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" "Nankin" May 26	" "Karmala"	" 26
" "Novara" June 9	" "Morea"	July 10
" "Nagoya" June 23	" "Khyber"	" 24
" "Malta" July 6	" "Medina"	Aug. 7
" "Somali" July 20	" "Mongolia"	" 21
" "Nankin" Aug. 3	" "Malwa"	Sept. 4

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" "Novara" do do	Aug 21
	Sept 29

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For China.

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" "Malta" May 14	" "Khyber"	" 15
" "Nyanza" May 28	" "Karmala"	" 15
" "Nagoya" June 11	" "Morea"	" 29
" "Somali" June 25	" "Khyber"	May 13
" "Nankin" July 9	" "Medina"	" 27
" "Malta" July 23	" "Mongolia"	" 27
" "Novara" July 30	" "Malwa"	June 10
" "Nore" Aug. 6	" "Kaiser-i-hand"	" 24
" "Malta" Aug. 20	" "Mooltan"	" 24
" "Nankin" Sept. 3	" "Kashgar"	July 8
" "Sardinia" Sept. 17	" "Karmala"	" 22
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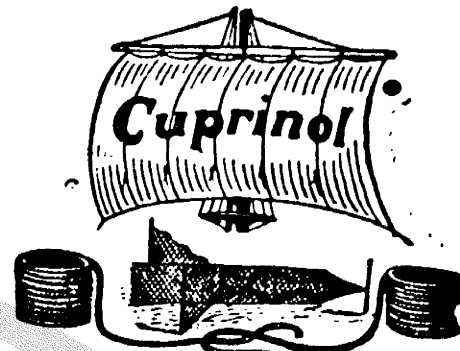
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"Asdang"	...	11th	"	"
"Yugala"	...	15th	"	"
"Boribot"	...	22nd	"	"
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DEPTH OF WATER ON THE  
BANGKOK BAR.  
FOR JULY, 1916.

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

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

PHASES OF THE MOON.  
June 30th O New Moon 5.25 p.m.  
July 8th ) First Quarter 6.37 p.m.  
15th O Full Moon 11.22 a.m.  
22nd ) Last Quarter 6.15 a.m.  
30th O New Moon 8.57 a.m.

## Telegraph Lines.

The Post and Telegraph Department reports that Malay Peninsula main line is interrupted between Prachinabikrikan and Local line is not properly working with Singora. Other lines are in order.

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HONGKONG.  
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CHANDABURI  
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Saturday 8th 10 a.m. s.s. Asiang

## Exchange Rates.

## To-day's Quotations.

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Bank Bills, demand 1/6 7/16  
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PARIS—  
Bank Bills, demand —  
GERMANY—  
Bank Bills, demand —  
NEW YORK—  
Bank Bills, demand U.S.A. 36  
INDIA—  
Bank Bills, demand Rs. 113 3/4  
SINGAPORE—  
Bank Bills, demand \$65 1/2  
HONGKONG—  
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## The Jutland Battle.

## French Opinion.

Paris, June 4.—"Le Temps," in explaining the position of the British fleet, says "It is hard for sailors trained in battle to patrol the seas unendingly and only to meet a few dozen submarines. The British fleet, rightly adapted itself to that. The necessity at present is war preparation more than operation. It is a war of Governments more than of armies. The victory will be not only to the bravest but above all to the most intelligent. The blockade enforced as Lord Hugh Cecil has defined it, will be worth more than a naval victory. The British have won these, however, for the blockade continues and we are redoubling our watchfulness and tightening our grip and this will suffice." Other French newspapers consider that Germany wishes to hasten the issue of the war which is exhausting her and she fears the hour when the Allies will be in possession of all her means of action and material.

The "Intransigeant" states that the German expedition fled owing to the arrival in good time of British reinforcements.

London, June 4.—Although the only ships mentioned as taking part in the battle are those which sustained casualties, reports from Edinburgh favour the belief that both the Australia and the New Zealand participated in the action.

"The Daily Express" states that probably Zeppelins are largely responsible for the enemy's escape. Their real function was to play the part of eyes to the fleet and the withdrawal of the Germans before the British Dreadnoughts arrived suggests that they possess far-seeing eyes.

