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May 4th (Last Quarter) 5 h 8 m a.m.
" 10th New Moon 7 h 43 m p.m.
" 18th First Quarter 2 h 56 m a.m.
" 26th Full Moon 5 h 14 m a.m.

America in the War.

London, April 29.—Renter's corre-
spondent at American headquarters
states that an American force has
entered the line along the French
battleground, under the French com-
mand, in which all ranks have supreme
confidence. This American actor is
receiving more than moral shelling.

Washington, April 29.—The War
Department's weekly review says that
while admitting that the situation is
less satisfactory owing to the loss of
Kemmel, the outcome of the present
operations in the west depends on man-
power. The enemy's attempt to
paralyze the independent will-power of
the British command has failed.

The unity of command of the Allies having
extended operations to a broader field,
preventing the full united strength to
the hostile attack, to defeat the enemy's
intention to achieve a decision by
ending the war by the destruction of
the Allied forces in the field before the
additional Anglo-French levies and the
American reinforcements can take up
their positions, it is the imperative
duty of the United States to put fresh
trained men in the field immediately,
besides calling up very large quotas to
fill the gaps. The conception of the
enemy command is, by an enveloping
movement, to force the retirement of
the British from Arras and thereafter
the capture of Arras and Amiens, also
to wipe out the Ypres salient. Ameri-
can units have been in action in various
engagements and have acquitted them-
selves well in Flanders.

London, April 28.—The American
delegation visiting the United King-
dom had luncheon at Whitehall Palace,
where it was enabled to meet British,
Allied and Dominion pressmen. Cana-
da, Australia, New Zealand and South
Africa were represented.

Mr. James Wilson, of the American
Federation of Labour, replying to the
toast of American guests, said: "We
recognize the fundamental truth that
no democracy can exist if the Imperial
German Government triumphs. The
Allies must win the war if posterity is
to be guaranteed political and indus-
trial freedom. Peace now would be
the fulfilment of the Prussian dream of
military autocracy, because they have
the very heart of continental Europe
within their grasp, and resources which
would ensure further conquest of other
nations of the world."

He and his colleagues, as authorized
speakers of the American labour move-
ment, declared most emphatically they
would not agree to a peace conference
with the enemies of civilization, irrespec-
tive of what cloak the enemies
wear, until Prussian militarism has
withdrawn within her own boundaries,
and then not until the Germans had
satisfactorily proved they recognised
the right of civilized nations to deter-
mine for themselves what shall be the
latter's standard.

Home Rule First.

London, May 1.—An order of Coun-
cil has gazetted the further postpon-
ing of the operation of the National
Service order as regards Ireland.

The Daily News says that the Gov-
ernment has decided to keep the Irish
conscription policy in abeyance for a
few weeks until they see what
measure of success the Home Rule
Bill will achieve. The Government
hope to introduce the Home Rule Bill
next week.

London, May 1.—The Daily Tele-
graph says that the members of the
Labour delegation who waited on the
Premier in the House of Commons
on April 29 respecting Irish conscrip-
tion, admit that Mr. Lloyd George
spoke with a combination of frankness
and firmness. He listened very
patiently to the reasoned statement
prepared by Mr. Arthur Henderson
from representations made by the de-
putation of Irish Trade Unionists, and
to a lengthy explanation of Mr. Tho-
mas M. P. who had been in Ireland on
the railwaymen's business. The Pre-
mier promised the Cabinet will fully
consider the Labour representations
but held out no hope, so far as he per-
sonally was concerned, of any change
in the policy of the Govern-
ment. Mr. Lloyd George in
a powerful speech insisted that
equal rights of citizenship in-
volved equality of duty and respon-
sibility, and Ireland cannot take all
advantages accruing from its associa-
tion with Great Britain, while refusing
to bear her share of the burdens and
sacrifices of the United Kingdom of
which it is a part. The Daily Telegraph
recalls that Ireland did not refuse the
gift of old age pensions from the Eng-
lish Parliament, not the advance of
money for land purchase and the
building of labourers cottages. Many
Labourites in and out of Parliament
share the Premier's view, and those
Labourites who oppose conscription in
Ireland, do so, not from principle, but
because they believe it is not wise
under the existing circumstances.

London, May 1.—The Council of the
Catholic Union of Great Britain has
passed a resolution regretting the
action of the Irish Catholic Bishops in
resisting conscription, opining that it
is just and right that the people of
every portion of the United Kingdom
should share in the defence of the
Empire for the liberties of mankind,
and regarding with misgiving the
ecclesiastical interference in temporal
and political questions, requesting the
President of the union, Admiral Lord
Kerr, to forward the resolutions to the
Pope.

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Holland's Danger.

The Hague, April 26.—The Dutch Minister has arrived from Berlin.

Amsterdam, April 27.—Leave has been stopped in the Dutch army and navy.

A telegram from the Hague states that Holland has yielded to the German demands for railway facilities across Limburg provided that the traffic is not military and the food transported is destined for civilians.

Amsterdam, April 29.—The Handelsblad urges the Government to adhere to its demand that a Dutch Commission shall investigate the use to which sand and gravel are put in Belgium before allowing their transit. The fact that new facilities are being asked for when the offensive is in full swing should make the Government cautious.

The Tyd says that the aggressiveness of the German press towards Holland and the military spirit of the German people is causing grave anxiety, nevertheless Holland must oppose the transport of sand and gravel for military purposes.

