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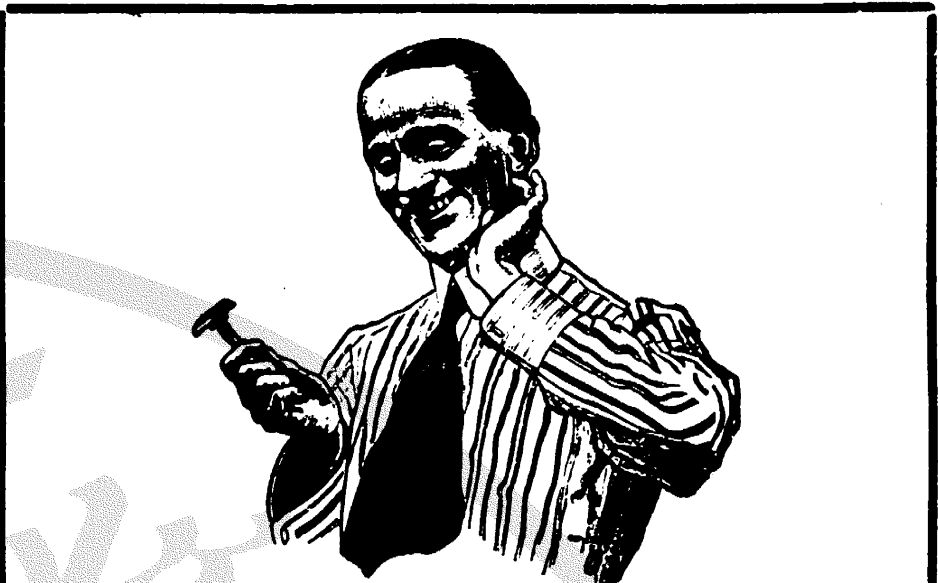
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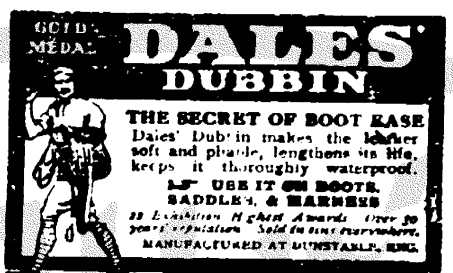
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	H. W.	L. W.	
	(Approx.)		
16	9 00	15 1	...
17	9 00	14 11	...
18	8 30	14 4	...
19	7 00	14 5	...
20	6 30	15 5	...
21	6 30	15 10	...
22	6 30	15 2	...
23	7 00	15 11	...
24	7 00	15 7	...
25	7 30	15 10	...
26	8 00	15 3	...
27	8 00	15 0	...
28	8 00	15 3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

Jan.	P.M.		Feet.
	H. W.	L. W.	
	(Approx.)		
16	10 00	12 3	5.6
17	...	...	7.8
18	...	...	8.9
19	...	...	8.9
20	...	...	10.11
21	...	...	11.0
22	...	...	12.0
23	3 30	12 11	12.0
24	4 00	13 2	12.0
25	5 00	13 1	12.0
26	6 00	13 4	...
27	6 30	13 5	...
28	7 00	13 5	...
29	8 00	12 11	...
30	9 00	12 8	...
31	10 30	12 6	...
Feb.	1 11 00	12 6	4.5
2	...	...	5.6
3	...	...	7.0
4	...	...	7.0
5	...	...	6.7
6	...	...	7.0
7	...	...	9.10
8	3 30	12 8	10.11
9	4 00	13 1	11.12
10	5 00	13 6	12.0
11	6 00	14 1	12.0
12	7 00	14 0	...
13	8 00	13 10	...
14	9 30	13 7	...
15	10 00	13 3	2.3
16	11 00	13 4	2.3

PHASES OF THE MOON.

Feb. 7th O Full Moon 10.10 a.m.
" 15th (Last Quarter) 8.25 a.m.
" 22nd O New Moon 0.51 a.m.
" 28th) First Quarter 11.26 p.m.

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General Dmitrieff.

Russia's Famous Bulgarian Leader.

The following is an impression by Mme Olga Novikoff of Radko Dmitrieff, the Bulgarian General who is in command of the Russians on the Riga line, and who has won many victories for Russia. It will be recalled that he returned to King Ferdinand all his Bulgarian decorations.

Dmitrieff is unchanged—as energetic and active as ever, unshaken in his belief in ultimate success, in Russia's victory, and in the triumph of the Slav. The general has seen and suffered much during the war, but his valour and good spirits never fail, indeed, he has the gift of inspiring others with faith and courage, and, after every interview with him, one comes away with renewed hope and energy and confidence in the future.

Even the action of Bulgaria, a treachery beyond defence of justification, have not shaken General Dmitrieff's faith. His penetrating glance moves across all the far and near theatres of war, and never loses hope that the Bulgarians, drawn into an adventure by their Tsar Ferdinand, will, at the decisive moment, turn against Germany.

"The Bulgarian people," says General Dmitrieff, "perhaps really deserve more pity than reproach. The nation is in the hands of German Princes, who for years have been systematically spreading the falsehood that Russia is a dangerous enemy, from whom nothing but evil can be expected. Already in 1885, the time of the annexation of Eastern Rumania, the Bulgarians were constantly being assured that Russia would never allow them to grow in any way more powerful. Ferdinand took advantage of every opportunity to emphasise this idea, and was, of course, helped and encouraged by the German Press.

"Bitter Discontent. "It is in this way that Bulgarian public opinion has been influenced to the point of consenting to the present unpardonable treachery. "I am firmly convinced, that, among the people, present events are regarded with bitter discontent. To Ferdinand it is, of course, indifferent whether Bulgaria is ruined or not—he will lose nothing.

"One must make a clear distinction between the governors of Bulgaria and her people. It is wrong to lay the whole fault and responsibilities at the door of the people. Crowds of Bulgarian subjects are in a helpless and inextricable position. They are told that if the Allies win they will be crushed and destroyed. They must be made to understand that when the time comes for regulating frontiers and boundaries the Allies will be generous and just. Such a hope will give the people something to lean on. They are being told that Russia and France will crush them. They must be persuaded and convinced that this is false.

