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Russia's Effective Artillery.

Petrograd, June 11 .-- The first Rus sian wounded men have reached Odessa. They speak with glowing enthusiasm of the artillery's havoc of the Austrian defences followed by onslaughts by masses of cavalry throwing the retreating enemy into hopeless confusion. The enemy abandoned their wounded and whole regiments surrendered. The railways were blocked by trains conveying prisoners and trophies, including big guns and aeroplanes. Processions of prisoners seemed to be everywhere in the countryside marching to the nearest stations. Captured baggage trains were used to convey the Austrian wounded. Several thousand prisoners have arrived at Kieff and 15,000 at Khotin, including Germans and staff officers. Persons arriving from Royno state that the roaring of the guns could be clearly heard 20 miles from the firing line.

The Russians Irresistible. An appalling Russian gunfire open-ed simultaneously on the entire battle front. Orders for an attack reached numerous dead. the Russian trenches on June 3, and were hailed with unbounded joy. The regiments attended religious services. The artillery opened fire the same day and did not cease until mid-day on June 4. The infantry poured out of the trenches and found the first and and second enemy lines, and even the out third line in ruins and full of ed. dead. The succeeding lines were defended with machine-guns, fire squirts, and mines, many of which were exploded under the Russians. But the Russians were irresistible, and when they reached the trenches the Austrians mostly refused to face the bayonet and surrendered.

Tremendous Bombardment. The bombardment preceding the offensive was so intense that it was heard as a continuous roar twenty and thirty miles behind the firing line. The inhabitants of Proskouroff, fifty miles distant heard a rumbling like distant thunder. The bombardment reached its highest pitch at 2 o'clock last Suroay morning. The tremendous vibration of the air is said to have thrown the telegraphing and telephone apparatus out of gear for miles around. The Russian infantry advanced with the watchword, "Ever forward, not a step backward."

The Germans are striving to conceal from the public the extent of the Austrian defeats, and a recent Berlin communiqué merely stated that there was

no change in the situation so far as the Green troops were concerned. The Russians covered 25 miles to Lutsk in three days through forests and marsh lands over the battered defences of the Austrians.

Irresistible Russians.

Petrograd, July 9.—Official. The Russians have occupied Delatyn. Petrograd, July 10 .- The communique says: The Russian onslaught on the lower Stokhod continues. The enemy has been flung back in great disorder. The fiercest fighting continues around Baranovitchi, where the

enemy is resisting desperately.

Petrogard, July 9.—The Russians crossed the river Stokhod near the village of Ugly, approximately half way between the railways running to Kovel from Sarny and Royno, Inasmuch as the enemy forces defending Kovel are chi fly concentrated along

these lines the Russian move in the centre threatens both groups. Petrograd, July 10.—The communique reports further success west of Kimpelung the enemy abandoning

Numerous Captures. General Letchitzky captured between June 23 and July 7, 674 officers 30,875 men, 18 gans and a hundred

machine guns. An enemy submarine in the Black Sea sank a Russian hospital ship without any warning. Seven were drown-

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German News Service.

Headquarters, June 16.
Official. Western theatre: South of
the Franco-Belgian frontier, up to the
Somme lively fighting continues. A
French attack with hand grenades, at
Chavonne, east of Villy, was repulsed.
German mine explosions on the ridge
of the La Fille Morte, in the Argonnes,
have been very successful.

In the region of the Meuse, the fire engagements only revived appreciably towards evening. During the night they became intense at Mort Homme and west of it as well as in the frontal section from the forest of Thiaumont to Fort Vaux.

An enemy attack in the forest of Thiaumont, during the night, was repulsed. Other attacks were frustrated yesterday by our fire.

During the nights of the last two days, about 100 French were made prisoners. Several night attacks in the forest of Fremin have been easily repulsed by handgrenade fighting.

A British biplane fell down and another one north of Arras, both after aerial fights. Two men of the crew are dead.

One French seaplane has been shot down in the western Argonnes. A German airsquadron attacked the railway stations and military depots at Baccarat and Ravu l'Etappe.

Eastern theatre: Nothing of importance has occurred at the northern part of the front. Numerous bombs have been thrown on the rails between Lyadevitchi and Enismie, where great military transports were moving.

The Russian attacks have been repulsed, partly by successful counterattacks of the army group under General von Linsingen on the Styr, west of Kolki, on the Nachod as well as in the region of the railway Kowel-Royno.

Northwest of Lutzk the Germans are engaged in a fight which stands favourably for them. The amount of booty and prisoners is increasing. Southwest of Lutzk the Russians attacked in the direction of Myogrochov.

The situation of the army of General Count von Bothmer is unchanged. Berlin, June 20.

Berlin, June 20.

Dentscher Ueberseedienst: — Colonel
General von Moltke, the chief of the
Assistant General Staff, fell dead after
a speech he made at the memorial service which the German Asiatic Society
had arranged in the l'arliament building for their late President, Field
Marshal von der Goltz.

It is reported from Copenhagen that the Danish Post Master General communicates that the British have confiscated at Kirkwall the American mail destined for Denmark, on the Norwegian liner Kristiana Fjord.

Headquarters June 20.
Official. Western theatre: The general situation is unchanged. There were successful patrol engagements

near Beuvraignes and Nieder-Aspach.
German aviators copiously bombed the Military establishments at Bragen, near Dunkirk and Touilly, southwest of Verdun.

Eastern theatre: On the front of the army group of von Hindenburg, German detachments which advanced south of Smorgon, as far as beyond Cary and near Tanocoyn, brought in an officer, 153 men, 4 machineguns and 4 minethrowers. A Russian biplane was forced to land west of Kolodon, south of the Narotsch Lake, and was destroyed by artillery fire.

