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Mr. Beck replied that the War Cabinet had decided the members of the House had the choice of serving with the forces or remaining in the House. In view of the fact that the tribunal held a member was elected in order to do one of national importance this option would be continued.

#### Close of Debate.

London, April 11.—The closing stage in the debate on man-power was marked by lively scenes. When Sir Auckland Geddes rose, the Nationalists clamoured for Mr. Duke. After some minutes of turmoil, Sir A. Geddes was allowed to speak. He emphasised the necessity for the bill, incidentally paying a tribute to the French and Italians, in our midst, who are volunteering, many of them sacrificing their business. Sir A. Geddes appealed to discharged soldiers to volunteer again. The only alternative to the bill was to let the armies down, which the country would never do.

London, April 11.—The House of Commons has read the Man-Power bill for the second time by 323 to 190.

Paris, April 10.—The Anglo-French communiques this afternoon left a good impression in the lobbies. M. Painleve emphasised the excellent collaboration of the French leaders. It is thought the most recent German movements are merely preventive, the enemy realising the hopelessness of his great projects.

London, April 11.—A new ballot of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers has voted in favour of the Government's combining out proposals by 51,650 to 46,332.

London, April 11.—In the Commons a guillotine resolution regarding the man power bill was adopted. The bill will leave the Commons on Tuesday and pass all stages in the Lords by Thursday.

#### Czernin vs. Clemenceau.

A telegram from Vienna says that a monster Czech demonstration against Czernin is being organised at Prague. The Premier had an audience with the Emperor thereon, and an official statement declares that Clemenceau's assertion as regards the Emperor's Alsace-Lorraine letter is a pure invention. The fact that Austro-Hungarian troops are fighting on the western front for the possession of Alsace-Lorraine proves beyond doubt the Emperor's faithfulness as a ally.

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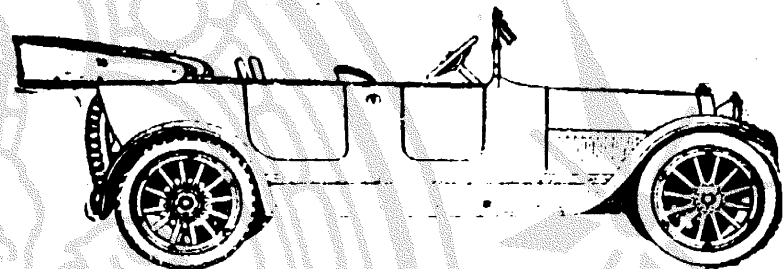
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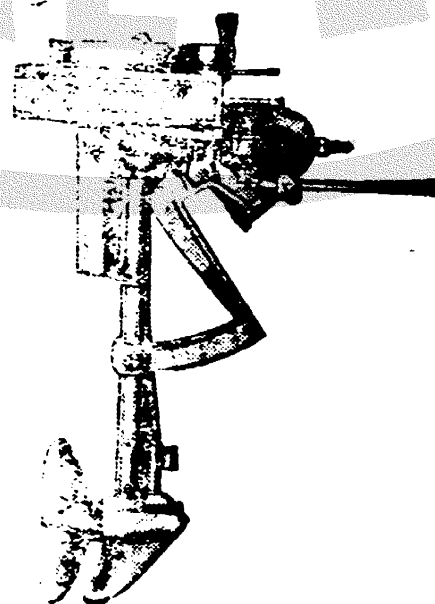
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**INCREASING TONNAGE.**

One of the most hopeful aspects of  
the present situation is the increase, in  
spite of the efforts of submarines, in  
Allied and especially British tonnage.  
Speaking in the House of Commons on  
April 9th, Mr. Macnamara gave figures  
to show that this increase is indeed  
remarkable for while the tonnage com-  
pleted in January was 58,558 tons the  
number of tons completed in March  
was 161,674. Thus the position has  
definitely improved and this is in no  
small measure due to the fact that  
several months ago energetic measures  
were adopted for producing an in-  
creased quantity of ship-building ma-  
terial in Great Britain and there is reason  
to hope that the output of steel suit-  
able for merchant tonnage will con-  
tinue to show a satisfactory advance.  
British ship-building power has  
also been increased considerably by  
the release from the home army and  
the forces over-seas of a large number  
of men skilled in the various branches  
of ship-building and engine making.

Although the position as far as  
merchant shipping is concerned is  
improving there must be no mis-  
apprehension or forgetting that the  
tonnage problem is the overwhelming  
problem of the war. It is impossible  
for the Food Controller to distribute  
supplies unless ships are provided in  
which these supplies can reach their  
destination. Moreover, although the  
world's food resources have been  
reduced, it is easier to replace the food  
lost at sea than the ships sunk by the  
enemy; thus the aim of the Allied  
governments is to speed up ship-  
building so that replacements exceed  
sinkings and when this is done the  
outlook will be more cheerful than it  
has been for some time past. There is  
every reason to believe that this point  
has been very nearly reached. There is  
a growing realisation on the part of the  
British people that the first require-  
ment for an island people is ships  
and when that realisation has taken  
the form of determined and continuous  
action the enemy will be compelled to  
lay aside as impracticable his plans for  
starving out the country. The people  
must realise that the fighting power of  
the armies, the health and well-being  
of the munition workers, even the  
security of the Fleets depend upon  
the Allies being in a position to make  
good the blows struck at sea-power by  
the enemy. Writing on February 1st,  
Mr. Archibald Hurd the well-known  
writer on naval matters said:—

"We have the power of saving this  
country from the evils which are  
slowly spreading over the continent  
owing to the fact that, instead of  
living by railways, we live by ships.  
The country which is dependent upon  
railways suffers from all the defects  
inherent in a slow and inferior and  
expensive form of transportation.  
A country which is washed by the sea  
has at its disposal a means of carriage  
which is at once cheap, swift, and  
economical. We have fought famine  
in the past by ships, and we can fight  
it again by the same means."

**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**

THE s.s. *Mata Hari* is sailing direct  
to Singapore on Sunday afternoon.

THE Siamese s.s. *Krat* from Krat  
with 4 bags of mail on board passed  
Paknam at 6.50 p.m. yesterday.

