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this is slender, but a very real link, between the two peoples. And a stronger and more effective link is likely to be forged in the very near future, by a method which I am not yet at liberty to reveal, by the United States Government itself. The Germans have been taught by their rulers to distrust President Wilson, but they certainly should believe their cousin in this country. President Wilson, has been hampered by American imperialists, but he has kept them in their place, and made this a real war for democracy. The more we do this the easier it will be to bring the German people around to our way of thinking. Reports that there is great internal distress, and more disorder than the censorship will allow us to hear about. And while I do not expect immediate German revolution, I think there is good ground for hope that ultimately the defeat of the German Government and constant propaganda may bring the German people to their senses. However, they have become much more machine-like in their instinctive obedience in the last thirty or forty years, and it will not be easy. If a German revolt should come I don't think it would go as far as affairs in Russia; indeed, I think the chief danger is that it would not go far enough. But if it were once put through the German habit of obedience would be useful, for intellectuals and publicists would probably support the new Government as enthusiastically as they now support the Kaiser.

Questions were answered by Dr. Bohn at the close of the meeting, and an elderly German visitor inquired what reason there was for saying that there was more liberty in America than in Germany. "In Berlin," he said, "If you drink a little too much and make a disturbance you will get a postal card the next day saying that you are fined three marks. Here you may get six months on the island."

The suggestions received by the National Security League in response to the offer of a \$1,000 prize for the best suggestion for getting President Wilson's ideas of a war for the freedom of the German people as well as others before that people will be turned over to-day to the judges, former Ambassadors David Jayne Hill and James W. Gerard, and Job E. Hedges. Their decision is expected in the course of a week or ten days. It was said yesterday, by officials of the league that nearly 4,000 entries had been received, and that some of them displayed a high degree of ingenuity and merit.

Germans in Belgium.

The Hague.—Latest intelligence from Belgium shows that the real cause of the recent rioting and bloodshed in Brussels and Antwerp and of the increasing turmoil throughout the land is the resolution of all Belgian elected bodies and of the law courts to baffle the German attempts to separate Flanders from the French half of the kingdom.

With the encouragement of all the town councils and members of Parliament, the law courts had decided to prosecute all members of the self-appointed and self-styled "Council of Flanders," which claims to represent Belgium when it clamours for secession, and they began by arresting two of the Flemish Boloes, Borms and Tack, who principally act in the matter as Germany's paid tools.

As is already known, the Germans have released Borms and Tack and arrested and deported beyond the Rhine the three chief magistrates of the Supreme Court and Court of Appeal. All law courts and the bar throughout the country are consequently going on strike to show that there is no longer any possible administration of justice under the German yoke.

The upshot of this and of the excited indignation meetings being held all over Belgium against the "Council of Flanders," as an instrument of Germany, promises to be doubly embarrassing to the invaders: in the first place, the events throw the whole judicial machine out of gear, which means social anarchy; in the second place, the determined revolt of the population, hitherto so stolidly quiet, threatens continued and general disturbance, which may compel Germany largely to increase her garrisons in King Albert's realm and thus weaken the forces available for the projected offensive on the western front.

Meanwhile, Germany's efforts to create an artificial secession movement between the Flemish and Wallon populations has only resulted in bringing into the boldest relief the people's resolution to remain completely united against the common foe and to oppose the Germans desperately on their common territory.

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		A.M.	P.M.			A.M.	P.M.
Km. B. Hlame		10.20	2.30	Km. Terminus Dep.		6.45	10.45
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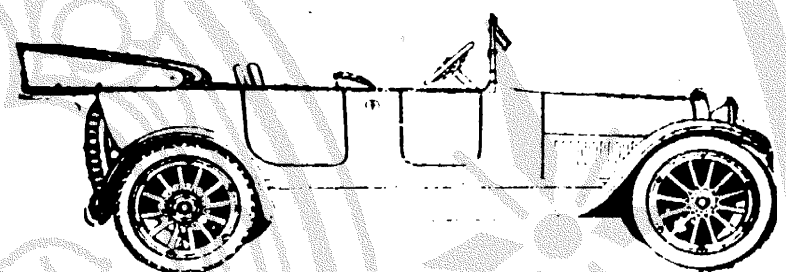
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For children, apply with cotton wool on the cheek and relief is certain within half an hour. For cough and Sorethroat, sip the mixture slowly. For Eczema, apply externally and take internally as directed. For Beri-beri, take full doses three times a day. For cholera, take one tablespoonful every 1/2 an hour.

For Toothache, clean the cavity of the tooth first and then saturate a piece of cotton wool in Jong-Keena and fill cavity with same, changing five or six times every 3 minutes and relief is certain. For loose teeth caused by the swelling of the gum, take internally as directed for a week and the teeth will be firm again.

For Earache, clean the ear first with cotton wool, put 5 or 6 drops into ear and stuff the hole with cotton wool—relief is certain within a few minutes.

For Itch, Wounds and wounds caused by rusty nails, cuts or burns, apply the mixture, cover with cotton wool and bandage, change dressing every three hours, and take internally as directed until relieved or healed.

For Stomachache, take internally as directed, for a few days.

After taking this mixture, a little plain white sugar may be taken to remove the bitter taste but not in the case of coughs or sore throat.

