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" " " 14	" "Khyber" " 15	
" " " 19	" " " 15	
" " " 28	" "Medina" " 29	
" " " 11	" "Mongolia" May 13	
" " " 25	" "Malwa" " 27	
" " " 30	" " " 27	
" " " 9	" "Kaiser-i-hind" June 10	
" " " 23	" "Mooltan" " 24	
" " " 6	" "Kashgar" July 8	
" " " 20	" "Karnala" " 22	
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s.s. "Prachatiok" 20 May 1916.	s.s. "Asiang" 17 May 1916.
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" " 27 " " " " " 24 " "	" " " 31 " "
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" " 3 June " " " " " 7 June "	" " " 14 " "
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" " 10 " " " " " 21 " "	" " " 21 " "
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## An Adventurer.

Paris, March 17.—A man known all over Paris before the war, especially in the theatrical and financial worlds, as the Marquis d'Esne de Frenoy, or Marquis de Frenoy, is not a Belgian nobleman at all, according to the Renaissance, but is a German of no title and doubtful history. He is said to be living in Philadelphia at the present time, the Temps states.

His name is simply Franz Eakens, according to the Renaissance.

He was a subscriber and stockholder in the Opera and was a member of the Automobile and Travellers clubs. He asserted that he was a Belgian, but in reality, the paper says, he was born in Prussia, where he married and became the father of a little girl, whom he abandoned when forced to flee from the country through fear of police prosecution.

He went to America, where he became a valet and later a butler in a wealthy family. He married a widow, the paper states, who was much older than he. He then became a "marquis" and came to Paris, where he was persona grata at the German Embassy.

He subscribed 200,000 francs (\$40,000) toward the expenses of producing "Parsifal" and lived at 120 Avenue des Champs Elysees. He disappeared after the outbreak of the war.

Another account states that he was born in London of Belgian parents. His name was never entered in the list of people who were stranded at the Prefecture, possibly because he subscribed handsome sums to police charities.

His first wife, it is said, died in misery, after becoming a vegetable seller on the streets, and his second wife died a few months ago in Philadelphia.

## TIDE TABLE.

DEPTH OF WATER ON THE  
BANGKOK BAR.

FOR MAY, 1916.

May.	A.M.			
	H. W.	Ft. in.	L. W.	(Approx.)
19	4.30	13.1	12	6.0
20	5.00	12.10	...	6.0
21	5.30	12.9	...	...
22	6.00	12.4	...	...
23	6.00	11.8	...	...
24	7.00	11.0	...	...
25	7.00	11.0	...	...
26	1.00	14.0	...	...
27	1.00	13.4	...	...
28	1.00	13.2	10.7	7.8
29	2.00	13.2	9.10	7.8
30	2.30	12.11	10.11	7.0
31	3.00	12.4	10.11	7.0

June	A.M.			
	H. W.	Ft. in.	L. W.	(Approx.)
1	3.30	12.1	11.12	6.0
2	4.00	12.0	11.12	6.0
3	4.30	12.0	...	...
4	5.00	12.0	...	...
5	5.30	12.0	...	...
6	6.00	11.11	...	...
7	7.00	11.8	...	...
8	8.30	10.10	...	...
9	10.30	9.11	...	...
10	11.30	10.2	...	...
11	1.00	13.4	8	7.0
12	1.30	13.1	8.9	7.0
13	2.00	12.7	9.10	6.7
14	2.30	12.7	10.11	5.6
15	3.00	12.6	11.12	5.0

May.	P.M.			
	H. W.	Ft. in.	L. W.	(Approx.)
19	7.30	15.3	...	...
20	8.30	15.1	1.0	6.0
21	9.30	14.10	1.2	6.0
22	10.30	14.7	2.3	6.0
23	11.00	14.3	3.4	7.0
24	11.30	14.1	4.5	7.0
25	...	...	4.5	7.0
26	...	...	4.5	7.8
27	...	...	...	...
28	3.30	11.10	...	...
29	4.30	13.2	...	...
30	5.30	13.8	...	...
31	5.30	14.2	...	...

June	P.M.			
	H. W.	Ft. in.	L. W.	(Approx.)
1	7.00	11.9	...	...
2	8.00	15.1	1.0	6.0
3	2.30	14.10	1.2	6.0
4	9.30	14.9	2.3	6.0
5	10.00	14.3	3.4	6.0
6	10.30	14.3	3.0	6.0
7	11.00	14.0	3.4	6.0
8	11.30	13.7	4.5	7.0
9	11.30	13.5	4.5	7.0
10	12.00	13.4	4.5	7.8
11	3.30	12.1	...	...
12	4.30	12.9	...	...
13	5.00	14.3	...	...
14	6.00	14.10	...	...
15	7.00	15.3	...	...

## PHASES OF THE MOON.

June 1st	0 New Moon	2.19 a.m.
9th	1st Quarter	6.41 a.m.
16th	Full Moon	4.24 a.m.
22nd	Last Quarter	7.58 p.m.
30th	0 New Moon	5.25 p.m.

## Mr. Asquith Visits Ireland.

London, May 12.—Mr. Asquith went to Dublin last evening and is expected to return at the beginning of the week. The Premier's step is compared with his assumption of the War Office when Col. Seely resigned and is hailed by the ministerial press as an act of courageous self-sacrificing initiative which should have good results. It is stated the Nationalists though not consulted believe Mr. Asquith intends sounding Irish opinion on the possibility of a Home Rule compromise. The Unionist press is less optimistic. The Times which says Mr. Asquith is forsaking his proper functions at a time of war for a spectacular expedition declares that those hoping for a permanent Irish settlement are likely to be disappointed. The Government will have achieved much if it succeeds in establishing a strong executive. The paper demands a clean sweep of the present Irish administration.

London, May 12.—Mr. Asquith arrived at Dublin today. Observers say he stepped wearily ashore from the mailboat and has seldom looked graver. He went straight to the residence of the Viceroy.

