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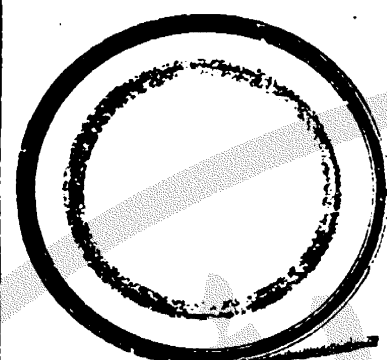
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## Indian Reform.

London, July 5.—The Indian report proposes that the provinces of India shall have the largest measure of independence of the Government of India compatible with the latter's due discharge of its responsibilities. Devolution shall take the form of giving responsibility in certain subjects to be known as transferred subjects, namely, those affording most opportunity for local knowledge and social service, those in which Indians are keenly interested, those in which mistakes would not be irremediable, and those most needing development.

In all the major provinces except Burma, the executive Government is to consist of the Governor and executive council, two members, one of whom will be Indian, to have charge of reserved subjects, and of a Minister or Ministers appointed for the term of the Legislative Council, to have charge of transferred subjects. Contributions to the Government of India for the upkeep of all India services will be the first charge on provincial revenues. The remaining provincial revenues will be administered by the provincial Governments, which shall be empowered to tax and borrow within defined limits.

The legislative Assembly of India shall consist of a hundred members, of whom two-thirds will be elected. The 8000 Chamber, which will be the final legislative authority in matters which the Government regards as essential, shall consist of fifty members, not including the Governor-General, twenty-one elected and twenty-nine nominated. The enactment of necessary legislation will be ensured by the process initiated by certification. Thus, the Governor of a province will be empowered to certify that a measure is essential for the peace of the province or any part thereof, or for the discharge of his responsibility for reserved subjects.

Other proposals include the appointment of a Commission for two years after the first meeting of the new Councils, to survey the whole political situation, and to judge what further devolution can be made. Similar Commissions will be appointed thereafter, at intervals of not less than twelve years.

The report throughout emphasises that the attainment of complete responsible government will largely depend on the efforts of the Indian people themselves.

## Press Comment.

The Daily Telegraph says that the principal proposals are not likely to prove acceptable, arguing that too

little regard is paid to the point that Oriental communities do not assimilate the notion of Parliamentary Government with any facility or success.

The Morning Post describes the proposals as revolutionary and some respects even grotesque. It affirms that they would undermine the foundations of British rule in India.

The newspapers all make a feature of the report on Indian reform, which is everywhere hailed as one of the most important state documents in British history.

The Times says it offers a bold scheme of constructive state-ship. Its success or failure depends upon the Indians themselves. It gives them real work to do and makes them accountable for it.

The Daily News says that success or failure of the scheme will determine the whole course of the history of India. It is bare justice to acknowledge that British statesmanship has faced the great issue fairly, with courage and wisdom.

The Manchester Guardian says that it is one of the boldest and most far-reaching schemes of enfranchisement ever proposed.

The Westminster Gazette says that the proposals are on right and sound lines.

## Some Words of Moment.

We live day and night too near the roar of the trenches for great poetry to come forth—as yet.—Frederic Harrison.

The "tyranny, hypocrisy and boredom" which Mr. Granville Barker says are the constituents of "the happy English home," are not done strictly, but the decay of domesticity.—G. K. Chesterton.

Strange as it may seem, there were people, only a few years ago, who used to get run over by horse-drawn vehicles.—Ernest Newman.

Let us give due credit to the late Nebuchadnezzar. Seven years of grass eating rank him as the pioneer of moth-eaten days.—Brooklyn Eagle.

The problem of democracy will be solved only when and where the masses shall have obtained, perhaps by long and bitter experience, "the capacity to recognise capacity."—Prof. W. Allen Phillips.

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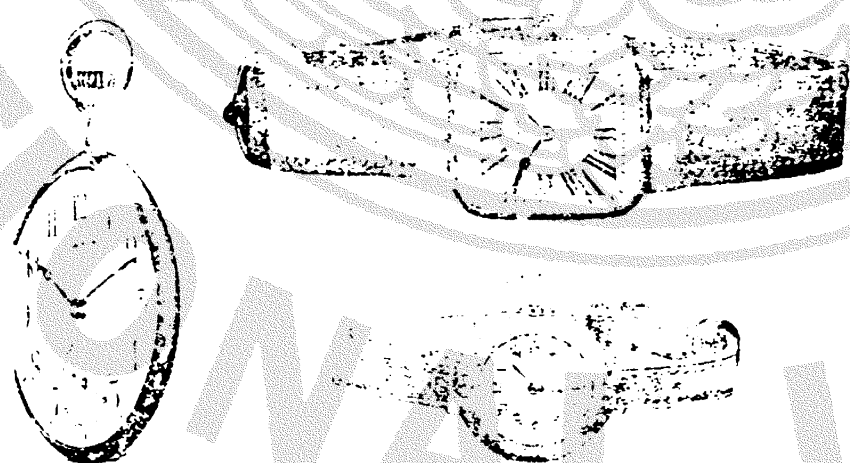
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**THE AEROPLANE IN WAR.**

There was recently published in a Shanghai contemporary an article by Claude Graham-White on the wonderful advance the aeroplane has made during the course of the war and of its tremendous potency as a weapon in the great struggle. Mr. Graham-White is one who has identified himself with the science of flight almost since its inception and the opinions he puts forward are consequently entitled to the greatest respect. His argument practically amounts to declaring that, given full scope, aeroplanes could end the war in a very short space of time and he shows how the science of flight may be applied to the present exhausting struggle so as to bring the adversary at once to the point of collapse.

