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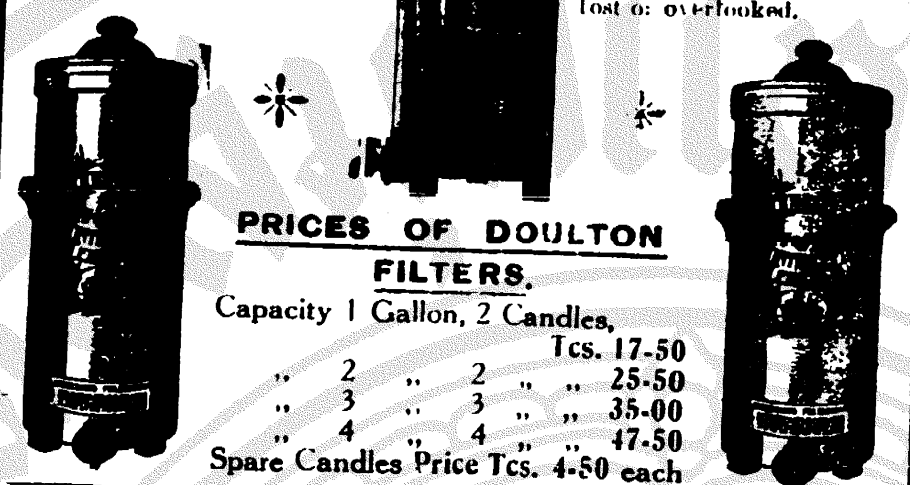
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Mar.	A.M.			Feet.
	H. W.	Ft. in.	L. W.	
1	7 00	14 4	...	...
2	7 00	14 2	...	...
3	7 00	14 2	...	...
4	4 00	14 4	...	...
5	4 30	14 6	...	...
6	5 30	14 8	...	...
7	5 30	14 10	...	...
8	6 00	15 0	...	...
9	6 00	14 10	...	...
10	6 00	14 10	...	...
11	6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

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

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The thought of the coming great offensive, which should see the 2,000-mile battle front spring into life, arrests our attention. We feel with Mr. Lloyd George that before the year is out we shall have cleaved a road through to victory; and so the impending gigantic battles have a significance for us at once solemn and dramatic.

None of the belligerents disguises the importance of the coming offensive. There is a feeling in the air that for good or evil, what is done in 1917 will settle the war map of Europe. We believe, and not without good reason, that the issue will be favourable for us.

And so much can be said without contradiction, that if all the Allies do their part and cooperate like good comrades, German domination will this time next year be lying in the dust, a broken and discarded ideal.

We speak of the coming offensive as the Spring offensive. If the signs are read correctly it will be an early Spring offensive. In February of last year the Germans were shipping a mass of shock, thirty divisions strong, into the outer fortifications of Verdun. In April of the preceding year Mackensen was beginning his great drive on the Danube.

There is no reason why the 1917 offensive should be delayed beyond March or April. The sooner the issues are put to the test the better for us. For the present finds us superior in numbers and munitionment, and the enemy's strenuous attempt to draw level by means of his levy on masses not yet fully under way.

The Allies must by now have determined on their plan, and we must give the Germans credit for having conceived what they may consider an effective plan, though the cleverest strategy in the world cannot overcome the logic of hard facts.

Let us consider the situation from the German point of view, recollecting the guiding principles of German strategy, and, indeed, of all sound strategy.

This is to concentrate in as much strength and act with as great promptitude as possible against the foe's centre of gravity; to divert no troops for subsidiary expeditions away from the centre of gravity, except such as promise extraordinary advantages and involve only moderate risks at the points which form the decisive objective of the war.

It is quite plain, and very tardily the Germans are admitting it, that the greatest and most persistent obstacle to the German plans is Britain's sea and land power. By their passivity they tacitly admit the defeat at sea; but on land they believe they have still a chance, and the German Higher Command undoubtedly realizes that for it the centre of gravity is to be found on the western front, either on that part of it held by British troops or in the more extended sectors held by our French Allies.

No German Offensive Now.

Yet since the determined attack made by the Germans at Hooze, and minor attacks at Ypres, they have never ventured to assail the British front. They

have preferred to act against us defensively and to use their floating divisions either against the French or to supply expeditionary corps to subordinate theatres like Rumania, where they have achieved success, and Macedonia, where they have suffered a reverse.

And in this latter connection I think it is only fair to point out that the loss of Monastir is rather to be measured in importance by the bad moral effect it has had on Germany's dupes, the Bulgars, than by any slight change it has made to the war map.

The only subsidiary theatre left to the German now is the Macedonian theatre, and while they have been rushing troops to reinforce the Bulgars, the impression with which we are left is that they are disposed to fight shy of Sarail, for reasons which may be quite simple, and to continue to use what reinforcements they can scrape together to give momentum to Mackensen's attack on the extreme Russian left wing.

The Germans have no doubt calculated that it may be some weeks yet before a co-ordinated Allied offensive is practicable; but in the interim they propose completely to overrun Rumania and shorten their line as far as possible, and either to go on battering their way to the Pruth or, alternatively, to rush back with what haste they may to the particular front where the greatest danger seems to show itself.

## German Advantage Grows.

In the past the Germans have enjoyed the advantage of a unity of command which has allowed them to rush forces from one front to another as the occasion arose, but this advantage will disappear when all the fronts are lively at the same time; and this contingency also the Germans, in forming their plan for the spring, must have taken into consideration.