In the afternoon he conferred at length at Dublin Castle with Sir R. Chalmers and the law-officers. The military authorities announce that over three hundred prisoners have been deported for detention in prison.

London, May 12.—It is reported that Lord Macdonnell is acting Irish Secretary.

London, May 12.—It is stated a Lord Lieutenant of Ireland will not be appointed till Lord Hardinge's commission has expired.

London, May 12.—The House of Lords has adopted a motion of Lord Forbush recording its profound dissatisfaction with the administration of affairs in Ireland.

## The Sentences On Rebels.

London, May 11.—In the Commons, Mr. Tennant announced that there had been executed at Dublin fourteen: sentenced to penal servitude seventy-three; to hard labour six; deported 1706. As yet there had not been time to try the deportees.

Mr. Asquith said that 180 civilians had been killed and 614 wounded, but it was impossible to separate insurgents from the population.

London, May 12.—The remaining signatories to the Irish provisional Government manifesto, James Connolly and John Macdermott have been shot.

London, May 12.—Dublin headquarters announces another death sentence has been commuted to penal servitude for life and eleven others have been sentenced to imprisonment, varying from life to a year. It adds that the court-martials in Dublin are practically finished and are now dealing with the arrested in the provinces. In view of the gravity of the rebellion and its connection with German intrigue and propaganda, the great loss of life and destruction of property, the Commander-in-Chief has found it imperative to inflict the severest sentences on known organisers of the detestable rising and on the commanders of the actual fighting, and hopes the examples will be a sufficient deterrent to intriguers to show that murders of His Majesty's liege subjects will not be tolerated.

## Items of Interest.

London, 14.—News has been received at Worcester that besides Major the honourable C. Coventry, twenty officers and two hundred and thirty men of the Worcestershire Yeomanry are prisoners at Damascus.

London, May 11.—In the House of Commons Mr. Asquith, amid cheers, declared that the Government would cause the Union Jack to be flown on public buildings on Empire Day and he hoped that the example would be followed.

London, May 12.—Marchioness Townshend has a son and heir. Hitherto General Townshend of Kut was heir to the Marquis de marquisate.

London, May 12.—The House of Commons this morning concluded the committee stage of the Compulsory Bill which will become law next week.

London, May 11.—In the Commons, Mr. Macnamara said that between May 7 1915 and May 10 1916, thirty-seven unnamed British and twenty-two neutral merchantmen were torpedoed without warning. It is understood that the United States is aware of these sinkings.

New York, May 13.—Col. Roosevelt in a letter to a supporter announces for the first time that he will be a candidate for the Presidency.

London, May 12.—Sir Douglas Mawson has arrived to confer regarding the Shackleton relief expedition.

London, May 14.—The Government has appointed a committee under Admiral Beaumont including Mr. Leonard Darwin and Sir Douglas Mawson to advise as to steps to be taken for the Shackleton relief expedition.

London, May 12.—The Daily Telegraph says the Government has decided to create an air ministry with Lord Curzon as controller.

El Paso, May 12.—Two troops of American cavalry have crossed the Mexican border in pursuit of the recent Glensprings raiders.

Amsterdam, May 12.—The Reichstag by 229 against 111 has decided not to release Liebknecht.

London, May 12.—Lord Stanley has been slightly wounded.

London, May 12.—The Lancashire cardroomer's ballot resulted in ninety-eight per cent voting in favour of a strike. The executive tenders the notices immediately.

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### Monte Carlo.

The noonday train draws slowly into the station. A flood of passengers pours forth. Leaving the station, the crowd surges up the marble steps and skirts the vast edifice which crowns the abrupt hilltop; they are soon swallowed up within the portals of the great buildings. It is a shabby, dowdy crowd, mostly women.

Can this be Monte Carlo? Can this crowd be hurrying so feverishly to the gaming tables?

The sunshine is benignly warm, the soft breezes fragrant with the mingled scent of a thousand flowers. Yet the terrace is deserted. Now and then a black figure passes hurriedly and disappears into the Casino, without lingering for an instant to enjoy the magic beauty of the scene. I then notice that the bandstand, where music, famed the world over, was wont to be played, is permanently closed. The lawn of the celebrated "Tir aux Pigeons" is abandoned. I pass under the eaves of the new wing of the Casino, and walk over to the "Galerie Charles III." Here all is desolate. Only one or two shops are open. Everywhere shops and hotels are boarded up. The sign "A louer" at every step obtrudes.

**Soldiers Without Uniform.**  
Yet the natives of the principality of Monaco deem themselves a blessed folk. They pay no taxes and do no military or other service. Even the gendarmerie was recruited from abroad. These mercenaries the guard of honor of the Prince four officers and 82 men which compose the military force of the state, were all either Frenchman or Italians. They have now been called to the colors in their respective countries, so that Monaco found itself suddenly without adequate protection. Then the people volunteered for services, but to prove their independence as well as register their dislike for militarism, they wear no uniform, merely mufti and a red-and-white woollen armband.

Passing down the hill from Monte Carlo I walk through the streets of Monaco. Here the bazaars and shops are all open, seemingly doing a good business. For the principality is "neutral" and its people, who do not depend on tourist trade, have not been disturbed unduly by the war. I climb the steep cliff leading to the princely Palace. In front of the main entrance to the Palace stands the sentry, a 16-year-old boy, leaning on an old pattern rifle, its fixed bayonet towering several feet above his head. He is dressed in a nondescript tweed suit, very baggy at the knees, and wears no cartridge belt, merely the red-and-white armband. He expresses the hope that Monaco will not become involved in the war! Yet Monaco is not altogether neutral. On further inquiry I find that many of her sons have enlisted as volunteers in the French Foreign Legion, while the Heir-Apparent, Prince Louis, holds a commission in a French line regiment.