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- (3) B.R. Gaudart and Co.
- (4) Alois Schweiger and Co.
- (5) F. Schule and Co.
- (6) The Samosorn Ka Rajakarn.

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that a new Liquidator be appointed for the above mentioned Businesses in the place of the said Luang Rama Banjah,

NOW THEREFORE, under Section 8 of the Law Forbidding Trade with the Subjects of Enemy Countries, B.E. 2460, Nai Van Chiamaraman, Barrister-at-Law (Siam and England) of the Ministry of Justice, is appointed Liquidator for the said Businesses.

Notification issued on the 23rd April B.E. 2461.

(Sd.) KITTIYAKARA.
Minister of Finance.
23—27

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FRIDAY, APRIL 26, 1918.

GUATEMALA JOINS IN.

The Havas agency informs the world to-day that the Congress of Guatemala has approved the declaration of war against Germany. Thus one other small nation has come in on the side of right and justice and Germany has been deprived of yet another spot on the earth's surface in which to carry on her commercial designs and political intrigues.

Guatemala was at one time a much larger district than that now designated by that name for, at the beginning of the Spanish domination of America, it included practically all Central America, except Panama, and a part of what is now Mexico. The surface of this country, with the exception of the coastal plains, is very rugged and mountainous and the whole district is subject to volcanic eruptions and seismic disturbances. One of the mountains is considerably over 13,000 ft. high and, after two centuries of quiescence, it burst out into terrible eruptions in the year 1902. The country is well watered, the principal stream, the Motagua, being about 250 miles in length while there are also several lakes. On the shores of one of these lakes is a wonderful stalactite cave containing the stone image of the horse that was ridden by the great conquistador Cortes. Readers of Prescott will remember how the horses of the Spaniards struck terror into the hearts of the Aztecs and their allies.

The natural products of the country are very numerous and gold, silver, lead, tin, copper, antimony, coal and salt are found. There are about 3,000 square miles of forest which besides rubber, yield many valuable dyewoods and cabinet-woods such as cedar, mahogany and logwood. Fruits, grain and medicinal plants are obtained in abundance especially where the soil is of volcanic origin. One district, known as the Peten region, is so fertile that maize yields two-hundred fold from unmanured soil. The vegetable products include coffee, cocoa, sugar-cane, bananas, oranges, vanilla, tobacco and indigo.

The population of Guatemala is a little more than two millions and owing to high birth-rate, low mortality and a low rate of emigration it tends to increase rapidly. About sixty per cent. of the inhabitants are pure Indians and the remainder, known as *Ladinos* or *Latins*, are Spanish in speech and mode of life, most of them being *medicos* or half-castes. There is a foreign population of about 12,000 Europeans, many being Jews. There are several important German agricultural settlements.

According to the Guatemalan constitution the legislative power is vested in a national assembly of sixty-nine deputies chosen for four years by direct popular vote under universal manhood suffrage. The president of the republic is elected in a similar manner but for six years and he is theoretically not eligible for the following term. He is assisted by six ministers, heads of official departments, and a council of state of thirteen members partly elected by himself and partly by the national assembly. Each of the twenty-two departments into which the republic is divided is administered by an official known as a *jefe politico* while the municipal districts are presided over by *alcaldes* or mayors assisted by municipal councils. Education is in a backward state as many as ninety per cent. being illiterate. The best school in the country was a German institution endowed by the German government.

In common with most other Central American states Guatemala has had a very chequered history since the country revolted against Spain in 1821. Civil war has been frequent as well as struggles with neighbouring states. For several years, however, the country has enjoyed a fairly stable government and has consequently increased greatly in wealth and importance.

THE Display of paintings of Mr. Kalmykoff will be open until Sunday next.

Court Circular.

DUSIT PARK,
Thursday, April 25.

This afternoon, at Ananta Samadham Palace, His Majesty the King was pleased to make presentation of the Challenge Shields for the Shooting Competition of the Army.

The Challenge Shield for Rifle Shooting, presented by His Majesty, was won by the Royal War School, while the Challenge Shield for Carbine Shooting, also presented by the King, was won by The Queen Savabha's own Nagar Rajasimha Cavalry Regiment.

His Majesty the King.

We understand that His Majesty the King will leave Chitralada Villa by motor car for the Vassukri Landing at 1 p.m. to-morrow. Thence His Majesty will proceed by motor launch to Bangkok Noi Station where a special train will be waiting to convey His Majesty and suite to Bejraburi.

We learn that His Majesty will, upon arrival at Bejraburi go into residence at Ban Phan Palace.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Borneo Co., Ltd., have fresh notices to consignees.

MR. K. M. Ross, of Byrnie and Co. arrived this morning from Hongkong.

MR. Alex. Strousch has arrived from Singapore and is staying at the Oriental Hotel.

THERE will be no service on Sunday evenings at St. Mary's Mission for the next few weeks.

ON Sunday next Mr. T. S. Apear will sell by auction a quantity of furniture, the property of M. de Plancon, the former Russian Minister.

THE following vessels have arrived in port during the past twenty-four hours:—*Adang, Dava, Chinkun, Hwang-lee, Bugekoo* and *Kabo*.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Paknampo line is interrupted between Paknampo and Bangkok. Other lines are in good order.

OUR readers are reminded of the Burmese entertainment at the Hongkong Cinema to-morrow in aid of the British Red Cross Fund. For particulars see the advt. on page 2.

