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

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

## PHASES OF THE MOON.

April 7th 0 Full Moon 8 h 31 m p.m.  
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## War Notes.

By MAJOR C. W. REDWAY.

The mistake we all made two and a half years ago was in thinking that the war would be over quickly, and we may commit a similar blunder to-day in post-dating the cessation of hostilities. It used to be said that a general mobilisation in Europe would so dislocate commerce that a situation would be created intolerable to all parties, and that belligerents would seek an early decision in the field, preferring a lost battle or an unsuccessful campaign to the prospect of privation at home. The Prussian wars of 1866 and 1870 were cited as examples of a business-like settlement of international disputes, and it became a platitude in all the military schools that in Western Europe, at least, wars would be "short, sharp, and bloody."

A member of the Higher War Council of the French Army described our provision of reserves for a six months' campaign as "extremely lavish." Such a view was, of course, purely a professional one, and took no account of political factors such as the causes of war. We know now that when the sword is drawn for reasons that stir the passions of democracies there can be no peace, nor even truce, until one side or the other is absolutely crushed and we might have learnt this lesson from the American Civil War of the 'sixties, which dragged on for nearly four years, because neither the North nor the South would compromise on a question of principle. When General Lee surrendered in April, 1865, the Confederate States had quite exhausted their resources in personnel and material, and President Davis fell at last. "Like Lucifer never never to rise again." That was the true parallel, if we had but known it, in 1914, and to-day the absorbing question for neutrals is whether the Central Powers or the Allies are approaching the predicament of General Lee.

On this side of the Channel we have no doubt as to which group of belligerents feels the pinch most acutely. The moral forces are for once in a way on the side of the big battalions, and are backed up by a display of economic strength which can only be expressed in terms of thousands of millions sterling. Already our expenditure on the war represents £88 per head of the population of the United Kingdom. England is once more going to prove to the world that she is the rock on which every European coalition must be built, which has for its object the putting down of a political tyranny. Our word is our bond, and it can hardly be said by the Germans that our bark is worse than our bite.

One remembers that in 1903 General Langlois, after a visit of inspection to the British Army, stated that France would be content if our Expeditionary Force of five divisions landed on the fifteenth day of mobilisation in order to take part in "the great battle which, most military students are agreed, will be decisive." History will tell how England fulfilled these expectations in August, 1914, and how as time went on the greater our neighbour's needs the greater our eagerness to supply them. And now in 1917 we are preparing to make the last sacrifice under an almost despotic Government which is pledged to bring home to every man and woman by hook or by crook the elementary fact that we owe both our persons and property to the State.

The end of the war will be in sight as soon as German submarines can be dealt with as German Zeppelins and poison gas, as German trench-mortars and siege-artillery have been dealt with, and Admiral Sir Reginald Bacon gives us hope that this day is not far off. Our sailors are what they have always been, our new infantry have

caught the insouciance of the old army, our armmen and machine gunners are rapidly building up the reputations of these new services. Our Imperial General Staff, under Sir William Robertson, is at last functioning as advisers to the War Cabinet; Lord French of Ypres is silently preparing the instrument of strategy; Marshal Haig conduct the tactical operations on our most important front. It only remains to choose a day when the Allies are in the vein to pour out their vials full of wrath, in every theatre on every front, for the long-expected Armageddon to begin.

But will the enemy await our onset, or will he take the initiative? Is he resolved to fight to a finish, or is it his intention to seek a pretext to save his army by surrender? It is the latter course that we have most to fear, since it would certainly have for its object a renewal of hostilities at some future date, and, moreover, such a master-stroke of policy would be difficult to parry, because after all a general cannot fire on the white flag. We must hope, then, that the Kaiser and his confederates intend to play their hand out, and it is probable that the result of their winter campaign in Rumania will encourage them to do so. For there is no denying their solid gains in Belgium, France, Poland, West Russia, and the Balkans, and these visible prizes have been secured by methods which seem to have won no favour with the Allies: The enemy's acquisitions are due to his exploitation of every one of the principles of the military art: unity of command on interior lines of operation has combined strategic attack with tactical defence. A daring initiative has relied on that doctrine of Clausewitz which is so often confined with economy of force and may be fully understood from his own words: "If there must be action, then the first point is that all parts act, because the most purposeless activity still keeps employed and destroys a portion of the enemy's force, while troops completely inactive are for the moment quite neutralised."

The Kaiser's greatest triumph, however, is his management of his satellites. Honeyed speeches and cash subsidies, gifts of munitions and—more precious than all—talented leaders have been abundantly bestowed on the Turk, the Bulgar, the Austrian, and the Hungarian, who till this moment remain faithful and serve their War Lord's will by detaining French, British, Russian, and Egyptian forces in Albania, Macedonia, Egypt, Armenia, Persia, and Mesopotamia; they also neutralise the Rumanian Army; and to this extent the enemy may be said to impose his will on the Entente Powers, for he compels them to disseminate their military strength. But when the Supreme Command in Russia and Italy, France and England can decide to write off the outlying detachments in secondary theatres, chaining down the Austrians to the Italian front, and oppose the Prussians west of the Rhine and east of the Vistula with men by the million, well trained, well armed, and well led, to act upon a comprehensive plan which has been conceived with real strategic insight, the day of our deliverance from the nightmare of Prussian militarism will surely dawn. —Globe.