THE latest example of English as she  
is spoken would seem to come from  
Egypt, where a native interpreter, who  
had overstayed his leave, wrote the fol-  
lowing letter to his chief: "My  
absence is impossible. Some one has  
removed my wife. My God, I am an-  
noyed."

THE Amsterdam "Telegraaf" pub-  
lishes a report of an interview with M.  
George Clemenceau (the Prime Minis-  
ter of France) who says that the war  
will continue unless Germany awakes.  
People like the Germans, who possess  
great qualities, must awake in the end,  
but if German militarism continues,  
the Allies are ready to meet the shock,  
and reply so formidably that this war  
will be the last. "But for M. Lenin  
(the Bolshevik Prime Minister) we  
should have ended the war victoriously  
by now."

THE Siamese s.s. *Prockatipok* from  
Singapore with 3 bags of mail on board  
passed Paknam at 4 a.m. to-day.

THE following passengers arrived by  
the s.s. *Krat* last evening:—Mr. Justice  
Thornely, Mr. and Mrs. Warwick.

THE twenty-third General Meeting  
of the Shareholders of the Siam Com-  
mercial Bank Ltd. will be held on  
Thursday 2nd. May 1918.

THE stock in trade of the tailoring  
and outfitting Depts. of Messrs. E.  
Grimm and Co. will be sold by Public  
Auction from the 24th April to 7th  
May 1918.

ENGLAND is planning to standardize  
woman's dress, says a news dispatch.  
She might end the war she has on  
hand before starting a new one.—  
Macon Telegraph.

FIFTEEN Newark youths enlisted in  
the Navy to avenge the death of a chum  
lost on the Jacob Jones. The ratio  
ought to interest German mathema-  
ticians.—"New York Sun."

THE Post and Telegraph Department  
reports that both the Malay Peninsular  
lines are interrupted beyond Rajaburi  
owing to trees falling down on  
them. Chingmai line is not answer-  
ing from Lampang. Paknampho line  
is still interrupted. Other lines are all  
right.

M. EFREMOP, who was Minister for  
Justice in Kerensky's Cabinet, has ad-  
dressed a moving appeal to the Allies.  
He says the Russians lost 5,000,000  
killed during the war. There had been  
a dearth of medicines, clothing, and  
every kind of industrial machinery  
since 1914. The distresses of the Rus-  
sian people was unimaginable.

THE Kaiser, it is reported from Hol-  
land, is anything but pleased with his  
visit to Constantinople. Serious differ-  
ences have arisen between him and  
Enver Pasha. The Kaiser wants more  
Turkish troops; Enver more German  
money. The dispute ended by a warn-  
ing from Enver that it was on the cards  
that he might sue for a separate peace:  
whereupon the Kaiser gave way as to  
the troops, but was obdurate on the  
question of more money.

THE year 1913 to 1914 saw various  
Russian towns borrowing plaudibly Eng-  
lish money at 5 per cent. The City of  
Kieff bonds were 99 in the year 1914.  
At the end of January they were quoted  
at 30. The City of Petrograd four-  
and-a-half per cent. bonds were 96 in  
1914 and only 22 in February. The 5  
per cent. Russian Government bonds  
were 104 in 1914. They were 314 at  
the end of January. There had been  
no actual repudiation up to January 25  
but 17 million sterling of Russian  
Treasury bonds were due on January  
28 which the British Government was  
offering to pay in the event of non-  
payment on that date by giving twelve  
year Exchequer bonds at 3 per cent.  
worth 82, the British Government feel-  
ing itself morally liable for them as  
they were issued at their request. The  
money market was aggrieved but one  
financial writer says that if the public  
understood that it was taxpayers money  
which now has to stand in the Russian  
breach, the protest of the money market  
would receive a short hearing.

ITALY still occupies the position of  
the leading motor car exporting nation  
of Europe, according to official figures  
issued by the Ministry of Finance.  
For the first eight months of 1917  
(ending August 31st). Italian motor  
exports increased 113.4 per cent. com-  
pared with the corresponding period  
of 1915, and 96.4 per cent. compared  
with the first eight months of 1916.  
The greatest proportion of the business  
comprized motor lorries despatched to  
the various Allied powers, these num-  
bering 6,169, having an average value  
of 14,375 liras. Touring cars totalled  
only 506 for the eight months, their  
average value being 17,568 liras. These  
were practically all equipped cars for  
Allied Staff service. Italy's imports of  
motor vehicles are very low the value  
being only 1,073,500 liras for 183 vehi-  
cles, of which ten were lorries. This  
is a drop of practically 70 per cent.  
compared with 1915. It is rather curi-  
ous to note that the average value of  
the motor lorries imported into Italy  
works out at the unusual figure of  
2,000 liras each. The average value of  
the touring cars is 6,263 liras, or almost  
one-third that of the exported article.

**Swatow Earthquake  
Relief Fund.**

The Hoa Eng Yong Chin Huey begs  
to acknowledge with thanks receipt of  
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to-date.

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Mr. Er Cher Theng " " 100.00  
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**Paddy Crop Report April 17, 1918.**

Nassan 1,340 coynas at Tcs 101-160 each  
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Namsang 40 " " 96-98 "

Total 1,920 Coynas



## THE Great War.

### Zeppelin Shed Destroyed

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)  
London, April 16.  
Borne:—A great shed near Friedrichshafen, the original home of the Zeppelins, was destroyed by fire on Saturday night as the result of an explosion. The flames were visible throughout eastern Switzerland.

(Havas Telegram.)  
Paris, April 17.  
Geneva:—The sheds for the manufacture of Gotha aeroplanes at Friedrichshafen were burned by Allied airships. There was considerable damage and it is calculated that 150 were killed and 220 wounded.  
Two Zeppelins and forty-five Gothas were destroyed.  
[Note:—Friedrichshafen is on the northern or German shore of the Lake of Constance.]

### Czernin's Resignation.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)  
London, April 16.  
Amsterdam:—It is reported from Vienna that the Emperor has accepted Count Czernin's resignation.

### The Great Battle.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)  
London, April 16.  
Field Marshal Haig reports:—There was severe fighting all day yesterday round Neuve Eglise.  
After beating off numerous attacks we were finally compelled to withdraw a second time from the village.  
There were strong enemy attacks in the afternoon at a number of other points on the battle front.  
There was fierce fighting north-westward of Merville where the German infantry were driven back with great loss.  
Hostile infantry advancing along the northern bank of the Lys Canal were caught by artillery fire and were unable to develop attack.  
No fewer than seven enemy attacks during the day in the Merville sector were all repulsed with heavy enemy loss.

