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" " "Malta" " 23	" " "Kashgar"	" 24
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## Duration of the War.

Bombay, April 23.—Senhor Sidonio  
Pais, who was for a long time Minister  
for Portugal at Berlin, and left there  
on the declaration of war between  
Portugal and Germany, arrived at Lis-  
bon last month, and gave an interest-  
ing interview to the leading Lisbon  
journals.

The Minister was asked his opinion  
on the rumour that Germany is suffer-  
ing from lack of men, and he said:—  
“At present this want is not apparent.  
What is being done is to rectify the  
battle fronts in order to economise  
men.”

The Minister made some illumina-  
ting remarks about the conditions in  
France and Germany. He said:—  
“When I entered France I soon notice-  
d among all the people, from the  
highest to the lowest, a spirit of magni-  
ficent calmness. The French, like the  
Portuguese, are an excitable race and  
of a nervous temperament, but there is  
no manifestation of it either in their  
looks or in their actions. There is a  
lofty calmness among the French  
which proceeds from their absolute  
confidence in the final victory.”

With regard to the economical and  
financial situation in Germany, Senhor  
Sidonio Pais stated:—“The economi-  
cal situation is bad enough, and tends  
to aggravate. From the beginning of  
April there will be only black bread.  
Butter and fats in general are not to  
be seen. For another two years the  
financial situation does not offer great  
difficulties.”

“What is the opinion in Germany  
about the duration of the war?” asked  
the interviewer. “The war,” said  
Senhor Sidonio Pais, “ought not to go  
beyond 1917, but it must be considered  
that all the belligerents can reckon  
upon sufficient resources.”

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## German News Service.

Berlin, April 17.  
*Deutsche Uebersiedlung.* The Russian soldiers stationed at Nikolaevsk mutinied and set the barracks on fire. 27 soldiers perished in the flames. The soldiers complained about ill-treatment from their officers.

A Dutch committee of Juris consuls and naval officers examined the question whether the German steamers seized by Portugal ought to be admitted to Dutch ports. The committee decided that these German boats, which are now in other hands, cannot be allowed to enter Dutch ports.

With regard to the political and economical situation of the Polish and other inhabitants of former Russian Poland, now in German hands, the Chief of the German civil administration in Warsaw, von Kries, as Governor General of Warsaw gave most interesting information to a representative of the Deutsche Uebersiedlung. Herr von Kries first was chief of the Civil administration in the conquered parts of the Russian Poland where he witnessed the extension of the German occupation to Warsaw and further parts of the Russian Poland which altogether constitute an area three times as large as the district first occupied by the Germans. Thus Herr von Kries took part in the political and economical reconstruction of the occupied Polish territory from the very beginning. He makes the impression of a broadminded well informed man whose avowed aim it is not only to raise the standard of life, but also to educate the people for self-government.

Herr von Kries said: "We entered Poland when the Russian civil officials had left the country together with the military. Since practically no Poles were employed in the civil administration, the country was left without administration and without officials. It was complete chaos."

"As long as the Germans only had one-third of the territory which they now occupy, they were able to feed the population of these districts on a very comfortable scale, as there were tolerably good crops in the barns. It was even certain that there were victuals considerably in excess of what the population needed."

"Conditions changed, however, when Warsaw with more than one million inhabitants and other large districts were conquered. These districts were not only twice as large as the former area, but the Russians had burned down all houses for miles and miles. They had destroyed what they found and had abandoned the country in a condition which was almost unthinkable. Everywhere were ruins, devastation, desolation, and complete anarchy. Thus the Polish population, returning to what formerly were their homes, had to live for a certain time in the soldiers' trenches, dugouts, and wooden barracks which were hastily built for them by the Germans. It now became necessary to feed the country on the basis which had amply been sufficient for the third part of the area."

"This imposed a rather hard task on the German administration, but fortunately we succeeded in eliminating a catastrophe. We are certain that we can maintain the population on a safe living basis, which however is not superabundant, until the next crops are harvested."

"Germany has taken care that this coming crop will be sufficient, by supplying the Poles with seed grain and other assistance, enabling the country to provide food for itself. It is a great satisfaction for us that the crop reports are excellent."

"That all this could be successfully carried out is especially due to self-government, which hitherto had been unknown to Poland and which has been introduced by the Germans. We introduced city and county constitutions and the Poles, who now participate in the administration of their home country, are of course ready to collaborate with the Germans in the interest of their Polish countrymen."

"As the Russian civil officials had fled, we could only advance step by step in this direction. Formerly there had been only Russian judges. At present all justice of the peace are Polish citizens, natives of their country. In the higher courts the Polish element is uninterruptedly increasing."