What the Germans can do depends, of course, on their resources. At present their force are so disposed that it is hard to see where they are to obtain any strategic reserve to meet the coming onset.

Roughly speaking, their forces are equally divided between the East and the West. If the Russian offensive is violent and sustained enough it ought to detain practically the whole of the 135 divisions now concentrated against them, and I see no possibility of Germany having more than a million men of sorts to feed the wastage on either front during the prospective battles, the rate of casualty in which should exceed anything yet experienced in the war.

If, in four months on the restricted battle ground of the Somme, they lost between 600,000 and 700,000 men, it is easy to see that with all fronts going simultaneously they should have exhausted their power of reinforcement by midsummer; and once the Germans are all in, we can gauge the end of the war to a month or so.

The Germans have still a reserve of cavalry, and by dismounting the men they may produce a few more divisions; but battles on the Somme scale will soon swallow them up.

But not only will the Germans have the Russian and Franco-British fronts to consider, but also the Macedonian front and the Tigris, Caucasus and Beersheba battle-grounds. The Turks are now being so hard pressed that not only is it probable that they will ask for their two divisions to be returned from Riga but will insist as a condition of their continuance in the war that the Germans send them effective help.

Can Germany afford to disregard that appeal? If she does disregard it, then there is an end to her Berlin-Baghdad dream; if she responds to the appeal, it means so many men less to make good wastage on the Western front and so much shortening the duration of the

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Ayuthia	Arr.	9.3	11.41	3.33	5.45	Den Chai	"	...	...	...	7.1	2.4	...	12.35
Ban Phaji	Arr.	9.47	12.30	4.24	6.30	Tha Sao	"	...	...	...	7.18	2.4	...	12.51
						Utaradit	"	...	...	...	8.16	3.32	...	7.20
						Ban Dara	Arr.	...	...	...	8.1	3.1	...	7.20
Ban Phaji	Dep.	9.57	12.37	4.30	...	Sawa'loke	Dep.	...	...	...	7	...	...	2.1
Lopburi	Arr.	11.5	1.55	5.48	...	Ban Dara	Arr.	...	...	...	8.1	3.1	...	7.20
Chengkhet	Dep.	12.33	3.38	...	7.25									
Pak'pho	Arr.	2.17	5.40	...	9.54									
Pak'pho	Dep.	3.36	6.30	...	...	Ban Dara	Dep.	...	...	...	8.24	3.3	...	10.43
Pitsa'loke	Arr.	6	11.5	...	...	Pitsa'loke	Arr.	...	...	...	10.43	5.3	...	10.43
Pitsa'loke	Dep.	7.4	2.2	...	...									
Ban Dara	Arr.	9.5	4.18	...	...	Pitsa'loke	Dep.	...	...	...	1.45	7	...	10.3
						Pak'pho	Arr.	...	...	...	6.20	10.3	...	10.3
Ban Dara	Dep.	9.20	4.40	...	...									
S'kaloke	Arr.	10.21	5.41	...	...	Pak'pho	Dep.	3.52	...	...	7.20	10.4	...	10.4
Ban Dara	Dep.	9.10	4.26	...	...	Chengkhet	Arr.	6.21	...	...	9.32	12.3	...	12.3
Utaradit	"	10.6	5.29	...	...	Lopburi	Dep.	...	7.10	11.6	1.5	...	...	1.5
Tha Sao	Arr.	10.15	5.38	...	...									
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Lampang	"	4.52	...	...	...	Korat	Dep.	3.57	...	...	7	...	...	...
						Lat Bua Kao	Arr.	5.65	...	...	8.40	...	...	...
Ban Phaji	Dep.	10	12.30	4.41	...	Gengkoi	Dep.	...	7.18	11.82	1.5	...	...	1.5
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Hangkok	Dep.	7.45	...	...	3.50	Ayuthia	"	7.13	9.25	1.23	3.4	...	...	3.4
Petrien	Arr.	9.33	...	...	5.38	Hangkok	Arr.	9.28	11.35	3.16	6	...	...	6
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						Hangkok	Arr.	9.38	...	...	5.4	...	...	5.4



war. I do not envy Hindenburg in his dilemma, but, knowing his partiality for the East, I should be inclined to prophesy that he will risk the West and feed Mackensen down to the last moment.

Hindenburg can only mass his artillery at certain points, and it is always open to the Russians, who have come on wonderfully well both in respect to heavy guns and munitionment, to attack at points that upset the Prussian general's calculations.

And however long the Russian front is, any dents in the German line must react on their offensive operations elsewhere.

A curious thing about this war is the tendency of the German Higher Command to follow an obvious course. When Rumania entered the war it was obvious that seasoned divisions with a sufficiency of reserves and an imposing siege train would make a good show against unseasoned troops with nothing like the same amount of heavy artillery; so we had the great Rumanian 'strafing' expedition, which has brought the Germans little advantage except the acquisition of more territory, with which by now, in the absence of any decisive victory, they must be more than satiated.

#### Hindenburg's Plan.

It is the obvious thing for the Germans in the spring to act defensively in the West, where numbers and power of munitionment are against them, and to concentrate against Russia, which does not enjoy the same advantages.

But what Hindenburg hopes to gain from operations in the Eastern theatre baffles me. At the worst, our Russian friends could retreat still further into Russia, thus lengthening the German communications, and Germany would be no nearer a decisive victory than she was after the capture of Vilna.

