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

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

PHASES OF THE MOON.

May 4th (Last Quarter) 5 h 8 m a.m.
" 10th " New Moon 7 h 43 m p.m.
" 18th " First Quarter 2 h 56 m a.m.
" 23th " Full Moon 5 h 14 m a.m.

The Culture of Callousness.

No one who has the least knowledge of the mass of firsthand evidence regarding German atrocities which has been collected during the war, can doubt their extent and character. The popular estimate of these is within the truth rather than beyond it. The cruelty and callousness which they prove are beyond question, and it is also certain that these qualities were deliberately cultivated.

To the mistaken judgment of the German militarist brutality represented strength, and was encouraged accordingly. Of the two qualities cruelty and callousness, the latter is particularly notable in that, by culture, it has become almost inherent in the Teutonic character. Many Germans are cruel but nearly all Germans are callous.

So long ago as 1896 striking evidence was obtainable of German callousness in connection with the massacre of Armenians at Constantinople. There were many Germans in Constantinople at the time. The following story, of the truth of which the present writer has clear testimony, provides a good illustration of this point. It was told by a German to an English friend, whom he asked somewhat naively for his opinion on the incidents related.

In 1896 two Germans were sitting at a table in a cafe at Constantinople when a small Armenian boy rushed in terrified, and crawled under the table where he crouched between their legs. At that time great numbers of Kurds were being employed to massacre the Armenians. For the most part they committed these murders in an elementary and brutal way with heavy bludgeons. A Kurd, who was on the boy's track, followed him into the cafe, dragged him from between the knees of the two Germans, and in their presence beat out his brains with his bludgeon.

The two Germans made no effort to interfere and displayed complete indifference. The Englishman who was told the story was asked quite seriously if he condemned their indifference and how he would have acted in their place. His answer was naturally to the effect that an Englishman who permitted such an atrocity without interference would be a disgrace to his nationality. His indignation and contempt knew no bounds. Perhaps the most illuminating part of the story is that the German who related it, and had official knowledge of the occurrence, was quite unable to understand this indignation. To him the culpability of his countrymen was an open question.

A more recent incident which illustrates this same callousness combined with wanton cruelty, is proved by evidence laid quite recently before the French authorities. It is sworn to by M. Dupont Jules of Sully en Ostrevant (Pas de Calais), who has lately been repatriated from Belgium to France, and it is endorsed by the Mayor of Sully en Ostrevant.

Ten days before the occupation of Sully, the country was being overrun by German cavalry patrols. One of these patrols, composed of 4 or 7 Uhlans coming from the direction of Douain, entered a field belonging to the Mayor of Sully, M. Mazingue. Some Belgians—a man, his wife, their little daughter and two others—were at work in the field taking up beetroot. At the sight of the horsemen they fled, but the man's wife could not run fast enough and was caught. She was immediately shot dead by a shot from a Uhlans revolver. Presumably the revolver was thrust into her mouth, as the bullet went in at her mouth and out at the back of her neck. A Uhlans then struck his lance through her foot, cut off her hair, and subsequently, cut off her hair.

Though this incident pales into insignificance compared with the numberless other murders and worse atrocities committed by the Germans in Belgium, it has its lesson. It is an added proof of that stupid and callous cruelty which has become the second nature of the German. Nothing but the punishment of defeat will exorcise the evil spirit which is in him. And it is because he has deliberately welcomed this devil that he is possessed by it. In his boasted Kultur he has cultivated callousness more successfully than any other quality.—(K.P.P. Rowe.)

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From a trustworthy Belgian citizen, who has just reached London from the German army zone of Valenciennes in Northern France, Reuter's Agency has received an account of the terrible conditions existing in the occupied provinces, which no one is allowed to enter or leave, and whence news scarcely ever reaches England. The escaped Belgian, worn and emaciated, and still bearing traces of a heavy blow on the jaw from the butt end of a German rifle, which resulted in his teeth being knocked out, made the following statement with great difficulty.

When I left St. Amand (Northern France) a few weeks ago the conditions had become unbearable. The Germans have organized slavery in the army zone. All the men from 17 to 50 had been taken away. Some were sent to Douai to work on a railway line, others to Alsace. The unmarried women, under 40, are obliged to work in the fields, and even the little girls, from 12 to 14, are prevented from going to school and sent to collect acorns and nettles.

Everywhere you meet civil prisoners or deportees under the guard of German sentries. Those of Lille are making concrete at Mortagne, and wear a yellow brassard; those of Valenciennes wear a red brassard. A great many Belgians are working at Calenele and Montbray: they wear a white brassard. Sometimes you meet a man with his brassard tied round one of his legs to show that he tried to escape. I also saw an old man, over 60, with a large cross painted on his back, but could not find out the reason for this.

If you refuse to work you are first condemned to pay a fine. If you cannot, or will not, do this you are shut up in the cell of the prison until the fine is paid or your time is up. If you refuse a second time then you are sent to Germany—and one seldom comes back alive from Germany. In spite of this a great many men prefer to be deported rather than to work for the enemy. I saw a great many Belgians deported in this way.

Besides the civil prisoners, the Germans have brought behind their lines a great number of prisoners of war, whom they compelled to work under terrible circumstances. There were 80 English and 60 French at Mortagne and 200 English at St. Amand. The English were specially badly treated, and they were all in want of food. We had also some Russians. Their sufferings were so terrible that some of us decided to take them some food, though, God knows, we had scarcely enough for ourselves. I took a bundle in my hand, and, at nightfall, tried to throw it over the fence of their cage. A sentry saw me, quite a young fellow, and asked me what my business was there. When I told him he gave me such a blow on the mouth with the butt of his rifle that I lost all my teeth. That was last May.

They say that in some places the peasants are better off than the working people. It is not so in the region of St. Amand. Everything was requisitioned. They broke the clocks and the lamps to get a piece of copper, ripped the mattresses open to find the wool: they even took the socks and the clothes. The farmer must declare everything, corn, hay, potatoes, vegetables, eggs, poultry and cattle. The Germans help themselves and have long ceased to trouble about payment. If the peasant refuses to work under such circumstances he is condemned to three months' imprisonment. If he tries to hide anything the German gendarme nearly always finds out, and there are fines to pay, however small the offence. I have seen people dragged to prison for hiding a pound of potatoes. Hiding an egg involves a fine of five marks. The people live only on the rations of the "Comite d'Alimentation"—four pounds of bread per week, and with from time to time a few potatoes or a little rice, some cocoa and some beans.