The railway track near Vileyka was bombed.

On the front of Prince Leopold's army group, German aviators again attacked the railway between Liachovitchi and Luminetz.

On the front of the army group of von Linsingen, strong Russian attacks against the canal positions, southwest of Logitschin, broke down under the German curtain fire with heavy losses for the enemy. Repeated enemy efforts against the Styr line, near and west of Kolki, were generally without success.

There were especially violent engatements near Grulatyn. The German troops broke the Russian resistance, which was particularly strong near Kisseler, at several places between the road Kovel-Lutzk and the Turija and have continued their advances. South of the Turija, the enemy's attacks were repulsed. The Russians stopped their

advance in the direction of Gorochov.

Balkan theatre: Enemy aviators dropped bombs on the villages behind the German front, without doing da-

mage.
The Admiralty reports:

A German naval aeroplane, in Riga Bay, off Fruensberg, bombed two Russian destroyers succeeding in hitting one of them.

Vienna, June 19.
Russian Theatre: Yesterday the troops occupying the bridgeworks of Czernowitz had to be withdrawn before the concentrated artillery fire of a far superior enemy. At night, the enemy, at several points, forced a passage across Prith and entered Czernowitz. The Austro-Hungarians evacuated the town.

In Eastern Galicia, the situation is unchanged. West of Visniovsnik, on the Strypa the Russian attacks were frustrated by artillery fire. In Volhinia, the Austrians and Hungarians gained ground north of the Lypa, north of Gorocho and near Lokatschi and repulsed the Russian counterattacks. The day before yesterday and yesterday 905 Russians were made prisoners, and three machine guns were taken. In the district north of the Turija, German forces in successful ergagements, brought in 11 officers 3,446 men, one gun and 10 machine guns. Between Sokul and Kolki, strong Russian advances were again

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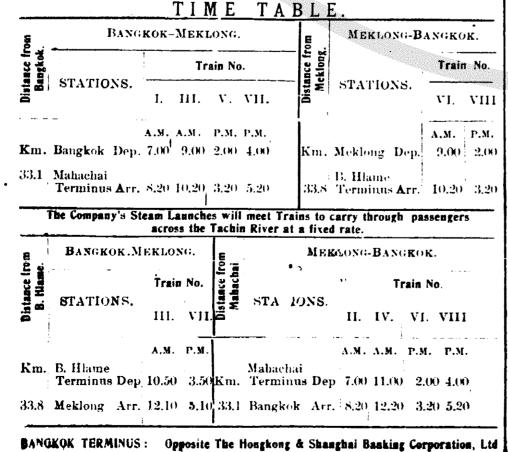
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Great War.

The British Advance.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, July 15. General Haig reports that at dawn to-day we attacked the enemy's second line of defence and broke into a front of four miles and captured several strongly defended localities. Heavy fighting continues.

London, July 16. General Haig reports that all continues to go well on the British front and at one point we forced back the enemy to his third system of defence. four miles to the rear of his original front at Fricourt and Mametz.

The total number of prisoners taken by the British is ten thousand since the beginning of the battle including two thousand captured during the last twenty-four hours. The latter number include a regimental commander of the Guards Division. Large quantities of war material have fallen into our

Big Forest Fire.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.) London, July 15.

Athens.-The forest at Tatoi has been burning for several hours. The flames spread to the Royal Chateau which together with the adjoining barracks have been destroyed. There were several deaths including officers. The King, Queen and family took refuge in the King's brother's residence at Kaphissia.

The Western Theatre.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, July 13. Yesterday on the right of the Meuse e fight continued very violent, the Germans sustaining enormous losses.

The British repulsed attacks in the Mametz wood and made progress in the Bois des Loges inflicting great losses.

To-day we succeeded in a comp de main in Champagne and repulsed tentative attacks in the Argonne and Vosges-

> (HAVAS TELEGRAM) Paris, July 14.

Yesterday the British made progress north of the Somme and took two howitzers and a quantity of munitions. To-day we repulsed tentative attacks by the enemy north of the Aisne.

The British penetrated the second German line on a front of 6,400 metres and captured several localities that were strongly fortified.

French National Day.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, July 14.

The National Fete was celebrated today for the first time since the war began. There was a splendid manifestation of the unity of the Allies whose troops participated in a review before an enthusiastic crowd. President Poincare saluted the dead and praised the efforts of the Allies and the resolution to impose a peace which will prevent a return to war and will bring due reparation for the violation of the guarantees of national independence. The heads of state of the Allies exchanged felicitations with President Poincare wishing that their common hopes will soon be realised by the victories of the

Various.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, July 13. We repulsed the enemy on the Stockhod and took 745 prisoners.

We have captured Mamakhatum to the south-east of Erzerum.

A German submarine bombarded Seaham on the east coast of England without result.

Paris, July 14. Petrograd .-- West of the lower Strypa we captured 200 soldiers.

Madrid. - Owing to a general strike the Government has proclaimed a state of siege in the province of Madrid,

Paris, July 14. A French column in Morocco has routed near Ghamet Allah Harka and 1,000 men thus suppressing the menace of an agitation.



Court Circular.

GRAND PALACE. Saturday, July 15th.