Amsterdam, April 26.—Captain von Salzmann, writing in the Vossische Zeitung against the attack on Zebrugg, describes it as "damned plucky" but proceeds to address a remarkable threat to Holland on the ground that the attack clearly indicates that neutrals are greatly menaced by the British. He states that Holland can still keep out of the war but she must realise that there is an end to German patience and when her existence is at stake there cannot be any hesitation. "Let Holland reflect thereon. In these critical hours our policy cannot deviate. There is no way out."

Batavia, April 26 (Press Agency).—The Nieuwsblad expresses the opinion that insufficient reason is given by the shipping companies for not sailing, and points out that Singapore and Penang are not British Indian harbours. Therefore it again pleads that the shipping companies ought to place the general interest above their own.

London, April 27.—The Times states that Holland has acquiesced in the German demands for the use of the Limburg railway, stipulating that it must not be used for military purposes. Moreover, Germany has made another embarrassing demand as regards shipping facilities. Particulars have not yet transpired.

London, April 27.—The Limburg railway, mentioned in connection with the German demands in Holland, connects the Dusseldorf region with Antwerp via Rotterdam and West.

The Dutch chamber has been considering the situation in secret session. It is reported that Queen Wilhelmina has received the Dutch Minister from Berlin in special audience.

The commander at Amsterdam has forbidden soldiers on furlough to travel except on return to their garrisons.

German Politicians' Doubts.

Amsterdam, April 26.—In the Prussian Lower House, the Socialist Hofer said that Liebnowsky's memoir proved that the German Government was responsible for the war.

The Vice-President called Hofer to order.

Amsterdam, April 26.—In the Reichstag, a Socialist Deputy stated that General von Eichhorn had established a military dictatorship in the Ukraine. Hence Germany was getting no supplies thence.

Amsterdam, April 27.—Despite the close censorship a report of the discussion in the Main Committee of the Reichstag reveals a remarkable uprising of feeling among various parties, not only the Socialists, against the military administration which was outspokenly criticised as regards German brutalities in the Ukraine and Belgium and the arbitrary conduct of the administration in intervening in the Finnish civil war in favour of a definite party.

Replying to criticisms Graefe endeavored to allay discontent as regards the confiscation of the Ukrainian peasants' grain and the wholesale massacre of recalcitrant farmers. He said the action of the military had been in the interest of the German consumers.

During a subsequent debate although particulars are not specified the gravest charges were made as regards German "autocratic measures and shocking procedures" in the Ukraine. The presiding Deputy said if the statements which were made were true it would be necessary to inquire further. He proposed a special sitting therefore on Tuesday with the Chancellor present.

According to Vorwaerts the military were severely criticised in the Reichstag as regards the policy east and west. Ledebour asked if it was true great numbers of German soldiers had been drowned in Flanders. (Shouts from the Right prevented the reply being heard.) Schiedmann complained of the severity of the censorship and instanced the suppression of reports of proceedings in Alsace Lorraine.

Mueller (Progressive) sarcastically commented on the conflicting German and British accounts of the Zebrugg landing.

Botheim (another Progressive) declared Germany's policy in the east was a disgrace.

Noska (Socialist) affirmed the public institutions of the Ukraine were openly insulted by the military command who actually instructed soldiers to regard the abolition of democratic institutions as their main task. The soldiers in some cases revolted against such demands.

Ledebour asked why Germany was invading the Crimea.

There was no reply.

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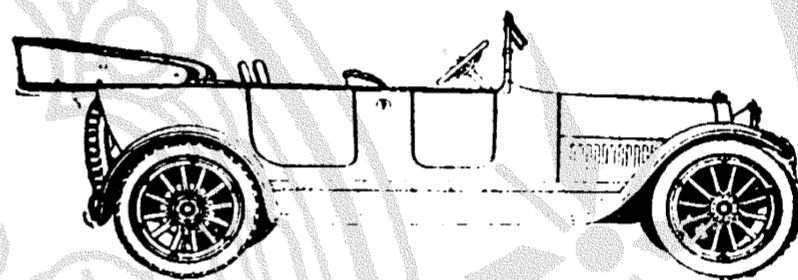
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Bangkok, May 7th 1918.

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DISAPPOINTED GERMAN HOPES.

It is probable that never were German hopes of victory so high as they were toward the end of last year. The Russian Revolution promised to leave Germany a free hand and although she had by that time seen that submarine warfare had not brought Britain to her knees and though she had also seen America ranged on the Allied side yet the success of the offensive against Italy was such as to make victory seem assured for it appeared to her that all she had to do was to wait the passing of winter to see those final battles in the spring that were to bring her victory. These German hopes have been disappointed even as they were at Verdun. Spring has come and with it the great offensive but by now every German knows that the smallness of the gains is out of all proportion to the losses the German nation has suffered. The Allied forces have checked the onslaught that was to have brought victory and the Germans are being held all along the line. How long will the German people put up with these continual disappointments? After Verdun the resentment of the people was openly expressed and it is but reasonable to suppose that with the failure of this last gigantic effort that resentment will be expressed even more plainly. The German government, however ingenious, cannot explain away defeats for ever. The pan-German party assured the people that if only they gave the army another chance victory was assured and the people, relying on these promises, resigned themselves to wait; but after more than six weeks' desperate fighting the promised victory is as remote as ever. The enemy realises that if the Allies simply remain on the defensive and so prevent him from gaining his objectives he will surely be defeated. It is not to be doubted that the Germans will make even yet other efforts to break through but if these efforts are attended with the same small gains and with the same awful losses it is only natural for a reaction to set in among the German people. Moreover the Germans know quite well that they are not yet at the end of their troubles on the western front for they are only too well aware of the huge American army that is preparing to face them. Add to this the growing economic distress in Germany and it seems feasible to suppose that the time is not far distant when the people will begin to lose their nerve and force their rulers to halt.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

MR. G. R. Oswald of Nakorn Srithamaraj is in town till Friday.

