 0 13 5 ... Feet

2 11 0 13 3 ...

3 ... 3 0 7 0

4 ... 4 0 7 0

5 ... 5 6 7 0

6 2 00 12 0 5 6 7 0

7 3 00 12 6 6 7 6 0

8 4 00 13 0 7 8 6 0

9 6 00 13 6 9 10 6 0

10 6 00 14 0 11 12 6 0

11 7 00 14 10 1 2 6 0

12 7 00 14 10 1 2 7 0

13 8 00 15 0 1 0 7 0

14 9 30 14 2 1 0 7 0

15 11 00 14 0 2 0 6 0

16 ... 3 0 6 0

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18 ... 5 0 6 0

19 2 00 11 0 5 6 7 0

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23 6 00 14 0 9 10 7 0

24 6 00 14 6 10 11 7 0

25 7 00 15 0 11 12 7 0

26 7 00 15 0 11 12 7 0

27 8 00 15 0 12 0 6 0

28 9 00 15 0 1 0 7 0

29 9 00 14 2 1 0 7 0

30 10 00 14 0 1 0 7 0

31 11 00 14 0 1 2 6 0

PHASES OF THE MOON.

Mar. 9th O Full Moon 4 h 40 m a.m.

16th (Last Quarter) 7 h 15 m p.m.

23rd O New Moon 10 h 47 m a.m.

28th First Quarter 5 h 18 m p.m.

## Deceiving the People.

Writing on Dec. 13 with regard to the Kaiser's peace proclamation, I stated: "There is good reason to believe in the existence of a Machiavellian design behind this spurious proposal, a design associated with its obvious intent of throwing the guilt for further bloodshed in the eyes of neutrals on the shoulders of the Entente. Its anticipated rejection is going to be used as an excuse for the introduction of even more frightfulness into the prosecution of the war. According to reliable indications there may be expected early in the New Year a resumption of the 'regardless' submarine warfare. The German Admiralty is concentrating enormous efforts on the building of U-boat cruisers and in training crews for them. A sink-at-sight policy must be anticipated, and on the Allies' rejection of the peace offer the blame will be thrown for the loss of lives of neutrals that may ensue."

That my grounds for this forecast were well founded needs no emphasis. The course of events of the last three months outlined below prove clearly that in addition to gaining the support of the people for "a war of defence," the German Government in its peace proposal was seeking also to gain time for preparations. Whilst meekly holding out the olive-branch they were vigorously putting deep-laid plans for "regardless" submarine warfare into effect. According to the apostles of sea frightfulness, those plans are designed to achieve the sinking of 1,000,000 tons of shipping monthly. Of course, responsible advisers entertain no such grotesquely exaggerated hope. But the idea embodied in it was undoubtedly being worked out with feverish energy during the whole of the time. Another probability, if not a certainty, is that during this period of miserable deception there has been worked out a system of submarine provisioning vessels. These are intended under the disguise of submarine traders to supply at fixed times and places on the high seas the operating pirate boats with stores of provisions. In this way it is hoped to employ, in addition to a considerable number of new large U-boats, which can carry their own supplies for journeys of a week's duration, the smaller submarines previously in use, thus obviating to a certain extent the risks attended by frequent returns to German bases for fresh supplies.

Reverting to the history of the last three months, the greatest significance attaches to the circumstances attending the famous sitting of the Reichstag in November. The preceding days had witnessed furious attacks on the Imperial Chancellor, Herr von

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Bethmann-Hollweg, by all his critics—the Annexationists, the Pan-Germans, and the Navy Leaguers acting in concert, led by the advocates of unlimited submarine war. A development of the highest consequence occurred. Joined by the Centre, the Conservatives, National Liberals, and other supporters of U-boat frightfulness obtained a majority of the Reichstag members for their policy. Then the Reichstag sitting was postponed. A few days later there took place a long series of confidential conferences. Admiral von Capelle, the Secretary of the Admiralty, was called to pacify the leaders of the parties who were howling for the dismissal of Bethmann-Hollweg and the reinstatement of Tirpitz and "regardless" submarine operations against "our bitterest enemy, England."

What took place at those conferences has never been disclosed officially. But all that followed suggested that it was part of a game of which the German Government had then played the opening move. For when the Reichstag assembled, the Chancellor made his famous declaration that any statesman who withheld from use against England any means which could really shorten the war would deserve to be hanged, and those party leaders who had been taken into his and Admiral von Capelle's confidence were strangely quiet. This in the face of Bethmann-Hollweg's pronouncement was general interpretation as a definite rejection of the very thing for which they had been screaming, namely, unlimited U-boat warfare. Meantime, everybody else's head had been turned by the exploits of U 53 off the American coast. In a great measure the attacks on the Chancellor ceased. On grounds other than those of mere suspicion it can be stated that in those confidential discussions the party leaders had been told not, as was assumed at the time, that their frightfulness plans were futile, but that the time was not ripe, and that therefore they must hold their hands off the Government. There is further confirmation in what followed the peace proposal. For the Pan-Germans, knowing, or at least guessing, Bethmann-Hollweg's surrender, were unable to restrain their fear, not that the peace proposal would be rejected, but that it might open the way to what they regarded as a weak German peace. For whilst the Moderates and Social-Democrats professed hope of a good result the Pan-Germans did all they could to throw cold water on the whole peace idea.

Even more revealing was their attitude after the Emperor's reply. The organs of the commercial circles and the Social Democrats expressed sad disillusionment, which was undoubtedly genuine, but those of the Chauvinists made no attempt to conceal their gratification.

The German people had been deceived into making continued sacrifices. The Chancellor, they knew, had already surrendered to the cry for frightfulness. "Out with our U-boats!" shouted the *Kölnische Zeitung*. "England's mercantile fleet must now be the object of our attack!" echoed its brothers-in-arms.