A Historic Precedent. "Once this result is achieved, there will be a repetition of that famous incident during the battle of Leipzig, when the Saxons, fighting on the French side, suddenly changed front, and went over to the enemy. I should not be at all surprised if something similar happens in the near future.

"If the English and the French, before putting their guns into action, make one last appeal to the conscience and patriotic duty of Bulgaria, this may prevent much bloodshed. Personally, I think that in any case the Bulgarians will not allow any very intense resistance to the Russian troops. Turkish-Bulgarian detachments can be sent against the Russians, but the Bulgarian Army must be brought to realise that

Russia is not advancing in the spirit of an oppressor, but that, on the contrary, it will once more be that she will act as Liberator from the German nightmare, in which Bulgaria has been enshrouded for forty years.

"If the sound of my voice reaches Bulgaria," concluded the General, "my Third Army will hear it."

Ready to Lead His Old Army. "I consider," replied General Dmitrieff, "that it would be unsuitable for me, at the head of foreign or even of our own Russian troops, to fire upon Bulgarians. But if changes should arise in Bulgaria, if there is a general agitation against the present Government, and the people remain without leaders, if they call me to lead them against our common enemy, I am ready to go with my troops, in remembrance of Chatalja, Bunak-Hissar, and Lule Burgas, and lead them against Germans. In the meantime, I consider that with regard to Russia I am doing the historical duty of a Slav by working in the Russian Army, where I trust my services are to some extent useful."

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The Post and Telegraph Department reports that Malay Peninsula Local line is imperfectly working between Thompson and Surasatradhant. Saigon line is not properly working between Phnompenh and Bangkok. Other lines are available.

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Sun Yat Sen and China.

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According to the Chinese papers, it is confirmed that Dr. Sun Yat-sen has received \$600,000 from the Bank of China. The Speakers of the Senate and House of Representatives have visited President Li Yuan-hung, asking the latter to explain the reason for the payment of such a large sum of money to Dr. Sun.

The President replied that neither he nor Premier Tuan Chi-jui knew of the matter. Consequently he summoned Hsu En-yuen, Governor of the Bank, to the Palace. The latter, on being questioned, said that he had paid the money because Dr. Chen Ching-tao, Minister of Finance, assured him that he (Dr. Chen) would take full responsibility for this sum.

Messrs. Ai Ching-yung, Hsia Tcheng-ho, and twenty other members of the Lower House, have sent in an interpellation to the Government demanding to know the truth of the reports in the foreign and native papers that the Government of the Bank of China has remitted the sum of six hundred thousand dollars to Dr. Sun Yat-sen at Shanghai, as first instalment of his claims for twenty-eight years claimed by him as money spent by the Kuomintang in the Yangtze Valley in 1915-16 against the monarchy movement. The interpellators desire to know whether the money was remitted to Shanghai by direct order of the Chief Executive or the Premier, and whether in view of the unstable financial condition of the Bank of China and the Bank of Communications the sum of six hundred thousand dollars will not do harm to the countless noteholders of the two National Banks at this time when the Chinese old new year is fast approaching for the settlement of accounts by all classes of people. The interpellators ask whether the six hundred thousand dollars were paid out of the new American loan of five million gold dollars, or from the sinking funds of the Bank of China at Shanghai which resulted in dispute between the head office and the Bank's Shanghai branch, etc.

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Overseas Chinese.

Mr. Chu Chao-hain, member of the Tsan Yi Yuan, has submitted the following bill to the Tsan Yuan for discussion: "It is time for the Government to adopt some practical measures for the protection of the interests of the overseas Chinese. In Siam, Burma, India, and a large number of foreign ports, where there are Chinese residents, Chinese Consulates have been established. In other places, like Boston, Marseilles, etc., foreigners have been appointed Acting Chinese Consuls to look after the interests of the Chinese there. Therefore, it is now imperative that more Consulates should be established abroad, and all these foreigners should be replaced by Chinese Consuls. As the financial condition of the Government cannot afford to establish so many Consulates, it is advisable to select some overseas Chinese merchants to be Consuls to look after the interests of the Chinese abroad. It is often reported that Chinese have always been cheated and when they return they are bullied by local bad characters. Organs should therefore be established to attend to the matter. In Fokien a special organ called Kainanlu has been established at Amoy, and it has done good work, and in Canton city a similar organ was established but was closed in the 1st year of the Min Kuo. It is requested that such organs should now be established in Shanghai and other important ports to attend to the affairs of the overseas Chinese."

Arms Company's Big Earnings.

Vienna, Nov. 10.—The Austrian Arms Company for the fiscal year 1915-16 earned 165 per cent. on its capital of ten and a half million kronen (just over \$2,000,000). The company is the sole concern in Austria that makes rifles, so that it has naturally a market for all the guns it can produce. In addition it turns out bicycles, which have had an unprecedented market during the present war.

Motor Shipbuilding in the U. S. A.

Official details have recently been issued of shipbuilding in the U. S. A. for the three months ended 30th September, 1916. The figures were compiled by the Bureau of Navigation, Washington.

The number of motor vessels was 180, with a gross tonnage of 9,936, whilst there were 16 sailing ships with a tonnage of 5,092. There were 43 steamships completed, with a gross tonnage of 79,358.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE s.s. *Mala Hari* is expected to sail for Singapore direct on Friday afternoon, 2nd February.

WE have to welcome Capt. Foss, of the Harbour Department who returned yesterday after a much needed rest in Europe.

MESSRS. the Borneo Co. have received a wire from Singapore to the effect that the mails were not after all shipped by the s.s. *Katong*.

THE s.s. *Katong* left Singapore on Sunday morning the 28th inst. and may be expected to arrive at the Borneo Company's wharf on Wednesday morning about 9 o'clock.

NEW Ads.—Ladies' shoes are going at sale rates at Messrs. Whitaway Laidlaw and Co. The S. A. B. notify that new shipments of the "Big Ben" alarm clocks are due within a fortnight. Change of dates in departure of the coast mails are announced by the Siam Steam Navigation Co.