However, Hindenburg has got to do something to justify continuance of the war, and as he is an Easterner I think we may safely plump for a continued offensive against Russia. It is quite on the cards, however, that our Russian friends may have some disagreeable surprises in store for Mackensen.

The Riga fighting shows that they have plenty of trump cards, but until the battles on the Sereth have had time to develop we should do well to reserve our opinion on the possibilities in the East.

Meanwhile it is our duty to feed Russia with as much war material as possible. It is up to us, along with Japan, to remedy any deficiencies in big guns,

heavy shells and aeroplanes, without which big guns lose half their value.

#### Rumanians Refitting.

We gather that the Rumanians are being refitted and reorganised, and their effectiveness in any future fighting will depend largely on their equipment.

Summed up, then, I foresee Hindenburg's plan to be, to leave the initiative with us in the West and to seek, with what desperation he may, to achieve decisive victory in the East.

But while Hindenburg may propose, it should be the Allies' business to dispose. If our Army in Salonika is to justify its existence it should react on Mackensen's operations on the North Rumanian front.

Our Italian friends should attract any surplus Austrian divisions to their side by the violence of their particular offensive, supported as it will be with fresh divisions, and, I presume, many new heavy guns, while we British, French, and Belgians in the West should so organise matters that we reap the fullest advantage from the German dispositions, realising that while the war can only be won in the West, victory is not possible unless there is a wise and effective plan directing operations on the whole of the Allied fronts.

Regarded in that light, no theatre ought to suggest itself as a subsidiary one. With such numbers and munitionment victory in 1917 ought to be a certainty.

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Persons desiring to carry on the sale of spirituous liquors in Mondol Krungdhep during the year 2460 must send in their applications to the Department of the Inspector-General of Finance and Registry of Revenue Farms and License Departments, Wat Muang Khae Lane, Bangkok.

Persons who already hold licenses for the present year should send the same attached to their applications to the above departments within the 15th. March B.E. 2459. The Licensing officers will not undertake to issue licenses in time for use on the 1st. April 2460 to any persons, being previous license holders, who fail to make their applications with license attached within the time above mentioned.

Dated 10th. February 1917.  
Department of the Inspector-General of Finance and Registry of Revenue Farms and License Department.  
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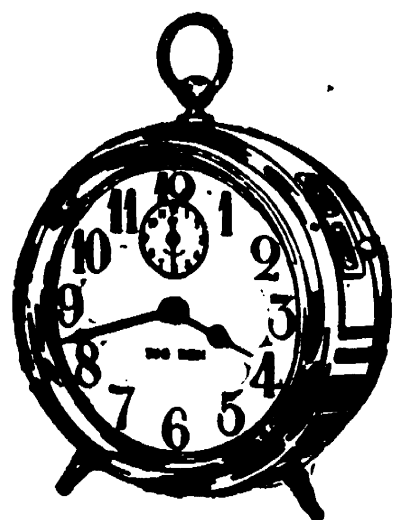
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### THE COST OF WAR.

Should the European War last for a full three years—and there is every indication that it is little likely to finish in less—it will have cost as much as the Napoleonic War, the American Civil War, the Franco-Prussian War, the Boer War and the Russo-Japanese War all combined, for, according to expert calculations, a sum of fifteen thousand million pounds sterling will have been spent by the end of the third year of hostilities. This is the figure which has been arrived at by an eminent American authority on national finance, and that his speculation is thoroughly warranted is shown by comparing it with an estimate made in October of last year by Count von Roeder, Secretary of the Imperial German Treasury, who put the total cost of the war to that date, for all the belligerents, at twelve thousand million pounds sterling. This gigantic amount is equal to twice the total indebtedness of every nation in the world before the War broke out. And the military cost is not all. On top of it there must be taken into account the wholesale destruction of buildings, bridges, roads, railways and ships, the wiping out of whole towns and villages, the laying waste of great tracts of cultivated land and valuable forests, and the loss to the community involved by all the private property that has been swept out of existence and all the business concerns and enterprises that have been seriously impoverished, if not wholly ruined. Furthermore, there is the enormous loss of production consequent upon labour being employed in turning out munitions and equipments of war instead of goods destined for mankind's use and benefit; and the economic loss occasioned by the devotion of people's savings to the purchase of guns, shells and so forth, instead of those savings being used in ways that tend to increase national wealth and prosperity. And there is the huge future expenditure on war pensions to be considered. All this means many additional thousands of millions. Beyond this again is the loss of its best manhood that each of the countries at war is sustaining, and all the potentialities for which that manhood stood. The sum total is staggering to contemplate, if, indeed, we are capable of fully realising it. We are told, and the experience of the past has led us to infer, that out of the worst apparent evil good may spring. The question therefore arises, is it possible that the after-effects of this appalling and well-nigh universal War can be such as in any adequate way to compensate for its prodigious cost in human lives and in treasure, for the fearful havoc and ruin it has caused, for the dire sufferings and dreadful misery it has occasioned, for the irreparable damage done to venerated monuments of architecture, and for the many rare books, unique manuscripts and priceless works of art given to the flames or otherwise lost to the world and beyond replacement? It may be and we sincerely hope it will be so. There are signs which indicate that this period of storm and stress is operating for future good. To be brought face to face with the great issues of life and death is calculated to make any man furiously to think, and the result must be apparent even in the most inconsequent. The iron hand of necessity has made the nations of Europe more sober, more economical, less irresponsible than of yore. Certain prejudices and false conventions have been banished, never, we think, to return. Quite possibly the future will show that this war, dreadful as it seems now, is not being waged in vain.

