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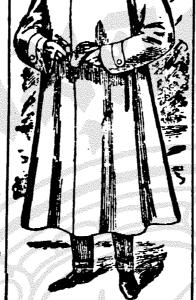
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### German Home Politics.

Conservative Opposition to Chancellor.

The Berlin correspondent of the Nieure Rotterdamsche Courant writes : " A curtain was thrust aside and unprepared spectators were suddenly confronted with a view of overwhelming magnitude. This is a proper description of the impression made by the reat speech, delivered by the Imperial Chancellor on 5th inst. Even on the members of Press, who were not wholly unprepared, this piece of oratory had a most surprising effect. Quite suddenly a most peculiar position was unveiled to its fullest extent. We have seen all this slowly growings the intriguing to oust the Imperial Chancellor, who was said not to be sufficiently irreconcilable and against annexation, and who had, moreover, promised to steer the internal policy into new channels the deluge of underband, scurrilous brochures and pamphlets in every direction.

But Herr von Bethmann Hollweg has grown under oppression. His figure seemed to expand visibly in vigour. The present state of affairs set in at the very outbreak of war. That he overcame Admiral von Tirpitz will probably in the long run prove not such an athletic feat as it once seemed to the world at large. The Kaiser admired in the Secretary of State for the Navy the organiser and techincal expert. He did not consider

him a political star of the first order. Herr von Bethmann Hollweg's strength came to fuller expression in the arrangement of the conflict with America. He has now himself admitted that that cost him a struggle. How and against whom he had to struggle is a question, however, that has for the present, at any rate, to go unanswered. I may as well save the censor the trouble of cutting my pages

To be sure, he had valuable help. Who six months ago would have entertained the possibility of the success of his trip to South Germany? Now many are on his side who are, perhaps, quite as surprised to be there as we are to see them there. Moreover, in the pertinacious hand-to-hand struggle in the Reichstag Commission, on the subject of the submarine question, he

won for himself the powerful Centre. With every fresh victory for the Imperial Chancellor, his arch-enemies grew in number. But so also did his position grow in strength. Even the strict censorship, the most dangerous weapon for a statement to use, which sooner or later deals a deadly blow to the one who handles it, seemed powerless

to harm him. In an open discussion he would now find his way without difficulty. But here comessecret instigation. What can be used to oppose it? No discussion, no party resolutions, for these were all forbidden as soon as the war broke out. The Chancellor has felt the danger of these intrigues. He acted, if not by words, nevertheless by suggestion, exclusively against the Conservatives. As I said before, his opponents are in all quarters. But there is a complex of reasons at work to cause the Conservatives to work against him, and the chief reason for tueir antagonism, the fear of internal reforms, is kept a secret and, as an impure background, therefore, sheds an unfavourable light on their whole so-

called patriotic agitation. The writers of the brochure make no secret of their m st cherished desire. They hope one of the Conservatives' powerful friends in the Kaiser's entourage will bring their writings under the Kaiser's personal notice. The Reichstag member, Herr Graefe, who attacked the Government so violently last week in the name of the reactionary opposition, spoke of a Chinese Wall that had been built up around the Kaiser, by reason of which the voices of "the people" could not reach him. This imaginary wall is now being bombarded to rob the Chancellor of his cover. That the guns are mostly mounted under cover and gas-hombs frequently used, is only in accordance with the example of the real thing.

When on the 5th, the Chancellor suddenly broke into speech in the Reichstag, many thought the moment for the offensive had come. The Conservatives responded very dexterously. They did not show any dismay or iudignation at the sudden attack against their subterranean opposition. How could the Chancellor get so excited at a few brochures, of which one was even anonymous and hardly known to anybody ?

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### Distress in Poland.

Germans Reject Relief Scheme, Amsterdam, 5th June.-A semi-official telegram from Berlin, dealing with the scheme for the supplying of food through an American relief committee to the distressed inhabitants of the occupied districts of Poland, says :- The efforts of the committee failed because of the conditions imposed by the British Government, which could not be agreed to by Germany. Germany cannot contract obligations on behalf of Austria Hungary and Bulgaria, nor could she abandon her own condition that the army of occupation in Poland should be maintained by the stocks of food in the country. The telegram adds:—"The American Ambassador, Mr. Gerard, has submitted fresh proposals to his Government, omitting the British demands for guarantees which are unacceptable to Germany.—Reu-

### 'Moltke's Preparation of this War.'

Amsterdam.—The Kaiser has sent the following telegram to General von Moltke's widow from General Mair. Headquarters :-

I have just received the overwhelming news of sudden death of your husband. Words fail me to give full expression to my feelings. I recall with deep emotion his illness at the beginning of this war, the brilliant preparation of which was the object of

his untiring activity as Chief of the General Staff of the Army.

The Fatherland will not forget his great services. So long as I live I shall greatfully remember what this unright and wiscomes with a shall greatfully remember. upright and wiseman, with a character of gold and a warm and loyal heart. was to me and the Army. With sincere grief I express to you and your children my cordial sympathy. I know I have lost a true friend.—Reuter.