**Gaming Tables.**  
I make my way slowly back to Monte Carlo and enter the Casino. The doors of gaming rooms are thrown open by the familiar frockcoated attendants. In the gloom-filled halls a sombrely dressed crowd is clustered about the gaming tables. I go up to the first Roulette table. Around it are seated many of the same persons who alighted from the train a few hours before. In front of each player there is a very small pile of white "chips," here and there a few red ones. The white "chips" represent 5 francs; the red 20 francs. There are also bright blue "chips" of 100 francs. Gold has disappeared from Monte Carlo, as elsewhere.

These players seem to be chiefly housewives and shopkeepers of the lower middle class, recruited, apparently, from among the natives of the neighboring towns. Officers and men of no matter what rank of all the Allied armies, whether in uniform or not, are rigorously excluded, and as credentials are very carefully scanned before a card of admission is issued, this regulation is strictly enforced. To-day 80 per cent. of the players are women, unlike the old clientele: plain bourgeois and peasant types of faces abound. The loss of a few francs matters greatly in their lives, and I see several leave the tables in much distress after losing a guinea. In the

sumptuous refreshment rooms many of those who had come early are drinking a glass of beer and munching a sandwich often brought with them wrapped in a newspaper.

**Closing Time.**  
Then as train time arrives numbers of the players hurry toward the exit. Some carry with them their "chips" for another day's play; others more numerous cash in a white chip or two; or go away empty-handed. One by one the tables are abandoned. By 8 o'clock all but three tables have stopped their play and are closed for the night. Only at these three tables, all "Roulette" tables, is the playing continued until midnight. This is the aspect of the famous gaming rooms of Monte Carlo to-day.

The glitter and brilliance of the multitude who gathered here in former days has disappeared. The gold coin that shone so lustreously against the green baize of the gaming tables has vanished. The atmosphere of bacchic beauty of this enchanted landscape, of these hanging gardens which rise tier upon tier above the sea, of this environment of sensuous splendor which made of Monte Carlo a pagan sanctuary unique in the world, has faded away. Can it be otherwise when the temple of Janus stands open? And yet amid the turmoil of the great world war some silent peace prevails throughout this miniature kingdom. The echoes of the conflict wafted hither are tempered by the breezes that blow so softly. The plaintive, unceasing murmur of the waves as they break against the rocky headlands seems still to echo the one old refrain:—

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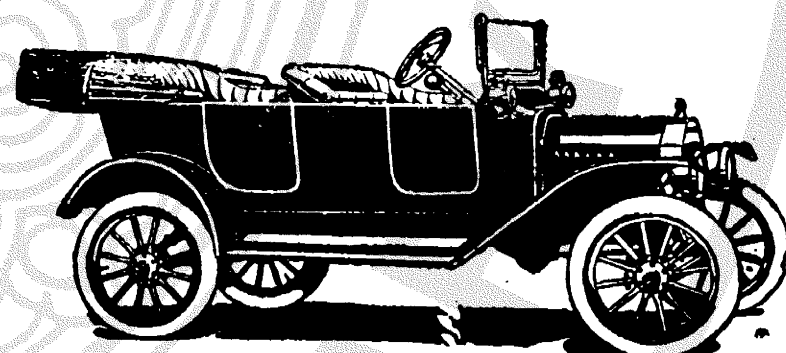
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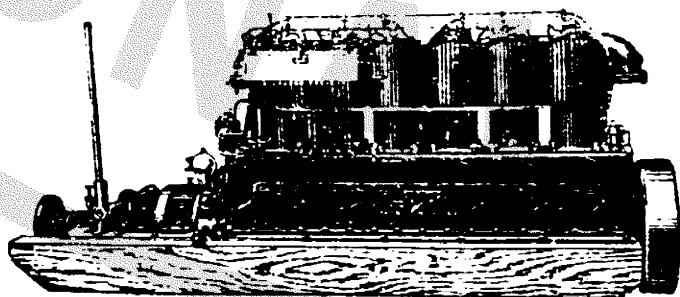
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**THE****Great War.****British Foreign Office.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, May 19.

Official.—Lord Hardinge has been appointed temporarily as Permanent Under-Secretary in the Foreign Office. The Rt. Hon. Sir Arthur Nicolson is retiring owing to ill-health.

**Casement Committed for Trial.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, May 19.

Sir Roger Casement has been committed for trial; also Daniel Bailey (who was charged with high treason).

**Mr. Asquith.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, May 19.

Mr. Asquith is being sworn in to-day as a member of the Irish Privy Council. He thus becomes a member of the Irish Executive. Mr. Asquith goes to Cork to-morrow.

**British Monitor Destroyed.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, May 19.

The Turkish artillery destroyed a small British monitor. Two were killed and two wounded.

**German Attacks at Verdun Fail.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, May 19.

Paris.—The defeat of further German attacks at Verdun is the feature of the communiqué. Enemy grenade attacks at the edge of Deadman Hill completely failed, also an attack at Thiamont farm. The artillery continued to be active on both banks of the Meuse and in Champagne.

**Great Austrian Attacks.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, May 19.

Rome.—There are renewed great Austrian attacks at many points of the front especially to the south of the Tyrol.

**French Aeroplane Work.**

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, May 17.

Enemy attacks in the neighbourhood of Morthomme failed completely and were repulsed.

Our aeroplanes dropped 200 bombs in the night between the 16th and 17th inst., on bivouacs in the region of Damvillers and on the stations of Briulles, Apremont, Mars and Metz and on the hangars at Frescaty.

**Russian Reports.**

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, May 17.

Petrograd.—M. V. Rodsanko, the President of the Duma, and M. Sazanoff made important speeches at the banquet on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the Franco-Russian Alliance. The newspapers are commenting on the important manifestations.

**Aeroplanes Bomb Italian Towns.**

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, May 17.

London.—We captured an advance line 250 yards long on the heights of Vimy.