"We opened schools. The language in which the lessons are given is, of course the Polish language. As is generally known, the recently opened University of Warsaw teaches in the Polish language. In order to build up a body of teachers, we opened university extension lectures for teachers."

"Our object is at present to educate the Poles for self-government, which until now was unknown to them and thus to enable them to take part in an increasing fashion in the administration of their own country."

"As to victuals, we are, as I said, able to feed the population until the next harvest, that is up to September 1, but since it is necessary to continue with economical measures, it would have been of great service to the population if the planned American relief action had not failed, because of the conditions which Britain made. Germany had declared its readiness to give all guarantees which could be asked for on the basis of international law, for the assurance that the American food should neither be used for the advantage of Germans nor be requisitioned in Poland."

"The British Government however in return made requests which as they certainly must have known beforehand it was impossible to comply with. Britain especially demanded, contrary to the law of the nations, that the German and Austro-Hungarian army of occupation should not be provisioned from Poland."

"In fact Germany did not expect any victuals during the current agricultural year from Poland. This can be proved. Germany must decline however to give up rights conceded by convention and the international law, to provision their occupying forces from the occupied territory. Besides Germany cannot comply with another demand, which by the way, is not clear, that is, that Germany should give a certain quantity of goods against the imported American grain. The British Government apparently is not conscious of the fact that Germany is able to feed the Polish population until the next crops are available, without foreign help and that it entered into the negotiations only because the feeding can only be made possible in a rather economical way and because Germany wanted to show its goodwill to the Poles."

Herr von Kries finally stated: "The Germans wished to avoid giving arms to the population of the occupied Polish districts. The retreating Russians destroyed roads, railways, bridges and everything necessary for the country's life. Since a complete reconstruction of all this was necessary, 45,000 Polish workmen have been busy for months on road works and many other thousands have been occupied with work to alleviate distress."

"The workers of the former industries thus have the chance of earning a living, which otherwise would have been impossible to them, since the British condemned the factories to a standstill, by making the importation of raw materials impossible."

Headquarters, April 18.  
*Official.* Western theatre: The German artillery abundantly bombarded the British positions in the St. Eloi sector. Hand grenade attacks against one of the craters occupied by the Germans were easily repulsed.

Hand grenade engagements of a temporary lively character occurred on both sides of La Bassée Canal and north of Loos. Near Neuville and Donvignes the Germans successfully exploded mines.

On both sides of the Meuse there were very violent artillery duels. East of the Meuse Saxon troops stormed French positions, also gaining 700 meters south of Haudremont and on the ridge northwest of Thiaumont. They captured 42 unwounded officers, among whom are 3 staff officers, 164 unwounded men and 50 wounded men. Their names will be published in the Gazette des Ardennes, as is done with the names of the French prisoners taken during the war, including the names of the 711 officers and 38,155 men made prisoners in the battles of the Meuse region since February 21 1916. The reason for publishing the names is the fact that a semi-official French statement tries to put doubt in the German official report.

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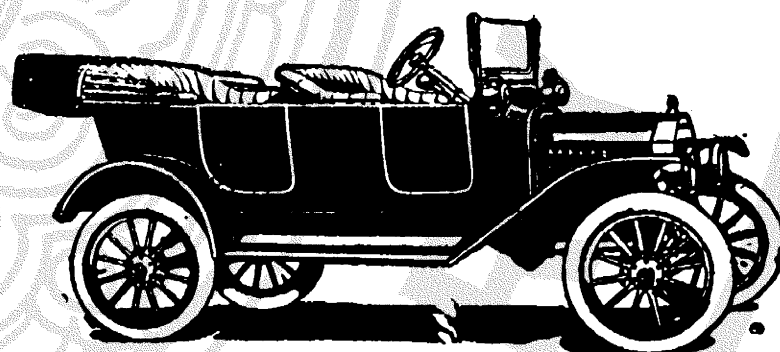
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**THE  
Great War.****Countess Markweiz  
Sentenced.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, May 9.

Dublin reports state that Countess  
Markweiz has been sentenced to penal  
servitude for life and George Plunkett,  
son of Count Plunkett, to ten years'  
penal servitude.

**Irish Appointments.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, May 9.

It is officially announced that Sir  
Robert Chalmers has been appointed  
Under-Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant  
of Ireland in succession to Sir Matthew  
Nathan who has resigned.

It is unofficially reported that Mr.  
Harcourt succeeds Mr. Birrell.

**Turks in Flight.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, May 9.

Petrograd. The communiqué states  
that at the capture of the Semaktrind  
position in the direction of Bagdad, the  
Turks, who lost heavily, abandoned a  
large camp and important material.

At the occupation of Trebizond, the  
Russians captured eight coast guns,  
fourteen six-inch guns, artillery, bag-  
gage trains and other important equip-  
ment.

