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"Malta" April 14	" "Khiva" "	May 15
"Nagoya" " 26	" "Mooltan" "	" 29
"Nampur" May 12	" "Kashgar" "	June 12
"Nankin" " 26	" "Arabia" "	" 26
"Novara" June 9	" "Kashmir" "	July 10
"Malta" " 23	" "Medina" "	" 24

#### Intermediate Direct Sailings.

s/s	leaves Singapore about	1916	Due London
"Nore"	April 4	May 11	
"Nellore"	do July 10	do Aug. 18	

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For China.

Due Singapore	Connection with	Leaving London
s/s "Malta" Mar. 8	s/s "Khiva" "	Feb. 5
" "Nagoya" " 19	" "Mooltan" "	" 19
" "Nampur" April 3	" "Kashgar" "	March 4
" "Nankin" " 16	" "Arabia" "	" 18
" "Novara" " 30	" "Kashmir" "	April 1
" "Malta" May 14	" "Khyber" "	" 15
" "Nellore" " 26	" "Medina" "	" 15
" "Nagoya" June 2	" "Arabia" "	" 29
" "Nampur" " 11	" "Kashmir" "	" 29
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Petrograd, April 1.—A communique says: The spread of the spring floods continuously is restricting field action on both sides. The young Russian troops are burning with ardour to fight, notwithstanding incredible difficulties. The ground is transformed into marshes.

In the direction of Bagdad, in the region of the fortress of Karamahlihan, we defeated an enemy force which fled southwards, after a four hours fight.

Petrograd, April 1.—Numerous minor actions are reported in the communique, which says that at one point in the Biga region floods caused the Germans to mount the parapets, but the Russian guns quickly forced them to return to their trenches.

**Gallant Townshend.**

London, April 1, Official: The King on Feb. 14 sent a message to General Townshend: "I, together with all your countrymen, continue to follow with admiration the gallant fighting of the troops under your command, against great odds. Every possible effort is being made to support your splendid resistance."

**Setback For The "Villans."**

San Antonio, Texas, April 1.—General Pershing wires that five hundred Villistas were defeated by four hundred United States cavalry. Guerrero and the enemy were surprised whilst celebrating the recent victory over the Carranzistas. Guerrero fled to the mountains. Villa is reported to have been wounded.

**U. S. and Asiatics.**

Washington, Mar. 31.—The House of Representatives passed by 308 votes to 57 an Immigration Bill, providing for the exclusion of Asiatics. A favourable reception of the measure in the Senate is regarded as assured, but it is believed that President Wilson will veto it.

**Yuan Shi-Kai to Resign?**

Tokio, Mar. 31.—It is reported from Peking and Shanghai that the resignation of Yuan Shi-Kai is imminent, and that Li Yuan Hung, Vice-President, probably succeeds him.

**Sequah Still Alive.**

Sequah, the famous itinerant quack, like Mark Twain, has enjoyed the rare distinction of reading his own obituary notice. Very much alive, he writes from Church Hill, Selby (Foster's Dental Surgery), in protest. As many of our readers will remember, Sequah in the early '90's was hailed as a miracle-worker while touring the country, and specialising in the cure of rheumatism and kindred ailments, and practising dentistry. His death was reported to have occurred in hospital at Johannesburg. Concerning the report Sequah says, in a letter to the "Daily News": "Whoever the man in Johannesburg who 'died penniless in hospital at the age of 72 and made fortunes amounting to a million' may have been he certainly was not 'Sequah.' The founder of 'The Sequah Medicine Company' in England and myself, 'The Original Sequah,' W. Hannaway Rowe, are both alive and well. Neither of us was in the 'London police' nor 'born in Cornwall.'" The founder, a man hailing originally from the West Riding of Yorkshire, has been a successful stockbroker for years, while I, born in Hampshire, have identified myself with medicine and dentistry practically all my life, except for the few years I was on the "music hall" stage. I lost my "fortunes" not by "squandering them," but by people in the City, who formed a larger company out of the original and successful syndicate to the tune of £300,000. Of course being over-capitalised it died a natural death. I was "demonstrating" in India at the time, and I returned to find other means of obtaining a livelihood. My house was then on Brixton-hill, known as "Rowe's Nest," while another I had built on Clapham Common, and still called "The Prairies" after our "Prairie Flower" medicine. These had to go, and I went on the music-hall stage, not so much from choice as from necessity, and gave what the public asked for and demanded—"public dental exhibitions." I am now 75 years of age, hale and strong "doing my bit" very often for our wounded heroes by giving dramatic and patriotic recitals, and by the audiences and the funds obtained they are evidently appreciated. I think it will be found that the man who died "penniless in hospital in Johannesburg" had been engaged as one of the Agents of "Sequah, Limited." This man had been a "Cornish miner," and migrated to South Africa some years ago.

**"So Goes the Round."**

"This war has been the subject of much poetry," Miss H. A. C. Penruddocke writes to the "Times," "but I do not know of any verses that give the 'cause and effect' of war so clearly as these quaint lines, which I have recalled to mind many times during the last sixteen months. I do not know who wrote them, nor have I seen them in print. Perhaps some of your readers can tell their origin.

War begets Poverty,  
Poverty begets Peace,  
Peace begets Plenty,  
Then riches increase—  
Riches bring Pride,  
And Pride is Wars' ground,  
War begets Poverty,  
So goes the round."