Von Moltke's Last Speech. A telegram from Berlin gives details of the death of General von Moltke. of the death of General von Moltke. The German Asiatic Company was honouring the memory of Field-Marshal von der Goltz. a number of the highest military and civilian persons being present. Von Moltke delivered a speech at the beginning of the proceedings in which he said that von der Goltz was "one of the world's best organisers."

The audience saw that while he was speaking he became ill. A few minutes later, when the Turkish Ambassador Hakki Pasha, began to speak, von Moltke became livid, fell to the ground, and died five minutes afterwards.

### Orders to German Prisoners.

The following is a translation of a printed notice, issued to all subordinate ranks and signed by General von Stein, found in a German trench:-German prisoners when interrogated in the "first bewilderment" of capture, sometimes give answers which awake in our enemies the hope that

they may yet be able to conquer us.

Any brave and horograble soldier may have the misfortune to be taken prisoner. Even then he can still help his Fatherland by fullfilling his duty.

"In this case his duty consists in giving no information when questioned by the course." by the enemy." Even the disclosure

of his age, training, and service may be harmful to our interests. "Other things which he must not tell the ene-What part of the line his unit held

previously. How and when he came to his present sector.

What units are in the neighbourhood.

The positions of headquarters. dumps, and depots.

The strength and "moral" of his own troops. A German officer says nothing when captured, "but remains silent." Brave

German soldiers must do likewise. Our enemies in their unfavourable situation endeavour by repeating prisoners' statements to raise their own hopes and those of their people at home. That naturally prolongs their resistance. Prisoners are the people who suffer most thereby, for they have so much the longer to wait for their liberation. "He who says nothing and betrays nothing" shortens the war and the duration of his own imprisonment.-Reuter.

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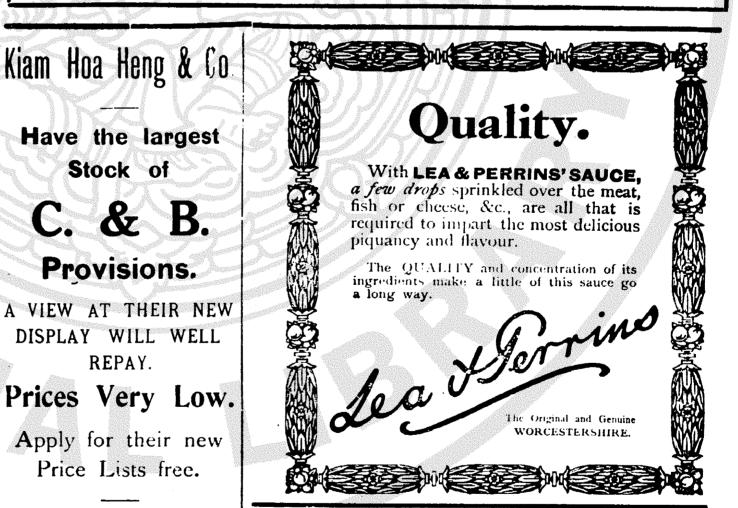
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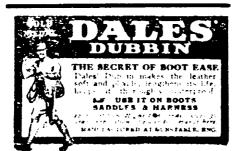
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### Casement's Execution.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.) London, July 27.

The Daily Mail learns that the execution of Sir Roger Casement is fixed for August 3. The Inspector-General of the Redmondite volunteers has forwarded a petition to Mr. Asquith asking for the remission of the death sentence. The petition is signed by six bishops, twenty-six members of the House of Commons and fifty-one other notables.

### **British in Possession of** Pozieres.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.) · London, July 27. General Haig's communiqué says .-The whole of Pozieres is in our hands. West of the village further advance was made and two strong trenches

### Erzinian Captured.

were captured.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.) . London, July 27.

It is officially announced that the Russians have captured Erzinjan.

> (HAVAS TELEGRAM.) Paris, July 26.

Petrograd.-We have crossed the river Slonovka. We captured 4,000 prisoners and five guns, and inflicted enormons lesses.

In the Caucasus we have occupied Erzinjan thus completing the conquest of Armenia.

### The French Front.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.) Paris, July 26.

Yesterday there was a violent bombardment in the region of La Laufee on the right bank of the Mense.

To day we captured three cannon and much material north of Sovecourt. This brings the total to six cannon. There was artillery activity on the right bank of the Mease in the Floury sector. Our aeroplanes dropped bombs on military establishments at Thionville and Rombach and on the stations of Dilosnes, Brienlies and bivouacs near Dannevaux.

### The British Front.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.) Paris, July 26.

Yesterday and to day the British made progress at Pozieres, which is now entirely occupied by them. They took trenches west of the village and made prisoners.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Professor McCallum, of Columbia niversity, left by the s.s. "Kajang."