(Havas Telegram.)  
Paris, April 17.  
We made progress in the Noyon and took prisoners in Champagne and the Vosges.  
The Germans have occupied Bailleur and Wulvergesen.  
An intense artillery contest rages in the region of Hangard-en-Santerre.

### The Ukraine Granary.

Although it is probably true, as has been stated in recent telegrams, that the Germans are disappointed in their expectations as to the amount of supplies they would find in South Russia, this condition is at most only temporary, for the Ukraine has an enormous acreage of fertile farm lands. Though it comprises only one-sixth of European Russia it has 32 per cent. of all the farm land. Of the total area of the Ukraine 52 per cent. is farmed. Of all the other European countries only France, with 56 per cent. surpasses this record. Despite primitive methods of cultivation the Ukraine produces annually in wheat, rye, and barley alone, 33,000,000,000 pounds, which is equivalent to one-third of the output of all Russia. The sugar beet production of the Ukraine is five sixths that of all Russia. In peace times the Ukraine had 30,000,000 head of cattle, or one-third of the Russian total. In sheep, goats, pigs, and poultry the region possessed one-half the entire Russian supply. The Ukraine is also rich in iron, the mines of which lie principally in the region of Kherson. From these mines in 1905, 60 per cent. of the entire Russian output was taken. One-sixth of the world's whole supply of manganese and all the mercury produced in Russia also come from the Ukraine. The coal deposits on the Donets have produced as much as 75 per cent. of all the coal mined in European and Asiatic Russia, and 99 per cent. of Russia's anthracite coal came from the Ukraine before the war. The production of coal in the Donets region in one pre-war year was over 24,000,000,000 pounds. Other forms of mineral wealth are petroleum, ozocerite, peat, phosphoric, kaolin, etc.

### General Foch.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)  
London, April 16.  
Paris:—It is now officially announced that Foch has been appointed Generalissimo of all the Allied armies in France.

### The Paris Bombardment.

(Havas Telegram.)  
Paris, April 17.  
The big gun bombardment of the Paris regions during the night. One person was killed and two injured.

### Helsingfors Occupied.

(Havas Telegram.)  
Paris, April 17.  
Bale:—The Germans have occupied Helsingfors.

### Fresh German Attacks.

London, April 9.—Field Marshal Haig says that this morning after an intense bombardment from La Bassée canal to the neighbourhood of Armentieres strong hostile forces attacked the British and Portuguese holding this sector. A thick mist made observation impossible. The enemy forced his way into our position near Neuve Chapelle, Fankhuysen, la Cordonnerie farm. After heavy fighting all day the enemy forced back the Portuguese in the centre and the British on the flanks of the Lys river between Estaires and Bac St. Maur.

We hold our positions on both flanks about Givenchy and Fleurbaix, where the enemy was repulsed in heavy fighting. The enemy captured Richebourg St. Vaast and Laventie. Severe fighting continues on the whole of this front. We secured prisoners south of Arras in minor engagements. Owing to the mist and rain few aviation flights were possible yesterday.

London, April 10.—Field Marshal Haig says fierce fighting continued on the battle front northward of la Bassée canal yesterday evening and at night. We hold the line of the rivers Lawe and Lys and are heavily engaged with the enemy at Estaires and Bac Saint Maur river crossings. On the southern flank the attack was on Givenchy, into which the enemy at one time forced his way. It was recaptured by counter-attack later in the day by the fifty-fifth division who took prisoner 750. The enemy early this morning opened a heavy bombardment on positions east and north of Armentieres far as the Ypres-Comines canal. Fighting is proceeding on the southern portion of this front. Local fighting occurred south of the Somme yesterday evening. The situation is unchanged.

London, April 10.—The War Office states that during the recent retirement some casualty clearing stations fell into the enemy's hands. All doctors, nurses and patients were safely evacuated and the deficiencies have since been made good. The Australian and Canadian medical authorities generously helped in lending doctors and nurses. During the evacuation under heavy fire a number of casualties occurred in the medical and nursing personnel.

### French Communiqué.

Paris, April 10.—A semi-official referring to the German attack in the Armentieres la Bassée sector, says there is no doubt it is not so much a question of an extension of the front of attack as a diversion intended to relieve the front before Amiens where the Germans feel they are too strongly held. Certainly the French reserves could speedily assist the British there if necessary but probably the object of the enemy's effort here is to divide the Allied reserves but this manoeuvre has been discounted.

### The French Front.

London, April 10.—A French communiqué says north of Montdidier the enemy artillery was violently countered by ours. We bombarded several points in the region of Hangard en Santerre. Our artillery prevented a German attack debouching. We repulsed an attempt west of Noyon on the sector of Biermont. There was an intermittent artillery duel on the left bank of the Oise. Our batteries caught and dispersed enemy concentrations in the region of Cuncy le Chateau.

London, April 10.—A French communiqué says the enemy at night undertook a series of local actions at several points on the front. The Germans yesterday evening after strong artillery fire attacked in the region of Hangard en Santerre. An obstinate fight developed for the village which changed hands repeatedly. An attack by us towards three in the morning made us completely masters of the village and cemetery. An enemy attempt to turn us out of the wood west of Castel was sanguinarily defeated.

The Germans were no more successful in the region of Suzy, west of Noyon, where we broke the efforts of the enemy whose losses were thus resolutely increased. There was great reciprocal artillery firing on the left of the Meuse in the forest of Apremont and in the region of Flirey and the Woivre.

### Absolute Confidence.

(Havas Telegram.)  
Paris, April 17.  
President Poincaré has visited the communes of the Somme and of Pas-de-Calais where the inhabitants expressed absolute confidence in the result of the battle at present in progress. There was surprising animation among the troops.

### Bold Army Measures.

London, April 5.—The papers anticipate the military age will be raised to fifty. The question of Irish conscription has been deferred till the Convention report is published. The Daily News says the Government has decided to hold an enquiry into the retirement of the fifth army at St. Quentin.