MESSRS. E. M. Pereira and Co. will hold an auction in their rooms on Saturday.

SOME small commotion was caused in the New Road this morning by the derailling of a train just above the British Legation.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Tral line is not properly working between Tral and Bangkok. Other lines are in good order.

TO-MORROW is Ascension Day. There will be special services at the Church of the Assumption, Christ Church and St. Mary's Mission.

THE following vessels have arrived in port during the last twenty-four hours:—Hupeh, Mata Hari and Katong. The last named vessel brought 36 bags of mail.

THE s.s. Katong will leave from the Borneo Company's wharf at 3 p.m. sharp, on Saturday the 11th inst., and should arrive in Singapore on Wednesday morning.

THE following passengers arrived by the Katong this morning:—Messrs. J. Somerville; E. J. Godfrey; M. P. Anderson; A. R. Byng; F. Kulka; H. Bogvad; G. Carella.

A RETURN showing the number of cases of communicable diseases which have been notified as occurring in the City of Bangkok during the week ended May 4th gives 12 cases of bubonic plague 8 of which were fatal and one case of small-pox.

WE have received from Phya Buri Navarath, Assistant Secretary to the Royal Navy League of Siam a copy of the 41st number of the League's Journal Samudrasar. The number is splendidly illustrated and contains a very fine photo graph of His Majesty in Naval uniform.

LATEST ADVTS.—The Borneo Co. Ltd. have fresh notices to consignees. The Royal Railway Dept. has a notice re freight on transport of firewood and also re the opening of tenders for the construction of a building. Mr. H. Louvrieux is prepared to tune pianos and other instruments. Complete change of programme at the Pathanakorn.

HIS Exalted Highness the Nizam of Hyderabad has dispatched to the Viceroy the following telegram: "I have read in the papers the Prime Minister's message to your Excellency, and your reply thereto. As an old and faithful ally of the British Government, I am prepared now as in the past to render every assistance according to the means of my Government. Meanwhile I offer £100,000 to help in the war."

ON December 5th, 1864, a boat crossing the Menai Strait, with eighty-one passengers, sank. One man only escaped, and his name was Hugh Williams. On December 5th, 1885, exactly one hundred and twenty years afterwards, another boat sank at the same place and under the same circumstances. On board were sixty passengers, of whom all but one were drowned. His name was Hugh Williams. On August 5th, 1820 just such another incident happened at the same place. This time there were twenty-five passengers on board, and again only one escaped, and his name was Hugh Williams.

A BERNE report says the Vienna Zeit has abandoned the hypocritical role hitherto observed, and brutal states: As the Central Powers are the uncontestable victors there need be no consideration for their defeated enemies. If instead of bringing hypermodern doctrines to Brest Litovsk Trotsky had employed a cleverer Russian diplomat of the old school, Russia would have received better terms. As it was she got what she thoroughly deserved. People who meddle, lacking knowledge of the game, must not be surprised by bad results. The Rumanians also waited under the water reached their mouths, and cannot expect a good peace. Peace by understanding is a lovely aspiration, but it is not necessary to submit to absolute mastery of the phrase. Politics will not tolerate any overclosing with self denial.

Sky Meeting.

The following are the handicaps for the first day's races:—

First Race.—Papa 6.9, Intra Vongs 6.6, Navakorn III 6.7, Dai Batana 6.6, Thong Sui 6.13, Yum Seng 6.8, Marut 6.13, Talarn Na 6.12, Dawk Din 6.3, Sam 6.10.

Second Race.—Miss Cue 8.7, Touch Me Not 6.0, John Bull 11.7, Sonny II 7.3, Miss McGiggie 6.0, Game Chick 6.0.

If the top weights does not accept Miss Cue and Sonny II raised 7 lbs. but the minimum weights (the other three) not raised.

Third Race.—Trairaroon 7.8, Un Chon 7.3, Vongs Intra 7.6, Bisith 6.9, Penny Post 6.7, Fai Fa Luang 4.12, Dhow Harn 6.6, Dawk Buk 4.7.

Fourth Race.—Gladys C. 9.7, Chaiya 7.0, Bandon 6.0, Royal Page 9.0, Moment 8.4, Peg 7.9, King Argyle 10.5, Laxafoss 10.3, Pop Gun 8.7.

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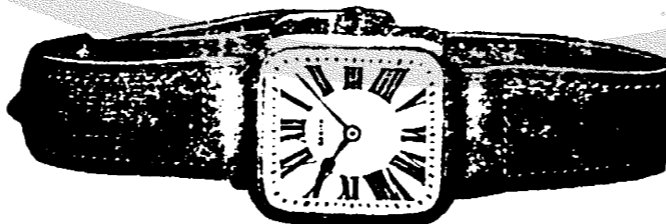


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How They Do It in China.