To-day at 5 p.m. His Majesty the King paid a visit to Bavaranives Monastery in connection with the Buddhist Lent. His Royal Highness the Holy Prince Vajiranana, with the whole Chapter of Monks in residence at this Monastery received His Majesty in the principal Chapel. The King laid the Lenten offerings before the statue of Phra Jina Siha and other lesser images of Our Lord, and also the ashes of His late Royal Highness the Holy Prince Pavares-Variyalongkorn (Supreme Patriarch of the Kingdom in the reign of His Majes y's August Predecessor). Lenten offerings were then presented to the Holy Prince Vajiranana, to whom His Majesty paid due obeisance as His Spiritual Preceptor, and every monk present also received Lenten offerings from His Majesty. The King remained in conversation with the Holy Prince for some time. Then having received the from Blessing the whole Chapter, The King visited the Pagoda and the Chapels of Phra Sasta and the Sleeping Buddha, where Lenten offerings were also laid.

From Bavaranives Monastery, His Majesty proceeded to Raja Pabidh Monastery, where he presented Lenten offerings to His Highness Prince Jinavara, Lord Archbishop of Bangkok and Metropolitan of the Central Provinces who is His Majesty's Assistant Spiris

tual Preceptor.
Pield-Marshal His Royal Highness Prince Bhannrangsi and Lieutenant-Colonel His Royal Highness the Prince of Nagor Rajasima were deputed today as His Majesty's representatives to light the Lenten Candles at Jetubon and Benchama Pabitra Monasteries

LOCAL AND GENERAL

CHAO Chem Marda Ward has given Tcs. 2,320 to the Siamese Red Cross fund on the occasion of her 57th birth-

WE have received the June issue of "Facts About the War" published by the Paris Chamber of Commerce and sent us from the French Legation.

THE ss. "Katong" left Singapore on Saturday the 15th inst., and may be expected to arrive at the Borneo Company's wharf on Wednesday morn-

H. E. PHYA Pichate has given a contribution of Tes. 40 to the Chulalongkorn Hospital, and H.E. Phya Rajanakul has also given Tcs. 50 to the same institution.

A NEW Zealand soldier who had fought in Gallipoli and had served with Lord Kitchener at Omdurman and in South Africa, in hospital with a paralysed arm awaiting amputation, received such a shock from the news of his death that he recovered the complete use of his arm immediately.

"If the area of the garden cannot be increased, the quantity and quality of the crops should be improved by the extra hour of daylight." Thus "The Times," which leads Punch to suggest that for this discovery its contemporary is recommended for the famous Chinese Order of the Excellent crop. --:0:--

THE mobile army of the United States equals in number one-third of the registered chauffeurs of New York State—thus making the danger from automobiles much greater than that of militarism in this country.—This is a statement by General Leonard Wood, whose good works are still remembered in the Philippines.

Golf Notes.

The winner of the 1915 Captain's prize presented by Mr. S. Brighouse is Mr. J. A. Macgill who beat Mr. C. Chester Walsh in the final by 1 up. The Teams for the match on Sunday July 23rd is as follows: -

Hon. Secretary Captain H. Chester Walsh S. Brighouse J. A. Macgill C. L. Watson M. McDonald A. E. Stiven S. H. Hendrick W. W. Shand J. D. Powell N. Sutton R. S. Le May P. A. Church J. M. Sinclair E. W. Townend M. A. B. Duncan E. Wyon Smith T. H. Pollard A. Lewis

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R. C. R. Wilson W. Nunn P. Bulner D. L. Perrins Members are reminded that the match must be played to the 18th hole.

There will be an Extraordinary Gencral Meeting of the Golf Section on Friday July 21st at 6.15 p.m. to discuss the proposed revision of the Club Rules.

British Legation Telegrams.

(British Legation telegrams are not to be regarded as official communiques from His Britannic Majesty's Representative, unless they are marked "official.")

The Allies' General Move

(Unofficial.)

London, July 13. For the first time since the outset of the war all the Allies are exerting simultaneous pressure on the Central Powers. The well-known German American correspondent Karl von Wiegand telegraphs to the "New York World" for the first time in a despondent tone. Wiegand says :- "The initiative has passed to the Allies. Everywhere except at Verdun the Germans are on the defensive. New armies drawn from Russia's hundred and fifty millions equipped with munitions from Japanese and American arsenals beat incessantly like sea waves on the thin anaemic lines of Hindenburg, Prince Leopold, Linsingen and Bothmer. For the bravest hearts the circumstances can only be discouraging." On the west front the British by capturing Contolmaison from the Prussian Guard have become masters of the entire German first line. Hitherto the Germans have met British or French assaults by moving troops from one part of their line to another or from Russia to France. Thus the Germans brought eventually to a standstill the French offensive last year in Champagne and the British offensive at Loos and Neuve Chapelle. Now the Russian pressure is such that not a man or gun can be spared even to support the Austrian right wing, which has been driven back, first Ifrom Czernowitz, then from Kolomea, and now is retreating to the summit of the Carpathian passes. The Germans must hold their western line with such forces as they have there already. They have already miscalculated the strength of the French, as is shown by the fact they have not expected the French offensive on the right of the British. Meanwhile a bombardment has be-

25 Millions Slowly Starving. The "New York World" publishes an analysis of the German food stocks ov an excentionally well informe neutral from Rotterdam. The neutral estimates that twenty million Germans of the agricultural class are sufficiently well fed. Twenty million others, including soldiers and officials are just adequately fed. Five million rich can always buy enough food. There remains about twenty-five millions who are slowly starving. The neutral calculates that the average ration of these last is two thousand two hundred calories per day whereas two thousand four hundred calories is the scientific minimum where-on life can be supported. The neutral anticipates a good harvest above the normal by three million tons of cereals. But the German cattle supplies have sunk since the war from twenty-three and a half million to twenty million. After twelve months the meat famine will be worse than the present cereals famine.

gun from the Somme to the sea.

Fighting on the British Front.