TELEGRAMS from Haparanda to the Swedish newspapers report, says the Stockholm correspondent of the *Morning Post*, that the Russian Government has decided to issue a manifesto proclaiming the autonomy of Finland, the re-establishment of the Finnish Army, and the calling together of the local Diet to give effect to this measure.

THE "Koelnische Zeitung" reports that a Provisional State Council has been established in Poland. It is to consist of 25 members, 15 from the territory occupied by the Germans and 10 from that occupied by the Austrians. Two Government Commissioners will be appointed by the German and Austrian Governments. The meetings of the Council will be secret. The language used will be Polish.

Electric Lighting Extending.

We hear that the Ministry for the Navy are making arrangements to install electric lighting at the Naval Station at Bang Na, it becoming feasible from a business point of view owing to the extension of the electricity driven tram car to Bang Chak. Why should not the whole of the Paknam district be furnished with electric light in the near future?

Sports Club Football.

There will be a football match at the R. B. S. C. to-morrow, (Wednesday) the 31st. inst. between the Denizens and Tollers of Chartered Bank Lane and Oriental Avenue on one side and the Temperates on the other. Kick off 4.45 p.m. Referee: Mr. D. Robertson.

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The Temperates (White.)

The following matches have been arranged for next month:—

Wednesday 7th Feb. Merchants c. Men of Straw
" 14th " Government Services c. Danes
" 21st " Veterans c. The Rest
Saturday 24th " England c. Scotland (replay of Pollard Cup.)

In the Civil Court.

The action brought by the Ministry of the Navy against the Bangkok Dock Company for damages in respect of the bunding erected by the Company at the Naval Arsenal at Bang Na, which occupied the time of the Court for several days last month was adjourned yesterday when the plaintiff's claim was dismissed with costs. The claim, it will be remembered, was for damages in respect of the bunding, lying way in one or two places and the Navy charged that the Dock Company's work was defective and several expert witnesses, including Mr. Wolthers and Mr. Sehested, were called to testify in support of the plaintiff's contention. The Dock Company contended that their contract had been performed in an effective manner and that their guarantee of good materials and workmanship was proved by the evidence called for the plaintiff. The Court practically held that the claim was in respect of a breach of contract and the plaintiff had failed to prove any breach.

The Paknam Railway Company.

Another good year has been experienced by the shareholders of the Paknam Railway Company and it is currently reported that the earnings of the year will be sufficient to warrant a dividend for the year of twenty per cent. It will be remembered that this Company pays its shareholders a quarterly dividend of four per cent. so that for the last quarter they are likely to receive eight per cent. thus making up the twenty. If this excellent example can be copied by other local companies Bangkok's prosperity will be certainly assured. There is good cause for congratulating the Board on the continued success of this undertaking.

Training Notes.

This morning was a full day on the Course. The mist was as bad as ever, but its duration was short and by seven o'clock everything was visible again. The first few gallops were however in the mist. Lady de Melle and Sandfly did a five furlong. B. D. Louis was on the former and a boy on the gelding. In the finish the new importation ran away from Sandfly with the greatest ease. Sunflower and Aminta were led up by Phra Pradibadda himself who started them at the half mile with the mist thick all round him. They ran down into the straight neck and neck together and at winning post the stallion just managed to get ahead of the mare. The time was excellent. Gladys C with Him Lek up ran round the Course in the good time of 2.6. Mars D with Nai Um up also went round but the time of 2.18 was due to the efforts of the rider standing her several times. The two Turf Club griffins Morakote and Maprik sprinted the two furlongs in a very creditable way. Marie L looked in excellent form and condition while Ella T is still too fine and consequently full of excitement. Royal Flush with Yamat was at slow exercise. Silver Cross and Kanda did an excellent half mile in 56 seconds. Townit was taken round the Course and Plain Jane showed him the way from the half mile.

Uniting the Churches.

New York, Jan. 8.—The Pope is planning a union of the Churches, his chief aim, it is stated, being to bring about a union with the Russian Churches.

Earthquake Kills 300.

New York, Jan. 8.—Three hundred people have been killed by an earthquake in Formosa.
[A Japanese message from Tokio says that, on January 5, there was a severe earthquake throughout the island of Formosa, with its center at a place near Taichu, or Thichung. About 1,000 houses were destroyed and several dozen people either killed or injured.]

"Duration of the War."

The question whether or not agreements for letting premises "for the period of the war" are void on the ground of uncertainty as to duration was raised in the King's Bench Division in an action by the Great Northern Railway Company against Mr. Harry Arnold to recover possession of premises at Leicester.

Mr. Justice Rowlatt suggested that the matter could have been set right by granting the lease for 999 years, "determinable at the end of the war."

Those in court noted with satisfaction that the judge apparently does not think that the war will last so long as 999 years.

In giving judgment the judge increased his 999 years to 9,999 and dismissed "this ingenious action," with costs.

The Maha Chakrakri.

The Siamese warship *Maha Chakrakri*, 2,000 tons, the largest of the Siamese fleet, which had been at anchor at the port of Kobe since August last, has been offered for sale. The vessel cleared Kobe for Osaka to be put on public exhibition for the inspection of intending buyers. The O. S. K. is said to be likely to buy the ship.—*The China Press*.

China's Army Estimate Reduced.

Peking, Jan. 12.—The military expenditure for next year, which at first was estimated at \$136,715,000, after revision has been reduced by \$30,000,000.

Jack Johnson in U. S. A.

New York, January 8.—Jack Johnson, the ex-heavyweight boxing champion, for whose arrest there has been a warrant out for some four years and who has been variously reported as in South America, Italy, Spain, France and in the trenches on the west front, is now believed to be hiding in the United States. Federal officials are trying to locate him.

New American Shipping Companies.

Two new shipping companies, with a total capital of a million and a quarter dollars, have recently been registered in California for establishing a line of motor ships to Chinese and other Eastern ports. The vessels are to be built of wood and fitted with engines of the hot-bulb type, their length being 260 ft., while the cargo capacity is 4,000 tons.

Roosevelt's Eastern Tour.

