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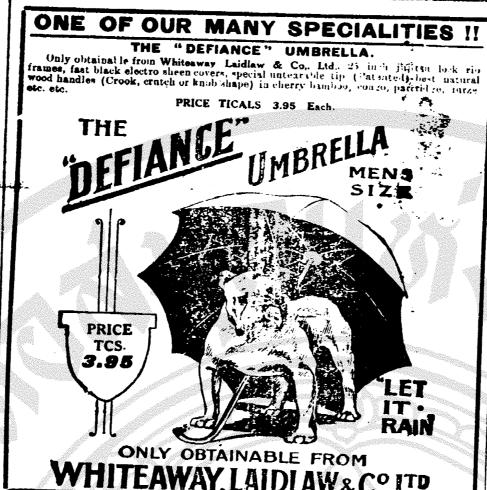
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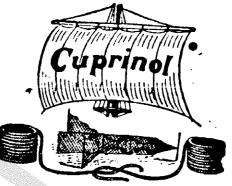
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A surrogate for eggs consisting in maize flour, coloured rellow, was sold at Mk. 0.20 per package, but was worth no more than Mk. 0.01%. Salad oil that was found to contain 98.5 per cent of water and 1.5 per cent gelatine and dye, had nevertheless been recommended by a well-known chemical expert and sold at Mk. 1.30 per kilo. This list, the paper concludes, might be extended indefinitely, although it must also be borne in mind that there are amongst the surrogates articles well worth the price paid for them.

Amsterdam, May 23 .- According to a Berlin official telegram the Federal Council has authorised the Imperial Chancellor to establish a new boardthe War Feeding Office-which will be directly responsible to him.

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empowered to dispose of all food stuffs, raw materials, and other articles necessary for the supply of food stuffs and all fodder stuffs and raw materials necessary for feeding animals which are stored within the German Empire.

The Chief President of the province of East Prussia, Von Batecki, has been appointed President of the new board. The Kaiser has appointed Dr. Helfferich Secretary of State for the Interior, and has charged him with the general deputy-hip of office of Imperial Chancellor. Secretary of State for Alsace-Lorraine Count von Roedem succeeds Dr. Helfferich on Jame 1, as Minister l

The Anti-Opium Crusade.

The Chinese Minister was present at the annual meeting of the Society for Suppression of the Opium Trade, held in the Friends' Meeting House, St. Martin's-lane, Sir Matthew Dodsworth presiding. Mr. Joseph Alexander sub-mitted the Committee's report, in which they stated that the position of the Indian Government, in continuing to produce opium on a considerable scale for non-medical purposes, demanded the serious attention of all who desired that the British Administration of that country should be freed from the reproach of pandering to vice. The Committee expressed the opinion that, as soon as peace was restored, the Government in India should be urged to undertake, in co operation with the Governments of France, the Netherlands, Portugal, and Siam, to bring to an end "these evil remains of an evil trade." Mr. Theodore C. laylor, M.P., moved a resolution inviting the serious consideration by the Secretary of State for the Colonies to the fact that the Administrations of Hongkong, Straits Settlements, and the Federated Malay States have hitherto failed to act up to even the limited ideal laid down in the Colonial Office telegram to the Governor of Hongkong, that in dealing with the opium question in Hongkong it is nesessary to act up to the standard set by the Chinese Government. The Rev. A. Baxter, of Canton, seconded the resolution, which was carried. A further resolution was carried, on the proposition of the Rev. G. S. Muir. asking the Government to satisfy itself that the permits granted for the export of opium are for medical purposes only.

of Finance and Minister of State, Dr. Breitenbach has been appointed Vice-President of the Ministry of State for Prussia.

The Kaiser has sent the following letter to Herr von Delbruck, the retiring Minister of the Interior, from Main Headquarters :-

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General Townshend's Warning.

Not Strong Enough to Move on Baghdad.

A White paper was issued containing ! ten telegrams which passed between on the verge of surrender, replied to a Mr. Chamberlain, Secretary of State for India, Lord Hardinge, then Viceroy of India, General Sir John Nixon (former Commander-in-Chief in Mesopotamia), and General Townshend of Kut. They show General Townshend's estimate of the risk of advancing on Baghdad after the battle of Kut-el-

Amara on September 28 last.