One more link in the chain of deception is supplied by the speech of Herr Alfred Reilin, Germany's shipping king, made about the same time which saw the cessation of the attacks on the Chancellor. "I should despise," he said, "the statesman who allowed himself to be held back by the question of our ships now in America from using any means which could guarantee our victory over England. For German shipping there are two possibilities. Either Germany conquers, and then its shipping stands great and powerful in the world, however many ships it may have lost; or Germany suffers defeat, in which case Germany's mercantile shipping will be lost whether our ships in America are kept or not." This hint to disregard America's position was given, he it noted, at a luncheon attended by the representatives of the German Admiralty and several politicians in the confidence of the Chancellor. (Leonard Spray in D. T.)

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Ayuthia Arr. 9.3 11.41 3.33 5.45

Ban Phaji Arr. 9.47 12.30 4.24 6.30

a.m. p.m. p.m.

Ban Phaji Dep. 9.57 12.37 4.30

Lopburi Arr. 11.5 1.55 5.48

Chengket Dep. 12.33 3.38 ... 7.25

Pak'pho Arr. 2.1



**Conditions in Germany.**

Francis Gribble writes in The Evening Standard:—

Seeing is believing; and the conditions set up by the British blockade are nowhere more faithfully mirrored than in the advertisement columns of the German press. These have, indeed, suffered a sea-change, and reward close inspection with many interesting disclosures as to the present state of the labour market and of the markets for all kinds of commodities.

Our first discovery is that labour is scarce, and skilled labour particularly scarce. The only people who now advertise for jobs in Germany are the ladies whose qualifications are genteel and indeterminate. The man or woman with a trade does not advertise but answers advertisements. The proportion in a number of the Berliner Tageblatt, picked up at random, is 31 pages of "Situations Vacant" to 1/8 page of "Situations Wanted"; and the situations vacant are chiefly those of chemists, engineers, fitters, carpenters, turners, and other skilled mechanics. It is the Nemesis of "combing out," and the proof that the industrial vitality of Germany is now being sapped on the battle-field. The men who are wanted to the industries were held back, irrespective of age, as long as possible; but now the man-power problem of the trenches is being solved at the expense of the man-power problem of the factories.

That is the first point established by our researches: and the next is the complete disappearance of a class of advertisements which once flourished—those relating to drugs and the refinements of the toilet. One hears no more of Odol, or Sanatogen, or cod-liver oil, or any nutrient emulsion, or any sort of salve, or ointment, or mouth wash or tooth paste. The fats which go to the making of these things are wanted for nitro-glycerine: the alcohol for other more urgent industrial purposes. So the monthly allowance of toilet soap is down to one small tablet per adult head per month; and any supplementary cleaning which remains necessary when it is exhausted has to be effected by means of an alkali powder. "How to wash without soap" is a problem about which much ingenious advice is given by the experts who supply the papers with toilet tips, household hints, and the like.

The change which has come over the advertisements of the provision trade is even more remarkable. Most of the provisions, as we know, are commandeered and sold on the ticket system at fixed prices; and there would be no point in advertising these because everybody wants them, and there is not enough of them to go round. Provisions not covered by the ticket system are still to some extent advertised; but the only articles extensively advertised all over the country appear to be—salted mussels. Whole shiploads of these have been imported; and they are recommended at Dresden and elsewhere, as "the cheapest and most nourishing people's food," though they cost about eighteenpence a pound. One is given an impression of an entire empire living on salted mussels, supplemented, as it appears from other announcements, by a few chestnuts.

Tietz and Wertheim, however—the Barker and Harrods of Berlin—do a little better for their customers. They still advertise their price-lists, and these are worth studying. They have radishes and other roots, but no green vegetables. They offer kippers at tenpence each, and bottles of sardines at five shillings a quart, and "artificial meat"—whatever that may be—at two-and-three-pence a jar, and "fish sausage" at half-a-crown a pound. On the other hand, they appear to have run completely out of cheese and chocolate, and their only food which can be regarded as really staying to the appetite of a hungry man is goose.

As the poor in Germany run after potatoes, so do the rich run after geese; but they need to be very rich indeed if

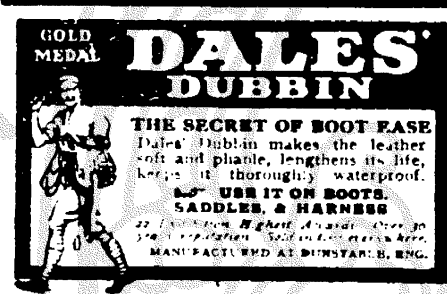
they are to buy many of them. Five shillings a pound is a good average price for the interior parts of the bird; while the smoked breast is sold at twelve shillings a pound. Probably it is only the people who can afford the smoked breast who are really anxious to prolong the war.

A further point which the advertisement columns demonstrate is that many holders of army contracts lack both the materials and the tools to execute them. They are advertising far and wide for these—for machines, for machinery, belting, pickaxes, for metals, and for chemicals—a clear proof that such things are no longer to be obtained from the normal sources of supply.

Moreover, both army contractors and other industrials are freely advertising their eagerness to buy at a good price almost any sort of old rubbish which in normal times is thrown into the dustbin.

Cork, as a non-conductor, is in great request. For a champagne cork two pence half-penny is offered. The old corks of medicine bottles can be sold at four a penny; while worn-out cork mat would probably be worth its weight in gold. Any old scrap of leather will fetch a good price at the cobbler's; and there is a specific appeal for old bootlaces, old waistbands, old bridles, and driving reins.