**Heather Whisky.**

The pending partial famine in whisky, owing to military demands and other exigencies, has brought under consideration in some quarters the lost art of making what was once known as heather whisky. Highland tradition has it that the liquor was concocted from the bloom of the heather, and that, like boiling and bloodstopping, the secret was confined to certain families. Ultimately a father and his son were the sole possessors of the secret, and declined to divulge it. The laird, who at that time had the power of pit and gallows, sent for the two men, and threatened them with Haman's fate if they did not tell and then give him the complete recipe of his favourite beverage. "Weel, laird," said the old man, "if you hang my son first I'll tell ye the secret." No sooner was the request made than the ghostly deed was accomplished. "Now," said the laird, "out with the secret." "Ye see, laird," was the reply of the old man, "I was just afraid my son would yield to the threat of death. Now you can do what you like; you'll never know the secret." The old man suffered the same fate as his son upon the same tree, and so passed for ever the secret of heather whisky making.

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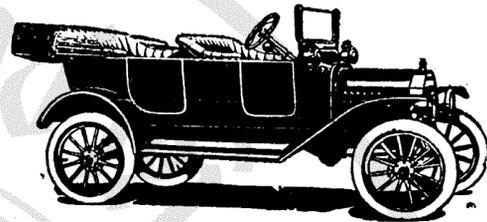
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Distance from Bangkok.	STATIONS.			Train No.	Distance from Meklong.	STATIONS.		
	I.	III.	V. VII.			VI.	VIII.	
	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.		A.M.	P.M.	
Km. Bangkok Dep.	7.00	9.00	2.00	4.00	Km. Meklong Dep.	9.00	2.00	
33.1 Mahachai					33.8 Terminus Arr.	10.20	3.20	
Terminus Arr.	8.20	10.20	3.20	5.20				

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BANGKOK-MEKLONG.				MEKLONG-BANGKOK.				
Distance from B. Wharf.	STATIONS.			Train No.	Distance from Mahachai.	STATIONS.		
	III.	VII.				II.	IV.	VI.
	A.M.	P.M.			A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	
Km. B. Wharf	10.50	3.50			Km. Mahachai	7.00	11.00	2.00
Terminus Dep.	10.50	3.50			Terminus Dep.	7.00	11.00	2.00
33.8 Meklong Arr.	12.10	5.10			33.1 Bangkok Arr.	8.20	12.20	3.20

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Dated 5th April 1916.

BAGULEY & TOOTH,  
Solicitors for Messrs. Latham & Co.  
5, 7, 10.

**Estate of Hassanally  
Abdulrahim  
Mooktar, Deceased.**

**NOTICE.**

NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having any claims or demands against the estate of the above-named deceased are hereby required to send particulars in writing thereof to the undersigned, Solicitors for the Executrix of the Will of the above-named deceased, on or before the 10th day of April 1916 after which date the Executrix will proceed to distribute the assets among the persons entitled thereto having regard only to the claims and demands of which she shall then have notice.

And notice is further given that all persons owing money to the above estate are required to pay in the amount of their indebtedness to the undersigned on or before the above date.

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28, 30 A, 3, 5, 7, 10-11.

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**Great War.****The French Front.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, April 8.

Paris:—There has been great enemy activity in the region of Verdun. It is recorded in a French communiqué that west of the Meuse following a most violent bombardment in the region between Avocourt and Bethincourt a series of attacks with very large numbers was made against two principal salients of this front. All enemy attempts against the village of Bethincourt were broken by French fire.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, April 7.

Yesterday east of the Meuse we made progress south-west of the Douaumont fort on a front of 500 metres and a depth of 200 metres. To-day west of the Meuse under favour of a night attack the Germans succeeded after a violent bombardment to penetrate our first line of trenches on a long route from Bethincourt to Chattecourt. We counter-attacked and took back the greater part of the trenches occupied. We continue to make progress in the defiles south-west of Douaumont fort.

Paris, April 8.

Yesterday, we repulsed a powerful attack on a front of 2,000 metres against our positions at Haucourt. The enemy left numerous corpses behind. We made progress south-east of Bethincourt. To-day the enemy renewed vainly his attack east of Haucourt. We inflicted great losses south of Haucourt. The enemy took a footing in two small works between Haucourt and Hill 287 which we occupy. We made progress in the defiles south east of Bethincourt.

**Austrian Transport Sunk.**

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, April 8.

A French torpedo-boat sank an Austrian transport in the Adriatic.

**Zeppelin Brought Down.**

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, April 7.

Petrograd.—A Russian aviator has brought down a Zeppelin.

We sank a steamer and eleven sailing ships in the Bosphorus.

**Affairs in China.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, April 8.

Shanghai:—Kwangtung, the richest province in South China, has declared her independence.

**PADDY REPORT FOR APRIL 9.**

Nasuan 1430 coyans at Tcs.	7288 each
Samruang 590 " " "	6774 "
Namuang 290 " " "	6566 "
Total Coyans	2310
3 to 9 April 1916. (Last week.)	
Nasuan	5740 Coyan.
Samruang	3860 "
Namuang	2210 "
Total	11810 "

**Court Circular.**

GRAND PALACE,  
Saturday, April 8.

This afternoon His Majesty the King received in private audience Lieutenant-General His Serene Highness Prince Bavaradej, A. D. C., Viceroy of the North Western Provinces and Lord Lieutenant of Bayab Circle.