MR., Mrs. and Miss Dreyer returned by the s.s. *Adang* last evening as did also Mr. and Mrs. Brighouse. Mr. V. P. Vosbein came up on this boat from Singora.

THE s.s. *Katong* will leave from the Borneo Company's wharf at 1 p.m. sharp, on Saturday the 27th inst., and should arrive in Singapore on Wednesday morning.

WE hear that the total money and goods stolen in the gang robbery at Phra Vajitra Banakorn's residence at Bangkok Noi, as reported in our issue of the 24th inst., exceeded Tcs. 8,000.

THE new and magnificent Cathedral of the Assumption is making rapid strides towards completion and it is hoped to hold the first services therein on the Feast of the Assumption (August 15th.)

A CHINESE journalist was present in the House of Lords for the first time on 14th ult. He represented a Shanghai journal and took a very alert interest indeed in the ceremony.

THE Revd. Dr. Hillyard is leaving for Kelantan to-morrow by the s.s. *Adang*. He will be away till the middle of May, the services at Christ Church being taken by the Revd. C. R. Simons during his absence.

THE King George has been pleased to approve of Mr. Arthur Ernest Baddeley as Consul-General of Siam at Singapore; Mr. William Esplen as Consul of Siam at Liverpool; Luang Bhasa Parivatra as Consul-General of Siam at Calcutta.

THE London *Gazette* announces that the King has appointed Mr. W. N. Dunn to be Consul for French Indo-China, to reside at Saigon; Mr. Josiah Crosby to be Consul for the Consular District of Senggora (Songkhla), to reside at Hongkong; Mr. Henry Fitzmaurice to be Vice-Consul for the Consular District of Chiangmai, to reside at Nakawn Lampang; and Mr. J. D. Hoag to be Vice-Consul for the Consular District of Bangkok, to reside at Bangkok; these appointments to take effect as from Nov. 27, 1916.

THE Great War.

America Charters Norwegian Tonnage.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)
London, April 25.
Washington:—The Shipping Board has chartered four-hundred-thousand tons of Norwegian tonnage which will be employed chiefly in the South American trade thus releasing American ships for Europe.

Naval Raid.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)
London, April 25.
In the Commons, Eric Geddes stated that it was most probable the attacks on Ostend and Zeebrugge mentioned in the Admiralty communiqué had effectively blocked the entrance of the Bruges Canal.

In the course of the operations much damage was done to enemy craft. At Zeebrugge a German destroyer was sunk while trying to put to sea. We lost a destroyer by gun-fire and also two coastal boats which were very small vessels, and motor launches.

Germany and Holland.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)
London, April 25.
The Amsterdam Handelsblad mentions a number of outstanding questions between Holland and Germany which are now the subject of negotiation including the German method of examining ships for contraband and also the export of second hand goods from Holland to Germany. It says the sand and gravel question is unsettled but negotiations are proceeding favourably.

Factory Blown Up.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)
London, April 25.
The Zurich newspaper Grazerpost states that two large power-factories at Glanbeuren near Salzburg were mysteriously blown up. There were many casualties. Sabotage is suspected.
[NOTE:—Salzburg is the capital of an Austrian duchy and is an ancient city on the Salzach. Pop. 32,934.]

Commercial Treaties.

(Havas Telegram.)
Paris, April 24.
The Council of Ministers has decided to publish the commercial treaties containing the "most-favoured-nation" clauses.

Air-Ship Crew Captured.

(Havas Telegram.)
Paris, April 24.
An enemy air-ship was compelled to come to earth near Nogent-le-Rotrou. Its crew was made prisoner.

Guatemala Declares War.

(Havas Telegram.)
Paris, April 24.
The Guatemala Congress has approved the declaration of war against Germany.

The Great Battle.

(Havas Telegram.)
Paris, April 24.
Enemy artillery is intense on the greater part of the British front.

YESTERDAY a school for Chinese girls was opened in Bush Lane in the building formerly used as a Chinese club. The promoters of this school are Teo Chuan. We understand that instruction is to be given in Chinese only. The opening ceremony commenced at 1 p.m. and a large gathering of Chinese was present.

Havas Wires from Singapore.

Wearing Out.

Paris, April 22.
The artillery is still acting the principal part on the front. This pounding operation has reached unusual strength, high effectiveness being engaged by the Germans—for no results, however. However strong Germany's military power may be, it is visible she cannot possibly launch offensives of equal strength everywhere, and the wearing out of her effectiveness is obvious and tangible.

French Determination.

The French Council-General opened their sittings yesterday. Everywhere the speeches delivered by the presidents show absolute confidence in final victory and an immovable will to obtain of Germany full reparation for the barbarous evils she has committed.

The Problem of Russia.

Recounting the information given by the Germans themselves, the Temps shows that the German penetration is being continued in both north and south Russia, much beyond the limits fixed by the Brest-Litovsk treaty, which were monstrous enough. Germany has undertaken the conquest of the whole of Russia, and is about to succeed. The Bolsheviks, either by treason or by their deeds of terrorism will help her.

The Temps wonders if the Allies will look on with folded arms. The British Government, like the French, is quite convinced that Japanese intervention is necessary and urgent. If misunderstanding exists elsewhere, it is time they ceased.

Trading with the Enemy.