The recent British, French and American communiqués have spoken eloquently of the enormous damage inflicted by aviators on enemy preparations and it is evident that if the foe had not been so terribly harassed by the Allied flying men he would have made far more headway towards the present offensive. We read of how comparatively thin British and French battalions, supported by air-squadrons have been able to utterly defeat German forces greatly superior in numbers; we read also of battle-planes spraying the German troops with bullets from an altitude of but a few score yards at the same time as bombing machines were attacking the concentrations in the rear.

There is indeed no weapon of war that can compare for potency with the bomb-dropping craft. These can cut off at their very source the munitions on which the enemy armies depend. They attack supply trains and follow them up to the front; they attack the towns in which munitions are being made dropping bombs through the roofs of factories and workshops, causing havoc and destruction and spreading consternation among the workmen the moral effect being probably greater than the material damage inflicted on the enemy and incidentally giving the Huns a taste of their own medicine.

As the war proceeds and as the long list of German crimes against humanity increases the Allies are getting over the sentimentality that made them refrain from taking air reprisals. Germany by her own conduct has left no doubt in the minds of civilised nations of the necessity and the justification of fighting her with her own weapons and consequently as the war proceeds we may expect to see the aeroplane play an even still greater rôle in the war.

**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**

The European mail closes at 8 a.m. to-morrow.

MR. K. S. Smith left for Singapore by the *Valaya* last evening.

The Oriental Store will be closed on Monday the 22nd inst. from 12 noon.

The Pathanakhorn and Sarbhorn Picture Halls are showing capital films from to-morrow night.

MESSRS. Palindan Muller, Gedde and Brighthouse are leaving for a coast trip by the *Aslang* to-morrow.

A NEW departure in the ship-building world of China was made in Shanghai when the first concrete vessel to be constructed in China took to the water at the Yangtze-poo Dock, says the China Times. The boat, sixty-five feet in length, had been under construction for some time past, but a second vessel can be completed in three weeks, according to the estimate of Mr. H. Wakelam, engineer in charge of the Reinforced Concrete Division of Arnold Bros. and Co., Ltd., under whose direction the boat that was launched was built. It is anticipated that the vessel just launched will give a filip to shipbuilding enterprise in Shanghai and will be the forerunner of larger type vessels constructed of the same material.

The following vessels have arrived from Singapore:—*Pinsanud*; *Togomaru*; *Redang*. The last named brought four bags of mail.

THE s.s. *Kuala* will leave from the Borneo Company's wharf at noon sharp, on Saturday the 20th inst., and should arrive in Singapore on Tuesday afternoon.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that the line is not properly working between Chhandaburi and Bangkok. Chhandaburi line is interrupted between Utaradith and Frae. Other lines are all right.

THE Bangkok Dock Motor Garage have just received a consignment of high-class solid tyres for Motor trucks in various sizes. Owners and users of trucks are advised to look into their requirements and buy now for present and future use as the next consignment will be much dearer in price.

UNDER the heading of "the Joys of Journalism in China" the Hongkong Daily Press states that the Editor of the Democrat in Canton was suddenly shot by the Tuchen's demand. The editors of all the other newspapers are greatly excited, and protests denouncing the execution have been sent to various places.

**B. B. W. N. G.**

By this mail £35 will be sent to the Orphan Home of Scotland and £20 to the "Queen" Helping Hand Fund. Acknowledgments have been received from Dr. Barnardo's Homes for a draft of £50, and from St. Dunstan's Hostel for £30.

**Rugby.**

The following match will take place at the Sports Club to-morrow afternoon, kick off at 4.45 p.m. prompt. Various players have been turning out very late for the past two matches, thus delaying the kick-off till 5.15. It is particularly requested therefore that everyone be on the field ready to play at 4.45 p.m.