**The Dublin Rebels.**

A late Reuter's telegram dated  
London, 8th May received to-day  
states:—

Official.—The results of the trials of  
further Sinn Feiners were: shot J.  
Plunkett, E. Daly, M. O'hannon and W.  
Pearse. Fifteen others were senten-  
ced to death but the sentence was com-  
muted to ten years penal servitude  
by the Commander-in-Chief. One  
death sentence was commuted to eight  
years. Two rebels were sentenced to  
one year each. Other trials are pro-  
ceeding.

**Germany's Reply to U.S.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, May 8.

Washington (Official).—The German  
reply promises that merchantmen with-  
in or without the naval war zone shall  
not be sunk without warning or with-  
out saving life unless an attempt is  
made to escape.

**The French Front.**

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, May 10.

Yesterday the bombardment was less  
active on the left bank of the Meuse  
where we repulsed a tentative attack.

There was intermittent cannonading  
in the region of the Meuse.

We repulsed an enemy reconnais-  
sance inflicting losses south of Altkirch  
and near Hatzback.

**The Russian Campaign.**

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, May 10.

Petrograd.—We repulsed fierce at-  
tacks in the direction of Erzindjan and  
inflicted considerable losses on the  
enemy. We dislodged the Turks from  
the mountains in the direction of Diar-  
bekir and south of the region of Mush.

We drove the enemy far back to-  
wards the east in the direction of  
Bagdad.

**Mining Activity.**

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, May 10.

London.—There was mining activity  
at various points of the front.

**The Italian Theatre.**

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, May 10.

Rome.—We occupied an important  
position at an altitude of three thousand  
metres north-west of the third summit  
in the Tofano zone.

**The Chartered Bank.**

("S O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)  
Singapore, May 8.

H. E. the Governor opened the new  
premises of the Chartered Bank on  
Saturday. There was a very large at-  
tendance.

**Court Circular.**

DUSIT Park.

Thursday, May 11.

To-day His Majesty the King, with  
members of the Royal suite, returned  
to Bangkok.

Leaving Prachuab Girikhandha on  
Tuesday (9th) by special train, His  
Majesty broke his journey at Bejraburi  
where he remained 2 days.

This afternoon at 1 p.m. the Royal  
party left Bejraburi by special train  
and arrived at Bangkok Noi Terminus  
at 5.15 p.m. After having conversed  
with the members of the Royal Family  
and officials who came to meet him,  
the King proceeded from the Station  
by motor boat and landed at the Vasu-  
kri Landing. From there His Majesty  
drove in a motor car to Dusit Park  
Palace.

This evening His Majesty the King  
was present at the religious service  
held in the Abhisek Hall in connec-  
tion with the Ceremony of "Com-  
mencement of Ploughing" in which  
His Excellency Chao Phya Yomraj,  
Minister of Local Government, is act-  
ing as His Majesty's Deputy for this  
year.

After the Ceremony His Majesty re-  
ceived 6 Abbots who had come to  
Bangkok on affairs of ecclesiastical  
administration. The King presented  
them with monetary gifts for travel-  
ling expenses.

On this occasion His Majesty also  
presented Royal Letters Patent to three  
of them.

**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**

Mr. G. Canover arrived by the s.s.  
"Boribot" yesterday.

Mr. J. M. Moore and Mr. J. Truyen  
left by the s.s. "Kuala" to-day.

THE Turkish authorities say aerial  
duels have taken place over Gallipoli.

MONDOL Nazor Rajasima has con-  
tributed Tcs. 1,747 to the Cruiser Fund.  
The total subscriptions now amount to  
Tcs. 2,029,718.

THE "Glasgow Herald" complains  
that a man of German birth is still at  
the head of the Glasgow Observatory,  
namely Professor Becker, Professor of  
Astronomy at Glasgow University.

THERE were ten deaths from bubo-  
nic plague in Bangkok during the week  
ended 6th May according to the re-  
turn of the Medical Officer of Health.  
No cases of cholera or small-pox are  
reported.

THE Post and Telegraph Department  
reports that Malay Peninsular main  
lines is imperfectly working between  
Rajburi and Prachuabgirikhon. Local  
line is in order as far as Surasat-  
dhan. Tavoy line is interrupted.  
Other lines are in order.

IN consequence of the action of the  
Salonica deputies, Greece has demanded  
that the Allies shall evacuate the port,  
says Reuter. The deputies have also  
asked the Government to inform Ger-  
many that another air attack will be  
regarded as directed against Greece.  
Skirmishes on the Serbian frontier are  
now of almost daily occurrence.