The following alterations in the Statutory List of firms in Netherlands India with whom trading is prohibited have been made:—Additions to List:—Netherlands East Indies: Baalen, Arien W. van, Bandoeng; Central British Supply Agencies, Medan; Holst, H. A. Sourabaya. Variations in List:—Netherlands East Indies: Feb. 1, 1918.—Herman, J. E., Sourabaya.

Note.—It is not unusual for firms in Holland and the Netherlands East Indies to be registered under names commencing with descriptive terms, such as "Handel Maatschappij" (Trading Company) or "Naamloze Venootschap" (Limited Liability Company). In such cases it has been found more convenient to publish the firm under its proper name followed by the general descriptive term "Handel Maatschappij" or "Naamloze Venootschap" (N.V.) as in the case an English company. For instance, Handel Maatschappij van den Berg and Company, and Naamloze Venootschap de Koninklijke Dampvaart Maatschappij will be found under "Berg" and "Konink" respectively, and not under "Handel" or "Naamloze."

A Tragic Tale.

The evil effect of opium smoking has again been demonstrated by the tragic story which has just been brought to light of a family in Lutai, near Tientsin. The family consisted of a man and his wife, who were both opium smokers, and two children—a girl of nine and a boy three years old. This family was originally fairly well off. In order to satisfy their cravings for opium the man and his wife sacrificed everything for that purpose. Ultimately they had no money left so they mortgaged their children. The money thus obtained soon disappeared, and unable to satisfy their cravings for opium the man and his wife decided to commit suicide. At the same time they evidently had no intention of leaving their children to suffer after their death, so they decided to kill them first. They hanged the boy first, but the girl seeing what was done to her brother, became frightened and ran out of the house, while her parents hanged themselves.

We should like to call the attention of all opium dealers to the above. No comments are needed, as the story speaks for itself.—Peking Daily News.

America's Resolve.

Washington, April 16.—Mr. Lansing in a speech said:—We must now fight on until the aims proclaimed by the President have been achieved. Win we must and win we will.

Generous Bangkok.

The following astonishing paragraph is taken from the London and China Express of February 13th:—

A very notable instance of the generosity of British residents in the Far East is supplied by the announcement from Bangkok that the fund opened by the British Minister there for relief of the sufferers in the flood disaster at Mackay in Queensland has produced over £125,000, including £5,000 from each of the Malay States. Considering the size of the community and the calls for money entailed by the war, the collection of this handsome sum is a one as an achievement that Bangkok may well be proud of. It also shows that British residents in the Far East recognise the response that Australia has made to the needs of the Empire, and are only too willing when the occasion arises to emulate the same spirit and help our Colonies in return.

Conditions in Germany.

One of the few travellers who have recently arrived in Holland from Germany has given a correspondent of The Times at Amsterdam some interesting information about conditions in Germany. Last week he saw several important German towns bellegged in token of rejecting at the conclusion of peace with Russia. Passing through a station in the West of Germany the informant witnessed remarkable scenes. The people, who had been allowed to purchase weekly supplies of vegetables from country farmers, came to the station with sacks of potatoes and other vegetables, only to find the trains crowded. The crowds stormed the trains, smashing the windows and fighting to gain admission to the carriages.

This condition of disorganisation, adds my informant, characterises practically all Germany. German soldiers repatriated from Belgium and France openly told him that their lot was infinitely worse at home than in the occupied regions. Soap, says my informant, is now so scarce that it is currency in Germany. Even soldiers at the front are now undergoing privations, their weekly bread ration, except for those in the fire zone, being diminished by 300 grammes (about 10 oz.), instead of which they receive 17 times of sugar. It has been necessary to supply bread to horses owing to the enormous losses among them due to malnutrition. In the interior of Germany the food problem is accentuated owing to the Government's decision to declare large tracts of agricultural country reserved for Army supplies.

Many large cities, such as Berlin, which concluded contracts for food supplies for delivery this spring and summer, are now being told by the producers that they can supply nothing. Thoughtful Germans do not regard peace with Russia as a altogether desirable, as if the 2,000,000 or so of Russian prisoners in Germany returned home Germany would be confronted by even more serious labour problems than those with which it now contends. German officers with whom the informant talked expressed themselves very pessimistically concerning the prospects of a Western offensive by the Germans. All they anticipated as the result of an offensive was an enormous slaughter without any decision. It is said that the recent strikes in Germany were only preliminary to greater strikes to follow, probably in May.

No Need to Stop Racing.

London, April 15.—In the House of Commons Mr. R. O. Lambert said in view of the intense struggle in France is it proposed to permit horse-racing in the United Kingdom?

Mr. Macpherson replied the Government did not consider there was any reason to stop the present limited programme of racing which was considered necessary in order to maintain the important industry of horse breeding.

SAYS the London and China Express:—We have before noted the prompt measures carried out by the Siam Government since they entered the war on the side of the Allies. The latest step taken is the deportation to India of all Germans in Siam, both men and women. This is a thorough-going policy which, we feel convinced, will prove to be in the interests of Siam herself and of great assistance to the Allies. We wish that China could have followed the same example, but the two cases are, of course, not quite on all fours. The number of Germans in China is very much larger, and a bigger problem is naturally involved. The unfortunate part is that the Germans left in China have not scrupled to take advantage of the hospitality accorded them, and evidence has been forthcoming of intrigue, both political and commercial, which have been carried out by German agents to the prejudice of the Allies. Short of internment them all, there seems no way to stop their activities. At any rate, Siam is to be congratulated upon having made a clean sweep of them.