### British Official War Films.

The "Battle of the Somme" film was shown to His Majesty the King at Rajaburi on Saturday last. Also present were Their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Bhienuok, Prince Nagara Svarga and Prince Kambangbejr, likewise a number of high officials.

We are asked to state that a special show of the films can be arranged for any day this week up to and including Thursday on application to the management of the Pathanakorn Theatre.



### Court Circular.

Rajaburi, March 10th.

To-day the King reviewed all the troops, who had taken part in the Army manoeuvres, which came to conclusion yesterday.

His Majesty having ridden past all the regiments drawn up in four lines, the troops marched past in the following order:—

Chief of the General Staff of the Army, Director of the Manoeuvres, with his staff.

General officer commanding the "White" Force, with his staff.

General officer commanding 1st. Infantry Brigade.

King Chulalongkorn's 1st. Infantry Regiment of the Guards, 4 battalions.

11th. Infantry Regiment of the Guards, 4 battalions.

General officer commanding 2nd. Infantry Brigade.

2nd. Infantry Regiment, 2 battalions.

12th. Infantry Regiment, 2 battalions.

13th. Infantry Regiment, 2 battalions.

General officer commanding 4th. Infantry Brigade.

4th. Infantry Regiment, 3 battalions.

14th. Infantry Regiment, 3 battalions.

One battalion of Field Engineers.

One company of communication troops.

Composite Artillery Regiment of the "White" Force.

Composite Cavalry Regiment of the "White" Force.

General officer commanding the "Red" Force, with his staff.

General officer commanding 5th. Infantry Brigade.

5th. Infantry Regiment, 2 battalions.

15th. Infantry Regiment, 2 battalions.

7th. Infantry Regiment, 2 battalions.

General officer commanding 6th. Infantry Brigade.

6th. Infantry Regiment, 3 battalions.

16th. Infantry Regiment, 2 battalions.

General officer commanding 9th. Infantry Brigade.

9th. Infantry Regiment, 2 battalions.

18th. Infantry Regiment, 2 battalions.

17th. Infantry Regiment, 2 battalions.

One battalion of Field Engineers.

One detachment of Pontoniers with Bridge train.

One company of Communication troops.

Composite Artillery Regiment of the "Red" Force.

Composite Cavalry Regiment of the "Red" Force.

After the march past the troops formed up en masse, then advanced towards the King, stopped abruptly, and gave the Royal Salute, with loud continuous cheers.

In the evening His Majesty was graciously pleased to entertain over one hundred officers at dinner, after which various entertainments were given for the benefit of the troops.

### DUSIT PALACE.

Sunday, March 11.

This afternoon His Majesty the King with members of his suite, left Rajaburi by Special train for Bangkok.

At 5.45 the Royal train arrived at Bangkok Noi terminus. After having conversed with members of the Royal Family and officials who came to meet him, the King left the terminus by motor-launch and landed at the Vasukri Landing. From there His Majesty drove in a motor-car to Chitralada Villa.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Royal Siam Turf Club lottery sheets are now on the Club table.

THE s.s. *Kalong* left Singapore at 8 a.m. on Sunday the 11th inst. and may be expected to arrive at the Burmese Company's wharf on Wednesday morning about 10 a.m.

FOR the purpose of probate, the estate of Sir Joseph Beecham, the pill manufacturer of St. Helen's, has been sworn at £1,000,000. The patent medicine business will be formed into a private limited company with a capital of 50,000 £1 shares, 25,000 of which will be owned by the late Sir Joseph's sons, Sir Thomas Beecham and Mr. Henry Beecham.

A LONDON despatch states that the increased cost of production has necessitated an increase in the price of the "Illustrated London News," the "Graphic," the "Sphere," the "Tatler," the "Hystander," the "Sketch," "Country Life," the "Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News" and "Land and Water." The price of these papers will in future be 7d.

A ROTTERDAM despatch to the "Daily News" states that the Germans have succeeded in raising from Antwerp harbour the North German Lloyd liner *Gneisenau*, which was sunk by the Belgians before the evacuation of the port in October, 1914, in order to block the waterway. With the raising of this vessel, it is announced, the last hindrance to shipping entering Antwerp harbour is removed.



## Red Cross Fete.

The fete on Saturday evening last in aid of the British Red Cross Fund was a great success. A number of people dined at "Fairfield," and many more arrived later. Much praise is due to the promoters of the fete for the general excellence of all the arrangements. The attractions were many, and ranged from dancing to ballet-wielding. Mr. Dering proved a most energetic auctioneer, and was successful in securing very "sporting" bids for such things as a fragment of one of the Zeppelins brought down in England. As will be seen from the list we give, the first prize in the Red Cross Baffle was won by Mr. E. W. Trotter, and that fortunate gentleman secured the fifth prize in addition. Every one present seemed to be enjoying themselves, and the affair was most pleasant throughout. We have not yet ascertained the financial result, but are confident that there will be a very substantial amount for transmission to the British Red Cross Fund.