OUR correspondent at Singapore wires that Mr. Percy Gold, chartered accountant and partner of Messrs. Evatt and Co. was killed in action in France on the 21st inst. He was 34 years of

THE Berlin "Vossische Zeitung's" special correspondent at Berne, recording the arrival in Switzerland of German prisoners from England, admits they have been well cared for. He says he has talked to them for three hours and has found that though individual cases of faulty organisation may have occurred, "in general, the treatment of the prisoners was thoroughly good."

DIRECTOR Kapp, whose pumphlet against him the Chancellor, Herr Bethmann Hollweg quoted in the Reichstag, has issued a deferred duel challenge to the Chancellor. In a circular letter to a number of prominent persons Herr Kapp says that he will demand satisfaction for the Chancellot's personal insults, "at a moment when the Chancellor is no longer protected by war conditions, his privileged position, and the muzzling of the Press.

### PADDY REPORT FOR JULY 27.

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### The Rubber Market.

(" S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.) Singapore, July 28.

The rubber auctions have been concluded. Out of 445 tons offered 380 tons were sold. The demand was hardly as good as on Wednesday. The highest price fetched was \$121 for fine smoked sheet. This is equivalent to 2/5 per pound.

### Y.M.C.A. Club Hut Fund.

The Committee begs to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of subscriptions to the above fund from the following: -Mrs. Buszard, Mrs. Mackay, Messrs. Allen, Ardron, and Gittins, the B.B.W.N.G., and Ties. 300 from anony. mons subscribers, making the total amount received to date Ticals 1,194.53.

### Tomorrow's Football Matches.

The following teams of the Junior Division will play to-morrow in the Cup Competition .-

At Wat Dhepsirindr, Dusit Circle Police ersus Mondhol Nagor Jaisri. Referee, Luang Panich. At Suan Kularb, Rajaburi Club versus Thahar Bok Rajavallob. Referee, Luang Prapondh.

At the Wild Tiger Club, Changvad Thouburi versu First Royal Artillery. Referee, Luang Vises.

### Rugger at the Sports Club.

It is hoped to have full sides out tomorrow and a keen close game should be played. There will be an im. promptu Smoking Concert after dinner at 9.30 p.m. The teams are as follows:-

Merchants. (Colours.) Croucher, Atkins, Hewetson, Cranmer, Malcolin, Preston, Keynes, Dalsgaard, Jackson, Halls, Robertson, Voirol, Schneider, McDonald, Rasmussen.

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The Rest. (Whites.)

Gilmore, Ramsay, Reith, Todd, Carson, McCormack, Steele, Sutton, Selley, Butler, Fitzgerald, Bowdon, Forest J.; Edgar. Kick Off at 5.15 p.m. Ref. Mr. R. B. Mair.

### Football.

In the series of test matches for the Cup Competition one of the most interesting matches was played on the Suan Kularb grounds yesterday afternoon between the Ministry of Local Government and the Police Cadets School. These two teams had played against each other twice previously. The first game ended in a tie, and the second played on Monday last, was a draw, each side scoring 2 goals.

There were no other foo thall matches played yesterday as the Committee were waiting for the results of this match in order to arrange the teams for the 3rd round. There was a large number of spectators present among whom was H. E. Phya Prasiddhi Suba-

The play commenced at 4.30 sharp and although the ground was sloppy there was no rain. At the end of half time no goals were scored by either side. The Ministry of Local Govt. were continually pressing and many shots were put in but they failed to At the end of the second half also no

goals were registered, and the teams agreed to play for 20 minutes longer. The Cadets school pressed hard but through the good work of the full backs the ball was cleared. Nai Chub of the Local Government who played right extreme played a good tricky game and took the ball up several times but when centering there was no one to receive. Just before two minutes of the close of the game the Cadets School put in a volley of shots at goal but they were cleared only to be sent back again. After a long struggle near the goal the ball finally entered.

The Ministry of Local Government played a better game than their opponents and their goal keeper in particular, Phra Bindaks, did fine work all through. Many of those spectators who were in close proximity to the Cadet School goal were of the opinion that a ball shot in by the Local Government did pass the goal posts but the referee was of a different mind.

The Ministry of Local Government who won against the Opinm Farm by 2 to 1 will play them again and the Cadet School will play the Boon Itt Institute.

### Siam's Trade.

Kelly's monthly Trade Review for May contains the following with regard to trade with Siam :-

There is a shortage here of cetton goods. Supplies from England have been somewhat limited since the outbreak of war. It is to be hoped that we may be able to keep our market here for this line of goods.

Siam imports a considerable number of bicycles and motor-bicycles annually. In 1915, 1,196 podal-cycles, valued at £4,098, and 25 motor-cycles, valued at £956, were imported. The majority of these came from the United Kingdom. As the Siamese people are light in weight—i.e., only between 8½ and 9 stone as a rule—only a machine of light build is required. Free wheels are of course a condition. The retail price fanges from £3 14s. to £9 1s. 6d. a piece. The tiamese public likes a bicycle of neat and well-finished appearance.

The import of motor vehicles into Siam during 1913-1914 amounted to £44,825. On this the United States contributed £11,537; United Kingdom, £15,546; Germany, £13,418.

