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May.	A.M.			
	H. W.	Ft. & in.	L. W.	(Approx.)
1	4 00	13 8	11	7-0
2	4 00	13 6	11-12	6-7
3	4 30	13 2	11-12	6-0
4	5 00	13 0	12	6-0
5	5 00	12 7	...	...
6	5 30	12 6	...	...
7	5 30	12 7	...	...
8	6 00	12 7	...	...
9	6 30	12 7	...	...
10	6 30	12 1	...	...
11	1 00	14 0	...	...
12	1 00	14 0	...	...
13	1 30	14 0	...	...
14	2 00	13 11	...	...
15	2 30	13 11	9-10	...
16	3 00	13 9	10	7-0
17	3 30	13 7	11	7-0
18	4 00	13 6	12	6-0
19	4 30	13 1	12	6-0
20	5 00	12 10	...	6-0
21	5 30	12 9	...	...
22	6 00	12 4	...	...
23	6 00	11 8	...	...
24	7 00	11 0	...	...
25	7 00	11 0	...	...
26	1 00	14 0	...	...
27	1 00	13 4	...	...
28	1 00	13 2	10	7-8
29	2 00	13 2	9-10	7-8
30	2 30	12 11	10-11	7-0
31	3 00	12 4	10-11	7-0

May.	P.M.			
	H. W.	Ft. & in.	L. W.	(Approx.)
1	5 00	13 8	...	...
2	6 00	14 2	...	...
3	6 30	14 8	...	...
4	7 00	14 9	...	...
5	8 00	14 9	1-0	6-0
6	8 30	14 10	1-2	6-0
7	9 30	14 7	2-3	6-0
8	10 00	14 6	2-3	6-0
9	11 00	14 0	3-4	6-0
10	...	...	4-5	7-0
11	...	...	4-5	7-0
12	...	...	4-5	7-0
13	3 00	11 0	...	...
14	3 30	12 1	...	...
15	4 00	13 6	...	...
16	5 00	14 2	...	...
17	6 00	15 0	...	...
18	6 30	15 4	...	...
19	7 30	15 3	...	...
20	8 30	15 1	1-0	6-0
21	9 30	14 10	1-2	6-0
22	10 30	14 7	2-3	6-0
23	11 00	14 3	3-4	7-0
24	11 30	14 1	4-5	7-0
25	4-5	7-0
26	4-5	7-8
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28	3 30	11 10
29	4 30	13 2
30	5 30	13 8
31	5 30	14 2

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May, 2nd O New Moon 11 p.m.
" 10th) First Quarter 3.29 p.m.
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German News Service.

Headquarters, March 18.

Official. Western theatre: On account of variable weather and changing clearness, the activity yesterday diminished on both sides.

Eastern theatre: The artillery fire has been very lively in the district on both sides of the Narosch Lake. A feeble Russian advance north of the Mladzil lake was easily repulsed.

Balkan theatre: Southwest of Doiran lake, insignificant patrol skirmishes occurred.

Vienna, March 16.

Official. Austro-Hungarian telegram. Russian theatre: On the front of the armies of General von Pflanzer-Paltin and General Boehm-Ermolli, the artillery fire has increased on both sides.

Northeast of Kozlov, on the Strypa, Russian attacks have been repulsed.

Italian theatre: On the Isonzo front, the Italian attacks have ebbed. In order to advance against the Podgora position, strong Italian forces made two attacks, which, however, were impeded by artillery fire. An Italian attack on the northern slope of Monte San Michele was repulsed, the Italians suffering serious losses. At many places, artillery duels are going on during the night. On the Karinton front, the artillery activity is continuing in the Fella region.

Vienna, March 18.

Italian theatre: On the lower Isonzo, the Italians only attacked near Sel with feeble forces; they were repulsed when reaching the obstacles. The artillery, mine and handgrenade engagements generally did not surpass the usual activity. The artillery was lively in the regions of Tolmein, Flitse and Fella.