Trousers For Bishops.

The Church of England is agitated from Dan to Beersheba. She is going through an orgy of self-examination, writes J. J. Pigg in the Commonwealth.

Every Englishman claims the right to mend or, here and there, alas! to end the Ecclesia Anglica. I am an Englishman, and notice with surprise and regret that one impecunious remedy is nowhere proposed. If the Church of England is to step into the new age with fully liberated vigour I beg and implicate that the bishops be supplied with trousers. Here, I persuade myself, is the true *articulus stantis et cadentis ecclesiae*. This modest demand is not art, but it is philosophy.

No longer do our prelates proceed in stately coaches. They walk our democratic streets. Who will deny that on a muddy day trousers cut a poor figure beside their antique rivals? But away with the miserable principles of the utilitarians! The values of philosophy are absolute, and this is philosophy.

A pair of gaiters (surmounted, be it always remembered, by that attenuated piece of esock vulgarly called an apron) is itself nothing but a pair of gaiters. But only the dull of understanding will stop there. Gaiters are gaiters, but they are more: they are a sign, a mark, a symbol, of something that is not comely, namely, pre-lacy and all that pre-lacy connotes. "In no way better can bishops emancipate themselves from the dead hand of the past and stand upon their own legs than by getting those legs clad in trousers, casting to the winds and to the bats their disabling nether garb."

Thus will the taunts and gibes of the man-in-the-street miss their mark and finally cease. The bishops will be accepted for what they often, not always, are—the best and ablest of the clerical estate. They will merge in our democratic life, not undistinguished, but with a distinction that needs no conventional buttresses. Not least will the inferior clergy welcome the change, for they will see in the bishop, what gaiters now fatally obscure, a man and a brother.

"In the interests of Christianity, in the interests of the Church, the bishops must get into trousers."

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German Traders.

How we Britons have ourselves to thank for the prosperity and huge numbers of German traders in our land is demonstrated by Mr. William Harbutt Dawson in an article in the "Quarterly Review."

When the world has been told about Germany's methods of trading, her inglorious ways of capturing foreign markets, sources of raw materials, "key industries," and what not, the fact remains that her success is in the main due to causes entirely creditable to her: and having vainly preached sermons on efficiency for more years than I care to recall, with Germany as my text, I for one am disposed to say that she deserves all the success she has won.

Of course, it would be far more agreeable to be able to say the reverse, but it is not possible. Trading is not a game of roulette, but a serious science; and, to be successful, it must be conducted on principles that are both scientific and upright. The man who tries to palm off upon the market shoddy wares by shoddy devices may deceive his little part of the public for a time, but he will not deceive all the public all the time.

Sooner or later he is found out, and goes to his own place, while the honest men remain. To an entirely disinterested outsider, like myself, whose only claim to speak is that, having, from the first moment that I knew Germany, watched her commercial development with growing apprehension, I have, like many others, striven in vain to rouse my countrymen to a sense of danger and to the importance of combating their rival with her own weapons of brains, science, education, organisation, and push: it seems pure childishness to pretend that any nation could have built up so large an industry and commerce as the Germans enjoyed before the war by any methods other than honest hard work and solid worth.

That was how the pioneers of enterprise in the North of England created the great staple industries there, organised their factories, built towns and amassed princely fortunes for softer hands and heads to dissipate; and no race of men under the sun has ever done it or ever will do it in a different way.

For much of the success of German traders in our own country we are ourselves to blame, for we have done our best to make their conquest easy. So long as English merchants were willing to employ German clerks at nominal wages, or to employ them at all—I uttered warnings on the subject over twenty years ago in my first book dealing with the commercial and industrial

side of German life—how could they grumble when these unassuming pioneers of peaceful penetration, having learned all they wanted to know regarding home, taking with them as much of their employers' trade as they could carry away?

If our laws allow aliens to own our mineral fields, why should not Germans buy up all they can? The blame for ill results is not theirs but ours. If German capitalists offered and English companies are willing to accept it, what right have we to complain if the foreigners choose to be masters in their own house? So long as British citizenship is sold for the price of an old song, why should we blame the alien who has been attracted to our shores by so good an investment?

If he succeeds, we pay tribute to him: if he fails, we support him by our Poor-law for the rest of his life. Even "dumping" implies a two-fold transaction, voluntary on both sides: Germany cannot force us to buy her "dumped" goods; she sends them here because we ask for them. The moral is that the remedies against undesirable foreign competition lie entirely in our own hands: if we refuse to apply them we have no right to complain.

What Women Can do.

So wide has become the scope of woman labour that a well-known member of the Institution of Automobile Engineers has expressed the opinion that if the war lasts another year it will be possible to build a battleship from keel to aerial in all its complex details entirely by women.

Mr. L. A. Legros, who was president of the institution when the opinion was expressed, said in reply to a Daily News representative, "I myself stated some time ago that soon every operation on aeroplane work would be done by women, and as far as I am aware that has come to pass."

Photographs are published by the Ministry of Munitions showing women turning aeroplane bolts and fittings, finishing and inspecting propeller blades, operating engine lathes, fitting engine cylinders, drilling holes in ships' boilers, hydraulic riveting, and punching the plates.