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	1	2	3	4		1	2	3	4
	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.		a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.
Paknam Dep.	6.30	9.30	12.45	3.45	Bangkok Dep.	7.45	10.45	2.00	5.00
*Maha Wong "	6.35	9.35	12.50	3.50	Sala Deng "	7.52	10.52	2.07	5.07
*Ban Nang Greng "	6.40	9.40	12.55	3.55	Klong Toi "	8.00	11.00	2.15	5.15
Chorakhe "	6.45	9.45	1.00	4.00	*Ban Kluei "	8.05	11.05	2.20	5.20
*Samrong "	6.50	9.50	1.05	4.05	Prakonong "	8.10	11.10	2.25	5.25
Bangna "	6.55	9.55	1.10	4.10	Bangdjak "	8.15	11.15	2.30	5.30
Bangdjak "	7.00	10.00	1.15	4.15	*Bangna "	8.20	11.20	2.35	5.35
*Prakonong "	7.05	10.05	1.20	4.20	Samrong "	8.25	11.25	2.40	5.40
*Ban Kluei "	7.10	10.10	1.25	4.25	Chorakhe "	8.30	11.30	2.45	5.45
Klong Toi "	7.15	10.15	1.30	4.30	*Ban Nang Greng "	8.35	11.35	2.50	5.50
Sala Deng "	7.23	10.23	1.38	4.38	*Maha Wong "	8.40	11.40	2.55	5.55
Bangkok Arr.	7.30	10.30	1.45	4.45	Paknam Arr.	8.45	11.45	3.00	6.00

\*Trains stop only at the request of passengers.

Trains may leave intermediate stations 5 minutes before the stated time.



**The Press Act in India.**

The following appears in the "Englishman":—

"Piquancy is given to the recent interview between the Viceroy and the representatives of certain Indian newspapers by some returns lately laid on the table of the Imperial Legislative Council, showing what action has been taken against newspapers under the Press Act. From these returns we discover that the paper edited by the leader of the deputation was warned no less than five times, four of the warnings being given on one day, namely, the 15th June. We do not know what could have happened in Bombay on that fateful day, for all the leading papers there received a warning, including the "Advocate" and the "Times of India." The two last-named papers were warned three times each, and the "Sind Gazette" twice. It is rather a shock after all the fuss that has been made to turn to Madras and find that "New India," which utters a daily shriek of condemnation of Britishers in general and Government in particular, has been warned only once. What on earth is Mrs. Besant grumbling about? She is better off than the highly respectable "Times of India" with its almost obsequious partiality for the bureaucracy. Save for the vagaries of Mrs. Besant's little paper, Madras is a most immaculate city journalistically considered, for neither the "Madras Mail" nor the "Times" appears in the black list. Here in Calcutta we don't go the full hog like Bombay, though an exception must be made in the case of "Capital," which was warned three times. Unfortunately, it is not stated whether the Ditcher or the author of Current Coin, or the Bombay correspondent, who performs with delightful ease every week the feat of the Boyle Roche bird, offended the authorities; but when the Press Act falls foul of a paper devoted to the interests of commerce, we do not see why the indigenous press should be always grumbling about the preference shown to Anglo-Indian journals. As a matter of fact there is no preference, as the returns show. Here in Calcutta the "Empire" was warned once, the "Daily News" twice and the "Statesman" once; but the "Patrika" was warned only twice and the "Bengalee" only once, so they have nothing to complain about. The returns would be more piquant if they stated what these various naughty journals have been doing thus to incur the wrath of powers that be. For ourselves we feel clothed in a mantle of unsuspected righteousness. The "Englishman" is

the solitary instance in Bengal of a leading Anglo-Indian paper that has escaped a warning under the Press Act."

An examination of the papers referred to by the "Englishman" shows that five printing presses in Burma failed to find security and never came into existence. "The Lu Gale" Press, Rangoon; "Legyundazang" Press, Minhla; "Maubin Press" and "Yudana Dipan Mahawegon" Press; "Yazabithbeik" Press, Thayetmo District.

Forty-one presses were called upon for security under the Act, of which 16 were closed down owing to the security not being deposited, eight were closed down but subsequently reopened on depositing the security asked for or a lesser sum, and eighteen deposited the security.

Ten projected newspapers failed to find security and never came into existence, all in Rangoon: The "Burma Proboscis," "Burma Echo," "The Scholar," "Burma Trades Advertiser," "Evidence," "Progress," "Chulia Mitran," "The Globe War News" and "Wanetgyi."

Five papers were warned once: "The Sun," "Light of Burma," "Akbari Burma," "Swadesa Paripalini," and the "Rangoon Samachar," the third being called upon to deposit security, which was done. The first and second are Burmese, the third Urdu, the fourth Tamil, and the fifth Gujarati.

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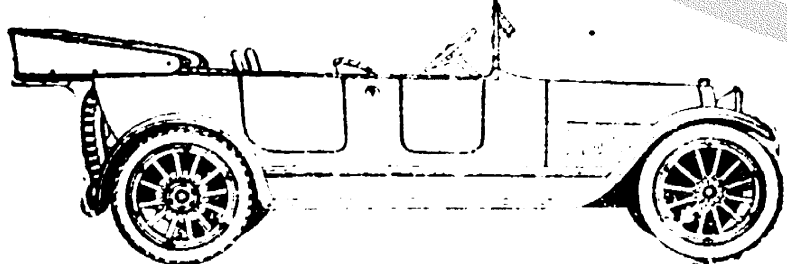


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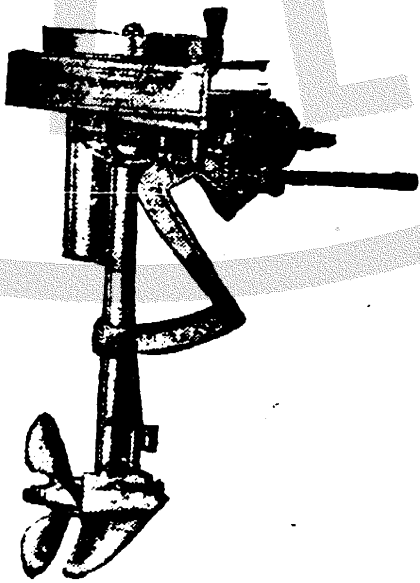
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**SCRAPS OF PAPER.**