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Race 1. at 2 p.m. Push Bikes 1000 metres. Numbers of Competitors 1 to 5.  
Race 2. at 2.10 Motor Cycles 2 strokes 1 cyl. r 2 Laps 1st. Heat Nos. 3, 5, 6. first two run in the Final Race 18.  
Race 3. at 2.20 Motor Cycles 2 st. 1 cyl. 2 Laps 2nd. Heat Nos. 1, 2, 4. first two run in the Final Race 18.  
Race 4. at 2.30. Push Bikes 3 Laps Nos. 14, 15, 16.  
Race 5. at 2.40 American Cars 3 Laps 1st. Heat Nos. 1, 3. winner runs in Race 17.  
Race 6. at 2.50 American Cars 3 Laps 2nd. Heat Nos. 2, 4. winner runs in Race 17.  
Race 7. at 3.05 Cars Open Event 5 Laps 1st. Heat Nos. 11, 14.  
Race 8. at 3.20 Cars Open Event 5 Laps 2nd. Heat Nos. 9, 12.  
Race 9. at 3.35 Cars Open Event 5 Laps 2nd. Heat Nos. 10, 13.  
In this Open Event the 2 fastest winners of Races 7, 8, 9 run in the Final Race 19.  
Race 10. at 3.50 Light Cars 3 Laps 1st. Heat Nos. 5, 6. Winner runs in Race 20.  
Race 11. at 4.05 Light Cars 3 Laps 2nd. Heat Nos. 7, 5. Winner runs in Race 20.  
Race 12. at 4.20 Open Motor Cycles 3 Laps 1st. Heat Nos. 13, 14, 17, 22.  
Race 13. at 4.35 Open Motor Cycles 2nd. Heat Nos. 11, 12, 16, 20.  
Race 14. at 5.00 Open Motor Cycles 3rd. Heat Nos. 15, 18, 19, 21. Winners of Races 12, 13 and 14. run in the Final Race 21.  
Race 15. at 5 p.m. Push Bikes 1 Lap Nos. 6 to 13.  
Race 16. at 5.10 Motor Cycles 4 st. 1 cyl. 2 Laps No. 7 to 10.  
Race 17. at 5.20 Final American Cars.  
Race 18. at 5.30 Final Motor Cycles 2 st. 1 cyl.  
Race 19. at 5.40 Final Cars Open.  
Race 20. at 6 p.m. Final Light Cars.  
Race 21. at 6.15 Final Motor Cycles Open.  
Competitors are reminded that they are to appear at the Ministry of Local Government at 4 p.m. on the 20th, to receive their Numbers and explanations.



## THE Great War.

### The Fifth Offensive.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM)  
London, July 18.  
French Communiqué:—The Germans were unable to resume the general attack which was broken up yesterday, but they violently endeavored to enlarge local successes. Fighting was particularly stubborn south of the Marne. During the morning and in the afternoon we impeded an attempt to advance up the river by defending every foot of ground and held it on the line Cautilly-Lennoy. We counter-attacked on the front Saint Agnon—La Chapelle—Outhoul. We took these places and carried the line to the heights dominating the valley of the Marne.

In the region of Libourdonnerie the Franco-Italians between the Marne and Rheims repulsed several enemy attempts and maintained their positions.

East of Rheims the Germans in the morning resumed a violent artillery preparation, after which attacks followed at several points. A powerful attempt in the direction of Beaumont-sur-Vesle was unable to debouch from Brunay. Our fire broke down two attacks west of the river in the sector of the Suippe. Fighting was equally lively north of Craonne and east of Tahure where the enemy attacked.

(Havas Telegram)  
Paris, July 16.  
To-day, to the east of Rheims and to the south of the Marne, the Germans succeeded in crossing the river between Gossoy and Dormans.

An American counter-attack drove back the enemy on the north bank.

Between Dormans and Rheims the Franco-Italians are resisting energetically.

To the east of Rheims the enemy hurled himself against our defence but was unable to penetrate our battle lines.

The battle for the villages south of the Marne between Tuierry and Epernay has redoubled in violence. In spite of his desperate efforts the enemy has been unable to cause our resistance to waver.

He made slight progress in the centre.

We have captured more than a thousand prisoners and the enemy losses have been extremely heavy.

### The Long Range Gun.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM)  
London, July 18.  
Paris:—The bombardment of Paris by the long range gun was resumed on Monday.

(Havas Telegram)  
Paris, July 16.  
The bombardment of the Paris region is continued.

### The Gallant Americans.

(Havas Telegram)  
Paris, July 16.  
It is announced that the Americans took 1500 prisoners in the sector which they defend, capturing the staff of one brigade.

They dominate the bend of the Marne where not a German has succeeded in passing.

### The Enemy's Plans.

(Havas Telegram)  
Paris, July 16.  
Le Temps says that documents that have fallen into our hands permit the objectives of the enemy command to be made known. They were Montmignil and Epernay for the first day and Chalons for the second.

The pick of the enemy army was engaged. Fourteen divisions have been identified up to yesterday to the east of Rheims and 14 others to the east and as many in the second line.

The battle was solemnly christened *Friedensstrom*, that is to say, the "Peace attack."

## Japanese Battleship Sunk.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM)  
London, July 18.  
Paris:—It is reported from Tokyo that the Japanese battleship *Kawachi* blew up on July 12 in Tokuyama Bay and sank. It is estimated that over five hundred persons were killed.

(Havas Telegram)  
Paris, July 16.  
From Tokyo it is announced that the Japanese battleship *Kawachi* blew up on July 12 in Tokuyama Bay and sank entirely.