The "Pall Mall Gazette" states that the embittered tone of the earlier press comment upon the battle was due to the absence of Admiral Jellicoe's second communiqué which was issued after one o'clock in the morning. It adds— "When both are compared with the German version there is no ground for depression respecting the general naval situation." The "Daily Telegraph" states that the North Sea engagement was fought under conditions favourable to the enemy. The assertion that the enemy fought against superior forces is not borne out by the Admiralty statement, and it may be dismissed as an invention put into circulation to minister to the satisfaction of the German public. We are poorer by the loss of

precious lives and valuable ships but we must guard against undue pessimism. Our Battle Fleet remains today in its magnificent power. Nothing has occurred to affect in any degree that hold which our Navy has exercised during the last two years upon the ocean communications of the world. Evening newspapers issued special editions which were selling in the streets a few minutes after the publication of the official announcement. There was a great excitement as particulars of the casualties had not been published and a more complete story was eagerly awaited.

## Russian Admiralty.

Petrograd, June 5.—Great public admiration is felt here in the naval fight. Englishmen recognised in the streets were greeted with the salutation "Thank you England." Newspapers consider that the battle was an undoubted British success. "Rusky Invalid" says: "It dispels the hopes reposed in the precocious German navy."

## German Survivors.

Copenhagen, June 4.—Many steamers arriving in Danish harbours report that the sea is covered for miles with evidence of the fearful battle. The wreckage is thick and widespread. Mines are scattered broadcast with a great number of torpedoes. The Germans were picked up on a raft which belonged to torpedo boat No. 45. They declare that they are the only survivors and though reticent said they believed that about twenty German torpedo boats were destroyed. German survivors landed in Holland confirm the report of the destruction of the Frauenlob and the Elbing. Survivors from a German torpedo boat picked up by a Swedish steamer estimate that twenty German torpedo boats were destroyed, and that the German losses were colossal. It is

officially declared at the Hague that two officers and eighteen men of the Elbing's crew and also a British surgeon have been liberated in accordance with the Red Cross Convention because the trawler which rescued them did not communicate with the warships.

## Security of Holy Places.

London, June 28.—In the House of Lords, Lord Crewe emphasised that it had always been the Government's view that the holy places in Arabia and Mesopotamia must be secured under Moslem control. It seemed likely that the Sherif's revolt would render it far easier to encourage a renewal of pilgrimages.

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### French Losses Before Verdun.

The French, it would be puerile to deny, have paid and are paying the price which their heroic resistance at Verdun demands. Their losses have probably been proportionately greater than at any other time throughout the Verdun fighting. It would, nevertheless, be folly to imagine that the bulk of the French general reserves has been flung into the battle. The relief given by the British in taking over the front of the French Tenth Army, liberating it for service elsewhere, is an indication of the method by which the heavy losses at Verdun are constantly being made good.

The fact that the enemy has been forced to scratch together fresh divisions from Russia, the Balkans, and from the northern front is the best evidence of the price which the French are exacting for every yard of advance made by the Germans towards the eastern gates. Some indication of the price is contained in the "Echo de Paris" in a telegram from the Verdun front. The writer says it is proved that from May 20 to May 25, seven different divisions were flung into battle on both sides of the Meuse. Four of these were brought from other points of the western front—two from Flanders, two from the Somme.

On the left bank alone four divisions were employed in recent week-end fighting. Without thought of the enormous losses caused by our curtain fire and machine guns, the German command threw them one after the other into the boiling-pot east and west of the Mort Homme. On May 23 alone, before the capture of Cumieres village, the enemy made no fewer than sixteen attacks upon the front from Avocourt Wood to the Meuse. Over 50,000 men that day climbed the slopes of the Mort Homme and the plateau of Hill 304. The great charnel heap had 15,000 fresh corpses flung upon it without the French lines having yielded.—Ex.

Paris, May 30.—The infatuation of these German mass attacks, in which thousands of lives are sacrificed for paltry gain or none at all, is no longer to be explained by considerations relating to the person of the Crown Prince—who, indeed, if rumour speaks truly, is no longer in command of the operations.

It is connected with facts of more radical importance. The military position of the Central Empires is beyond question greatly aggravated. It will be noted that all the later attacks were limited to narrow parts of the sector on the west of the Meuse, without any supporting action at the east bank. The "Liberte" states that the new division allotted to belonged to a corps of reserves engaged at Verdun from

the beginning of the battle, and recently reconstituted with new units.

We know, however, that the mass of recent reinforcements brought into play at Verdun have come from other points of the German fronts—Eastern, Southern and Western—and that those other fronts can now give little or no further aid.

The removal of seven or eight divisions from Serbia to the main fields means not only that Turkey and Bulgaria will now have all they can do to help themselves; it virtually signifies (as Colonel Feyler says to-day) the suppression of the German Balkan front, the commencement of a process that must soon lead to a retirement in France and Belgium.