Manila, Dec. 30.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt will sail from the Pacific coast for Hawaii and the South Sea Islands early in February next, according to advice which reached this city in the last mail from the homeland, and already a movement has been set on foot in China and Japan to induce the famous ex-president and his wife to extend their tour so as to include a visit to the Far East in the early Spring.

How To Rest.

Boston, December 3.—Dr. Ernest G. Martin, whose "fatigue laboratory" at Harvard attracted wide interest, today summarised his findings on how to rest.

"The way not to tire, in the first place," he says, "is to choose work that one loves. To a man who would have the highest efficiency, few things are more vital than the kind of recreation he takes. We may be active and still be resting, provided that the parts of us which are active are not the same parts that we use in regular work. The clue to proper rest is diversion.

"Let whatever you do out of your working hours be something as absolutely opposed to your ordinary routine as you can conveniently make it.

"As to sleep, man thrives best on a regular schedule, whatever the number of hours taken.

"To get the most out of your vacation, devote it to something you really want to do. Rest, at its best, is unfettered, unhurried occupation of mind and body, in pastimes remote from work-a-day life."

Third Far Eastern Championship Games.

Word has just been received from the Contest Committee of Japan says the China Press of January 13th that the Third Far Eastern Championship Games between China, Japan, the Philippine Islands and Siam, will be held in the city of Tokio from the 9th to the 12th of May. The entire Olympic programme is to be carried out: Track and field sports, baseball, football, volleyball, basketball, swimming and cycling. In the track and field events the javelin throw is to be included for the first time.

China's Olympic Committee is preparing to send a large representative team which will be composed principally of Chinese students, and will have men entered in every event of the entire programme.

Similar word comes from the Philippine Islands, so that as far as competition is concerned, the Third Championship Games will be as great a success as the Games which were held in Shanghai in May, 1915.

Japan has been making great strides in the development of athletics. During the past year a great many very successful athletic games have been held throughout the Empire. At a recent athletic meet at Osaka no less than 800 athletes competed. In the ten-mile run alone, there were 300 entered; 200 of the competitors finished the distance. This will give some idea of the interest that is being taken in the development of competitive games.

Germany Day By Day.

Saving Light in Berlin.

Mr. Frederick William Wille, late Berlin correspondent of the "Daily Mail" writes:—

How to provide energy-sustaining fats for the millions of munition makers whom Hindenburg's Mass Levy will call up for "auxiliary national service" is causing anxiety in Germany. At the Military Dictator's urgent request agricultural societies throughout the country are now appealing to farmers and cattle raisers for voluntary gifts of fats of all kinds, especially lard, margarine, and bacon. An organisation has been perfected for canvassing for gifts systematically. Collecting and distributing stations will be established at strategic points. Prospective donors will receive an official guarantee that contributions of fats will be diverted exclusively to the use of needy artisans.

"Mass Economy" Law.

The "Frankfurter Zeitung," which regularly gives signs that it is Hindenburg and Ludendorff's special organ, published on Dec. 3 an elaborate front-page article on "Saving—A Necessary Supplement to the Auxiliary Service Law." The language suggests that unless there is no more effective voluntary saving by the people in every direction "compulsory economy" may be enforced.

"More compulsion is coming," declares the *Frankfurter*. "Rationing of food, clothes, cards, curtailment of railway travelling, limitation of public illumination, early closing of taverns and restaurants, and other measures now in force are not yet liberating all our resources for prosecution of the war. Much superfluous work is done and much unnecessary money is still spent."

Dark Berlin.

Berlin in pre-war days and throughout the war a brilliantly illuminated capital, has been considerably darker since last Saturday. On that night the new orders abolishing electric flash signs and advertisement lights of all sorts, came into effect and the aspect of Friedrichstrasse, Unter den Linden, Leipzigerstrasse, and Potsdamer Platz (Germany's Piccadilly-circus) has undergone a depressing change. New closing hours for shops, hotels, restaurants, and cafes are also about to be enforced for the purpose of saving the coal required to generate electric-light current and gas.

U. S. A. and War Loans.

Undisguised satisfaction is expressed by the German Press over the action of the United States Federal Reserve Board in warning Americans against investment in foreign Government securities. The financial editor of the "Lokal-Anzeiger" rejoices to think that the immediate effect will be "a slackening in the filling of munition orders" by the American works, and the "Berliner Tageblatt" is gratified that "America has become sick and tired of the Allies' loans."

The Fleet's "Luxuries."

In the narrative of his visit to the High Seas Fleet the *Berliner Tageblatt's* special correspondent devotes his most enthusiastic phrases to the luxuries provided for the inner man at sea. He waxes eloquent about the "fresh rolls" served at breakfast on board the *Deutschland* which he is inhabiting and to the "beans and sausage" rations in the men's mess at midday. "Such things," he mournfully records, "have long since belonged to the realm of fairy-tales for landmen."

Revelation on Belgium.

Count Reventlow breaks forth from day to day in the "Deutsche Tageszeitung" with old-time vigour. His latest eruption is an appeal for the annexation of Belgium—in Belgium's own interest!

"Though fighting bitterly for existence the German Empire is showing that it has the power to hold Belgium both on the land and the sea sides. That the German Empire will be able in future not only to keep Belgium but by doing so also enormously strengthen its power is self-evident. There is no Power in Europe which would be capable of a similar achievement on Belgian soil and on the Belgian coast—no Power capable of guaranteeing security to Belgian territory in perpetuity or, by reason of geography, politics, and trade, of offering such a natural connection with the European hinterland, especially with the Great Powers of that hinterland. Any other condition would subject Belgium and her people to injury, especially by re-conquering them to be for Great Britain a means to the end of attaining Continental supremacy."

Far-Sighted Germans.

With typical farsightedness Germany is already considering the sugar supply for the year 1917-18. The Federal Council has just issued orders whose object is not only to guarantee that Germany's normal planting of sugar-beet shall be maintained, but, if possible, increased. At their urgent request farmers have been promised the labour of prisoners of war and also a special supply of fertilisers.

Hydroplanes for Battleship.