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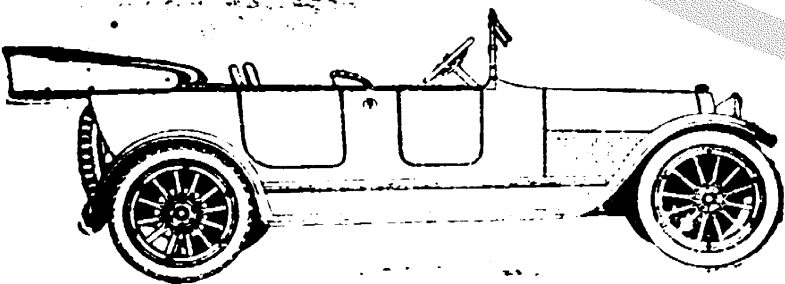
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### Notice of the Sriracha Co., Ltd.

Whereas Lieut. Thub Pradipaseua has made an application requesting that the name of the late Phya Visutra Sagoradith noted in the shares No. 2771 to 2780 now in his possession and in the shares No. 2781 to 2790 which have been lost be changed to the name of the said Lieut. Thub Pradipaseua as legatee:

It is hereby notified that if anyone objects such person shall prefer same to the above Company within 30 days from this day otherwise the Company will transfer the said shares to the said Lieut. Thub Pradipaseua and the original share certificates will be invalid.

Dated 29 March B. E. 2459.

NAI BEUN,

Secretary.

30-7 A.

### Notice.

Consignees are hereby notified that goods ex s.s. "Fulana" from Calcutta "s.s. "Teesta" from Rangoon "s.s. "Fulana" from Pondicherry have arrived here per s.s. "Mata Hari" on the 30.3.17 and will be landed at Messrs. The East Asiatic Co.'s wharves at Wat Phya Krai at the risk, expense and responsibility of Consignees.

No claims will be entertained unless made within 10 days after final discharge of the steamer.

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### Notice.

On account of the Krut Thai Festivals The Siam Commercial Bank, Ltd., will be closed to public business on Saturday, the 31st of March and on Monday the 2nd of April 1917.

The Siam Commercial Bank, Ltd.

A. WILLEKE,

Actg. Manager.

29-30

### Notice.

The undersigned Exchange Banks will be closed to Public Business on Monday the 2nd proximo being Siam New Year.

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For the Chartered Bank of India Australia and China.

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CAMILLE HENRI,

Le Directeur.

29-3 A.

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are hereby notified that same have arrived per s.s. "Katong" on 29th inst., and will be landed and stored at our Wharf, at the risk, expense and responsibility of consignees.

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### UNMERITED CONTUMELY.

One of the most unpleasant things in connection with the proceedings of the Dardanelles Commission is the way in which it has been sought to throw blame upon the late Lord Kitchener. *De mortuis nil nisi bonum* used to be an axiom generally accepted, and we are sorry to see it disregarded so flagrantly, for few men deserve to be held in better remembrance by their country than "K. of K." The judgment passed upon him, however, by Mr. Winston Churchill, is not likely to carry great weight. Mr. Churchill is a man of parts, undoubtedly—the brilliant son of a brilliant father—but he does not and will never hold the confidence of his country. In happy contradistinction to Mr. Churchill's querulous remarks were the words of Lord Fisher, spoken in the British House of Lords: "When the country is in great jeopardy it is not the time to tarnish great reputations, asperse the dead, and discover our supposed weaknesses to our enemy. Therefore we shall await the end of the war, when all the truth can be made known." At the end of the war many questions will be asked. English people will require information upon a number of matters besides the Dardanelles. We suspect, for instance, that Mr. Churchill will be called upon to give an account of his measure of responsibility for the Antwerp Expedition. The foregoing is not intended to suggest that he is in any way blameworthy. The major part of the world is quite in the dark as to very many things which have happened during the last two and a half years, and for all the man in the street knows Mr. Churchill may be deserving of the greatest praise for sagacity and foresight. But, on the other hand, it may not be so. To err is human, and the wisest individual is capable of making mistakes. It is well to bear this in mind before casting stones. Mr. Churchill complained that Lord Kitchener would not listen to arguments or take other people into his counsel. But that is a compliment rather than otherwise, since it shows that he had the courage of his convictions, and everyone admires, or at least respects, a strong man, even though he may sometimes miscalculate or make mistakes. It may safely be averred that the reputation of Lord Kitchener will suffer little damage from the attacks which have been made upon it posthumously, and his name will stand out prominently on the roll of fame long after those of his traducers have been lost in oblivion.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

NEW ADS.—A notice from the Secretary of the Sriracha Co., Ltd. appears elsewhere. The East Asiatic Co., Ltd. have a notice to consignees.

PHYA Arthakara's condition not being considered satisfactory, another operation was performed on him this morning by Drs. Tilaka, Bedell and von Wesel.

THE s.s. *Mata Hari* is expected to sail for Singapore direct on Saturday evening 31st March, and connect with the B.I. Homeward Mail of 6th April from Singapore.

THE following is the list of passengers leaving by the s.s. *Katong* this week:—Mr. A. Mancini, Mr. and Mrs. Guyon, Mr. R. Sheridan, Mr. B. Robertson, Mr. C. Todd, Mr. Go Shihuya, Mr. and Mrs. Gollo and two children, Mr. Adams Oram, Mr. Spence, Mr. C. J. Judah, Mr. A. C. Hills, Mr. F. M. Brooks, and Mr. N. L. Selley.

THE well-known actor, Cyril Maude, tells this story of the difficulty the English lower classes have with the aspirate: "In my youth I once heard a stage manager rehearsing Faust. He had sprung from the people, and he conducted the rehearsal like this, 'Old your 'ands on your 'ips.' 'Old up your 'eels and look 'ughty. You're not on 'Ampstead 'eath now—you're in 'Adee.' Now 'asten off 'urriedly with a look of 'ate.' 'But, sir,' said I, 'there are only six of us!'"

### PAUDY REPORT FOR MARCH 29.

Nasuan 1964 Coyans at Tcs. 65/00 each  
Samruang 520 " " 50/64  
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Total 2590 Coyans "



### Court Circular.

DUSIT PALACE.

Thursday, March 29.