**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**

DR. and Mrs. C. C. Walker and child and Mrs. Fawacho arrived by the s.s. "Anna" from Hongkong to-day.

THE Spanish Government is studying a project for the establishment of a naval base at port Mahon, Balearic Isles, for four submarines, two torpedo boats and a destroyer.

ALL men aged from 21 to 46, who have become naturalized in Rumania, have been called upon by the Government to perform their military service, whether they have served in their native countries or not.

THE "Kohnsche Zeitung" states that trials are now being made by Zeppelins with a view to throwing out sephyrating gases, which, in the case of flight, would prevent their being overtaken by hostile aircraft.

SAYS the "Pitang Gazette" of April 1:—Our correspondent at Singgora telegraphs that the railway is again blocked, two engines having been overturned through subsidence, between Ootapao and Patalung.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Paknampo and Chiengmai lines are crossing beyond Ayudhya. Ubon and Nongkai lines are in good order as far as Korat. Malay Peninsular main line is imperfectly working.

TOMMY Harrison and Walter Rossi met at the National Sporting Club recently in a 15-round eliminating contest for the Bantam-weight Championship of Great Britain and £170. Harrison won on points after a close contest.

JACK Johnson, the pugilist, left London for South America at the instance of the Home Office. Under the Aliens Restriction Act the Home Office authorities have power to take action without disclosing their reason.

In a pamphlet published by Herr Gothein, a Deputy in the Reichstag, it is estimated that should the war end in May or in June, the German Empire will have to pay interest on forty thousand millions of marks, borrowed for war expenses.

FOR the suppression of smuggling Holland has enrolled two thousand new Customs officers, chosen from men serving in the army. The sum of 270,000 florings for their supplies has been provided for in the supplementary budget for 1916.

ELEPHANTS are becoming an increasing nuisance in the Kapar district. It is not easy, says a correspondent, to understand the Government's intention in granting special permits to shoot these dangerous pests. Doubtless ivory is valuable, but so are rubber trees—"M. M."

"THE Exploits of Elaine" is drawing large crowds to the Phathamkorn and on Saturday and Sunday the house was chop full. There is no doubt that this serial for thrilling situations beats by far any that have been reproduced in Bangkok. "My friend from the East" was exceedingly comic and the other films were also well worth going to see.

THE last Illustrated Mirror to reach us by last mail gives the picture of an interesting gathering at Montreal when a telephone record was made which consisted in communication being established with Vancouver, a distance of 4,227 miles. The picture shows about a hundred business men listening to the conversation which Sir Williams Taylor held with Vancouver. The voices were heard distinctly at both ends.

COLONEL House when in Berlin saw everybody of importance, and they all told him three things—first, that Germany was in a splendid military position; second, that the chief hope of the Germans was in a break-down of the financial position of Great Britain; and third, that the submarine "blockade" would yet succeed in reducing that country to serious straits for food. The leading people whom he saw in London also put three propositions—first, that the military position of the Allies was really far better than appeared on the surface; second, that a collapse of German finance was to be expected; and, third, that the British blockade of Germany must become increasingly effective in cutting off supplies and bringing the enemy to terms.—Ez.

**Mr. Dooley's Wisdom.**

BY ASYABAHU.

Under the heading of "Dooley and the Hyphenated," the *Bangkok Daily Mail* on April 7 reprinted a portion of Mr. Dooley's opinion, expressed in 1902, about the hyphenated ones of America, which I hope has caught the eyes of my own countrymen as well as others, because what Mr. Dooley says is full of truth and might almost have been written about our own hyphenated ones in Siam!

I think it was in the winter of 1901 that I had the pleasure of meeting "Mr. Dooley" at the residence of a mutual American friend in the neighborhood of Florence, Italy. As the reader probably knows, his name is not really "Dooley," and when I was first introduced to him under his own name I did not know him to be "Mr. Dooley" until our host gave him away. Before his identity was thus revealed, he tried to preserve a gravity that I could see was not his natural attitude, because I saw his eyes twinkling merrily behind his pince-nez, and even when still thus "disguised" under his own patronymic I found him a delightful talker, with that indefinable Irish humour lurking behind his grave words. When his host had revealed him as "Mr. Dooley," he appeared rather relieved than otherwise, and when he let himself go, I was charmed with his conversation, though he somehow contrived to make me do nearly all the talking, now I come to think of it.

I can remember his asking me about Siam, especially about the large proportion of Chinamen mingled with our population, wanting to know whether they really did become assimilated by us. Being at that time an "innocent," who had been several years away from my own country, I had the temerity to assure Mr. Dooley (as I must continue to call him), that the Chinese readily allowed themselves to be assimilated by us. Whereupon he remarked: "Then you have better luck than we, because we can't manage to assimilate a very large number of people who choose to emigrate to America." Then he proceeded to tell me about the German-Americans, and though he did not of course exactly use the Irish expressions that he uses in his capacity as "Mr. Dooley," yet the gist of what he said was the same as that which he afterwards wrote, and which I now find quoted by the *Bangkok Daily Mail*.