More British Successes.

(Official.)

London, July 14. It is announced from the British General Headquarters that this morning at dawn the enemy's second system of defence was attacked. Our troops have broken into the hostile positions on a front of four miles, capturing several strongly defended localities. Heavy fighting continues.

(Official.)

London, July 15. The following dispatch has been received from Headquarters, dated 14th July :- It is now possible to give further details of the action begun at daybreak this morning. After intensive bombardment the assault was launched at 3 25 a.m. The enemy was driven from his trenches on the whole front of attack and many prisoners fell into our hands. Fierce fighting has continued all day, as the result of which we have steadily increased our gains, and are now in possession of the enemy's second positions from Bazentin le Petit village to Lonqueval village (both inclusive) and the whole of the Trones wood. In Trones wood we relieved a party of the Royal West Kent Regt. who, separated from their own troops in recent fighting and surrounded by the Germans, had gallantly held out in the northern end of the wood for 48 hours. Two determined counter attacks on our new positions were completely crushed by our fire. Later, after a fierce counter attack the Germans succeeded in recapturing the village of Bazentin-le Petit, but were at once driven out again by our infantry, and the whole village is once more in

(Official.)

London, July 15. All continues to go well on the British front and at one point we have forced the enemy back to his third scheme of defence more than 4 miles in the rear of his original front trenches at Fricourt and Mametz. In the past 24 hours we have captured over 2,000 prisoners, including the regi-mental Commander of the 3rd (suards Division, and the total number of prisoners taken by the British since the battle began now exceeds ten thousand. Large quantities of war material have also fallen into our hands.

Tin, Rice and Rubber.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.) Singapore, July 17.

Tin is quoted at \$81.53. Rice is unchanged.

There was a smart recovery in rubber shares from the recent depression though it is still well below quotations three months ago.

Personal.

According to the "London and China Express " H. R. H. Prince Chudaduj, who is prosecuting his studies in Eng. land, has booked his passage to Singa-pore by the N.Y.K. Fushimi Maru which was to have left London on

Mr. C. E. King, who arrived here by the s.s. Chang Chow a couple of days ago is joining the Irrigation Department. Mr. King came from Manila and was accompanied by Mrs. King.

This month H E. Chao Phya Bhaskarawongse will celebrate his 68th birthday. The date for the merit-making ceremonies is not yet fixed, but arrange-ments are already in hand.

Mr. and Mrs. Grut and their youngest child are now on their way back to Bangkok and are expected to arrive by the s.s. Katong due here on Wednesday next.

We are glad to learn that H. R. H. Prince Nagor Svarga who has been ill for some time is now completely recovered. His Royal Highness is now able to attend his office at the Ministry

Football.

The following are the results of the matches played on Saturday and Sunday by teams competing for the Football Association's Cup: -

Krom Mahoraeob, 4 goals r. Changwad Tonburi, 1 goal, Police School, 2 goals v. Boon Itt Ass., Rajburi Samosorn 0 goals c. Kong Rua Kol, 2 goals Krom Rab 1, 1 goal c. Krom Yudhasuksa Thahar Rua, 0 goals Krom Wang, 0 goal v. R. R. D. Southern Line, 0 goal. S. E. C., 3 goals c. Posts and Tels.,

Min. of Agriculture, 2 goals v. Tam-ruech Quang Phra Nagor, 0 goals. Min. of Local Govt., 2 goals r. Opinm Dept., 1 goal Thahar Bok Parn Yai 1, 2 goals v. Thamruech Phra Nagor Ban (Dusit)

Thahar Raksa Wang, 3 goals c. Min. of Interior, 0 goal Mahatlek Luang, 5 goals r. Thahar Bok Rajavanlob, 1 goal Changwat Phra Nagor Klang, 7 goals r. Nagor Jaisri, 1 goal Krom Thahar Bok No 1 Krong Deb 0 goal r. Changwad Phra Nagor Ban, 3 goals.

Railway Traffic Receipts.

Month of June. Broad gauge (914 klm.) Approximate Actual Year 2459 Year 2458. **Passengers** 177(XX) 174959. 196000. 10470. 383470. 364535. Total from April to June 1916. 1323275. 1335844.

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The President's Lot.

Buenos Aires, July 10. - An anarchist has shot with a revolver at the President, who was not injured.

Trade of Bangkok.

From the Director-General of the H. M. Customs we have received a comprehensive statement of the foreign commerce and navigation of the port of Bangkok for the years 2457 and

It is interesting to note that the total value of imports for the year 2158 (1915-16) was Tcs. 75,450,048 as compared with Tcs. 77,367,145, the average for the previous five years. The total value of exports for the same year reached the sum of Tes. 105,975,212 compared with an average of Tes. 98,535,130 for the previous 5 years. The quantity of rice exported in 2458 was 18,785,985 piculs representing an approximate value of Tes. 87,702,290 which is an increase on the previous vear but falls short of about a million piculs when compared with the year 2456 (1913-14) when the total exported amounted to 19,722,877 piculs. However, the figure shows an increase on the average amount exported for the past five years by about 3,560,000 piculs.

The export of teak has fallen down considerably. In fact since 2453 there is a gradual decline in the export of this product. In that year Tes 7,621,092 worth of teak was forwarded to for-eign countries. In the following year it went down to Tes. 6,112,000; in 2455 to Tes. 5,600,000 and it gradually comes down to Tes. 4,911,867 for the year 2458. Compared with the average for the previous five years last year's

figure falls short by Tes. 1,004,976. Wine, beer and spirits were imported to the extent of Tes. 1.866,840 during 2458 which amount exceeds the average for the previous five years by about Tes. 260,000. The import of oplum has gradually risen since 2456. In 2458 the value imported was Tes, 3,022,540 which is a substantial increase compared with the average for the previous five years. The year 2456 (1913-14), the year be-

fore the war, appears to have been the most prosperous for the past 5 years when the total value of exports amounted to Tes. 115,520,333 which is about Tes. 10,000,000 above the total amount of exports for 2458 (1915-16). The total imports for that year amounted to Tes. 90,788,838 compared with Tcs. 75,450, 048 for last year.