A LONDON telegram of April 16,  
says:—Seventy per cent, premiums  
are being accepted at Lloyd's on peace  
being declared before the end of the  
current year, while 40 per cent, is ac-  
cepted on peace not being concluded  
till June, 1917. This may be taken  
as indicating the opinion that there is  
a good deal more war yet to come, but  
it is recognised that everything de-  
pends on the result of the Allies' con-  
certed offensive this summer.

Mrs. Asquith's reminiscence of the  
man who considered King Solomon's  
harem a charitable institution recalls  
one of Archbishop Magee's stories. A  
lady in Gloucestershire was reading the  
Old Testament to an old woman who  
lived at the lodge of an estate, and  
Solomon's establishment was the sub-  
ject. "Had Solomon really 700 wives?"  
the old woman interrupted. "Oh, yes,  
Mary! It is so stated in the Bible."  
"Lor mum!" was the comment, "what  
privileges them early Christians had!"

THE "Berliner Tageblatt" gives  
some particulars of the new bill of fare  
for restaurants, which will be intro-  
duced shortly in Germany, simultane-  
ously with the meat tickets. There  
will be an afternoon and an evening  
bill of fare, both of the simplest de-  
scription. The meals will be served  
ready for consumption on the plates,  
to prevent waste. The "Berliner Tage-  
blatt" remarks that a minimum weight  
for each meal will probably be fixed  
ere long, as the quantities of food serv-  
ed are being more and more reduced.



**The Raak Na Ceremony.****A Medium Crop Predicted.**

The Ploughing Ceremony took place at 10.14 this morning at Phya Thai. His Majesty the King was not present.

H. E. Chao Phya Yomraj, who was His Majesty's Deputy, after the customary religious rites selected among other ceremonial phanungs one of 4 kuep long. He then went through the ploughing ceremony by holding the handle of the plough followed by ladies bearing satchels from which the paddy seed was scattered on the field. After the ceremony the bullocks taking part were released and food of various kinds and water were placed before them. The bullocks were observed to choose grass only. All this goes to indicate that the rainfall this year will be more than last year by 14 inches and that there will be a medium rice crop.

**The Bordeaux Spying Case.**

A trial of two dangerous spies, a pseudo husband and wife, took place at Bordeaux recently, we read in the Paris Matin. The Military Tribunal passed a sentence of death upon both of them.

The accused were Maurice Tribut and Frieda Liepmann. The latter, a German girl, once of great beauty, came to Paris in 1909 and, it has since been discovered, has been very actively spying for the German and Austrian Governments. Intimate with the Austrian military attaché, Baron von Schoenholz, she frequented all the best social functions, the baron acting as her protector. On his return to Austria in 1913 he left her behind and she then made the acquaintance of Maurice Tribut, whom she fascinated and who, in February last, married her, notwithstanding he knew that she was of German nationality. He avowed that he did so to save her from the rigours of the internment camp. A paper was discovered in which he declared: "I recognize that my marriage with Frieda Liepmann is entered into solely in order that no trouble arises for her. She is at liberty to do as she pleases after the war." She, now being of French nationality, often undertook voyages by circuitous routes into Germany, and she always returned with large sums of money. He, in turn, became attached to the 20th section of the Ministry of War, then joined the 139th Territorials, managed to be transferred to the artillery establishment at Vincennes, became despatch rider, and in every change of position he succeeded in entering posts where information of military value could be obtained. How much he and his companion have worked to the detriment of the French Government was not divulged, as the courts sat in camera, but it is certain that this couple has worked with a set purpose and that they were two of the most clever spies caught during the war, their methods being pronounced to have been remarkably subtle.

There was no doubt that the strong-minded girl was the guiding spirit in these nefarious exploits and that Tribut became a traitor only for the woman who, he thought, loved him.

**The Attack on Schleswig.**

Copenhagen, March 28.—The Stjettende, of Ribe, referring to the naval encounter, says the Danish cutter Cimbrja was fishing near Rede Kliff, twelve miles south-west of Graadby, about midday on Saturday, when it was hailed by the German armed steam trawlers Braunschweig and Otto Rudolf and ordered to leave.

Suddenly British destroyers appeared on the scene and opened fire, with the result that both trawlers were set on fire, and sank shortly afterwards while attempting to reach the shore. Two other German patrol ships, as well as armed trawlers, are reported to have been badly damaged later in the day.

Travellers who have arrived from the south report that British seaplanes bombed the neighbourhood of Hoyer and Tondern, burning a granary at Randerup and bringing down a large German battle hydroplane, which was taken to Tondern by automobile on Saturday afternoon completely smashed.

The Politiken's Esbjerg correspondent estimates that five German cruisers, twenty destroyers, five battle hydroplanes, and Zeppelin L14 took part in the engagement.—(Reuter.)