The following are the prize winners in the British Red Cross Baffle:

No.	1 Ticket No.	2nd Prize
1	1992	Mr. E. W. Trotter.
2	"	861. Mr. A. Brarley.
3	"	438. Messrs. Guan Tit Lee.
4	"	1928. Mon Chao Vipolya.
5	"	862. Mr. E. W. Trotter.
6	"	191. Mr. J. H. Heale.
7	"	1465. Mr. F. J. Dalgaard.
8	"	733. Mr. Ah Chave.
9	"	89. Mr. Lim Tah Laing c/o B. H. T. C.
10	"	1150. Messrs. Kamailji Mas-katti.
11	"	774. Mr. Adler, c/o Messrs. Dietheilm & Co.
12	"	1008. Mr. Ruen.
13	"	941. Mr. P. A. Church.
14	"	122. Messrs. Kim Seng Lee.
15	"	1786. Khun Pha.
16	"	1641. Phya Choduk.
17	"	323. Mr. R. C. R. Wilson.
18	"	1126. Messrs. A. K. Vasee.
19	"	433. Messrs. Guan Tit Lee.
20	"	1359. Mr. E. W. Townsend.
21	"	1210. Messrs. Alibhai Chinwalla.
22	"	1483. Mr. W. J. Hunter.
23	"	1163. Mr. H. H. Cook.
24	"	1300. Mr. A. E. Nana.
25	"	1202. Mr. Lawrence c/o R. E. D.
26	"	1582. Mr. de Berg.
27	"	1954. Mr. C. F. Hare.
28	"	711. Mr. L. S. Riganti.
29	"	520. Mr. T. H. Pollard.
30	"	1952. Mr. G. E. Hewitt.

Prize winners are notified that they can receive their prizes on presenting their tickets to Messrs. Tilleke and Gibbins.

The two Pekinese Pugs, which were raffled for Ticals 1,000, were won by Messrs. Kwang Lee, and the Fox Terrier, which was raffled for Ticals 180, was won by Mr. Seow Keng Lin.

The results of the Big Wheel Lottery were as under:

Red	105
White	425
Blue	934
Green	150
Yellow	166

If the winners do not put in claims within seven days, it will be taken for granted that the winnings are to be applied as donations to the Red Cross Fund.

The flag presented by Her Majesty Queen Alexandra to the Red Cross Society and bearing her autograph has not yet arrived. Nevertheless it was sold by auction and bought for Ticals 13,000.00 by Mr. Khoo Seng of the Kong Heng Seng Rice Mill.

\* The German who created such a stir by the publication of "J'accuse" some little time ago, commenting on the present situation says:—"The pacific tendency of Herr von Bethmann-Hollweg is born of despair. He has lost confidence, and no longer thinks he can force peace by victory. The latest utterance of the Kaiser reveals a spirit of unrest and agitation. It shows a marked decline of confidence, which means an inevitable rise of the peace barometer."

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## THE Great War.

## French Advance.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, March 11. French communiqué. Our attack yesterday between Butte du Meuil and Maison de Champagne was brilliantly successful, despite snow storms rendering marching difficult. We carried the enemy's positions on a front of 1500 metres to a depth of 600 to 800 metres.

## Transport Sunk.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, March 11. The War Office announces that the transport *Mendi*, with the final batch of South African native labourers, collided with another vessel in a thick fog off the Isle of Wight on February 21st. 12 European and 191 natives were saved, 10 Europeans and 615 natives were drowned.

## Bad Weather in Western Front.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, March 10. A report of Reuter's correspondent at headquarters dated March 8 states that a furious gale was sweeping over the battlefield of the Aisne, blinding snow squalls sometimes making it impossible to see more than a few hundred feet, and hampering aircraft. Our troops are working new lines on the frozen ground for the facilitation of transport.

The enemy is actively improving the front before Bapaume.

## Release of Yarrowdale Neutrals.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, March 9. Amsterdam.—The neutrals from the Yarrowdale, including Americans, have been released.

## Fighting in Champagne.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, March 10. Yesterday we carried by storm the greater part of the salient occupied by the enemy on February 15 between Butte du Meuil and Maison de Champagne. We took 100 prisoners. We overthrew the German organisations on the left of the Meuse between Hill 304 and Bois d'Avocourt. To-day we repulsed the enemy's counter-attacks, inflicting severe losses. We have established ourselves in the positions conquered yesterday in Champagne on a front of 1500 metres to a depth of 600 to 800 metres. Total prisoners 136, including 3 officers.

## Count Zeppelin.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, March 10. Geneva.—Count Zeppelin died of pleurisy.

## Annamese Appeal Dismissed.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, March 10. The appeal made by the Annamese Nguyenvanlun and Nguyenvanthink sentenced to penal servitude for life by the War Council at Saigon has been dismissed by the Court of Cassation.

## Gerard Disregards Warnings.

Corunna, Feb. 28.—The whole population of a certain Spanish port turned out to watch the embarkation of Mr. Gerard and his party of forty, in addition to a crowd of American refugees from Berlin. Mr. Gerard was specifically warned while in Berlin not to risk the voyage from Spain but ignored the warning. The steamer takes 1,700 Spanish emigrants for Cuba.

Washington, March 3.—The State Department is informed that Germany is detaining four American Consuls until officially advised by the United States that they are allowing German Consuls to proceed to the ports in South America to which they have been assigned. Irritation is being felt by the continued detention of Americans from the steamer Yarrowdale.