The following table will show the total imports and exports for last year compared with the average for the pre-

Average of 2458

five years. (1915-16).

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5,916,843 **4,**911,867 9,396,038 10,681,468 1,547,017 **1**,916,811 All Other Goods Goods Re-Exported 98,113,357 105,242,436 421,743 762,776 Bullion, Coin, etc. Total 98,535,130 105,975,212 During the year 2457 705 ships of various nationalities with cargo with a

inwards; for the last year the totals were 644 ships, tonnage 505,303 868 ships were cleared outward with a tonnage of 777,796 in 21.7, whereas in 2458 the number of ships cleared were 951 with a tonnage of 822,839.

total tonnage of 576,755 were cleared

Tea Traders Meet.

London, July 10.-Presiding at the annual meeting of the Indian Tea Association, Mr James Warren announced that acting in conjunction with the Ceylon Association in negotiations with the Imperial Government concerning the excess profits duty, they had urged that the industry was entitled to an increase of the statutory percentage owing to the long period they had to wait before profits were made and the many risks of tropical agriculture. He argued that individual companies should be allowed to apply for special relief to a board of referees, the board using discretion when extraordinary circumstances were shown.

Mr James Steel was elected chairman and Mr Q. Kingsley vice chairman.

In the West.

Petrograd, July 11.—The communique announces continue I Russian progress on the Stokhod. The fighting was most violent against the frantic efforts of the enemy to regain his footing on the left bank.

A battle is raging at Svidniki. The enemy offensive south west of Lake Sventen was driven back to the

London, July 11 .- The Germans are apparently apprehensive of the fate of Pinsk and have issued a denial of the "Russian official report" of the capture thereof that no such report has been received hitherto.

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Submarine Trading.

A Testimony to the British Blockade.

London, July 10.—The Deutsch-land is a thousand ton boat three hundred feet long by forty feet beam, speed fourteen knots on the surface. She travelled eighteen hundred miles submerged and was met off Norkfolk harbour by a tug. An interesting legal position is raised as to the submarine's

Washington, July 10.-Government circles are disposed to consider the Douischland a commercial vessel and not a warship but it is recognised that somplicated points are likely to arise. The Deutschland's cargo was consigned to Schumacher and Company, the Baltimore agents of the North German Lloyd. The manager asserts she is an unarmed merchantman. The submarine officer denies he chased warships and said he saw no British or

French ships. Later: -An Admiralty official interviewed about the Deutschland, pointed out that the feat was nothing new. since ten British submarines, built in Canada, had crossed the Atlantic last summer. It was known that the Deutschland was merely an ordinary submarine with the fighting equipment removed. The idea of submarine traders is ridiculous. The fact that Germany has to crawl under the sea is the finest demonstration of the efficiency of the blockade.

New York, (Later.) -The Captain of the Deutschland denies that he had a message for President Wilson from the

Lord Mexborough. Death of Buddhist Peer.

The death is announced at Florence of Lord Mexborough in his seventythird year.

Lord Mexborough succeeded to the title in 1899. As Viscount Polligton he contested the first election by ballot held in the United Kingdom at Ponterfact, York, in 1872. He was a very widely travelled man of literary tastes. An authority on Italian literatur : his second wife was the daughter of an Italian nobleman. It was said that Lord Mexborough could repeat nearly the whole of the "Iliad." He was a Buddhist and before his conversion a Roman Catholic.

Lord Mexborough was married three times. His first wife was Miss Venetia Stanley Errington, who died in 1900. In January this year he married Mrs. Ritchie. He left no children, and the new earl is Captain John Henry Saville. Remount Depot, his haif-

Repudiation of Declaration of London at Last.

London, July 10.-Britain and France have officially withdrawn from the Declaration of London. A British Order in Council provides for the application of the principle of the continuous voyage contraband to an enel my port or a vessel more than half the cargo of which is contraband liable to capture and condemnation,

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Lord Rosebery and Kitchener.

The Earl of Rosebery, speaking at Epon recently said: Then this atternoon we had a gloom cast over us by the terrible news which has reached us that Lord Kitchener and his Staff and the crew of the ships that were with him have all joined their gallant comrades at the bottom of the ocean. That is no victory for the enemy—it is That is no victory for the enemy-it is a deep sorrow for ourselves. We will not lament Lord Kitchener to day. He lived a full life. He had gained a reputation which no other man in this island possessed. He had gained the confidence not merely of his own nation and the Dominions but of Allied nations as well. (Lord cheers.) He did his work to the end. His life was singularly full and complete. But it has been notorious to all of us that he had, as every great man must have, critics and enemies, even in the Parliament of his own country; and just be-fore he sailed he sent for the members of the House of Commons and invited them to come to him and ask him any questions in regard to his policy and to hear his explanation. The result was that he cleared up every doubt and ! were Iropped. left that room full of the confidence of London, July 10.—Official. Shortly Parliament as he always possessed the before milnight enemy aeroplanes confidence of his country. (Loud cheers) The next day he sailed, and came to his end at eight o'clock last night. Just think of what he did. We know what he did in South Africa. We know what he did against the Mahdi in Egypt. We know of his great work of organisation in India, and what he did when he returned to Egypt as practical governor of that country. When he was on the platform at Dover returning to Egypt, and when he was actually getting on to the boat, he got a telegram from the Government demanding his immediate presence in bondon. He came back at once to find himself the Secretary of State for War and in control of our portion of this gigantic struggle. We had a War Oflice, suppose, suited to the needs of an expeditionary force of 150,000 men. He had to stretch out and organise it to fit an army of millions, and he had to raise these millions, and all that Lord Kitchener has done since the twenty-two months ago when he first stepped into the War Office. Is there any record comparable to it in any country? May he not have felt, if he was con-cious at the last moment when he sank, that after all the call of death had come at a good moment for himself? He had done his work, and died in the full affection and considence of the nation, (Cheers,) Lord Kitchener was a man unlike many in our age who are can carn the same epitaph if he fond of advertisement. He chooses.