Austrian aeroplanes bombed Venice, Mestre, Udine and Treviso doing slight damage.

**Price of Rubber.**

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, May 17.

Rubber is quoted at 2/8 1/2.

**A Naval Engagement.**

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, May 17.

The Admiralty announce that an encounter took place yesterday afternoon between a British force composed of torpedo boat destroyers and monitors and several German torpedo boat destroyers. After a short engagement the enemy retired. We sustained no loss.

**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**

Mr. Justice Thornely moves into his new residence in Surivongse Road to-day.

M. JOURDAN and Madame Moget arrived by the s.s. "Jade" from Saigon yesterday.

THE Phathanakorn and the Phathanaron cinematographs announce a complete change of programme for to-night. Full particulars will be found elsewhere.

VIENNA reports state that the negotiations between Austria-Hungary and Bulgaria regarding the new Balkan frontier have been terminated to the satisfaction of both parties.

A RANGOON telegram states that the Lieutenant-Governor of Burmah, with the approval of the Chinese community, has closed all the Chinese gambling dens in the city.

THE Eight National Shoe and Leather Market Fair will be held from July 12 to 19, 1916 in Boston, Massachusetts, United States of America. Bangkok importers and merchants are cordially invited to attend this fair.

YOUNG Russians residing in Allied countries and under liability to perform their military service this year as conscripts have been authorised by an Imperial Order to do their service in the armies of the country in which they are living.

BERLIN newspapers say that all stores of coffee, tea, and chicory have been confiscated by order of the German Government owing to the growing scarcity. The importation and sale of these commodities will be regulated by the War Committee.

THE final returns of the Fourth German War Loan bring the total subscriptions up to m.10,712,000,000 (£525,600,000). Even this, however, does not include subscriptions from the Army or those which are still expected from overseas countries, according to a Berlin telegram.

SAYS the L. and C. Express of April 11. Rice continues steady. Rangoon two stars on the spot new crop 16s. 9d., Japan 22s. 9d., and Garden Siam 18s. 3d. to 18s. 9d., Rangoon No. 2 cleaned near steamer sold at 16s. 1 1/2d. c.f. and i., London. Broken Rice quiet and unchanged.

A FORMAL denial is given in a circular sent out by the French Minister of War to the statements of the "Frankfurter Zeitung" that the men of the class 1917, are already at the front. On the contrary, these soldiers are to be granted leave until May 1, to return to work upon their farms.

THE Swiss Government no longer permits the export to Germany of food-stuffs in small quantities, it having been ascertained that the German authorities confiscated the contents of the parcels, which were sent mainly to Swiss residents and forwarded their estimated value in money.

MEAT cards are to be introduced in the Grand Duchy of Baden and they will allow a maximum of five ounces to be purchased per person per day. Prussia leaves the matter in the hands of the municipalities. The Saxon Government has introduced for the whole kingdom meat tickets which do not guarantee that a certain quantity can be obtained. Their object is to economise supplies by strictly limiting the quantity purchasable.

IN one of its last numbers, le Courrier d'Haiphong gives the list of the priests of the Society of Foreign Missions who were mobilized in France. This list included 27 missionaries from Japan: 10 from Corea, 3 from Thibet; 28 from China; 4 from Burma; 12 from Malaya; 14 from Pondichery; 34 from India, a total of at least 187 French missionaries; two of them have just been killed in the battle of Verdun: Father J. C. Bozec, of Saigon, and L. Auger of Hakodate.

THE Evening News states that Mr. Lloyd George is determined that the whisky distilleries shall be nationalised at the end of the war. The larger concerns are already under the Ministry for Munitions, which is negotiating for a further reduction of the output. The price of whisky will probably be raised to 10s. 6d. per bottle, and as a result the majority of the public are taking to beer. The Daily Chronicle declares that there is no foundation for the report that the whisky trade is to be nationalised.





## Court Circular.

DUSIT PARK,  
Friday, May 19.

This evening at 8 o'clock His Majesty the King gave a dinner party in honour of His Excellency, Monsieur Georges de Plancon, His Imperial Majesty's Chamberlain, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, on the occasion of his appointment, on the occasion of his approaching departure from Siam and also in honour of His Excellency, Monsieur Lefevre-Pontalis, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the Republic of France, on the occasion of his return from France.

Besides the Ministers the following had the honour of being invited:—

Monsieur N. de Berg, Secretary of the Imperial Russian Legation; Monsieur L. P. Delestree, former President of the Codification Commission; His Royal Highness Prince Devawongse, Minister for Foreign Affairs; Their Excellencies Chao Phya Yonraj, Minister of Local Government; Chao Phya Dharma, Minister of the Royal Household; First Grand Chamberlain Phya Borne Ratna Rajaballabha, Major of the Palace; Lieutenant-General Phya Deb Arjun, Chief Aide-de-Camp General; Second Grand Court Officer Phya Chakrapani, Senior Legal Counsellor to His Majesty; Second Grand Chamberlain and Major-General Phya Prasiddhi Subhakara, His Majesty's Lord Chamberlain and Assistant Aide-de-Camp General; Second Grand Chamberlain Phya Buri Navarath, His Majesty's Private Secretary for Foreign Correspondence; Second Grand Court Officer Phya Sri Kridakara, Assistant Marshal of the Court; Major-General Phya Siharaj Riddhikar, A.D.C., General Officer Commanding the 1st Army Corps; Assistant General Phya Raja Manu, 2nd in Command of His Majesty's Gentlemen-at-Arms; First Counsellor Phya Boriraksh Chatrong, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs; Deputy Grand Chamberlain Chao Mun Sri Sararaksh, Principal Gentleman of the Bed Chamber; Dr. A. Poix, Physician-in-Ordinary; Colonel Phya Bhakdi Bhaddhara, A.D.C., Director of the Royal Survey Department; First Court Officer Phya Bariburna Rajasombati, Deputy Keeper of His Majesty's Privy Purse; First Counsellor Phya Dithakara Bhakdi, Director of Consular Section of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs; Lieutenant-Colonel Phya Throng Suraj, A.D.C.; Lieutenant-Colonel Luang Bamrab Arindrabai, A.D.C., Major His Serene Highness Prince Thong Dighayn, A.D.C., Commanding Officer of the 1st Guard Cavalry Regiment; Captain Luang Bhulendra, Commanding the 2nd Battalion of the Royal Palace Guards.