## The Ill-Fated "Kawachi."

(Havas Telegram)  
Paris, July 16.  
The *Kawachi* was launched in 1911. She had a length of 149 metres and a displacement of 20,800 tons. Her engines indicated a horse-power of 26,500 and her speed was 21 knots. She carried as armament 12 205 m.m. guns, in six turrets; 10 152 m.m.; 8 127 m.m. and 5 76 m.m. as well as 5 torpedoes.

## Havas Wires from Singapore.

### Germany's Fifth Offensive.

#### A Signal Failure.

(Havas Telegram)  
Paris, July 16.  
The fifth German offensive since March 21st began yesterday at day-break. It covers a total front of about sixty miles, from Cléon-Therry to Main-de-Massiges, with Epernay and Châlons-sur-Marne as the main objectives. They attacked in masses at least 52 Divisions strong at the outset. But these were hurled against an iron barrier, formed by the French, American and Italian troops; and the results they gained amounted to a serious setback, a signal failure. Though they progressed slightly at a few points, their advance was entirely out of proportion to the scale of the attack and the stupendous sacrifices made. Not a single minor objective was attained, and at all the vital points the enemy was securely held.

According to the orders found on prisoners a gain of a very large extent of ground at the outset was expected by the Germans. The same orders show that many Divisions which were to be engaged only on the second or third day, had to be hurled in before more than the first day had passed, so great were the losses sustained at the very beginning of the battle.

The German artillery preparation began at midnight, but was forestalled by the French, who, an hour earlier, began an intense shelling of the whole front from which the attack was about to be launched. This caused havoc in the German ranks and considerably hampered the enemy dash.

On the west of the front of attack the Germans crossed the Marne at points between Ferry and Dormans. A magnificent counter-attack by the Americans drove the Germans back from some of these points to the eastern bank, destroying the bridges that had been hastily built and drowning many hundreds in the river.

Between Dormans and Rheims the enemy masses, after progressing slightly were soon held in check by our stubborn resistance. East of Rheims they failed utterly in their desperate and repeated efforts to break through. At no point did they penetrate the main fighting positions of the defenders.

To sum up the present general situation on the whole front, the Germans failed to realise their plan to make a rapid initial advance, and the German onslaught is being vigorously held.

#### An Admirable Crichton.

A well-known man had a treasure of a butler. On the outbreak of the war the latter joined up. He has since done very well, and is now a full-fledged officer.

Returning from the front, covered with renown, his former master desired to give him a dinner, and invited him to his club. In the course of the meal he asked him what he was going to do after the war. The reply came: "Well, sir, I was going to ask you: 'I'm in hopes if I come through all right that you'll engage me again, for I'd rather be your butler than anything in the world.'"

Thus is Barrie's admirable butler repeated in real life.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "Siam Observer."

Sir,  
In the absence of Mr. Marcan, Hon. Secretary "Our Day" British Red Cross Féte, I beg to enclose herewith:

(1) Final account of the Red Cross Féte held at the Saranrom Gardens on 26th January, 1918, showing a net result of £12,370.

The final remittance of £370 has been forwarded by me this week.

(2) Copy of a letter from Sir Robert Hudson, Chairman of Finance Committee of the British Red Cross Society and The Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England, acknowledging remittance of £12,400 and asking us to convey his Committee's respectful thanks to His Majesty for his gracious patronage and assistance.

I have communicated this message to His Majesty's Private Secretary. I shall be obliged if you will give publicity to the above in your columns.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,  
W. E. ADAM.

President "Our Day" British Red Cross Féte 1917/1918.  
Bangkok, 19th July, 1918.

### "Our Day" British Red Cross Féte.

Held at the Saranrom Gardens 26th January 1918.

| FINAL ACCOUNT.          |                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
|                         | Net Receipts.     |
| Donations               | 71,801.00         |
| "Our Day" Lottery       | 4,291.55          |
| Raffles                 | 14,010.00         |
| Wine & Lotteries        | 6,382.76          |
| Up Country Stall        | 6,727.30          |
| Straw & Jolly Minstrels | 4,114.27          |
| Sole Show               | 2,713.73          |
| Auctions                | 2,521.00          |
| Indian Stall            | 2,474.75          |
| Flags, Programmes, etc. | 2,372.05          |
| Refreshment Stall       | 2,067.00          |
| Gate                    | 1,999.74          |
| Savane                  | 1,592.60          |
| Ban Tub                 | 1,058.00          |
| Bar                     | 800.05            |
| Lakon                   | 705.00            |
| Straits Born Chinese    | Tes. 2,045.66     |
| Less Donations          | 1,460.00          |
| Included above          | 585.66            |
| Dinner                  | 3,332             |
| Interest                | 40.62             |
| General Expenses        | 16,127.00         |
|                         | 1,587.15          |
|                         | Totals 161,284.85 |

| DISPOSAL.        |                |
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| First Remittance | 9 2-18 £ 7,500 |
| Second do.       | 15-3-18 1,000  |
| Third do.        | 25-3-18 3,500  |
| Final do.        | 28-6-12 170    |
|                  | £ 12,370       |

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| 1/5 13/32 Tes. | 97,792.83  |
| " "            | 13,330.05  |
| 1/6 7/16       | 45,636.67  |
|                | 4,162.27   |
| Totals         | 161,284.84 |

J. A. MACGILL,  
Hon. Treasurer.

British Red Cross Society.  
The Order of St John of Jerusalem in England.