Like the innocent that I was, I took it all for a huge joke made by Mr. Dooley for the benefit of myself and the other guests assembled on the portico of our genial host's Florentine Villa. But when later on, I discussed the matter with an American friend, a grave Philadelphian whose name is well known and much respected in America, he assured me that Mr. Dooley was perfectly right in what he said, and as I was then contemplating a visit to America, this gentleman told me to try and observe for myself and I would realise the truth of what Mr. Dooley said. To cut a long story short, I did go to America some time later, and though my stay in the United States was not very extensive, I had opportunity to observe and to learn that what Mr. Dooley said about the hyphenated was really true, and the many conversations I had with prominent Americans, among whom was a general officer who at one time commanded American troops in the Far East, all confirmed Mr. Dooley's opinion about the hyphenated. With all this still in my mind, I went to San Francisco, where I made a few days stay and there had a chance of paying a visit to Chinatown. Here were a whole crowd of people who, to all intents and purposes, were as much in China as though they had never crossed the ocean at all! It was all very amazing, and it switched my thoughts back to Siam at once. In thinking it over, I believe that really was how I first got the hyphenated problem on the brain; and that it has been there ever since is evidenced by my frequent outbreaks into print, which to my exceeding regret has caused not a little misunderstanding in certain quarters, and hurt the feelings of people to whom I had not the least intention of giving offence.

I spoke the truth when I told Mr. Dooley in 1901 that the Chinese in Siam allowed themselves to be assimilated; or perhaps it would be more correct if I say that I spoke what was then partially the truth, for even as far back as fifteen years ago, and indeed much further back, only a very small portion of the crowds of Chinamen who immigrated into Siam remained to be assimilated, the majority of them returning to China when they had acquired sufficient wealth to keep themselves and their families in comfort in their own native land. Even those who did make Siam their permanent residence never became really Siamese. Like Mr. Dooley's German, the Chinaman "never really leaves China. He takes it with him wherever he goes." Also, like Mr. Dooley's German, he is never a Siamese "except when he goes back to China for a short time. I know of an estimable Chinese merchant, who has been in Siam for about sixty years; and yet, like Mr. Dooley's German, "he keeps his own language—his food is strange" and "he don't really know he ever come to this country." In the

days I speak of, the Chinaman's son or grandson generally became Siamese; that was why I had the temerity to assure Mr. Dooley that the Chinese did become assimilated, because though the Chinaman born in China may never become Siamese, yet his son and grandson did, and that was good enough for me.

And it would still be good enough for me if it could so continue. But anyone who has really observed the trend of affairs must also have observed, that of late some influence or influences have been and still are at work to keep the Chinaman from being assimilated by us. These influences have gone about their business by establishing Chinese newspapers, in which Chinese ideals and racial spirits have been taught and fostered among the Chinese in Siam; schools have been established, wherein Chinese is taught to the exclusion of the Siamese language, which used to be the mother tongue of the Chinese children born of Siamese mothers. In fact, everything is being done here among the Chinese to manufacture them into hyphenated "citizens" of Siam; and it is this that I complain of!

Of course, I know that it is a virtue to be true to one's own parent race and to one's father-land, and I would willingly count it to the Chinaman as a virtue too. But when I am asked to shut my eyes and swallow such a Chinaman, who makes no secret of his intention to remain a Chinaman, and to treat him as being as good as a real Siamese who is Siamese all through, it is then that I have to say with regret that I really cannot manage it! I may do a lot of stupid things, but I draw the line at taking a hyphenated Siamese for a real one.

I have often said it, and I take the liberty of repeating it here, that I willingly welcome with open arms all and every Chinaman, who is truly and honestly willing to throw in his lot with Siam, for better and for worse, and may I be the first to take him by the hand as a fellow citizen of Siam. But as for the hyphenated Siamese, although expediency may compel me to tolerate him and be polite to him, yet nothing that anybody could do or say to me would make my heart give him welcome as an equal citizen and member of the nation that I love!

ASYABAHU.

**Italians' Rousing Welcome to Mr. Asquith.**

Rome, March 31.—Marquis Salandra, Baron Sonnino and the authorities met Mr. Asquith at the station. Mrs. Salandra and Sonnino accompanied him to the Embassy. The whole route was decorated and thronged and he received a continuous ovation of the wildest enthusiasm.

Mr. Asquith twice appeared on the balcony of the Embassy in acknowledgment, and cried "Viva il Re! Viva Italia!" evoking a fresh outburst. He afterwards visited the Queen and the Duke of Genoa, the King's lieutenant, the dowager Queen Margherita.

**An Old Friendship.**

Rome, later.—At the historic banquet in Mr. Asquith's honour, Baron Sonnino said that the Premier's presence confirmed the traditional Anglo-Italian friendship, which was consolidated by the fraternity in arms and the alliance with Italy and other noble nations in the pursuit of an unexampled struggle for justice and liberty.

Mr. Asquith, in reply, emphasised the sympathy of Britain with Italy's heroic struggle for liberation and unity. He declared that "strong in union of hearts with our Allies, we march together through the hardest trails with unshakable confidence to a final triumph."

**Confidence in Victory.**

Rome, April 2.—The Municipality gave a great reception to Mr. Asquith at the Capitol, where were gathered the elite of officials and society, and cheering crowds.

The Mayor, in a speech paying tribute to Britain's support of the Italian struggle for independence, said that he was confident of the common victory in the sacred battles now being fought for the liberty of nations.

Mr. Asquith, replying, said that he was the first British Premier received at the Capitol. He had come to assure Italy of the solidarity of the Allies, and to proclaim their irrevocable decision to protect the weaker nations, and not tolerate the violation of elementary social laws.