During the course of the dinner His Majesty toasted the health of His Majesty the Emperor of Russia and that of the President of the Republic of France, while the band played the National Anthems. In return the Russian Minister proposed the health of His Majesty the King.

On this occasion His Majesty was graciously pleased to confer upon His Excellency the Russian Minister the First Class of the Most Exalted Order of the White Elephant and upon Monsieur Delestree the Third Class of the Most Honourable Order of the Crown of Siam. The King also delivered to His Excellency the Russian Minister a brooch with His Majesty's full name and the Royal Crown set in brilliant as a present from His Majesty to Madame de Plancon who is at present in Russia.

His Royal Highness the Minister for Foreign Affairs was also received in private audience by His Majesty.

## German Ship at Batavia.

Says the "Malaya Tribune" of May 16.—We have received for publication from the General Officer Commanding, Fort Canning, the following information:

A steamer of about 4,000 tons arrived at Batavia on Sunday last, May 14, at about 6 p.m. and anchored in the port of Tanjung Priok. She hoisted the German merchant ship flag, and the officers appeared to be Germans.

The steamer was painted to represent a British India Steamship Company's vessel, and had been damaged by gunfire. She appeared to be a German vessel that has escaped from shelter at some foreign port, and had been damaged by British gunfire.

## Food Troubles in Germany.

Washington, May 13.—A despatch to Carl Weigand, Germany's unofficial press representative in the United States, says Germany is considering the appointment of a Minister of Foods who will control the distribution, so as to prevent the British grip tightening on Germany's throat. It is noteworthy that Herr Delbrueck, the Minister of the Interior hitherto responsible for the food supply, has resigned.

## Department of Statistics and Commerce.

From Mr. J. A. Cable, Adviser to the Department of Statistics and Commerce, we have received a list of the results of the competitive examination recently held for vacancies in the above department.

The subjects in the examination included Siamese, English, Translation, General Knowledge, Arithmetic, Geography, and Typing. The names of thirty candidates are on the list and Nai Pramon Netai of King's College heads the list according to order of merit with 1,164 marks against a total of 1,600. Nai Sadap of the Christian College comes second with 1,082 marks and Nai Sa Arn of the Civil Service College third with 934 marks. There were altogether five candidates from King's College, one from the Christian College, seven from the Civil Service College, six from Suan Kulab College, two from the Assumption College, three from the Commercial School, three from the Training College, two from the Dhebeirindr School, one from Ban Somdet School and one from the Siamese and English School.

## America and Germany.

## Berlin is Alarmed.

London, May 13.—After the despatch of the American note of May 8 Mr. Lansing issued a statement that the bulk of the German note is devoted to matters which it is impossible for the United States to discuss with Germany, adding that dealings between Britain and the United States must be conducted on the basis of treaty obligations.

An Amsterdam telegram states that the statement has alarmed Germany. The Voessche Zeitung asked for an explanation from Ambassador Gerard, who said that the treaty obligations doubtless referred to the Arbitration Treaty concluded in 1914 between the United States and twenty-one states, including Great Britain, providing for the reference of disputes unresolvable by diplomatic settlement to a Commission which is allowed a year to report.

The Koelnische Volkszeitung describes Mr. Gerard's interpretation as extraordinarily important, as it means that the United States are "willing to submit to a Commission on British violations of international law, and peacefully and patiently await a settlement with Great Britain till after the end of the war."

New York, May 13.—The Associated Press representative at Washington says it is authoritatively stated Germany's note has complicated the situation making it impossible for the United States to press her demands on the Allies without appearing to do so at the bidding of Berlin consequently it is uncertain when the reply to the latest British communication will be forwarded.

Washington, May 12.—Mr. Lansing interviewed said the United States will ask Germany and Austria as to the nature of the punishment of the commanders of the submarines which torpedoed the Sussex, Ancona and Arabic.

Paris, May 12.—It is declared that the commander of U18 which is believed to have torpedoed the Sussex has been promoted. This is doubtless the reason for America's inquiry regarding his punishment.

Washington, May 13.—Mr. Lansing has instructed Mr. Gerard to ascertain informally the nature of the punishment imposed on the commander of the submarine which torpedoed the Sussex.

Amsterdam, May 12.—The Dutch liners, despite the German submarine assurances, have resumed their circuitous route north of Scotland.

## Turkish Prosecution of Armenians

Petrograd, May 13.—Turkish atrocities on the Armenians at Trebizond are declared to surpass all Turkish cruelties on Armenians elsewhere. The expulsion of Armenians began in July 1915 when hundreds of young and influential Armenians were arrested on charges of treason and aiding the Russians and were embarked in boats and drowned at sea. Others were sent to a neighbouring village where the women were violated and killed and the children bayoneted. The Turks used the heads of children as targets for firing practice. The survivors were sent to Erzerum. The whole road was strewn with the bodies of children and adults. The surviving children are now being collected by Russian benevolent societies. They are a terrible spectacle, clad in rags, sickly and haggard and always asking if they are going to be massacred. The Greeks in Trebizond are of opinion the massacres were organised by the Turkish Government which mercilessly persecuted anyone assisting the Armenians.

## Fresh Trouble in China.

London, May 12.—The latest news from China shows that a fresh outbreak has occurred but there is no reason to fear that foreign life or property will be endangered.

Peking, May 13.—A moratorium has been proclaimed in China owing to the financial stringency.