The regime is terrible. A neighbour of mine, a woman, was deported to Germany for keeping three pigeons. Another spent fourteen months in a German prison camp for hiding an Alsatian absentee whose father was a Frenchman. The non-commissioned officer, called Fleischmann, who discovered this man, killed him on the spot without trial. The same Fleischmann boxed the ears of another woman with such violence that she became deaf. When she said she would complain to the Kommandantur, the sergeant threatened her with his bayonet. Quite recently I saw in the market place of St. Amand an old woman, who had been arrested, struck by a German soldier with the butt of his rifle because she was not able to walk quickly enough.

All along the Franco-Belgian frontier are posts of sentries, who shoot at sight anybody attempting to cross the line. This has been the cause of many tragedies. On the same day at a place called Maulde, two Belgians, one the father of four children, the other the father of six children, were killed in this way. The first one was not shot dead so they finished him with the butts of their rifles. Not far from there a girl of thirteen, an orphan, who was looking after two small children, was killed without warning as she was trying to cross the frontier to fetch some bread from a village near by.

These are only a few examples to show you the kind of life we lead over there. Wherever you turn your eyes it is everywhere the same tragedy of starvation, slavery and untold brutality. There is so much more to say, but I have forgotten most of it. I wish I could forget it all.

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Registered in Bangkok during the Month of April, 1918.
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Atmospheric Temperature	1918		Data for previous 16 years.	
	Fahrenheit	Centi-grade	Fahrenheit	Centi-grade.
Mean during month	84.4	29.2	87.2	30.6
Mean of Maxima	93.1	33.9	94.6	34.7
Mean of Minima	77.5	25.5	76.9	25.0
Highest recorded	97.0	36.1	106.0	41.0
Lowest recorded	73.0	22.5	68.0	20.0
Greatest daily range	21.0	11.6	32.0	17.7
Least daily range	11.0	6.1	8.0	4.4
Mean daily range	16.6	9.2	19.2	10.6
Rainfall	Inches	Milli-metres.	Inches	Milli-metres
Total during month	1.80	33.0	1.48	38.1
Total from 1st January to date	4.33	110.5	4.42	111.8
Greatest rainfall in 24 hours	0.71	17.8	0.13	3.25
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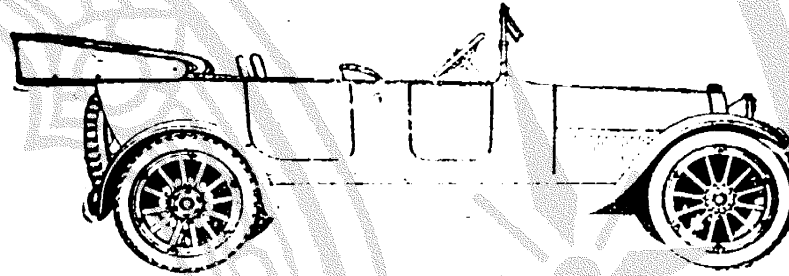
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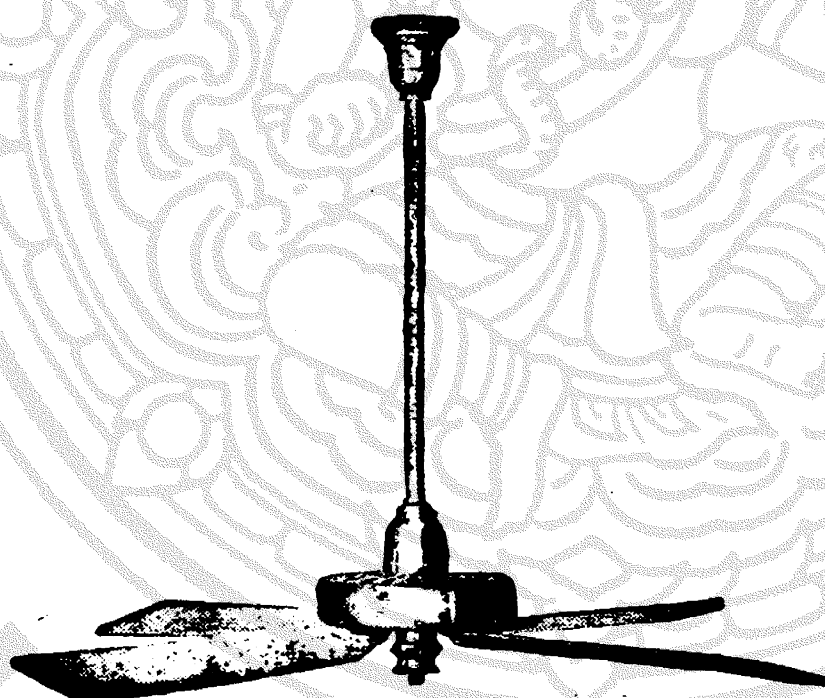
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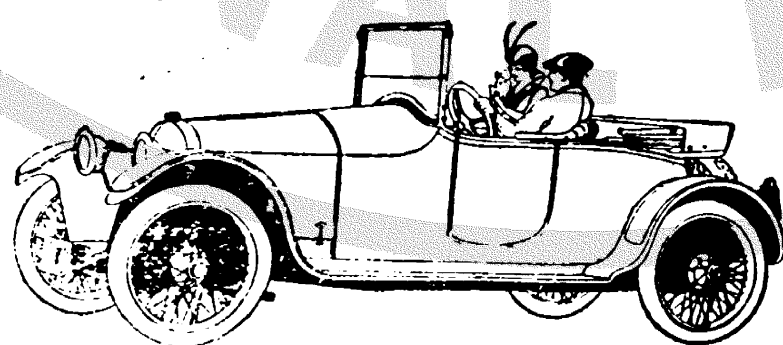
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THE ECONOMICS OF WAR.