The Austro-Hungarian troops attacked northwards of Tolmein bridge head and conquered the enemy's positions. 419 Italians, among whom were 16 officers, were made prisoners and 3 machineguns and 1 minethrower captured. Moderate artillery duels occurred at Monte Piano, Col-di-Lana, near Riva and Judicaria.

Turkish headquarters, March 17. Official. Irak-Arabian theatre: The enemy, after the defeat at Felahie, on March 8, while preparing a general retreat, attempted to deliver a surprise attack against the Turkish right wing, but had to give it up, under the pressure of the center, and began a general retreat. On the 11th the Turkish troops vigorously persecuted the enemy and crossed several of the enemy's lines, which had been fortified beforehand. On March 10th the vanguards reached the Zensir height, which was fortified. The enemy, considering the Turkish forces insignificant, attacked, but Turkish reinforcements counter-attacked and defeated the British. The Turkish troops took 180 prisoners, among whom were 5 officers and captured one machinegun, other arms and ammunition.

Berlin, March 16.

Deutsche Ueberseezeitung. It is reported from Athens that British men-of-war bombarded the open town of Vur-la, near Smyrna, which is almost exclusively inhabited by Greeks. A large number of Greeks, mostly women and children, were killed. The town was almost completely destroyed. A part of Greek inhabitants were brought to Mytilene, where they arrived in an indescribable condition. The news caused a storm of indignation in Athens.

The official newspaper Navrari says: "The British pretend that Turkish camps existed in Vur-la, but these camps in reality, were outside the town. What has the defenceless population of Vur-la done?"

The Greek Ambassador in London protested in the sharpest manner.

March 20.

The correspondent of the Berliner Lokalanzeiger reports from the front that the French, in order to maintain the spirits of the population affirm that the height of Mort Homme is still in French hands. The correspondent declares with absolute certainty that the whole territory designated as Mort Homme on the maps of the French General Staff "1:80000" that is to say, the height 285 and height 295, as well as the district between these two heights, are completely in German hands. The correspondent adds that the French, in order to maintain their affirmation must have found a new Mort Homme further down in the Hinterland.

Headquarters, March 19.

Official. Western Theatre: Northeast of Vermelles, south of La Bassée Canal, after an efficient artillery preparation and after five successful blastings, the Germans regained the advantages which the British had obtained on March 2.

In the mine engagement the majority of the enemy were killed; thirty survivors were made prisoners. The enemy's counter-attacks failed. The town of Lens has again been heavily shelled by the British. On the left bank of the Meuse no important events occurred yesterday but this morning French attacks against Le Mort Homme and positions east of it were stiffed when beginning. On the right bank of the Meuse the activity of the artillery has increased considerably. At the same time at several places south of the Fort of Donamont and west of the village of Vaux hand to hand engagements occurred for the possession of several defensive positions; these engagements have not yet ended. A German detachment ejected the French from the position near the raggar's house near Thiauville, north-east of Balonweiller, which had been abandoned by the Germans on March 4.

The Germans destroyed the enemy's covers, took 41 prisoners and returned to their trenches.

Aeroplanes have been very active on both sides in reconnoitring and attacking. German aeroplanes attacked the railway lines Clermont-Verdun, Epinal-Lux-Vesoul and south of Dijon. In Metz, 3 civilians have been wounded by enemy bombs. A French air squadron attacked Mulhausen and Habsheim. Four French aeroplanes were shot down in air engagements near Mulhausen, the aviators were dead. Of the population of Mulhausen, 7 were killed and 13 wounded; in Habsheim 1 soldier was killed.

Eastern theatre: Russian attacks which were expected, began most violently on the front of the Dryeviaty lake to Postavy and on both sides of the Narosch lake. The enemy suffered everywhere exceptionally serious losses and was completely repulsed.

Before the German positions on both sides of the Narosch lake 9,270 dead Russians were counted. The German losses were small.

South of Vidzy lake the artillery engagements have increased. Balkan theatre: The situation is generally unchanged.