**Interview With the Pope.**

Rome, April 1.—Mr. Asquith has visited the Pope.

Rome, April 1.—Before receiving Mr. Asquith, the Pope had an audience of number of a British officers and soldiers of the British Adriatic Mission. There is great curiosity as to what would be discussed between Mr. Asquith and the Pope. It was understood that the latter would urge most strongly that the Papacy be represented at a peace conference.

**£50,000 for National Stud.**

A supplementary estimate for the Civil Services for the year ending March 31 next was issued last month, and included the sum of £50,000 for the Board of Agriculture in connection with the establishment of a British National Stud.

**Extracts From the Government Gazette.**

(Of the 9th April 2459.)

The Ministry of Justice announces that His Majesty the King has sanctioned that the Royal Decree of the year 2439 establishing Special Courts in parts of the Interior for more effectively dealing with causes of action that had increased having had its effect, this decree is now repealed and it is decreed in place thereof that a Special Court nominated by the Ministry of Justice shall have power to hear and determine certain cases and examine the Courts, such cases decided by the Judge or Judges jointly shall be determined finally without appeal. A Monthol Court is established in Bayap for trial of cases within the territorial jurisdictions of Chieng-mai, Nagar Lumpoon, Chiengrai and Me Hong Sorn.

A Monthol Court for the Monthol of Maha Rotsalara sitting at Lampang for the hearing of cases at that place, Pre and Nan.

The Monthol Court of Patchaboon will cease to exist from 1st of April and in its place there will be a Muang Court for the Muangs of Patchaboon and Lomsak.

H. R. H. Prince Chakrabongsa on behalf of the Siam Red Cross Society announces that the Chulalongkorn Hospital, which has been temporarily managed by the Military, will now, that the Government allows this Society an annual grant of 60,000 ticals, be entirely and solely a Red Cross Society's Hospital whose patients will be admitted and treated as heretofore. Her Majesty the Queen Mother as President of the Red Cross hopes that patients treated and cured in this Hospital will be duly grateful to His Majesty the King for this considerate grant.

**War Millionaires.**

A Former Bangkok Resident.

Capt. R. Torrosen, formerly Nautical Adviser of the Harbour Department, who retired about six years ago and returned to his native place, Stavanger, Norway, is a millionaire to-day, though it be in kroner. Last year he purchased the *s.s. Hercules*, jointly with two others for Kr. 1,700,000. The ship made two trips to America for the new owners netting Kr. 300,000 each trip. After that she was sold for Kr. 3,200,000. The partners had a third share each in the vessel. Capt. Torrosen was a big shareholder in the Siam Electricity Co. at the time he left Bangkok.

**Items of Interest.**

London, April 1.—Lance Corporal Carter V. C. is dead.

New York, March 21.—Bar silver has reached the new high point of 60½ cents. It is stated that England is buying for shipment to India, while the troubles in Mexico decreases the available supply.

The communique shows that the Italians are fighting stubbornly and successfully on the whole front. They have advanced in the Trentino in a week 7½ miles over a front of 19 miles and have taken great quantities of booty.

London, April 1.—The Admiralty announces that a cutter belonging to His Majesty's ship *Conquest*, which was taking forty liberty men to the ship, was caught in a blizzard, and all were drowned.

**A Mighty Budget.**

London, April 2.—The Budget is the principal parliamentary event of next week.

Mr. McKenna is credited with the intention of raising an additional hundred million, although it is believed that a large part of this will be obtained by a more abundant yield of existing taxation. It is considered certain that there will be new taxes. The nature of these is at present speculative, but forecasts agree as to the probability that they will include an additional twenty per centum income tax, and ten per centum increase in the excess profits tax, at present fifty per centum. A tax on amusements, additional taxation on spirits, and extra duty on coffee, cocoa and chicory are likely, but the tea duty will be unchanged. It is stated that the excess profits tax will be one of the bigger revenue producers of the year. It is estimated as at least fifty millions, compared with Mr. McKenna's estimate of thirty millions. Tables of colonial profits are published by the papers, arguing a much more drastic taxation. It is stated that Mr. McKenna may take the opportunity of removing the injustice of double income tax in the Empire.

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**The Last Air Raid.**

London, April 1.—An authoritative source gives the credit of downing the Zeppelin to the land battery of an eastern county. Luckily, it fell in waters swarming with patrol craft. Not only was the back broken by gun fire, but the gondolas were riddled with shrapnel. Several of the crew were severely injured. A sailor who saw the descent said she "came down like a sick bird, both ends flopping like wings."

The Commander had sufficient confidence in British humanity to wireless distress signals. The rescue was effected by the scouting trawler *Olivine*. The sea was smooth and the night clear, though dark. Thus it was possible to take off even the wounded. Towing was most difficult because the Zeppelin was practically broken in two, with the ends up in the air and the middle sagging in the water. Only two miles were covered when she sank. The *Olivine* then transferred her prisoners to a destroyer, put to sea, and returned to her duties.

London, April 1.—The pilot from a steamer heard very heavy firing overhead from midnight to four o'clock, and at 6.15 a.m. he saw, quarter of a mile away, a number of patrol-boats manoeuvring round the disabled Zeppelin. As he came nearer he saw that the airship was broken completely in half, and that there was a big hole in the envelope astern. The cars were submerged. A number of men emerged successively from a sort of manhole on the side, and crawled along the envelope. They held up their hands as the steamer passed. Warships were trying to get a tow-rope connected with the airship.