The year 1914-1915 showed a big

decrease in imports, i.e., to £19,549. The United States contributed £3,713; Great Britain, £7,535; Germany,

It is interesting to note that while the average value of the vehicles imported from America was £148, those from England averaged £314 per vehi-

Motor-car parts were imported to the value of £5,631 during 1913-1914, and £5,407 during 1914-1915.

The bountiful harvests and high market prices for rice have developed quite an era of prosperity in Siam. Being the only staple of any importance which is produced in the country, Siamese business conditions hinge almost entirely upon nature's bounty and man's desire for the white grain. It is also reported that there are rumours affoat to the effect that the royal and administrative capital is to be moved from Bangkok to Lopburi, on the Mekang, some 134 miles by rail from the present capital.

### The Prince of Wales. Will Italian Princess be Future

Queen of Britain?

The aristocracy of the Italian capid. writes the well-kno dent of Le Journal, Andre Tudesq. is quite excited over a rumour that the engagement of Princess Yolanda with the Prince of Wales is to be expected shortly. After having spent two days with the Royal Family at Rome recently, the Prince of Wales visited Headquarters at Udine. Before he left Queen Helena and Princess Yolanda arrived personally to say farewell to him. Two weeks later Prince Arthur of Connaught arrived, estensibly to distribute some decorations. But all Rome believes that the main object of his visit concerned his young consin. · Princess Yolanda, however, is barely sevente in years old. She is very pretty, is fond of sport and has studied

several forms of art. According to the Journal Correspondent, the British Ambassador, Sir Henry Howard, has already entered into negotiations with the Vatican in regard to the conversion of Princess Yolanda to the Petestant faith.

### Effect of Naval Battle.

Discussing the possibility of a speedy end of the war, the "Handelsblad' writes :--

Lord Kitchener, who is said to have predicted in the beginning that the war would last three years, declared shortly before his death that he had changed his mind and believed the end would come sooner. And now that the German fleet despite its sally remains still a besieged fleet, with a decrease in strength, so that it will not be capable of any considerable effort for some months to come, the end of the war seems really to have come a little nearer. If the German fleet had any success at all, if only temporary, it might have proceeded to Riga, in order to attack there the most vulnerable parts of the eastern front and it might have sent out a number of light cruisers to destroy British merchantships and the ships carrying supplies to Britain. These plans have been frus-

trated. The crisis of the great war is at hand. More and more form the Entente l'owers a great whole, working together like the men of a first class football team. When Italy was hard-pressed, the Russians attacked the Austrians and inflicted serious loss upon them, compelling them to draw upon their other armies and thus delaying, probably frustrating, the Austrain attempts to reach the Venetian plain. And the splendid endurance of the French at Verdon holds German divisions at that point, which are needed to prevent an invasion of Hungary. The victory of the British fleet, which stood her ground and thus was able to continue the siege of the German fleet and the blockade, seem to us the most important factor in the war.

### Surprise at New Russian Armies.

Major Moraht writes in the Berliner Tageblatt:"-" From the reports in the International Press it was hardly expected that the new Russian armies would be so numerous as to be available for a general offensive over a front of 400 kilometers. The measure in which the Russians have picked up shows a remarkable development of strength. If we are optimistic, we can say that this is Russia's last contingent, but if we judge more cautiously we shall remember that the population of that country increase each year by at least two million able young men, and that Russia has been able to make soldiers of them. The renewal of the struggle in the East is further due to the supplies of munitions sent by America and Japan.'

The successes hitherto achieved by the Russians Major Moraht at ributes chiefly to the well-planned railway ystem, which stood the Russians in good stead in the concentration of troops from the Governments of Kief and Cherson. He considers the offenrive the result of an agreement made at the Paris Conference. From a strategic point of view it could only be considered a success if the German and Austrian armies were thereby forced to end their offensive elsewhere, of which there is no sign. Major Moraht has no belief in the great number of prisoners reported by the Russians. He has more faith in the Austro Hu garirn statement that the loss is normal and that on the Russian side it is enor-

Budapest, June 14.—At a conference of the National Labour Party Count Tisza, the Premier, spoke of the great battle on the north-eastern theatre of war. The local successes achieved by the attacking enemy, the Minister said, could not be denied. They were, how-ever, an episode of scant significance as compared with the great events that had taken place since the beginning of the war and, so far as human judgment went, they would have no material influence on the war.

### **Dutch War News.**

An Austrian communique says that West and North-West of Buczacz the Russians by three attacks made them. lves masters of the Austrian positions. A fierce night attack drove them out. The Russians crossed the Stokhod but were driven back.

Tobacco exported from the Netherlands Indies must be consigned to the Overseas Trust.

The strike of the employees of the Netherlands Shipbuilding Company, German deserters are daily crossing

the Dutch frontier. The Rotterdam Lloyd Co's s.s. Rindjami had mails unshipped at Falmouth. Minister Van Rijn convened a conference in order to retrench on Dutch Government expenses as the high prices prevailing threaten a delicit. Germany will launch a fifth war oan

in September. The s.s. Alsace vas chased by a German sumbarine U. 35 but eluded the latter's fire, and herself badly damaged her assailant.