His Majesty the King has graciously commanded that in connection with the New Year Festivities a tonsure ceremony shall also be performed for sons and daughters of the members of the Royal Family, namely Her Royal Highness Princeess Siriratra Bushabong, daughter of His Royal Highness the Prince of Ngor Svarga; His Highness Prince Aditya Dibyabha, son of His Royal Highness the Prince of Jumbura; Her Highness Princeess Mayurachatra, daughter of His Royal Highness the Prince of Kambang B-jra; Her Serene Highness Princeess Rambai Prabha, daughter of His Royal Highness Prince Bhanurangsai; His Serene Highness Prince Kittakroekrai, son of His Royal Highness Prince Bhanurangsai; His Serene Highness Princeess Varanuraksha; His Serene Highness Princeess Priyabala, son of His Royal Highness Prince Rajasakdi; Her Serene Highness Princeess Sukhavati, daughter of his late Royal Highness Prince Mahira; His Serene Highness Prince Kalyan Vongsa, son of His Royal Highness the Prince of Prachin; Her Serene Highness Princeess Dara Charas, daughter of His Highness Prince Sudasna Nibhadhara.

This morning His Majesty was present at the tonsure ceremony in Amarindra Hall. At 15 minutes past 9 o'clock, the time being auspicious, the King poured lustral water from the Royal Conch Shell on the above named Princes and Princesses and then cut their knots of hair with a pair of scissors specially reserved for the purpose. After the cutting His Majesty again poured lustral water on the Princes and Princesses and by the King's command other members of the Royal Family and some of the high officials also did the same.

Food was then presented to the priests, after which the morning ceremony was ended.

At 6 p.m. His Majesty the King witnessed the procession of priests who were to take part in the Evening Service.

Later His Majesty was present at the Grand Service held in Amarindra Hall. The customary "Mantras" from the Sacred Books having been recited, the chanting of the priests was commenced to be continued through the night. At certain intervals during the chanting the ancient guns used in this ceremony were fired.

To-morrow morning (Friday March 30) one of the Archbishops will extinguish the Candle of Victory which has remained alight during the whole festival, after which the priests will be again presented with food provided by the King in Amarindra Hall.

In the afternoon His Majesty will receive all members of the Royal Family at Chakri Palace, on which occasion His Majesty will be pleased to pour lustral water on each member and anoint them according to ancient Royal custom.

### Siam Philatelic Society.

The 5th Annual General Meeting was held at the offices of the Bangkok Times on Monday February 26th, with Mr. Monod, the President, in the chair.

The office-bearers' reports and the balance sheet were approved, and the following officers elected for 1917:—

President Mr. E. C. Monod  
Vice President Mr. R. S. le May  
Committee Mr. J. G. Raggi  
Mr. J. Hicks

Hon. Treas. & Sec. Mr. E. Wyon Smith

Hon. Exchange Mr. R. Götte

Hon. Curator & Librarian Mr. R. S. le May

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the retiring officers and Committee.

The 69th Session was held on Monday, March 12th with the President Mr. E. C. Monod in the chair.

After preliminary business, the Chairman called upon Mr. Hicks to give his display of stamps of Labuan, Borneo and Sarawak.

Mr. Hicks gave a very clear history of the rise of these states together with the details of their early postal history, and described in detail each issue. These were well illustrated and well deserved the hearty vote of thanks passed at the close of the meeting.

### Chartered Bank of I. A. & C.

At the approaching Annual General Meeting of shareholders the Directors will recommend that a dividend be declared for the past half year to 31st December, 1916 at the rate of 14 per cent per annum and a bonus of 12 per share free of income tax, that £100,000 be added to the Reserve Fund, £20,000 be added to Officer's Superannuation Fund, that £30,000 be written off Bank Premises and £167,465 be carried forward.



## THE Great War.

### German Legation at Peking Closed.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, March 29. The German Minister and the Legation staff have left Peking for Shanghai whence they will proceed by the Dutch steamer *Rembrandt* to San Francisco and then across the United States, probably making for Holland.

### British Activities.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, March 29. Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports: Our cavalry drove out the enemy from Longuevaux, Liermont and Eyancourt, which we occupied, taking a number of prisoners. The enemy's third attack north of Beaumont was temporarily successful, but we recaptured the position and re-established ourselves there. Our fire put to flight a raiding party to the east of Ploegstreet.

### Admiralty Report on Hospital Ship.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, March 29. The Admiralty reports that the British hospital-ship *Adriatic*, steaming with all navigation lights and all the distinguishing Red Cross signs brilliantly illuminated, was torpedoed without warning on the night of the 28th instant. The military casualties are 11 dead and 3 missing, including a female staff-nurse. Of the crew 20 are dead and 9 missing, including a stewardess, and 22 are injured. A German wireless message to the Press claims the torpedoing of this ship as an achievement of the U boats.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, March 28. London.—The British hospital-ship *Adriatic* was torpedoed without warning and wrecked. 24 are known to have perished, 39 were wounded, and 11 are missing.

### Explosion at Bapaume.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, March 28. An accidental explosion occurred at the Town Hall of Bapaume during a distribution of help to the populace, and MM. Briquet and Taillandier, of the Chamber of Deputies, were amongst those killed.

### Credits Voted by Senate

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, March 28. The Senate unanimously voted for the necessary credits to provide for the second quarter of 1917.

### Salonika.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, March 28. We have occupied four hundred metres of trenches on the ridge of Cervinastena, and took one hundred prisoners.

### The Western Front.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, March 28. Today we progressed in the Basses-forest de Concy, and occupied Petit Barais, Vernonil and Concy-la-Ville. We reached the western borders of the Forêt de St. Gobain and the Haute-Forêt de Concy. In the district of Soissons we advanced north of Neuville-sur-Margival, repulsing all counter-attacks. The British cavalry took the villages of Longuevaux, Liermont and Eyancourt. To-day we progressed east of Leuilly and Neuville-sur-Margival and captured an enemy position of importance. There is violent artillery fighting in Champagne.