Ministerial Changes.

London, July 9.—Official, Mr. Edwin Montagu becomes Minister of Munitions, Mr. McKinnon Wood, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and Financial Secretary to the Treamer Mr. Tananat Secretary for Sections sury, Mr. Tennant, Secretary for Scotland, Lord Curzon becomes a permanent member of the war committee.

The Italian Fighting.

Rome, July 9.-The communiqué says: On the upper Astico we advanced towards Forni, capturing material, and stormed trenches northward of Monte Chiesa and occupied the Agnella pase, taking forty prisoners.

French Senate Content.

Paris, July 10.-The Senate concluded the debate on National Defence and passed a resolution of confidence in the government by 251 votes to 6.

Air-Raids.

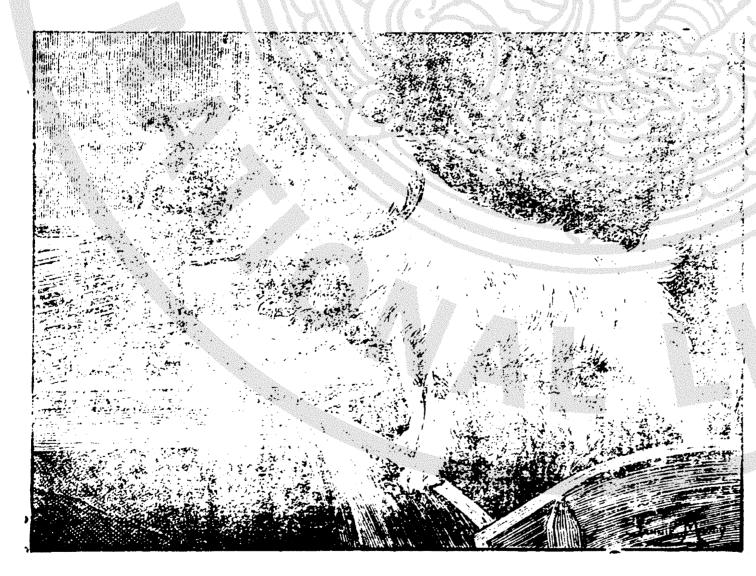
London, July 10 .-- Official. A hostile aeroplane at empted a raid this morning near the North Foreland but was repulsed by anti-aircraft guns and fled seaward chased by our airmen but could not be overtaken. No bombs

visited the sou heast coast. Apparently about five bombs were dropped but no damage has been hitherto reported. Anti-aircraft guns engaged the raiding machines.

Gallant Sir Pertab.

London, July 9.-Sir Pertab Singh interviewed by the New York Sun said he hoped soon to charge the Germans at the head of his lancers and to die for the King Emperor whom even Indian chiefs regarded as their second god. They would serve him in the ranks if necessary and also send their sons. The interviewer remarked that Sir Pertab's sons were very young to fight to which Sir Pertab retorted that the Prince of Wales was fighting and he was not so very much older. He indignantly denied stories of sedition in India and said only low caste irresponsibles preached sedition. Under the Indian Government chiefs were secure, prosperous and loyal and there was no danger of trouble in India.

shrank from any invitation to popularity. He was satisfied in the shade of office, and without any acclamations to do his duty. That will be his epitaph. He did his duty. (Cheers) An I let us remember this that every-



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London, July 9.—General Haig re-ports fighting between the Ancre and the Prussian Guard at Contal Maison Somme was considerably less violent. | continues to be singled out for praise We progressed further in the neigh- by the French. A press correspondent bourhood of Ovillers and captured a group of defended buildings in another sector. The Germans made no further but the column continued to advance. attempts to recapture the positions we Then the guns ceased and the British hold. We successfully sprang three mines near Givenchy northward of which after a heavy bombardment a strong enemy local attack penetrated the trenches of the New Zealanders who drove the enemy out after half an hour's fighting the enemy leaving many

London, July 10.—General Haig reports hostile artillery is active and there have been artillery duels in several sectors. We again steadily progressed an face of stubborn opposition in the neighbourhood of Oviller. The enemy in the afternoon launched two furious counter-attacks on our new positions in Trone wood in an endeavour to retrieve last week's losses. Both completely broke under our gunfire.

The Press Correspondent's

London, July 9 .-- The correspondent of Reuter at the press camp says the week end fighting was intense north of the Somme and considerable tactical successes were attained. It is tolerably certain the British will continue to push vigorously without loss of time against the Germans' formidable second line. Our army recognise that progress is bound to be slow, indeed desperately slow, and horribly costly toboth sides until a weak link snaps, when events may march with dramatic rapidity. The correspondent re-emphasises the reassuring fact that a very large portion of the casualties are slight wounds and also that the percentage of head wounds is small owing to the use of shrapnel belinets.