Some time ago we published in these columns the fact that two American ladies, Mrs. Dixon and Miss Schmidt, who were attached to a mission station in the Shan Tung province had been captured by brigands. These ladies have now been released but the way their freedom was procured shows that very primitive methods still prevail in the "enlightened" Chinese republic. It appears that when the brigands refused to deliver up the unfortunate ladies the local magistrate or district officer hit upon the ingenious device of threatening to decapitate the three wealthiest men in every village of the district in which the kidnapping occurred unless the missionaries were restored by a certain date. Needless to say the ladies were soon released.

A Contrast.

Speaking of China brings home the fact that travelling in this country is a much more pleasant undertaking than in the former. A friend with whom we took an inland trip last week and who had lived many years in China was particularly struck with the friendliness of the people here. In country districts of China a foreigner cannot walk the shortest distance without abusive epithets being hurled at him from all sides and the absence thereof here is very pleasing to one used to travelling in the neighbouring republic. Moreover, in this country, one does not see the terrible squalor that exists in most of the country districts of China.

New Use for the Cinema.

There appears to be no limit to the educational uses to which the cinema may be put and now it is to be called into service as an agent in the development of British trade in foreign markets. A company known as British Industries Ltd. is arranging for a tour beginning in June to embrace the principal cities of Western Europe, N. and S. America, India, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. Films are to be exhibited illustrating leading British industries and manufactures and representatives of the principal firms in the cities visited will be invited. The scheme is certainly an interesting one and should prove a potent factor in the post-bellum trade campaign.

Archaeological Treasures.

One of the results of the operations in Mesopotamia will be to increase greatly our knowledge of the kingdoms that ages ago existed in that region. Not a day passes without most important discoveries being made. A find of great value has lately been made in a mound covering the site of an ancient city called Erif which, in its day, was the centre of the literary life of the region. The result of this discovery has been to clear up numerous points in early human history that had formerly been regarded as mythical. Other important discoveries have been made at Ur—the city from which Abraham set out on his wanderings—including the remains of a temple erected nearly five thousand years ago. Over the whole district are scattered numerous mounds covering the sites of ancient cities and from these mounds are obtained bricks covered with inscriptions which have been wonderfully preserved by a binding of straw and tar. Many relics of the early Christian period have also been found.

The Marri.

The Marri, whose pacification is reported in to-day's Reuters, are the most interesting of the tribes inhabiting Baluchistan. They are of Arab extraction and are most likely descendants of the conquerors who, in the century after Mohammed's death, spread the doctrines of Islam over Western Asia with fire and sword. The Marri is a much more tractable person than the Pathan, his near neighbour, for being less fanatical he is less turbulent and blood-thirsty. In appearance he is markedly Semitic with great similarity to the Bedouin in dignity and deportment. He is courageous and truthful but has his failings for his pride makes him look upon manual labour as degrading and he is but a poor husbandman. He is a first-rate fighting man but does not often enlist in the British army as discipline is irksome to him for by tradition and descent he is a free-lance. Nominally he is a Mohammedan but in the practices of his religion he is exceedingly neglectful. The town Kahan mentioned in the telegram is one of the numerous fortresses lying west of the Indus. It is not in Baluchistan but in the district of Sindh known as Sewistan.

St. George's Minstrels.

We hear that the St. George's Minstrels are rehearsing strenuously to put on a good show on the 25th inst. and as the cause for which the performance is being given is a most worthy one and moreover as this is, we believe, the first time an old-fashioned nigger-trope entertainment has been given in Bangkok there should be a

THE Great War.

Austrian Corn-Mill Destroyed.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, May 7.
Amsterdam:—Fire has destroyed at Wysotchau the largest Austrian corn-mill. The damage is estimated at several million kronen. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Emperor Karl's Movements.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, May 7.
The announcement is made from Vienna that the Emperor Karl, accompanied by General Vonar, chief of the General Staff and by a high German military representative has gone to the Italian front.

This is regarded in some quarters as foreshadowing an early Austrian offensive.

The Marri.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, May 7.
The Press Bureau announces that the operations against the Marri have been successfully concluded. Government terms announced at Kahan on April 25 have been signed by the Marri chief and tribal headmen. The former, on behalf of himself and tribe expressed contrition and guaranteed future good behaviour. The troops have been withdrawn from the Marri country.

[Note:—Kahan is a hill town west of the Indus in the Sewistan district.]

Germany and Holland.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, May 7.
The Hague:—The Foreign Minister has informed the Chamber that the German-Dutch tension is now ended.

Long-Range Gun Destroyed.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, May 7.
Paris:—It is confirmed that a French battery destroyed one of the German long-range guns bombarding Paris.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, May 4.
The journals announce that our artillery fortunately hit the big gun firing on Paris.

This makes the third hit.

The Great Battle.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, May 4.
The British have improved their positions in the region of Hangard. Enemy artillerying is intense from the environs of Loos to south of Ypres, the Nieppe forest and the Meteren region.

Paris, May 5.

The enemy failed completely in his attempt to carry our lines in the region of the Auchin Farm. He left numerous dead between the Somme and the Ancre.

The British succeeded in an operation in the region of Morlancoart, advancing their line considerably in spite of a stubborn resistance and inflicting heavy losses on the enemy of whom 150 were taken prisoner.