The future commercial, industrial
and financial effects of the war have
given rise to an infinity of speculation
out of which one fact appears to have
been established namely, that all
prophecies made at the commencement
of the strife have been upset. One of
the most outstanding facts is the
appalling cost of the war which, as it
is diminishing the wealth of the world
to an enormous extent will have
consequences not less potent because
they are far-reaching and indirect.
The world's wealth fixes the standard
of living of those that live in the world
and consequently the forces which tend
to increase or diminish that wealth or
even to affect its redistribution are of
the very greatest importance. During
the progress of the war powerful forces
have been at work both in destroying
wealth and in commencing its
redistribution. For instance, the taking,
by means of loans, of the property of
individuals by the nations has a very
far-reaching effect on the redistribution
of wealth especially among the nations
who will be the losers in the conflict.
Among those nations that are trying to
pay for the war as it proceeds, the
heavy taxation which is thus made
necessary is bringing about a readjust-
ment in the distribution of property
and this is nowhere more clearly seen
than in England where big fortunes
are making very great contributions to
the upkeep of the war. But though
the economic losses, both direct and
indirect, have been enormous there
is great elasticity in the economic
condition of the world and it is to be
remembered that it has been under
economic stress that nations have often
achieved the seemingly impossible.
The direct cost in money to all belliger-
ents is now about twenty million
pounds sterling per diem but beside
this enormous outlay there has to be
considered what may be called the in-
direct cost. In the re-organisation of
the industry of a belligerent country
there must needs follow economic
waste, for millions of individuals can-
not be called from peaceful pursuits
without consequent loss in the re-or-
ganisation of the industries they have
left. Moreover loss is incurred when
industrial plants are transformed into
munition plants and this loss will be
doubled when, after the war, the pro-
cess is reversed. To this must be
added the actual destruction of prop-
erty which to all parties during the
war has been estimated to exceed
£4,000,000,000, the greatest sufferers
being Belgium and France.

It is under such conditions as these
that, at the close of the strife, the
nations will endeavour to resume the
avocations of peace and it is thus safe
to say that the conditions of commerce
and trade relationships will be vastly
different to what they were before the
war. Even with the great struggle not
yet at an end preparations are being
made by the belligerent nations for the
trial of the future and it seems likely
that the commercial warfare that will
ensue will be as bitter as the present
strife of arms. The war has seen the
end of many ideas and institutions that

have been handed down by ancient
precedent and new ideas and new pro-
cesses have been evolved and the ten-
dency of the present time is toward the
nationalisation of industries which is a
step toward state socialism.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Mr. W. Stewart Chapman has gone
to Hua Hin for a week-end trip.

THE s.s. *Redang* bringing up the
mail is expected to cross the bar at
about 6 p.m. this evening.

THE Hongkong Cinematograph of-
fers a good attraction to night in the
shape of several new episodes of the
"Fatal Ring" and "Gloria's Romance."

THE following passengers left by the
s.s. *Katong* to day:—Mr. H. Gore-
Browne, Mr. J. H. Coote, Mr. M. P.
Ander on, Mr. H. R. Byng and Mr.
Cain Thaut Sum.

Mr. A. H. J. Tressen arrived by the
Dutch s.s. *Van Horn* yesterday. Messrs.
Vesseling and Grose who have been
staying for some time at the Oriental
Hotel are leaving by this steamer to-
morrow.

THE Post and Telegraph Department
reports that Malay Peninsular main
and Local lines are crossing between
Jumbo and Bandon. Chingmai line
is in good order as far as Prae. Paknam-
poh line is good as far as Ayudhya.
Other lines are all right.

THE furious manner in which cer-
tain motor-lorries are driven up and
down the New Road constitutes a
serious danger to the public. If the
drivers, mostly Chinese, were drasti-
cally dealt with they would perhaps
moderate their speed to one less peril-
ous to life and limb.

LATEST ADVICE.—Whiteaway Ltd-
law and Co., Ltd., have just received a
new shipment of waterproofs.

The B. M. C. Ltd., expect to receive
supply of Australian Butter by the s.s.
Kuala.

E. M. Pereira and Co., will sell by
auction the household furniture etc.
of Rev. E. M. Spilman at Klong Poh
Yome Road on Saturday 18th inst.

The Pathanakor is screening from
to night the favourite "Elaine" film,
also "Clara" or the Man from the
Dead.

It is reported from Paris that a
wounded French captain, whose com-
pany was rushed up to the front by a
motor lorry at a critical moment, says
that they found themselves immedi-
ately confronted by Germans who had
also been brought up by motor lorries. "The
Germans had disguised themselves in
British uniforms. The next moment
they fired point blank upon our men,
who, engaged, charged the treacherous
enemy. We held our ground until we
dropped from exhaustion, and rein-
forcements came up. Our Dragoons
and Chasseurs wrote there one of the
most glorious pages of the war."

CHINESE workmen are required by
America, especially those skilled in the
manufacture of machinery. Chau-
fleurs are also wanted. The American
Government has appointed a commis-
sioner to come to China to recruit
30,000 to 50,000 Chinese workmen. It
is reported that the commissioner has
arrived in the Philippine Islands and
may be expected in Hongkong shortly.
Two Chinese named Kuo and Hsu, are
said to have received telegraphic in-
structions to make all preliminary pre-
parations, and 500 men will be engaged
at once to learn to drive motor cars.
Other workmen will be recruited after
the arrival of the commissioner.

It is reported from Rio de Janeiro
that the decrease in Brazil's rubber ex-
ports is due solely to the difficulty of
shipping it to Europe. A large quanti-
ty of the 1917 crop from Amazon States,
Matto Grosso, and the Acre territory is
accumulating on the quay at Manaus.
In order to remedy this the Federal
Government had ordered Brazilian
steamers on their way to the United
States to call at Manaus. As, however,
the American market was not a suffi-
cient outlet, the Minister of Commerce
asked the Brazilian Lloyd to commence
a monthly service direct from Manaus
to Liverpool. This service is now go-
ing regularly, and will continue until
the Amazon rubber has been cleared
off.