A statement that General Townshend before moving from Kut "had declared constantly that he had insufficient forces" was made in a leading article in "The Times" on April I. A tele-gram from the Viceroy of India on April 6 says that he knew nothing of any protest by General Townshend against an advance to Baghdad and denies that "it was incumbent on Gen. Nixon to regard or forward opinions by subordinate commanders with which he was not in agreement '

The following telegram was sent by General Townshend to General Nixon on October 3, 1915, some time before his advance on Baghdad began :-

By aviator's report you will see he had just left for Kut, and that the chance of breaking up the retreating Turkish forces, which have now taken up a position at Suliman Pak, no longer exists; that position is astride the Baghdad road and the Tigris, and is estimated to be six miles of entrenchments. It is also probable that Baghdad has sent them reinforcements. See

report by aviator.
"My opinion, if I may be allowed to express one, is that up to the battle at Kut our object has been to occupy strategical position of Kut and to consolidate ourselves in the district. Ctesiphon is now held by the defeated Turkish forces. Should it not be considered politically advisable by Government to occupy Baghdad at present on account of doubtful situation at Dardanelles and possibility of our small forces being driven out of Baghdad by stronger forces from Anatolia, which would compel us to retire down a long line of communications teeming with Arabs, at present more or less hostile, whose hostility would become active on hearing of our retreat, then I consider that on all military grounds we should consolidate our position at Kut.

"The sudden (?) fall of water, which made our advance in ships most diffi cult, slow, and toilsome, upset our plans of entering Baghdad on the heels of Turks while they were retreating in disorder.

· "If, on the other hand, it is the desire of Government to occupy Baghelad. then, unless great risk is to be run, it is, in my opinion, absolutely necessary that the advance from Kut by road should be carried out methodically by two divisions or one army corps or by one division supported closely by another complete division, exclusive of the garrisons of the important places of Nasiriyeh, Ahwaz, and Amara. It is now quite impossible for laden ships

to go up."
2 Divisions from France. When he sent this message he had a division with 22 guns (the allowance of guns in a normal Indian division is 30 guns and in a British division 76 guns), and four or five squadrons (500 or 600 cavalry), according to General Nixon, but reinforcements were brought up. and a brigade of infantry (nominally 4,000 men), two regiments of cavalry (1,000 men), and 6 horse artillery guns were sent to him, while, in addition communication troops were provided to hold Kut.

General Nixon adds that on October 21 it was decided to send two divisions (nominally 40,000 men) from France to the Persian Gulf, and that on two occasions, on October 19 and November 5, Major-General Kemball, the chief of General Nixon's staff, was sent by aeroplane to Kut to discuss matters with General Townshend. On his return he "gave no inkling that General Townshend was in doubt as to the adequacy of the force that would be under his command. Whatever opinion General Townshend may have previously held before reinforcements were pro-

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mised, it was quite clear that the final confirmation of the coming of two divisions from France had satisfied him that the conditions he mentioned at the beginning of the month were ful-

"GRAVE RISK" OF ADVANCE. On April 7 General Townshend, who was then closely besieged in Kut and question by General Nixon with this telegram :

"My opinion most certainly was that we were taking a grave risk in continning a strategic movement against Baghdad with my weak division alone, the British battalions of which were reduced to half their strength, and besides this the drafts to replace casualties at the battle of Kut consisted of

" Notwithstanding the fact that Gened his attention to the risk, my conscience was clear, and I was prepared to carry out any orders given me by

"Therefore on October 3, finding the Turks had rallied at Ctesiphon after the defeat at Kut, I telegraphed from Azizieb, where I had halted my pursuit. The words I used were as follows: If on the other hand it is the desire of Government to occupy Baghdad, then, unless great risk is to be run, it is in my epinion absolutely necessary that the advance from Kut by road should be carried out methodically by two divisions or one army corps or by one division supported closely by another complete division, exclusive of the garrisons of the impor-tant places of Nasiriyeh, Ahwaz, and

"I ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY." "I consider this pointed out risk sufficiently and was all, in my opinion, that a subordinate commander could do. It would be contrary to discipline to protest in the full sense and meaning of the word. Further, I wish to say that I told Sir John Nixon previous to the battle at Kut that not only did I hope to defeat the Turks in their position at Kut, but also, as at Kurna, to rout them completely, and that, if I saw the chance, as I did in May at Amara, I should take the risk of pushing on into Baghdad on the heels of the rout; but I halted at Azizielt [50 miles north-west of Kat] on finding that the Turks had raffied at Ctesiphon in formidable numbers.