New York.—The British Government has forbidden all passengers other than Government officials to travel by British liners for the United States. All vessels on American lines are to be employed to their full capacities as cargo carriers. Ordinary passengers must travel from England to the United States by way of neutral countries.—*Anti.*

### Siam Electricity Co., Limited.

The 36th ordinary general meeting of the above Company was held yesterday afternoon at the Company's office when there were present Mr. W. L. Grut (in the chair), Phya Boribun, Phya Supan Sombat, Mr. W. Duncan, Mr. E. G. Gollo, Mr. T. A. Gottsche, Mr. A. Helvard, Mr. T. Judge and Mr. G. Kluzer.

The notice convening the meeting was read and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed.

Mr. Judge moved that the Directors' report and accounts for the year 1916 be adopted and that a dividend of 6 per cent. equivalent to Tca. 7.91 per share and a bonus of Tca. 19 per share be declared payable on 30th instant. The motion was seconded by Mr. Helvard and unanimously carried.

The following gentlemen were next re-elected Directors for a period of two years on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Gottsche and carried: Phya Boribun Raja Sombat, Mr. E. G. Gollo, Phya Supan Sombat, Admiral A. de Richelieu, Eng. Capt. Aage Jensen, Mr. Ch. Charlier, Mr. B. Sala.

Mr. Kluzer proposed that Mr. A. H. Donaldson be re-elected auditor for the current year on the same fee as that of last year. The proposition was seconded by Mr. W. Duncan and carried unanimously.

The meeting then terminated.

### General Wire News.

London, March 22.—Marshal Haig: The enemy's resistance is increasing on the whole front westward of Saint Quentin to southward of Arras. Heavy snowstorms impeded our advance.

We carried out a successful raid north-eastward of Arras. The enemy, counter-attacking across the open, suffered severe casualties. A heavy party raided our trenches northward of Ypres and were driven out by machine guns.

We dispersed another south-westward of Lens.

Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters, March 22, wires that heavy snowfalls are hampering operations but the bad weather is quite as unfavourable for the Germans as for us, preventing them observing the strength and direction of our advance, which continues.

The most rapid is on the Sauterre Plateau, west of St. Quentin, and the slowest along a twenty miles front to south-eastward of Arras. Our cavalry patrols are in contact with the German rearwards within five miles of the outskirts of St. Quentin. The enemy resistance is most active in the sector Arras-Ypres, the latter place being defended by a series of strong points. Between Ypres and Croisilles, a distance of ten miles, the Germans are holding a series of machine gun posts, but we are bringing up field guns in excellent style and not much difficulty is anticipated in reducing these.

In fact there is an already pretty deep bulge eastwards in the enemy line here, reaching to the large village of Beaumetz near Cambrai, which we occupied yesterday, carrying our advance to a point four miles north of Ypres.

It is reported that the Germans continue to carry off batches of young women "in order to prevent the French employing them on munition work." They also continue to "out Hun" Attila in devastation. Many stories are told of disaffection in the German ranks. It is known that they are finding it difficult to maintain their food supplies. Some prisoners declare that they were without food for sometime.

London, March 22.—French headquarters: The enemy continues to systematically destroy everything useful. He has blown enormous gaps in the roads at the entrances and exits of all towns and large villages by means of mines. The tall elms which lined both sides of the mainroads have been felled across the roads or sawn half through so as to overhang the roads and so must be felled and dragged away to allow wheeled traffic to pass.

The enemy either burned or exploded every house in every village we passed and wrecked the canal bridges. He has even cut down the fruit trees. The villagers agree that the German soldiers are practically exclusively fed on inferior bread and marmalade with a little canned meat, while the officers' fare is very little better.

Compiègne, March 22.—Before leaving Noyon the enemy carried off securities valued at eighteen million francs.

London, March 22.—Wireless: German Official: Prince Friedrich Carl of Prussia flew over the enemy lines between Arras and Peronne and has not returned.

We penetrated four kilometres of front to the east of Lida and destroyed defences. We took prisoner 325 men and fourteen mine-throwers.

London, March 22.—Wireless: Russian Official: In the direction of Lida the enemy attacked and after a long bombardment occupied our positions. Our counter-attack partly restored the position. We drove back an attack after a stubborn battle northwest of Brody. There is intense enemy aerial and artillery activity in the direction of Focynov.

London, March 22.—Bulgarian Com-

London, March 23.—There was fairly heavy artillery fighting in the Woerre. An enemy attempt on Romainville farm near St. Mihiel failed.

Reports are continuing to pour in of German vandalism in the evacuated zone. Fleck, the commander of the Seventeenth Army Corps, carried off the furniture of the house in which he resided at Ham.

London, March 23.—Correspondents relate heartrending stories of the condition of the inhabitants of the re-occupied districts of France, particularly at Neule, where they found famished children wandering like ghosts amid the ruins of their homes, with bluish faces and heavy-lidded eyes. Some were prostrate and wailing with their first food for days. The inhabitants had had no meat since September and no milk for a year and never received a quarter of the rations supplied by the American relief fund.

London, March 23.—The long and severe winter in Germany threatens serious injury to the new crops. Herr Batocki, the Food dictator, has informed the Essen miners union that owing to a deficient harvest and further damage occasioned by frost scarcity and privation are unavoidable.

London, March 23.—A confidential circular of the General commanding at Munster (Westphalia) is published dictating to the newspapers how to discuss submarine. The Editors are told "determined approval of the entire people must ring out in the press."

It recommends the use of the word "unlimited" instead of "ruthless" to describe submarine and urges an outward form of friendliness to America. London, March 23.—The City is impressed by the American Federal Reserve Board's vote-face in recommending a billion dollar loan. It is pointed out that American bankers hitherto have discouraged the taking up of short-dated Entente loans.