A German airship, during the night to March 18, attacked the Entente fleet near Karaburnu, south of Salonica.

March 20.

Official. The Admiralty reports: Yesterday afternoon, a German naval air squadron abundantly bombarded military establishments in Dover, Deal and Ramsgate, in spite of violent fire from the land batteries and attacking enemy aeroplanes. Numerous hits, with excellent results, were observed. All the aeroplanes returned safely.

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March 18.
Official Austro-Hungarian Telegram.
Russian theatre: The Russian artillery has been active on the Dniester and Bessarabian fronts. The bridgehead of Uscielesko, during the night, was under mine-thrower fire. The enemy, after an artillery preparation, blew up a mine and then delivered a hand-grenade attack. Owing to the mine-blasting the trench was evacuated, but all other attacks were repulsed. Some Russians were made prisoners.
Italian theatre: Relative calm prevailed on the lower Isonzo. Austro-Hungarian naval aeroplanes repeatedly attacked and bombarded the Italian batteries at the mouth of the Sdobba. Goers has again been shelled by the heaviest artillery. The Austro-Hungarian troops successfully continued their attacks at the Tolmein bridgehead; they crossed the road from Selo to Oggy and advanced westwards of St. Maria. Counter-attacks of the Italians against the conquered positions were repulsed. South of Mazivrb, the enemy have been driven from their fortified positions; the Italians fled to Cabrije. In these engagements 283 Italian prisoners were made. The Italian artillery fire was of increased intensity in the Fella region of the Col-di-Lana, the positions near Marter in the Sugana valley and various places of the Tyrol front were shelled by the enemy's artillery.

Vienno, March 19.
The Admiralty reports: The Austro-Hungarian hospital ship "Elektra" was torpedoed on March 18 by an enemy submarine without any warning. There was clear weather and sunshine when the submarine made its attack. One sailor was drowned and Red Cross nurses seriously wounded. It is impossible to imagine a crasser violation of international law on the sea. On the same day an Austro-Hungarian submarine torpedoed a French submarine of the Fouché class. The destroyer sank in one minute.

Berlin March 20.
Deutsche Uebersiedelung. The Governor-General of Belgium, General von Bissing, answering a Lent pastoral letter of Cardinal Mercier, which was read in the churches of the Diocese of Malines, sent to him on March 15, the following letter "I was assured by those who were entrusted with the governing of the Catholic Church, that after your return from Rome, you would ensure moderation, so that I could expect that Your Eminence would abstain from any manifestations which could again set in confusion the minds of the easily excitable Belgian population. For this reason I omitted to discuss the collective letter of the Belgian bishops and the abusive political advantage you took from the free conduct obtained by the Holy Father for church purposes only. In the pastoral letter, Your Eminence has discussed political questions. Against this proceeding I must energetically protest.

"Your Eminence in the pastoral letter, speaks of the possibility that the decision you hoped for may be obtained by propagating infectious diseases. In view of these circumstances and the patience observed by me

hitherto, any instigation against legitimate authority granted to the occupying power in accordance with international law and affected under the protection of the liberty of warship, will be prosecuted without mercy."

General von Bissing will further no more leave to the Cardinal the right of punishing priest's offences, since the Cardinal himself gives examples of disobedience. The Governor finally warns Cardinal Mercier to leave all political propaganda alone.

It is semi-officially stated in Munich that the Bavarian Minister of the Interior Count von Hertling, presided over the committee for foreign affairs in the German Federal Council. The German Chancellor von Bethmann-Holweg, reported about the present situation. The Chancellor's report was inspired by a firm and unshaken will to weather the storm of the war to a victorious end. All the members of the Committee unanimously agreed and expressed their full confidence.

Count Dohna-Schodien, while staying in his castle of Mallnitz, near Sagan, said in a speech: "I wish you could feel what I have experienced. May be, it was the greatest thing a man can experience. I have seen what Germans are capable of doing. You can imagine my feelings on the day when I had eight British captains before me and told them: 'These are the ways of the German fleet.' The Captains were unable to answer, but they obeyed."