There was a time when the people of Bangkok were able to obtain notes of the value of one tical each. This was in the days when the banks issued their own notes. The trading community, and most people in general, would be grateful if the Treasury Department could see its way to put into circulation one-tical notes as well as those for larger amounts. There is considerable advantage in a small paper currency, as those who are acquainted with the countries where this obtains are sufficiently aware. If the issue is properly regulated so that there can be no fear of the value deteriorating below par, there can be no objection of a reasonable sort to a paper currency. Paper, indeed, is much more convenient to handle than coin. A pocketful of the latter, though an agreeable possession in theory, is not a comfortable one in the liberal sense in practice, though we do not suggest that in case of necessity it need be refused with scorn on that account. But, seriously, we imagine that every one would prefer to carry the requisite money for current expenses in the shape of a few small notes rather than to have his pocket weighed down with heavy silver coins. In those places in the East where the one-dollar note exists it is vastly preferred to its minted equivalent, which is seldom accepted if paper is obtainable instead. Even in England, where, until the need of conserving all the gold of the country arose, the lowest note issued was that for five pounds, the advantages of paper money have been thoroughly realised, and it is unlikely that the pound and ten-shilling Treasury notes will be withdrawn from circulation in the future. The conditions there, however, are such, in this respect, as scarcely call for the issue of a note for less than ten shillings, as the silver coinage is of a less unwieldy character than in this country and in most other parts of the East. The minting of five-shilling and four-shilling pieces in Great Britain was an innovation that found no favour in the eyes of the people, who evinced a strong objection to the heavy "cart wheels," as they came to be called, and they were gradually withdrawn from circulation and were not re-issued. The tical is not quite so bulky as were the British crown-piece and four-shilling piece, but it is of a very respectable size and weight, and a few together make themselves sensibly felt in one's pocket. Another argument in favour of small paper money is that it is far more difficult to forge a properly produced note than it is to counterfeit a silver coin. There is a good deal of bad money being passed about Bangkok, and the adoption of a one-tical note would tend to lessen this evil, even if it would not entirely remedy it. We think the proposal is well worth the consideration of the Government.

**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**

THE "Raak Na" ceremony will take place at Phya Thai on May 2 at 29 minutes and 52 seconds past 9 o'clock in the morning.

THE s.s. *Katong* will leave from the Borneo Company's Wharf at 5 sharp on Saturday the 28th instant and should arrive in Singapore on Wednesday morning.

THE Ministry of Education notifies the opening of a Girls' School in the late residence of Phra Ong Chao Sai Hua Lampong. The School, which will be known as the "Sri Panaya Girls School," will be open to girls of the age of 6 years upwards and to boys up to the age of 10 years. The first term will commence on May 17 and the monthly fee for each pupil is fixed at Tcs. 2.

NEW Ads.—The Borneo Co., Ltd., and the East Asiatic Co., Ltd., have notices to consignees in this issue. Messrs. E. M. Pereira and Co. have a house near Windmill Road to be let or for sale. The Nai Lert Store advertises Whalley's Sanitary Fluid. Messrs. B. R. Gaudart and Co. have a Clearance Sale commencing on May 1st. Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw and Co., Ltd., have a large stock of cool dress materials for the hot weather.

**The Sky Meeting.**

The first day's events of the Royal Bangkok Sports Club came off yesterday. The first race was fixed for 4 p.m. and owing to the long evenings during this hot season it was possible to run off all the six events on the programme in good light. The attendance, unfortunately, was not very large, this being possibly due to the absence of His Majesty from the capital and the fact that many residents are at the seaside.

The following are the results:—

**First Race.**

For Siamese Ponies. Open. 4½ fur. handicap. Value Tcs. 200.  
Mr. G. G. Bart's Bluff (5.8) 1  
Madame de Bhismulok's

Plawng (7.0) 2  
Phra Prab's Sib Hok (6.2) 3

Also ran Un Chon, Khome Loi, Sangathit II, Viriya, Peter Simple, Sasi and Ravi.

Time 1 min. 11 2/5 secs. Tote paid Tcs. 72.

Bluff should never have carried 5.8 on the 1st day as against his weight for inches 7.11. He is penalized 12 lb. for his absolutely easy win, and 1 lb. added to Plawng the second as if this weight will have anything to do with turning the scales in its favour. The same is done to Sib Hok, so that the two placed horses have 10 lb. in their favour now. In my opinion Bluff won by at least a stone and he will win again at this weight in a race but one furlong longer.

**Second Race.**

For Australian Subscription Griffins. 4½ fur. handicap. Value Tcs. 250.

Phya Gadadhara's Yot Rak (6.8) 1  
Messrs. Stiven and Brighthouse's

Reve d'Or (7.13) 2  
Khana Raja Damern's

Ratta Dara (6.10) 3  
Also ran Plain Jane and Betty.

Time 1 min. 3 secs. Tote paid Tcs. 20.

Yot Rak won without any pressing, as was easily seen by the way she started off. Once Reve d'Or came up dangerously close. Yot Rak had then 6.8 on its back. She is given 7 lb. more for the win while 2 lb. are taken off Reve d'Or. I don't think the difference of 9 lb. will make any change, especially as this race is a furlong longer and Reve d'Or was closer up to Yot Rak about 50 yards from the winning post than when on third.

**Third Race.**

For Australian Ponies. Open to 14.2 and under, 6 fur. handicap. Value Tcs. 250.

Phya Arthakara's Mad Meg (8.7) 1  
Phya Gadadhara's Thong Dee (6.4) 2

Madame de Bhismulok's Flirt (6.7) 3  
Also ran Iowit.

Time 1 min. 23 3/5 secs. Tote paid Tcs. 9.

**Fourth Race.**

For Australian Ponies. Open to 14.2 and under 6 fur. handicap. Value Tcs. 250.

His Majesty's Gladys C. (9.7) 1  
Phra Prab's Royal Page (9.2) 2

Dr. G. G. Butler's The Ace. 3  
Also ran Lady de Melbe and Laksofos.

Time 1 min. 20 3/4 secs. Tote paid Tcs. 19.

Gladys C. considering the time of yesterday's race, is in about the form she was in the first season when she beat everything at any weight from 9.7 to 11.7. I don't think the extra stone will hamper her even in a longer race. As for Thong Dee and Mad Meg their positions can be gauged from the difference in time of the two races. In both races the winners and runners up were going their best and there was three seconds difference in the time, a matter say of at least 40 yards. That is why it is well recognised that you cannot bring a 14.2 and 13.2 of the same average class together by any reasonable manipulation of the weights. The Ace was third in yesterday's race and Laksofos fourth. The Ace is now carrying 2 lb. more and Laksofos 9 lb. more. Perhaps the handicapper thinks that Laksofos performs better in a longer race. In any case this horse's performance yesterday did not please his backers. It may be that the losing of a stone was its cause and if this is so he may possibly give a better account of himself on Saturday.