Amsterdam, March 22.—The Kaiser has conferred the Order of Merit on Count von Holtzendorff, chief of the Admiralty Staff, in recognition of his services as "naval counsellor."

London, March 22.—The Healdton was torpedoed on March 21. Three boats were launched, two of which are missing. It is believed fourteen men were killed by a boiler explosion.

Hague, March 23.—A ship has arrived with seven survivors of the sunken American steamer *Healdton*.

Corfu, March 22.—Serbian semi-official: Prior to their compulsory retirement in the neighbourhood of Monastir the Bulgars on March 18-19 bombarded the town and dropped in it six hundred shells, many of them asphyxiating.

New York, Mar. 22.—Two men accused of obtaining or attempting to obtain military information in England and Ireland for conveyance to Germany via the United States have been sentenced to two years imprisonment and \$2,500 fine each.

The State Attorney stated the accused were merely tools engaged in a series of premeditated violations against America by German interests. The accused by pleading guilty served Germany inasmuch as they concealed the identity of those planning and financing the enterprise.

The superintendent of the Chemical works at Hoboken and five engineers of the Kaiser Friedrich der Grosse are charged with conspiracy in connection with the destruction of vessels last year valued at four million dollars.

The Government alleges the manufacture of bombs which were smuggled on the ships and the conspiracies were financed by Boy-Ed and von Papen.

London, March 23.—There was an historic scene in the House of Commons when Mr. Bonar Law made his unexpected Home Rule Statement. Loud cheers rang over all the benches when he declared the Government had decided, despite the risk of failure, it was worth while on its own responsibility to make another attempt to reach a settlement.

The whole tone of the debate was one of conciliation.

Mr. Redmond was absent but it is known that as a result of the Government decision the Nationalist leaders will refrain from obstructionist tactics pending the Government's actions.

A striking change in the Ulsterite front was revealed in a speech by Mr. Ronald McNeil who while upholding the justice of Ulster's view expressed a desire for an amicable settlement.

It was noticed that Mr. Bonar Law and Sir E. Carson sat together and conversed lightly prior to the statement. Speculation is rife as to the Government's intentions, of which nothing has transpired, but the opinion is that the best hopes of a settlement will be in the reduction of the proposed exclusion area with a proviso that any county may vote itself out of the act for a term of years. It is also expected there will be some symbol of the integrity of Ireland to meet the Nationalist claim for a United Ireland.

The question of the participation of the Dominions arouses the greatest interest as it is pointed out that all Dominion Home Rule Acts were the result of a settlement by consent.

Advertisers are kindly requested to send in changes of advertisements before 11 a.m. of the day they intend the advertisement to appear. Should any advertisement arrive after that hour the same will be held over for the next day.

### Items of Interest.

The Duke of Buccleuch has been made a Knight of the Thistle and Viscount Valentia elevated to the peerage of England.—*Reuter.*

Reuter's Telegram Company, Ltd., has been taken over by a new company and will be now known as Reuter's (1916), Ltd.

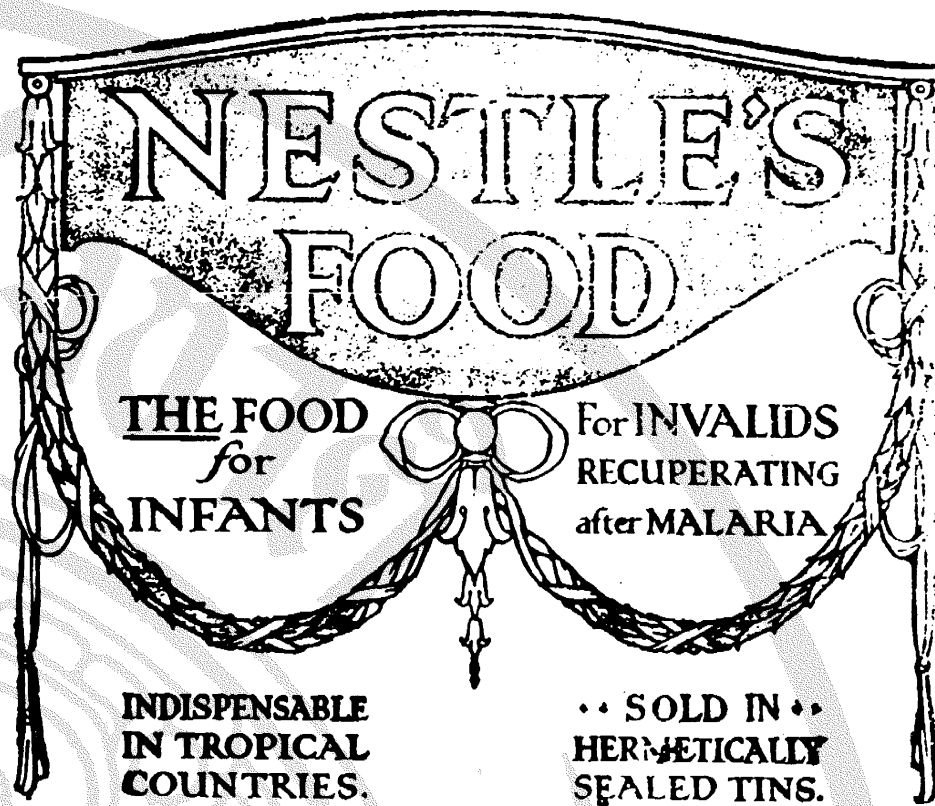
The experiment of placing Boy Scouts on board passenger ships is being extended because of their proved usefulness on the *Britannic*.

London.—The Press Bureau announced that the Imperial Government has accepted the gift made by the Nizam of Hyderabad of £100,000 towards the cost of the campaign against submarines.

The case in which Maurice Bandman sought damages from Miss Ada Reeve for breach of contract has been decided in favour of the lady, on the ground that two broken bones in the foot terminated the contract.

A New York cable states that work has been begun on a steel net, two miles in length, which, if war be declared, will be stretched across the channel each evening as a safeguard against "tip and run" attacks by German submarines.