The Times says all other Government business will be set aside until the Manpower Bill which the Premier introduces in the Commons on Tuesday has passed all stages. These will be taken on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. It is expected the measure will receive Royal assent the following week. It will probably include the raising of the age limit to fifty, the enactment of the principle of compulsory military service for Ireland, the immediate withdrawal of exemptions of men of the first two grades, except cases of proved indispensability, the bringing of clergy under the Service Acts by the offer of non-combatant work, lads under nineteen may be sent abroad but not to the front line, the abandonment of protection for luxury trades, the renewal of the pledge that there will be no industrial conscription.

### Cecilian Satire.

London, April 6.—Lord Robert Cecil, has made a statement to Reuters in which he said he had no doubt now that Czernin stands for Prussian ideals and policy. With great audacity he claims he does not desire annexations, but new states have been set up without the new states regard to the wishes of the peoples. The most hypocritical part of the Russian peace terms is that these affect not to impose one of the heaviest indemnities ever exacted because the new states are not under any obligation towards Russia as regards old Russia's debts. Thereby the whole debt hitherto spread over the whole of Russia is concentrated on what now remains of Russia. "I confess I prefer Prussian brutality to Austrian hypocrisy. If you are going to rob and strangle your neighbour, it is better not to talk of your moderation."

### Shanghai Discovery.

According to the Chinese Press an interesting discovery has been made by the Chinese police, who recently found concealed in a house near Lunghua a complete wireless telegraph outfit. It appears that the owner of the property, a paper merchant living in the International Settlement, purchased four years ago about 12 mow of land for the purpose of establishing there a tomb and shrine for the reception of ancestral tablets. In one of the rooms of a house was discovered a wireless installation concealed in a wooden case, while from another room projected a pole bearing the aerials. The place has been sealed by the authorities, who have placed a guard over it, and it is reported that the matter will be brought before the International Mixed Court.

### Fate Of The Aurora.

Although the German list of victims of the commerce raider Wolf does not include the Polar expedition ship Aurora there is very little hope, that she has not been destroyed by the enemy, and if not by the Wolf then by a submarine. Even the Germans may not care to admit such wantonness, in as much as they still profess respect for scientific achievements. It may be recalled that Sir Ernest Shackleton, after abandoning the attempt to cross the Antarctic continent from Weddell Sea to Ross Sea, set out from New Zealand in that fine old ship Aurora to rescue the party stranded in the neighbourhood of Ross Island. Seven out of the ten men were rescued, the others having died. The Aurora was taken back to Wellington, overhauled and dispatched to England last June in the charge of Capt. E. J. Reeves and a crew of twenty-two. Since then nothing had been heard of her, save the finding of a floating lifebuoy and wreckage, bearing the name Aurora, in the South Pacific, by a search party sent out after the vessel became overdue. Last month Sir Douglas Mawson, the famous explorer, asserted that if the Aurora had been lost it was due to foul play or submarine attack. The Aurora made her first Polar expedition in 1882, when she went to the relief of the Greely Arctic Expedition. For many years she was used as an Arctic whaler and sealer, and she was held to be the finest boat on the seas for Polar exploration work. Under Capt. J. K. Davis, she sailed over 30,000 miles, in high southern latitudes, often in the foulest weather. Now her course, it is feared, is run, together with those of her gallant sailors, and presumably this is another instance of the German policy of "sinking without a trace."

### Death Sentences in the Field.

Numerous question relating to death sentences in the field have lately been asked in Parliament. Replying to these Mr. Macpherson, Under-Secretary of State for War, said that Sir Douglas Haig personally reads and examines the records of all court-martial in such cases before he confirms the sentences and in every instance receives the advice of the Deputy Judge Advocate-General before confirmation. The Field Marshal also has reports from the Commanding Officer of the soldier under sentence and intermediate commanders. The average time that elapses between the passing of sentence and execution cannot be given with exactness but Mr. Macpherson's estimate is about 14 days. He was not aware of a single case in which the period has been only 36 hours as alleged by Mr. Snowden. Mr. Macpherson said he had written to France for full information as to the medical examination particularly in cases where the soldier tried for cowardice has entered the plea that he was suffering from shell shock.

### Soldiers or Submarines.

London, April 11.—That the reduction in the number of sinkings is associated with the German offensive is recalled by the fact that Hindenburg tacitly admitted the failure of submarine when he assured the socialist delegations at Berlin a few weeks ago that the offensive in the West was a certain success. It would cost 400,000 German lives, but peace would come in August. This is in striking contrast with Hindenburg's army order of February 1917, when he said that the submarine offered the best means of a speedy ending of the war. It is pointed out in London that 200,000 British troops have crossed the Channel in ten days since the resumption of the offensive. It is believed that Germany's submarine efforts are decreasing owing to the concentration of labour and material on the land offensive, while the work of the British navy is having its effect in destroying submarines at twice the rate of a year ago.

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April 18th. 1918.