## The Verdun Position.

Paris, May 11.—Another German defeat at Verdun is the feature of the communiqué. West of the Meuse there was lively artillery, while east of the Meuse at two in the morning the Germans attacked in the Vaux region and were defeated by the French bayonets and hand grenades.

A squadron of French bombing aeroplanes attacked the railway stations of Damvillers, Etain and set fire to a German depot near Fromeix.

Paris, May 12.—The French have again been successful at Verdun. The communiqué says the Germans at night vainly attempted to dislodge us from the positions we captured on the slopes of Deadman hill. We defeated two successive attacks. There has been intense artillery activity from Avocourt wood to Deadman hill also a bombardment in the Donamont-Vaux region.

Paris, May 13.—The importance of the French gains at Verdun is shown by the semi-official which says that while the Germans make futile attacks aiming at fort Donamont the French are extending their lines west of the Meuse almost from the Bethincourt region to Deadman. They seized a vital hillock protecting hill 304 and consolidated their lines at many points making progress at Deadman hill. The Germans again showed signs of weakening after their recent furious and abortive effort.

May 13.—The communiqué says: The artillery duel has been interrupted in the sectors of Avocourt wood and hill 304. We further progressed in the night in the vicinity of hill 287 on the right bank. Last evening the Germans renewed the attacks south-east of fort Donamont. Despite a violent previous bombardment our line gave way nowhere and all attacks were repulsed with serious losses to the enemy. Other enemy attempts north of Thiaumont farm were likewise stopped by our curtain of machinegun fire.

## The British Front.

London, May 12.—The British communiqué says the enemy unsuccessfully attempted to raid our trenches at Ovillers last night. Reciprocal mining activity has been to our advantage today at Beaumont and Fricourt. There has been artillery activity at Angres, Ypres and Hohenzollern redoubt.

London, May 13.—The British communiqué says that last evening after a heavy bombardment the enemy succeeded in capturing five hundred yards of our front trenches northeast of Vermelles. We regained a portion by a counterattack at night. There has been no further infantry action to-day but there is considerable artillery activity in this neighbourhood. We bombarded an enemy position opposite Guinchy. Otherwise there have been only minor artillery duels.

London, May 14.—The communiqué says: After a heavy bombardment last night against our trenches between the Somme and Maricourt the enemy made three attacks one of which succeeded in entering our trenches but was immediately driven out. Some dead Germans were observed on our wire and one prisoner was taken.

We lost one prisoner. On the remainder of the front there have been artillery and trench mortar actions. There has been very heavy firing at Hebuterne, Souchez, Carency and Hohenzollern redoubt and the sector of St. Eloi. There has been enemy mining activity at Maquissart and Wytschaete.

## Relieving Poland.

London, May 14.—Sir E. Grey on May 10 agreed to the American scheme of relief for the population of Poland provided Germany will pay the expenses to transport in German ships entirely in charge of neutrals and also will not interfere in the slightest with the American administration and Germany and Austria will undertake to feed the starving populations of Serbia, Albania and Montenegro. The memorandum of the American ambassador states there are fifteen million people in the area occupied by Germany. United States undertakes to revictual Warsaw, Lodz and four other cities. It estimates as necessary the import of forty thousand tons of foodstuffs monthly.

## Germans Repulsed in East Africa.

London, May 13.—News from Moschi in East Africa on May 11 says the enemy repeatedly attacked at Kondoirangi using a gun from the cruiser Koeningberg. They were repulsed and fifty dead were picked up two of them were Europeans. Our loss was small. It is believed the German Commander-in-Chief led the operations. General Vander Venter's guns did excellent work.

General Smuts in an official message says the German attacks on Kondoirangi were under the personal command of the German Commander-in-Chief. They began on May 5 and continued on May 9, 10, and 11 when a determined night attack was repulsed. It is reported the Belgians from Ruanda have penetrated to Kigali.

London, May 12.—The Prince of Wales has arrived at Windsor.

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## Verdun.

This war is anonymous and invisible. On the side of the Allies no outstanding figure dominates it. No "man" personifies the Allied cause in the same sense as the German Emperor personifies the enemy. By whatever drawbacks this lack of a ruling and guiding personality may be attended, it has at least the advantage of placing the cause itself in the foreground, of making it dwarf all individual interests and personal reputations.

As with the commanders, so with the men and the means of warfare. In the trenches whole regiments disappear from view, mile upon mile of excavated earth runs in sinuous lines behind fringes of barbed wire, without ever a sign of human life. Far back in some carefully-disguised position lie the guns. A series of dull reports, a low wall like that of an electric trainway mounting a steep slope, a few crashing detonations followed by little clouds of grey-black smoke, are all that can normally be seen along the greater part of the endless battle front.

Occasionally, as in the positions before Verdun, the privileged spectator may get a closer and more thrilling glimpse of the progress of the struggle. Here, little spurts of flame from hundreds of hidden cannon and the confused hurrying and bursting of their projectiles, give an impression of awfulness not to be acquired in quieter sectors. Yet even here the movements of men are scarcely perceptible to the naked eye, and, except to those actually engaged in repelling mass attacks, the war remains invisible.

### The Defender of Verdun.

It is behind the lines, in the headquarters of the Generals commanding, that the personal aspect of the war becomes more apparent. In France, and in the greater part of the civilized world, attention is concentrated upon the defender of Verdun, General Pétain. Though a military teacher of high reputation for soundness of learning and keenness of insight, the outbreak of war found him a simple colonel of engineers. Political-religious convictions had, it appears, hampered his promotion. But the Union Sacrée which drew together all French parties and creeds in one supreme patriotic impulse opened the way for recognition of his merit. In September last year he was in charge of the Champagne offensive. The great captures of German guns and men were chiefly due to the precision of his arrangements. No fitter man could have been found to conduct the defence of Verdun, and it was to him that his superiors turned in the critical days of the German attack.

