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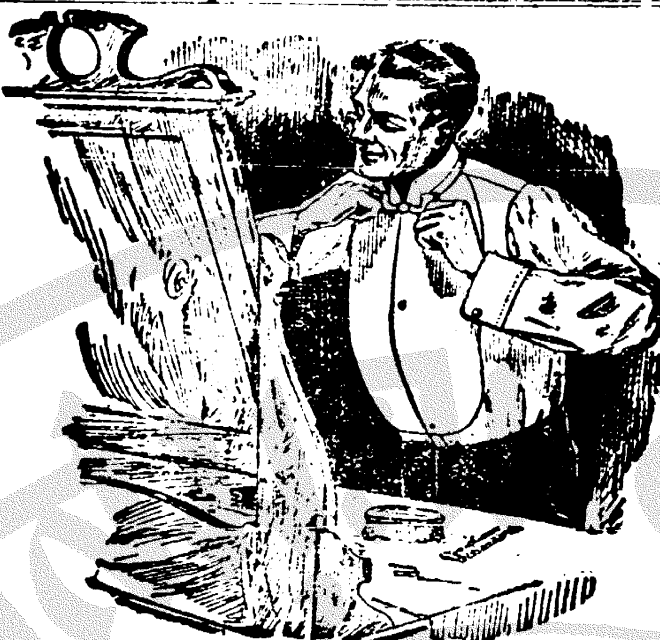
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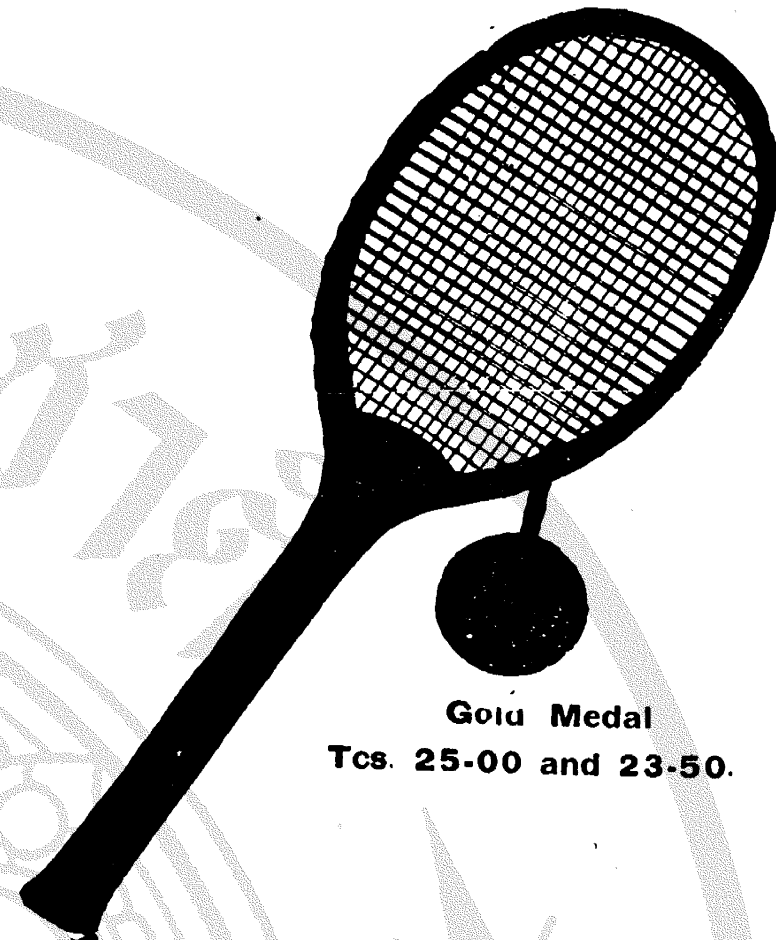
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Hungarian Losses in the Carpathians.

Budapest, Nov. 1.—The Hungarian National Committee entrusted with the care of the graves of fallen soldiers have issued a report, in which it is stated that their researches in the Northern Carpathians have resulted in the discovery altogether of 200,000 graves of Austro-Hungarian and German soldiers. Of these over 35,000 were common graves, where more than one body is interred. The crosses over the graves were re-marked, and the names, where these were known—re-written. The figures given indicate that during the winter of 1914-15 over 250,000 men were killed on the battlefields of that region—a fact never before revealed. The publication of the report in question, therefore, has caused the greatest depression, for it is well known that the majority of the units who were engaged there against the Russians were composed of Hungarians, only a small fraction of the forces being German and Austrian.

The Nepszava, commenting on the report, shrewdly points out that at that time the Russians were the attacking party. "Now we are the attackers and it is hardly necessary to say more," says the writer. "What if the Russians in the winter of 1914-15 had had the artillery and munitions that they have now and will have during the winter of 1916-17? How would that have affected the number of casualties in a defensive campaign? A commonsense view of the difference between the defensive campaign of 1914-15 in the Carpathians and the offensive campaign of this autumn affords much food for reflection." A horrible butchery is, in fact, going on in the wooded Carpathians, where thousands and thousands are being sacrificed in the insane endeavour to drive a wedge between the Russian and Rumanian line. Unless something is achieved in the region of Dorna Watra, Mackensen is confined to inactivity, for on events in the northeastern corner, where the three frontiers meet, will depend the success of the operations in the Dobruja. The plan of campaign is conceived solely with a view to German interests, although the men who lie in those graves among the mountains are mostly Hungarians.

A Vast Cemetery.
"From Orsova to the Uzok Pass the Carpathians are a vast cemetery," says the report, and seven thousand men are being employed in identifying the graves and restoring them. "The work has to be completed before the snow covers everything over and the floods wash away all traces of the resting places of those who have fallen." The Committee, therefore, have but a very short time at their disposal. If General Falkenhayn and the Archduke Karl do not succeed in breaking through the Russian and Rumanian lines, next year the Committee will have to begin their work all over again, for at the present rate of butchery in the Carpathians and the Transylvanian Alps the number of graves will soon be doubled.

The much advertised conquest of Rumania and the "sweep across the Alps and the Danube" seems to be somewhat belated and the people are looking on with a kind of amazement and asking themselves whether they have not been deceived once more. The "irresistible Falkenhayn" seems to encounter a good deal of resistance, and the coming winter will certainly not add to the chances of an offensive in the snow-clad mountains. The Nepszava, in a leading article today, says that the only victorious leader in this winter warfare will once more be "General Consumption." The men who return from the Passes and the Bukovina front declare that the whole region is already under snow, that the rain is incessant, specially in the Transylvanian sector, where the weather conditions during this period of the year

are most dangerous, and that hundreds of men have to be sent to the rear every day owing to the sickness.—Ex.

In Rumania.

London, Dec. 27.—The Berlin communique claims the bringing down of nine aeroplanes in the western theatre and the breaking through of several Russian positions on the eastern Danube, where the army forced its way into the enemy front after bitter fighting, compelling a retreat from prepared positions. The enemy since Dec. 22 has lost seven thousand prisoners.

London, Dec. 27.—The German communique says: We captured 5,500 Russians in the last few days in great Wallachia and in the mountains south of Kimmicel Sarat.