The crew of a large Danish fishing cutter which had been out in the North Sea some days was a witness of a portion of the fighting in the North Sea. The crew of the vessel, which has arrived at Esbjerg, state that they saw the British squadron during the night of Saturday, Sunday, and saw in the course of the engagement a German torpedo-boat destroyer go down. The rest of the German squadron disappeared immediately after the catastrophe.—(Central News.)

**PADDY REPORT FOR MAY 11.**

Nasman 1110 coyans at Tos.	83/95 each
Samruang 1220 " " "	74/85 "
Namung " " "	" " "
Total Coyans	2330 "

**Barbed-Wire Beaten.****British Clothes Made to Resist German Spikes.**

An ingenious invention by Mr. George Lynch, the well-known war correspondent, is just now interesting the British, Russian, French, and Italian War Offices, says an Exchange. It consists of khaki clothing and equipment made of cotton wool specially treated to resist the German barbed wire. Made into gauntlets, leggings, waistcoats, greatcoats, and sleeping bags, the material has already had a successful trial in France and Flanders, and as the result of the tests the War Office have purchased many thousands of articles for the use of the men at the front.

The German barbed wire is of particularly atrocious design—literally bristling with sharp points—but, armed with Mr. Lynch's gauntlets, a soldier can tackle it freely without the slightest risk of laceration. A sleeping-bag made of the same material thrown over any number of strands of barbed wire forms a safe cushion over which it is quite easy to climb the enemy entanglements without risk of the slightest injury.

A two-inch thick cushion suitable for use by airmen will resist a Webley-Fosbery bullet fired at a distance of 25 yards.

The sleeping-bags, when folded, and the waistcoats, go far in the direction of resisting abrasion.

The leggings, made of the same material, pass a very severe test. Protected with these one can safely kneel upon a floor spiked with steel points much sharper than the ordinary nail. Cotton wool, untreated, of itself forms a great protection, but the special processes employed during the course of manufacture by Mr. Lynch makes it impossible to pierce the material. The goods for the British War Office are being manufactured in London; and Russia, after testing, has ordered consignments now in course of delivery.

**The Russian Offensive.**

A Russian military correspondent now in England gives the following views to the "Manchester Guardian" about the Russian offensive. He writes:—"The offensive of Dvina sector which most probably was at first intended as a demonstration on a big scale to make it impossible for the Germans to send any reinforcements to the Austrians fighting near Bukovina, is developing into a big independent battle. The fact is that the German General Staff is beginning to realise, late in the day, that it undertook an almost impossible task in choosing to defend a line from Riga to Galicia. When the German troops advanced to Riga their obvious intention was to reach Petrograd and to secure peace. General Ruzsky's able defence made this hope vanish."

"At the same time, the quick recuperation of the Russian army and the abundant supply of munitions have persuaded the German General Staff that further advance into Russia will be virtually impossible. They also realise that Russia has better reserves and better equipment for them than they anticipated. All German officer-prisoners of war in Russia testify to this. At the same time the German army is melting. It is common knowledge that the Germans had to reconstruct their army, reducing the composition of their corps, and thinning out their line of defence. The German Staff is probably looking with anxiety to the moment when the melting of the German army will make retreat imperative."

**The Problem of the Swamps.**  
"In consequence of these arguments," the Russian correspondent continues, "the Germans on the Riga-Dvina front have evidently decided to shorten their line. The available information as to the movement of their troops indicates that they intend to retreat to the railway line connecting Dvinsk with Vilna. This step, besides considerably shortening their lines of defence, is also imposed by climatic conditions. The country west of Vidzy, Postava, and Lake Narotch is very swampy. Already water from advanced trenches has to be pumped out day and night. With the advent of spring and the melting of the snow the quagmire will make communications between the advanced German trenches and the rear impossible for at least a fortnight. The former trenches then will become an easy prey for the Russians."

"On the other hand, by a retreat further west to more sandy soil the Germans are leaving the marshes as a natural obstacle between themselves and the possible Russian advance. It seems to me that General Kuropatkin, perceiving this plan, has conceived a scheme to use the situation for making thrusts to Vilna, or at any rate for the railway line Vilna-Dvinsk. Notwithstanding the formidable defence works built by the Germans during the six months stay on the Riga-Dvinsk front, the Russians have succeeded in capturing the first line of German trenches on the front from Dvinsk to Vidzy—a happy omen. General Kuropatkin's offensive must, however, be swift, as its success also depends upon the season."