**Fifth Race.**

Australian Subscription Griffins. Race Course handicap. Value Tcs. 250.

His Majesty's Lily E. (6.4) 1  
Nai Rieu's Khanda (8.1) 2

Mr. W. G. Johnson's Molly (5.9) 3  
Also ran Say When.

Time 2 min. 8 4/5 secs. Tote paid Tcs. 26.

I don't know why Say When has had a penalty of 11 lb. in every attempt to run a round the course race. Perhaps it is because the owner considered it fit to run in the King's Cup. In any case I think it stops short at the 7 furlongs on account of the weight and she is not built to carry weight. It is different when she gets this weight in a shorter race. However I don't think there is any difference between her and Lily E. except when the latter has been out of form. I don't think Say When's owner should attempt to run her round the course again.

**Sixth Race.**

For Australian Ponies. 5 fur. handicap. Value Tcs. 250. Open to ponies which have not won more than Tcs. 250 in Stakes at the R.B.S.C. this season.

Borist Say When's Moment (9.2) 1  
Phra Prab's Phung Boon (6.13) 2

Mr. G. G. Bart's Royal Flush (10) 3



## THE Great War.

### British Communique.

(REUTERS' TELEGRAM.)  
London, April 25.  
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports: Severe fighting was continued on Monday evening and during the night along the whole front from Oiselles northward to Gaverelle. The enemy constantly repeated unsuccessful counter-attacks with great determination and regardless of losses. We maintained the positions gained on Monday; and made further progress eastward of Monchy and Leux, also in the neighbourhood of Roex. We successfully beat off a violent counter-attack at Gaverelle. Our prisoners exceed fifteen hundred, and many more are coming in. We gained ground during the night on a wide front eastward of Ephehy, and rushed the St. Quentin line. In the neighbourhood of Vendhuile we captured the villages of Villers, Plouch and Beaucamp further north.

### Germany and Austria.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)  
Singapore, April 25.  
Strikes and disturbances are general throughout Germany. The political crisis in Austria has caused much perturbation in Germany.

### Hospital Ships.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)  
Singapore, April 25.  
Great Britain repudiates Germany's accusation that hospital-ships are used for transporting troops. The inhuman submarining of hospital-ships brings the world face to face with a situation hitherto unparalleled in civilised warfare.

### Statement by Lord Curzon.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)  
Singapore, April 25.  
Lord Curzon stated in the House of Lords that the British military situation was distinctly encouraging.

### French Military Dispensation.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)  
Paris, April 24.  
Those soldiers of the Army of the East who have completed eighteen months' service in the Orient will, if they so request, be drafted to France or to North Africa.

### Attack On Beirut.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)  
Paris, April 24.  
A French patrol-boat penetrated into the defended port of Beirut and fired 24 gun-shots on the town. The enemy returned the fire, but the vessel retained the open sea without having suffered any damage.

### The Western Front.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)  
Paris, April 24.  
French communique.—Yesterday we made progress north of Sancy. There was lively artillery fighting along the whole front.  
To-day we repulsed German reconnoissances in the Itancourt district. We advanced on the plateau of Chemin des Dames towards Juvincourt, where we took possession of a German post. We penetrated the German lines near Eparges, destroying several dug-outs and taking prisoners.  
The British progressed on both banks of the river Scarpe, captured Gravelle and Gueuappe, and took a thousand prisoners.

Also ran Nai Chan and Sandfly.  
Time 1 min. 7 3/5 secs. Tote paid Tcs. 11.  
If the handicapper increased Laksoff's weight somewhat disproportionately because he was running in a longer race with a better past record for long races what about Moment whose record is the reverse. Moment gets 9.7 or 5 lb more than when she won yesterday and Royal Flash who was leading Moment in the race yesterday up to the straight gets a stone off. Royal Flash was about six or seven lengths behind Moment yesterday, with a difference in weight of 13 lb. This horse has been very leniently treated, but I doubt if he can beat Moment. The danger to the latter must come from Royal Page and the Ace.

### Battle in Champagne.

London, April 18.—The extension of the French attack to Champagne recorded in the midnight communique illustrates afresh the new tactical method already practised by the British at Arras, namely the constant enlargement of the front as the attack progresses, with great strength on the wings, so that when the objective is reached there is no danger of a salient inviting outflanking. This method enables better contact to be kept by the troops and facilitates artillery fire. The initial French successes in the greatest battle hitherto waged, wherein it is estimated two millions are engaged, cheers Paris more than anything since the beginning of war, and has correspondingly depressed the Germans, as is evidenced by the remarkable wording of their communique which is obviously preparing Germany for bad news.

The enormous weight of guns and numbers of men collected by Hindenburg, the desperation of the German resistance, show that the enemy was thoroughly prepared for a great French offensive and as the country north of the Aisne, especially the Craonne plateau, is very difficult, full of hills and woods and deep ravines, the extent of the French gains so early in the battle is very wonderful.

Not merely has the Crown Prince been heavily defeated, but the advance of the French eastwards promises to release Reims from its martyrdom, the latest phases of which are most cruel. The French are already at the foot of Brimont hill, where the guns are posted which principally shelled the city.

London, April 18.—A French communique says: In the region south of St. Quentin there has been very great mutual artillery activity.

South of the Oise and east of lower Coucy forest there have been numerous patrol engagements. Between Soissons and Auberive we carried out at night operations of details securing us considerable advantages.

To the west a brilliant action gave us the villages of Chavonne, and complete possession of Chivy. Northeast of these places we carried the whole ground as far as the approaches of Braye en Laonnais into which our patrols penetrated, taking prisoner 250.

In the sector of Ville aux Bois which we captured, we have taken several fortified works; also woods east thereof taking prisoner 400.

In Champagne counter-attacks on both sides of Mont Cornillet were stopped short by our fire, resulting in bloody enemy losses.