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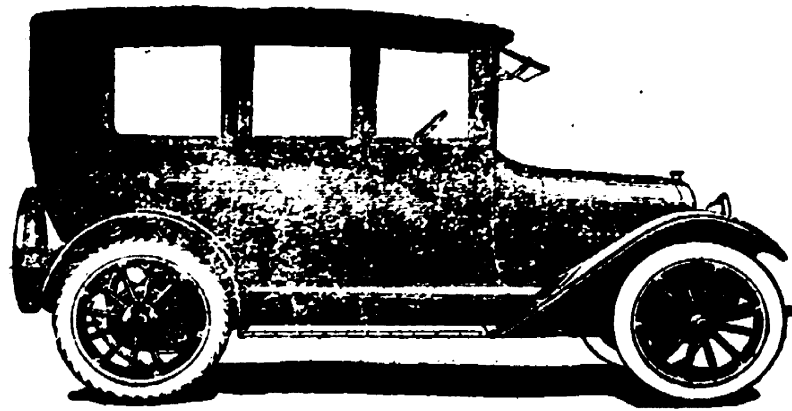
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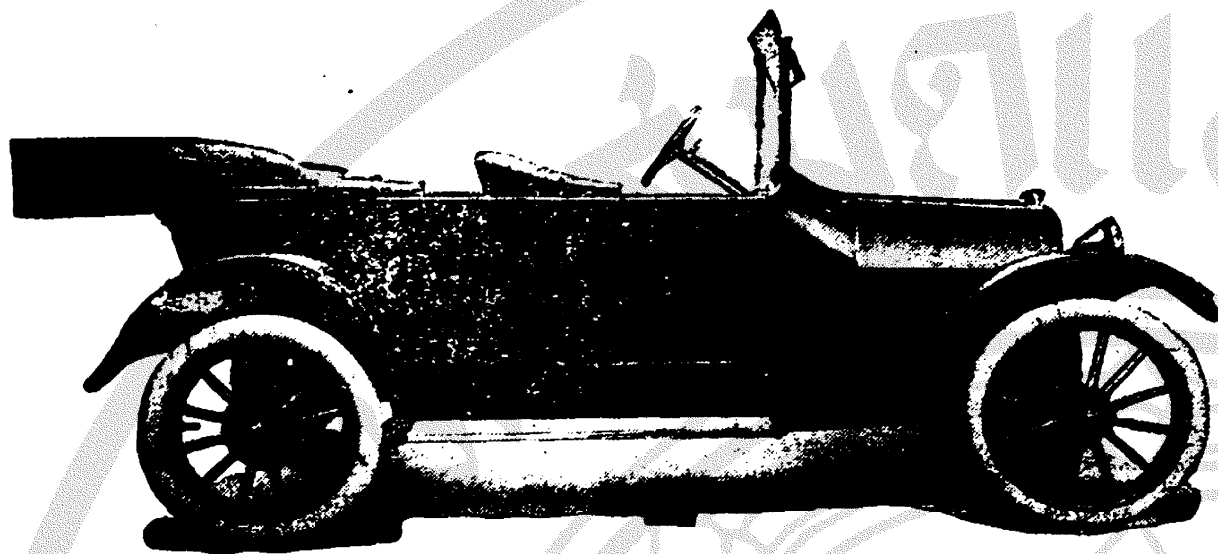
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## Fight For Armentieres.

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Haig (aviation): The mist yesterday morning hindered flying: When the weather improved our airmen bombed and machine gunned the enemy on the new battle front between La Bassee and Armentieres. We brought down five enemy machines. Two of ours are missing.

Two of ours are missing.  
London, April 11. — **Hal:** The battle is continuing on the whole front la Bassee canal to the Ypres-Comines canal. Severe fighting occurred in the neighbourhood of the Lawe and Lys canals, from about Leetren to Armentieres. Heavy fighting was continuing to a late hour last night in the neighbourhoods of Ploegsteert, Messines and Wytschaete.

London, April 11.—Haig: The enemy pressed his attacks strongly all day long on the whole northern battle front. Fresh divisions continually and heavily assaulted the region of the Lawe river, between Loime and Lestrom. Our Fifty-first Division beat off incessant attacks, inflicting great losses and recaptured positions by vigorous counter attacks. There was heavy fighting at Estaires. Between Estaires and Steenwerck, in this sector, the enemy attacked in strength and pushed back our line to just north of these places.

The enemy determinedly attacked this morning northward of Armentières and made some progress in the neighbourhood of Ploegsteert wood. Our Ninth division completely repulsed with great loss another heavy attack in the neighbourhood of Wytschaete and Hollebeker. Fighting continues on the whole front between the Bassee canal and the Tyres Comine canal.

London, April 11.—The Press bureau says:—Fieldmarshal Haig has congratulated the Commander and all officers and men of the fiftyfift

division on their splendid fighting of Tuesday, especially at Festubert and Givenchy.

**French Reports.**

London, April 11.—A French communiqué says our artillery was ~~being~~ at night between Montdidier and Noyon. Our fire dispersed an enemy ~~at~~ <sup>in</sup> the region of Orville. Borel before it reached our lines. An enemy attack on our advanced posts east of Souain in Champagne was repulsed after a lively engagement. An enemy attempt in the forest of Apremont failed under our fire. Two enemy aeroplanes were brought down yesterday by our machine-gun fire.

London, April 11.—French communiqué: North of Montdidier and in the region of the Oise Canal the artillery duel was violent. We took prisoner thirty in last evening's fighting.

London, April 11.—French communiqué: There was a violent artillery duel at certain points north of Montdidier and in the region of Lassigny. We repulsed last evening and this morning two somewhat heavy attacks in the sector of Noyon. There was an intermittent cannonade on both banks of the Meuse.

During March 28 enemy aeroplanes were brought down by anti-aircraft defences.

London, April 11.—Reuter's correspondent at French headquarters (April 10) says there was relative quiet prevailing from Hangard to Noyon. The French carried out a small infantry attack on Griveenes chateau, locally improving the position in the park.

The guns were active on both sides all along the front. Along the whole front the Germans have done little trench digging. The enemy airplanes are more active but are showing little inclination to take the offensive, chiefly patrolling on their own side of the front in powerful groups of a dozen or more machines with the object of preventing our flights.

### Renter's Accounts

London, April 10.—Boutet's correspondent at Headquarters, wiring on the evening of the 10th says that throughout the day the struggle north of Bethune waxed and waned. An artillery duel developed towards the infantry battle extended to the vicinity of Wytschate. It is clear that the Germans are all out in making a desperate effort to break through any where that shook tactics may perchance disclose weakness. During the two days fighting the enemy pressed back at certain places necessitating readjustments of the line. Elsewhere the enemy is flinging his main weight into an endeavour to destroy the fighting powers of the British.

This morning the Germans were reported to be in the village of Messin

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Paknam	Dep.	6.30	9.30	12.45	3.45	Bangkok	Dep.	7.45	10.45	2.00	5.00
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and Ploegstreet wood, although probably in only small numbers. The enemy obtained a footing in Laisnes in the morning but were reported to be driven out later. The troops are fighting magnificently, well supported by artillery. The enemy employed at least eight divisions. The spearhead of the enemy assault was the centre of the Portuguese front.

Owing to the thickness of the weather, considerable numbers of Germans trickled through whilst the alarm was being given and consequently we were attacked in the rear as well as in dense waves frontally. The Portuguese were forced to retire but a brilliantly fought rearguard action averted the serious menace at this point, but a retiring movement became inevitable.

Givenchy which is valuable tactically, was captured by the enemy but a counter-attack drove him out but this was not in sufficient numbers to withstand the oncoming waves and in the early afternoon the Germans recaptured Givenchy.