The Bulgarian communique says: Enemy monitors bombarded Tulcea. The retreating Russians destroyed the Trans-Danube bridges at Isaccea. Fighting is proceeding for the possession of the bridgehead at Macin.

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Distance from Bangkok.	STATIONS.	Train No.		Distance from Meklong.	STATIONS.	Train No.	
	I. III. V.				VI. VI.		
		A.M. P.M. P.M.				A.M. P.M.	
Km. Bangkok Dep.	8.30	12.30	4.30	Km. Meklong Dep.	8.35	12.35	
33.1 Mahachai				B. Hlane			
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BANGKOK-MEKLONG.				MEKLONG-BANGKOK.			
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	I. III.				II. IV. VI.		
		A.M. P.M.				A.M. A.M. P.M.	
Km. B. Hlane				Mahachai			
Terminus Dep.	10.20	2.20		Terminus Dep.	6.45	10.45	2.45
33.8 Meklong Arr.	11.40	3.40		33.1 Bangkok Arr.	8.05	12.05	4.05

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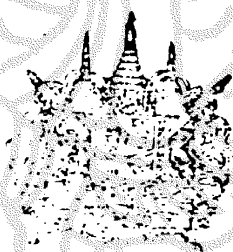
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Allies' Reply to German Peace Note.

From the French Legation we have received a copy of the reply of the Allies to the recent German Peace Note of which the following is a translation:—

The French Government having been requested by all the Allied Governments to reply on their behalf to the Note of the enemy on the subject of the proposition to open negotiations for peace, M. Briand, President of the Council and Minister of Foreign Affairs, has forwarded this reply to Mr. Harp, the Ambassador of the United States of America at Paris.

In this document the Allies protest against the pretension of the enemy to throw upon the Allies the responsibilities of the war and against the assertions of the Central Powers tending to attribute victory to themselves.

The Allies recall how the war was waged, provoked and declared by Germany and Austria-Hungary, and how Belgium was violated. They point out that the strictly European map of the war on the basis of which the so-called German offers are made, only shows the external and temporary appearance of the situation and not the real strength of the antagonists; they declare that the ruin caused by the declaration of war by Germany and her Allies, necessitates conditions, reparation and guarantees which the Allies are unanimous in desiring to obtain at the cost of any sacrifice; they point out that Germany is trying to justify in advance fresh crimes; they affirm that there is no possibility of peace without reparation for the rights and liberties violated, without the recognition of the principle of nationalities and of the free existence of small states, without a law definitely suppressing all menace to the nations and giving efficient guarantees for the security of the world. Then the Allied Powers explain the particularly painful situation of Belgium which, for simply having wished to defend its independence and violated neutrality is ruined, devastated and gullied by massacres, executions and imprisonments.

Maher's Funeral.

Lord Rosebery as Chief Mourner.

Exactly on the stroke of 2.30 a motor-car full of wreaths drew up at the entrance to the Parkington Cemetery in Willesden-lane. It was followed by a motor hearse, which contained the remains of Danny Maher. Following the hearse came Lord Rosebery, George Blackwell, the Newmarket trainer, who trained Maher's first Derby winner, Rock Sand, and the famous horseman's most intimate friend, "Skeets" Martin. Employer, trainer, and colleague walked side by side with heads uncovered. Mrs. Maher occupied the next motor. A large crowd assembled at the graveside. "Kate," the veteran race card seller, threw flowers on the coffin, and Lord Rosebery deposited a wreath representative of his own colours. Others present included Father John Canfield, of Pinner, Bernard Dillon, and the Epsom trainer, Hyams.

The Late Franz Josef.

The Milan correspondent of the London Daily Chronicle reports:—Messages from Vienna state that when the late Emperor's condition caused grave anxiety Dr. von Koerber summoned the Archduke to Vienna and sought to induce the Emperor to agree to a co-regency. The Emperor at midday on November 20 first expressed a presentiment that the end was near, and sent an urgent summons to the Court Confessor, Ebeling, who was closeted with the Emperor for two hours during the night. On the next morning the fever increased, and the Emperor passed the afternoon in an armchair, tormented with the fever and coughing, and with spells of delirium, though he insisted upon listening to the latest war bulletins, and gave audience to the Archdukes and prominent statesmen. Through the Papal nuncio the Emperor sought and obtained a special telegraphic blessing from the Pope. He relapsed into delirium at 6 o'clock, and then followed a crisis of tears. He died quietly at 9 o'clock.

Portugal's Part.

London, Dec. 22.—The President of Portugal, interviewed, stated that at present 15,000 splendidly trained troops were holding the Rovuma River from the Indian Ocean to Lake Nyassa. Six thousand additional troops were proceeding thither from Portugal. The Portuguese effort in Europe would be made at the moment when it would have the maximum effect.

On the 27th ulto, in the first magistrate's court in Singapore Captain A. Buhre, of the steamer Wan Li was fined \$100 and costs for making an incorrect statement as to passengers brought on his steamer. Mr. G. G. Seth, the Deputy Public Prosecutor, said four Chinese passengers were not accounted for, and the offence was a serious one in these days. Defendant said he offended through inadvertence, as the passengers were not entered on the manifest.

Ahead of the Mail.

Troubled Belgium.

Washington, Nov. 19.—Germany has acknowledged the protest of the United States in connection with the deportation of Belgians, but has deferred making a statement of her reasons for the action. The New York "Times" states:—"The deportation of Belgians is a most flagrant violation of the law and usages of war, and the Hague Convention. The latter provides: 'Requests in kind for services must not be demanded from municipalities or inhabitants except for the needs of the occupying army.' America should employ every resource to prevent the present great struggle degenerating into lawless carnage and savagery."

Cardinal Mercier's Protest.

London, Nov. 14.—The "Telegraaf" of Amsterdam states that Cardinal Mercier and the Belgian Bishops have protested that the deportation of Belgians to Germany is a violation of General von der Goltz's word of honour that no Belgian citizens capable of bearing arms would be sent to Germany to make munitions or to engage in any form of forced labour.

The "Daily Chronicle's" Rome correspondent reports that it is authoritatively stated that the King of Spain and President Wilson are formulating an urgent joint line of action to stop the Belgian deportations.

The "Chronicle's" Amsterdam correspondent says that Cardinal Mercier's protest appeals strongly to all souls, believers or unbelievers in allied, neutral, or even enemy countries. He is doing his utmost to secure the abolition of a system of slavery, under which able-bodied persons are transported none knows whither. Gangs of from 800 to 1,200 are sent daily from some districts, each deportee representing a German worker transferred to the army.

Washington, Nov. 15.—It is stated semi-officially that the deportation of Belgians to Germany is regarded by the United States Government as a violation of Germany's assurances to the American Ambassador on the occasion of the deportation of women and children from Lille.

Unavailing.

London, Nov. 17.—A wireless message from Amsterdam states that, despite Cardinal Mercier's protest, the deportation of Belgian civilians continues, especially of railwaymen of whom there are still 65,000 in Belgium. Five trainloads of deported persons pass the frontier station of Welkenraedt daily. They include lawyers, the clergy, teachers, peasants and labourers.