The artillery duel was violent on a great part of the attacking front. The enemy had withdrawn his heavy and field artillery to the rear, nevertheless we have captured 12 guns, including three heavies, a considerable quantity of machine-guns, numerous trench engines and taken prisoner 14,000 since April 16.

London, April 19.—A French communique says: South of St. Quentin after a very lively bombardment the Germans attacked east of Gauchy. The first attempt was stopped dead by our fire. The second more violent resulted in fractions of the enemy penetrating our advanced trenches, but these were all expelled. Our line was completely restored.

We vigorously continued our offensive at various points between Soissons and Auberive despite persistent bad weather. The operations on the west of the attacking front were brilliantly successful. North of Chavonne we captured the village of Ostel and drove back the enemy a kilometre north. We captured Braye en Laonnais and all the ground east to the vicinity of Courtecon. Under vigorous pressure of our infantry and murderous fire of our artillery the enemy fled in disorder, abandoning much material and his depots of food.

A single regiment took 300 prisoners belonging to seven different regiments. We have captured nineteen guns, including five howitzers. South of Laffaux our troops, covered by divisional cavalry, broke up the enemy and captured Nantuil en Fosse. Finally south of the Aisne a spirited attack captured the bridge head between Conde and Vailly and the whole of Vailly.

An important unit surrounded in the forest of Villeauvois, laid down arms, totalling 1,300 prisoners, 180 mitrailleuses.

The Germans at 4.30 this afternoon furiously counter-attacked with two divisions between Juvincourt and the Aisne. Our batteries and machine-gun fire shattered the attack and inflicted sanguinary losses on the enemy, who were nowhere able to approach our lines.

East of Courcy the Russian brigade were crowned with successes, capturing a fortified work and taking prisoners. We took twenty-four heavy and field-guns in the whole region. Three live-mine guns, each with a thousand rounds of ammunition, were immediately employed against the enemy.

We reduced several centres of resistance and captured strong points in Champagne, where twenty guns, including eight heavy, and 500 new prisoners were captured.

The number of unwounded prisoners sent back since the opening of the battle exceeds 17,000. Seventy-five guns have hitherto counted.

### The New Ally.

London, April 18.—The British Parliament's welcome to the new great ally, the United States, was given to-day, when the Resolution cabled yesterday evening was moved by Mr. Bonar Law in the House of Commons, in the absence of Mr. Lloyd George on the continent, and by Lord Curzon in the House of Lords. It pledging to a question in the Commons Lord Curzon stated that America had not formally adhered to the Allies' agreement not to make a separate peace. Sir B. Mond stated the Stars and Stripes would be flown alongside the Union Jack on all government buildings on Friday "America's day." He also announced that the Anglo-American Governments were jointly considering the question of the construction of air-craft.

Mr. Bonar Law moving the resolution said that not only the Commons but all the people of the British Empire and Allied countries welcomed the admission of the new ally with heartfelt sympathy, not only as a great event but as it is hoped and believed to be the turning point in the war. The new world has stepped in to redress the balance of the old. The United States possessed probably in a greater degree than any other nation, resources which in the long run were decisive in war. The quality of her people was shown nearly sixty years ago in the struggle which essentially was not dissimilar from the present one. Since then Americans have shown resource, energy and adaptability in peace and the same qualities would be applied equally successfully to war.

Since her entry into the war America has already shown her enemies that they must beware of her and despite the fact that the path immediately ahead of us has never been more difficult, he hoped and believed that the long night of sorrow and anguish which had desolated the world is drawing to a close. He welcomed the admission of America also because it morally justified our own action America like Britain entered the war because she could do nothing else.

The entry of America into the war was a fitting pendant to the revolution which brought Russia into a circle of freed nations. He read with deep admiration and profound agreement the speech, worthy of President Lincoln, in which President Wilson announced the entry of America into the war. A German newspaper the other day declared that America was going to war for nothing. From a German point of view that was true but America like the British Empire was not animated by the love of conquest and the greed of territory or selfish ends. The aims and ideals which President Wilson so nobly expressed were ours, and like us the Americans found that fighting was the only method of securing these aims.

Mr. Asquith doubted whether even now the world realised the full significance of the step of the United States. "I do not use language of flattery or exaggeration when I say that this is one of the most disinterested acts in history." He proceeded to show that the war was not doing appreciable or material harm to the United States and was America's independence and liberty directly imperilled. She did not want territory. What then, brought her in? It was nothing but the constraining force of conscience. Humanity growing in compulsion authority month by month with the gradual unfolding of the real character of the aims of Germany.

He continued that America saw that the whole future of civilized government and intercourse, particularly the fortunes and faith of the democracy were imperilled. In such a situation aloofness was not only a blunder but a crime. "To stand aside with stopped ears, folded arms and averted gaze when you have power to intervene, is to become not a mere spectator but an accomplice." But none of us feared how America would finally decide.

Mr. Dillon, on behalf of the Nationalist Party joined in most heartily welcoming the United States. He ventured to prophesy that the United States battle roll would contain a greater proportion of men of Irish blood than of any other of the races of America. The presence of America at the peace conference would be a sign of hope and assurance of liberty.

Mr. Wardle, on behalf of the Labour Party, said that if the entrance of America would result in the establishment of a great league of nations charged to keep the world's peace none of the sacrifices that have been made and are to be made will be too great.

London, April 18.—The House of Lords unanimously passed the resolution regarding the entry of America into the War.

London, April 18.—The House of Commons unanimously and amid cheers passed the resolution regarding America's entry into the War and cabled yesterday evening.

The Canadian Army.  
Athens, April 18.—Sir R. Borden in a speech stated that at present 125,000 Canadians were in France.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Malay Peninsula Main line is in good order as far as Chumpoon. Other line are all right.