Colonel Feyler, who has just visited Verdun adds that many German companies now engaged there include a proportion (amounting to one third or two fifths) of lads belonging to the 1916 class, and an exaggerated contingent of men wounded in previous battles but more or less cured.

The butcheries of Verdun form a bloody curtain intended to conceal from the German people, and possibly benevolent neutrals, the prospect of an inevitable descent to impotence and full despair.

### Military Medal for Women.

London, June 28.—A Royal Warrant states that in exceptional circumstances the Military Medal can be awarded to women who have shown bravery and devotion under fire.

### Rainfall.

We have received the following telegraphic reports of rainfall from the Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Lands and Agriculture:

MONDOL KRUNG DEB.	
At Minburi	June 30 38.7 mm.
" Min. of L. & A.	July 4 3.0 "
" Samudprakar	" 4 44.5 "
MONDOL KRUNG KAO.	
At Krung Kao	July 3 14.3 "
" Singburi	" 3 1.7 "
" Angtong	" 3 14.1 "
" Lobburi	" 3 21.0 "
MONDOL NAGOR JAISRI.	
At Sumsagor	June 30 14.2 "
" Sumsagor	July 2 1.8 "
" Nagor Pathom	" 3 2.5 "
MONDOL RAJBURI.	
At Bejraburi	July 3 7.0 "
MONDOL PRACHIN.	
At Prachinburi	July 3 26.0 "
" Khawengsao	" 3 26.7 "
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**Great War.**

**Prussian Battalion Surrenders.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, July 5.

Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters reports that a whole battalion of Prussian infantry has surrendered to the British near Fricourt.

**German Defences Broken.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, July 5.

Petrograd Official.—The Russians broke two lines of German defences at Baranovitchi and captured 72 officers, 2,700 men, eleven guns, and a number of machine guns.

**Rains Interfere with British Offensive.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, July 5.

General Sir Douglas Haig to-night reports that torrential rains interfered somewhat with the offensive.

The Situation south of the Ancre is unchanged.

Prisoners now exceed five thousand.

To day's operations were chiefly minor local enterprises with a view to retaining gains.

**Lord Derby.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, July 5.

Lord Derby has been appointed Under-Secretary for War.

**German Second Line Passed.**

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, July 4.

Yesterday we passed beyond the German second line and got as far as the first of ten batteries which contain five big calibre guns.

The total of prisoners taken by us now exceed 8,000.

To-day we penetrated into enemy trenches north-east of Beuvraignes, opposite Vingre, and took back prisoners.

On the right bank of the Meuse, we repulsed six attacks north-west of Thiaumont inflicting heavy losses. We retained all our positions.

**Capture of Laboiselle.**

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, July 4.

London.—We took Laboiselle, the German troops surrendering. We are making progress at other points. We have taken 4,300 prisoners.

**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**

THE S.S. "Drufar" brought 664 deck passengers from Swatow to-day.

THE B. M. C. has received a fresh stock of Australian apples by the s.s. "Kuala."

THE Star Hotel has opened a Grill-room where meals could be obtained up to midnight.

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From next term, Mr. E. A. Laydeker will lecture on the Law of Bankruptcy at the Law School.

H. H. The Director-General of Customs and Excise Department notifies that tenders will be received for the supply of Opium.

A SUBSCRIPTION list for the Portuguese Red Cross Fund is open at the Portuguese Legation. The list closes on the 30th this month.

THE S.S. "Kuala" will leave from the Borneo Company's wharf at 4 p.m. sharp, on Friday the 7th inst., and should arrive in Singapore on Tuesday daylight.

**Siamese Consul at Calcutta.**

His Majesty has been pleased to appoint Luang Bua Pariwatra as Consul for Siam in Calcutta. His assistants will also be Siamese. This is the first time that a Siamese has been appointed Consul in India's Capital.

**The Tour of the Minister of Interior.**

H. E. Chao Phya Surasit, Minister of the Interior, was accompanied on his tour of inspection by Phya Pichai Santhorn, Phra Montri Pochanakit and Phra Sri Sana. The party left on the 2nd instant.

**An Amateur Concert.**

His Majesty the King having graciously given permission for the use of the Theatre Royal for the purpose, an amateur concert in aid of the Russian Red Cross Fund and the Scout Cruiser Fund will be given on the 22nd instant.

Several local amateurs have promised to take part and a pleasing and varied programme has been arranged in which is included Russian songs and dances in national costumes. An orchestra of about 15 men, mostly amateurs, will render the necessary music under the direction of Mr. P. Feit. Seats can now be booked at the British Dispensary.