"When we had despatched Lieut. Berg with the Appam and the West-burn the time had come for us to return home."

Count Dohna finally described the extraordinarily kind reception by the Emperor at headquarters and, concluding, said: "I only did my duty."

The Kaiser wrote a letter to Grand Admiral von Tirpitz, expressing regrets for Tirpitz' resignation and thanking him for the excellent services he had rendered to his country during his long career as creator and organizer of the German Navy. The Emperor at the same time ordered that Tirpitz's name shall continue in the Navy list. He further bestowed upon him the Star of Grand Commander of the Order of the House of Hohenzollern, with swords.

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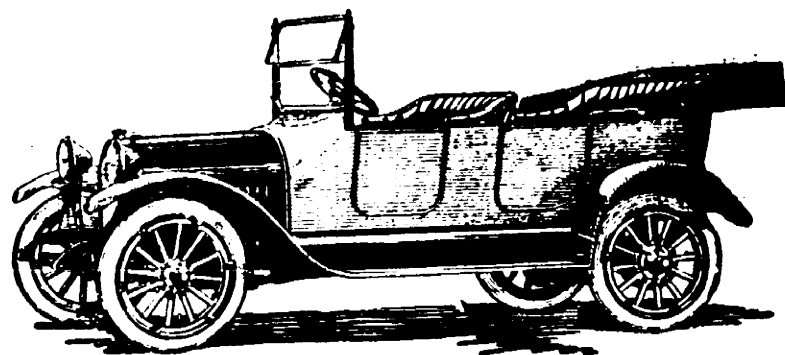
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Ministry of Agriculture	None	None	—	—	
Banyaburi	14.5	"	14.5	—	
Samudprakar	5.0	"	5.0	—	
Krung Kao	34.8	"	—	—	
Angkor	None	"	—	—	
Lobhuri	"	"	—	—	
Jainari	"	"	—	—	
Uddahani	"	"	—	—	
Banuloke	None	"	34.8	—	
Petrew	"	"	—	—	
Prachin	"	"	—	—	
Nagor Pa thom	"	"	—	—	
Rajburi	"	"	—	—	
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A. WILLEKE,
Secretary.

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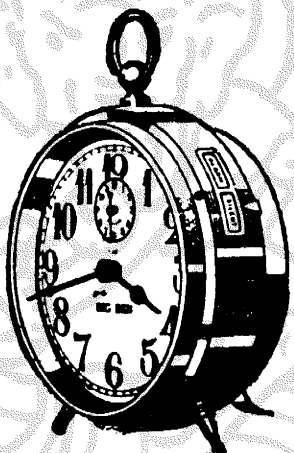
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**THE
Great War.****French Front.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, April 25.

Paris communiqué.—West of the Meuse, the enemy, in the afternoon, violently bombarded Morthomme positions.

In Woivre and East of the Meuse there was intermittent artillery activity. Elsewhere there was nothing.

**British Success in
Africa.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, April 25.

Official.—General Smuts reports that the British troops after defeating the enemy before Koondo Irangi on the 19th instant, occupied that place. The Germans having suffered considerable losses retreated in the direction of the Railway.

A Zeppelin Raid.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, April 25.

London.—Three Zeppelins yesterday flew over the Norfolk coast throwing incendiary bombs.

Disorder in Dublin.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, April 25.

London.—Grave disorders broke out in Dublin yesterday. The populace seized the Post Office and cut the communications. The troops re-established order.

Twelve rioters and 5 soldiers have been killed.

Bombs on Dunkirk.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, April 25.

At Dunkirk a German aviator threw six bombs killing a woman and injuring 3 men.

**Another Russian
Contingent.**

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, April 25.

Marseilles.—A new Russian Contingent arrived to-day.

Russian Report.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, April 25.

Petrograd.—Enemy aviators bombed Dvinsk.

A Russian aviator threw 12 bombs on the station of Daudzavai.