### Handicaps for Saturday.

First Race.—Poo Thalay 6.9, Pinhi-ran 6.2, Morakot 7.5, Ling Dum 6.8, Yammo 4.7, Kit 5.12.  
Second Race.—Un Chon 7.10, Son Chai 6.4, Khone Loi 6.12, Plawng 7.1, Ottappa 6.10, Sib Hek 6.4, Sangathit 6.4, Bluff 6.6, Viriya 6.3, Ling Deag 5, Sasi 5.10, Ravi 5.4.  
Third Race.—Lily E. 8.8, Merry-legs 6.10, Yot Rak 7.1, Kanda 8.1, Plain Jane 5, Ratta Dara 6.3, Royal For 8.2.  
Fourth Race.—Gladys C. 10.7, Mad-Mag 7.12, Thong Dea 5.7, Royal Page 9.12, Townit 6, Royal Flash 8.2, The Ace 9.7, Lady de Melbe 7.5, Laksoff 9.5.  
Fifth Race.—Sai Wan 8.5, Merry-legs 6.10, Kanda 8.1, Molley 5.4.  
Sixth Race.—Flirt 5.4, Buffalo Bill 7.9, Royal Page 9.12, Royal Flash 9, The Ace 9.8, Sandfly 5.7, Moment 9.7.

### British Fighting.

London April 18.—Field Marshal Haig reports: We progressed south-east and east of Ephehy and captured Villers Guislain village. We improved our position in the neighbourhood of Lagnicourt. It is raining.  
London, April 18.—Reuters' corre-

### Sun's Rise and Set.

The following list gives the time for sunrise and sunset in Bangkok for the month of May:—

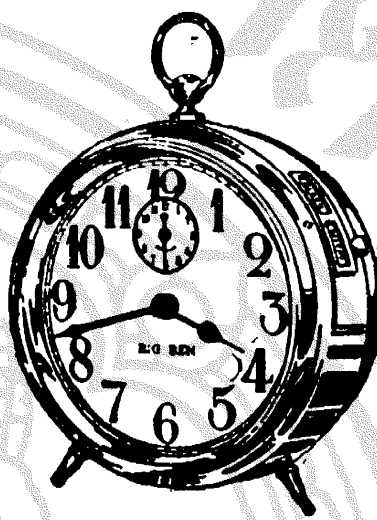
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5th	5 h. 47 m.	6 h. 19 m.
10th	5 h. 46 m.	6 h. 22 m.
15th	5 h. 44 m.	6 h. 24 m.
20th	5 h. 43 m.	6 h. 25 m.
25th	5 h. 41 m.	6 h. 25 m.
30th	5 h. 40 m.	6 h. 26 m.

pondent at headquarters says: The British have captured 224 guns since April 9. The weather continues the most poisonous that the oldest soldier can recall. Nevertheless, since yesterday we have advanced between Gouzeaucourt and Villers, and also pushed on south of Lagnicourt, the tower of which we have retaken.

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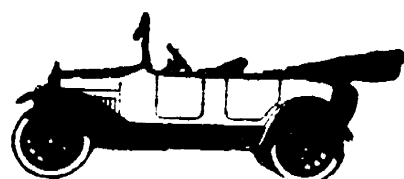
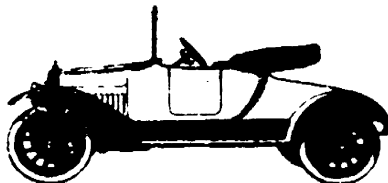
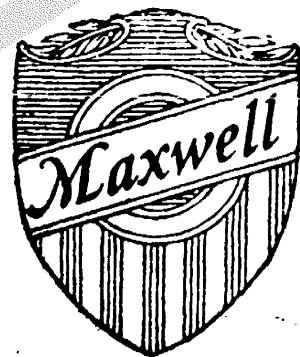
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### Is South Germany Wavering?

BY FRANCIS GRIBBLE.

A pamphlet is now being circulated in Bavaria advocating the deposition of the Hohenzollerns in favour of the Wittelsbachs. The writer thinks that the Allies might be willing to parley with the latter, whereas they would only dictate their decisions to the former; and he considers, therefore, that the substitution of Bavarian for Prussian hegemony is, as the doctors say, "indicated."

This particular proposition strikes one as lacking in actuality, and there is no evidence that it has any support in influential circles. But it does at least set one asking questions: 1. South German allegiance to Prussia at last beginning to weaken? Is the voice of the Particularist at last about to rise above a whispered grumble? A positive answer cannot be given, but the probable answer to both questions is in the affirmative.

The enigma of German Particularism was carefully studied, a few years ago, by Jules Huret, and the conclusions which he arrived at were thus set forth in his excellent work "La Bavière et la Saxe":—

1. So long as the Empire prospers, State Particularism will remain dormant, and there is no likelihood that it will ever wake up to check Germany on the path of aggression.

2. State Particularism, nevertheless, though dormant, is not dead; and it will probably wake up, to embarrass Prussia, whenever Prussia is in a tight corner.

Every day is obviously bringing the later condition nearer to fulfilment; and if the consequences predicted are to arise out of it, they are very nearly due.

The causes which stifled Particularism almost to extinction in recent years are easy to recognise. The Empire had at once increased German wealth and inflamed German pride. A mere Wurtemberger or a mere Saxon had been a helpless creature whom powerful neighbours could kick from pillar to post. Becoming a German, he felt himself a citizen of no mean country—a parvenu country, it was true, but one which was rapidly elbowing its way to a good position in the best circles—the country, as he fondly believed, of the future. For the sake of these material advantages he pocketed his Particularist vanity, and accepted Prussian leadership. He even, in some cases, accepted it with enthusiasm. Treitschke did so, for one; and Treitschke was a Saxon.

But the tie was a tie of interest not

of sentiment. The South German did not love the Prussian—he accepted him in the spirit which the invalid takes the cod liver oil which he is assured will build up his constitution. The treatment might inspire him to sing "Deutschland ueber Alles," but there was nothing in it to induce him to glorify Prussia with such a song as:—

Only her bosom to die on!

It is, however, to the sentiment which these latter lines express that Prussia must now appeal if she wants to keep South Germany loyal; and it is a sentiment which events are now putting to a very rude test.