## British Legation Telegrams.

(British Legation telegrams are not to be regarded as official communications from His Britannic Majesty's Representative, unless they are marked "official.")

## The British Fronts.

London, March 9. Operations on the British fronts to 8th March: Despite discussions aroused by the German retirement in France, the explanation seems increasingly simple. The reports received daily concerning the ground, conditions and the positions occupied by the British made it clearer than ever that the enemy withdrew because he was so forced. The positions he held were becoming completely untenable. The destruction caused in the area ceded has been on a scale greater even than expected. The communication trenches to the ex-German front line are found to be almost unrecognisable, owing to the tremendous shelling to which they have been continually subjected. The casualties inflicted on the enemy during reliefs and carrying up rations prove to have been enormous by the number of unburied corpses which he left everywhere in his wake, therefore it is no wonder that the morale of his troops was breaking and that he feared the consequences. Daily the British improved their own position tactically, and at various points dominated the enemy with artillery still more, wherefore, he had no choice but to sacrifice his position to escape temporarily a more important disaster. Germany believes so strongly in moral effect as her conduct throughout the war has proved, that she had obviously shrunk up to the last from this necessary sacrifice. Undoubtedly it has been forced upon her. The fact that official German explanations of the retreat still desperately try to conceal its extent and importance confirms this view. Additionally, in a military sense, the German command held a weak position. The salient whether their line was being rapidly pinched grew sharper, becoming increasingly less worth holding. Could it be straightened they would theoretically be in a stronger position. Whether this will prove to be the case remains in question. A retreating force can less easily stand where wisdom than advancing forces. Meanwhile the interest is by no means ended. Mouchy, roughly the point on the German right whereon the retirement pivots becomes the centre and most forward point of the new salient further north created by the retirement itself. To hold Mouchy, which is on high ground flanking the present line, is obviously of value to the enemy. Equally obvious is it that he must sacrifice men to hold it.

The progress of operations in Mesopotamia and the Sinai peninsula continues to be satisfactory. General Maude, with a broken enemy before him, has advanced steadily in the direction of Baghdad. His cavalry is within a few miles, but it is possible that the Turks will make an effort to prevent the British troops from entering Baghdad by making a stand on the Dila river. The rate of advance has been somewhat slow, owing to the necessity of reorganising transport, making new and lengthening the old communications. Meanwhile the value of the victory at Kut is emphasised by the fact that two hundred miles north the Turkish columns are falling back before the Russians towards the Persian frontier, apparently retreating from Baghdad. Beyond the Sinai peninsula, within the borders of Palestine, the Turks have abandoned a fortified position of very considerable strength.

London, March 10. The United States Government, although momentarily impeded by the action of a dozen extremists, proceeds steadily with the policy of lawful resistance to the lawless methods of German high seas piracy. Meanwhile Sir Edward Carson in England gives the populace warning that the situation created by such methods is serious, and calls for strict economy, though it is in no way giving cause for either hardship or depression.

The moment is excellently chosen for the publication of the Dardanelles report, which, though a most grave and tragic document, provides in its perfect frankness an admirable guarantee of the sincerity of British official pronouncements.

The German retreat on the Aisne has now changed to ineffectual resistance. In Mesopotamia the British forces are so rapidly closing in upon Baghdad that if the city is not already in British hands its fall may well be considered imminent.

In Germany the food question now develops internal quarrels. In England Parliament again debated on the affairs of Ireland in a modern spirit of complete sympathy with Irish aspirations, for, though, the present moment offers no leisure for the final settlement of a problem so large and thorny, both countries make plain their anxiety for a friendly solution to be arranged by consent between the Irish themselves, for it is obviously impossible for England to make a settlement with one party that shall be intolerable to the other.

## Extracts From the Government Gazette.

(Of the 11th March 1917.)

The Estimates for the year 1916 B.E. for use from 1st April to 31st March are notified as follows:

Receipts Ticals 72,135,346 with equal disbursements. Also the following special expenditure:

Out of the funds of the Ministry  
Paid out of the Loan Tics. 13,350,996  
Paid out of the reserve for repayment of the Loan Tics. 811,980

Total Ticals 19,957,176

The Official Receiver notifies that a final dividend in the bankruptcy of Nai Theo the owner of the firm name of Nguan Thye will be paid in a week.

The February Financial report says that there were in circulation in that month Government notes to the value of Ticals 47,833,420 against which there were silver and scrip to a corresponding total.

The November "Cattle Returns" show: elephants 5257 for the Kingdom, horses, 94585, cattle 2,130,926 and buffaloes 1,979,229.