In the Caucasus all enemy attacks were repulsed.

**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 Disturbances in
Ireland.**

(Official.)

London, April 25.

At noon on the 24th serious disturbances broke out in Dublin. A large body of Sinn Feiners, mostly armed, occupied the square of Stephen's Green and took forcible possession of the Post Office, cutting the telegraph and telephone wires. Houses were also occupied in three other streets and on the quays.

During the day soldiers arrived from the Curragh and the situation is now well in hand.

So far as is known three officers, four or five soldiers and two policemen were killed; a few were wounded. No exact information was obtained as to Sinn Fein casualties.

There were no disturbances in Cork, Limerick, Ennis, Tralee and Tipperary.

**Sir Roger Casement's
Treachery.**

Failure of His Attempt to
Land Arms in Ireland.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, April 25.

The Germans tried to land arms in Ireland from a vessel pretending to be neutral. The British, however, sunk the ship.

Among the prisoners was Sir Roger Casement, British ex-consul and pro-German traitor.

**The Football Association
of Siam.**

The following are the office-bearers of the Football Association of Siam:—
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Prince Singha Vikrama;

Phra Raj Darunraksha, and

H. S. H. Prince Kechara.

A Match.

At 5.30 p.m. on Monday next, at the Sports Club, there will be a match between Luang Sunthorn Kosa's Sunflower and Mr. V. K's Isabella. The distance will be round the course and Sunflower will carry 7.12 to Isabella's 7.10. The stake is Tcs. 250 to be paid by the loser. The totalizator and the bookmaker will do business.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

MAD Meg is for sale. Vide advertisement.

H. E. CHAO Phya Yommaraj, Minister of Local Government, returned to the Capital to-day.

Mr. and Mrs. Blackett and Mr. F. Beque arrived by the s.s. "Prachati-pock" to-day.

On the 23rd inst. His Majesty the King was graciously pleased to confer on Luang Sunthorn Kosa the Khem Khalaung Dorn.

THE Medical Officer of Health reports that there were 19 deaths from plague and two from cholera during the week ended the 22nd instant.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Sunda Songram line is interrupted between Bangkok and Sunda Sagor. Malay Peninsular main line is in order as far as Chumpon. Other lines are in order.

COMMANDER Georg Foss of the Harbour Department leaves to-day on a well-earned holiday of nine months for Norway to recuperate his health upon medical advice. Breaking his journey at Singapore he will visit the Raja Iltam and Sipautis Coconut plantations in which he is interested as a Director and big shareholder. From Singapore he will travel via San Francisco and New York to Norway. Commander Foss had his last holiday five years ago. During his absence Capt. V. G. R. Madsen has been appointed to act for him.

Mr. H. L. Hopkin of the "Bangkok Daily Mail" leaves by the s.s. "Agga" for Singapore to join the staff of the "Straits Times," after a stay of four years in Siam. Mr. Hopkin originally came out for the "Bangkok Times," but recently joined the "Daily Mail," to which paper he contributed some excellent weekly articles under the nom-de-plume of Sylicus Junior. As a keen supporter of boxing and an excellent violinist he will certainly be missed by a large circle of friends. We hope Mr. and Mrs. Hopkin will find their new surroundings as congenial as those they are leaving.

Austria's Final Effort.

London, March 19.—The "Morning Post's" Budapest correspondent states that a further 4,000,000 Austro-Hungarians have been mobilised, representing a final effort. They include men up to 55 years of age, though the men from 43 to 55 cannot legally be sent to the firing line.

Of this total 700,000 are for the Russian front, 500,000 for the Italian front and 200,000 for the Balkans. The rest are in training. A reliable statistician estimates the casualties to February, 1916, at 540,300 killed, 2,111,000 wounded, and 648,000 prisoners on the Russian front; 117,000 killed, 265,900 wounded, and 80,000 prisoners in the Balkans; and 63,700 killed 218,700 wounded, and 30,500 prisoners on the Italian front. This makes a total of approximately 4,100,000 of which nearly 1,500,000 are wounded men, who have returned to the various fronts. It is estimated that over 400,000 Hungarians have been killed.