"The knowledge I had gained of the reinforcements the Turks had sent to Mesopotamia and the experience of the Kut battle made it clear to me that, compared with those at Kurna, I had very different troops to deal with, and that it was essential for me to be cantious, and that in order to take Baghdad at least an army corps would be required. This I have mentioned to show my readiness to accept every responsibility for my actions, and that in the first instance I myself had contemplated getting into Baghdad.

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raw recruits from India.

eral Nixon gave me his confidence, and that the entire conduct of the operations cemmencing in May with Kurna and Amara, up to the present time, had been given to me by him, it will be obvious that it was most difficult for the in my position as a subordinate command r to give my views to the Army Commander unless be asked for them. Nevertheless it seemed to me that it was my absolute duty to point out to him the risk of advancing with my present force to attack Ctesiphon, well known to be a string position, and to occupy Bachdad. Having call-

A final telegram from General Nixon says that this message confirms his statement that he received no representations from General Townshend after the reinforcements had been sent him, and adds that he and General Townshend were personal friends.

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Casement Appeals.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, July 3. Sir Roger-Casement has appealed against his conviction.

The Anglo-French Offensive.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.) London, July 3.

Paris communiqué.-North and south of the Somme, following artillery preparation and reconnaissances on the previous day, Anglo French troops this , morning took the offensive on a front of about twenty-five miles. In the course of the attack during the morning and afternoon, the allies captured the first German position.

The French, north of the Somme, established themselves at the approaches to the village of Hardecourt on the outskirts of the village of Curlu, where fighting continues.

The villages of Dompierre, Becquincourt, Bussu and Fay, south of the Somme, fell into our hands.

The number of unwounded German prisoners taken by the French alone exceed 3,500.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, July 2. Yesterday the Franco-British launched an offensive on a front of 40 kilometres on both banks of the Somme. They have captured the first line trenches and have occupied the villages of Dompiere, Bequincourt, Bussus, Montenban, and Mametz.

The British have captured 2,000 prisoners and the French 3,500.

Russian Report.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM) Paris, July 2.

Petrowad. - We broke up an offengive in the direction of Baghdad, inflicting enormous losses.

French Report.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, July 2. We have retaken Thiaumont Work. To lay there was a singulary battle north of the Somme. We routed counter-attacks, and captured the village of Curlu.

We made progress south of the Somme between Herbecourt and Asseivillers, taking 1,500 fresh prisoners.

We captured Patroville, between the Dise and the Aisne. We effected a conp-de-main at Mort-

homme, killing 51 and taking prisoner 21 Germans, and capturing two mitraillense We repulsed an attack on Thiaumont

H.R.H. Prince Mahidol.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.) Singapore, July 4.

The Malay Mail reports the arrival at Kuala Lumpur of H. R. H. Prince Mahidol with his suite.

Tin.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.) Singapore, July 4. Tin is quoted at \$84.75.

Submarine Liners.

The "Evening Mail" (New York) prints the following statement, which is said to be based on information from reliable sources :-

It is learned that a regular Trans Atlantic submarine merchant service will soon be inaugurated between New York and Hamburg. The first under-sea liner is scheduled to reach Quarantine about July 4. It will carry/German mails, parcel post and express matter. These new submarines have been built exclusively for the merchant service, and torpedo and ammunition space is given over to cargo

By August 8 Germany plans to have five of these craft working on a regular schedule. Each craft is 450 feet long and of 45 feet beam, carrying a crew of sixty. They have maintained an average speed of better than eighteen knots on trial spins. Aft is the defence gun located, so that it can only be fired over the stern .-- Central News.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

SWEDEN has prohibited the export of whiting, ling, cod, halibut, and had-dock, salted or pickled.

APRICOTS, peaches. plums, and nut kerne's (whole or crushed) have been added to the list of goods of which the export from Sweden is prohibited.

This year's wheat crop in France is expected to yield about 5,750,000 bushels, as compared with 6,000,000 last year and over 7,000,000 the year be-

THE s.s. "Kuala" left Singapore at 4 p.m. on Saturday the 1st inst., and may be expected to arrive at the Borneo Company's wharf on Wednesday morning.