A German submarine freighter will shortly arrive at Rio de Janeiro. With reference to Verdun General Petain stated that every street and every house in it would be defended even if the place were brought to ruins.

### The Italian Cabinet.

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The new Ca	binet has been formed as
follows :	
Sig. Boselli	
Baron Sonnin	oForeign Affairs.
	Colonies.
Sig. Orlando .	Interior.
	Justice.
	Finance.
	Treasury.
	Education.
	Public Works.
Sig. Ablotta B	lailways and Merchant
0	Marine.
Sig. Raineri	Agriculture
	Industry and Commerce.
	Post Office

Signori Bissolati, Bianchi, Comandini, and Scialoia are Ministers without portfolio. The Ministers took the oath before the King.—Reuter.

### king Constantine Shot at.

London. June 13.-Despatches from Athens report that a revolver shot was fired at King Constantine on his arrival at the Stadium, where a great festival had been organized.

The man who fired the revolver was arrested. A despatch charges that the affair was really staged by the police for the purpose of having an excuse for arresting certain politician who are considered to be hampering the Government. On the other hand, it is stated in anti-Venizelist newspapers that the "attempt" was prompted by the former Premier's agents.

Immediately after the shot was fired a great patriotic demonstration took place, and this, too, according to the Venizelists, was organized by the police and Government agents. Three or four hundred children formed a pro-

### Mr. Asquith.

London, June 15 .- Mr. Asquith this afternoon addressed his constituents for the first time for over two years. Speaking of the death of Lord Kitchener. Mr. Asquith said that he was more sensitive to outside criticism than the world knew, and that the last work of his life—his meeting with a large number of M.P.s—was one of his happiest.

"At our last conversation he spoke to me almost with the gaiety of a schoolboy of his enjoyment of that friendly encounter with some of his most persistent and formidable critics. He had a fine and in many ways an enviable end. He left a place that none else can fill and a memory tha will last as long as the British Empire. 1 e bequeathed to us as his legacy to the Empire this array of armies.

Compulsion, said Mr. Asquith, could only be effective when at each stage it was accompanied by general consent. It was not until the beginning of last autumn that the shortage of men, actual or prospective, became a serious prob-

Mr. Asquith surveyed the various theatres of war and found in the review ground for admiration and hope. A cheer of special warmth greeted his reference to the Russian advance, one of the most brilliant fats that have been accomplished in the war." The Italians are making with indonsitable spirit a determined and every day more effective resistance to the Ans. trian onset.

THE NAVAL TRUTH WILL OUT. When Mr. Asquith began to speak of the work of the Navy it was not of the sea battle and the big guns that he spoke first, but of the patient effectiveness with which our ships are maintaining the blockade and keeping the seas. When he came to speak of the mighty business off the Jutland coast and to dismiss with scenful contemate the German claim that victory was theirs, such a flood of agreement filled the hall that the Prime Moster's points were all anticipated by cheers. His audience felt what he was going to say. He had to wait until they had finished cheering before he could say

"The enemy," he said "we driven back into their ports without so much as making an effort to tackle our Grand Fieet, and then they had the temerity to claim what was really a rout as a victory. A comparmore of such victories and there would be nothing left of the Grenary Fiest worth speaking of. By scaling up their ports from public view the Germans hope to conceal the scope and serious discus-It is slowly creeping out already When it is all out we shall realise that even yet the full extent of the German los es has not been realised and apprecial d." Mr. Asquith said that he hoped to morrow to be able to see some of the ships that took part in the fight and their intropid crews.

Turning to Ireland. Mr. Asquith sail that in his recent visit to that country, he had talked with all sorts of people from archbishops and judges to Sinn Feiners, and almost every where he found the same psychological atmos-

" Not a responsible frishman did I meet who did not feel not only the folly of this abortive rising but also the more than folly of contemplating, when the war comes to an end, a renewal of civil strife."

On this Mr. Asquith founded a very grave message. "Do not let us," he said. "add another to the long list of missed opportunities in settling our troubles with Ireland. Let it be done now." What was now desired was a provisional settlement. He wished Mr. Lloyd George's negotiations "God

speed. When the reign of peace is re-established we shall have to take stock as an Empire of our internal relations. Never in history has there been a more moving spectacle than the eager loyalty and the unsparing profusion with which our Dominions have lavished their help to the Mother-country, in a war which they felt to be waged in a just and righteous cause but in the making of which they had no voice,

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masterly campaigns. "With such an Imperial record it will never be possible to revert to our old methods of counsel and of government. The fabric of the Empire will have to be refashioned and the relations not only between Great Britain and Ireland but also between the United Kingdom and our Dominions will of necessity be brought promptly under close and connected review.

cession and, waving flags and singing patriotic songs, marched along, followed by a large crowd. The procession proceeded to the offices of the "Patris," M. Venizelos' newspaper. With shouts of "Vive le roi!" and "Down with the traitors!" the crowd hurled stones at the building, smashing every win-

The same scene occurred at the Venizelists' Club and in trent of the offices of other anti-Government newspapers.