Paris, Nov. 13.—The Germans have ordered the arrest and imprisonment in reprisal camps of 209 of the most prominent men and women in the occupied territories including Lille. They have also ordered the imprisonment of deputies and other notables at Roubaix, Valenciennes, and Douai. No reason has been given for this step.

Future German Control.

Berne, Nov. 17.—A wireless message from Berlin states that, despite the secrecy of the Reichstag Committee, there is considerable public discussion of its proceedings. The Chancellor has not committed the Government to a definite policy in regard to Belgium. He has outlined possible terms of settlement, in which Belgium must be nominally independent but must remain a German dependency. King Albert must be deposed, as being an implacable enemy he would be a perpetual menace. If the Belgians desire a King he must be a German Prince. Other conditions are a perpetual offensive and defensive Belgo-German alliance, the maintenance of the Belgian army of specified strength, a permanent German Military Commission in Brussels, a commercial treaty in accordance with German dictates, and the lease of two Belgian ports as German naval bases. Several speakers in the Committee demanded the retention of Belgium as part of the German Empire. None mentioned the possibility of the Germans being driven out of Belgium.

Trial by Fists.

London, Nov. 16.—Arising from the incident of the suppression of the Cardiff peace meeting, Mr. Winstone, president of the Welsh Miners' Union, challenged Mr. C. B. Stanton, the Welsh Labour M.P., to ten rounds, with the gloves or bare fists. Mr. Stanton has accepted the challenge. Mr. Charles Barnett, of Cardiff, has now offered a purse of £2,000, but Mr. Stanton suggests stakes of £600 aside.

London, Nov. 19.—The promised fight arising from the interrupted peace meeting at Cardiff, will not take place. Mr. Winstone (president of the Welsh Miners' Union), whose challenge was accepted by Mr. C. B. Stanton, M.P., now treats the matter as a joke, and declines to fight.

Sixpenny Eggs.

London, Nov. 16.—Eggs are being sold at 6d each in several English towns. This is a record price.

The Premier's War Cry.

London, December 8.—Mr. Lloyd George's seizure of the Premiership is the most dramatic incident of modern political history. His movements had the effect of driving Mr. Asquith out of office. He disclaimed association with the articles in "The Times," attacking Mr. Asquith's administration, and therefore Mr. Asquith consented to a smaller and more powerful War Council; but when it became apparent that Mr. Lloyd George would have sole and unfettered control of the war Mr. Asquith, refusing further negotiations, resigned. Mr. Asquith recommended Mr. Bonar Law to succeed him. Mr. Bonar Law made no serious endeavour to form a Cabinet, and recommended Mr. Lloyd George. Mr. Lloyd George immediately undertook the task which he intended to assume from the very beginning. Mr. Asquith and his intimate friends have refused to serve under Mr. Lloyd George. Mr. Asquith also declined the Peerage and the Garter, which were personally offered him by the King. The country is manifestly with Mr. Lloyd George and his policy of greater energy in prosecuting the war. It has accepted Mr. Asquith's resignation with dry eyes. Mr. Lloyd George at once interviewed the Labour representatives, who were to some extent the masters of the situation. By a bare majority they agreed to transfer their support from the "Old Guard" to the New.

The Cabinet Completed.

Mr. Lloyd George has now completed the Cabinet. On Saturday he told a friend that it contained strong commercial and shipping elements, and that the orders were "full steam ahead." By an odd irony Mr. Lloyd George is the head of a Unionist Labour, and Business administration; while he himself is the only conspicuous Liberal in it. "Old Guard" bluntly refused to serve; the Unionists offered their services unreservedly, and most of them remain except Lord Lansdowne. Sir Edward Carson joins. Mr. Churchill does not. Despite violent newspaper attacks Mr. Balfour is to be Foreign Minister, Lord Robert Cecil assisting. Labour is strongly represented, Mr. Barnes' promotion is popular, and has been splendidly earned. Sir Robert Finlay becomes Lord Chancellor, thereby giving the new administration further needed weight. Mr. Lloyd George has brought new red blood into the Ministry, by including Sir Albert Stanley, aged 41, the vigorous head of the Tubes and Motor Omnibus systems in London, and other business men. Mr. Bonar Law obtains the second position in the Government. Though an ardent admirer of Mr. Asquith, he has been working heart and soul for the new administration. Lord Derby becomes War Secretary, full of enthusiasm and vigour.

The New Cabinet.

London, Dec. 11.—There is general satisfaction with the Cabinet and surprise that it is so strong considering the refusal of the old Liberals to join. Mr. Lloyd George, confronted by a formidable opposition, intends to leave the direction of the House largely to Mr. Bonar Law, confining himself to the War Council. The inclusion of Lord Curzon and Lord Milner is profoundly distasteful to the followers of Mr. Asquith. Mr. Henderson's selection is less personal than a recognition of Labour.

There is much interest in the business appointments. Sir J. MacLay is the principal owner of the largest fleet trading from the Clyde. Sir Albert Stanley has revolutionised London traffic. Sir F. Cawley is a Lancashire bleacher, Mr. Illingworth, a Bradford spinner, and brother of the former Liberal Whip. Lord Rhondda is the biggest coalowner in Wales. Formerly he delighted to pin-prick Mr. Lloyd George. He has worked well in making munition contracts in America. Mr. Hewart's appointment is a recognition of brilliant success. Ten years ago he was writing for a living and now has the biggest practice at the bar.

Mr. Hodge is a solid old-fashioned trade-unionist, slowish, conservative, safe, and carries weight with the workmen. Mr. Fisher, Vice-Chancellor of Sheffield University, is the first Education Minister really qualified for the position. Dr. Addison is gentle mannered and industrious, and will carry on rather than initiate. Mr. Prothero, aged 61, is a young member of the House. He is land agent to the Duke of Bedford. There is general satisfaction that Mr. Balfour, Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Long and Mr. Duke remain.

The Government is novel in constitution, and the system of a small War Council with powers and no departmental distractions is equally novel. Sir Edward Carson's inclusion in the Council was expected, but Mr. Lloyd George determined that the War Office and the Admiralty should be executive departments, taking orders from the War Council. Exactly a third of the Ministers announced are lawyers, but six offices being legal, the remainder consists of five lawyers and 22 laymen.

Local Liberal associations have been invited to pass resolutions declaring the continuance of Mr. Asquith in the leadership of the party.

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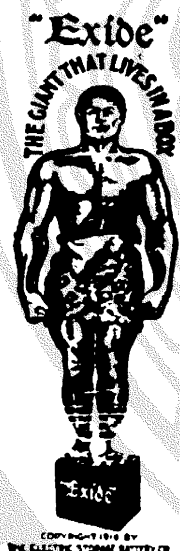
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Great War.**The Russian Front.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 3.