**A New Straits Act.**

By the courtesy of the British Legation we are able to draw the attention of owners and masters of vessels to an important notification contained in the Straits Gazette of June 29 last, which is to the effect that masters and the crew of vessels arriving at the ports of Singapore, Penang, Malacca or Labuan shall not land unless they have in their possession a passport issued by the Governments of their respective countries, with a photograph. There is a provision for temporary provision to land which may be granted by the Master Attendant or Harbour Master of a port acting under the orders of the Governor. This regulation will most likely apply to Norwegian and Danish vessels playing between this port and Singapore.

THE following are leaving by the s.s. "Kuala" to-morrow:—Mrs. Gollo, Mrs. Thornely, Mr. J. M. Milne, Mr. W. I. Hunter, Mr. Ford Conrey and Mr. Nieuwkeet.

A CHINESE Importer has been sentenced, by the Appeal Court, to 10 days imprisonment for offering the sum of Tcs. 10 to an examining officer of customs, and the money has been confiscated.

**Gift Aeroplane for India.**

London, June 28.—The Leeds Chamber of Commerce has decided to raise two thousand guineas to present India with an aeroplane, which will probably be sent to the western front and despatched to India after the war.

**London Oriental School.**

London, June 28.—The Governors of the London Oriental School have co-opted Mr. C. C. McLeod and Sir Montagu Turner, and have asked the China Association to nominate a member in accordance with the charter for three appointments with special regard to the interests of commerce.

**Steadying Exchange.**

London, June 28.—Mr. McKenna has accepted an amendment to the Finance Bill authorising Municipalities like London, Manchester, etc., to issue securities in the United States free of taxation. This is expected further to steady exchange.

**Biography of Kitchener.**

London, June 29.—The Daily Express says that the biography of Lord Kitchener has been entrusted to Sir George Arthur, with Lord Derby as adviser.

**Half-Pound of Meat a Week.**

The Berlin Municipal Council has issued new regulations for the distribution of meat and fat.

Every bread ticket holder is now entitled to half a pound of meat or fat a week, so long as there are sufficient supplies. These regulations are to come into force immediately. Citizens are advised to put down their names at their butcher's without delay. Whether these rations will be increased, and if so, when, depends on the available supplies, which, it is expected, will speedily be regulated by the "Food Dictator," who has not yet been appointed. The same rations have been allotted to the population of Charlottenburg.

The Berlin Soup Kitchen Society has decided to use six "Gulasch cannons" (portable kitchens) for feeding the poorer classes.



## Personal.

Phya Barihar Rajamanob, Phya Bhaisai Silpasatra and Phya Raj Daranrakab returned from Chiangmai on Saturday last having been away only a fortnight.

Phya Siriedi Potchanakorn of the Ministry of the Interior left on Sunday last for Bhisanulok on Government duty.

H.E. Phya Chassanya Bodi returned to Bangkok from Korat yesterday.

We regret to learn that H.E. Phya Sri Dharmadhiraj is laid up with an attack of fever. He has not been attending at the Ministry of Local Government for some time now.

## Shell Secrets.

## Editor Sentenced to Three Month's Imprisonment.

An article on the manufacture of howitzer shells in a technical paper led to the appearance at Bow-street of Clarence Allen, the editor. He was summoned for publishing information likely to be useful to the enemy. Mr. Bodkin explained that the article was written by an engineer for engineers. The danger was that it might get into the hands of the enemy and give exactly the information required to make the shells.

The article was written by Mr. G. E. Allin, who was connected with a company which had been manufacturing the shells. When sending the article Mr. Allin wrote pointing out that it ought to be submitted to the Censor before publication, but the defendant replied saying that he did not propose asking the consent of the Ministry of Munitions as the article would be pretty certain not to meet with their approval.

The Magistrate said he was bound to treat the case as one of extreme gravity, and passed a sentence of three months in the second division. Notice of appeal was given.

## Aviator to Fly Across Pacific.

Porter Atwell Adams, whose plans to fly across the Pacific were revealed last March, is getting more publicity for his daring scheme. A despatch from Atlantic City says: "Porter Atwell Adams of Boston says he expects 'to circle the globe in 14 days in the greatest aeroplane ever constructed.'"

"He arrived here today to visit his mother at the Hotel Traymore, after an absence of six months in California supervising the construction of the motors for his machine. Adams said he expects to leave San Francisco next January. He plans to cross the Pacific in a series of flights, going first to Honolulu, thence, to Wake Island, Guam and Manila, and from there to the Asiatic mainland at Saigon, Indo-China. His route will take in Madras, Aden, Sicily, Gibraltar, the Azores and Newfoundland.