It was just before dark that the fifty-fifth division, consisting mainly of Lancashire territorials made a fine charge, again restoring Givenchy. Today there has been little disposition to further attack along the southern flank of yesterday's thrust and the battle is settling northwards. The Germans are shelling all towns and villages a long way back, also the roads with a steady insistence, employing to the utmost their great hauls of artillery from other fronts.

Low visibility is still handicapping the airman. We are fighting against great odds. We know that the enemy has declared this will be the decisive offensive and we must be prepared for a continuance of heavy blows as long as he is able. The enemy certainly has gained tactical successes, but strategically he has accomplished nothing. We are very slowly giving ground here and there under the pressure of dense masses. "I am glad to be able to conclude with the news that our indomitable troops have driven out the enemy from Messines."

#### Armentieres Abandoned.

London, April 11.—Reuter's correspondent with British Headquarters wiring on April 11 says the great Flanders battle is steadily extending up the line. German aircraft in considerable numbers are supporting the attacks of the enemy and were yesterday reported in the neighbourhood of Steenwerck. Yesterday afternoon artillery and trench mortar activity heavily increased around Ypres, as far as Passchendaele. We appear to be holding our counter gains about Messines.

It is believed that at two o'clock this morning, our line ran eastward of Ploegstreet village, through Ploegstreet wood, thence past St. Yves almost due northward, past Contaverne, joining our old line near Hollebeke. The enemy last evening was attacking south of Hollebeke and made a small gain of ground. Thus it will be seen that our front had assumed a very zigzag line, but nowhere had the Germans pushed beyond our battle zone, notwithstanding his great weight.

Northward of Hill Sixty the situation is reported unchanged. Just before dawn we opened a heavy protective barrage upon the sectors upon which the enemy might be expected to attempt an advance. The continued German inactivity south of Arras looks as if they were awaiting the result of the Flanders offensive before developing further plans.

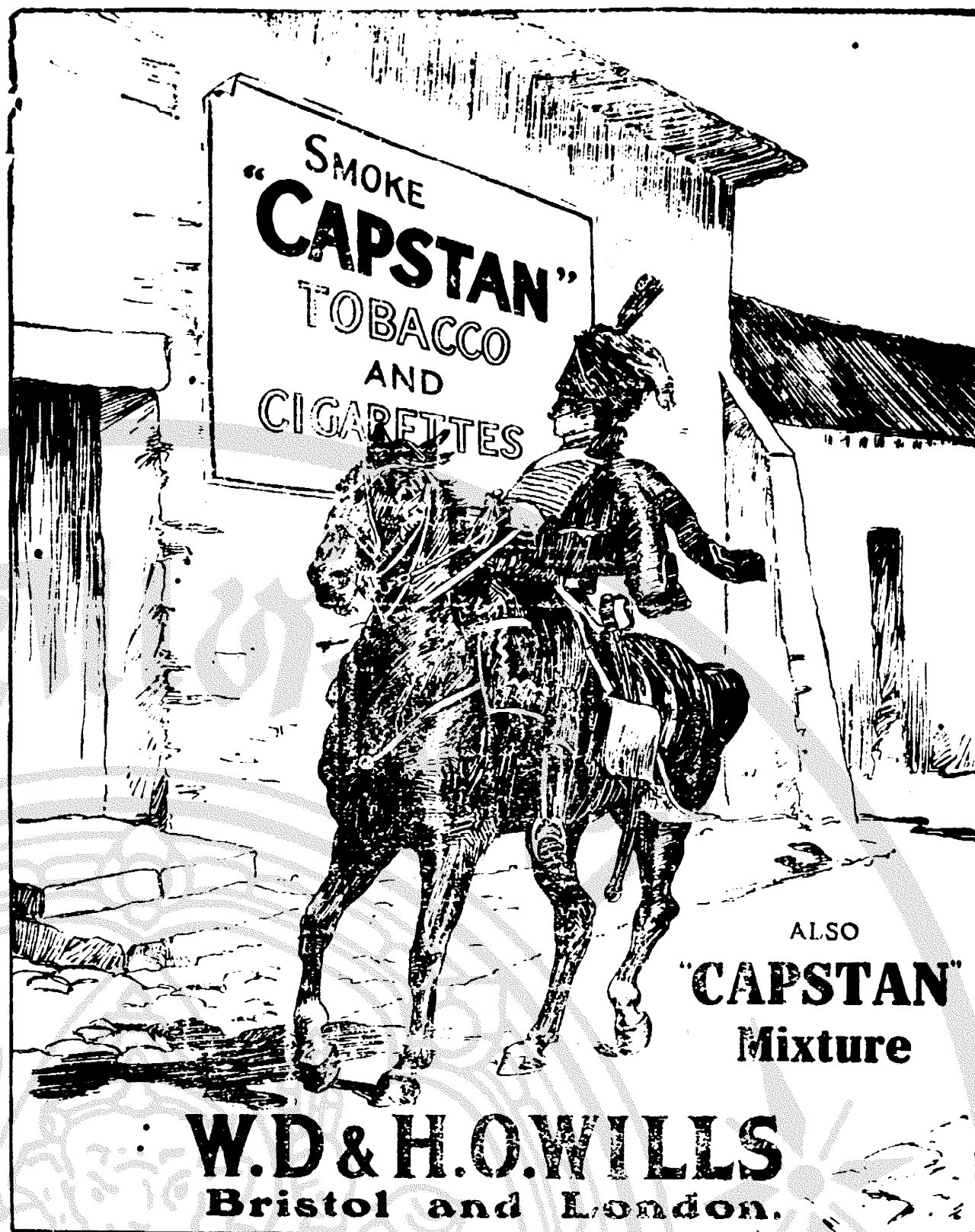
Between the Scarpe and the Somme the enemy aircraft is watching our movements as far as our airman will allow them.

London, April 11.—Reuter's correspondent at headquarters (evening) wires that the situation in Flanders is generally regarded to day as fairly well in hand, but fighting continues on a heavy scale and is likely to continue. What success the Germans have achieved developed out of the advance in the centre of the original front attack, helped by misty weather. The territory which the enemy have overrun was very sparsely populated by civilians, and as regards the character of the country it is a barren gain. Moreover, the enemy communications have been lengthened across long tracts of clay.

The weather improved in the morning and airman are effectively cooperating in large numbers.