THE following riddle is said to be current in Germany and on the Conti-nent generally :-- What is a German sandwich made of nowadays? Answer: Two bread cards with a meat-card in between.

__:0:__ BICYCLING for sport or pleasure is forbidden in Berlin and the Province of Brandenburg under penalty of one year's imprisonment or, where mitigatin? circumstances are shown, of a fine not exceeding £75.

By a Declaration signed by the Dutch Foreign Minister and the French Minister at The Hague, Holland has renounced the privileges of ex-territoriality in the French zone of influence in Morocco.

A FURTHER list of correspondence with the United States ambassador respecting the treatment of British prisoners of war and interned civilians in Germany has been received at H. B. M. Legation and many be seen by those desiring to do so.

H. B. M. Consulate General has received a copy of "Sell's National Directory of Large Commercial Houses and Buyers' Guide" (Great Britain and Ireland) for 1916 which may be consulted by those desiring a reference of this nature.

THE sugar famine at Munich has become so acute that the police have forbidden the proprietors of cafés and other places of refreshment to serve any customer with more than one lump of sugar during any one visit to the establishment.

SWITZERLAND is suffering from a surfeit of alien military deserters, mostly Germans and Austrians. The number of those who succeed in crossing the frontier increases from month to month, and the Swiss authorities propose to intern these undesirables.

According to a Russian newspaper 20,000 Chinese coolies have arrived in Russig to be employed as agricultural labourers. Their engagement was necessary to supply the scarcity of labour on the land caused by the mobilization of all the able-bodied Russians.

FIELD-Marshal von Kluck, who is 70 years old, has received a message of congratulation from the Kaiser. The Marshal has completely recovered from his wound, though one bullet is still unextracted, and he has offered his services again to the Emperor.

DR. Heinze, a Judge of the Supreme Court at Leipzig, and formerly member of the Reichstag for Dresden, has been appointed Under-Secretary of State for the Turkish Ministry of Justice. Herr Heinze will leave for Constantinople in a few days.

THE "Bourse Gazette" states that . British capital has been used since the heginning of the war to finance 355 Russian companies for the exploitation of gold, platinum, iron, copper, and asbestos mines. During April three new mining companies, with an aggregate capital of £800,000, were formed with British and French money.

Decrees have been issued ordering a medical examination of all Portuguese citizens under 45 years of age who have been exempted or discharged from military service on account of unfitness, and the enrolment before July 15 of all men of 20 to 45 who have not been enrolled or have not eyet been compulsorily brought under military service.

U. S. Election.

London, June 27.-The Chicago Convention has decided not to nominate a Progressive candidate.

New York, June 27 .- Judge Hughes' views regarding German propagandists are indicated in a telegram to the Progressive Committee at Chicago thanking them for their support, condeming the policy of President Wilson and denouncing the use of American soil "as a base for alien intrigues and conspiracies and for fomenting disorders in the interest of any foreign nation.

Chicago June 26. - Mr Roosevelt has written definitely declining nomination for the Presidency and deprecating the nomination of a Progressive candidate. He adds that he himself will strongly support Judge Hughes,

British Legation Telegrams.

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

British Make Substantial Progress.

(Official.)

London, July 2. The following has been issued by The Headquarters in France dated 5.15

p.m. July 2nd:-Substantial progress has been made in · the vicinity of Fricourt which was captured by our troops by 2 p.m. to-day. Up to noon to-day 800 more prisoners were taken in the operations between the rivers Ancre and Somme, bringing the total to 3500 including those taken on other parts of the front last night.

Very Severe German Casualtie:

(Official.)

London, July 2. The following has been received from the General Headquarters in France dated 1st July 11.14 p.m:-