London, April 1.—The Press Bureau states that it has been ascertained that the Zeppelins were organised in two squadrons, and one detached ship. The squadrons raided the eastern counties, while the detached ship raided the north-east coast. So far as is at present known, fifty-four explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped in the Eastern Counties, and twenty-two in the north-east.

The captured Zeppelin was L15. It was hit by gun fire in the Eastern Counties.

Later.—The officers and sixteen men rescued from the Zeppelin have been conveyed as prisoners of war to quarters at Chatham. The rest of the crew follow.

Later.—A shell hit L 15 in the upper part near the tail. She quickly dropped to a lower altitude, tail down, and finally descended into the sea off the coast of Kent.

A machine gun, some ammunition, a petrol tank riddled with shrapnel and some machinery were found belonging to this or the other raider.

The casualties so far reported are 28 killed and 44 injured.

**Serbia's Crown Prince.**

London, March 31.—The Crown Prince of Serbia received a rousing welcome on arriving at Charing Cross, a crowd of thousands wildly cheering him. He was received by Prince Albert, Mr. Lloyd George, Sir Edward Grey and other members of the Cabinet, the Lord Mayor and a host of distinguished persons, the Serbian Premier and others. It was a most enthusiastic greeting, and the Crown Prince was delighted.

London, March 31.—Their Majesties have cordially welcomed the Crown Prince of Serbia at Buckingham Palace. The visit is one of the notable events of the war, Britain showing intense sympathy with the cause of Serbia.

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### Verdun.

Paris, March 31.—The Germans have made another desperate offensive in the Verdun region. The communique says that the bombardment redoubled in violence. At Malancourt the enemy launched a series of night attacks in masses, debouching simultaneously on the village from three sides. The village was held by one of our advance post battalions.

After a desperate struggle all night long, which cost the Germans heavy sacrifices, our troops evacuated the ruined village, the exits from which we hold. East of the Meuse the night was calm. The Germans in Woivre made three attempts to carry a work eastward of Haudremont. All were repulsed. We also repulsed two attacks northward of Avocourt.

**Vaux Village Entered.**  
Paris, April 1.—The further big German attacks on Verdun are a feature of the communique. West of the Meuse there was only intermittent bombardment, but east of the Meuse the evening bombardment was most violent, followed by two night attacks, with large German effectives, in the region of Vaux. The first was defeated by artillery and rifle-fire; the second caused the liveliest struggle, and Germans getting a footing in the village with some artillery. There was a hurricane of fire on the villages at the foot of the Meuse Hills, and great reciprocal artillery activity northward of the Aisne. Our batteries maintained a destructive fire on the enemy's roads and railways in Argonne.

**Ebb and Flow.**  
Paris, April 1.—The communique says that west of the Meuse the artillery activity slackened.

In the Malancourt region the enemy did not attempt to debouch from the village.

The Germans in the Morthomme region, after a violent bombardment, strongly attacked at six in the evening our positions north east of Hill 205, accompanied by curtains of tear shell. The Germans momentarily gained a footing in some of the first line elements, but were driven out by a sharp counter-attack. Another attack a little later, west of the same position, was rendered completely abortive.

There was moderate artillery activity east of the Meuse and in Woivre. A series of enemy attempts by surprise attacks on our posts at Dompiere south of the Somme, failed.

Two German aeroplanes were brought down in Champagne and at Belfort respectively.

**Fighting in a Ravine.**  
Paris, April 2.—A communique says: West of the Meuse, our positions between Avocourt and Malancourt were

intensely bombarded. East of the Meuse, a heavy bombardment was followed in the afternoon by a German attack in the ravine between Fort Daumont and the village of Vaux. The attack was completely stopped by our curtain of fire. There was moderate artillery activity in Woivre. Our artillery was very active in Belgium and Argonne.

### The British Front.

London, April 1.—The British communique reports much serial activity yesterday. Our airmen did much successful work. Three of our machines are missing.

The enemy last night exploded a mine near Neuville St. Vaast. An attempted infantry attack was easily repulsed by bombs. We exploded a small mine near Hohenzollern Redoubt, wrecking hostile posts on two old craters.

There was artillery activity to-day north and south of Angres, south of Hulluch, north of Ploegstaert wood, and about Pilken. Enemy attacks south of St. Eloi broke down under our fire.

### Much Aerial Activity.

London, April 2.—A British communique says: There was considerable aerial activity on both sides yesterday, and hostile artillery activity to-day between the Hohenzollern Redoubt and Souchez. We retaliated, shelling the enemy's positions. The enemy artillery was activated Ypres.