The British improved their position in the environs of Lawe and Locon.

good attendance. Tickets will be on sale in a few days time.

The comic operetta written by Dr. Thorneley and composed by Mr. A. G. Beaumont is very funny and is sure to cause merriment from start to finish. The lyrics are extremely good and the music bright and tuneful.

What is greatly needed in all productions of this nature is a good orchestra. There is great deal of musical talent in Bangkok and it would be a splendid thing if an amateur orchestral society could be formed here, for apart from the pleasure to be obtained by the members, such an organisation would be invaluable in view of possible forthcoming dramatic productions. The training of an orchestra demands much hard work but we are sure there is more than one musical enthusiast in the town who would gladly undertake the duties were such a society formed.

General Foch.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, May 4.
Italy has agreed officially that the chief command of the Allied armies on the Western front be invested in General Foch.

Obituary.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, May 5.
Baron de Macken, the *doyen* of the Chamber, is dead.

Franco-British Aviation

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, May 5.
Franco-British aviation is very active. We brought down about forty airships and bombarded copiously the mole at Zeebrugge.

Two Submarines Sunk.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, May 5.
Rio de Janeiro:—An English steamer has arrived. During her voyage she sank two German submarines which had attacked her.

Havas Wires from Singapore.

American Labour Views.

Paris May 5.

There has arrived in Paris an American Labour Mission, comprehensive of many and various elements of modern American life and thought, and representing the movements towards strengthening the entente between America, France and Great Britain. The members were taken for a motor car drive through various parts of the City. They were shown the Arc de Triomphe, the Louvre, and Notre Dame Cathedral.

M. Joubaux and other French Labour leaders called on the American delegates, and had a long conversation with them.

Mr. James Wilson, a member of the Labour committee of the Council of National Defence, and leader of the party, drew up an address to the French workers, expressing the firm resolution of the United States to support the common cause to the last man and the last dollar.

Church Services.

To-morrow being Ascension Day there will be services as under:—

Church of the Assumption.

5.20 a.m. First Mass.
6.00 a.m. Second Mass: Holy Communion.
7.00 a.m. Third and last Mass: Solemn High Mass of the day.
4.00 p.m. Rosary, Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament.

At Christ Church.

8 a.m. Celebration of Holy Communion.

At S. Mary's Mission.

6.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
9.30 a.m. Children's Service.
6.30 p.m. Evensong and Address.

British Legation Telegrams.

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

The Air War.

Two hundred and eighty-three aeroplanes were reported down on all battlefronts during April. The Allies claimed four hundred and seventy and the enemy one hundred and thirteen. More than half the Allied successes, namely two hundred and eighty-six fell to the guns of British pilots, infantry and anti-aircraft defences on the western front, and against this seventy-seven British machines were reported missing. Of two hundred and eighty-six machines accounted for one hundred and ninety-four were destroyed, one captured intact, and ninety-one driven down out of control. Fighting was not so intense as in March but on 12/1 forty German machines were destroyed, twenty driven down out of control and two shot down from the ground; total sixty-two. This figure for one day has only once been exceeded namely on 24/3 when sixty-nine enemy machines fell to earth. British airmen continued their superiority also on the Italian front, where they destroyed eighteen machines, drove down three out of control, and brought down one by gunfire, a total of twenty two without loss to themselves. Since their arrival in Italy in November nineteen-seventeen the British have destroyed one hundred and one enemy machines at a cost of ten to themselves.

The Ukraine.

Germany is establishing a military dictatorship in the Ukraine. Being unable to get the foodstuffs expected, Field Marshal Eichhorn issued a decree ordering the peasantry to start sowing and to return all property taken from the landlords. The decree was resented by the Rada. The German commander arrested the War Minister and other officials and set up German military Government in Kiev.

Belgian Deportees.

French refugees from the districts Valenciennes and Maubeuge State that in this region alone twenty five thousand Belgian deportees are compelled to do military work behind the German lines under the whip of German sentries. Mortality in the camps is terrible.

Seamen's Determination.

Havelock Wilson, president of the Seamen and Firemen's Union in a statement in the *Times*, on 2/5 emphasises the seamen's determination to apply a punitive boycott to Germany after the war on account of her crimes at sea. They possessed the power and influence to make good their threat.

The Submarines.

The Times naval correspondent says there are good reasons for believing that submarines are finding it increasingly difficult to get out of Heligoland Bight. It is pointed out that in the case of three recent sinkings of neutral merchantmen German submarines con-

tinued the practice of firing on the survivors.

Mesopotamia.

The British Press correspondent in Mesopotamia describing the success of the irrigation works in the Euphrates valley undertaken by the British since the capture of Baghdad, says that three hundred thousand new acres are under cultivation and there is promise of the greatest harvest in the memory of man. The Arabs are delighted with the new and profitable regime.

Italy.

It is reported that the first detachment of the Czech-Slav army being formed in Italy has taken up its position in the Italian line.

From Uttermost Parts of Empire.

Auckland, May 1.—The Fiji Islands Legislative Council has passed a resolution to offer the Imperial Government further men and money.

Ottawa, May 1.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Maclean, Acting Minister of Finance, stated that the year's war expenditure amounted to £63,000,000, and a total since the outbreak of the war, of £175,000,000. Canada's net debt was £240,000,000. There is an estimated deficit for the current year of £56,000,000 to be provided by loans raised in Canada.