Tokio.—The British Government has notified the Japanese Government that with a view to preventing silk entering the enemy's country, imports of silk, waste silk, all kinds of undyed silk, pongee, Japanese silk and similar textiles to Holland, Sweden and Norway will be prohibited.



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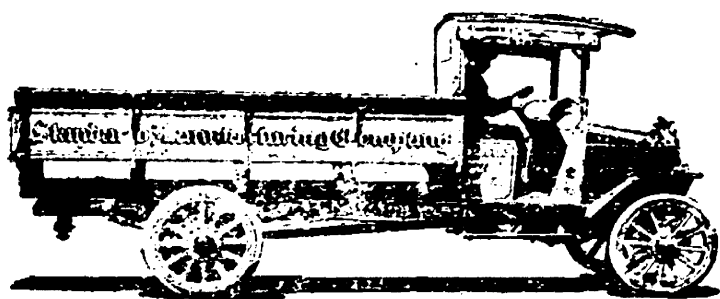
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#### The Opinion of Europe.

Amsterdam, March 22.—The Vorwaerts referring to Russia says it will be a dangerous mistake if equal suffrage is not introduced in Prussia during the war.

Amsterdam, March 22.—A by-election at Potsdam in succession to Liebknecht resulted in an overwhelming victory for the Socialist Mehring who for a long time has been under preventive arrest.

Herr Havenstein, President of the Reichsbund, addressing the Berlin Chamber of Commerce, exhorted members to subscribe to the victory loan which would bring peace and a great indemnity.

London, March 22.—The Press Bureau says that Mr. Lloyd George in a telegram to Prince Lvoff expressed the profoundest satisfaction of Great Britain and the Overseas Dominions that Russia stands with the nations basing their institutions upon responsible Governments. "Much as we appreciate the loyal and steadfast cooperation received from the Tsar and Russia's armies during the 2½ years of the war, we believe the revolution, whereby her destinies are based on a sure foundation of freedom, to be the greatest service yet made to the Allied cause. It proves the war to be a struggle for popular Government equally with liberty, which has thus already won one resounding victory, a sure promise that the Prussian military autocracy would soon be overthrown. He had no doubt that the result of the establishment of a stable constitutional Government would strengthen Russia's resolve to prosecute the war until the last stronghold of tyranny was destroyed and all free peoples would unite to attain future fraternity and peace.

London, March 22.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law moving the resolution cabled yesterday (sending the Duma fraternal greetings) said what had happened during the last thirteen days in Russia was reminiscent of the early days of the French revolution. While at present it is too soon to say that all danger is over, it is not too soon for the Mother of Parliaments to send a message of good-will to a new Government, formed with the declared intention of driving out the foreign aggressor and establishing freedom and order at home. It is not for us to judge or condemn the Government of an allied country, but he hoped he might express a feeling of compassion for the Tsar, upon whom birth had laid a burden which had proved too heavy for him.

Mr. Asquith, in seconding, said that the British Parliament welcomed Russia into the fellowship of free peoples,

confident that the distinguished men forming the new Government would be found endowed with the patience, prudence and self-restraint which the situation demanded. Above all, that they would be unable (enabled?) to resolve to concentrate to bring the war to such an end as will justify the sacrifices of the Allies, whose cause is indivisible. (Cheers).

Mr. Devlin on behalf of the Nationalists, and Mr. Wardle on behalf of the Labourite members, supported the resolution.

The House passed the resolution unanimously, amid loud cheers.

The resolution was cabled yesterday, sending greetings to the Duma.

#### The Irish Question.

London, March 22.—A general strong desire was manifested in the Commons in favour of an Irish settlement.

Mr. Bonar Law thought it would be far easier to effect an arrangement with Ulster if the Nationalists would openly avow it was not their desire to impose Home Rule upon Ulster. Both Irish sides must make sacrifices.

Mr. Asquith promised his hearty cooperation.

The Nationalists abstained from participating in the discussion.

London, March 22.—In the House of Commons Mr. Bonar Law announced that another attempt would be made to settle the Irish question.

Charges Against Mr. Hughes.

Melbourne, March 14.—The Senate after a lengthy and angry debate adopted by 18 to 13 the anti-Government motion pressing the appointment of a Royal Commission to investigate the charges against Mr. Hughes, alleging some form of corruption for the purpose of inducing the recent resignations of Senators whereby the Government secured the majority.

Australian Commerce.

Adelaide, March 22.—At a Congress of the Australian Chambers of Commerce it was resolved to support the demand for "ton for ton" for all shipping destroyed by Germans contrary to the usages of war, and also to strongly resist any proposal to hand back the German islands in the Pacific, on the ground that such a step would be opposed to the interests and safety of the Commonwealth and New Zealand.

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### Betraying the Russian Army.

The Russian revolution and the thorough clearing out of German influences from Petrograd recalls the sensational incidents of the autumn of 1915 when Lieutenant-Colonel Miasaledoff and a large number of his accomplices were hanged and Baron Frothus and von Freinat were sentenced to hard labour. Miasaledoff held a high position in the gendarmarie, which corresponds in some ways to Scotland Yard, but was endowed with almost unlimited powers and subjected to virtually no control. He was a specialist linguist, a man of exceptional talents, and mixed in the highest society. Up to the outbreak of this war it had been his special duty to watch over the personal safety of the Tsar. He then asked to be attached to the General Military Headquarters, urging that a constant surveillance was necessary for the protection of the Grand Duke Nicholas. The Tsar granted his request and this gave the German spy, for such he was, exceptional opportunities to know the plans of the Allied General Staff. An incriminatory letter was found on the body of a Bavarian officer after the battle of the Yser referring to a wonderful system of information which made the war "a mere game," and General Pau, who was setting out on a visit to Russia, was told to acquaint the Russian Commander in Chief of what had been discovered. "You tell me nothing I don't know," said the Grand Duke. "I am fully aware we are being betrayed but by whom? That is what we have to find out." By means of a faked military order, communicated only to a small group of people already suspect and on which Germany took military action, the spies were trapped. Lieutenant Colonel Miasaledoff sought to save his own skin by betraying the names of his accomplices. He admitted that for ten years he was in the pay of Germany and had received millions of roubles for letting Germany know all the secret moves, military and political, of Russia. It is said that Miasaledoff held back an order, that should have reached General Bannenkampf, for 24 hours, and by so doing saved the German armies from what seemed like inevitable disaster. The brothers Freenberg and the brothers Selzmann, who were hanged with Miasaledoff, were occupied in emigration traffic to Germany and America. Baron Grothus and von Freinat were high officials in the notorious Political Police and received heavy sentences. With episodes such