Heavy fighting continued all day between the rivers Somme and Ancre, and north of the Ancre as far as Gommecourt inclusive. The fight of the whole front still continues with intensity. On the right of our attack we have captured German labyrinth trenches on a front of 7 miles to a depth of one thousand yards and stormed and occupied the strongly fortified villages of Montanban and Mametz. In the centre of our attack on a front of 4 miles we have gained many strong points while at others the enemy is still holding out and the struggle on this front is still severe. North of the Ancre valley to Gemmicourt inclusive the battle has been equally violent and in this area we have been unable to retain some positions of ground gained in our first attacks, while other positions remain in our possession. Up to date over 2,000 German prisoners have passed through our collecting stations, including two regimental commanders and the whole of one regimental staff. The large number of enemy dead on the battlefield indicates that the German casualties have been very severe especially in the vicinity of Fricourt. Last night parties of our troops penetrated into the German trenches at various points on the front between Souchez and Ypres, in each case inflicting casualties on the garrisons before withdrawing One raiding party captured 16 prisoners in addition .Yesterday in spite of high wind a large amount of successful work in the air was done with powerful bombs, and a large number of these bombs were dropped on depots, railway junctions, batteries, trenches and other points of military importance in the enemy's lines. Considerable aerial activity has taken place to-day during the battle but full details have not yet been collected. Our machines attacked a railway train on the line between Donai and Cambrai, when our airmen descended to below 900 feet and succeeded in dropping a bomb on one of the trucks which exploded. Other pilots saw the whole train in flames and heard further explosions.

The Germans Offering Stubborn Resistance.

(Official.)

London, July 3. The following despatch has been received from the Headquarters dated 2nd July 10-45 p.m.

Heavy fighting has taken place today in the area between the Ancre and Somme especially about Fricourt and Laboisselle. Fricourt which was captured by our troops about 2 p.m. remains in our bands, and some progress has been made East of the village. In the neighbourhood of Laboisselle the enemy is offering stubborn resistance, but our troops are making satis-

factory progress.

A considerable quantity of war material has fallen into our hands but details are not at present available. On either side of the valley at the Ancre the situation is unchanged. The general situation may be regarded as favourable. Later information of the enemy's losses show that the first estimates were too low. Yesterday our aeroplanes were very active in cooperation with our attack north of the Somme and afforded valuable assistance to our operations. Numerous enemy headquarters and railway centres were attacked with bombs. In one of these raids our escorting aeroplanes were attacked by 20 Fokkers which were driven off two enemy machines were seen to crash to earth and were destroyed. Some long distance reconnaisances were carried out in spite of numerous attacks by the enemy machines to frustrate the enterprises. Three of our seroplanes are missing. Our kite balloons were in the air the whole time.

British Troops in Excellent Spirits.

(Unofficial.)

London, July 2.

The following has been received from a reliable non-official source, describing the situation up to 11.35 a.m. 2nd July.

During the night a strong Gercounter-attack at Montarban was repulsed with heavy loss to the enemy. The troops are in excellent spirits. The situation on the British front is unchanged since last evening.

Seven British Aeroplanes Missing

(Official.)

London, July 3. The following has been received from the General Headquarters in

France dated 3rd July 2.30 p.m. The battle south of the Ancre continues to be hotly contested —all positions gained yesterday have been maintained. Fighting about La-boisselle and Ovillers is particularly severe. Yesterday evening our troops penetrated into the village of Laboisselle and fighting is still in progress in

the village.

About Ovillers the fighting met with varying success, one attack early this morning secured a portion of the hostile defences. Four hundred more prisoners passed through our collecting stations. A very large amount of work was done by our aircraft yesterday. On of the line were made by hostile aircraft in large parties. All these were driven back, and subsequently the enemy's aircraft were held far behind the German lines with the result our artillery and machines were able to work without interruption from hostile aircraft. During the day a very large number of aerial combats took place over the enemy's lines. Six hos. tile machines are known to have been brought down severely damaged. Seven of our machines are missing.

Later. The following has been received from the General Headquarters in France dated 3rd July 4.45 p.m.

Heavy fighting continues but is proceeding satisfactorily for us, especially in the vicinity of Laboisselle where the remnants of the garrison have now surrendered. In other parts of the battle field some further progress has been made and some additional hostile defences captured.

Personal..

Count S. Cambiaso, of the Dept. of Ways and Communications has just returned to Bangkok from the Malay Peninsula where he has been on Gov-ernment duty. He will shortly be proceeding home to Italy on eight months' leave and will do his whack of War Service.

Mr. Spigno of the same Dept., who went home on leave is on the Italian Front in the Engineers and is at present engaged in constructing railways for the exigencies of the war.

Nai Duang Runneg of this Dept. has leen for some months in charge of what will, we think, be called hereafter the Great North Road from Lumpang to Chiengrai, a distance of some 200 English miles.