Awful Aerial Mines.

New York, July 9.—The correspondent of the Associated Press in Berlin says Lieutenant Dambitsch who was wounded at the Somme, publishes one of the first German accounts of the bat tle. After dwelling on the indescribable destruction wrought by the Allies' artillery on the massively built positions which were regarded as practically indestructible, he says the enemy showed the Germans several new things, firstly the destruction of observation balloons by fireballs dropped from aeroplanes, secondly the throwing of incredible numbers of aerial mines of unheard of calibres.

Dambitsch lavs stress on the shatteror effect of the Allies sir-torneloss creating great emptions everywhere. He emphasises the awful destruction by heavy mines which the Allies threw extraordinary distances, smashing up | malady to be trifled with. This is esthe most formidable defences. "I saw as far as the eye could reach crater after crater six feet deep the earth better crater six feet deep the earth si tween thrown up in a wild chaos in-cluding trenchtimber and wire entan-least a doctor's bill. For sale at the glements. Thus nine months day and British Dispensary.

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night long work was destroyed in a few minutes. What Paris Thinks.

says the first ranks of the Guards were mown down by the British artillery Infantry charged. The impact was terrific and the Guards were unable to stand the bayonet and fled in disorder with frightful losses, pursued by British shells which completed the rout. It was the most serious defeat ever sustained by the Prussian Guard. Nevertheless this was only one of the week's numerous and equally bloody battles.

Danish View of Jutland Battle.

In the opinion of a prominent Dansh Journalist, the achievement of the British Fleet will have as important a bearing on the course of the present war as the battle of Trafalgar had on the Napoleonic wars. "A Cruiser equadron ought not to be able to stop a fleet of battleships, super-Dread-noughts, with mythically powerful guns. But the Cruiser squadron decided to fight the whole German Fleet, and it did light it. The object of the German Fleet's move was, he thinks. to impress friendly Neutral correspondents, who had been specially summoned to the shores of the Great Belt. with the might of the German Fleet, which had gone by the North Sea through the Skagerack, "without meeting the English Fleet." A British Cruiser-squadron sacrificed itself to stop the German Fleet from getting into the Baltic, but anybody who can read between the lines of the German "victory" claim can see that to-day there is no German High Seas Fleet fit to take the sea," says that Danish, correspondent. He considers the British victory the "most glorious feat of any cruiser squadron in the bistory of Naval Warfare," and that 5,000 V.C.'s for the fallen heroes ought to be granted; Hyde Park ought to be turned into Jutland Square; with a sky-high monument for Admiral Hood and his brave men.

Salonika, July 4.—French airmen have dropped bombs on establishments in Sofia.

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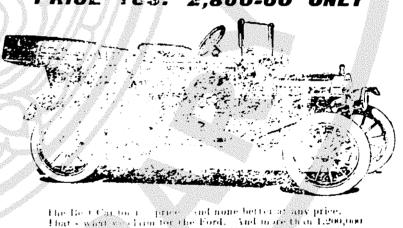
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A Siamese in America.

Under the heading of "A Siamese talks of his Country" the Christian Science Monitor of Boston, Mass. publishes in its issue of the 25th May an interview with Mr. Chan Kinthong, who is a son of Chesua Lum Kee of , Bangkok. The article, which we reproduce, is headed by an excellent picture of His Majesty the King. Mr. Chan Kinthong is expected back in Bangkok in October .-

Theater going is popular in Siam. One reason for this is because prices are low. Tickets cost from 10 cents to a trifle over one dollar. In addition there are many free plays given by well-to-do families to the populace. These plays have a religious purpose and are really a form of charity. These facts were told to a representative of The Christian Science Monitor by Chan Kingthong, whose home is in Bangkok, Siam, and who is now studying civil engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, having already secured his A. B. at Harvard.

"Of course we have many more openair theaters than you do," Mr. Kinthong said, "for in Siam the weather is never cold. The subjects of the plays are mostly mythical. Both men and women take part. Our people are very fond of plays, and they are fond of music, but not the kind of music you have here. We have no written music: our musicians play entirely by ear. I cannot describe how it sounds but it is not at all like the music I have heard in the United States. I am afraid an American orchestra would draw very few people if they tried to make a tour of Siam. Of one thing I am certain and that is they would have to lower

their prices. What other form of entertainment do we have? Well, every year there is a great elephant hunt at Ayuthia, the former capital of Siam. The hunters go out on elephants and chase the wild elephants into the big enclosure near which have gathered crowds of people to see the sport. From these wild elephants the King picks out those which he wishes to add to the royal collection. Sometimes there is a white elephant in the lot. I suppose you know we consider those sacred."

"Do the young people engage in sports of any kind?" "Oh, yes. When I was a boy in school we used to have track athletics

and English football." "And did you study the same sub-

jects that boys do here? say. In the school I attended the States from Stam, a girl who is studych the same. pupils were taught both Siamese and ing in a Connecticut high school, a initely?"

English from the first grade. You know of course that the Siamese language is derived from Bali and Sanskrit. It has 44 consonants and 32 vowels, so you can imagine the difficulty children have in learning the alphabet! In many Siamese words you find traces of Chinese words. Our spelling is very queer and complicated. So many of the letters in our words just stand idle, they don't mean anything now except that they help to show the derivation. This is especially true of classical words."

"Why is it that Siamese children are taught English?"