The U.S. battleship "California," now under construction promises to be one of the most interesting vessels afloat. She is to be electrically propelled, steam turbines of 30,000 h.p. driving generators which deliver their current to electric motors driving the propellers direct. It is stated that besides the ordinary motor picket boat, hydroplanes will be carried, strongly constructed and capable of high speed in moderately rough weather.

Practically every auxiliary will be electrically operated, including the motors for hoisting the ammunition in the gun turrets, also boat hoists, winches and winlasses, steering gear, ventilators, pumps, and for the cooking plant, carpenter's and machine shops, cranes, etc.

New Cambridge Scheme.

Important reforms are described as desirable in a memorandum which the Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University has received from 135 resident members of the Senate. The demands provide for longer terms, a simpler examination scheme, short courses of study, and cheaper living.

The memorandum suggest that the Michaelmas and Lent full terms should each be ten weeks and the Easter full term of nine or ten weeks. No examination, it adds, should be held before June, and general admission should be in July.

It is proposed that definite recognition should be offered to poor students, taking short courses, and certificates awarded them.

War News From Dutch Sources.

The Belgian Generalissimo Wielemans has died.

Desertions from the German army are now numerous.

A large number of Dutch firms have again been placed on the Black List.

A safe was stolen from the War Office at Rotterdam which contained 32,000 guilders.

Mr. Cort van der Linden has asked for a further credit of 2 million guilders for the support of Belgian refugees.

The Hamburg Prize Court has decided that the sinking of the Dutch vessel *Zeeland* in August last was legitimate.

The "Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" denies the report that Germany has communicated her peace terms to President Wilson.

The Emperor of Austria has issued a proclamation to the Army and Navy calling on them to carry on the war with the utmost vigour.

The "Frankfurter Zeitung" denies a report to the effect that the present Sumatra tobacco harvest will be handed over to German manufacturers without restriction.

Germany is concentrating numerous troops at Sundgau to the north of Basel. The French, Italian and Swiss newspapers are alarmed as they fear that Germany intends to invade Swiss territory in order to attack Belfort.

The socialist party of the United States has requested the International Socialist Bureau to call a Congress at the Hague on June 3rd to discuss the best method of bringing about a satisfactory and durable peace.

By mistake a German coast battery at Ostend fired on the Dutch vessel *Oldambt*, which was being brought in by a torpedo-boat. One of the *Oldambt's* boats was destroyed and the pilot drowned. Four of the crew were wounded and are now in hospital at Bruges.

The British have seized a quantity of metal consigned to the Dutch Munition Factory at Hembrug. In consequence all export of such metal (Mossing), a mixture of copper and iron, from America has been stopped. A period of stagnation in Dutch munition work is expected.

The "Tyd" learns from Berlin that although the Allies' reply to the German peace note has caused a temporary check to the movement, the German Chancellor will make another declaration on the subject in the middle of January. After a debate in the Reichstag in which President Wilson's Note will be discussed Germany will communicate her terms to neutrals.

Germany understands Holland's present position in not taking active part with President Wilson in peace measures, as it is well known Holland will join in the movement at the right moment. Sixteen Dutch grain ships and five colliers are held up owing to the engineers' strike. A famine in grain and coal is expected.

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Importance of Rumanian Supplies.

Evidence of conditions in Germany received by a competent observer shows the tremendous activity of the German administrative machine. Every trade and every industry is under strict Government control, and practically nothing is produced that does not contribute, directly or indirectly, to the progress of the war. The extent and minuteness of the supervision exercised over the food supply of the Empire may be judged from the fact that in Berlin alone the war associations and war bureaux controlling some stage in the production, distribution, or consumption of some special article of food, and subordinate to the War Food Ministry now number 32.


To the eye of the neutral, says the observer quoted, conditions in Germany, in this respect, present an impressive contrast to those existing in Britain, where, so far as the visitor can judge, no effort has hitherto been made to secure an adequate supply of cheap food for the poorer classes, while certain sections of the well-to-do indulge openly and unchecked in flagrant extravagance of living. It is easy to understand the not very favourable impression made on the neutral traveller, who has with difficulty obtained sufficient food to eat in the best hotels of Berlin and Vienna, when he first enters one of our more expensive restaurants and studies the copious menu and watches the heedless crowd of

guests filling every available place.

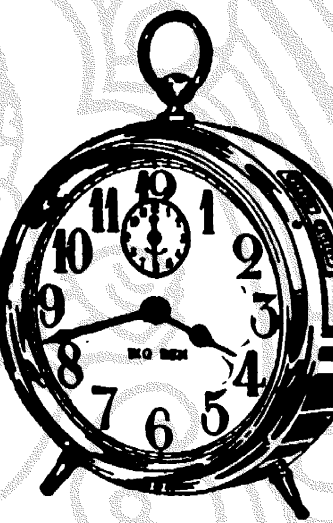
The Germans have already made full use of prisoners of war in factories and on farms, and have recently been carrying out what are practically slave raids in Belgium and Northern France, in order to get more labour. By their proclamation of an "independent" Polish kingdom they hope to obtain large numbers of recruits, both for the Army and the workshops. But even these measures are not deemed sufficient to provide that margin of safety in man-power which the foresight of the German General Staff considers expedient, and all healthy citizens are now to be summoned to play their part in the general work of the nation.

The question of food and other vital supplies has been growing steadily more urgent. The information collected by the observer shows that in another six months, failing the discovery of some means of increasing her supplies, our enemies would have been in a serious plight. But the seizure of supplies in Rumania must materially relieve the stringency in Germany. In regard to live stock alone, Rumania in 1900—the latest year for which figures are available—had: Cattle (including 751,227 cows), 2,545,051; sheep 3,555,444; pigs, 1,709,205.