Tree-planting for women is one of the latest ideas. The Board of Agriculture has a scheme for training forewomen to supervise operations and to organise gangs of women workers for landwork who wish to plant some of the 10,000,000 young trees which will be destroyed if they cannot be planted out during the coming season.

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Paknam Dep.	6.30	9.30	12.45	3.45	Bangkok Dep.	7.45	10.45	2.00	5.00
*Maha Wong "	6.35	9.35	12.50	3.50	Sala Deng "	7.52	10.52	2.07	5.07
*Ban Nang Greng "	6.40	9.40	12.55	3.55	Klong Toi "	8.00	11.00	2.15	5.15
Chorakhe "	6.45	9.45	1.00	4.00	*Ban Kluai "	8.05	11.05	2.20	5.20
*Samrong "	6.50	9.50	1.05	4.05	Prakonong "	8.10	11.10	2.25	5.25
Bangna "	6.55	9.55	1.10	4.10	Bangdjak "	8.15	11.15	2.30	5.30
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*Prakonong "	7.05	10.05	1.20	4.20	Samrong "	8.25	11.25	2.40	5.40
*Ban Kluai "	7.10	10.10	1.25	4.25	Chorakhe "	8.30	11.30	2.45	5.45
Klong Toi "	7.15	10.15	1.30	4.30	*Ban Nang Greng "	8.35	11.35	2.50	5.50
Sala Deng "	7.23	10.23	1.38	4.38	*Maha Wong "	8.40	11.40	2.55	5.50
Bangkok Arr.	7.30	10.30	1.45	4.45	Paknam Arr.	8.45	11.45	3.00	5.55

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Watchers of the Air.

By CAPTAIN ALURED F. OZANNE.

One of the first spectacles to impress the novice at the front upon his arrival out there is that of an interminable row of grotesque objects which seem to swing pendant from the clouds all up and down the fighting line. As a matter of fact these are the eyes of the Army, and during the hours of daylight each captive kite-balloon, (for that is what these aerial mannares are) carries two observers in the little wicker basket which is suspended from it. These balloons usually fly at a height of about 4,000 feet, and their range of vision is, say, twenty miles.

If one visits the headquarters of a Balloon Section of the Royal Flying Corps, one finds a small camp out of range of howitzer shells, but well within the range of the high-velocity naval guns which devote their time to shelling the back areas. There are bell tents for the officers and men; a marquee for the stores and dry canteen; a long hut which contains the chart-room, officers' mess and two sleeping cabins; and alongside this is the telephone exchange. A balloon officer will tell you that the cubic capacity of a balloon is so many thousand cubic feet, and the balloon has to be "topped up" every evening.

One goes to see the balloon, and finds the men are getting it ready for an ascent. It takes a great many men to walk the balloon to the point from which the ascent is made, and the orders of the Flight Sergeant who is directing operations remind one strongly of a captain bringing a ship out of harbour. "Bow to port, stern to starboard," yells that N. C. O. "Steady. Walk her astern, Steady. Bow to starboard, walk ahead." At the camp the winch men with their lorry are waiting for the balloon.

One is asked if one would like to go up. Certainly. It will be an experience. So one puts on an extra warm coat and, most important, a parachute harness. By this time the balloon has been connected up to the winch and everything is ready. Your companion hoists himself into the car with an agility born of long practice, and you, if it is your first ascent, will be assisted by the carmen, who will then connect you to the parachute which hangs on the outside of the car. Jutting out from one side of the car is a board upon which is pasted a large scale trench map of the district. In different pockets inside the car are maps, air photographs, protractors and field glasses. On the rigging of the car you notice a dial which shows the altitude, and an indicator for registering the force of the wind in miles per hour. But what fascinates one most is the huge bag of fabric floating above one's head, and only kept in its place by the men who are holding on to the handling guys.

The observer in the meantime has

been fixing the telephone receiver to his head. He tests the line by calling up the winch party, the exchange and the chart-room. Satisfied that all is well he gives a signal to the Flight Sergeant who orders: "Hand over hand let up, walk forward the winch!" and the ground sinks from under us.

If you are new to this game your first impression is that the bottom of the basket is going to fall out. You certainly refrain from looking over the side. The view is excellent but you are in no mood to appreciate it, and your companion's enthusiasm as he points out the different objects of interest in the landscape before it strikes you as overdone. You prefer to watch the altitude dial—it is comfortably close at hand—which tells you that the balloon is 2,800 feet up. There is a slight heat mist, and experience proves that under such conditions better results are obtained from higher altitudes. Not until the reader points to 4,200 feet does the observer order "stop the winch," and the business of the day begins.