Monsieur F. Beque. Assistant Legal Adviser, at present in the Borispah Court, will be leaving next week for France. He should have had this holiday some time back, but owing to the exigencies of the service the leave could not have been given him then.

Monsieur C. L'Evesque was back today in his old rooms in the Ministry of Justice, working on the Code revision. Though badly wounded in his hand and legs, the bullets entering and passing through in both cases, and with several months of fighting in the trenches, we are glad to say Monsieur L'Evesque is looking in fact younger and quite fit, and his friends were very glad to welcome him tack at the Min-

Abstract of Foreign Trade.

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U. S. National Day.

Reception by the United States Minister.

To-day being the Fourth of July, the American National Holiday, the Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, Mr. William H Hornibrook was "at Home" at the Legation in Klong Poh Yome road. Between the hours of ten and twelve there was a constant stream of callers who came to offer their congratulations. The Minister vas assisted in his hospitable duties by Mr. Frank D. Arnold, Secretary of Legation, and Dr. C. C. Hansen, who is in change of the Consulate-General for the U.S. A. Among those who called were:—

Lt. General H. E. Phya Deb Arjun, Chief Aide de-Camp to His Majesty, H. R. H. Prince Krom Phra Deva-wongse Varoprakar, Minister for For ign Affairs, H. R. H. Prince Krom Phra Dameong Rajanubhab, H. R. H. Prince Krom Phra Naras Varariddhi, Lord Privy Seal, H. E. Chao Phya Yomaraj, Minister of Local Govern-ment, H. R. H. Prince, o Kambengbejra, Inspector General, Ministry of War, represented by Captain S. M. Yoo, H. E. Phya Sva-ti Varavithi, Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Communications, H. E. Phya Sri Kridakara, Director, Department of Household Attendants, Phya Dithakara Bhakdi, Director, Judicial and Consular, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, H. H. Mom Chao Kechorn, Secretary, the early part of the day several at Bureau of Adviser for Foreign Affairs, tempts at offensive action on our side Luang Basa Parivatr. Secretary, Bureau of Adviser for Fereign Affairs. H. E. F. J. Domela Nieuwenhis, the Netherlands Minister; H. E. Arthur Frere, the Belgian Minister: H. E. P. Lefevre-Pontalis, the French Min-ister; H. E. Genshiro Nishi, The Japan-ess Minister; H. E. Herbert Guy Dering, the British Minister: H. E. Aroldo Manacorda, the Italian Minister: H. E. Luiz Leopoldo Flores, the Por uguese Charge d'Affaires; H. E. Dr. E. F. A. Remy, the German Charge d'Affaire; H. E. Emil Keil, the Austro Hungarian Charge d'Affaires: H. E. Nicolas de Berg, the Russian Chargé d'Affairs; Honorable Wolcott H. Pitkin, H. S. M. Adviser for Foreign Affairs: Mr. H. B. Borgersen, Norwegian Consul-General; Mr. A. Mohr, Swedish Consul-General; Mr. Thomas H. Lyle, the British Consul-General; Mr. Luiz Calos de Mello Flores, Secretary-Interpreter, Portuguese Legation; Mr. C. von H dek Royal Danish Consul: Mr. M. Topenot, Acting French Consul; Mr. Hans Rie chiek, Chancellor, German Legation; Mr. Antonio J. Florer, Vice-Consul, Portuguese Consulate: Mr. G. Boyo, Chancellor-Int. the Italian Legation: Mr. F. Chalant Chancellor-French Legation: Mr. J. Bruchhans, Interpreter, the German Legation: Mr. W. J. F. Williamson, Adviser, Ministry of Fin-ance: Judge M. F. Puszard, Legal Adviser, Ministry of Justice: Mr. E. W. Trotter, Adviser, Gendarmerie and Police, Ministry of Local Government: Judge Clement Niel, Judge of the Court of Dika, Ministry of Justice; Judge P. W. Thornely, Judge of the Court of Appeal, Ministry of Justice; Judge René Sheridan, Judge of the Court of Appeal, Ministry of Justice: Mr. A. H. Duke, Assistant Director-General, Dept. of Com. and Statistics, Ministry of Finance: Mr. E. W. Battenberg, Assist. Comptroller-General, Ministry of Finance: Mr. X. de Laforcade, Code Commission, Ministry of Justice: Mr. R. C. Whiting, Div. Supt. of Police, Gendarmerie and Police Dept., Dr. Geo. C. McFarland, Medical College, Ministry of Public Instruction: Mr. E. W. Townend, Mr. H. Kunz, Mr. A. Link, Mr. L. Schneider, Mr. C. A.