London, May 1.—The Press Bureau says that the Viceroy has transmitted a message to the King Emperor that the Delhi conference passed a unanimous resolution of loyal response to his Majesty's message and giving the assurance that India's man-power and resources would be utilized to the utmost in the cause for which the Empire is fighting.

Hnn Plotters Sentenced.

San Francisco, May 1.—Bopp mentioned on April 24 and Von Shack have been sentenced to a maximum of two years penitentiary and a \$10,000 fine. Von Brincken the German military attaché has been sentenced to two years, Capelle the North German Lloyd agent to fifteen months and others to lesser sentences. The judge said that the punishment was wholly inadequate. The German defendants represented a system that the civilised world cannot tolerate.

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The Great Naval Raid.

London, April 26.—A high naval source informs Reuter that the latest reports show that the Zeebrugge operations were completely successful.

London, April 25.—(Conclusion of "Another account of the Zeebrugge affair.")—The submarine's crew having blown up the submarine, cutting off the mole from shore, got away in a small motor skiff but the propeller was lost and the boat had to be paddled against a heavy tide under machine gun fire from only a few feet range. A large number of Germans were on the viaduct a few feet above the submarine firing machine-guns. Every one of these Germans went up with the viaduct. The cheer that went up from the men when they saw the terrific explosion was one of the finest things I've ever heard.

The only question that the wounded men asked was: "Have we won?" as if it had been a football match. One poor fellow lying on deck with one arm shot off waved the other as I passed, saying "The very best of luck to you, sir."

The leading block-ship ran aground close off to the entrance to the canal on the edge of the channel and was sunk, as far as possible, across the channel. She signalled to the other two, which went past her straight through the canal entrance and inside the shore line.

Rather over an hour after the Vindictive got alongside the situation was this: The blockers had passed in and got to the end of their run. They could not do more. The viaduct had been blown up and the mole had been stormed. It would only have meant sacrifice of life for the boarding party to remain longer, so signals to withdraw were given, and all that could get away got away.

"Every man, every officer, behaved so splendidly that even now, when it is all over, the whole thing seems like a dream."

London, April 25.—The papers continue to give full accounts of the magnificent work in the Zeebrugge and Ostend enterprises.

The captain of the Vindictive states that before starting the Admiral signalled: "St. George for England." The Vindictive replied: "May we give the dragon's tail a damned good twist."

The captain adds that before the operation every man was informed fully as to the great risk, but not a single one backed out.

Amsterdam, April 26.—According to a Berlin telegram, the Kaiser visited Zeebrugge on the 23rd. He inspected the scene of the naval operations and gathered an account of the fight from a captured British captain of marines, who said that the attack was prepared

and started on four occasions but was abandoned owing to the vigilance of the German outpost boats.

London, April, 26.—The Admiralty has issued a full narrative of the raid on Zeebrugge and Ostend which in its stirring details brings into strong relief both the immense difficulties of the task undertaken and the astonishing ingenuity and reckless daring with which they were overcome. The narrative is full of thrilling episodes and experiences of the individual vessels engaged and of the storming party on the mole. Naturally the most striking of these are the experiences of the Vindictive, which landed a force on the mole, and her attendant ferryboats Iris and Daffodil.

As the Vindictive lay alongside the mole rolling and bumping against its foundations, she was swept diagonally by machine-gun fire from both ends of the mole and heavy batteries ashore. Landing parties of marines and blue-jackets and Demolition parties carried out their work, in perfect order, destroying building after building. Meanwhile the blockships were steaming to the south of the canal. The Thetis came first, steaming into a tornado of shells from the shore batteries. The bulk of the crew had already been taken off. Unfortunately, the propeller fouled the net of the defences which rendered her unmanageable. The shore batteries pounded her and she found herself sinking still hundreds of yards from the mouth of the canal. After signalling invaluable information the commander up blew the charges and sunk her.

The motor launch which rescued the crew of the Thetis lost five killed and two wounded. The Intrepid and Iphigenia were more successful and steered straight into the canal and beached themselves according to arrangements, one on the eastern bank, the other on the western bank, where they were blown up with their sterns stretching well out across the canal. They are now lying across the canal in a V position and it is probable that the work which they set out to do has been accomplished and the canal effectively blocked. A motor launch brought away the crews and officers, who describe the explosion of the old submarine as the greatest they have ever seen. It tore the jetty in half and left a gap of over a hundred feet.

The claims of one of the launches to have sunk a torpedo boat alongside the jetty are supported by many observers, including officers of the Vindictive, who had seen her mast and funnel across the mole and noticed them disappear.

The North Star, one of the three destroyers which guarded the Vindictive from enemy destroyers while alongside the mole, lost its way in the smoke screen and suddenly emerged into the light of the star shells and was sunk.

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The statement of the German communiqué that only a few of the crew could be saved by the G rums is unusually accurate, for the Phoebe, another of these destroyers, came up under heavy fire and rescued nearly all.

Throughout the operation, monitors and siege guns in Flanders, heavily bombarded the enemy's batteries.

The change of wind at Ostend served us even worse than at Zeebrugge. The motor-boats had already lit the approaches to the ends of the piers with calcium flares and made a smoke cloud which effectively hid the fact from the enemy, when the wind changed, revealing everything. The enemy extinguished the flares with gunfire. This prevented the blockships from finding the entrance, and as they were soon in a sinking condition they were compelled to sink themselves about 400 yards east of the piers, motor-launches removing the crews.