A wireless Russian official report
says that enemy groups which
were advancing after fierce rifle
and machine-gun firing towards the
south-west were driven back. An
enemy offensive on the Moldavian
frontier was dispersed. All enemy
attacks north and south of Oituz valley
were repulsed.A Rumanian counter-attack regained
positions on the river Kazina despite
continuous fierce attacks. Our Dobru-
ja detachments withdrew to new posi-
tions.**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**The B. M. C. have received a new
shipment of kippers and haddock by
the s.s. *Katong*.We have to acknowledge receipt of a
date block for 1917 from Messrs. the
Siam Forest Co.A few alterations in the list of de-
partures of the East Asiatic Co's west
coast boats are notified.Messrs. E. M. Pereira and Co. have
for sale an assortment of household
furniture and other effects.The Daylight Saving Act takes effect
throughout Australia from 2 a.m. on
Jan. 1st, 1917, when clocks will be put
forward one hour.The s.s. *Hopet* which arrived from
Hongkong via Swatow brought 107
Chinese deck passengers and the s.s.
Daguer, also from the above ports,
brought 471.SPEAKING in the House of Commons,
Mr. Lloyd George asserted that the
photographs recently published in cer-
tain American newspapers bore no re-
semblance whatever to the "Tanks" in
use on the western front.Viscount Haldane was commen-
cing, before the Society of Arts, in Lon-
don, on November 28, an address on
international relations, when a number
of well-dressed women raised cries of
"traitor" and "pro-German." Five of
them were ejected at intervals, with
much struggling, but quiet was re-
stored. Viscount Haldane treated the
episode with amusement.THE Berlin correspondent of the
New York Times reports:—German
financiers are formulating most elaborate
plans for regaining trade after the war.
They have arranged a far-reaching
organization of the largest shipping,
iron, and coal owners, including
Krupp's, the Norddeutscher Lloyd, and
the Hamburg America companies. The
bankers are helping to build a shipyard
for the construction of many vessels.According to the Neue Freie
Presse, the Austro-Lloyd is continu-
ing to make additions to its fleet, not-
withstanding the fact that Austrian
shipping has come to a standstill dur-
ing the war. It is reported to be
accepted, there are now under con-
struction for this company 17 steamers
of a total of 150,000 tons. Four of
these, of 8,000 tons each and with
accommodation for 250 passengers,
are being built at the company's own
Arsenal, and five vessels, of 10,000
tons each, are being built at the San
Rosa Shipyard, while the remaining
eight ships, of 8,500 tons each, are
being built elsewhere.**Robbery With Violence.**Yesterday, at about 10 p.m. five armed
men, it is said, boarded one of the
Menam Motor Boat Co's boats at Bang
Khai in Klong Bangkok Noi. When
asked by the ticket collector for the
usual fare, they flatly refused to
pay any money. They evidently
intended to rob the passengers for
when the boat arrived at a place called
Bang Nan Dan they drew out their
weapons and threatened to harm the
crew and passengers if they interfered
with them. One of the crew named
Nai Chan received serious injuries and
subsequently died. Two or three pas-
sengers were also wounded. The
others were so terrified at the sudden
violent attack by these men, whom
they took for ordinary passengers, that
several jumped overboard and made for
land leaving all they were carrying
with them to the mercy of the
robbers, who also cleared off.
Unfortunately there were no police
on the spot at the time and
the local Kamnan and Phu Yai
Ban, it is said, did practically
nothing towards following the men or
giving assistance to the wounded pas-
sengers. The Bang Khai police station
was informed about the incident and
we are glad to hear that Sergeant
Chen of that station has arrested one
of the culprits, Nai Sangyuan, who, it is
said, killed Nai Chan.The police certainly deserve the re-
ward offered by Mr. J. Brunn, Man-
ager of the Menam Motor Boat Co., for
the arrest of the murderer.**Cricket.**The following have been chosen to
represent the R. B. S. C. against the
Ceylonese in the Cricket Match on
Sunday:P. Christinas (Captain), R. B. H.
Gibbins, A. J. Halls, L. W. Horne,
Arnold Jones, H. E. Jones, T. Judge,
N. Maxwell, T. H. Pollard, G. A. C.
Preston, D. B. Robertson, H. Chester
Walsh.The Ceylonese team will be selected
from:P. Bulner (Captain), J. Laurence, P.
Vandersmaugh, P. Campbell, B. Jacobs,
W. Jacobs, A. Pineshaw, J. Caldera,
A. W. Wendt, A. T. Meynard, K. van
Dort, O. van Sanden, D. Hendricks, R.
Tillaka.The members of the R. B. S. C. team
are entertaining the Ceylonese XI to
dinner.Any other members of the Club may
secure a tiffin by applying to the
Secretary of the R. B. S. C. not later
than Friday.**Bangkok Lawn Tennis
Club.****Draw For Open Events.****"Grut" Cup.****Singles Championship.**Walsh bye
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Allies' Reply to German Peace Note.

From the French Legation we have received a copy of the reply of the Allies to the recent German Peace Note of which the following is a translation:

The French Government having been requested by all the Allied Governments to reply on their behalf to the Note of the enemy on the subject of the proposition to open negotiations for peace, M. Briand, President of the Council and Minister of Foreign Affairs, has forwarded this reply to Mr. Harp, the Ambassador of the United States of America at Paris:

In this document the Allies protest against the pretension of the enemy to throw upon the Allies the responsibilities of the war and against the assertions of the Central Powers tending to attribute victory to themselves.

The Allies recall how the war was waged, provoked and declared by Germany and Austria-Hungary, and how Belgium was violated. They point out that the strictly European map of the war on the basis of which the so-called German offers are made, only shows the external and temporary appearance of the situation and not the real strength of the antagonists: they declare that the ruin caused by the declaration of war by Germany and her Allies, necessitates conditions, reparations and guarantees which the Allies are unanimous in desiring to obtain at the cost of any sacrifice: they point out that Germany is trying to justify in advance fresh crimes: they affirm that there is no possibility of peace without reparation for the rights and liberties violated, without the recognition of the principle of nationalities and of the free existence of small states, without a law definitely suppressing all menace to the nations and giving efficient guarantees for the security of the world. Then the Allied Powers explain the particularly painful situation of Belgium which, for simply having wished to defend its independence and violated neutrality is, ruined, devastated and sullied by massacres, executions and imprisonments.

Maher's Funeral.

Lord Rosebery as Chief Mourner.

Exactly on the stroke of 2.30 a motor-car full of wreaths drew up at the entrance to the Paddington Cemetery in Willesden-lane. It was followed by a motor-horse, which contained the remains of Danny Maher. Following the horse came Lord Rosebery, George Blackwell, the Newark trainer, who trained Maher's first Derby winner, Rock Sand, and the famous horse-man's most intimate friend, "Skeets" Martin. Employer, trainer, and colleague walked side by side with heads uncovered. Mrs. Maher occupied the next motor. A large crowd assembled at the graveside. "Kate," the veteran race card seller, threw flowers on the coffin, and Lord Rosebery deposited a wreath representative of his own colours. Others present included Father John Caulfield, of Pinner, Bernard Dillon, and the Epsom trainer, Hyams.

The Late Franz Josef.