## Attacks in the East.

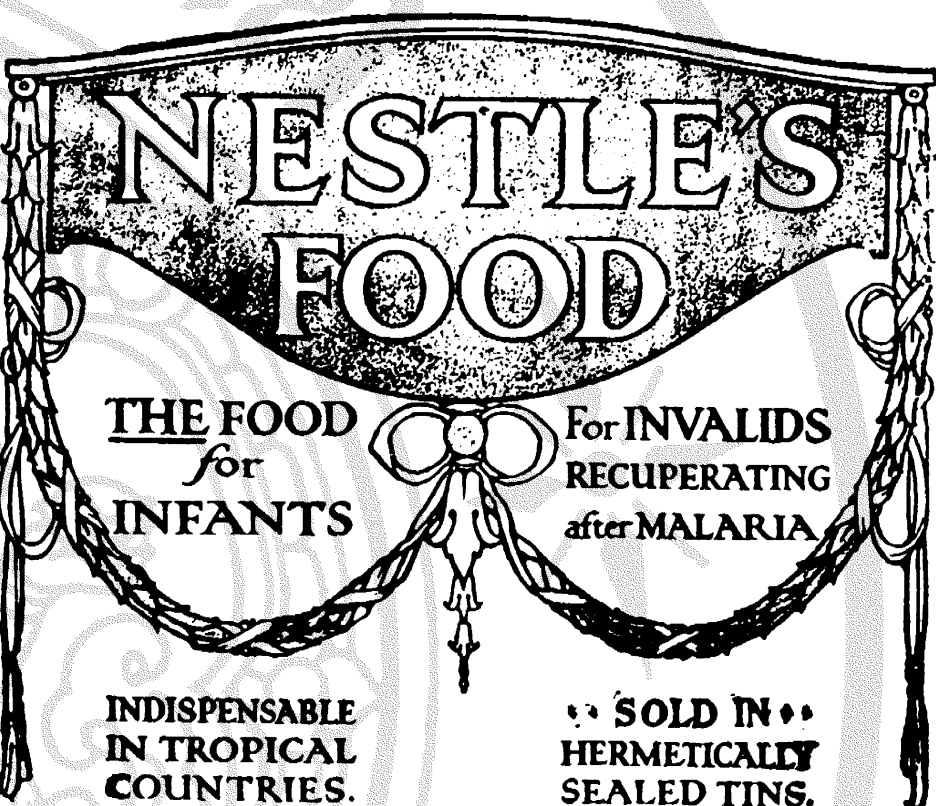
London, March 2.—Wireless. German Official. There was lively fighting west and south of Riga and between the upper Sereth and the Dniester.

London, March 3.—Wireless. Russian official. Our gas attack northward of Lake Narotch provoked a panic in the enemy's trenches and drove out the Germans, who, however, entered first line trenches southwestward of Brzezany.

Five Russian attacks failed to recapture heights north of the Valeputna road.

London, Mar. 4.—A German communiqué states that strong British reconnoitring detachments have made attempts to penetrate their trenches at Hailuch and Levin, which attacks were repulsed. There have been renewed violent infantry encounters on both banks of the Aisne, the British suffering sanguinary losses. The Germans broke in to the Russian position west of Luck to a depth of fifteen hundred metres and a width of two and a half kilometres, destroyed dugouts and captured three officers and 76 men and seven machine guns.

London, March 2.—Wireless. Russian Official. A German counter-attack drove out the Romanians from the height northward of the Zaval river. We annihilated two fieldposts north of the Rinnik river.



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### General Wire News.

London, Mar. 4.—The Allied Missions have returned from Russia with the most satisfied results of the visit.

Petrograd, Mar. 4.—The Duma has debated the recent arrest of workmen. M. Konovaloff, Vice-President of the committee, described the arrest as the gravest blunder, and paid a tribute to the patriotism of the workmen, who were determined to make every sacrifice to secure victory. He declared that mysterious bands four days ago prevented the publication of an appeal to the workmen to return to work.

Amsterdam, Mar. 4.—At Berlin, Bethmann Hollweg received a deputation of the so-called most active of the Flemish groups from Flanders. He expatiated on the affinities of the Germans and Flemings and said he would be glad to help the latter in the struggle against the penetration of French customs. He said the Kaiser approved of the Governor-General's measures, which were aiming for the free development of the Flemish nation. This policy must be carried out during the occupation in order to secure and complete the administrative separation of the two parts of Belgium, but both would be united under the Governor-General.

London March 2.—Reuter's representative at Headquarters says aeroplanes have profited by the bright sunshine and clear atmosphere in March, 8 to observe the extent and direction of the German retirement, despite the counteractivity of hostile aeroplanes. An official report shows the enemy moved mostly at night time.

The Admiralty announces that in Mesopotamia the river gunboats Taran-tula, Mantis and Moth came in contact with and passed the retreating Turkish army, westward of Shumaran on Feb. 28th. Our gunboats inflicted heavy losses and captured or destroyed four Turkish steamers and a number of barges containing ammunition.

London, March 3.—A Press Bureau message says the King has congratulated General Haig on the army's splendid work and steady persistent pressure in forcing the enemy to quit carefully prepared and strongly fortified positions. The successes are a fitting sequel to the fine achievements on the Somme and great credit is due to those responsible for the drawing up of the plans of campaign. General Haig has warmly acknowledged His Majesty's generous commendations.

Copenhagen, March 4.—German military experts state the British have taken over a new part of the west front from the French. The above possibly refers to the fact indicated in a recent Haig communique that the British line

now extends to the east beyond Sully-Sulivert.

### Indian Army Pay.

London, March 3.—In the House of Commons in reply to Mr. Ross regarding the grievances of Indians, Mr. Chamberlain said the Indian Government had carefully re-examined the question of pay and promotion and were in communication with him and the War Office. In view of the length of the war and the arduous campaign in which the Indian army has been engaged, he now sanctioned with the concurrence of the War Office a further acceleration of the time scale for promotion during war, and a grant of pay corresponding to rank. Under the revised scheme the promotion to a lieutenant would be after one year's service, to captain after four years, and to major after fifteen years. This scale of promotion would take retrospective effect from September 1st 1915 and would carry arrears of pay from September 1st 1916. He was still communicating with the Indian Government with regard to certain details, but he hoped the whole scheme would be published in a few weeks.