"Mr. Adams' flier, he says, is to have a lifting capacity of 32,000 pounds and his crew will comprise six men. It will be propelled by eight 125-horsepower motors, and he expects to average 90 miles an hour. Supplies of fuel and reserve motors will be provided in advance at the Pacific Ocean stops."

## No Heroes Need Apply!

According to a Berne message received by the Wireless Press, the Chief of the Italian General Staff, General Cadorna, has a strong objection to "showy" officers who risk their own lives and those of their men in acts of bravado which have no real military value.

"We have no use for heroes of romance," he says. When Reppino Garibaldi, who is noted for his reckless courage, sought a commission in the Italian Army, after having served in the earlier part of the war as a volunteer in France, he was recommended by D'Annunzio as "one of our bravest."

"That is bad," retorted General Cadorna tersely.

"He sings and laughs amid a hail of enemy explosives," continued D'Annunzio.

"Bad, bad," replied General Cadorna.

"At the mere sight of him his men become seized with an enthusiasm that leads them to rush joyfully to death in an intoxication of holy ardor," proceeded D'Annunzio.

"Worse and worse," responded General Cadorna.

"What qualities then, are required?" asked D'Annunzio.

"I am of the opinion, answered General Cadorna, "that he should be taught first of all not to get killed himself and not to expose his men without need. An officer who is worthy of his position does not fear death, but he does not despise life. He must be cool, methodical, and serious."

## German News Service.

Headquarters, June 7.

**Official German Telegram.** Western theatre: In extension of the success obtained on June 2, on the heights south east of Ypres, Upper Silesian and Wurttemberg troops yesterday attacked the British positions near Hooge. The remainder of the village, which up to now has been in the hands of the enemy, and the connecting trenches westwards and southwards, were taken by the Germans.

The entire heights in the districts south-east and east of Ypres, in an extension of about 3 kilometres, are in German hands. The British losses have been heavy. Again the Germans could make only a small number of prisoners.

West of the Meuse strong French forces, after an energetic artillery preparation, three times attacked the German lines on the Courettes Heights, but were repulsed. The whole position without exception, is in German hands. East of the Meuse, the hard fighting which commenced on June 2, between the Caillotte forest and Dambloup has further progressed. The armoured fort of Vaux, since last night, has been completely in German hands.

In fact, the fortress was stormed on June 2, by the first company of the infantry regiment No. 158 (Paderborn) under Lieutenant Rackow, assisted by pioneers of the 1st company of the Reserve Pioneer Battalion No. 20, under Lieutenant of the reserve Ruberg. The storming troops were soon followed by other parties of these excellent troops. The publication until now, has been suppressed, in view of the fact that the remainder of the French garrison still held subterranean rooms inaccessible for the Germans.

These have now surrendered. The number of prisoners, including those captured yesterday, during the useless relieving attempts, reached more than 700 unwounded. Further a large number of guns, machineguns and minethrowers were captured.

The combats on the heights both sides of Vaux and for the ridge south-east of the village of Dambloup, were victoriously terminated. The enemy during the last few days made desperate efforts to prevent the fall of the fort and the connecting positions.

All counter attacks failed with the heaviest losses for the enemy. Besides the Paderborn regiment, other Westphalian, Lippe and East Prussian troops especially distinguished themselves in these combats. The Emperor bestowed the Order Pour le Merite upon Lt. Rackow.

June 8.

The artillery engagements on both sides of the Meuse continued with undiminished violence.

June 9.

The German artillery near Liboux, southwest of Peronne, caused the explosion of hostile ammunition depots. They also shelled the enemy's camp and troop transports near the railway station of Suippe, in the Champagne and obtained visibly good successes, on the western side of the Meuse against the French batteries, as well as infantry and automobile truck columns.

On the right side of the Meuse, the engagement progresses advantageously for the Germans hostile counterattacks, with strong forces against the Douaumont wood and between Chapitre forest and Fort Vaux broke down without exception. The enemy suffered severe losses.

In the Voges, west of St. Die, the Germans by mine blastings, destroyed large parts of the hostile trenches.

June 10.

On the western bank of the Meuse, fighting against the hostile batteries and trenches was efficiently continued. On the eastern bank of the Meuse, the Germans continued their attacks. The enemy in violent engagements were thrown from several positions on the ridge southwest of Fort Douaumont and in the Chapitre forest also on the Fumin Ridge.