The Milan correspondent of the London Daily Chronicle reports:—Messages from Vienna state that when the late Emperor's condition caused grave anxiety Dr. von Koerber summoned the Archduke to Vienna and sought to induce the Emperor to agree to a co-regency. The Emperor at midday on November 20 first expressed a presentiment that the end was near, and sent an urgent summons to the Court Counsellor, Ebeling, who was closeted with the Emperor for two hours during the night. On the next morning the fever increased, and the Emperor passed the afternoon in an armchair, tormented with the fever and coughing, and with spells of delirium, though he insisted upon listening to the latest war bulletins, and gave audience to the Archdukes and prominent statesmen. Through the Papal nuncio the Emperor sought and obtained a special telegraphic blessing from the Pope. He relapsed into delirium at 6 o'clock, and then followed a crisis of tears. He died quietly at 9 o'clock.

Portugal's Part.

London, Dec. 22.—The President of Portugal, interviewed, stated that at present 15,000 splendidly trained troops were holding the Rovuma River from the Indian Ocean to Lake Nyassa. Six thousand additional troops were proceeding thither from Portugal. The Portuguese effort in Europe would be made at the moment when it would have the maximum effect.

ON the 27th ult., in the first magistrate's court in Singapore, Captain A. Baire, of the steamer Wai Li was fined \$100 and costs for making an incorrect statement as to passengers brought on his steamer. Mr. G. G. Seth, the Deputy Public Prosecutor, said four Chinese passengers were not accounted for, and the officer was a serious one in these days. Defendant said he offended through inadvertence, as the passengers were not entered on the manifest.

Ahead of the Mail.

Troubled Belgium.

Washington, Nov. 19.—Germany has acknowledged the protest of the United States in connection with the deportation of Belgians, but has deferred making a statement of her reasons for the action. The New York "Times" states:—"The deportation of Belgians is a most flagrant violation of the law and usages of war, and the Hague Convention. The latter provides: 'Requests in kind for services must not be demanded from municipalities or inhabitants except for the needs of the occupying army.' America should employ every resource to prevent the present or future deportation of Belgians into lawless carnage and savagery."

Cardinal Mercier's Protest.

London, Nov. 14.—The "Telegraph" of Amsterdam states that Cardinal Mercier and the Belgian Bishops have protested that the deportation of Belgians to Germany is a violation of General von der Goltz's word of honour that no Belgian citizens capable of bearing arms would be sent to Germany to make munitions or to engage in any form of forced labour.

The "Daily Chronicle's" Rome correspondent reports that it is authoritatively stated that the King of Spain and President Wilson are formulating an urgent joint line of action to stop the Belgian deportations.

The "Chronicle's" Amsterdam correspondent says that Cardinal Mercier's protest appeals strongly to all souls, believers or unbelievers in allied, neutral, or even enemy countries. He is doing his utmost to secure the abolition of a system of slavery, under which able-bodied persons are transported none knows whither. Groups of from 500 to 1,200 are sent daily from some districts, each deportee representing a German worker transferred to the army.

Washington, Nov. 15.—It is stated semi-officially that the deportation of Belgians to Germany is regarded by the United States Government as a violation of Germany's assurances to the American Ambassador on the occasion of the deportation of women and children from Lille.

Unavailing.

London, Nov. 17.—A wireless message from Amsterdam states that, despite Cardinal Mercier's protest, the deportation of Belgian civilians continues, especially of military age. From there are still 65,000 in Belgium. For training camps of deported persons pass the frontier station of Willemsdijk daily. They include lawyers, the clergy, teachers, peasants and laborers.

Paris, Nov. 18.—The Germans have ordered the arrest and imprisonment in reprisal camps of 200 of the most prominent men and women in the occupied territories, including Lille. They have also ordered the imprisonment of deputies and other notables at Roubaix, Valenciennes, and Douai. No reason has been given for this step.

Future German Control.

Berlin, Nov. 17.—A wireless message from Berlin states that, despite the secrecy of the Reichstag Committee, there is considerable public discussion of its proceedings. The Chamberlain has not committed the Government to a definite policy in regard to Belgium. He has outlined possible terms of settlement, in which Belgium must be nominally independent but must remain a German dependency. King Albert must be deposed, as being an implacable enemy, he would be a perpetual menace. If the Belgians desire a King he must be a German Prince. Other conditions are a perpetual offensive and defensive Bel-Germ alliance, the maintenance of the Belgian army of specified strength, a permanent German Military Commission in Brussels, a commercial treaty in accordance with German dictates, and the lease of two Belgian ports as German naval bases. Several speakers in the Committee demanded the retention of Belgium as part of the German Empire. None mentioned the possibility of the Germans being driven out of Belgium.

Trial by Fists.

London, Nov. 16.—Arising from the incident of the suppression of the Cardiff peace meeting, Mr. Winston, president of the Welsh Miners' Union, challenged Mr. C. B. Stanton, the Welsh Labour M.P., to ten rounds, with the gloves or bare fists. Mr. Stanton has accepted the challenge. Mr. Charles Barnett, of Cardiff, has now offered a purse of £25,000, but Mr. Stanton suggests stakes of £5000 aside.

London, Nov. 16.—The promised fight arising from the interrupted peace meeting at Cardiff, will not take place. Mr. Winston (president of the Welsh Miners' Union), whose challenge was accepted by Mr. C. B. Stanton, M.P., now treats the matter as a joke, and declines to fight.

Sixpenny Eggs.

London, Nov. 16.—Eggs are being sold at 6d each in several English towns. This is a record price.

The Premier's Wa Cry.

London, December 8.—Mr. Lloyd George's seizure of the Premiership is the most dramatic incident of modern political history. His movement had the effect of driving Mr. Asquith out of office. He disclaimed association with the articles in "The Times," attacking Mr. Asquith's administration, and therefore Mr. Asquith consented to a smaller and more powerful War Council; but when it became apparent that Mr. Lloyd George would have sole and unfettered control of the war, Mr. Asquith, refusing further negotiations, resigned. Mr. Asquith's resignation, Mr. Bonar Law made no serious endeavour to form a Cabinet, and recommended Mr. Lloyd George. Mr. Lloyd George immediately undertook the task which he intended to assume from the very beginning.

Mr. Asquith and his intimate friends have refused to serve under Mr. Lloyd George. Mr. Asquith also declined the Peerage and the Garter, which were personally offered him by the King. The country is completely with Mr. Lloyd George, and his policy of greater energy in prosecuting the war. It has accepted Mr. Asquith's resignation with a sigh. Mr. Lloyd George, at once interviewed the Labour representatives, who were to some extent the masters of the situation. By a bare majority they agreed to transfer their support from the "Old Guard" to the New.

The Cabinet Completed.

Mr. Lloyd George has now completed the Cabinet. On Saturday he told a friend that it contained strong commercial and shipping elements, and that the order was "fall at an angle." By an oddity Mr. Lloyd George is the head of a Cabinet, Labour and Business amalgamation, while he himself is the only conspicuous Liberal in it. "Old Guard" steadily refused to serve; the Unionists offered their services unreservedly, and most of them remain except Lord Lansdowne. Sir Edward Carson joins. Mr. Churchill does not. Despite violent newspaper attacks Mr. Balfour is to be Foreign Minister, Lord Robert Cecil assisting. Labour is strongly represented, Mr. Baines' promotion is popular, and has been splendidly earned. Sir Robert Finlay becomes Lord Chamberlain, thereby giving the new administration further needed weight. Mr. Lloyd George has brought new red blood into the Ministry, by including Sir Albert Stanley, aged 41, the vigorous head of the Tubes and Motor Omnibus systems in London, and other industrial men in the Government. Mr. Asquith, the long administrator of Mr. Asquith's last few years' working heart and soul of the new administration, Lord Dunsany becomes War Secretary, Lord Balfour becomes War Secretary, Lord Balfour becomes War Secretary, Lord Balfour becomes War Secretary.