British Army's Admiration For French.

General Joffre has received the following telegram from General Sir Douglas Haig, commanding the British Forces:—

"The British Army deprecates the losses suffered by the noble French troops in the great battle which is still raging, but it desires to express all the admiration it feels for the heroic feats of the French army at Verdun, where Germany is hurling its forces in vain against the indomitable soldiers of France."

"HAIG."

General Joffre has replied as follows: "The French Army thanks the British Army for the profound sympathy which it has been good enough to express during the great battle of Verdun. By the stubborn resistance which it is offering, the French Army knows that it will obtain results which will benefit all the Allies, and it knows also that, when recently it called up the fraternal aid of the British Army, this was offered with completeness and rapidity."

"JOFFRE."

Italy and Germany.

At War Without any Ceremony.

The Belgian Deputy, M. Jules Destrées, narrates in the "Petit Parisien" a conversation he has had with General Cadorna.

The Italian Commander-in-Chief declares that the object of the recent artillery offensive on the Italian front was to prevent the Austrians from helping the Germans at Verdun. It was difficult to say exactly how many Austrian troops had been held up, but he considered that on most moderate calculation the number would be 300,000. The number had varied at different times, and had reached as many as 600,000.

The Italian front extended for upwards of 400 miles, and it should be remembered that there were not only men, but more especially guns which had thus been diverted from the Western front. This artillery included German guns.

Even in the Austrian aviation department there were German aeroplanes, just as there were German soldiers among the Austrian troops, so that an actual state of war existed between Italy and Germany. They hesitated to declare it, added General Cadorna, at Berlin and Rome, but the two countries had made war on the front without any ceremony, the logic of events being stronger than the subtleties of diplomacy.

Russian Premier's Statement.

In an interview with the Petrograd correspondent of the "Journal," M. Sturmer, the Russian Prime Minister, said:—

"The entire Russian people, whether we speak of its governing classes or of its most humble members, follows with emotion the ebb and flow of the memorable struggle at Verdun. We understand the full significance of that battle. The thunder of the guns on the heights of the Meuse has an echo in our hearts. We admire the bravery and stoicism of the French Army which does not for a single moment allow itself to be shaken. We are convinced that its courage will not fail. We are sure that against the iron wall on the heights of the Meuse the rash hopes of the enemy will be transformed to heaps of dead. We therefore cry to our loyal and intrepid Allies, 'hold on!' Once more the enemy has tried to beat us by his rapidity and to fight us separately in order not to have to fight us all at the same time. We are seeing a repetition of what happened at the beginning of the war. We are seeing, one might say a renewal of 1914, and of the beginning of 1915. It was you who had to bear the first shock; then our turn came. Now, in 1916, it is the same. To-day it is you; to-morrow it will be us. Strong in her inexhaustible masses of men and natural resources Russia looks upon the future with confidence. Russia is preparing to march with her own forces. She is a Colossus who will make tremendous strides. Therefore I say to our Allies: 'Let us be confident! Let us have courage!'"

The Coconut Industry.

The importance of the coconut industry to the Madras Presidency is seen from the Director of Agriculture's latest report which states that the annual total production of coconuts in South India is in the neighbourhood of 1,000 millions, and that in the years before the war the average value of the exports of the produce of coconut trees from Madras ports was Rs. 2,25,00,000, which is a million and a half sterling. Besides this, there is a very large internal consumption. Apart from the disturbances of war, the demand for copra is greatly increasing; and it may be expected that from scientific study of coconut problems at the experimental stations, the industry will be greatly benefited.

The Plotters.

The "New York World," the newspaper which, it will be remembered, was responsible for the remarkable disclosures which led to the recall of Dr. Dumba, publishes a sensational three pages of revelations in regard to the German intrigues in the House of Representatives and Senate.