Joint War Committee.  
83, Pall Mall,  
London S. W. 1.  
29th April 1918.

Dear Sir,  
The Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China at 38, Bishopsgate, London, E. C. 2, have been good enough to forward to me your triplicate letter of February 22nd last confirming a remittance from the Committee of the British Red Cross Féte at Bangkok of a telegraphic transfer by you through that Bank to us of the sum of £7,500 the first instalment of the proceeds of the above Féte. We have since the date of your letter received through the same Bank two further remittances of £1,000 and £3,500 respectively, making a total of £12,000, the whole of which has been duly credited to "Our Day" 1917 and our official receipts forwarded to the Bank.

I hope soon to forward to you a report on the "Our Day" 1917 collection in which you will see we have included this generous contribution from Bangkok. But I must at once express my regret that the information in your letter of February 22nd did not reach us in time to be of use in the preparation of the Report.

I am desired by the Joint War Committee to ask that you will be good enough to convey to your Committee and its officers, to the British Community of Bangkok, to the Chinese and Indian Communities and to all the organizers and workers the profound gratitude of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John for the generous and welcome help we

receive from Bangkok towards the relief of the sick and wounded. We shall be obliged if, at the next meeting of your Committee, you will convey to them these expressions of our gratitude, and if it be possible to convey to His Majesty the King of Siam our respectful thanks, we shall be under further obligation to you.

Permit me to express to you, personally, our warm thanks and to express the hope that if, as I fear, it will become necessary for us to appeal again later in the year to Bangkok we may have the all essential support of you and your colleagues behind our appeal.

I am,

Yours faithfully

(Sd) ROBERT A. HUDON.

Chairman of the Finance Committee  
A. MARCAN, ESQ.,  
Hon. Secretary.

"Our Day" British Red Cross Féte,  
Bangkok, Siam.

### 664,000 Germans "Missing."

Amsterdam, April 27.—According to today's Vorwärts, General von Wrisberg stated in the Budget Committee of the Reichstag yesterday that on March 31 last the number of men reported missing had reached a total of 664,104. Of this number 239,676 were prisoners in France, 119,000 in England, and 157,000 in Russia and Rumania, while most of the others [151,428] could be regarded as dead.

### Switzerland's Peril

The "Vostische Zeitung" makes no secret of Germany's intentions regarding Switzerland. Her neutrality is to be violated as ruthlessly as that of Belgium when the necessary arises.

"In the course of the present spring Switzerland will see her neutrality exposed to the hardest trial it has yet experienced."

This trial will come when, as seems now highly probable, the German High Command decides that the Austrian and German troops shall leave their present defensive positions in the Trentino and on the Piave and proceed to the western front.

The last portion of this note, according to late news, is only likely to be partially fulfilled. The Austrians are leaving the Piave, but not for what the Huns call the western front.

## Serbs Cross Asia to Join Allies.

Washington, May 4.—There have just arrived at the Salonica front from Russia 4,600 soldiers and 300 officers, all Serbian-speaking subjects of Austria, who were taken prisoners by the Russians early in the war, according to advices received here today from Corfu. They have been placed in the command of Prince Alexander, commander-in-chief of the Serbian army.

During the campaign conducted by the Russian General Brusiloff 250,000 Serbian-speaking Austrians surrendered to Russia. Not content with merely surrendering, these prisoners offered to fight in the Russian ranks against Austria-Hungary and three divisions under Serbian officers were formed.

These three divisions rendered valuable services to Russia and Rumania by holding the Dobruja front against the Germans in their attack on Rumania. When the Russian revolutionary government under Krensky was overthrown and the Bolshevik authority set up, with its consequent peace efforts, one of the three Serbian-speaking divisions refused to consider its mission as ended and started on a march to the Pacific coast.

They were less than 300 miles from their homes in Austria, but to arrive at their present position they were obliged to travel almost around the world.

After travelling the whole of Siberia and Manchuria, the division arrived in six weeks at Mukden, whence it was transported by rail to Dahn. There the force of 4,600 men and 300 officers were placed on transports and sent via the Indian Ocean and the Suez Canal to Salonica.

### Mystery Boat Off Dublin.

London, May 16.—At B. W. street, James Cotter, aged thirty-six, engineer, of Shepherd's Bush, and Richard Cotter, aged twenty-seven, of Dublin, Gaelic League organizer, were charged under the Defence of the Realm Regulations, in charge of "a certain boat or vessel," it was said that they entered the area prohibited after dark within a radius of fifteen miles from Kingstown Pier, Dublin, on the night of April 15-16. James Cotter was further charged with collecting and recording information of a nature that might be useful to the enemy, namely, about air raids on London, and with possessing a document containing false reports and statements.