> H. R. H. the Prince of Nagor Svarga sent a letter conveying His Royal Highness' congratulations and expressed regret that he was unable to call owing to ill-health.

Steele, Rev. W. G. McClure, Rev. R.O.

This afternoon at 5 p.m. His Excel-lency the Minister will be at home to the American colony.

A British Scheme of State Land.

The Earl of Selborne has introduced a Bill into the House of Lords to provide for the acquisition and management of land by the State for experimental small holding colonies, and to extend the powers of acquisition and management of land by Government Departments.

The Bill gives power to the Board of Agriculture during the war and for twelve months afterwards to acquire land for providing experimental small holding colonies up to 6.000 acres.

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(c) To sell or exchange the land. The Bill does not apply to Ireland.

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tornado and wiped the men away like flies. The "Lion" and the "Tiger" were manœuvring marvellously and

keeping their heads to the enemy.

Then the "Invincible," the "Inflexible" and the "Indomitable" appeared on the scene, and with them came the armoured cruisers of the second cruiser squadron. Rear Admiral Hood put up a great fight against heavy odds, but a torpedo sent the "Invincible" to the

When the Grand Fleet came on the scene the Germans made the shortest road home, with the whole might of the British fleet after them. Large fleets of Dutch fishing craft

did good work in life saving. The "Lion" was where the fight was hottest, although at one time such a volume of fire was concentrated upon

the "Tiger" as few vessels have ever received and survived. The "Tiger' was for ten minutes under the fire of over a score of ships. Our light cruisers proved their superiority over the It is believed that the newest Ger-

man Dreadnought, the "Von Hindenburg," succumbed to a destroyer attack. The latter was one of the most stirring spectacles of the struggle. A vessel, believed to be the "Von Hindenburg," was struck in quick succession by four torpedoes, and was literally blown to

Beatty's Superb Fight.

Point-Blank Range.

London, June 4.—The latest account of the battle states that apart from the fact that the Germans were nearly three times as strong as Admiral Beatty's forces, they also had the advantage of the light and hugged the The weather changed and a thin drizzle reduced the visibility. The British gunlayers were thus handicapped, while with the western sun behind them the British ships were easily picked out against the horizon. There is reason to believe that the new "Hindenburg" was heavily engaged. Accompanying the "Queen Mary" and "Indefatigable" were the "Lion" "Princess Royal," and "Tiger." The British gunners at the outset were plainly superior, and soon a big German cruiser received a direct hit. She became enveloped in flames and foundered. Before this the Germans were fighting chiefly with battle cruisers, but ships of the "Kaiser" class joined in the fray, their smashing power giving the Germans an enormous superiority

in both ships and gun power.

the enemy's full strength. It was a daring manoeuvre in the circumstances, for in gun power the battle cruiser squadron was no match for the Ger-

Rear-Admiral Hood's advent with the "Invincible," "Indomitable" and "Inflexible" was timely. He came none too soon for Almiral Beatty's battered floot. It was mainly at this stage a battle royal with big guns, and the conflict was stupendous. The "Invincible," fighting with the greatest gallantry, inflicted much damage; but she met her doom, and sank quickly. Further and more formidable ail was forthcoming in the "Valiant," the "Bar-"Malaya" and "Warsoite." հռտ," The latter bore the brunt of a terrific

attack by five battleships, or cruisers.

She put up a glorious fight and sank, or seriously damaged, three assailants. The "Valiant" rammed and sank a submarine after the German retreat. With the approach of darkness the bigger vessels ceased firing, but the action was continued all night long by the

was 2,000 yards. This represented for the class of ships engaged point blank firing. The vessels were pounding was impossible to compet the German firing. The vessels were pounding each other to atoms in a death grapple marked by fierce intensity dominated by a resolve to win, or sink. The firing of the Germans was very high, and despite their possession of an admittedly good range-finder their gunlaying was inferior to ours.