On the other side of the account may be mentioned the failure of the potato harvest. This is now openly admitted. The already inadequate ration for the individual has been curtailed to 6 lb. a week, and it is doubtful whether it will be possible to provide even this meagre ration regularly throughout the season.—*Ex.*



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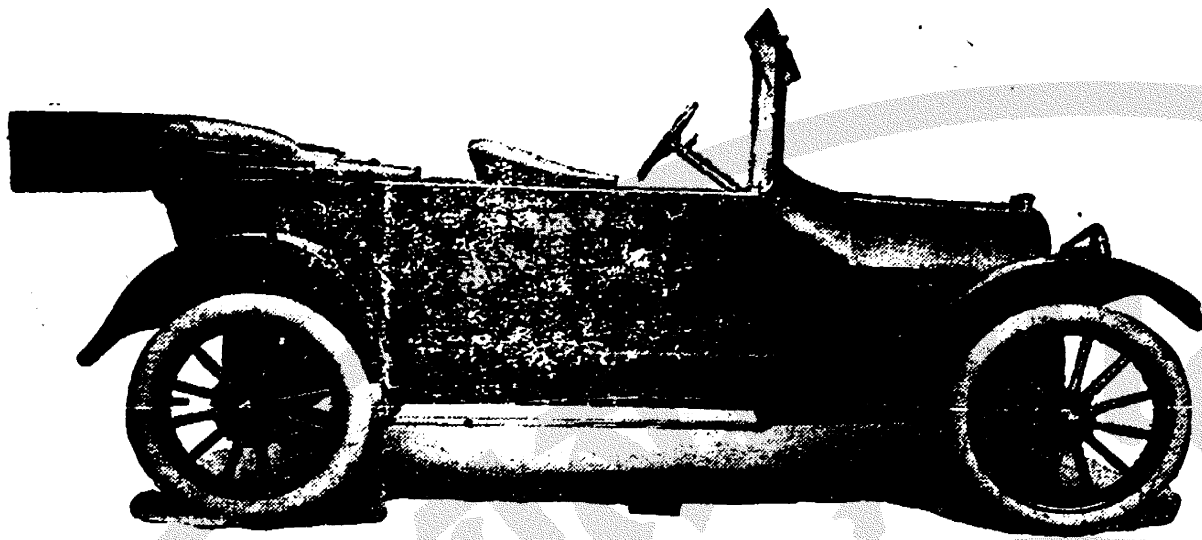
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German Colonies Divided by Allies.

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Now York, Dec. 4.—The first step toward an apportionment between France and England of the territory of former German colonies in West Africa is described in a report to the Royal Geographical Society of London, printed in the journal of the society for November. Under the arrangement now existing, by far the greater area is under French administration, but the most important ports are under British control.

The maps printed by the society indicate that England has jurisdiction at present over about 40,000 of the 190,000 square miles of Cameroon, and over about 10,000 of the 33,700 square miles of Togoland. Lome, the principal port and town of Togoland, becomes British, temporarily at least. Buea, Victoria, and Rio del Rey in the Cameroon are governed by the English, but Duala, the largest town, is in the French section.

The conquered German territory is placed under the government of the English and French provinces adjoining it. The Cameroon is situated on the Gulf of Guinea, with the British province of Nigeria just north of it and French Equatorial Africa south and east of it, so that it is divided for administrative purposes between the Colonial Government of Nigeria and French Equatorial Africa.

Togoland, which is west of Cameroon on the Gulf of Guinea, will be ruled by the Governors of the Gold Coast, the British province, and Dahomey, the French.

Both of the conquered provinces are rich in agricultural resources, with more or less mineral wealth, only slightly explored. The Cameroon has a native population of 3,500,000 and a white population before the war of about 2,000. Since their acquisition of the country, in 1884, the Germans had developed it. Before that time it was for white men nothing more than a geographical term and a spot on the map of Africa. The Germans instituted the production of palm oil, cocoa, rubber, cotton, indigo, fine woods, and other natural products and built up Duala, Buea, Victoria, and other stations into reproductions of small German towns. They had built three railroads and were carrying forward large plans for the development of the colony with the purpose of establishing a model colony. A member of the West African expeditionary force

into the Cameroon wrote in a report to the Royal Geographical Society:

"These railroads were built at enormous expense, the bridge being excellent. On the Mittellandbahn at Ede, crossing the Saaga River, is an iron bridge, the largest single span in Africa. On the Eisenbahn there are several long iron bridges, the biggest being at Boppe and Kake.

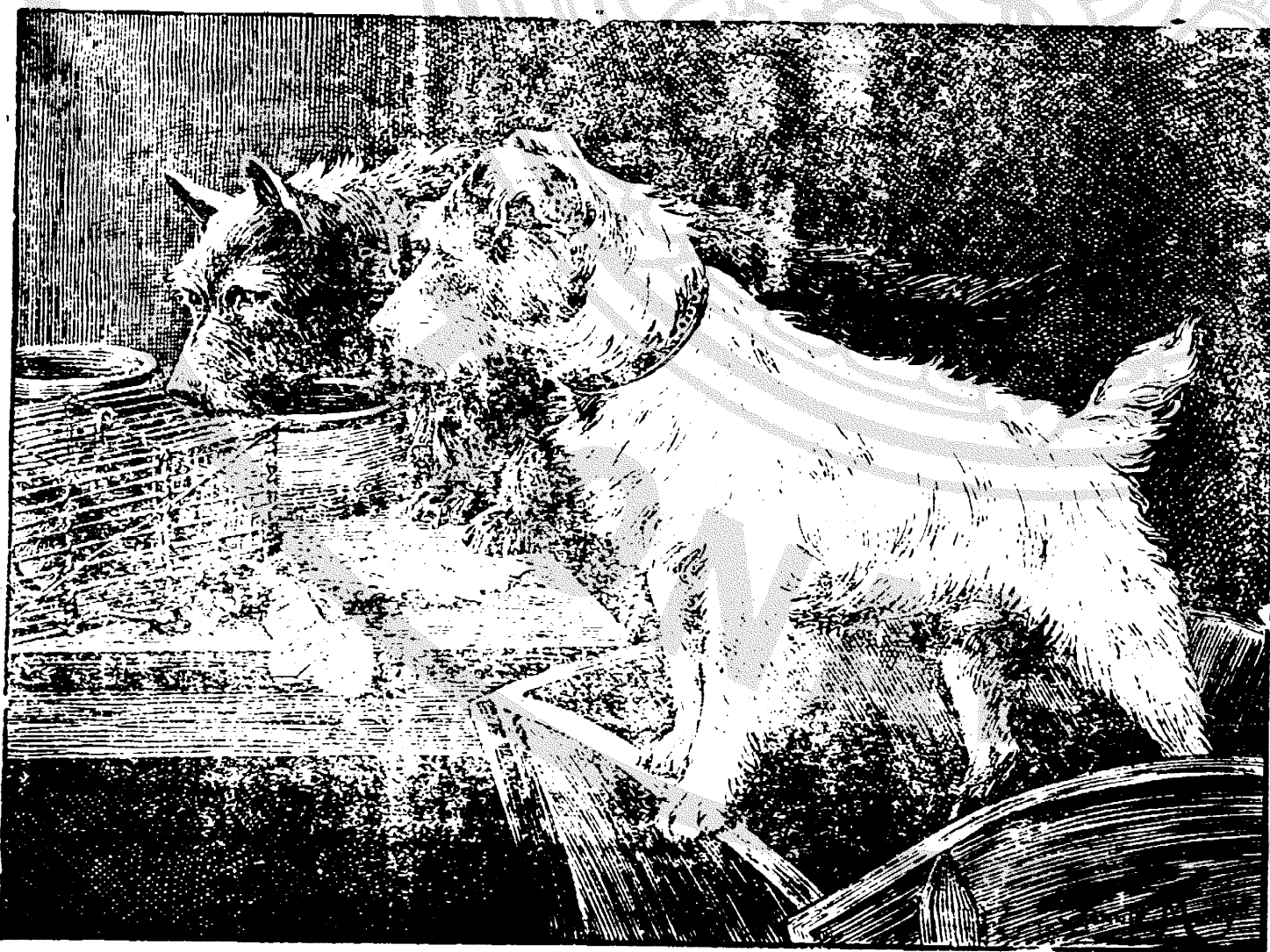
"The wealth of the country under the Germans was entirely agricultural. It would seem probable that there are minerals, in the north at any rate, to the same extent as in Northern Nigeria, but it is believed that no mineral survey has been made by the Government, as the policy was to develop the agricultural side first. The richest center of agriculture is that around Victoria and Buea. Here there are huge and splendid plantations of cocoa and rubber. Each plantation has very good European quarters; they are traversed by broad ways mostly with light trolley lines down them.