**Bangkok Library.**

The following is a list of new books received at the Bangkok Library:—

Fiction.	
"Bartimicus"	Tall Ship, A
Birmingham, George A.	Goosener
Bradley, Shelland	More Adventure of An A.D.C.
Chambers, Robert W.	Athlete
Crocker, B. M.	Japonette
Deland, Margaret	Calculus
Farnot, Jeffery	Around Old Chester
Galeworthy, John	Beltane, The
" "	Smith
Hay Ian	Freslands, The
Johnston, Mary	Little Man and Other Satires
" "	The
Locke, William J.	First Hundred
London, Jack	Thousand, The
Lyons, Neil	Fortune of
Mackenzie, Compton	Garin, The
McCarthy, Justin	Jaffery
" "	Lost Face
Meredith, George	Kitchener-Chaps
" "	Guy and Pauline
Richards, Grant	Short History of our Own Times, A
Ward, Mrs. Humphrey	Diana of The Crossways
Wells, H. G.	Muslin
" "	Bittersweet
" "	Eltham House
" "	Research Magnificent, The
" "	Sleeper Awakes
General Works.	
"Bascule"	Royal Auction Bridge
Bennett, Arnold	Over There
Chesterton, G. K.	Poems
Hirst, F. W.	Political Economy of War, The
Humphreys, Rachels	Travels East of Suez
Littlefair, Mary	English Girl's Adventures in Hostile Germany, An
Noyes, Alfred	Salute from the Fleet, A
Powell, Sir Robert	My Adventures As a Spy
Baden	My Father
Stead, Estelle W.	War Letters of An American Woman
Vorst, Marie Van	Pentecost of Calamity, The
Wister, Owen	" "

**American View on Submersibles.**

Officials at Washington are discussing the suggestion of a United States navy officer who urged the construction of a semi-submersible warship before the Naval Affairs Committee which is examining various plans of preparedness. The proposed vessel would be of high speed equipped with eight torpedo tubes on each side, the deck to be flush with the water and an armoured turret mounted fore and aft. Commenting on the extreme conservatism of many naval constructors, the officer who sketched the new fighting craft remarked, "It is quite possible that such a vessel or a vessel unlike anything now afloat may dart out of the Kiel Canal and prove the great naval surprise of the present war."

**Aeroplane and Zeppelin.****An Exciting Fight.**

London, April 9.—Details of the New Zealand aviator's fight with the Zeppelin show that Brandon left the aerodrome under orders to patrol in the direction where enemy aircraft were expected. He was seen aloft a quarter of an hour later, when he sighted his quarry. Brandon then gave chase, driving his machine all out. He lost sight of the airship, which, however, was finally sighted at his own level of 6,000 ft. He rose 400 ft. above and rounded the Zeppelin's bows, sharply turned, and liberated three bombs at one sweep. Brandon heard three distinct detonations from the rear part of the airship. The latter fired round after round from its machine guns. Brandon felt the bullets hit his machine, but was determined to have another shot. He saw sparks coming from the Zeppelin's stern. He flew towards its bow and dropped more explosive bombs, despite heavy machine gun fire. The Zeppelin then became lost in the darkness.

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viewed.

## Inability to Distinguish Buildings.

A most informative wire from the London Correspondent of the *Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant* says:—Neutral journalists have been allowed an interview with the captured crew of the L 15. They number 17, including 2 officers. One man was drowned. The others got a violent shock by the fall. All of them attributed the loss of the Zeppelin to British fire. The British officers allowed us to speak freely with the Germans. Without an exception officers and men were much pleased at the treatment they had received. They seemed to have expected treatment different from that of ordinary prisoners-of-war. The Commander, when captured, at once took upon himself all responsibility. The crew, he said, had only executed his orders. They were, however, treated just like other prisoners-of-war.

We tried to get their opinions on the Zeppelin attacks. They all declared they were only tools. One or two evidently wished to avoid the moral responsibility. They said they did not know what was happening when they were up in the air, they did not know where the bombs were dropped and could distinguish nothing. The officers refused to answer the question as to whether they could distinguish buildings, etc., but declared emphatically they always knew where they were. When asked how it could then be possible for the German communiques to be so far wrong in the pretended raid on Liverpool on February 1, they stated they believed implicitly in those reports. The Commander declared the attacks were of great military value and that he did not believe no military damage was ever done.

Five members of the crew we spoke to stated this was the first time they had been over Britain. A non-commissioned officer said it was the third time he had been in a raid. The officers declined to reply to any question on the subject.

## What Was His Profession?

The correspondent of the *Tele. graf* writes:—Most of the crew of the L 15 are between 25 and 30 years old, the Commander being only 33. They all looked healthy and vigorous and most of them belonged to the Navy. The officers were still in their leather uniforms and wore naval caps; a few of the men also wore their leather clothing, others woollen coats given them

on board the British patrol vessel. The two officers have a bedroom and sitting-room each, just like the British officers. The name of the second officer is Kuhn. He stated he had spent a long time in Britain before the war and spoke English very well. When asked what his profession had been whilst in Britain, he smiled and said he could not tell.