During the fight the enemy destroyers were swept like chaff off the sea and only smoke and ashes indicated the places where they had been engulfed. Our destroyer flotillas did marvellous feats of ever-mem rable conrage, during, and skilful seamanship.

Mr. Churchill,

Results Reviewed. London, June 1. - Mr. Winston Chur-

chil, commenting on the battle, said ; "I have had an opportunity of examining the Admiralty reports, and, considering the information in the Admiralty's possession, the following facts seem to me to be established: -Firstly, the naval supremacy of the British fleet in capital ships depends upon super-Dreadnoughts armed with 13,5 inch and 15-inch guns. These are sufficient by themselves to maintain our control of the seas. Of the vital units in the first rank the "Queen Mary" alone has been lost, It appears undoubted that the Germans lost Having drawn the whole German at least one comparable ship. If it's Having drawn the whole German at least one comparable ship. If it the family, A dose or two of this fleet out of safe quarters Admiral was the "Lutzow" or the "Derflinger, remedy will place the trouble within Beatty, although greatly outnumbered, that vessel will be a heavier loss to and running heavy risks, determined them, actually and relatively, than the to hang on grimly, in order to detain "Queen Mary" is to us.

"Secondly coming to the vessels of the second order, the "Indefatigable" and "Invincible" are entirely different from the super Dreadnoughts, and, though valuable, do not rank as primary units at the present time. A Dreadnought butleship of the "Westf den" type would be a loss comparable to either. We have a very large superiority in the third order of ships, to which the "Black Prince," " Defence," and "Warrior" belong. The sinking of brand new light cruisers like the "Wieshaden" and "Elbing" is a more grievous less to the enemy. In all these vessels the most serious ferture of the loss is the splendid and irreplaceable crews. Destroyers' casual ties are about equal; and we being the

have long sought such opportunities. "Thirdly, our margin of superiority is in no way imperilled. The despatch of troops to the Continent should continue with the utmost freedom, the battered condition of the G-rman fleet being an additional security to us. smaller craft.

One account states that shots were exchanged over a distance of 20,000 the enemy alone frustrated the persecutive factors. yards, while towards the end the range i vering efforts of the brilliant commain fleet to accept buttle, the couc usions reached are of extreme impor-tance. All classes of vessels one both sides have now met, and we know that there are no surprises or unforeseen features. An accurate measure can be taken of the strength of the enemy.

stronger, are the gainers. Our flotillas

"The enemy's definite inferiority is freed of any element of uncertainty." In the first division the "Queen Elizibeth" seems to have vindicated all the hopes reposed in her type. I cannot record these facts without expressing my profound sympathy with those who have lost their dearest ones. Many of the most gallant sailors our island ever nurtured, and some of the most splendid officers have gone. But they died as they would have wished, in a blue water action, which, as it is studied, will more and more be found to be a definite step towards the complete

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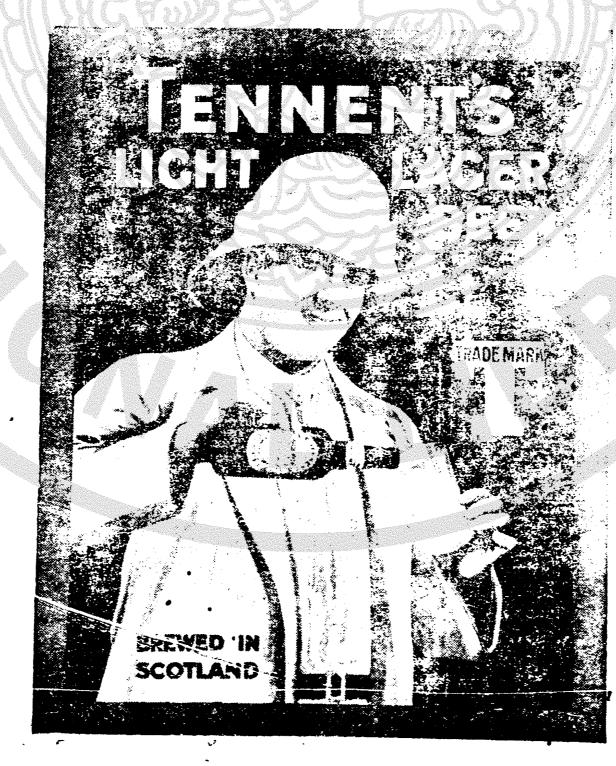
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