The New Cabinet.

London, Dec. 11.—There is general satisfaction with the Cabinet and a surprise that it is so strong considering the refusal of the old Liberals to join. Mr. Lloyd George, confronted by a formidable opposition, intends to leave the direction of the House largely to Mr. Bonar Law, confining himself to the War Council. The inclusion of Lord Carson and Lord Milner is profoundly disasteful to the followers of Mr. Asquith. Mr. Henderson's selection is less personal than a recognition of Labour.

There is much interest in the business appointments. Sir J. Macley is the principal owner of the largest fleet trading from the Clyde. Sir Albert Stanley has revolutionised London traffic. Sir F. Cowley is a Lancashire bleacher. Mr. Hingworth, a Bradford spinner, and brother of the former Liberal Whip, Lord Rhonda is the biggest coalowner in Wales. Formerly he declined to play-act Mr. Lloyd George. He has worked well in making munition contracts in America. Mr. Stewart's appointment is a recognition of brilliant success. Ten years ago he was writing for a living and now he is the highest practitioner at the bar.

Mr. Hodge is a solid old-fashioned trade-unionist, slowish, conservative, safe, and curiously wise with the workmen. Mr. Fisher, Vice-Chancellor of Sheffield University, is the first Education Minister really qualified for the position. Dr. Addison is gentle, manly and industrious, and will carry on rather than interfere. Mr. Prothero, aged 61, is a young member of the House. He is land agent to the Duke of Bedford. There is general satisfaction that Mr. Balfour, Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. L. and Mr. Duk remain.

The Government is novel in constitution, and the system of a small War Council with powers and no departmental distractions is equally novel. Sir Edward Carson's inclusion in the War Council was expected, but Mr. Lloyd George deemed that the War Office and the Admiralty should be executive departments, taking orders from the War Council. Exactly a third of the Ministers announced are lawyers, but six offices being added, the remainder consists of five lawyers and 22 laymen.

Local Liberal associations have been invited to pass resolutions during the continuance of Mr. Asquith in the leadership of the party.

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Imperial Conference.

Indian Representation.

London, Dec. 27.—The newspapers applaud the decision that India shall be represented in the Imperial Conference. The Times says India is to be given a place in the Conference to which her enthusiastic and devoted support of the Imperial cause of the war entitles her. The extension of the invitation towards India suggests that the Government does not anticipate any objection from the Dominions. India indeed has buttressed a claim already very strong by the splendour of her devotion to the Imperial Tie in the time of war. The Government now show that they recognise her desire and strongly sympathise with her legitimate and moderate aspirations.

The Daily Mail says the representation of India by Mr. Chamberlain and two skilled advisers from the East will give due weight to the Indian opinion in the War Cabinet as is only right after the noble contribution which the Indian army and Prince's made for the cause of freedom.

The Daily Chronicle says that it is right and proper that India should be represented in the Imperial War Conference, for her interests are vitally concerned. Her vast population has remained peaceable and loyal under their ruling chiefs. Others have given many touching examples of devotion to the Empire.

The Daily News states: The presence of representatives of India beside premiers of Dominions will mark the opening of a new epoch which will cause profound disappointment if it is not decided that at least one of the spokesmen of India shall be Indian.

Russian Politics.

Petrograd, Dec. 27.—M. Troppoff has gone to Imperial headquarters. It is understood his visit is connected with important ministerial changes.

Austrian Changes.

London, Dec. 27.—The Times says the appointments of the Bohemian Slavi Counts Clamartiniz and Cheenin as Austrian Premier and Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister respectively seem to have an anti Magyar and anti-Russian tendency and are likely to be viewed with displeasure at Budapest and Berlin.

International Finance.

New York, Dec. 27.—The Federal Reserve Board has been permitted to appoint the Bank of England its agent under the American banking laws. This is a very important development and a radical departure from existing financial methods as it practically places the American and British governments in direct financial relationship. The first effect ex-

After the Fall of Kut.

A special supplement to the "London Gazette" contained a report by Lieutenant General Sir Percy Lake, on the operations of the Mesopotamia force since the fall of Kut.

During May, he says the pressure of the Russian advance from Persia towards Baghdad was felt by the enemy, who withdrew from positions in front of Es Sinn. This withdrawal was followed up, and General Corringe was able to clear the enemy from the right bank of the Tigris as far as the Hai river.

"We now hold positions from which we dominate the Hai and can deny its passage," adds the report, "while we could, if we pleased, bombard Kut itself."

Sir Percy Lake describes the unexpected arrival on May 20, of the Russian cavalry patrol of three officers and 110 other ranks, which had carried out a daring ride of 200 miles from Karind.

"The officers, he adds, 'came to report themselves to me in person at Basrah, where by command of his Majesty the King, I decorated them with the Military Cross, in recognition of their exploits, and of this, the first meeting of British and Russian troops as Allies in the field for 100 years.'"

The patrol left on June 4, and returned to their main body in safety.

The enemy in May and June, established what was very nearly the mastery of the air, owing to machines of superior speed and the reduction in the number of our pilots due to sickness, but the tables were turned by August.