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Florence, was, we believe, the only practising Bud-lhist peer. How he came to drift out of Roman Catholicism into Buddhism might form an interesting chapter in a history of strange conversions. We remember him as Viscount Polington, a man full of extraordinary learning and very handy with quotations from the classic poets. Indeed, it is said that he could repeat from memory nearly the whole of the "Hiad." It is curious that the issue of The Times in which his death is annonneed should contain, also, the text and a translation of a newly discovered complete poem by Sappho and a letter from Lord Cremer, in which he offers to hand to the British Academy £1,000 for the encouragement of Greek study.

LORD Maxborough, who has died at

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### Mr. Hughes' Influence in Paris.

Paris, June 15.—Says the "Daily Mail's Paris correspondent. Owing to the rigorous censorship imposed on reports of the proceedings at the Allied Economic Conference it is impossible to telegraph details of the discussions between the delegates or the manner in which the business of the Conference is being transacted.

I may state that Mr. Hughes, the sympathetic Australian Premier, has already, with his forceful personality, already, with his forceful personally, made his influence felt, and is regarded as one of the outstanding figures. His policy of a stricter blockade and putting the strangle-hold on Germany undoubtedly commends itself to the Franch manifers of the Conference. French members of the Conference.

As Mr. Hughes said "little good will be accomplished if we limit ourselves to mere platonic discussions and ex-changes of views. What we want are definite, concrete proposals intended to bring about practical results."

French Secret Sitting.

To satisfy the growing agitation among members of the Left in the Chamber M. Briand last week promised to grant their request for a secret session at which questions affecting the conduct of the war would be fully dis-

At the moment of telegraphing it is not certain whether this sitting will take place to-morrow (Friday) or not. Should it be held it may last over Saturday and Sunday, the deputies sitting for four hours each day. There are at present ten separate questions down for discussion, but as the pro-ceedings will not be made public it is thought that the deputies may be less prolix than usual. This will be the first secret sitting in the history of the French Parliament since July 1870, at the outbreak of the Franco-Prussian

Probably little that has not already been discussed for months past in the lobbies of the Chamber will be disclosed at this extraordinary meeting. but elaborate preparations are being made to ensure that not a word reaches the outer world. As one deputy said yesterday, "It is more like a conclave than a secret sitting." As soon as the Chamber agrees to hold a secret session everybody except the deputies and two or three officials will have to leave the

Whatever happens while the deputies are closeted in camera no vote can be taken. The official report of the speeches will be sealed and placed where it will keep company with a similar document drawn up in 1870 and never since looked at.

### Italy's Strong Man.

The crisis is ending with the constitu-tion of great national Ministry, which will consist in pirt of Signor Boselli as Premier, Baron Sonnino, who retains the Secretaryship for Foreign Affairs, Signor Bissolati, leader of the Socialist Reforming Party, who was an active Reformists Party, who was an active agent in the intervention of Italy in the war. Deputy Torre, the parliamentary correspondent of the Corriers della Sera, who led the compaign in his paper for Italy's participation in the war, and the Catholic deputy

All the parties, excepting the revolutionary Socialists opposed to the war, will be represented in the new Cabinet, which will continue with even greater vigourithe policy of the retiring Minis-try in all that concerns the war.

New Premier a Great Patriot. The Ministerial crisis is considered to be at an end. If no hitch occurs at the eleventh hour the list of new Min-

isters will be officially announced.

Signor Paolo Boselli, who is forming the new Cabinet, is a great patrict. It will be remembered in May last year he advised the King to reject the near trailing trailing to reject the near trailing traili tralist policy of Signor Giolitti and to enter the war on the side of England and France. But Signor Boselli is reventy-eight and will be only nominally Premier. The strong man and the . real arbiter of the situation will be Signor Leonida Bissolati. His inclusion alone should be the best guarantee for the decisive and loyal attitude of any Italian Government. He is the leader Italian Government. He is the leader of the group of so-called Socialist Reformists who since August 1914 have advocated war against Austria and Germany. Though fifty-nine years of age he enlisted voluntarily on the outbreak of hostilities and remained constantly in the first line as a sergeant in an Alpine regiment. On July 22 last year he was twice wounded on Monta year he was twice wounded on Monte Nero (Isonzo front) while charging at the head of his men and was rewarded with the silver medal for bravery.

### The Kaiser and Prisoners.

In the Commons Sir Hedworth Meux asked the Foreign Secretary whether, in view of the probability that the facts of disgraceful treatment of British prisoners of war in Germany were diliberately withheld from the German Emperor, he would arrange that these facts should be communicated personally by the American Ambassador in Berlin to the German Emperor. Sir E. Grey said he did not think it would be proper for them to ask for published, and if the Emperor wished to take any action in the matter, of course he could do so.