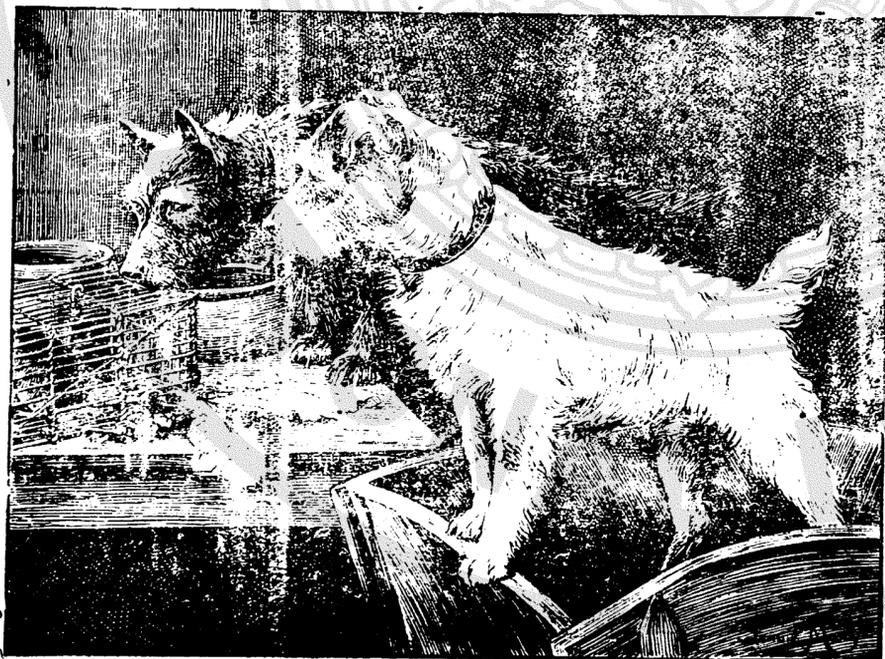
The enemy fired mines yesterday and to-day opposite Fricourt, near the quarries and in the Hohenzollern Redoubt, causing but little damage. There was heavy shelling on both sides last night about St. Eloi. Three enemy bombing attacks on our new position were repulsed.

### No Strike Nonsense.

London, March 31.—The firm action of the Government in deporting three and arresting two of the ringleaders has checked a serious strike movement in some of the Clyde munition factories. The agitation is denounced by responsible Labourites. The men are now returning to work and a general resumption is expected on Monday.

### Big Jump in Revenue.

London, April 1.—The revenue for the quarter was £169,509,550 an increase of £62,320,769. For the year, total was £336,768,824, an increase of £110,072,744.



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**War's Worst Deed.**

Petrograd, April 1.—The sinking of the Hospital ship Portugal is perhaps the worst outrage of the war. The hospital ship was anchoring when an enemy submarine fired two torpedoes at a range of sixty yards. She sank in less than a minute. There are 115 missing, including fifteen Sisters of Charity, Dr. Count Tatistcheff and Sister Baroness Meyendorff, with fifty Russian medical corps.

Petrograd, April 2.—The Portugal was torpedoed off eastern Anatolia. The submarine circled the vessel before torpedoing her.

The communique says: This crime makes more impossible than ever the conclusion of peace with such an ingene enemy before his complete destruction.

**Sussex Mails Recovered.**

London, March 31.—The only particulars ascertainable are that eight hundred bags of the Sussex mails were recovered in good condition and forwarded to Marseilles in time for the Peninsular and Oriental packed, and will therefore be delivered in the ordinary course. Some other bags or parts were recovered in bad condition, there were no parcel mails on board.

**Anger In America.**

New York, April 1.—Anti-German indignation has been increased by the receipt of a cablegram from Americans denouncing the Sussex murders.

A despatch from Ambassador Page has also been received stating that a destroyer rescuing the Sussex victims was twice attacked by a submarine.

**The War on Merchantmen.**

London, April 1.—The Norwegian steamer Norne and the British schooner John Pritchard have been sunk. The crews were saved.

London, April 1.—The Norwegian steamer Momento has been sunk and one man drowned.

London, April 1.—Vessels sunk: The Norwegian barque Bell; the Norwegian steamer Hangsude, submarine off Ushant; and the Swedish steamer Hollandia.

**Shipping Casualties.**

Hongkong, April 1.—The steamer Ohyo Maru stranded in a fog on Hamna Islands. Tugs and launches and a British destroyer are assisting the rescued passengers and crew.

Cape Town, April 1.—The Shaw Savill liner Rangitira, from England to New Zealand, is ashore on Robben Island in a heavy fog. Efforts are being made to get her off. [Robben Island is off the South African coast, near Capetown.]

**Holland?**

**Chamber's Secret Session.**

The Hague, April 1.—No furloughs will be granted in the Army or Navy. The highest military and naval authorities were busily conferring during the morning. There were also conference of the Premier and the Interior and Foreign Ministers, the Director of the Queen's Cabinet and the President of the Second Chamber, it is understood with reference to a proposed secret session of the Second Chamber during the afternoon.

Amsterdam, April 1.—Newspaper statements that all furloughs are withdrawn and that goods trains have been requisitioned are authoritatively denied. Otherwise official circles are very reticent.

**The V. C.**

London, April 1.—The Victoria Cross winner Mr. Tisdall was born at Bombay. He is a bachelor of arts, took double first-class honours at Cambridge, and was Chancellor's gold medallist poet. He joined the Naval Volunteers as a seaman at the outbreak of war. During the landing from the steamer Clyde, at Gallipoli, on April 25th, 1915, hearing wounded on the beach calling for assistance, he jumped into the water and went to their rescue, pushing a boat in front of him. He made several trips between the ship and shore, assisted by a seaman who rescued several wounded under heavy fire. Tisdall was killed in action on May 6. The delay in awarding the recognition was due to the fact that his identity was long unknown.

**Married Men Called Up.**

London, March 31.—The married men aged up to thirty five have been called up for May 5.

Later.—Only married men up to twenty-seven have been called up. The War Office intimates that no decision has yet been arrived at with regard to groups.