"The inhabitants' extreme fear of remaining in a place in German hands was only too clearly shown at the evacuation of the Kribi by the Allies. A huge refugee camp had been formed at the Kribi, when it was decided that the place could be of no value in future military operations, whereupon all the natives begged to be taken away and remain under British protection. As far as the shipping allowed, this was done, but necessarily many were left. The scene on the departure of the last steamer from the Kribi was tragic, as many people, making frantic efforts to board the ship, were drowned by the swamping of their canoes. . . ."

Austria's Condition.

The Vienna "Arbeiter Zeitung" is indignant that even the cost of burial is becoming an intolerable burden. It is hard enough to live; it is almost as hard to die. The Society of Vienna Undertakers have announced their intention to raise their prices at once. Metal coffins are to be doubled in price, those of wood to be 8 per cent. dearer, the interior furnishings of coffins are to be raised 150 per cent. Hearse and mourning carriages are raised 50 per cent. Complaints have been made to the Town Council by bereaved persons, but the city fathers having gone into the matter find the new prices just.

The town burying authorities have added £1 to the price of all the funerals conducted by them for destitute persons. These persons are buried in the "fifth class," or that in which a minimum of funeral pomp is displayed. There is a "sixth class," for which the price has not been raised.—Ex.



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London, Dec. 9.—Germany soon will have complete supremacy in the air, according to W. Joynton Hicks, one of the most active members of the House of Commons, who has made a specialty of aviation. He points out the futility of complaining to the Government and appeals to the press to intervene and compel immediate action. He complains at delays and attacks the authorities for permitting the payment of huge commissions to intermediary American contractors.

"While the higher powers are quarrelling," he says, "the lives of our men are sacrificed and the security of our army is jeopardised. The casualties among the Royal Flying Corps have increased, and many officers from the front complain that the curve has begun to move in the German direction. Our machines are out of date, as against the brilliant new ones that the Germans use. The model that fills up the bulk of our squadrons is a beautiful stable machine, but it is utterly out classed with its 90 to 100 horse-power engine by the new German machines, the Rumpler, Halberstadt and several others with engines of 240 to 280 horse-power now in use.

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"The new German machines crash down with all the added impetus of their descent upon our machines, with results disastrous to our intrepid young aviators who man them. They are effete machines and nothing more.

"What both services, military and naval, have refused to realise is that success in aviation consists in engine power. This means not only pace, but climbing power. In the German army everything has been made to give way to higher power in engines.

"There is one mode only in which we can not merely regain our position, but get what we never have had, the command of the air. That is to scrap relentlessly all the lower power engines and build, as an officer of the flying corps with much experience said to me only last week, fewer machines if necessary, but higher powered ones.

\$10,000,000 American Contract.
 "Beyond this there needs to be a very definite inquiry as to the work of the royal naval air service. When the Admiralty was forced to admit last week in the House of Commons that it had entered into a contract for supplying airplanes

from America, running into more than \$10,000,000, there was included a commission of 16 per cent. nearer \$2,000,000 than \$1,000,000, the taxpayer is entitled to ask whether that was necessary, when both the vender and the purchaser were willing and anxious to contract.

"I do not say there was corruption in regard to these contracts in the Admiralty, but I do say that a provision in the purchase price of a commission of a sixth of the total to an English barrister would be enough to put an Attorney-General on inquiry. If we can only get an inquiry thoroughly started I think a good deal more will come to light than the particular contract to which I have referred."

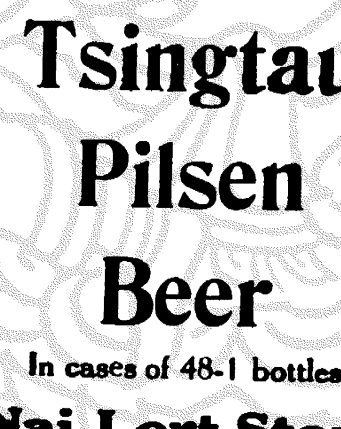
Paris, Dec. 12.—M. Briand, having practically completed the reconstruction of the Cabinet, received members of the Press this morning and informed them that his labours were almost at an end.