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### Russian Flank Battle.

Petrograd, June 19 .-- The "Cologne Gazette's" reference last week to steps that were being taken in order to try to stop the Russian advance have now been elucidated. It was generally understood here to refer to an attack by Germans from the north upon the troops who made a breach in the upper part of the Austrian front. Such an attack has been expected for ten days past: it was the most obvious move in answer to General Brusiloff's " check.

An army which has broken through a front is always exposed to danger of attack from two sides, and sometimes if the breach be narrow from three, but nothing except an Austro-German scarcity of men on this front, coupled with the knowledge that the Russian reserves, as I pointed out in a recent article, are enormous, could, in the opinion of military authorities, have prevented the Germans from attempting immediately to threaten the communications of the force which has broken through.

They are at last making an attempt, but so far they have not met with success. General Brusiloff was well pre-pared. The Russians are well entrenched all along the flank which is open to attack and in any case the northern breach of the Austrian front is so wide that there is no real danger to the communications of the Russian Army.

RUSSIA'S GREAT PLAN.

Every day the breaches at both ends become wider as well as deeper. After a moment's breathing space the Russians have again gained much ground and are now not more than 20 miles from Kovel, 50 from Lemberg, and 20 from Kolomea (on the southern wing). Very methodically the advance develops, spreading from region to region with admirable regularity in obedience to the orders of the chief command. The enemy thought when the force of the initial blow was spent that he would be able to stop the Russians. His mistake is evident both from the number of prisoners which are continuing to be recorded and also the territory which is being taken back. The extent of the success must not, however, be judged by the area reconquered. It cannot be estimated by studying the

lestroy the Austrian army in a fort night, and he has done more towards this than Mackensen did in months against the Russians last year; he has put out of action more than half the entire force. The dead and wounded are to Lemberg.—Ex. twice the number who have surrendered. The trenches when entered were literally pile I with corpses.

If the enemy can be swept from his

to see how they can hold so long a line with so reduced a force.

How large a number of reinforcements the Austrians are receiving nobody knows. At Kieff it is believed that two German army corps have been sent to help in Volhynia and that two Bulgarian divisions have been hurried to the Bukovina. Clearly the Austrians have begun to bring their troops from the Italian front, but it is all guesswork as to the forces they can muster to fill up the devastated ranks.

This morning a semi-official warning was wisely issued against expecting events to develop as quickly as they have hitherto. The Russians have got on so fast that wild hopes have been aroused. Whereas in 1914 the number of prisoners taken before Lemberg reached 100,000, now it already totals nearly double, and it is natural that many believe that nothing can stop the Russians.

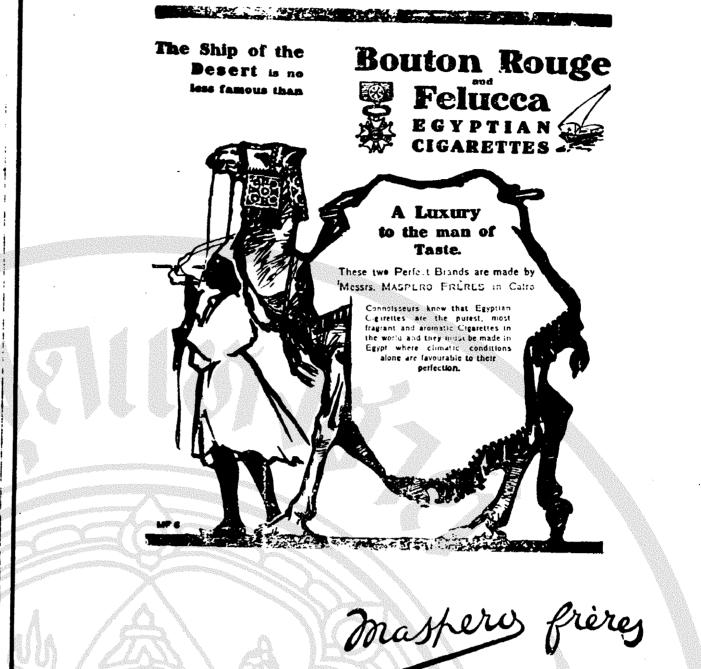
The deliberate delay in taking Czernovitz was useful, because it gave the Russian right wing in the Bukovina time to press forward along the railway connecting Czernovitz with Kolomea, and thus cut off the retreat of Pflanzer upon an important junction of rails and roads whence he could have again established communication with the rest of the Austrian forces. Now he is separated from them and must depend upon the stores of food and ammunition he has with him.

The remains of his army are now being driven up into the Carpathians with a gloomy pros-pect before them. Very possibly in the end he will surrender all that are left alive. The only hope of escape lies in the possibility of the Austro-Hungarian railway system having been connected up with that in the Bukovina since the war began.

Russia does not want Uzernovitz, but Rumania would establish a claim if she joined the Allies now. Towards this there has been a strong popular movement in Bucharest during the last few days. It would have a good effect if the Allies told Rumania that it was now or never. With the capture of the town the whole of the Bukovina fell into Russian hands.