The "World" declares that there are a host of hyphenated frequenters of the lobby who, posing as patriotic American citizens, have been doing all in their power to win over the individual members to fight the President's policy, and not content with this, Germans are steadily plotting with a view to securing control of the forthcoming National Conventions.

Documentary evidence is reproduced, showing that the driving force at the back of Senator Gore and Mr. McLeure is the National German-American Alliance, whose main objects are to prevent Americans obtaining passports for travelling on vessels owned by the belligerent Powers, to force the declaration of an embargo on arms and munitions and other contraband, and to prohibit the Federal reserve banks from subscribing to war loans for foreign Powers.

Letters written by some of these energetic lobbyists report "satisfactory conversations," which they claim to have had with certain leaders of Congress.

When Will the War End?

Message of Verdun.

The events at Verdun have sent a wave of cheery optimism sweeping over Britain. Every where in London there is an undiminished feeling that at last events are pointing to a triumphant conclusion of the war within a period which but a few weeks ago would have seemed wildly impossible. At Lloyd's there has been betting but on a very small scale. "There is, of course, a certain amount of wagering between individuals, but that is all. It is nothing. The feeling at Lloyd's is more hopeful, not as to the result of the war, for we have never had any doubt about that, but with regard to its duration. Men are talking dates now, but as far as I can ascertain, while a good many talk about July and August, very few indeed have backed their opinions. There is, on the other hand, a very pronounced conviction among members whose views are worth listening to that the end of the year will see the end of the war. Beyond that they will not go."

The Rattle Of The Crash. "When will the war end?" The East India merchant to whom the question was addressed, simply smiled, and remarked: "I'm spending my days and my nights waiting for an answer to that very question." He, too, believed that the end was approaching, and was nearer than the end of the year. "Germany cannot go on at this rate for long. I knew the pre-war Germany, and am not surprised at anything that has happened, but if that wonderful machine begins to rattle the crash will follow soon. I think I hear it rattling. Germany's dead are clogging the mechanism, and her finances are beyond discussing."

In the West End the big houses are similarly taking an optimistic view. The wholesale people have felt the effect more, perhaps, than any other section. This is what I mean," the buyer of a Regent-street house explained. "In all the important lines the summer arrangements have been completed, and the plans for the autumn are well advanced."

"It is significant that the autumn plans for this year are on what may be called a modified peace scale."

"Does that mean that you expect peace in the autumn?"

"Oh no, but it does mean that the end will be in sight, and those who have their finger on the pulse of London's trade realize that the moment this is beyond question there will be a tremendous revival. That revival may not last—it cannot be expected to—but it will be the direct result of the lifting of the cloud."

Paris and the Autumn.

"Even France, with the terrible conflict raging on her own soil, is extraordinarily confident that the end may now come more quickly than the most sanguine dared hope three months ago. Our Parisian clients are eagerly preparing for the autumn, so much so that many London houses are finding themselves unable to accept the orders offered. We have nothing to go on. Will the revival of trade be slow, or quick? It is hardly possible to say."

The tailoring trade is cited as one of those in a difficult position. The return of so many hundreds of thousands of men to civil life will unquestionably involve an overwhelming demand for clothes, not to mention the usual articles, of men's attire. Even now there is a shortage of material, but tailors are buying for next winter in the belief that it is then the demand will come.

The speculation which is going on in seaside property on the East Coast is also not without significance. The disasters of last summer and autumn are inducing people who largely rely on summer visitors for their income to

Monthly Crop Report.

(General.)

For the Month of February 2458.

Paddy.

Krung Deb. The total area under cultivation is about 620,000 rai, harvesting has been completed.

Mondol Krung Rao. The total area under cultivation is about 2,797,000 rai, harvesting has been done on about 2,338,500 rai.

Hill rice has all been harvested.

Mondol Nagor Jaiari. The paddy is in better condition than last year. Harvesting has been done on about 338,500 rai.

Harvesting of hill rice has been completed.

Mondol Rajburi. The total area under cultivation is about 467,000 rai, harvesting has been completed.