Only formal evidence of arrest was given, and the prisoners were remanded.

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#### West Front.

London, July 6.—Field Marshal Haig reports: The Australians on the night of the 5th advanced our line north-east of Villers Bretonneux on a front of 2,000 yards. The Lancashires made a successful raid near Hinges, bringing back several prisoners.

London, July 6.—Field Marshal Haig reports on aviation: There was little air fighting on the 5th. We destroyed two aeroplanes and drove down another out of control. One British machine is missing.

We carried out a large amount of successful artillery work and dropped nineteen tons of bombs on selected targets.

London, July 7.—A French communiqué: West of Chat-au Thierry we progressed in the region of Hill 201 and took prisoners. There was quiet elsewhere. Eighteen enemy aeroplanes were killed and seven captive balloons set afire. Fifty-six tons of explosives were dropped in the enemy zone from the 1st to the 6th inst.

London, July 7.—French communiqué: There was artillery activity south of the Aisne, and in the regions of Longpont and Coroy. The American troops executed a coup de main in the Vosges and brought back prisoners.

London, July 7.—Field Marshal Haig: We took prisoner a few in a raid eastward of Hamel. Hostile artillery was active at Fouquervillers and at Hinges.

We repulsed an attempted hostile raid on the morning of July 7 near Loivre. There was hostile artillery fire and trench mortar activity in the Bethune sector.

Three German aeroplanes were destroyed and one driven down uncontrollable. One British is missing.

Seventeen tons of bombs were dropped on various targets during the last twenty-four hours.

London, July 7.—Air-ministry: On the afternoon of July 6 our squadrons successfully attacked railways at Metz-Sablon and dropped 24 tons of bombs on this objective. Enemy machines attacked our formations over the objective. One hostile machine was driven down. All British machines returned safely. At night time on July 6 our machines successfully attacked the railway station and sidings at Saarlouis and the railways at Metz-Sablon.

London, July 8.—American Official: We successfully raided in the Vosges, killing and wounding a number and taking prisoner several.

London, July 6.—Mr. Phillip Gibbs writing from headquarters, describing the share of the Americans in the battle south of the Somme on July 4, says that the officers addressed the men previously pointing out they were going in with the Australians, who always delivered the goods. The Americans attacked shouting "Lastiana." Any Germans showing fight had no chance.

#### Italian Progress.

London, July 6.—Italian Official: After a five days bitter and uninterrupted struggle, the enemy on the afternoon of the 6th was completely driven to the left bank of the Piave. Our recapture of all the coastal zone between Sile and the Piave, which the enemy had occupied since November, crowns our victory and enlarges the Venice protection zone.

We have captured since June 15th 523 officers, 23,911 men, 63 guns, 65 trench mortars, 1,234 machine guns, 37,105 rifles, 49 flamethrowers, two aeroplanes, five million cartridges, thousands of shells and other material. We have also recovered all the artillery and material lost in the first Piave struggle.

London, July 7.—Italian official: We are consolidating ourselves on the ground we recaptured on the right bank of the New Piave. There is every indication that the enemy's losses are much higher than foreseen. The French made a brilliant raid at Zucchi on the Asiago Plateau and took prisoner sixty-four.

Three enemy attacks on Cornone, between the Frenzela and Brenta were sanguinarily repulsed.

London, July 6.—Italian Official: On the lower Piave our pressure continuing firmly, again broke up a stubborn enemy defence. Yesterday we gained more ground reaching to the right bank of the New Piave, from Grisolea to the river mouth. We took prisoner over 100. A violent offensive in return attempted by the enemy in a northward direction from Chiesa Nuova was arrested. Renewed violent attacks on our positions at Porte de Salton northeast of Grappa failed.

#### Indian Army.

Simla, July 5.—The Italian Government announces an impending very large increase in the strength of the Indian Army, the new recruiting for which will include a large number of officers, an additional number of British officers and subordinates drawn from Europeans of military age.

#### WHEN YOU EAT TOO MUCH.

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#### Notice.

The sale by public auction of Machinery, godowns etc., of the Steam Rice Mill, the property of The Ministry of Finance situated at Paknamph Mondol Nagor Saway, will take place on the 15th August, 1918 at the office of the Inspector General of Finance, Wat Muang Kae Lane Bangkok, Bangkok, at 10 a.m. Full particulars can be ascertained from the above mentioned Department on any day during office hours.

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The Bavarian soldier had done a hideous thing; and they were showing him over the Palace in Berlin as a special mark of approval. He was come to the Imperial Chamber itself, vacant now, but familiar as they assured him, with the War Lord's frequent presence.

The Bavarian soldier gazed round him in admiration. He saw at the far end in a corner a small door that seemed to lead to an inner private room. It seemed so small in that magnificence, and had been left partly open where all else was exact and tidy, that it caught the stranger's eye.

And then he heard a voice. It came clear and commanding out of that inner room.

"I recognize your work in the past," it said. "It has been admirable. Admirable."