West of Fort Vaux, Bavarian Chassours and East Prussian infantry stormed a strong French field-work, which together with its occupants more than 500 men and 22 machineguns fell into German hands. Total number of prisoners made since June 8 amounts to 28 officers and more than 1500 men.

On the Hartmannswierkopf, a German patrol brought in several French prisoners from the hostile trenches.

June 11.

On both sides of the Meuse, there were violent artillery duels. The booty made during the attack east of the Meuse, as reported yesterday, has been increased by three guns and 7 machineguns.

West of Markirch, a German patrol which entered an enemy trench, captured an officer and 17 men.

June 12.

North of Perthes, German reconnoitring detachments entered the French positions. After a short struggle, they captured 8 officers and more than 100 men and methodically returned to their own trenches.

On both sides of the Meuse, lively artillery fire is going on.

Berlin, June 9.

**Official (delayed).** On May 31, a German submarine destroyed a large modern British torpedo boat destroyer off the Humber.

According to a statement made by a member of the crew of the sunken British destroyer Tipperary, who was rescued by the Germans, the British armoured cruiser Enyalyns (12,000 tons) was set afire in the battle off Skagerack

by the German ships and was completely consumed.

After the battle, the German sea forces brought in: 1 ensign and 1 man from the battle cruiser Queen Mary, 2 men from the battle cruiser Indefatigable, 7 men of whom 2 are wounded from the destroyer leader Tipperary, 3 officers, 2 non-commissioned officers and 75 men of whom 6 are wounded from the destroyer Nestor, 4 officers, 63 men of whom 1 officer and ten men are wounded from the destroyer Nomad and 14 men, all wounded from the destroyer Turbulent. These 177 British were rescued by small German cruisers and torpedo boats.

The prisoners rescued by the German 5th torpedo boat flotilla declared that they saw the sinking of the small cruiser Birmingham (5530 tons) and that the battle cruiser Princess Royal (30,000 tons) listed heavily when her sister ship Queen Mary sank.

Other Britishers rescued by the German 3rd torpedo boat flotilla, made a written declaration that they saw with certainty the sinking of the battleship Warspite, the battle cruiser Princess Royal and the destroyers Turbulent, Nestor and Alcastor.

During the month of May, 56 ships of the Entente Powers, with a tonnage of 118,530 were sunk by German and Austro-Hungarian submarines or by mines.

Berlin, June 7.

**Official (delayed in transmission).** The Admiralty reports: The official British press telegrams and others as well as communications of British representatives in neutral countries, are making systematic attempts to deny the magnitude of the British defeat in the sea battle off Skagerack on May 31 and tried to create the impression that the battle was a success for the British arms. Thus they report the German fleet retired from the battlefield and the British fleet held the field.

Against this the following facts are made known: The main part of the British fleet was forced to retire in the evening of May 31st by repeated torpedo attacks and since then, no British ship has come in view of the German forces. Notwithstanding their superior speed and notwithstanding the approach of a British squadron of 12 battle ships coming from the south, a part of the North Sea, the main part of the British fleet has neither tried to come in contact with our forces in order to continue the combat, nor attempted to join this squadron in order to annihilate the German fleet.

If the British further report that their fleet tried in vain to follow the fleeing German fleet, in order to conquer it, they are contradicting the so-called official British statement that Admiral Jellicoe had already arrived again on June 1, with his Grand Fleet at his port d'armement, Scapa Flow, in the Orkney Isles, over 300 nautical miles distant from the scene of the battle.

In consequence, numerous German torpedoboats, after the battle were sent north, in order to make a night attack beyond the place of the day battle and to search carefully for the main part of the British fleet, which however they were unable to locate. But the German torpedoboats had occasion there to save a great number of British from the various vessels which had been sunk.

The British contradict the statement that their whole fleet took part in the night of May 31, but the proof that this was the case lies in the fact that, according to the report of the British Admiral the battleship Marlborough has been put hors de combat. Furthermore a German submarine, of June 1 saw another ship of the Iron Duke class, making her way towards the British coast, in a heavily damaged condition. These two ships belonged to the main body of the British fleet.

In order to minimise the German success, the British press state that the loss of so many British ships is due in great part to German mines, submarines and airships. Against this, it must be stated expressly that the German High Seas Fleet used no mines, as these would have been equally dangerous to the German ships.

(To be Continued.)