MANILA papers mention that Mrs.
Harrison, wife of the Governor-Gen-
eral, has filed a suit for divorce in San
Diego, California, on the technical
ground of desertion. Mrs. Harrison,
who was in the Philippines for about
three years, returned to the United
States in 1916, the climate not agreeing
with her. Since then she has urged
her husband to join her, but the latter
has found it impossible to accede to
her wishes because of his public duties.
The President having urged him to re-
main there after the entrance of the
United States into the war. When war
was declared against Germany, Gov-
ernor-General Harrison had completed
arrangements to return to the United
States.

[It may be remembered that Gov-
ernor and Mrs. Harrison visited Bang-
kok in May 1916.]

Here and There.

Major General Maurice.

Major-General Frederick Barton Maurice, C.B., whose protests against alleged incorrect statements are notified in today's Reuters was born in 1871. He has had a distinguished career in the army which he entered in 1892, being promoted to the rank of Major-General in 1916. He was appointed Director of Military Operations on the Imperial General Staff in 1915.

General Maurice took part in the Tihah campaign of 1897-8 for which he holds the medal with two clasps, and the South African War in which he was mentioned in despatches. For his services in the present war he received the honour of a C.B. He is also a Commander of the Legion of Honour. General Maurice has moreover achieved literary fame as he is the author of a work on the Russo-Turkish War of 1877-8 as well as being a contributor to the Cambridge Modern History.

The Premier's statements to which General Maurice takes exception are (vide Reuter, April 9th) as follows:—

"The position at the beginning of the battle, the Premier said, was that despite heavy casualties in 1917 the British Army in France was considerably stronger on 18th January last than on January 1st last year."

"It was not the fact that we had three divisions in Egypt and Palestine and one in Mesopotamia that enabled us to hold our own. We owed it to the splendid troops from India, etc., etc."

Nicaragua.

The republic of Nicaragua which has now declared war on the Central Powers is one of the Central American states lying between Honduras and Costa Rica. It has an area of some fifty thousand square miles with a population of 600,000 most of whom are of mixed descent. There are only about 1,200 pure-blooded Europeans of which number many are Germans. For its latitude the country possesses a wonderfully mild and healthy climate the mean annual temperature being about 80° F.

Like all the Central American States Nicaragua is extremely rich in vegetable and mineral productions. The principal agricultural product is coffee and sugar, rice, tobacco, cotton and bananas are also grown. Rubber is collected in the forests and dye-woods abound. Gold is found in many places as well as coal, petroleum, silver, copper and precious stones. The largest commercial firms in the country are German although there are important British houses.

The legislative power of the republic is vested in a single chamber of 36 members elected for six years. The president, who is also chosen for six years, is aided by a cabinet of five ministers. There is a standing army of 4,000 and all able-bodied citizens between the ages of 17 and 55 are compelled to serve one year with the colours and are then enrolled in the reserve. Most of the people belong to the Roman Church and education is much more progressive than in most Central American States.

Drake's Statue in Germany.

It is not generally known that the German town of Offenburg which has lately received particular attention at the hands of British airmen possesses a statue of the great Elizabethan hero Sir Francis Drake. The town of Offenburg stands in a district which is, or was, famous for the growth of potatoes and the statue bears an inscription to the effect that Drake first introduced the potato into England in the year 1586. This inscription is, in point of fact, inaccurate for it has been proved that the potato had been brought into Europe several years before the date mentioned both by Sir Walter Raleigh and Hawkins. The sculptor who executed the statue is said to have been a crazed philanthropist who first offered his work to Strassburg which refused it upon which he made a present of it to Offenburg.

Mars and Apollo.

The following delightful story emanates from America:—

An American Colonel sent for the regimental band-master one day and delivered himself of the following criticism:—

"I notice a lack of uniformity about the band which must be regulated. Yesterday morning they were out on parade, and the largest man in the band was playing a little bit of an instrument—flute or something of the kind—and you had the big drum played by a small man. That sort of thing doesn't look well, and must be attended to. I want the small men to play small instruments and the big men the big instruments. And another thing—I want the trombone players to slide their instruments in and out in unison. It annoys me to see them all out of step with their hands."

St. George's Minstrels.

Speaking of bands reminds us that the booking for the entertainment to be given by the St. George's Minstrels has been extremely good up to date. The Minstrels are sparing no effort to make the show a success. We are also reminded that Minstrel shows were always much enjoyed by the youngsters so we hope to see a good number of the juvenile members of the community present at the show.

THE Great War.

Alleged Incorrect Statements.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM).

London, May 9.

Major General Maurice, formerly Director of Military Operations in a letter to the newspapers says that Mr. Bonar Law's statement of April 23rd that the extension of the British front was not dealt with at Versailles is incorrect. He says, "I was at Versailles when the question was decided."

General Maurice also denies the truth of the Premier's statement in the Commons on April 9th that the army in France was stronger in France on January 1st 1918 than on January 1st 1917 and that only one white division was in Mesopotamia and three in Egypt and Palestine.

General Maurice hopes that Parliament will order the investigation of those statements.

General Maurice says his letter is not the result of a military conspiracy as it has been seen by no soldier; but many soldiers know the incorrectness of the statements which are therefore bound to impair the moral of the troops.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM).

Paris, May 8.

London:—Following the publication by the papers of the letter of General Maurice declaring the statements concerning British and French effectives made by Messrs. Lloyd George and Bonar Law as inaccurate, Mr. Asquith has brought the question before the Commons.

Mr. Bonar Law declares that the question touches the honour of the Ministers and proposes to invite two Judges of the Supreme Court to make a judicial enquiry.

Rumania Signs Peace Treaty.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM).

London, May 9.

Rumanian communiqué.—The Rumanian treaty of peace with Austria, Germany, Turkey and Bulgaria was signed at Bucharest this morning.

The text will be published shortly.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM).

Paris, May 8.

Bucharest:—The treaty of peace between Rumania and the Central Powers has been signed.

Nicaragua Declares War.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM).

London, May 9.

San Juan:—Nicaragua has declared war on the Central Powers.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM).

Paris, May 8.

Nicaragua has declared war on Germany and her Allies.

The Great Battle.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM).

Paris, May 8.

There is great activity of artillery north and south of the Aisne.

We repulsed attacks to the west of Montdidier and in the region of Hainard-en-Santerre and took prisoners.