In the time of triumph, the interests of South Germany coincided with those of Prussia; but they will diverge widely when defeat is perceived to be imminent. And the chief point of difference is this: that, whereas the announcement of the aims of the Entente has made it clear that Prussia stands to lose territory, there is every probability that the eventual settlement will leave Bavaria, Saxony, and Wurtemberg intact. No thorny nationality problems arise within these States, and nothing is more natural than that they should ask themselves: Is it worth while for us Bavarians, Saxons, and Wurtembergers, whose territorial integrity is not threatened, to line the last ditch in defence of the territorial integrity of Prussia? Would it not be more profitable to us to cut our losses?

The Bavarian pamphlet is only the latest of many signs that these questions are beginning to exercise South German minds. The protests of the Bavarian soldiers that their Prussian masters always assign to them the most dangerous tasks and the complaints of the Bavarian farmers that Prussian greed deprives them of too many of their cattle and gives them too little grain in exchange for it, are important collateral indications that they are in a mood to break away from the War Lords, who have got them into the mess in which they find themselves.

It will be difficult for them, no doubt, to make a beginning; but it looks as though, if Austria gave a lead, South Germany would follow. And it also looks as if the giving of a lead by Austria were a contingency well within the range of practical politics.

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**German Base in Amazon.**

With the arrival at New York of the Lloyd Brasileiro liner Sergipe there came additional reports of the activities of the German raider that eluded the British North Sea patrol last November and in a month sent vessel after vessel to her doom.

One of the most puzzling features of the raider's operations was her ability to remain so long at sea, and the passengers and officers of the Sergipe told about a German base in the mouth of the Amazon, where, according to the accepted belief in the Brazilian ports, the raider was supplied.

This base, according to those on the Sergipe, is located on Menelaos Island, twenty-five miles up the Amazon. It is sparsely populated, most of the inhabitants being Indians, subject in only a small way to the Government control.

According to natives in Pernambuco, German traders settled on the island in 1911 and established a trading base with the Upper Amazon Indians. From time to time large amounts of stores were accumulated, and the Indians told how the newcomers were gathering explosives to clear the land for agricultural purposes. Large foreign steamships went up to it from time to time.

The Indians recalled that in the summer of 1913 many German vessels went up the Amazon and loaded gutta percha. Others were seen at the mouth of the river.

In July, 1914, several Portuguese went to Para and told about a wireless station having been erected on the island. An Indian pilot told about other Indians having whispered to him about two poles that "talked with the heavens."

Dr. Samuel T. Busey of Newark, a passenger on the Sergipe who had been up the Amazon gathering specimens of rare woods, said the belief that it was a German supply base was accepted by every one in Para, Pernambuco and other Brazilian cities.

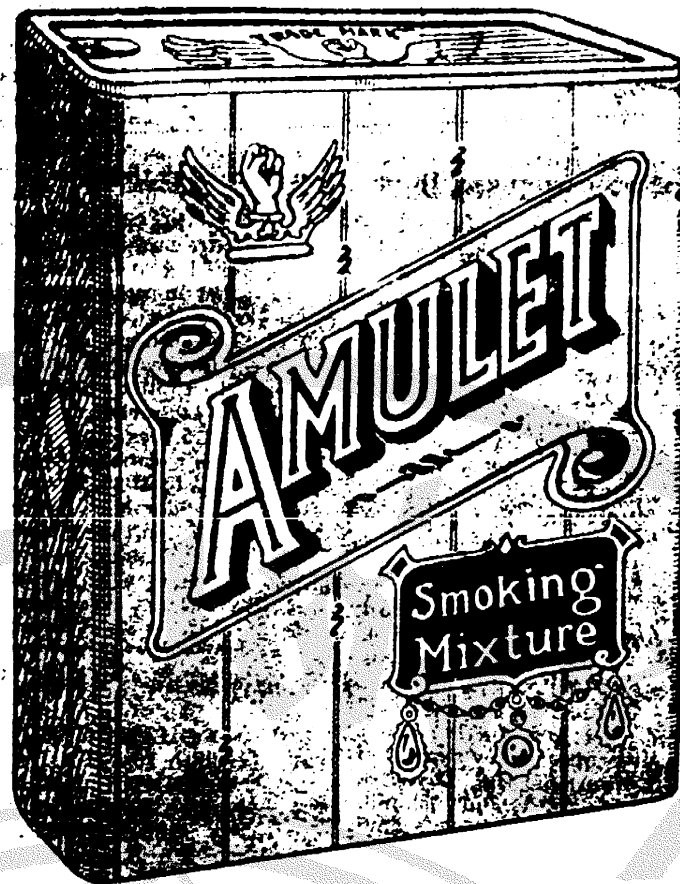
The Sergipe left Pernambuco on January 17, and was in the harbour there when the Japanese steamer Hudson Maru arrived with the crews of the steamships sunk by the raider.

Members of the crews who went ashore said that the raider used the Hudson to send them into port because the Germans told him they did not want to sink a Japanese ship. There were 305 on the Hudson besides her crew. They also said the members of the crew of the Hudson were paid a

**Germany and Indemnities.**

The well-known extremist writer Georg Bernhard has an article in "Plutus," a financial weekly, insisting that Germany must get war indemnities from her enemies. His argument is that Germany is spending so much on the war that unless she can make others pay a large part of the costs she will be utterly ruined financially. This admission of the gravity of Germany's economic position is instructive, and perhaps the whole article may be a subtle mode of preparing Germany for the worst. Germany could get indemnities only if she won a complete victory. It is possible that the success of her submarine campaign would lead to such a victory, but there is no other readily conceivable way for Germany to get there. The alternatives that Herr Bernhard, consciously or unconsciously, is setting before Germany in the event of the collapse of the submarine offensive are a swift peace or irretrievable bankruptcy. Be that as it may, the history of Germany's inaction in indemnities during this war is interesting enough. At first Herr Hefferich, the Minister of Finance, explained to the Reichstag that there was no need to impose war taxation because the defeated enemy would soon pay everything. The next stage was to say that the German Government did not want to impose war taxation because it did not wish to add to the burdens of the nation during the war; besides, the war indemnities would relieve things. The indemnities had thus taken second instead of first place in German financial calculations as expounded publicly. The third stage was to declare that a defeated and exhausted enemy could not pay an appreciable money indemnity. It would be best to take it out of him in the form of commercial treaties giving Germany all the benefits and her enemies all the disadvantages. Now the indemnity reappears as the one thing which can save Germany from utter ruin. It is difficult to believe that any responsible German at this time of day, really expects Germany to get an indemnity. It is improbable that the indemnity's reappearance in the German financial world, is intended to draw up the curtain a little and let even the simplest German see something of the desperate plight in which his rulers' military speculation has plunged the country.