"Who is that speaking?" said the Bavarian.

"Hush! Hush!" they said. "It is the All Highest."

"Your work has been admirable," the voice went on. "You have been of the greatest assistance both to myself and to the Crown Prince. I do not forget it. At the same time this war has continued too long. My sword has been drawn and must therefore achieve victory. My plans must be crowned with a good German peace. Peace must be brought by my sword. I desire peace now. The peace with Russia has delivered the Russian into my hand. I do not deny it. It is most creditable to you. Poland too, I admit that. But why not in the West? Nothing worth counting has been done in the West for years. The West may appear unimportant, but it is not so. Those who understand strategy know that the Western front and not the Eastern is the more important of the two. For technical reasons it must always remain so. Your help in the West is therefore needed imperatively, and one, in order that our just cause shall triumph. I request that you direct it against the English immediately. My sword!"

"To whom is he speaking?" said the stranger from Bavaria.

"Speaking!" they said. "He is praying!"

## Was That Die Flotte?

The rapidity and success with which troops and munitions are being hurried across from England to France seem to be causing irritation in Germany. Echoes of this irritation are heard in various newspapers, says the Amsterdam correspondent of the Daily News.

Rear Admiral Karl Hollweg, in a vigorous defence of the policy of the naval authorities now circulating in

Germany, says the question is being asked in the West, amid the drumfire, Why does not the German Fleet more successfully hinder transport of men and munitions across the Channel? The Admiral replies that the activity of the German Navy is subject to certain geographical limitations, and continues:

"A voluntary attempt to remove these limitations would signify a heroic but useless suicide for the German Fleet. Anyone who takes a map in hand can grasp this fact. The Channel passages are so short that munition and troop transports cross comfortably in one night. The distance from German harbours is too great for the regular and frequent attacks which could alone cause continuous interruption of traffic. A small German Fleet cannot remain long in the Channel, for submarines and mines would reap a rich harvest among it, and after being cut off, it would be compelled to accept battle with overwhelming British forces in unfavourable circumstances."

"If the geographical conditions were different it would be the German Navy's most glorious task to assist the army in this way."

Admiral Hollweg denounces all informed talk of waking up the German Navy, and gives an imposing list of its achievements.

## American Independence.

London, July 6. - Reuter's correspondent at American headquarters, writing yesterday, says: Mr. Lloyd George, addressing the American troops after a review, said: "Germany can have peace tomorrow with the United States, France and Britain if she accepts the conditions voiced by President Wilson yesterday, but the Kaiser and his advisers have not given any sign of their intention to accept."

Mr. Lloyd George further said: "Your presence is a source of great disappointment to the Kaiser, who never quite expected you. The Kaiser's advisers compelled him, when they said that America would never come into the war. His next illusion was that owing to submarines there would be no ships. The Kaiser is now beginning to realize that defeat, sure, certain and inevitable, is staring him in the face."

The House of Representatives passed a joint resolution authorizing President Wilson to take over the telegraph and telephone cables.

Washington, July 7. - President Wilson held an hour and a half conference with Mr. Lansing, Mr. B. K. Kern, Mr. Daniels, Mr. Hanson, chief of operations in the navy, and General March, chief of staff in the army.

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### Prussianism: Revolution: The Commonwealth.

Three doctrines of society and government are fighting for mastery in the world to-day, says a writer in the March "Round Table." They are the principle of Prussianism; the principle of Revolution; and the principle of the Commonwealth. Each aspires to win success, not in one country but in all—to achieve the recognition of its unquestioned predominance throughout the civilised world; and this world-wide character of the debate, which does not admit of compromise, prompts the writer, in an able and very interesting article, to attempt to isolate the doctrines involved from the entanglements of surrounding circumstance, and to examine them in the clear light of historical experience and ethical principle.

The writer starts by defining Prussianism, viewed not as a mere policy of military conquest and economic aggrandisement, but as a logical and consistent body of political, philosophic and religious doctrine. It emerges as a doctrine of authority, founded on a sense of the weakness and helplessness of man in his natural state. It aims at subjecting the individuals to and absorbing him in the State—for his better well being, and its weapons are fear and knowledge. Fear is the cement of the Prussian dominion, but with the inculcation of fear has gone the inculcation of knowledge.

First of all European States Prussia realised that knowledge is power: that to exercise dominion in the modern world a Government must not only train its whole manhood to arms, but set its whole people to school and mould their minds to its bent. "Culture" existed before Prussia made the conception her own: it meant, and still means, familiarity with the best products of human thought and feeling, refinement of taste, a wide outlook, an acquaintance with men and things. But culture in the Prussian sense is something less pleasing in its appeal and less universal in its range. Prussian culture is a State product: it is knowledge, State-organised and State-edited, employed to found or perpetuate a State tradition or to forward a State purpose. It is the armoury whence Prussia draws the weapons of knowledge or opinion with which to promote her designs.