The difficulty of the operation may be gauged from the fact that the enemy batteries from Zeebrugge to Ostend number at least 120 heavy guns, which are able to concentrate on retreating ships during daylight to a distance of sixteen miles. This imposes as a condition of success that an operation must be carried out at night time, but not late in the night. It must take place at high water with the wind from the right quarter and a calm sea for the small craft. The operation cannot be rehearsed beforehand, since the essence of it is secrecy.

London, April 27.—It is authoritatively stated that though the shifting wind and smoke-clouds interfered with the Ostend operation, the condition created there may be attended by fruitful results.

Official photographs clearly show that a complete blockage was effected in the Zeebrugge canal. The grand total of the casualties on the mole will be much below the complement of a battleship.

London, April 26.—The Australian navy was represented in the raid at Zeebrugge by an officer and eleven men, mostly on the ships which entered the canal. Six landed and fought on the mole. All twelve escaped, being the only section on their own ship without a casualty.

London, April 27.—The Admiralty has issued the following Order to the fleet: "Their lordships express to all concerned in the gallant and successful

enterprise on the Belgian coast their high admiration for the perfect co-operation, the single-minded determination to achieve the object, the disciplined daring and singular contempt of death exhibited by those assigned to the posts of greatest danger, which places this exploit high in the annals of the Royal Navy and the Royal Marines, and will be a proud memory for the relatives of the fallen."

Paris, April 26.—The Inter-Allied Naval Committee met this morning, the French Minister of Marine presiding. France, Britain, the United States, Italy and Japan were represented.

Washington, May 1.—In the Senate three bills were introduced to increase America's man-power. One authorises that the President immediately to call 1,500,000 men under a selected draft. The second proposes adding 3,000,000 men. The third proposes to raise the army to 5,000,000. The Government is studying other proposals to increase drafts, which it is likely will entirely depend on the success of the ship-building programme.

Washington, May 1.—The Shipping Board announces that 200,000 tons of new shipping was constructed in April.

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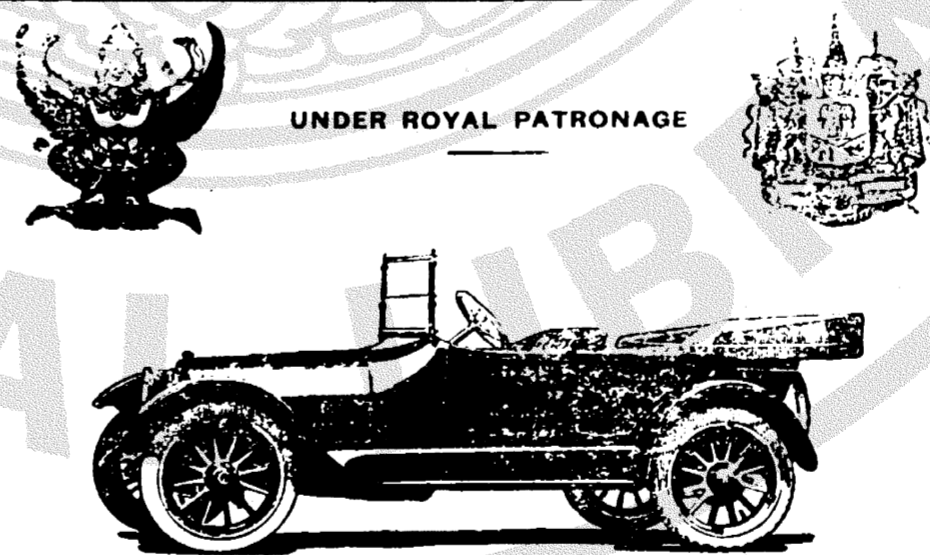
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General Wire News.

Amsterdam, April 29.—It is reported from Sebastopol that the labourites of the Crimea favour the surrender of the town, harbour, and fleet of Sebastopol, without any resistance, but the sailors have decided to oppose the Austro-Germans.

Amsterdam, April 29.—An economic agreement between the Central Powers and the Ukraine was signed on the 28th. A State grain bureau has been formed to deal with the supplies of grain.

London, April 29.—The long silence from Petrograd was broken by the receipt of Reuters the latest of which on April 23 do not confirm the rumours from Stockholm of the restoration of the monarchy in the person of the Tsarevitch which Russian circles in Sweden anticipated as a probable German move. These messages from Petrograd describe the fierce fighting in Finland between White and Red Guards. Several trainloads of dead and wounded Reds arrived at Petrograd and Froterkoi, the popular Petrograd resort, while Viborg is cut off from Petrograd. Russian troops have been ordered to resist any attempt of troops from Finland to cross the Russian frontier. The People's Commissioners have ordered the disarmament of troops of the Governments of Kursk and the Crimea. The Siberian provisional government in a proclamation in north Manchuria urges the establishment of solid relations with the Allies. It recognises the necessity for the introduction of foreign troops in the far east and Siberia pending the establishment of a fixed government for Russia.

Amsterdam, April 29.—Dr. Wekerle is forming a new Hungarian cabinet.

Amsterdam, April 29.—Baron Kuhlmann and Baron Burian have arrived in Bukharest in order to resume peace negotiations.