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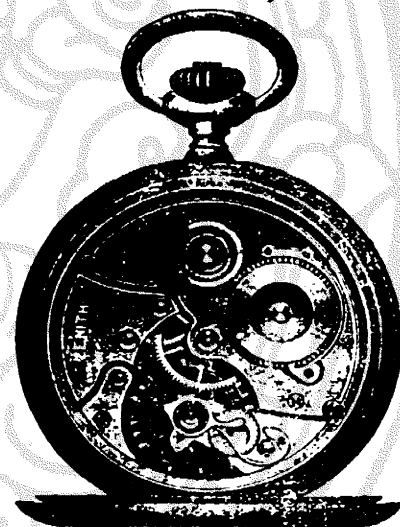
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Under certain conditions our money resources are sufficient for us to carry on the war for another three years, said Professor H. S. Foxwell in a lecture at the Royal Institution on "The Finance of the Great War."

"To control the exchange must always," he said "be in the mind of the War Chancellor of the Exchequer. Usually the export of gold will rectify any adverse rate but the amounts to-day are too large to admit of that. If we increase our exports and decrease imports matters will clearly improve." He regarded the mercantile marine as an invisible export service because it rendered a service to the foreigner; and it was curious to note that the higher the freights the greater became the foreigner's indebtedness to us.

"I suppose it is safe to say that the adverse trade balance against us will be £550,000,000 for the current year. How should this be financed? Mr. W. R. Lawson states that there was never more foreign money in London than to-day. This is satisfactory, because it indicates the favourable view taken by foreigners as to the issue of the war, that they have no doubt as to the general stability of our financial position.

"In America it is stated that between May 1, 1914, and January 24, 1916—approximately eighteen months—America absorbed 350 millions sterling worth of securities, mostly British. I regard that as the most outstanding financial fact of the war. Hitherto we had practically financed America. She was regarded as a borrowing country; most of the great American railways were built largely with European capital. Yet suddenly the war developments in the United States this remarkable loan force.

"It is a fortunate feature that we control two-thirds of the world's gold supply. The gold production of the British Empire is 57 millions sterling, as against enemy Powers' control of 13 millions sterling. Fortunately the gold production is holding out. This year there will probably be a record. The Allies have gold bank reserves of 460 millions, as against enemy countries' 125 millions (plus anything there may be at Vienna—although it is generally believed that Vienna reserves are pooled in Berlin).

"We have in sight at least 1,770 millions' worth of securities saleable abroad. On the sale of this we could hold out, at the present rate of expenditure, for another three years, although it is quite another story whether New York could absorb these securities, because South American and Canadian

securities issued in London are to-day subject to what the foreigner regards as an unlimited income tax. The Chancellor of the Exchequer will have to consider this natural shyness in any future question of the realization of securities liable to income tax, which to-day already reaches 7s. in the £.

## Rise in Prices Compared.

"Sir George Paish shows us that the general average rise in prices, comparing June, 1914, with April, 1916, is 65 per cent! June prices were particularly low, but compared with the six months' average preceding the war the rise is still 58 per cent.

"Foodstuffs have risen in this period by 72 per cent. In this group we are nearly back to the level of 1913; we are still 30 per cent. below the foodstuff prices of the Napoleonic wars in 1810, but prices to-day are steadily going up.

"Meat shows the greatest increase. I should like to say here that most of us use too much meat, and that we waste about half of what we buy as compared with the French. This meat extravagance is commented upon by all foreign visitors. It is the most expensive article of food consumption and we could easily effect striking economies.

"It has been said by a Cabinet Minister that money incomes have risen so much more than the cost of living that there is still a substantial margin. Anyway, I do not think there has been any pressure upon the working classes; the pressure of high prices have been more felt by the middle classes.

"It is consoling, however, that the rise in prices in enemy countries has been far greater. In Berlin the rise is 88 per cent, and Vienna 113 per cent. France is extraordinarily low. The rise in food prices in stated to have been only 9 per cent. Frankly I don't understand this, although they have put into force maximum prices."—Ex.

## Douaumont.

Before the German "42s" had demonstrated the folly of all modern fortifications, Douaumont Fort did indeed constitute an almost vital spot in the defences of Verdun. But with the introduction of war as it is to-day it lost its importance as a fort, and became but part of the trench system of protection. It was nevertheless a point of great importance as an observation post and as an artillery position, as from it the French guns were able severely to punish all troops moving through the Vaux and Bras ravines. The character of the announcements made by the Germans in the closing days of February would only have been justifiable had they been able to carry the whole plateau.—Ex.