Revolution, as preached by the Bolsheviks and International Socialists of all kinds, is at first sight worlds removed from Prussianism. It is not intellectual, but seeks to rule by idealism, not fear, by the side of the clear logic of the Prussian doctrine it presents the aspect of shrill, irrational contradiction and confusion. Yet in essence Prussianism and the Revolution are near akin.

Both were cradled in violence and brought up on tales of conflict. Both have learned in the school of experience to regard all life as a war, now open, now concealed. Both aim by world-ascendancy and pursue that aim by terrorism. Both are unscrupulous in negotiation, daring and resolute in action, impenetrably self-centred in thought and purpose. Both acknowledge no authority, no principle of humanity or goodwill beyond the blind and driving law of their own being. Both are members of that tribe of devouring fanaticism whose dreary and bloodstained doings fill so large and tragic a place in the recorded annals of mankind.

It is clear that from neither of these principles can be hoped any lasting good for mankind. There remains the principle of the Commonwealth, which is the application to the field of government and social policy of the law of human brotherhood of the duty of man, order, harmony, and freedom, in this alone lies the inspiration of all sound and enduring political and social construction. The writer concludes:—

The principle of the Commonwealth, tested in action and moving along its own quiet and well-tried paths, is proving itself more militant than Prussianism and more revolutionary than the Revolution. Once more it is assailed by its enemies: once more, as in bygone days, the hope of the world depends upon its victory: once more it is rallying to its defence the hearts and minds of all who know what freedom means and inspiring in them the fortitude and perseverance needed, as aforetime, to hold and break the onset of militarism. And when it has overthrown the power of Prussianism and rid the world for ever from the menace of its dominion, it will have nothing to fear from its other enemy, the destructive forces of the Revolution. For the war has renewed men's faith in it: its purpose has been clarified and confirmed by the ordeal: and even in the dust and heat of the conflict it is beginning to build up the new order of civic freedom and international justice which will govern the coming age of peace.

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### Rainfall.

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| KRUNG DEB.         |         |         |
|--------------------|---------|---------|
| At Nondaburi       | July 12 | 2.8 mm. |
| .. Phra Pradaeng   | .. 12   | 10.9 .. |
| .. Nondaburi       | .. 13   | 2.5 ..  |
| .. Ninduri         | .. 13   | 11.0 .. |
| .. Samudapradak    | .. 14   | 5.0 ..  |
| .. Min. of L. & A. | .. 17   | 10.7 .. |
| .. Samudapradak    | .. 17   | 0.6 ..  |

| MONDOL KRUNG KAO. |         |         |
|-------------------|---------|---------|
| At Singaburi      | July 13 | 4.0 ..  |
| .. Saraburi       | .. 11   | 21.5 .. |
| .. Saraburi       | .. 15   | 3.8 ..  |
| .. Dhanyaburi     | .. 15   | 23.0 .. |
| .. Dhanyaburi     | .. 17   | 10.0 .. |

| MONDOL NAGOR JAYSRI. |         |        |
|----------------------|---------|--------|
| At Samudra Sagor     | July 13 | 4.8 .. |
| .. Samudra Sagor     | .. 15   | 3.3 .. |
| .. Nagor Pathom      | .. 17   | 5.3 .. |

| MONDOL RAJABURI. |         |        |
|------------------|---------|--------|
| At Bojaburi      | July 14 | 6.7 .. |

| MONDOL PRACHIN. |         |         |
|-----------------|---------|---------|
| At Nagor Nayok  | July 14 | 20.0 .. |

|                |       |         |
|----------------|-------|---------|
| .. Prachin     | .. 15 | 58.2 .. |
| .. Nagor Nayok | .. 15 | 25.5 .. |
| .. Krabindra   | .. 15 | 60.0 .. |
| .. Nagor Nayok | .. 16 | 27.0 .. |

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|------------------------|--------------------------------|------|------|-------|------------------|------------------------|---------------|------|------|-------|-----------|
| Distance from Bangkok. | STATIONS.                      |      |      |       | Train No.        | Distance from Meklong. | STATIONS.     |      |      |       | Train No. |
|                        |                                |      |      |       |                  |                        |               |      |      |       |           |
|                        |                                | I.   | III. | V.    |                  |                        |               | VI.  | VI.  |       |           |
| Km.                    | Bangkok                        | Dep. | A.M. | P.M.  | P.M.             | Km.                    | Meklong       | Dep. | A.M. | P.M.  |           |
| 33.1                   | Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya |      | 8.30 | 12.30 | 4.30             |                        |               |      | 8.35 | 12.35 |           |
|                        | Terminus Arr.                  |      | 9.50 | 1.50  | 5.50             | 33.8                   | B. Hlane      |      |      |       |           |
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| STATIONS.                  |               | Train No.        |      |      | STATIONS.                 |               | Train No.        |       |      |  |
|                            |               | I.               | III. |      |                           |               | II.              | IV.   | VI.  |  |
|                            |               | A.M.             | P.M. |      |                           |               | A.M.             | A.M.  | P.M. |  |
| Km.                        | B. Hlane      |                  |      |      | Km.                       | Mahachai      |                  |       |      |  |
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