"Because of its importance as a commercial language. My sisters all speak English, but of course in those schools where the idea is to teach merely what is absolutely necessary, English is not made part of the school course. There are several kinds of schools in Siam, government schools and mission schools and private schools. Then there is also a system of royal examinations and certificates are granted which correspond to the diplomas pupils receive in the United States when they graduate from grammar and high school and college. The courses in the various schools are not umform so that this system of government examinations has been introduced to standardize

education." "I presume you learned a good deal about the United States when you were

attending school." "No, I really learned very little about the United States. I think I learned its area in miles but that meant nothing to me because until I came here I always had an idea that the United States was just a small country. It was truly an unknown country to me. I can't say what I thought it would be like because I had no thoughts on the subject except that, as I have told you, I thought it was small. And my ignorance was general, but to-day the people of Siam know much more about the United States than they did a few years ago. You see the war has brought the United States into prominence as a neutral nation and the newspapers in Siam have much to say about the relations between your country and the nations of Europe.

"Did von enter Harvard as soon as

con came to the United States? "Oh, no, I was not prepared. I spent one year in Louisville, Kentucky, getting ready, and then took high schook work two years in Washington, Conn. I liked the people in Kentucky very much. I have many friends here among

the college students.' "Are there any among them from

"No, they are nearly all Americans, seasoned."

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friend of my sister's. Perhaps I never would have met her if I had remained in Bangkok, for in Siam the young men do not go calling on the girls." "Do your sisters want to come to the

United States ? "The one who is teaching would like to, I think. The girls of Siam are very ambitious. Still I think my father will keep his daughters at home. What is his business? He is in the leather and soap manufacturing business and perhaps he would have pre-ferred if I had shown an inclination to go in o the same business. Still he did not try to influence me, and when I determined to come to the United

I had no thought then of studying engineering.' "Are there any engineering school

States he set no obstacles in my path.

in Siam ? "Not that I know of. There is a law school and forestry school, but courses in engineering have yet to be

established. "Do you intend to take the entire course here?"

"I hardly think so. Next year I should like to go to Germany to study. I want to find out how things are man-

"Isn't there anything Siam might learn from the United States ?

"Yes, the art of advertising. We don't have the attractive show windows in my country that you do here. We need to get more of your commercial thought; still I would not wish for as much of it as you have here. It seems to me sometimes that the people here have time to think of

nothing but business. "Has Siam adopted many modern

improvements?" Oh, yes, we have about everything. I think-electricity, automob bs, acroplanes. Of course many of our homes could hardly be called up-to-date. especially in the country where they are built on stilts on account of the annual high water. The majority of our houses are of wood and two stories

high. "And do most of the people have

gardens?" "No, I don't know as I have ever en the backyard gardens which seem common in many places in this country. Sometimes the people have a small flower garden but small vegetable gardens are practically unknown. It's cheaper to buy vegetables than to raise them for your own use. And in Siam we never buy food for the next day so we don't need refrigerators.

tiow do you like American food?" "I don't like it at all but I have to cat it. Ours is more peppery and better

"Tam very sore I should not care to. In the first place on account of the charte, and then, to quote one of your own sayings. There's no place like home."

Food Shortage in Germany.

An analysis of the usual official returns published by the Prussian Statistical Bureau of the wholesale and retail prices of the principal necessaries of life in Berlin in March shows that the general level of food prices was over 100 per cent ab ve that of the month preceding the war. The figures for April are not yet available, but the only conclusion to be drawn from unofficial information is that the situation was gradually b coming more acute in that mouth, not only in Berlin, but throughout Germany, Butter and other edible has are daily becoming scarcer: the surply of mick is reduced to a minimum: the sugar ration is down by 50 per cent and it is predicted that in a few weeks' time there will be no coffee obtainable by the general public.

The problem to which the greatest attention has non-nevoted during the past month in Germany has been connected with the meat supply. The consumption of meat by the civilian population has been strictly limited (in Saxony, for instance, the ration for an adult has been only 18 oz. per week), while the Minister for Agriculture has found it necessary to approach the Minister for War regarding a reduction of the Army's consumption of meat during the next three mouths. In Prussia the Ministry have ordered that eroes, starting, sparrows, and storks shall be killed for food.

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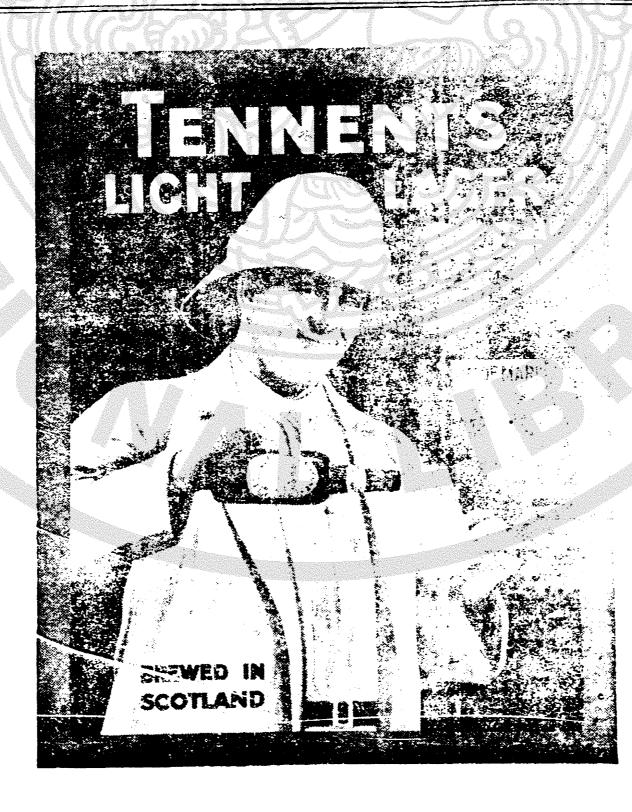
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