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7.—	8.—	1.20	2.05	Dep. Bangkok Noi ...	Arr. 11.38	12.33	4.53
8.15	9.48	2.45	4.27	Dep. M. Nakon Patom ...	Arr. 9.26	11.10	3.17
9.36	11.38	4.20	6.57	Dep. Ratburi ...	Arr. 6.30	9.38	1.50
9.46	11.52	4.30		Dep. ...	Arr. a.m.	9.28	1.02
10.57	1.26	6.18		Dep. Petchaburi ...	Arr. 7.20	11.18	3.17
11.05	2.—			Dep. ...	Arr. a.m.	10.45	3.09
12.38	5.—			Dep. Hua Hin ...	Arr. 7.54	1.39	
7.08	5.48			Dep. Wang Phong ...	Arr. 7.—	1.08	
1.14				Dep. ...	Arr. a.m.	1.—	5.35
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8.09	2.44	Dep. Nakon Junction	Arr. 12.0	8.09	2.44	Dep. Tung Song	Arr. 11.11
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The Military correspondent of the *Daily News* writes:—

**Daily News** writes:—  
Those who have been watching the *London Gazette* will have observed the shuffling of cards which has been going on during the past few months on the Western front. We have seen this or that General "scrapped" and his successor appointed, and we are told that this is a matter for Sir Douglas Haig and Sir William Robertson, that they are alone responsible, that Parliament and the Press have nothing to do with the conduct of the war, and, in short, that the country must give soldiers a blank cheque to fill in as they please regardless of what balance there may be in the bank.

Up to a certain point this is a reasonable view to take. On the battlefield the authority of selected commander must be unfettered by any limitations imposed on his discretion either by his military or civil superiors. This, of course, goes without saying, but when it comes to preparations for battle and especially to the choice of the higher personnel Parliament, as voicing the opinions of the people who are waging the war, must have its say, and satisfy itself that the best men are in the right places for making the best use of the human material entrusted to their care.

As matters stand Regular Army officers have the monopoly of all places in what is known as the "Higher Command" to the exclusion of "New Army" or Territorial officers who, however brilliant and successful they may have been in civil life, have to be content with a back seat on the military coach which is driven by their Regular brethren. The writer believes he is correct in saying that while a few—a very few—New Army and Territorial officers are commanding brigades, from the division up to the commands and superior staff posts are wholly monopolised by Regular officers trained under pre-war conditions. Is this as it should be?

Regular officers says it is. In their view, trained as professional soldiers in the regiment and at the staff college, they must necessarily know more than amateurs. In any case, they pull the wires. But are they right? The writer, an old professional soldier himself, suggests that they are not.

Take the case of the American Civil War. Sherman was practising as a lawyer in New York when the Southern States seceded from the Union, and Lee was farming at St. Louis. They were both amateurs, but they were great Generals, and so was Johnston, the Confederate leader, who was killed at the battle of Shiloh. Writing to Jefferson Davis, the latter said that in

war "the test of merit is success." Have our higher leaders been so entirely successful that we can give a blank cheque to them? When we look at the war map, as it now exists from Bagdad to Berlin, can the answer be, Yes? Our boys of all classes, officers and men, cooks' sons and dukes' sons alike, have fought with what Sir Evelyn Wood has lately called Divine courage: but can anyone, except those who choose to live in a fool's paradise, say that in Mesopotamia, in Gallipoli, in the retreat from the Vardar River, in France, even on the Somme, the Higher Direction has made the best use of the material at its disposal?

staff college men point to their certificates, and Colonel Repington quotes Clausewitz. The gallant Colonel might as well quote Thucydides. What application have the Camberly text books to trench war, 15-inch howitzers, and 9.2 guns, hand and rifle grenades, creeping barrages, and aerial torpedoes? Air warfare is an entire novelty. With nations instead of armies at war the principles of strategy and tactics have been so profoundly modified that the amateur who has been 2½ years at the front has acquired the same intense experience as the Regular soldier, whose technical training, except as regards that of his counts for no more than that of his New Army or Territorial colleague.

Do we grasp this fact as we should do ? Without beating any further about the bush, the proposal now suggested is that a proportion of the Division, Corps, and Army Commands should be given to selected New Army and Territorial officers, who should also be represented on the higher Staff at G.H.Q. They may be barristers, engineers, doctors, business men, or others ; it matters not who or what they are if only they are able. We must remember that in time of peace the Army has not generally attracted the best brains of the country either to the commissioned or non-commissioned ranks. Sportsmen have flocked to it, because Army life in peace time lends itself to sporting proclivities, but " brainy " men have as a rule avoided the Army as affording no scope of talent. What seems to me now wanted is the infusion of new into the old blood, for by this means shall we get rid of that crystallisation of text-book ideas which has narrowed the vision of our war leaders and neutralised the efforts of our fighting men.

**South African Despatch.**

London, April 18.—The Gazette contains a despatch from General Smuts detailing the operations in German East Africa from Oct. 28, 1916, to Jan. 20, 1917, when he relinquished the command. After mentioning the evacua-

tion of 12,000 white troops at the end of 1916, owing to the prevalence of malaria and dysentery and their replacement by natives he emphasises that the success hitherto achieved in a most trying and exacting campaign was mainly due to the unremitting efforts and the resolute endurance of all ranks. He pays a high tribute to the work of the navy and the ready and effective assistance of the Governments of India, South Africa, British East Africa, Uganda and Zanzibar, and gives details of the services of the Indian Government, including the keeping up of the flow of reinforcements and providing the entire food supply for the Indian troops besides flour, certain stores for British troops and also large quantities of other supplies. He mentions that the Indian officers were exceptionally good.

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