as these in his mind we can the better understand the attitude of the Grand Duke Nicholas and other real patriots towards the nefarious influences that were working against the interests of the country and betraying the Army, and we can imagine their relief at getting rid of the German spies and plotters who have so long held sway in the highest circles of Russia.

#### The American Side.

New York, March 22.—The bankers almost unanimously approve Mr. Harling's suggestion regarding a credit of a billion dollars to the Allies. It is generally believed the plan if carried out would take the form of a huge United States bond issue, the proceeds of which will be transferred to the balance of the Allies in the United States on security of their bonds. It is pointed out this will enable the Allies to obtain funds in the United States much more cheaply than at present.

Washington, March 22.—Mr. Brent, the vice-chairman of the Federal Shipping Board, has gone to the Pacific coast to consult shipbuilders with a view to the immediate construction of a large fleet of wooden ships for transport of supplies to the Entente.

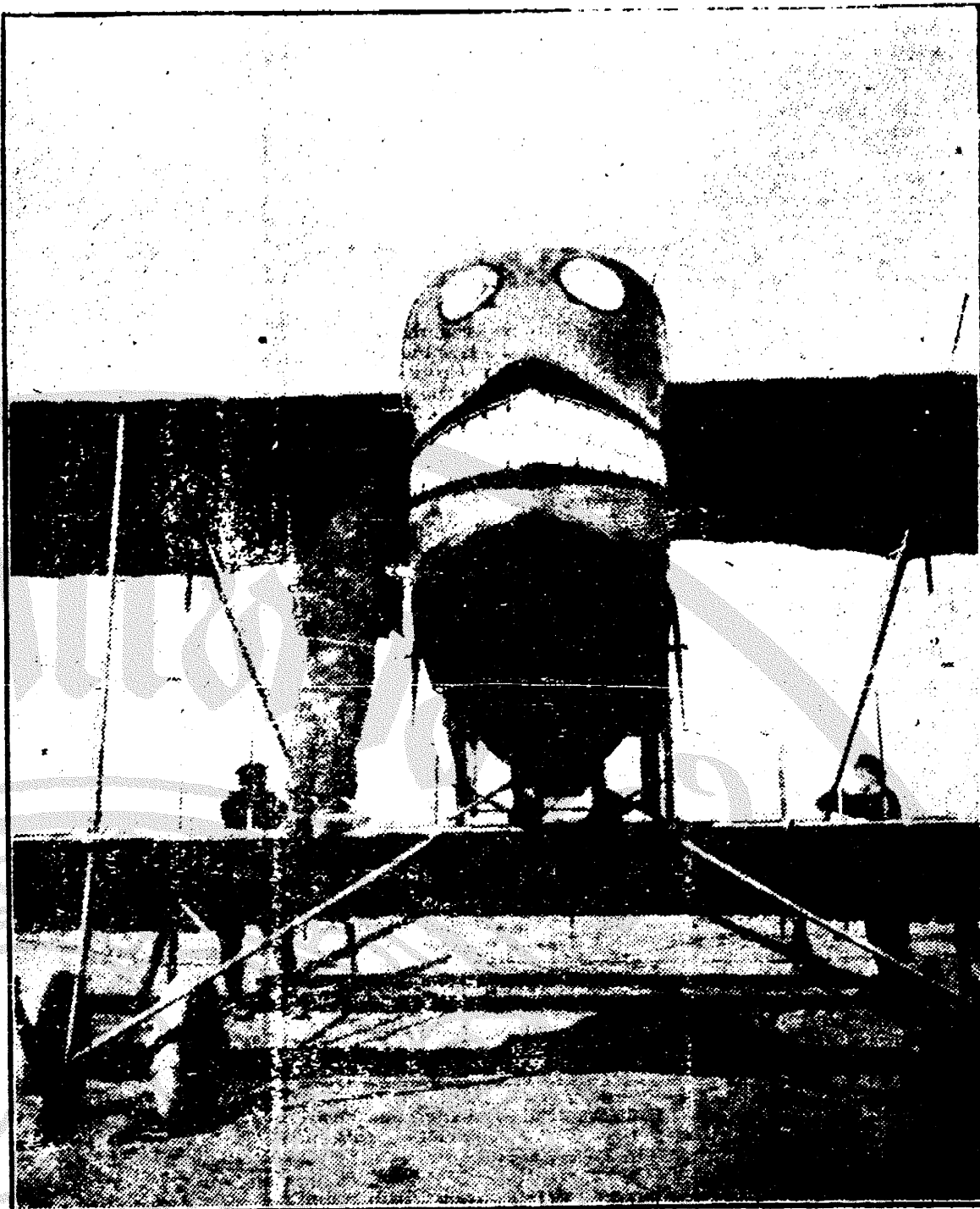
New York, March 14.—The discovery of wireless on the Appam led to the production of evidence that her German commander had been wirelessing to German ships.

New York, March 14.—The Havana correspondent of the Herald says German spies followed Mr. Gerard from the moment he landed until he sailed. Two of them took state rooms on Mr. Gerard's steamer to Keywest.

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