Of more than average height, well-

built, blue eyed, reserved in manner, and with a noticeable touch of irony in his words, General Pétain is not only self-possessed, but spreads around him an atmosphere of calm confidence. A few miles east of the point where we sat beside him one of the greatest battles in the history of the world was raging. The sounds of the guns could be heard as he spoke. It was on the 13th day of the struggle in which Germany was striving to impress neutral opinion and to inflict upon France and the Allied cause a severe moral defeat. General Pétain's own position and reputation hung upon the issue. Yet by no tone or gesture did he betray anxiety.

"Can the Germans break through?" I asked indiscreetly.

"When in modern warfare," he answered, "a well-equipped force is given 48 hours to prepare positions in view of the kind of attack which is now being delivered, it is very difficult for the enemy to break through."

The answer characterizes the man. It indicates his power to regard his work objectively. He knew the superlative valour of his men; the excellence of his arrangements for supply; the vast stores of ammunition on which he could draw. He knew also the composition of the enemy forces: their formidable array of artillery; their frantic determination to secure at all costs some success that would impress the imagination of the world. Yet he stated his conviction that they would not break through as though he were unconcerned with the result save, perhaps, as a demonstration of a principle which he had laid down.

Since then the battle has raged for nearly three weeks. The French still hold their lines. Were General Pétain asked to-day for his opinion, he would, I imagine, repeat his words of March 4.

### d'Esperey and Gouraud.

Well away behind another part of the French line lie the headquarters of another and very different type of French Commander. The name of General Franchet d'Esperey is scarcely known in England. We had visited a part of the sector for which he is responsible. The efficiency of the commissariat and communications and the neatness of the ammunition depots bespoke excellent staff work under the direction of a vigorous personality.

When we met him, the secret was revealed. Every feature, every movement showed energy and decision. His face and bearing suggested at one moment the keenness of the hawk, and at another the tenacity of a bulldog. It was at the battle of the Marne that he came to the fore. One can imagine with what uncompromising sternness he will have held his ground, and with

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## Verdun.

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what momentum he will have launched his men in pursuit of the beaten foe.

At another headquarters we were received with delicate courtesy by the Bayard of this war, a true chevalier sans peur et sans reproche—General Gouraud. The right sleeve of his tunic, hanging loose, told of his mishap at the Dardanelles. In our honor he wore his British decorations. A charm which no words can define emanated from his presence. "A gentle knight, but a knight indeed," said truly one of our party. Some hidden reserve of strength seemed to support him and to secure glad compliance with his every wish almost before it could be uttered. No French soldier has a grander air: none is more beloved: none excites less envy: none enjoys more universal regard.

## The Supreme Chiefs.

Far behind the fighting line, in a new peaceful town, lie the Grand Headquarters of the French Army. Here two men reign supreme—Joffre and de Castelnau, the Commander-in-Chief and his Chief of Staff. Differing utterly in views, convictions, tastes, and appearance, they have been close friends from boyhood, and now work together in complete accord, completing and supplementing each other. Joffre, the personification of quiet solidity and confidence; de Castelnau, squareset, keen-eyed, the embodiment of the gallant efficiency that marks every aspect of the French Army. They spoke freely and frankly. It was pleasant to receive their expressions of confidence in Sir Douglas Haig and Sir William Robertson, their tributes to the great improvement in the quality of the British Army, and their appreciation of the smartness with which it has carried out recent operations.

But it is necessary also to place on record their earnest desire that every available unit should be sent from England without delay to complete its training and to be tuned up in the bracing war atmosphere of France.

Behind the strong characters and commanding personalities who direct the work of the French Army stand dozens of men hitherto unknown but equally efficient, equally devoted and equally strong. Yet one and all they seem to feel that in this great war men hardly count. The cause and its triumphs are everything, the individual instruments of triumph nothing. France is grateful to her heroes, as they are wholeheartedly loyal to her. But no French soldier seems to imagine that he can have any special claim upon his country's gratitude or that he can deserve a higher encomium than that of having done his duty. It is this that lends sublimity to the whole attitude of the French Army, which is indistinguishable from the French nation. France is, in many respects, the heart and the brain of the Allied cause, at

least in the West. No country was ever worthier of its work, and none ever fitter to do it.

## Church Services.

## Assumption Church.

May the 21st 4th Sunday after Easter. 5.45 a.m. 1st Mass for the Native Community: 8 a.m. 2nd and last Mass for the Foreign Community. 4 p.m. Rosary, Instruction, Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament.

## Week Days.

5.20 a.m. 1st Mass. 6 a.m. 2nd and last Mass 5.45 p.m. Rosary and Hymns to the B.V. Mary. Devotion of the month: the Blessed Virgin Mary. Monday 22nd St. Julia Virgin and Martyr High Mass of requiem on behalf of the late Khru Francisco Chi (requested by Mr. J. B. Am.)

## Christ Church.

Service for 4th Sunday after Easter. Evensong at 6 p.m. Processional } Jerusalem the golden. Hymn } Psalm: 106 Chant Oakley's quadruple. Magnificat: Matthews' Chant in E. Nunc Dimittis: Barnby's Chant in A flat minor. Hymns: Come, ye faithful, raise the strain. Saviour, again to Thy dear Name. Anthem: The foe behind, the deep before. Barnby. Vesper: Through the day.

## St Mary's Mission.

Sunday, May 14.—4th Sunday after Easter.

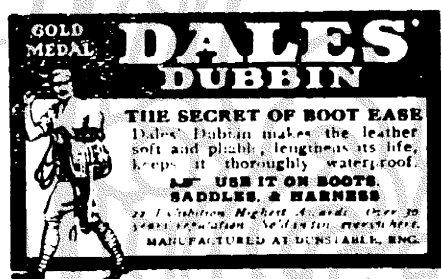
9 a.m.—Matins and Sermon. Hymns. When morning gilds the sky. Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven. Forty days thy seer of old.