The Cabinet will consist of 9 Ministers and 3 Under-Secretaries instead of 17 Ministers and 5 Under-Secretaries. One of the most important portfolios is that of the new Minister of Provisions, attributed to Senator Herriot, the Mayor of Lyons. This appointment will be well received in England, where M. Herriot is deservedly popular because of the warm welcome he has always extended to British visitors to Lyons. He will have under his control the arrangements for the food supply of the Army and the civilian population and the distribution of the

The War Committee, formed on the lines of that of the British Cabinet, will include the Foreign, War, Marine, Armaments, and Finance Ministers.

Paris, Dec. 12.
M. Briand announced the names of the members of his reorganised Cabinet at eleven o'clock to-night :
M. Briand, Premier and Foreign.
M. Ribot, Finance.
M. Viviani, Justice, Works, Instruction.
General Lyantey, War.
M. Clementel, Nat. Econ. & Commerce.
M. Doumergue, Colonies.
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Admiral Lacaze, Marine.
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	I.	III.	V.	VI.		VI.			
			A.M.	P.M.				A.M.	P.M.
*Km.	Bangkok Dep.	8.30	12.30	4.30	Km.	Meklong Dep.	8.35	12.35	
33.1	Mahachai					B. Hlame			
	Terminus Arr.	9.50	1.50	5.50	33.8	Terminus Arr.	9.55	1.55	
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BANGKOK-MEKLONG.					MEKLONG-BANGKOK.				
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			A.M.	P.M.				A.M.	P.M.
Km.	B. Hlame				Km.	Mahachai			
	Terminus Dep	10.20	2.20			Terminus Dep	6.45	10.45	2.45
33.8	Meklong Arr.	11.40	3.40	33.1	Bangkok Arr.	8.05	12.05	4.05	
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American Fighters in France.

300 Battle in the Ranks.

Under the headlines "Heroic Neutrals," "American Volunteers," the *Petit Parisien* printed on November 1, All Saints' Day, the day the French people think of their dead and visit their tombs, the following eloquent tribute to American fighters for France, written by Gaston Bion, a well known author, whose "Journal of a French Soldier" has been one of the few really successful pieces of literature produced since the war began.

There are nearly 300 citizens of the United States in the French army. More than 100 have been wounded and twenty five have been killed. May a personal friend of several of them be allowed to present this company of brave men to France?

Some—very few—have volunteered from love of war: for example, this youth of 17, already wearing a stripe, who confessed to a comrade, "I love fighting, I love to make a charge, but what a bore the trenches are!" Others, perhaps a dozen, have welcomed a chance for adventures and have taken service, far less to defend a cause than to escape from a peaceful, gray, monotonous existence, too shut off into divisions by laws and customs.

But the great majority of these Americans, and it is their glory as much as ours, have enrolled themselves under our flag from love of France and right.

I have before me a pile of letters that prove it. Those who wrote them, legionaries or aviators, sleep now on the Marne, in Artois, in Alsace, among our own dead. Witnesses who fight till they are killed may be believed.

Almost all belong to the intellectual class. The father of Chapman who, died for France at the age of 26, is one of the first writers of his country, and his great-grandfather signed the famous Declaration of Rights which founded the American republic. Kenneth Weeks, who died at 26, on June 16, 1915, at Givenchy, is the author of "Five Impractical Plays," "Science, Sentiments and Sense," works of art and philosophy which give the promise of a master thinker.

Prince of Rich Family.

Norman Prince belonged to one of the richest and most esteemed families of Boston. Alan Seeger, dead on July 4 at Belloy-en-Santerre, wrote some of the finest verse that the war has inspired. As for Kiffin Rockwell, that great soldier, whose loss his chief of escadrille announced with the words, "The bravest and best of us is no

more." He descended from ancient Anglo-Norman stock, the famous Baron de Rocheville, companion of William the Conqueror, being his direct ancestor.

Refined and Loved Life.

All these young men, the elite of America's elite, were refined and loved life. They believed that the splendour of life was to struggle for justice and right. Sons of Washington and Lincoln, they had the cult of democracy. They were modern in every acceptance of the term, hating violence and revering the dignity of man and of peoples. Above all they were men of conscience, of pure and strong character.

An American who knows men said to me: "Chapman and Kiffin Rockwell are two of the noblest types of men I have met in my life." And

such as the phalanx whose love we have won, love, body and soul, love to death.

Kiffin Rockwell wrote to his brother who had been wounded: "If France should be conquered I would rather die!" Why this sacred enthusiasm among citizens of a foreign nation? Rockwell often said: "I am paying for La Fayette and Rochambeau." But the reason for their sacrifice is more profound.

Those young Americans gave themselves to France on August 4, 1914, because France was in their eyes a knight, the knight of the highest human ideal that has illumined the earth. So when a terrible horde loosened itself upon her they crossed the ocean as for a crusade. They were no swashbucklers dreaming only of

wounds and bruises. No! They were free and peaceful men who knew the price of liberty and peace.

I knew Kiffin Rockwell, tall, straight and slender, full of nerves, but with a fierce will and something of a falcon in his looks. When cured of his first wound in August, 1916, he wrote: "More than ever I want to live, but not for any egotist reason. This war has taught me many things. I want to live now to do all the good I can. But should I be killed during the war, I have no fear of death, and I feel that there can be no finer death."

After his second wound he said: "You must consider yourself as dead once you are in the war, then you accept each day as extraordinary luck for which you should be very grateful." He hated all advertising. "What

do they write about us," he would say almost savagely, "when we only do what our French comrades do every day as well as we do it?"

And I recall one of his favourite sayings. "The cause of France is the cause of all mankind." On September 23, when attacking alone four German aviators, he was killed instantly, at 13,000 feet height, and killed by an explosive bullet, as the report of the doctor of Rodern encampment testifies. Our sons will one day meditate on these stoic lives and deaths which, testifying to the wondrous beauty of the modern rivals of Washington will testify also to the sublimity of our cause and its more than national, its universal significance.



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