The most determined efforts by the enemy are expected to be made on the River Stokhod (in Volhynia), where the Germans are doing their best to help to keep us off the railway junction at Kovel. They are doing this for their own safety, since the lines running through here are very important to them. The Russians are across the General Brusiloff's object was to meeting with stout opposition. The river in one place at least, but they are Germans are trying to cross the Styr from the north, and are combining with the movement on the Stokhod in an attempt to save their own flank and prevent the Russians from pushing on

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### With the Italians in the Trentino.

Verdun is on the lips of all as we watch the battle of the Trentino. Hero the same tactics are being used by the enemy. The same terrific bombardments are followed by attacks "en masse"-whole companies advancing in close formation are mown down like grass, only to be followed by fresh troops.

There are, however, striking differences between the battle raging here and the German onslaught on the Meuse.

The principal, to name one, of the hills to be conquered here are not as at Verdun, "quotas 295, 304, or 388, but steep mountains well over 3,000 ft. high, intersected by deep ravines and gorges, which would seem impenetrable, for the "quotas" here read "1,295, 1,887, 2,236."

The heroic performance of the Alpini battalions must remain one of the brightest episodes in the history of the Great War. These foot regiments are composed solely of mountaineers, who have been trained by long years of service. They are recruited from the regions which they now are called upon to defend. They know every trail, every crevasse, every stream, every boulder in their sector. And, what is more, nearly every man of them, and they amount to a nice figure, on active service is fighting for his own

home. FIGHTING FOR THE HOME.

From his post on the mountain top, from his trench line which winds its way along precipitions ravines, looking north he sees the lines of the enemy close at hand; looking south, he can see his own cottage nestling in the valley, his children playing by the roadside, his wife beating the linen against a broad stone in the stream. This is not figuratively speaking, but a concrete fact, for the Italian authorities have up to the last moment left the civilian population in these Alpine villages undisturbed, even close to the firing line. On more than one occasion have I seen an Alpino comfortably smoking his pipe, surrounded by his family, in the valley, and have met him a few hours later at his post in the trenches. In no other sector of the war are regiments fighting for their own homes in the same sense as these Alpini in this battle of the Trentino. These lean, silent men of the moun-

tains have a discipline of their own. Their methods of fighting defy tactical description. Yesterday a corporal squad of these men burrowed themselves in the cleft of an overhanging rock, and with the help of a In considering the situation it must least a doctor's bill. For sale at the machine-gun held up for five hours be recalled that when the Italians ad-British Dispensary. hanging rock, and with the help of a

the whole Austrian advance in this sector, thus permitting the orderly and thorough retreat of their comrades. Units of Alpini have been fighting eighteen hours a day in this battle, and then, when compelled by higher command to evacuate their positions, have retired, not leaving as much as an empty cartridge case behind.
THE AUSTRIAN ONSLAUGHT.

These are the same men who, foot by foot, carried the Italian lines deep into enemy territory, and now that these positions are being evacauted it is confidently believed will break the backbone of the Austrian onslaught. Some small groups are harassing the enemy from unexpected positions, fighting with the determination of men who

will die rather than surrender. I have watched the Alpini in their front line trenches. In the early days of the war they were apt to swagger a a bit. Wearing their soft, thick felt hat with a long hawk's feather stuck upright in the felt side, they were picturesque if somewhat old fashioned looking. "We are like Robin Hood's men," an Alpini officer, who spoke fluent English, said to me with much pride, as he characterised the exploits of his troops. To day the Alpino wears a steel helmet: he crouches low in his trench when necessary, but he meets the enemy eye to eye. These are the men who are opposing the Austrian

For as I write the Austrians are still pushing forward. From here it is difficult to gain a clear idea of what is happening. These are days of transition when new arrangements are constantly being made to meet the emergency of the moment. The civilian population of the Italian highlands of the Val d' Astico and other regions close to the frontier is being rapidly evacuated. It is estimated that several thousand refugees from these districts are to-night seeking shelter in the Venetian plain. The roads south are filled with this new exodus, though the Italian system for the evacuation of civilians is working with admirable smoothness, and in so far as possible the people are being spared undue

Up here in the mountains the thunder of enemy guns is growing in in-tensity. For this battle is being fought on the part of the enemy entirely with artillery. Invisible guns posted behind distant mountain ranges send forth their fire, churning, ravaging, destroying the trench lines of the Italians, which are only occupied by the enemy after they have been evacuated.

ITALIAN DIFFICULTIES.

For after the initial attacks the Ausen mare souringly

vanced into enemy territory their offensive tine was naturally thinly fortified, and not meant to resist a sustained attack. In the face of the carefully matured and well directed attack of the Austrians, the Italians are working miracles, as hitherto they have been able to organise their main line of defence unmolested. However, every hill that is abandoned, every valley which must be evacuated, means to the enemy a certain success; and further-more, a temporary loss of the cherished land of the Trentino, which the Italians have fought so valiantly to "redeem" P M G.

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