Amsterdam, April 29.—A large crowd of Slovenes smashed the windows of German buildings at Laibach, and, despite the intervention of the troops, the crowd sang Anti-German songs and cheered the Entente.

Melbourne, April 29.—Mr Hughes announced that the Imperial Government had contracted to purchase practically the whole of the Australian output of zinc concentrates during the war and for a decade afterwards, and added that this was probably a record contract for the sale of zinc and would greatly benefit Australian and the Empire.

London, April 29.—Further details of the Austro-German trade combine show it is also intended to organise a boycott and undermine the financial

and commercial position of pro-entente neutrals, and also to form a Central Power commercial block, including friendly neutrals. The company will be officially liquidated a year after peace is signed but will continue unofficially.

London, April 29.—The Queen has sent the following message to the navy, army and air force: I send this message to tell every man how much we women of the British Empire at home watch and pray for you during the long hours of these days of stress and endurance. Our pride in you is immeasurable, our hope unbounded, and our trust absolute. You are fighting for the cause of righteousness and freedom, to defend the children and women of our land from the horrors that have overtaken other countries. You are fighting for our very existence, as a people at home, and across the seas.

You are offering your all, you hold back nothing, and day by day you show love so great that no man can have greater. We, on our part, send forth, with full hearts and unfaltering will, the lives we hold dearest. We, too, are striving in every way possible towards victory. I know that I am expressing what is felt by thousands of wives and mothers when I say that we are determined to help one another in keeping your homes ready, against your glad homecoming. In God's name we bless you, and by His help we, too, will do our best.

London, April 29.—The Press Bureau says a message through the Commander of the Fourth Army asks General Birdwood to inform all ranks of the Australian Corps that Field Marshal Haig is fully aware of the gallant conduct and magnificent achievement of the Australians, and wishes to thank them. The splendid service of the Australian division in the north has not escaped his notice. The Field Marshal desires to include them in this expression of appreciation.

London, April 29.—The Press Bureau states that Lord Milner has appointed Mr. Ian Macpherson as vice-president of the Army Council and acting deputy War Secretary. Mr. Macpherson will thus be able to render him much needed assistance in dealing with the administrative business of the War Office.

London, April 29.—The full demands of Germany upon Holland are not yet known in London or even by the Dutch public, but there are indications that the Dutch Government is less apprehensive that Germany wants to force Holland into the war at present.

London, April 27.—British Official Salonica. We withdrew unmolested on April 18 from the advanced villages in the Struma valley occupied on

April 16. The enemy subsequently shelled the villages.

London, April 27.—The Press Bureau says British aircraft in March dropped 23,099 bombs in the day time and 13,080 at night time on the enemy's line opposite our front in France. The enemy dropped 377 in the day time and 1,948 at night time in the area occupied by the British.

London, April 27.—Palestine Hedjaz official. The troops of the King of the Hedjaz in the week ending April 24 occupied fifty-three miles of Hedjaz railway line southward of Maan.

London, April 27.—The War Office announces that a Turkish official of April 19 stated that upon the request of the English a two hours armistice was arranged to give the English an opportunity to bury a large number of their dead.

The War Office adds: This statement gives the impression of heavy British losses incurred in an unsuccessful operation and was incorrect. The facts are as follows: After stubborn fighting in the vicinity of Herukin when the enemy was driven off with heavy losses, a local arrangement, not in the nature of an armistice, was made between a German officer and the British Red Cross for the collection of wounded the enemy having previously fired upon our parties causing mutual abandonment of the collection of wounded and dead.

London, April 27.—Field Marshal Haig says: The enemy captured a post in neighbourhood of Festubert. Our machine-gun and rifle fire broke up a local attack west of Merville the enemy not reaching our trenches. Our artillery effectively engaged infantry assembling east of Villers Bretonneux. Mist interfered with flying. Our infantry brought down lowfliers.

London, April 26.—The Press Bureau says Haig has congratulated the Third Corps Commander and troops on the successful and important operations at Villers-Bretonneux.

Paris, April 28.—A communique says that there was no infantry action today. The artillery duel continued lively south of the Somme and on both sides of the Aisne. There was in violent bombardment in the region of Laffaux and on the Caurieres-Chambrette front.

Washington, April 23.—The Government's bill providing for the melting of 350 million silver dollars has passed the House of Representatives and now goes to the President for signature.

Amsterdam, April 24.—There is much excitement of the Exchange owing to a rumour that a big German-Dutch banking firm said to be particularly interested in the Dutch Indian trade has failed.

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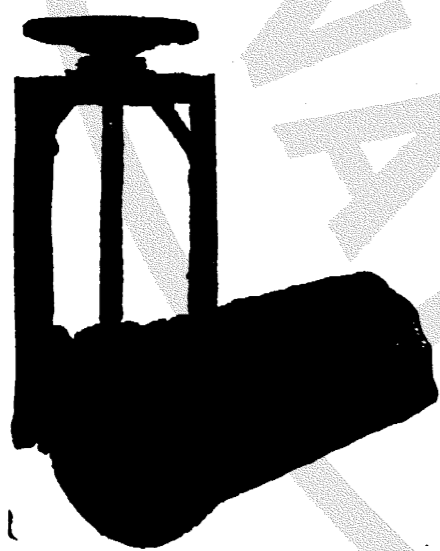
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