The British made progress between the Somme and Amiens.

Enemy artillery is active in the Metteren and Kemmel sectors.

Paris, May 9.

The enemy advanced slightly to the north of Kemmel. The contest continues.

The English progressed between the Somme and the Aisne and repulsed attacks in the environs of Lens.

German artillery is intense in the Albert sector.

The Emperor of Annam.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM).

Paris, May 8.

The Emperor of Annam has been promoted Grand Officer of the Legion of Honour as a high mark of the esteem of the Government and in recognition of the constant and valued loyalty shown by the people of Annam and by those of other colonies.

Austrian Peace Move.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM).

Paris, May 8.

The Commission of Foreign Affairs after studying the Austrian dossier voted a motion stating that the peace conversations engaged by Austria do not offer for a moment the opportunity of a peace acceptable to France and her Allies.

Gallant Aviators.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM).

Paris, May 8.

The aviator Nungesser has brought down his 35th air-ship.

Aviator Lieut. Chaput who had brought down 16 air-craft has been killed during the course of an unequal fight.

Havas Wires from Singapore.

The Delay in the Offensive.

Paris, May 8.

The delay in the expected continuance of the German offensive may be due to the bad weather. In Flanders the ground is very soft and against infantry operations.

Mr. Hamilton Kyle writes from the front: "The German military critics are now telling the German people not to be impatient, and not to look for a sudden success. They assert, with an amusing disregard for what they wrote before the offensive, that the Great General Staff never had an idea of winning a rapid victory. The struggle was bound to be a long one, they declare. We have only to compare these second thoughts with the prognostications of two months ago, in order to see how the Great General Staff has been disappointed."

Japan's Foreign Minister.

In the *Petit Journal* the former French Ambassador to Tokyo, M. A. Girard, devotes an article to Baron Goto, in which he vaunts the merits, energy and tenacity of the new Minister for Foreign Affairs. He says that Baron Goto's career and thorough knowledge of Japan's relationship with China and Russia have prepared him remarkably to pursue the straightforward and loyal policy Japan has always made it a rule to practice.

Loyalty of Annam.

The Emperor of Annam Khai-Dinh has just had conferred on him, by President Poincaré, the Cross of a Grand Officer of the Legion of Honour, as a mark of high esteem and gratefulness for the constant and valuable loyalty shown to France by the population of Annam during the war.

Meant to be Humorous.

"Now, see here," said the lawyer, "before I take your case I want to know if you're guilty."

"Am I guilty?" replied the prisoner.

"Wot d'yer s'pose? D'yer think I'd hire the most expensive lawyer in town if I was innocent?"

"Jack, I do believe that was a bad quarter you put in the collection plate for the heathen."

"Quite true. I owe the heathen a grudge for eating a missionary uncle of mine."

"George has written a patriotic song to help the war."

"So I hear. Aren't the modern methods of warfare horrible?"

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6.10 a.m. 2nd Mass for the Native Community.
8.00 a.m. 3rd and 1st Mass for the Foreign Community.
4 p.m. Rosary, Instruction and Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament.

WEEK DAYS.

5.30 a.m. 1st Mass.
6.00 a.m. 2nd and last Mass.
5.45 p.m. Rosary and Benediction of the most Holy Sacrament. Exercises of the Novena in honour of the most Holy Ghost.

May 13 Monday, St. Glyceria, Martyr. High Mass of the Octave (Requested by Towkay Thomas Hong.)

May 14 Tuesday, St. Bonifacius, Martyr.

May 15 Wednesday, St. John Baptiste de la Salle, Confessor.

May 16 Thursday, Octave Day of the Ascension.

May 17 Friday, St. Pascal, Baylon, Confessor. High Mass of requiem for the repose of the soul of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Favacho. (Requested by the family of deceased.)

May 18 Saturday, Vigil of Pentecost (Day of Abstinence.)

(Confessions to be heard the whole day.)

May 19 Sunday next. Pentecost or Whit Sunday.

Christ Church.

Services for May 12th, Sunday after Ascension.

6 p.m. Evensong with Sermon.

Hymn, Processional, 147 Hail the day that sees Him rise.

201 O quickly come dread Judge of all.

506 Know ye the Lord hath borne away.

18 Hail gladdening Light.

Psalm, 65 and 67.

Chants, Garrett and Wesley.

Magnificat, Stainer.

Nunc Dimittis, Stainer.

Vesper Hymn, Hymn 551.

S. Mary's Mission.

Sunday, May 12, Sunday after Ascension Day.

9 a.m. Holy Communion and Sermon.

Hymns:—

275: O Lord, how joyful 'tis to see.

118: (Part 2) Holy Ghost, Illuminator, shed Thy beams upon our eyes.

362: Lord, her watch Thy Church is keeping.

322: And now, O Father, mindful of the love.

178: (Part 3) O Jesu, Thou the Beauty art.