At ten o'clock in the morning the enemy furiously attacked against Hollebeke. Fighting with great intensity followed massed waves of the enemy advanced over the heavy ground flanking Roozbeek and making a great target for riflemen and machine-guns. The execution is described as terrible. Comparatively few of the enemy got to grips with the defenders. Eventually the attack was completely repulsed, a straggling retreat being followed by field guns until the enemy disappeared in the mist.

Around Ploegstreet wood and Es lairee there has been continuous fighting the results at present being unknown. The enemy brought up more reserves. We also have thrown in reinforcements. North-west of Armentieres in the direction of Ploegstreet, large bodies of German



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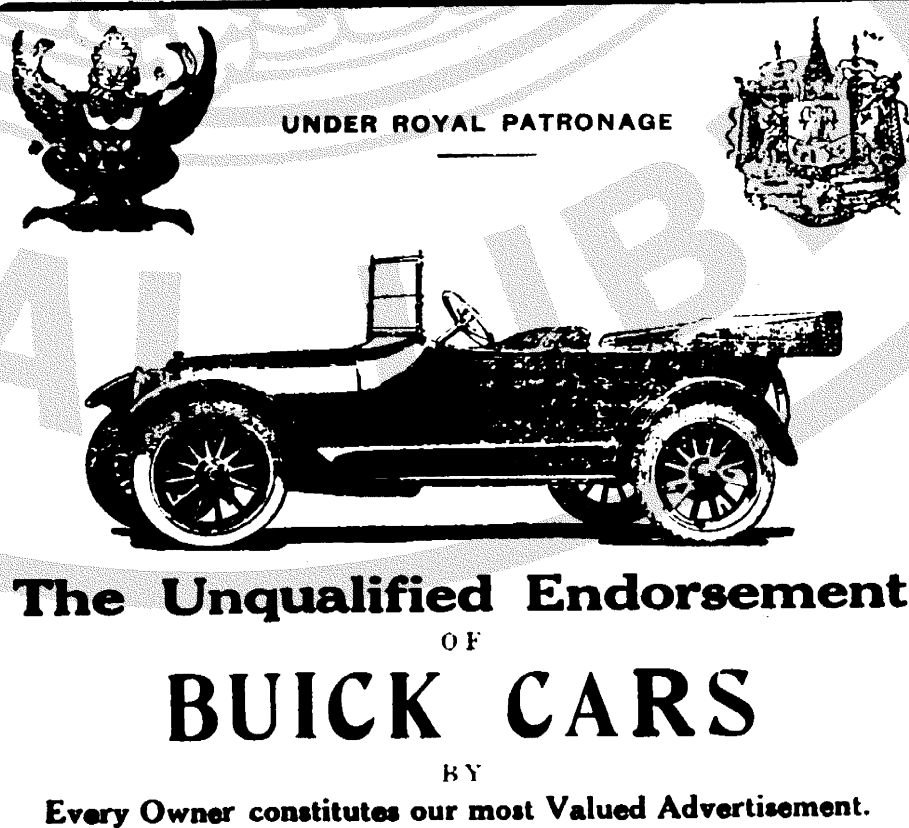
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	A.M. P.M. P.M.					A.M. P.M. P.M.			
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infantry are reported as missing by airmen. Artillery heavily concentrated on them.

The evacuation of Armentieres was carried out very successfully, the enemy not attempting to press our retirement. The whole place is a vast cesspit of mustard gas and the soldiers welcome their release therefrom.

London, April 11.—Correspondents at the front emphasize the magnificent British defence in ceaseless fighting for thirty hours against heavy odds. They give details of the resistance of the Portuguese, whose front the German first endeavoured to break. British officers attached to the Portuguese are of opinion that the German bombardment of the Portuguese exceeded anything seen on the Somme, extending far behind the second line. The Portuguese held on to the smashed front line, some outposts fighting to the last man. The main body of Portuguese fought stubbornly in the second line till enemy shock troops forced their way to Laventie where it was difficult to make a stand, as the Portuguese had suffered terribly. Their guns were well served and though some had to be abandoned as the teams could not be taken through the barrage and some battery crews were wiped out, the survivors destroyed the breech-blocks leaving scarcely any serviceable pieces.

Some of the Portuguese gunners attached to the British heavy batteries stuck it most gallantly according to the British gunners, while a body of Portuguese infantry held out in La Courture till two in the afternoon, their commander refusing to retire. Then Germans charged them with the bayonet. Few survivors came back. When the Portuguese were forced back in the centre the weight of the German attack fell on the fifty-fifth British division on their right, where the high ground of Givenchy was coveted by the enemy. The Lancashire territorials who had been rushed into the battle from billets refused to give up the hillcock and withstood every shock with machine guns and grenades. There was ding-dong fighting against ceaseless German waves all day and night with Givenchy taken and retaken. Morning found the Lancashires undaunted, agile and still barring the way.

Aviation: Despite unfavourable weather yesterday our airmen bombed and machine-gunned enemy troops. The mist compelled pilots to fly at an average height of 200 feet, experiencing the heaviest gunfire. The enemy airmen were also active. We brought down seven and drove down one. Seven of ours are missing.

We raided Luxembourg station at mid-day to-day and dropped over a ton of bombs. Several bursts were

observed. All our machines returned, despite considerable gunfire.

London, April 13.—Mr. Kellaway, parliamentary secretary of the Ministry of Munitions, outlined at Bedford the progress in the production of munitions. The increase in the first two months of 1918 compared the previous year was as follows, light guns thirty per cent; medium fifty-seven; heavy thirty-eight; machine-guns ninety-six; shells eighty-three; tanks thirty-nine; aeroplanes 223; aero engines 245 per cent.

The average weekly production of aeroplanes in 1918 equalled the average production for two months in 1915, while of machine guns, one week's production equalled five months in

1915. Simultaneously men were steadily being released for the army.

Over 100,000 men were released during 1917. The Army was as well equipped to-day as when the German offensive began. All the guns lost had been replaced. We were actually stronger in machine guns than in the beginning of the battle. Aerially we are as strong, if not stronger. The lost tanks are being replaced by a superior model. Ammunition was more than made good.

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## The Tiger of Belgium!