The Commander seemed a kind-hearted man. Yet he must have known that if his raid had succeeded he would have added more victims to the long list already compiled.

## Fate Of Small States.

Commenting on the share of the small States in the present war, the *"Nederlander"* writes:—

"Small States are having a hard time of it. The old doctrine that they are destined to be fused in the large ones, is coming to the fore again, and few realise that during the last century small States have constantly been springing up. The disappearance of the small States, therefore, is not all in the line of history, and it is significant that just at this time a revival of Poland is under consideration. In the Austrian countries, also, there is a great inclination towards autonomy of the component parts. True, the Vienna Congress did away with a number of small States, and in some cases this has been a blessing. It liquidated the feudal system.

The small States that have now been overcome, will probably return to an independent existence. If, however, they start quarrels amongst themselves, they are likely to be wiped off the face of the earth. If the Balkan States had clung together, they would have been able to hold their own over against Russia and Austria. . . . Small States cannot be dispensed with by civilisation. The whole world to-day enjoys the products of the City States of the Middle Ages in the realm of science, art and literature. Little Holland set the whole world the example of liberty of conscience. The small States try to be great in the works of peace and to distinguish themselves above all by civilisation and an orderly economic life. They form, besides all this, the buffers between the large States, which often prevent collisions, and by all these qualities they have even to-day a high vocation to follow. The attempts to establish large Empires, have never resulted in anything but failure. Neither Alexander the Great, the Romans, nor Napoleon ever achieved a lasting success in this direction.

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Butter scarcity reigned in the capital for three months, he writes: queues of people stood for hours, often only to find the supply exhausted before their turn came. Confectioners who also dealt in butter would only sell to their regular clients. New clients introduced themselves ceremoniously and stated that they had been recommended to the shopkeeper. As an indication of their good intention they would purchase this, that and the other without once asking the prices and would pay cash down.

But now this reign of terror is at an end. Butter-cards are coming. The authorities are to try and provide a weekly ration for each person which the public will be able to get without the sugar-sweet smiles and expensive tricks of the past. An adult will be entitled to a quarter of a pound of butter per week. A child from two to fourteen years, a quarter of a pound in two weeks. This is little enough and is all the more serious when we remember that fats of all kinds are lacking. But the Germans, with their usual capacity for organisation, have opened, on all sides, cooking schools to teach the house-wives how to do without fat and butter. The authorities have also taken in hand the task of turning the flat-dweller into a market gardener. Every flat has a balcony with or without sun, and on that precious ground radishes, tomatoes, cauliflower and carrots can be grown. One can also feed rabbits on waste. In the spring there are to be big competitions among the Berlin ladies to see who can grow the most on their little balconies.

Meantime, the potato question has been more or less regulated. Everyone has a potato-card which gives him a

right to ten pounds in twelve days. It is reckoned that there is a supply of one pound per day per person; but for safety's sake two pounds in the twelve days are to be held back. Special measures have been taken to ensure the supply for the great cities.

Every Berliner has a pocketful of cards now-a-days: bread, milk, butter and potato-cards, with, in some cases, rice and egg cards. If we add to this the usual season on the tram and one more for the barber and the indispensable police-card, we have quite a respectable packet.

The sweet cakes of which the Berliners are so fond are wonderful productions to-day! First, it was ordained that no flour was to be used unless mixed with potato-maize or rice-flour and then, only in limited quantities. Then it was decreed that no milk should be used and no cream. Fat and butter could be had only in the most limited quantities. Still the sweet cakes appeared, and though the difference in taste was very noticeable they were still quite tasty. Finally General von Kessel forbade for one week the use of any wheat in these cakes. You would have thought that would have been the end of them with all the other prohibitions, but no! the bakers worked away with maize and rice-meal, with fruit and almonds, and although the choice was limited the cakes were still there.

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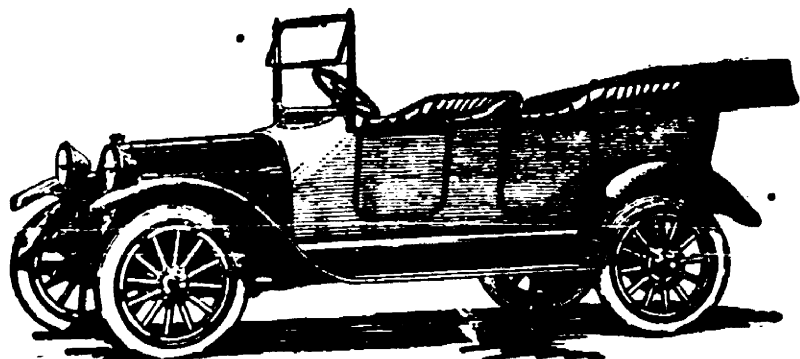
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### Use of Dogs in War.