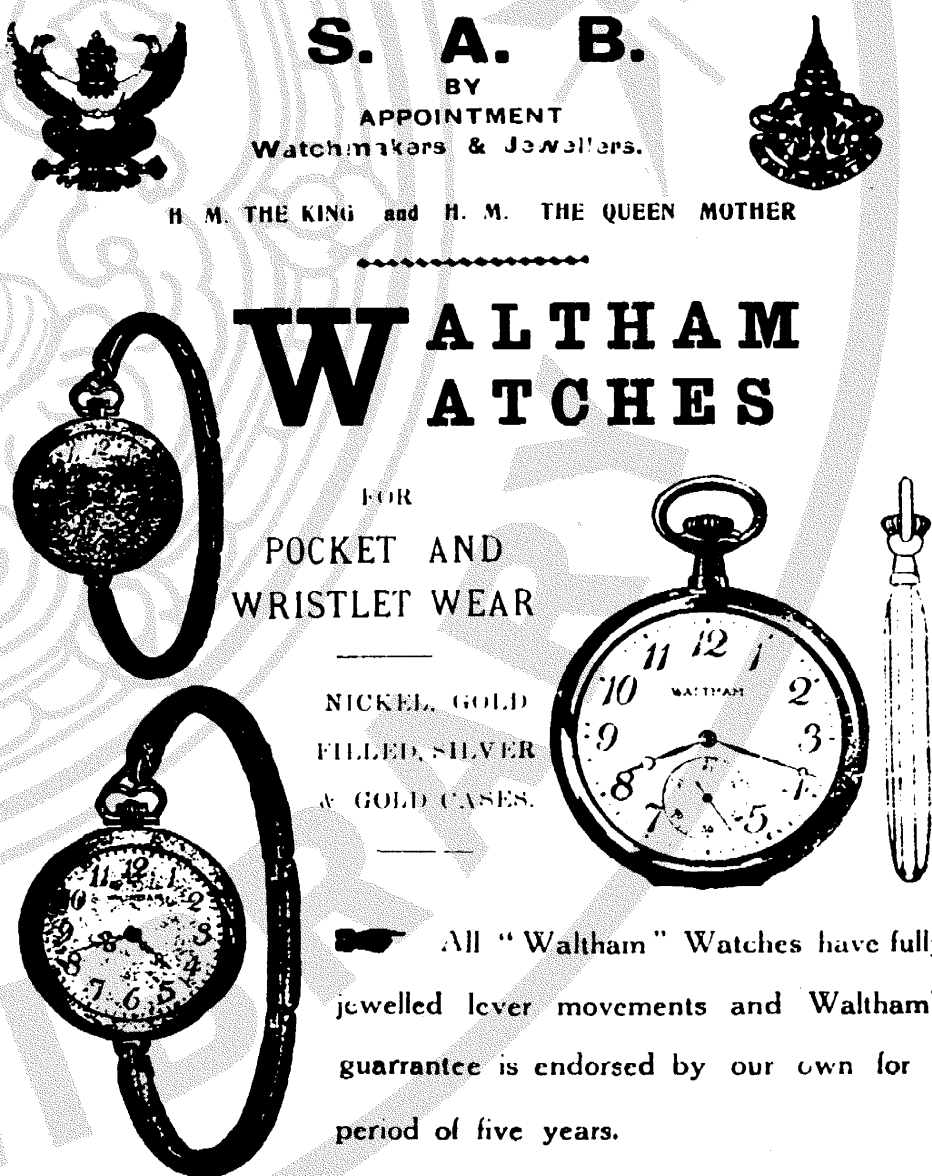
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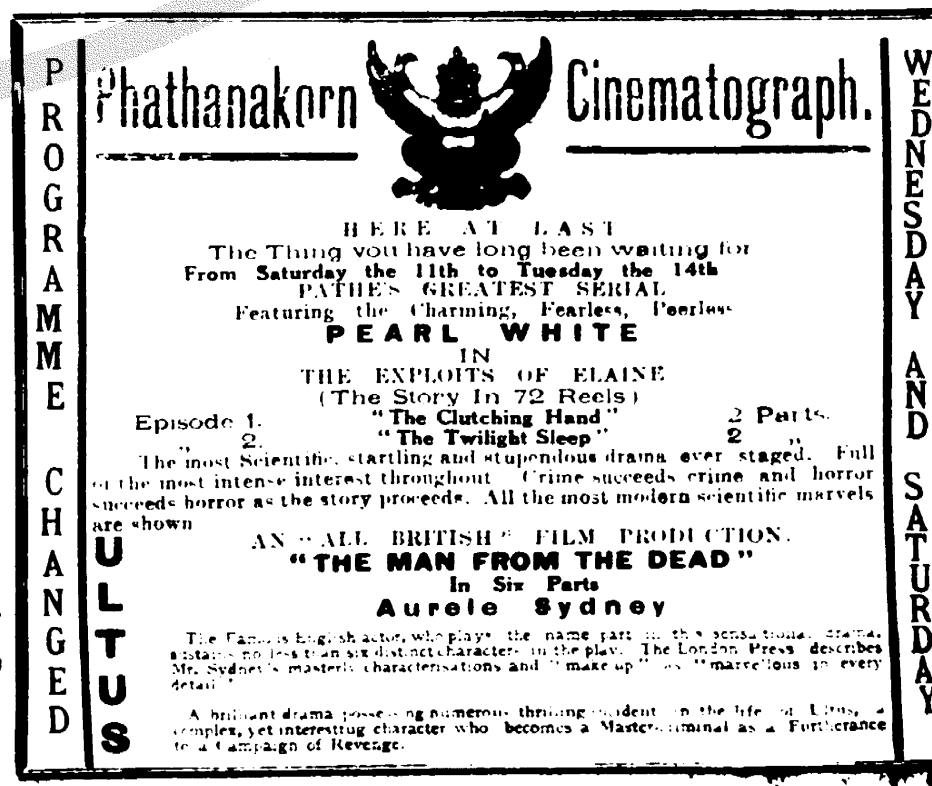
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**Late War News.**

London, Mar. 12.—A severe indictment of the Minister for Munitions is the feature of the report of the Committee on National Expenditure. The Minister for Munitions erected national factories, valued at £65,000,000, and granted private firms £16,000,000 to meet capital expenditure. The Ministry's offices are the only security which the taxpayer has that these enormous sums were spent wisely. The sum of £3,000,000 was saved on cordite alone by the reduction of prices after accountants had investigated the cost. Similar investigations resulted in the saving of £35,000,000 in the cost of gun ammunition during the two years which ended in September, 1917, as compared with the first year of the war. In another case a contract for gun equipments was let for 7,750,000, which was reduced by £2,000,000 after Government accountants had investigated the contract.

Another company, which secured an engineering contract for £4,000,000, made a profit of £1,300,000. The company offered a considerable rebate for a further order, and yet made a second profit of £500,000. The firm refused to make any arrangement for the investigation of its books. The Committee on National Expenditure proposes to check this profligacy by an effective control of costings and the fixing of rates of profits, thus strengthening the authority of the Finance Department.

**Petrograd City a Desert.**

London, March 12.—The Daily Chronicle's Petrograd correspondent says that the Ministers have nearly all gone to Moscow and the population is flocking from the capital. Queues of thousands are waiting for permission to leave. Over crowded trains are departing all day long. Others are using sledges and many are trudging in the snow. Everything is quiet and the city is becoming a desert. The trains are running with difficulty owing to the coal shortage, and the factories are closing down. Cabs are disappearing, most of the owners having sold their horses for meat. Underfed horses are dying in the streets daily. The theatres are mostly empty. Motors and lorries have been commandeered for the evacuation, but there is no panic or excitement. Widespread gloom has taken their place. Meanwhile Petrograd knows little of the outside world and even Russian news is hard to get.