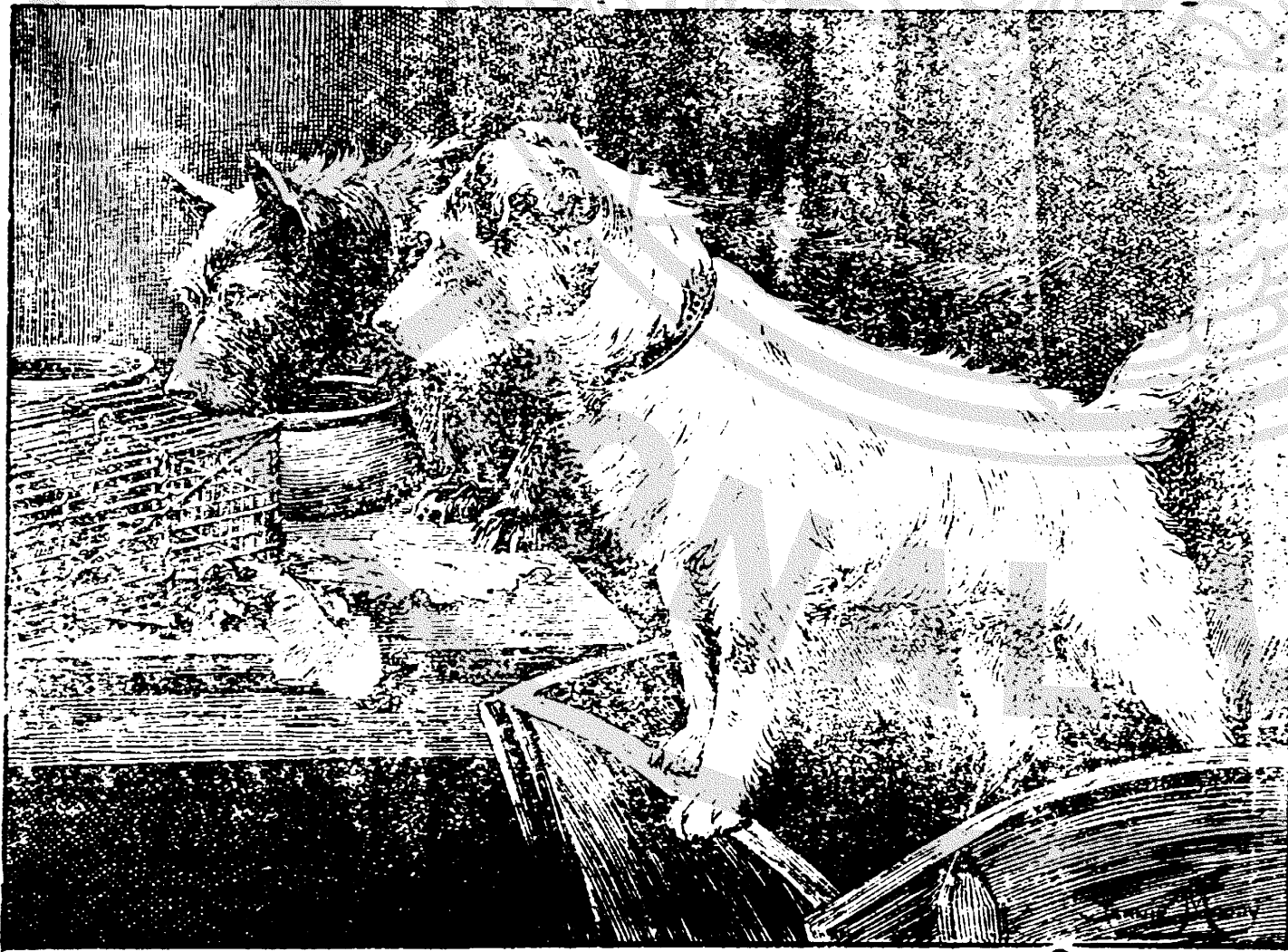
Increased sickness was experienced in May, and the heat was aggravated by the failure of the "shawel," or north wind, which is usually due in the middle of June, did not commence to blow until July 10. The admissions to hospital then at once lessened.

An outbreak of cholera on the Tigris front was soon got under control, and Sir Percy Lake reports the overcoming of the difficulties against which the medical service had to contend.

pected to be noticeable will be a decrease in the use of gold in settlement of international balances.

Wool for Army

London, Dec. 27.—The Army Council orders that no wool of the 1916-17 clip consigned to the United Kingdom from Australia or New Zealand on growers account shall be sold except to the Director of Army Contracts. Persons holding or receiving stocks are required immediately on arrival to furnish particulars thereof to the authorities and to sell the wool as directed.



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Most people now understand why Germany has been so successful in her treatment of the problem of man power. Her wise economy of her young contingents; her constant re-examination of the medically unfit; her refusal of claims by conscientious objectors; and the Civil Service to a privileged position; her success in restoring to the Colours a high proportion of wounded men; her use of prisoners in factories and on farms; the forced labour to which she subjects the population of occupied territories; and, finally, the trap which she has baited to catch Poles, all enable her to maintain her field strengths for longer than anyone thought possible. These successes, due to national discipline, to the complete subordination of the interests of the individual to those of the State, and to the militarisation of the entire nation, represent, according to the Military Correspondent of The Times, a remarkable achievement to which not one of us should remain blind. By her well organised system of substitution Germany has already been able to take for her armies two batches of a half a million men each, and is in course of taking a third, from munition works, railways, mines, and other essential national industries. She has been able to build up over 300 field divisions, and cannot now safely be credited with less than 4,500,000 men in the aggregate in her field armies and on the lines of communication. The new divisions, although composed of infantry abstracted from divisions already existing have required between 300,000 and 400,000 additional men from the reserves and young contingents which have been proportionately reduced. But the reserves generally owing to all the measures which Germany has taken, and even owing to the very success in taking 2,000,000 men, which may serve to supply the existing units with drafts up to the autumn of 1917, the exact period depending on the character of the fighting and the resulting casualties. The Allies are one and all faced with the necessity of straining every nerve to place in the field next year every man and gun and shell that their countries can produce to match this colossal but last effort of their principal and most obstinate enemy. We Allies are quite able to match this effort and to overmatch it. We have these industries have still between 3,000,000 and 4,000,000 men of military age who are in civil life, not counting men over 41, and we are in a far better position than Germany to maintain the war. Our gallant Dominions have still large

Man Power.

resources of man power, and are as determined to win victory as we are at home. Russia has still ample resources and will produce larger armies each year than the war lasts. Italy increases and improves month by month the quantity and quality of her armies, while France has been most successful in drawing more men from civil employments, and now excels in the art of accomplishing great things in the field with relatively slight losses. The United States is ever more faithful. Ally Portugal have still to figure in the European battlesround. India is capable of much greater things than she has yet done, and from Africa, now almost wholly in the hands of the Allies, we can draw large contingents of troops suited to service in Mesopotamia and Egypt.—Ex.

Germany and Peace.

In view of the German peace proposals added interest is lent to the following interview granted by Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German Chancellor. The interview is contained in the *Australian* papers just received at Colombo :—

New York: Interviewed in Berlin by an American Press representative the German Chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, said: "Again we have declared our willingness to enter into negotiations for peace but without response. Our attitude has been represented in some quarters as dictated by fear. I am sure that the events of the past week have demonstrated that we did not speak out of weakness or fear just as the events of the coming year will demonstrate that if we adhere to our willingness to consider a cessation of the struggle we are obeying the simple dictates of any apprehension of the result. I say this without concern for the ultimate issue of the struggle, however prolonged, but under such conditions the sanctity of the flame of life which should not be extinguished by human misunderstandings which common counsel might dissipate."

The Chancellor, shrugging his shoulders continued: "But, of course, if our enemies are obstinate and choose to continue their hopeless endeavour we shall only continue to make them pay a bitter price for their folly. The German soul is resolute and against our firm and far reaching lines the billows of attack break in vain. There is nothing to afflict us in any quarter. To morrow we embark upon an enterprise of defence of staggering magnitude. There has never before been a mobilisation of national energy on so great a scale as the A. for the mobilisation of non military service which

will be introduced in the Reichstag to-morrow.

"Germany is absolutely determined to carry the war through by thus summoning the whole power of a united people. Yet, while the will of the people is as determined to carry the struggle to any length necessary for the vindication of our national integrity and destiny as it has ever been, it is now our desire to resume our amicable exertion for peace as soon as we are allowed to do so.

Dr. von Beckmann-Hollweg quoted extracts from speeches by Dr. Wilson and Mr. Asquith and also from his own speech in the Reichstag. He contended that all evidenced a desire that eventually a world tribunal should enforce peace, and commented upon similarity of the sentiment of the speeches. The Chancellor added that the death of the Emperor Francis Joseph only meant the passing of the scepter to younger hands, which had the same firm purpose and determination. Austria would stand shoulder to shoulder with Germany in common impulse to vindicate the Imperial destiny.