Continuing Mr. Chamberlain said with regard to sick leave pay the Indian Government represented to him that the rates inadequately met the circumstances of officers badly wounded or suffering from serious illness contracted on the field of service, and he had asked the War Office to concur in proposals for granting better rates with regard to such cases. With regard to placing Indian Army men on half pay, after two years if unfit for duty in India, he was not satisfied that half pay was altogether appropriate for the present conditions of the Indian Army, but he was consulting with the Indian Government. He had also tempered the rule regarding the removal from the effective list after two years whenever it was possible to find employment either in India or Britain for disabled officers. The Government sympathised and co-operated with him to the fullest regarding these matters.

London, Mar. 1.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Macpherson announced that a commission under the chairmanship of Mr. Winston Churchill will examine the question of officers' promotion and deal with the anomalies of the existing system.

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### Finance and Commerce.

Cairo, March 1.—A garden party was given in honour of the Maharajah of Bikanir at the British residency. Sir J. Weston, and Sir S. N. Sinha are visiting Luxor.

London, March 1.—There is considerable excitement at Manchester at the raising of the duty on cotton wool imported into India, while the countervailing excise is unchanged. Protests will be promptly made on the ground that the change imposes a four per cent. protective duty against Lancashire.

London, March 2.—The Press Bureau states that representatives of the Overseas Dominions attended to-day's War Cabinet. The special Imperial War Cabinets have been postponed pro tem.

London, March 2.—It is stated the Hon. Neil Primrose is resigning the post of Chief Whip and may be appointed to a new Intelligence Department to assist Mr. Lloyd George.



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### "Navalism."

(By LORD DUNSANY.)

Again a whine from Germany. This time because England is mistress of the seas. "Is not this navalism?" says the Cologne Gazette "a thousand times more complete and more oppressive than anything that German militarism, which in reality does not exist, is supposed to have done?" To say that German militarism does not exist is a slightly premature outburst of optimism. Europe cannot flatter herself that she is yet rid of this most terrible scourge while Belgians are still in slavery. But to turn from this cheerful prospect to "navalism," what would become of the seas if it were not for the Royal Navy? The next great power at sea is Germany. Did not the German Emperor not so many years ago, forgetful for the moment of the Royal Navy, describe himself as the Admiral of the West? What would happen to the world if the whole of the High Seas Fleet were permitted by Admiral Jellicoe to put out on the high seas?

Germany has two policies, the policy of her world, which is freedom of the seas, and, though her meaning is not very clear, the words have a pleasant sound; and the policy of her deeds, which is actually slavery in Belgium and indiscriminate murder of whom ever she can kill at sea. To investigate the first policy is scarcely of practical interest, as it would not appear to be operative until the Admiral of the West had got rid of Admiral Jellicoe, but does it mean that if the Germans held the seas they would let provisions go through their lines to their enemy? They do not do that on land.

But as more importance attaches to deeds than words let us look at their second policy to see what would really happen if British "Navalism" was no longer there to stand between the world and the Admiral of the West. If in fact there was nobody to control his fury. Only by computing what they have lost already in consequence of the very few German submarines that have got through the blockade can neutral nations realise the enormity of the disaster of a whole German fleet at large. If they could all get out of their excellent canal, to carry out their purely German doctrine of sinking without warning up and down those High Seas after which their fleet is named, it may surely be said, judging by what has been achieved already, that there would not be a sailor's family not in mourning anywhere in the world.

The British Navy is the strong steel chain fastening up the mad dog, and the Cologne Gazette is angry and calls the chain oppressive. But it is not only

for the lives of its peaceful sailors going unarmed about the seas in the boats of various nations that the world has to thank the British Navy. It has to thank it that that devilish grasp that has seized and ruined Belgium has not closed its unspeakable fingers horribly on the whole world. For without that navalism that the Cologne Gazette finds oppressive we could never have gone to the help of France and we could have sent no munitions into Russia; without Italian navalism Venice could have been destroyed from the sea as Louvain was by land, and—ah, sweet German dream!—the world would have had now to bow to the will of him by whose orders were drowned so many women and children, the German Emperor, "unser lieber Kaiser." Had such a fleet as the High Seas Fleet

been united with such enormous strength and long preparation by land, without the British Navy to keep it where it is, that power must have crushed the Allies, and after them the rest. No land could have held out against such an army, with such munitions laid by for so many years, with a German fleet in unchallenged command of the sea. Each nation as it went down would have left less hope for the others. The world would have been German.

To understand the vastness of this calamity one would need to know the German governing classes, and the crushing ideals that animate them, and the little ways they have to stamp out freedom, and the personal character of the monarch they serve. But let it suffice that all lands have little ideals

of their own to which they cling and for which they die in their uncultured way, that all these ideals in all lands are different one from another, and Mother Earth is the richer for them all. All the labour of years, and the gifts of time, the harvest coming home in a thousand seasons, the treasures won from sorrow or made from joy, the churches praising God in their various ways, chance songs of some poet dead (who knows how long?) old stories, battles even, many wonders and dreams, all go to make one nation what another cannot be, to weave as it were the robe that Liberty wears in all men's sight in that nation. From such a scene as this let us turn in silence to Flanders to behold poor Liberty there!

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