### Murder of Patriot Girl Of Fourteen.

Crimes that are only a sample of the appalling enormities committed against martyred Belgium by the Kaiser's minions are now brought to light. These deeds of blood, perpetrated not in the heat of battle, but as part of the military system imposed upon the conquered, show that the Prussian monster has learned nothing in three and a half years of blood. His latest infamies in-

clude the murder of a patriot girl of 14. The sword, the gibbet, and the prison are still the main factors in the the government of Belgium. We learn from Belgian official sources of 58 more executions in that unhappy country. This brings to 170 the number of Belgians killed since January, 1917, for some patriotic "crime" under the rule of Governor von Falkenhausen, who succeeded von Bissing. Among them we know the names of at least ten women, three girls of from 14 to 16, and several boys under 20. Under the rule of von Bissing, who rendered himself responsible for the murder of Miss Cavell, about 100 executions took place in one year (1915-16), according to an official German statement. Von Falkenhausen, surnamed "The Tiger," increased this number threefold! Most of these victims of German terrorism have been subjected before their execution to most cruel tortures in order to force them to denounce their "accomplices."

#### Courageous Girls.

The two daughters of M. Groneret, a shopkeeper of Liège were forced to witness the death of their father and mother. Life was then promised to them if they consented to speak. The eldest, aged 20, refused courageously, and was killed beside her parents. Pressure was then put on the younger, a girl of 14, but she remained firm in spite of all the efforts of her tormentors, and shared the same fate. In a group of 20 prisoners shot recently at Ghent was a young girl of 16, whose only crime had been to carry letters over the frontier. She begged for her life until the last moment, and was shot kneeling. Before his execution a well-known sportsman of Ghent Van Rentege, was dragged through the streets of the town attached by a long chain, and subjected to the insults of the soldiers, who pelted him with mud and spat on him. Here is an extract from a letter to his wife, written a few hours before his death by a young Fleming, aged 26, father of a family, one of the latest victims of German terrorism:

"My hour has come. I have received the last sacraments. I am going to give my life gladly for God and country. For the last time I kiss your dear picture and those of my beloved children. Good-bye, my poor, dear wife, good-bye, my little, innocent children. My love for you will not die with me. From Heaven I will watch over you and pray for you."

The German public is well aware of these wholesale executions. The Kolnische Zeitung complained recently that the number of Belgian spies who were granted their lives was far too large, and that the Belgians were not worthy of Germany's generous mercy.



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This man knew London well. He was a waiter and is now anxious to return there.

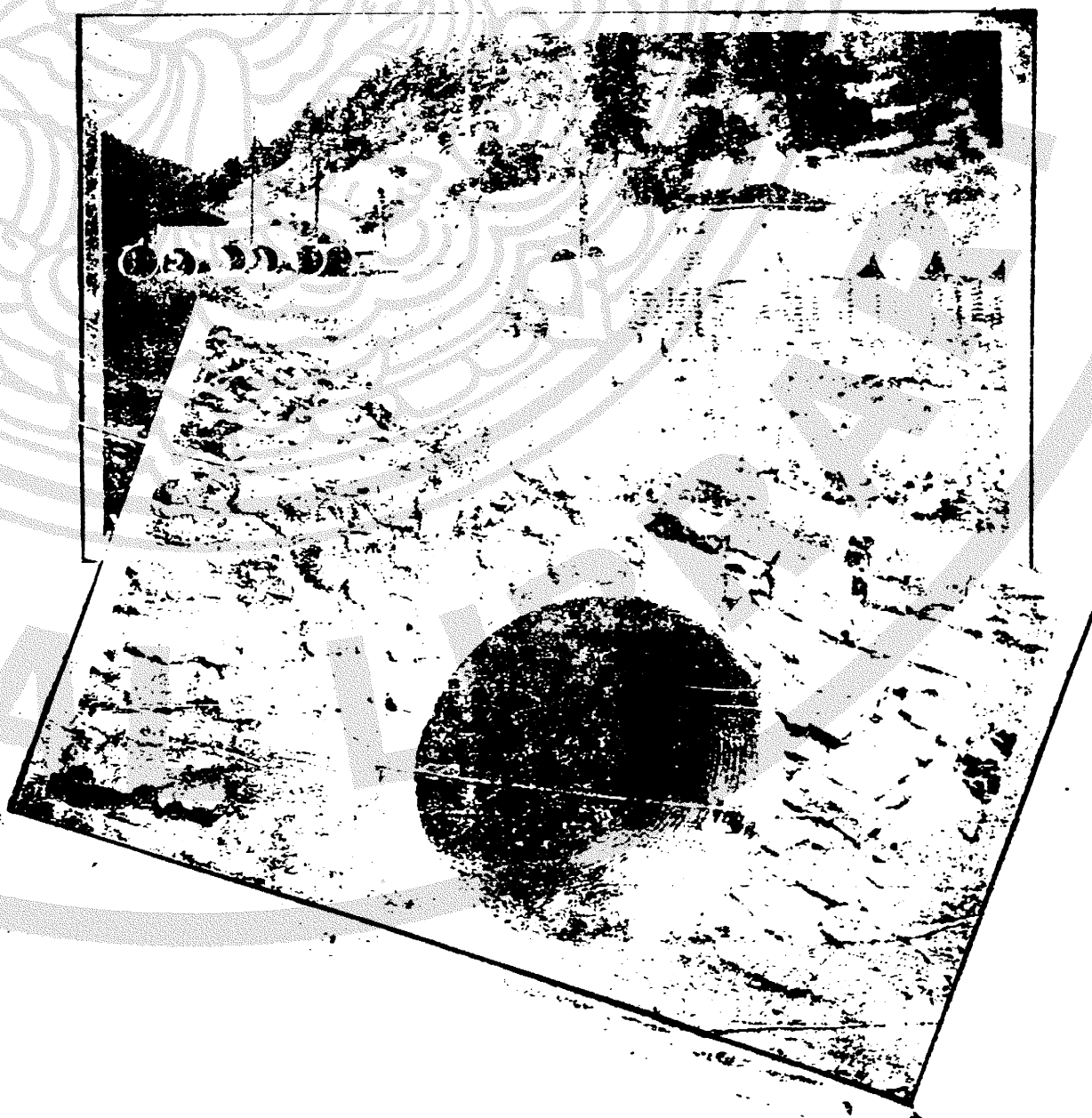
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