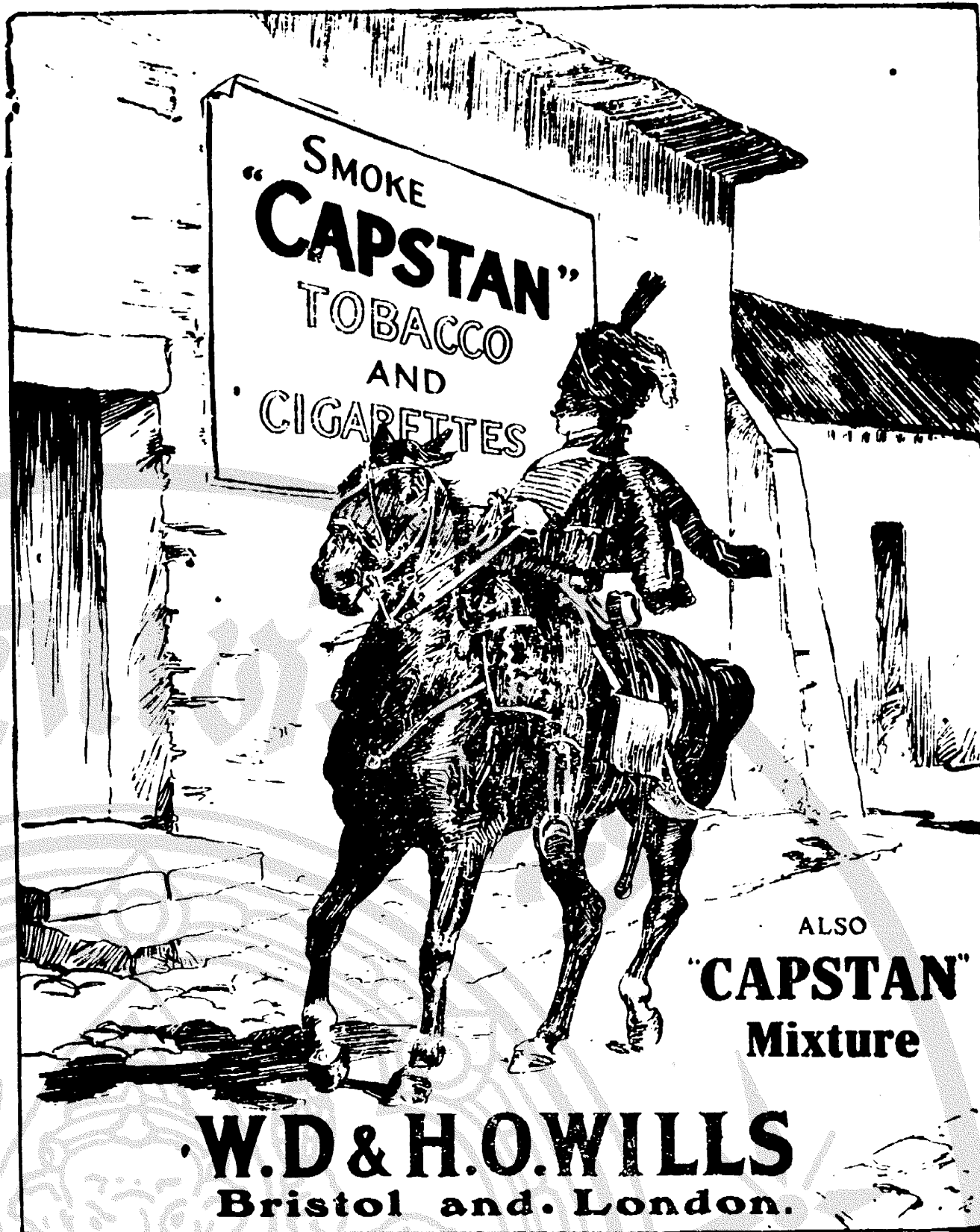
A British battery is going to take on a German battery, and the observer makes his preparations accordingly. He knows the positions of these two batteries on the map, but he wants to make sure of the position of the balloon. For a moment he gazes over the side of the car and then telephones to the chart-room. "Let us know when they are ready," says he. In less than a minute he orders "fire," and gets his glasses in position. When the observer is a little less busy he will show you the procedure, but at present he is engaged in ranging. From time to time he passes down a remark which shows that our friend does not simply confine his attentions to ranging guns but keeps an eye for flashes of hostile guns.

After four busy hours of this work he gives the order "Haul down," and presently a slight jerk tells you that the descent has begun. A quarter of an hour later you are again on terra firma, watching the balloon making its second ascent of the day. So far, the day's "bag" amounts to three German batteries neutralised, and two new battery positions discovered, which means, of course, that their days are numbered.

But you are in close contact with an active and ingenious enemy. It is not every balloon ascent that is so smooth and peaceful a process as this. The parachutes are not there for nothing, and the German airman is keener on the kite balloon as a quarry than upon any British fighting plane; for the simple reason that the balloon is not likely to hit back to any purpose: not being a fighting machine.

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Japan's Full Strength.

Writing to the New York Times Albert D. Thomas, associate Professor of Oriental Life and Culture, University of Utah, says:—

The next great international move which the Allies should make is one that should result in the placing of Japan definitely, actively, and wholeheartedly in the war. This could be done very effectively by the President of the United States. His leadership in the matter would be acknowledged and followed. The plan which I suggest is to send a commission at once to Japan; a commission composed of men whom the Japanese know and whom they have honoured for years. Such a commission could easily be found in the United States, and the good accomplished would be inestimable and lasting.