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## Defences of Egypt.

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Suez, March 13.—If the danger of a Turkish attack on Egypt is not entirely removed, a serious attempt at invasion is becoming very remote. The warm season is approaching, and with it the possibility of moving large bodies of troops across the inhospitable desert. Elaborate preparations were previously completed. Of these there are no signs—certainly not for an army large enough to measure strength with the defenders. The Turks and their German masters may have intended a descent on Egypt, but a well-grounded fear that full protective measures have been taken against them, and the disaster of Erzerum, have presumably caused a change of plans.

That, at least, is the conclusion formed by the absence of indications of enemy activity at a time when the precious days of moderate temperature are becoming fewer. There may be sporadic attacks by small parties, but a serious effort to reach the Suez Canal is practically impossible this season. Having seen the defences which, thirteen months ago, were sufficient to break the effort of 15,000 Turks to cross the Canal, I make bold to say that a quarter of a million of the enemy have less chance to-day. The enemy have not the faintest prospect of sending such an army against us, and the Canal and Egypt are perfectly secure. Indeed, it is doubtful whether any part of the European battle front is so safe from the results of an attack.

**An Insurance Premium.**  
If it has been necessary for Britain to make a vast expenditure in money and labour to secure the freedom of the waterway connecting the seas of the East and the West—the expenditure is an insurance premium which no son of the Empire will grudge—how much greater must be the cost of adequate preparations of the enemy. He has to cross a practically waterless waste, with nothing to sustain his army except what he can carry from his base, 100 miles away.

Prudence prompted our Command to construct numerous light railways on the eastern side of the Canal, and to lay an elaborate system of pipe-lines for the water-supply. Unless the Turks make similar arrangements over ten times the mileage they cannot bring an army equal in numbers to that which they have to meet, nor keep them opposite our lines for more than two days, even without a shot being fired at them.

Our preparations are planned to resist the most serious attack that could in any circumstances, be made against Egypt. We have stores transported

miles into the desert by rapid little trains over 100 miles of metalled roads made for wheeled transport. The hum of the motor is carried far in the desert air, but even the aid of almost every modern appliance for speedy locomotion is not sufficient for our purpose. While long clouds of dust are raised on the roads by self-propelled vehicles tell the story of an up-to-date transport service, you cannot train moving, as in Pharaoh's time, larger, perhaps than ever before in history, carrying different loads, but in the same slow, methodical, follow-my-leader way. This curious blend of ancient and modern transport is necessary and desirable, to bring to the service of the army every possible means of carriage, and it is due to the employment of all available resources that such astonishing defensive works have been completed.

What the system of defences is must not be indicated, for the very good reason that the enemy would like to know, but it is certain that if ever there were chances of a Turkish success they have completely vanished. During a visit to the front line of defences I was much impressed with the character of the work and the enthusiastic labour of the troops. It has been given to a division composed of veterans who proved their courage and martial spirit in the stern days of Gallipoli. Some had held on to their duties longer than health warranted, because they wished to see the quality of the reinforcements, and to impress upon them how vital it was that the younger nations should show the Mother Country that the stock was true. They came to Egypt with nerves unshaken, for the Gallipoli ordeals had merely tempered them; but jaundice and other forms of sickness preyed on troops who had lowered systems. After recuperating for three weeks at the desert rest camp they were ready for fresh trials. Indeed, the Divisional Commander told me that the news that his men were to prepare and occupy the first line gave intense satisfaction, and though the subsequent toil was heavy and the calls upon cheerfulness and endurance great, their health was splendid. Work for the Empire has acted as a tonic, and the rate of sickness among these war-worn heroes has fallen to 3 per 1,000.

**Desert Trench-Making.**  
Hired labour is used for railway and road construction, but only troops are employed on the defences. For weeks the troops, British and Colonial, dug, levelled, sand-bagged and so on, until they produced a system of earthworks incomparably superior to any made in Egypt before. Those who watched them were amazed at their skill and pride in their work. They have done magnificently, and in the whole of the wonderful line the men see to it that

there is not an idler. There is no room for the drone in that hive of bees. Trench-making in the desert used to be never-ending and heart-breaking. You cut a hole and the sand filtered in like water. Even should the air be still, tiny particles drift in, but when the Kamseen blows, as it does now with the force of a moderate gale, heavily charging the air with sand, there comes over the trench parapet and the guns' emplacement a fog of dust, which quickly fills the laboriously cut holes. This is bad enough, but the loose sand is easily distributed when the storm abates. What is to be feared is that the walls of the trenches will fall away, then the whole previous exertion will have been in vain.

A new form of trench has been planned to meet this difficulty. The latest design involves infinitely more labour in the initial stages, but it prevents damage by storm or pressure of sand. These elaborate trenches will stand the ravages of time and the desert storm. Perhaps some future excavators for relics of an ancient people will come upon these memorials of the love which the free men of to-day have for all that civilisation and progress stand for. (W. T. Massay in Daily Telegraph.)

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Ayuthia Arr.	9.3	11.11	3.33	5.45	Den Chai "	...	12.38	...	...
Ban Phaji Arr.	9.47	12.20	4.24	6.30	Tha Sao "	...	7.1	2.21	...
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					Ban Dara Arr.	8.16	3.26	...	...
Ban Phaji Dep.	9.57	12.37	4.30	...	Sawa'loke Dep.	7.—	2.10	...	...
Lopburi Arr.	11.5	1.55	5.48	...	Ban Dara Arr.	8.1	3.11	...	...
Chongket Dep.	12.33	3.38	...	a.m.					
Pak'pho Arr.	2.17	5.40	...	7.2	Ban Dara Dep.	a.m.	p.m.	...	...
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Skalo'ke Arr.	...	9.20	4.40	...	Chongket Arr.	6.21	...	9.22	12.38
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