**Earl Grey's Honour.**

London, April 1.—Earl Grey has been appointed chancellor of the order of St. Michael and St. George, in succession to Lord Chelmsford.

**Japan's War Ministry.**

Tokio, Mar. 31.—Lieut. General Oka, Minister of War, has resigned because of ill-health. Lieut. General Oshima, hitherto Secretary General for War, succeeds him.

Copenhagen, March 31.—A British seaplane and three aviators was found floating near Nebel with engines disabled. She surrendered.



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Mr. Wilson's Strong Stand.

Washington, Feb. 24.—President Wilson, after two days' agitation in Congress, in which some members favoured legislation in the sense of warning Americans off armed merchantmen, to which he is absolutely opposed, has written to Mr. Stone, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, that he cannot consent to the abridgment of the rights of Americans in any respect.

"The honour and self-respect of the nation are involved," runs the letter: "we covet peace, and shall preserve it at any cost but loss of honour."

President's Letter.

The text of President Wilson's letter to Mr. Stone is:

"You are right in assuming that I shall do everything in my power to keep the United States out of the war. I think the country will feel no uneasiness about my course in that respect. Through many anxious months I have striven with that object amidst difficulties more manifold than can be apparent on the surface and, so far, I have succeeded. I do not doubt that I shall continue to succeed.

"The course which the Central Powers have announced their intention of following in future with regard to undersea warfare seems at the moment to threaten insuperable obstacles, but its apparent meaning is so manifestly inconsistent with the explicit assurances recently given us by these Powers with regard to their treatment of merchant vessels on the high seas that I must believe that explanations will presently ensue which will put a different aspect upon it.

"We have had no reason to question their good faith and fidelity to their promises in the past, and I for one feel confident that we shall have none in the future, but in any event our duty is clear. No nation or group of nations has the right while war is in progress to alter or disregard principles which all nations have agreed upon in mitigation of the horrors and sufferings of war and if the clear rights of American citizens should ever unhappily be abridged by such action we should, it seems to me, have in honour no choice as to what our own course should be.

No Abridgment of Rights.

"For my own part I cannot consent to any abridgment of the rights of American citizens in any respect. The honour and self-respect of the nation are involved. We covet peace and shall preserve it at any cost but loss of honour. To forbid our people to exercise their rights for fear we

might be called upon to vindicate them would be a deep humiliation indeed.

"It would be an implicit and all but an explicit acquiescence in the violation of the rights of mankind everywhere, and of whatever nation and allegiance. It would be a deliberate abdication of our hitherto proud position as the spokesman, even amidst the turmoil of war, for law and right. It would make everything this Government has attempted and everything it has achieved during the terrible struggle of nations meaningless and futile.

"It is important to reflect that if in this instance we allowed expediency to take the place of principle the door would inevitably be opened to still further concessions. Once accept a single abatement of right and many other humiliations would certainly follow, and the whole fine fabric of international law might crumble under our hands piece by piece.

"What we are contending for this matter is of the very essence of things that made America a sovereign nation. She cannot yield them without conceding her own impotency as a nation and making a virtual surrender of her independent position among the nations of the world."

American View.

Wall-Street Confidence in the French.

A high officer of the American Army expressed the opinion that even if Verdun should fall Paris would not be endangered. "But," he added, "Verdun has not yet fallen. The Allies still have ample time so to buttress their lines as to hold the Germans, unless the latter can muster an overwhelming force, and the relative importance of the capture of Verdun would hardly warrant an offensive on such a scale, with its frightful losses.

In no case can Verdun, in the opinion of this celebrated officer, have a decisive result. A success of the Germans would, however, have importance in the moral effect it would exercise on the civilian population of Germany.

"The fact is," he continued, "that unless the Allies have a yellow streak in them and get frightened they are bound to win the war. They are twice as great in potential man power as the Germans and Austrians. They have driven Germany off the seas, they have the machine shops and food supplies of the world to draw upon. Only a yellow streak, of which there is no indication, can make them lose in the end."

The great German offensive has concluded with a further decline in the German mark in New York. In face of the seemingly adverse news from Paris, the French Exchange rose to the

highest point touched for many days. Wall-street expresses the utmost confidence in the ability of the French to withstand the Germans.

What Men Need.

Here, as everywhere, are many men with nervous systems urgently in need of better "tone." The feeling of exhaustion affecting such men is the result of thin blood, which has become de-vitalized by the enervating effects of the climate, worry, malaria and other causes.

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Exchange Rates.

To-day's Quotations.

Table with columns for location (LONDON, PARIS, GERMANY, NEW YORK, INDIA, SINGAPORE, HONGKONG, YOKOHAMA & KOBE, NORWAY) and exchange rates for various currencies and bills.

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TIME TABLE.

Table listing motor boat routes: LINE 1 - BANGKABUE TO BANG QUANG & MUANG NAWN; LINE 2 - TANON TOK TO PAKLAT; LINE 3 - THA CHANG WANG LUANG TO KLONG BANGKOK NOI; LINE 4 - KLONG SAMRONG LOCK TO BANG HIA.

ROYAL STATE RAILWAYS.

(Broad Gauge Lines.)

TIME TABLE.

In force from 15th Dec., 1915.

Large table of railway routes and schedules between Bangkok, Ayuthia, Ban Phaji, and other stations, including departure and arrival times.

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