It must not be thought that the Japanese have not been doing their full share in the war, for they have. The leaders of the Allies understand and appreciate this. The people of the allied countries do not; neither do the people of Japan, for all publicity, of course, cannot be given to those activities. The first duty, then, of the commission would be to give the people of Japan the information they should have in order to get their whole-hearted support. Second, the information gained in Japan by our commissioners coming in contact with the people would result in overcoming the suspicion in this country about the Japanese, for there are Americans who, in spite of Count Ishii's trip here and his wonderful speeches, believe that Japan would rush over to the Germans the moment it was seen that it would pay her to do so. Distrust between allies is a terrible thing; and distrust between allies may soon arise if distrust between the people of allied countries is allowed to grow.

Besides, we owe Japan a visit. Several years ago Admiral Togo was a guest of the American people. That call has never been returned. The Ishii Commission surely deserves the recognition and courtesy of a return visit. Just being polite means much to the Japanese. Their formality is, of course, proverbial. Count Ishii's visit to this country did an immense amount of good, and, therefore, it should be followed up.

We hear much more on the other side of the Pacific about America's and Japan's lasting friendship, and this friendship has been nurtured, grown, and developed by international visits. The eternal gratitude of Japan to America is voiced in every schoolboy's valedictory for the first visit, the Perry expedition. The visit of President U.S. Grant in the seventies is still remembered by the older Japanese and talk-

ed and sung about by the younger. President Grant's acts were so impressive to the Japanese that he has been an idol to them ever since, and the Americans which he typified, an ideal to them. In the great Ueno Park of Tokio two trees which President and Mrs. Grant planted have become almost a national shrine. The sacred red bridge at Nikko stands now as a monument to Grant, due to the following incident. The bridge is never used by the people; it was built for the use of the gods, and the Emperor, who is a representative and descendant of the gods is the only one allowed to cross. As a great honour to President Grant, he was invited to use the bridge, but knowing its purpose, with truly American spirit, he declined the invitation. For this act Grant will never be forgotten by the Japanese people.

The visit to Yokohama of the great fleet in 1908 did wonders in the way of cementing friendship and clearing up misunderstandings. The American sailors will never forget their welcome. The writer was in Japan at the time. From correspondence which was received from America, and from the American newspapers, I judged that the American people felt that this visit was not to be a visit of friendship; so great had been the anti-Japanese feeling in America that it had been reported, and this was believed by many in Japan, that the American fleet came through the Strait of Magellan cleared for action and prepared for attack. The jingo newspapers on both sides of the Pacific were working overtime. I don't know the effect in America but in Japan the fleet's visit and the splendid spirit of both the American and Japan-

ese sailors cured for a great time this spirit of suspicion.

Since Commodore Perry's time the Japanese people have been admirers of America. America has been considered Japan's big brother for so long, and America's actions during the time of international difficulties have put her in that position as far as Japan is concerned and that feeling should be continued.

The Japanese Government responds splendidly to its people. In the great war that Government's leaders have responded splendidly to the call of the Allies. Japan as a nation has done her part, but the people of Japan have not yet fully sensed their responsibility in the war. They should be put wholeheartedly and forever on the side of the Allies. This should be the commissioners' greatest work and aim.

Hun Miscalculations.

London, April 15.—A supplementary despatch by Field Marshal Haig says the Fiftyfifth division and West Lancashire territorials on April 9 were holding a front of six thousand yards from la Bassee canal to south of Richebourg l'Avone where the line joined the Portuguese. The enemy's attack on the southern portion of this front was delivered by all three regiments of the fourth Ersatz division well up to strength. A captured divisional order from the General Staff of this division dated April 6 shows the objectives were the ground and the British position in the triangle Givenchy-Festubert-Gorre.

The following passages are of special interest:—"In our attack three regiments will be opposed at most to six companies in front and at the most two reserve battalions at Festubert and Givenchy. One battalion in the divisional reserve is south of La Bassee canal in Epreux. Our powerful artillery will prevent it participating in the fight for Festubert and Givenchy. The troops are elements of the English Fiftyfifth division which after an engagement on the Somme, lost heavily in Flanders at Cambrai and is described by prisoners in March 1918 as a division fit to hold a quiet sector, that is below the average quality."

It maintained this line practically unchanged until relief, through six days almost continual fighting, during which it beat off repeated attacks with the heaviest losses to the enemy and took prisoner nearly a thousand. At one time on April 9, the enemy entered Givenchy and Festubert. Both were shortly afterwards regained by the Fiftyfifth, the result of a highly successful counterattack in which several hundreds of Germans were captured. All further attempts to carry these positions broke down before the Fiftyfifth's resolute defence.

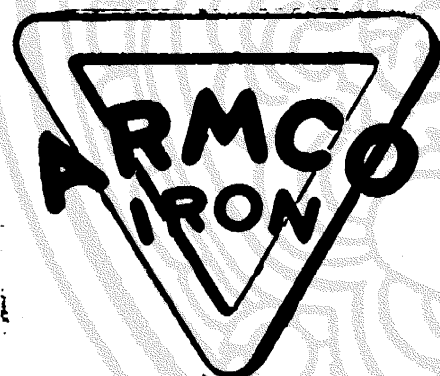
Though the enemy on April 11 succeeded in entering a post northward of Festubert he was thrown out and on the night of April 12 the Fiftyfifth improved its position in this neighbourhood. The enemy next afternoon heavily bombarded the whole of the Fiftyfifth's front between Gorre and Lawe canal, and attacked in strength. He was again repulsed with heavy loss by the most gallant and successful defence of the Division he had been pleased to describe as consisting of second class troops.

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