Telegraph Lines

The Post and Telegraph Department reports that Malay Peninsula Main line is in order as far as Prachuab-ichikhan. Load line is still crossing with railway southern lines. Other lines are available.

Bangkok Mails Close.

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Exchange Rates.

To-day's Quotations.

LONDON—	
Bank Bills, demand	1/6 7/16
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HONGKONG—	
Bank Bills, demand	\$ 61 3/8
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 a.m. 7.00, 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.10.
 p.m. 1, 1.30, 2.30, 3.10, 3.50, 4.40, 5.30, daily.
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 Boats leave Tanon Tok every full and half hour from 6.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m.
 After 7.30 when sufficient passengers.

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 • Boat leave Tha Chang Wang Luang an-ling a.m. 7.30, 9.30, 9.30, 10.30,
 11.30 and p.m. 1.00, 2.30, 3.30 4.30 and 5.30, daily.

LINE 4 —KLONG SAMRONG LOCK TO BANG HIA.
 • • Boats leave the lock in connection with the Paknam Railway train
 at 15 a.m. from Bangkok.

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TIME TABLE

Amphur Dep.	1.00	4.18	1.25	3.33	a.m.	a.m.	7.33
Ayutthia Arr.	2.5	1.41	3.33	5.45	p.m.	p.m.	12.38
Ban Phai Arr.	4.17	12.20	4.24	6.30	a.m.	a.m.	2.21
Ban Phai Dep.	5.57	12.37	4.30	...	a.m.	a.m.	7.18
Lopburi Arr.	1.55	1.55	5.48	...	a.m.	a.m.	8.16
Chengkiet Dep.	2.53	5.38	...	7.25	a.m.	a.m.	8.16
Pak'pho Arr.	2.17	5.40	...	9.54	a.m.	a.m.	8.16
Pak'pho Dep.	2.26	6.30	...	...	a.m.	a.m.	8.24
Pitsa'loke Arr.	6	11.5	...	...	a.m.	a.m.	10.43
Pitsa'loke Dep.	7.1	2.2	...	...	a.m.	a.m.	1.45
Ban Dara Arr.	9.5	4.18	...	...	a.m.	a.m.	6.30
Ban Dara Dep.	9.29	4.40	...	...	a.m.	a.m.	7.20
Sakoloko Arr.	10.21	5.41	...	...	a.m.	a.m.	7.20
Ban Dara Dep.	9.10	4.26	...	...	a.m.	a.m.	7.10
Uttaradi Arr.	10.6	5.23	...	...	a.m.	a.m.	11.6
Tha Sao Arr.	10.15	5.38	...	...	a.m.	a.m.	11.57
Don Chai	...	...	...	...	a.m.	a.m.	...
Lampang	...	...	...	...	a.m.	a.m.	...
Ban Phai Dep.	10	12.30	4.41	...	a.m.	a.m.	11.7
Gengko Arr.	11.7	1.26	5.51	...	a.m.	a.m.	...
Lat Bu Kao	a.m.	a.m.	...
Korat Dep.	...	4.8	...	8.2	a.m.	a.m.	6.27
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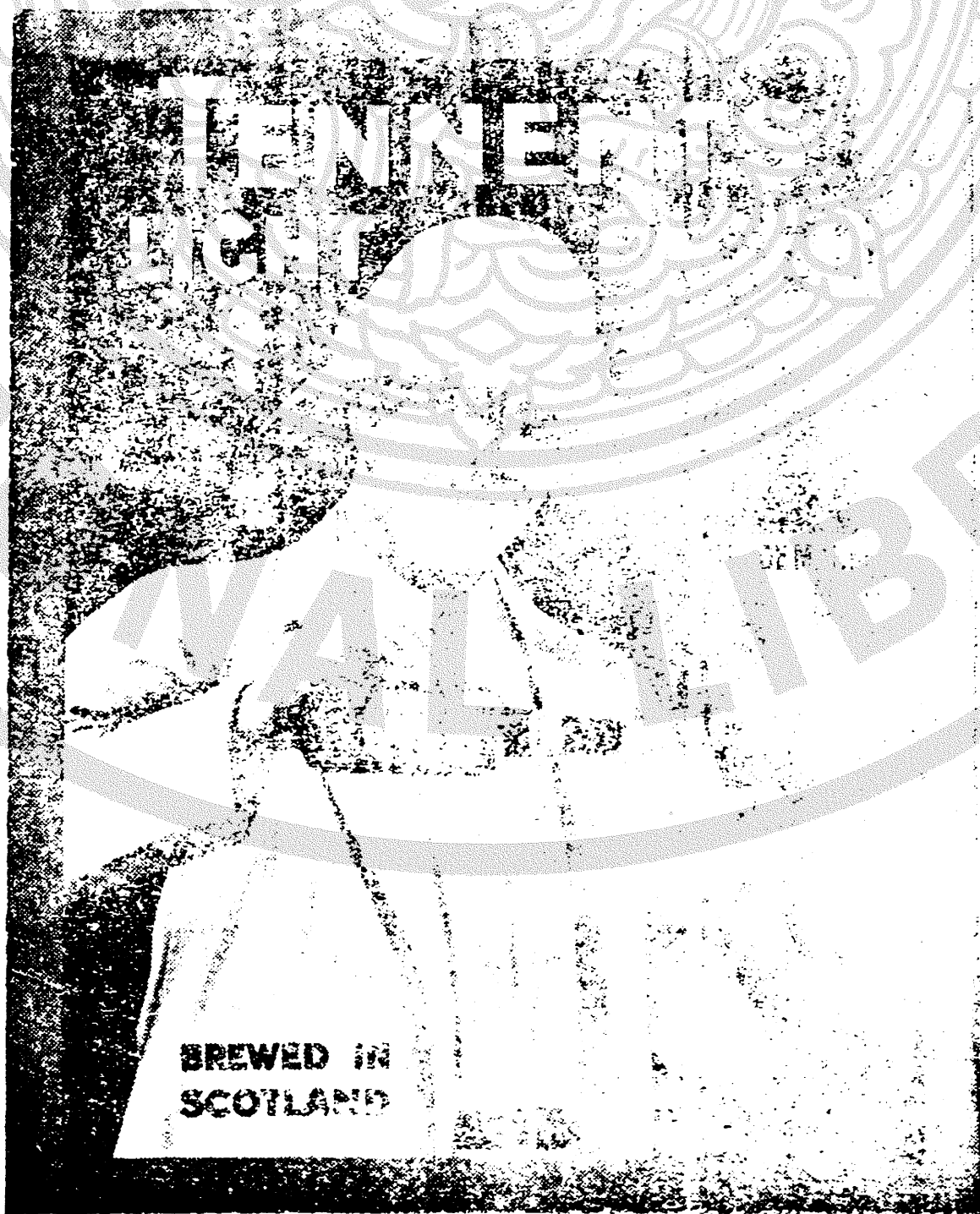
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