Dogs are being used extensively by the French as auxiliaries in the war, and the various services to which they are put are described by the Paris Correspondent of the Fall Mail Gazette in an interesting article. Contrary to what was thought at first, shooting dogs do not make the best for army work; the most suitable are sheep and mountain dogs. They are divided into five classes: watch dogs, patrol dogs, messengers, ambulance dogs, and pack dogs. All must be gentle and obedient, and, of course, they must have a good nose but there must be no attempt at thrashing them into obedience. A frightened animal is a danger to all concerned. Bitches have shown themselves better message carriers than dogs. They will take a note to trench or position any distance up to about four miles and can be relied upon to come back with the answer without stopping or dawdling on the way. Shell or rifle fire does not worry them, and it is most unusual for them to be hit.

In the old days, the ambulance dogs were taught to bring back a wounded man's cap or his handkerchief. This is quite an out of date method; the handkerchief business especially was to be condemned owing to the danger of a dog mistaking the white gauze of a bandage for a handkerchief and pulling off the dressing from a wound. Modern trained dogs would never think of touching a bandage, although they would pick up a handkerchief. They are taught to bring back anything lying about or within a yard or two of the wounded man—a pipe, a box of matches, any piece of equipment, or even a stone found near him, so long as they came back with something to indicate that they have discovered someone requiring attention.

A watch dog never barks; at the most he will use a low growl to indicate the presence or approach of a hostile force. More often than not the mere pricking of the ears or attitude of expectancy is sufficient to put his master on his guard. As an indication of what they can do, a newly-trained dog was brought into a front-line trench one night, and after sniffing the air a while "pointed" obstinately at a certain part of the trench, and could not be induced to come away. His companion declared that there must be some Germans around, near by, but the habitual occupants of the trench ridiculed the idea; the thing was impossible, they said. The dog's keeper retorted that nothing was impossible when Germans and their heathen tricks were concerned, and he would stake his life upon it that there were Germans about. Suddenly a soldier asked whether it was possible that the dog had struck a listen-

ing post. Everyone knew that there was one about somewhere, but no one had ever been able to spot it. The captain was sent for and acquainted with the situation. Although sceptical, he ordered three fire rockets to be sent up in the direction indicated, and there sure enough, were three Germans posted in a spot only a dozen yards or so off the trench. The dog had nosed out in less than a quarter of an hour a listening post which the entire regime it had spent two months trying to find.

Among the French army dogs is "Cadet," whose speciality is running down and capturing enemy dogs. Not a day passes but that he brings in two or three, often bigger than himself. He has a way of catching them by the ear and frog-marching them along which is inimitable, and has caused him to be mentioned in despatches on more than one occasion. Pack dogs play less heroic parts, but have their uses all the same, and terriers are utilised at the front for keeping down the rats.

### German News Service.

(Continued from page 3.)  
Enemy attempts near and in the Caillotte forest were frustrated by the German fire when they were prepared or were just begun.

The French artillery was exceedingly lively against the German positions in the Woivre plain and on the heights southeast of Verdun, down to St. Mihiel.

Eastern theater: Russian attacks delivered on a small front at the bridgehead of Dunaburg broke down before the German lines, south of Garbunovka, with serious loss to the enemy.

Official: Russian theatre: On the upper Sereth, our advance guards repulsed the Russian attacks.

Italian theatre: The Italians were lively at several places on the Isonzo front.

Two enemy aviators dropped bombs on Trieste, two civilians being killed and five others wounded. Austro-Hungarian aviators pursued the Italians into Grado. Austro-Hungarians hit an Italian torpedo boat. Artillery duels occurred in the southern district of the Dobrodo plateau and near the Goerz bridgehead. Near Zagora, an Italian attack was repulsed, the enemy suffering severe losses. The Tolmein bridgehead was severely bombarded. Artillery engagements continued, with varying forces on the Carnethian and Tyrol fronts. Near Col-di-Lana, the fire increased to drum-fire toward the night. After midnight the Italians started a general attack, which was repulsed. Later, they succeeded in mak-

ing blastings at several places on the western summit of the Col-di-Lana and in entering the completely destroyed position. The fighting continues. In the Suzana valley, where the Italians lately molested the Austro-Hungarians in a counter attack, the latter drove the Italians from their advanced positions. Eleven officers and 600 unwounded men were made prisoners and 4 machine-guns taken.

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Lopburi Arr.	11.5	1.55	5.48	...					
Chengkot Dep.	12.33	3.38	...	7.2	Sawa'loke Dep.	7.—	2.10	...	...
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