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In General Cadorna's grave but mainly report concerning the progress of the Austrian offensive from Trentino, his blunt reference to the "Austrian" should afford all the Allies plenty of food for thought. For all of them, in varying degrees, have sinned in not giving sufficient attention to the output in heavy guns and howitzers, despite the early warnings of Liege, Namur, Maubeuge, and Antwerp. The popular imagination of the Allied countries in its first and violent reaction from the initial disappointments, ran away with figures. It clamoured for millions of men and millions of shells. It has secured both, and as regards the latter, in particular a marked preponderance on almost every front. But it has forgotten the things that can be counted only in thousands, hundreds or decades, but are no less vital than those that can be reckoned in millions, things without which, in fact, the millions, whether of shells or men, are of little, if any, avail.

To put a superiority in men against one in volume of gun-fire is sheer madness; for the latter will soon extinguish the former superiority. This the layman could not foresee, but the Allied Governments could, and they should take to heart the following words from that wise and eloquent French Senator, M. Humbert. "In order to win the Allies must stop making calculations in their millions of men. The only things that count are the gun factories, which must be extended with new machinery and kept working night and day. All qualified workmen must be called up and formed into relay squads for this purpose."

"Le Journal," Senator Humbert's organ in Paris, was the first French newspaper to clamour for more guns as well as more shells. The "Daily Dispatch" was of all British papers the only one that, as far back as a year ago, when there was a general outcry for shells," repeatedly insisted that in the coming war shells would be necessary guns should not be forgotten. It is of no good to us that the monster guns turned out from Krupp and Skodas were sprung upon us as a surprise, for the enemy had invented hardly any new types of heavy ordnance since the war: what he has done has been to multiply pre-existing patterns of 305's, 380's, 405's and 420's, in Germany which were openly published in German technical journals. Thus our own "Naval Annual" of 1914, edited by Lord Hythe, gave fairly full particulars of the "new" Austrian 15-inch guns which is being employed in the Trentino.

A perusal of the same annual will show that British makers had many types of equally heavy guns and howitzers available before war broke out. Why have those British specimens not multiplied with the same energy as the corresponding enemy types? There is a

Mr. H. W. Nevins wrote in the "Nation" a strong appeal for clemency for Casement in the event of this conviction, urging strongly the precedent of General Botha's treatment of De Wet. To this Mr. R. B. Cunningham-Graham, the well-known Socialist and litterateur, made the following stinging reply:—

Mr. Nevinston read Mr. Nevinston's letter in silence. Sir Roger Casement with interest, I, too, knew the man. Not for a moment do I deny or belittle his services either in the Congo or in the Putumayo. Those services were rewarded by a title and a pension from the nation that he has leagued with Germany to betray her hour of need. Mr. Nevinston tells us that Sir Roger went to the Karoo to recuperate after his hardships in the Putumayo. What Mr. Nevinston omits to tell us is that that convalescence was the result of that signature, perfect restoration to health, and to have needed the air of Potsdam. Far be it to me to speak severely; but I wish to point out that the cases of De Wet and Casement do not run upon all fours. De Wet was not born and brought up a British subject. He had received neither title nor recompense from our country. Moreover, he went out and fought like a man for the cause he believed to be just. De Wet did not rush to Berlin and endeavour to corrupt British soldiers. He was at least a gallant, a simple, and an open enemy. The other is a mere snake in the grass, a monster of egoism, and a snake, moreover, that refused to bite the hand that fed him, and needed to have the courts decide his fate, but if the miserable demagogues, Lehigh, O'Hanagans, and the other dupes have paid with their lives, it would certainly be put down to his position if Sir Roger Casement gets off more easily.—Young, etc. R. R. Cunningham-Graham.

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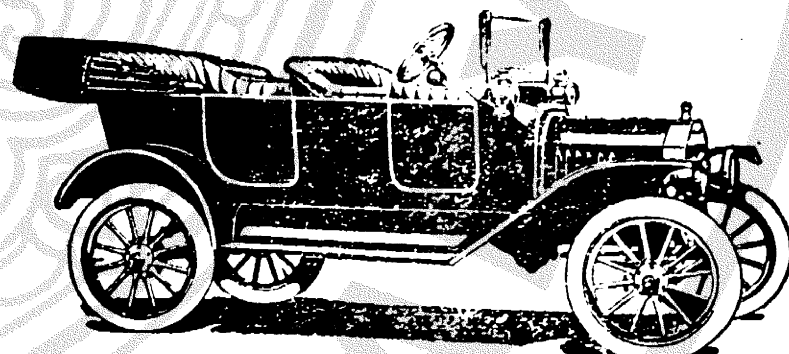
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