**Sensational Disclosures.**

Stockholm, March 5.—A sensation has been caused in Berlin, where a Reichstag committee has opened an enquiry into the operations of Benhur Rimond, the Kaiser's Chamberlain, who made a profit of £200,000 in a

few weeks through dealing in munitions. Other enquiries into similar incidents are pending.

London, March 11.—The Daily Chronicle's correspondent at Amsterdam says that numerous cases of shameless profiteering in Germany culminated in the revelation of a scandal of vast proportions before the main Committee of the Reichstag, involving the Daimler Motor Company which has been placed under military supervision. It was reported in the Reichstag that a motor-car costing £250 in America cost £600 in Germany. The Daimler's Directors caused the books to be falsified in order to deceive the commission. Daimler's threatened to stop night work unless the Government paid another 50 per cent. Other firms, including Krupp's and the General Electricity Company, refused to show their books, and gave false information regarding production. Daimler's dividends have risen from 8 per cent. in 1909 to 35 per cent. in 1916. Shares worth £228 in 1911 are now valued at over £1,000.

**Remarkable Demands.**

Amsterdam, March 11.—The German successes against Russia and Rumania have led many German publicists to reframe their peace terms. Professor Haase outlines these terms. Italy as a punishment for her treachery must serve the Central Powers economically for a number of years, cede territory to the Tagliamento river, restore Tripoli to the Turks and give Italian Somaliland to Germany. France must pay £2,000,000,000 in indemnity, and cede Verdun, Belfort, Longway, Briey, the French slopes of the Vosges, the western portion of Morocco, part of French Congo and French Somaliland.

Prince Loewenstein urges the necessity of Germany demanding raw material as an indemnity. Canada must supply copper, cobalt and leather; Australia spelter, wool, grain and frozen meat; and the other Colonies jute, oils, rubber, rice and tea. South Africa must supply gold; France give olive oil; Italy vegetables, silk and hemp; Russia wheat, flax and platinum. In only this way can the war be made a source of blessing and save the Germans from crushing taxation and mass emigration. Destiny compels these steps and if the Germans neglect the opportunity eternity will never give another chance.

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## Shoot Enemy Spies.

The best way to check German spies and propagandists in this country is to stand a few of them up against a wall and shoot them, Isaac F. Marcosson told members of the American Manufacturers' Association. Judging by the applause which greeted his suggestion, his hearers were heartily in accord with him.

"Don't fool yourself with the idea that this war is nearly over," Mr. Marcosson said. "Many people who know much more than I do believe that it is just beginning. And every time I come back to this country from England, France, Italy, Russia or Spain, all of whom have to handle this same spy problem, I am impressed by the ignorance, I won't say stupidity, which permits these Germans to work here. To-day we are surrounded by this silent, insidious, viper propaganda. If we would shoot a few German spies and then turn the light of publicity on on what we had done, we would do more to stop them than anything we have attempted."

Mr. Marcosson, who spoke of himself as an Atlantic commuter, so many times has he been back and forth since the war started, told the business men of the terrific commercial struggle which is coming after the war, and how by devoting all our business energies to winning the war this country will be better fitted to take its place in the battle of trade which will follow.

"I have been on every battle front, and seen millions of men engaged in this war," he said, "but the biggest thing about this war is that the battle line of business is going to settle this war and determine the wars of the future. We must keep up our armies, the sacrifice must go on, but the thing that is going to end it is the economic war. Germany will continue as long as she can get material. The great tragedy is that the work of the obscene human garbage masquerading as Bolsheviks will prolong it two years longer."

"Kerensky and the men with him who overthrew the old Government in so short a time and with the loss of so few lives, started to build up a commercial structure. Germany knew that and went in to spot it. On the morning I went over the frontier into Russia last April, and was told that my country entered the war, the Germans in large numbers were going in. I saw them, there was no attempt made to check them, and they were the men who brought about the present condition."

"I have had the distinction of being followed by some of the most conspicuous and stupid German spies, but what I want to bring to you is that every German spy is a commercial agent."

Mr. Marcosson told of the way in which Germany got control of Italian business at a time when Italy was trying to make a commercial alliance with a powerful European power, and of the growth of German organization in Italy until 900 of 918 Italian stock companies were owned by Germans, and the largest bank in the country was a German bank.

When the war started these Italianized Germans got into the Italian army, and it was they who were the cause of the Italian debacle. Italy is coming back now, he said, but at a terrible cost. The commercial organization which was so effective in Italy is just as powerful in some sections of this country, he continued.

"There was a time when Germany lost her foreign colonies, but she still held on to Milwaukee, St. Louis and Cincinnati," he continued. "She also kept her colony, Spain. When I was last there were 95,000 Germans in Spain, and every one of them was doing business for their Kaiser."

"Germany is mobilizing in Spain as she mobilized in this country the moment war began. If you could take the roofs from warehouses in Spain you would find them filled with the raw materials with which to begin industries, so that the moment war is over Germany will be in the position to start immediately on her programme of commercial power. Germany is today mobilizing her business for as great a business offensive as the great war offensive of 1914."

The business efficiency and ingenuity displayed by England in organizing to win the war claimed Mr. Marcosson's attention, and he gave a few examples to show that Americans have no monopoly of commercial ingenuity and inventiveness. There are 4,900 controlled plants in England, which are now turning out munitions, and which he predicted will be turned almost overnight after the war into plants for the production of cheap automobiles, safety razors and similar things.

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| 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 | Bangjak "         | 8.15      | 11.15 | 2.30 | 5.30 |
| Bangjak "         | 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 | 5.50 |
| Bangkok Arr.      | 7.30      | 10.30 | 1.45  | 4.45 | Paknam Arr.       | 8.45      | 11.45 | 3.00 | 5.55 |

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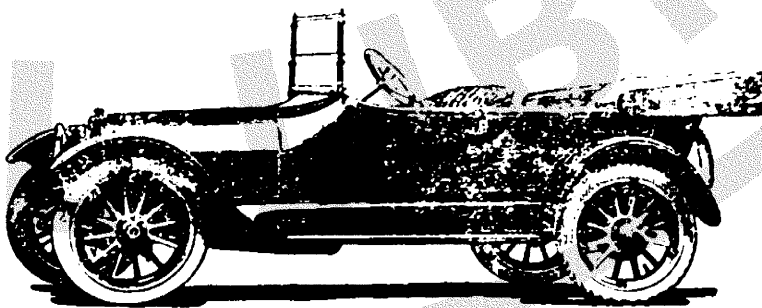
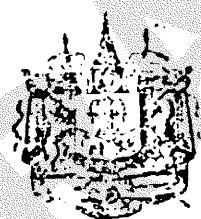
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## Russia's Tragedy.

BY PROFESSOR BERNARD PARES.

The root explanation of Russia's troubles is to be sought in the criminal deficiency of munitions, and in the consequent appalling casualties. These staggered the imagination, and it is no wonder if their results bewilder our judgment; but they are a human fact of the first magnitude—one of those facts which alter the whole face of things. The wonder was that the Russian army fought on so long; for its conditions defied not only Russian but human endurance. An English doctor, familiar also with the French front, Dr. Flavell, who visited with me in February, 1917, some trenches at the top of the Carpathians, gave the opinion that physical endurance of these conditions was impossible for more than fourteen days. It remains to trace their various effects (writes Professor Bernard Pares in the Daily News).

By March the men were munitioned. In our part we were now in this matter up to the Austrians and in sight of the Germans, and we were all confident of breaking through. The German troops in front of us were desperately in want of food; they knew what munitions meant to us, and could only hold their immense eastern front by our lack of them. The rulers of Germany therefore opened an entirely new campaign; for military action they substituted internal propaganda. This was a weapon which they had ready for use all over the world.

Russia gave them the first chance. The news of the Russian revolution and of the establishment of a truly national Government did nothing but improve discipline at the front. There had been no signs, so far, of a wish to break discipline; and the army was long since at least as democratic as our own. But in the rear, the collapse of autocracy and the void thus created led to a struggle for power, the extreme revolutionaries now coming out with their matured plan for a dictatorship of the proletariat, in which not equality or democracy was aimed at, but a complete disfranchisement of all property and of all education. This is the meaning of the Soviet Government, and is the formula of the Bolsheviks. It is not pacifism. It is the substitution of a universal class war for the present European war, and then, to follow, wholesale annexations at the expense of classes. It should be added that the programme was that of a small and resolute group of thinkers, and that in its application no account is taken of the ordinary principles of constitutionalism and of national representation; so that—and this is the point which English readers must require to realise—the most determined

enemies of the Bolsheviks are those great Labour parties which stand nearest to them and see the collapse of all ordered liberty and of the new regime himself in the Bolsheviks' success. These parties, the Minimum Social Democrats and the bulk of the Socialist Revolutionaries, who best correspond to the majority of our own Labour Party, are for constitutional government, and, in general, for loyalty to the Western democracies in their struggle against German autocracy.

But the great factor of the situation was the immense war weariness; and this played straight into the hands of the Bolsheviks. Meanwhile, the German attitude is very simple; they regard the whole question purely and simply from the point of their own war interests (and we must not follow them into this mistake.) The German Government believes in autocracy as a source of strength and traditions and institutions. This is why Lenin was sent through Germany in a sealed wagon. There are many other instances, quite as amusing. There is nothing to be afraid of in all this, but everything to be on our guard against. The German plan has given the Germans enormous advantages in the war, but it is far more dangerous to them than the anyone else, for the reason that there is far more to revolutionise in Germany than elsewhere. The proper inoculation against revolution is democracy; it is democracy that converts revolution into constructive reform. But there is plenty to guard against, as Russia has already taught us to our cost.

On the same basis of weariness attempts are being made in all the Allied countries to foster a crude movement of revolt against all leadership, especially that of those leaders and representative institutions of its own which Labour has so far recognised. I have myself had to meet these tactics at many public meetings in Russia, where my best comrades were Russian Socialists. Catchwords which I knew long ago as German appeared at these meetings in a form quite unfamiliar to Russians, and I have come upon them again in curious and unexpected corners of England. This does not mean that we are going to lose ourselves in abuse of our antagonists because the German Government is supporting them; but it does mean that we are going to see clearly the enemy interest and activity in the matter, and show it up for what it is worth.

And what is it worth? Brest-Litovsk is, day by day, making that clear to babies. The Bolsheviks have been content to use German support, but that is for their own objects and not for those of Germany. As soon as it is otherwise the Bolsheviks will be lost in

Russia. William wants in Russia a weak autocracy which is always quarrelling with the Russian people. The Bolsheviks want in Germany a revolution and the deposition of William. William wants bread for army, and immediately; he and his allies are already arranging the division of the supplies. The Bolsheviks want full freedom to revolutionise Germany—also immediately; and, indeed, they need it to make good at home. William is as if he were embracing a person with scarlet fever and trying not to catch it. Kuhlmann distorts himself in efforts to reconcile in one formula Hindenburg and Trotzky. The strength of the Russian mind is on the critical side, and the German army does not evacuate. The Germans can no more understand the Russian temper than they can understand the English. We must expect protracted negotiations, for they are to the interest of both sides. We must not expect Russia to throw herself again into the war, though it is not excluded. But it is a question whether she is not doing more harm to the German Government, as it is, and whether the Bolsheviks have not brought nearer the isolation of the Prussian Junker and a peace on the basis of the frontiers of peoples.

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| Km.                    | Bangkok Dep.  | 8.30      | 12.30 | 4.30 | Km.                    | Meklong Dep.  | 8.35      | 12.35 |  |
| 33.1                   | Mahachai      |           |       |      |                        | B. Hlame      |           |       |  |
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|                            |                          | A.M.      | P.M. |                            |                          | A.M.      | A.M.  | P.M. |
| Km.                        | B. Hlame<br>Terminus Dep | 10.20     | 2.20 | Km.                        | Mahachai<br>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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