Harvesting of hill rice has been completed.

Mondol Prachin. The total area under cultivation is about 1,033,000 rai, harvesting has been completed.

Harvesting of hill rice has been completed.

Mondol Chantaburi. The total area under cultivation is about 206,000 rai, harvesting has been completed.

Harvesting of hill rice has been completed.

Mondol Nagor Sargai. The total area under cultivation is about 605,000 rai, harvesting has been completed.

Harvesting of hill rice has been completed.

Mondol Binalok. The total area under cultivation is about 154,000 rai, harvesting has been completed.

Mondol Bejchurra. The total area under cultivation is about 66,000 rai, harvesting has been completed.

Mondol Bayah. The total area under cultivation is about 727,000 rai, harvesting has been completed.

Ploughing and sowing of Na-Plaung have begun on about 1,000 rai.

Mondol Ula. The total area under cultivation is about 877,000 rai, harvesting has been completed.

Mondol Roi-ech. The total area under cultivation is about 597,500 rai, harvesting has been completed.

Mondol Upla. The total area under cultivation is about 960,000 rai, harvesting has been completed.

Nursery beds for Na-saeng are being done.

Mondol Surachitra. The total area under cultivation is about 151,000 rai, harvesting has been done on about 100,000 rai.

Harvesting of hill rice has been completed.

Cotton.

The crop is doing satisfactorily in every Mondol heard from. Gathering of bolls is in progress.

Tobacco.

The plants are doing satisfactorily in most Mondol except in Mondol Nagor Jaiari and Upala. Mature leaves are being gathered in many Mondol.

Pulse.

The crop is not doing very well owing to drought. Harvesting is being handled in some parts.

Coconut.

Coconut trees are doing well with the exception of some damage which has been done by pests.

Reports have not yet been received from Mondol Nagor Rajajina, Nagor Sriharmanaj, Pattani and Blunket.

Shipping Notes.

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Eiger " 23
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Rumania and National Ministry.

London, March 30.—The "Corriere d'Italia's" Bucharest correspondent says:—Two parliamentary parties have agreed to form a national Ministry in the event of Rumania's belligerency, which is left in Mr. Bratianu's hands.

seize offers that are made to them, but there is a growing disposition to wait until Easter, at least, before coming to any definite arrangements.

While expectation runs high everywhere, there is at the same time a wise caution, which will prevent serious misfortunes if the longed for day is much postponed.—Ex.

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The Battering Ram.

"The battle of Verdun" was the sole subject of Mr. Hilaire Belloc's article in the issue of "Land and Water for March 2." It is a full and lucid statement of the object of the German attack, the French method of resistance, and of the action itself, illustrated by maps.

After reviewing the German and French objects in the battle for Verdun Mr. Belloc proceeds:—

We have in the whole of this great battle a contrast between a certain French strategic conception and a certain German tactical tradition, each enriched by new experience gained in this war.

The general French strategic conception at work is familiar. In all its forms there underlies that conception the detaining of an enemy superior offensive by the smallest number which can sustain the shock, and the maintaining in reserve of all that can possibly be so spared, with the object of bringing such fresh forces into play just at the right moment to achieve a maximum result. From the smallest details to the largest plans this strategic conception is seen underlying the operations of the French command. You have it in that vast business the battle of the Marne; you have it in the particular instance of the two fresh divisions which were launched with exact art at the precise moment necessary to recover the plateau of Douaumont last Saturday.

It is obvious, and has been obvious all the years during which this conception, has been discussed, for and against, up and down Europe—it has been obvious especially during the present campaign—that such ideas can only be translated into reality by the successful exercise of a very accurate calculation in things as much moral as material. Upon the moral side comes in the peril (and therefore the art as well) of all such methods. If you overestimate the resisting power of your few troops which take the first shock you suffer irremediable disaster. If you mistake the exact moment for the counteroffensive you suffer disaster no less. It is a method perilous in the extreme, but, like all risky work, yielding a harvest corresponding to its peril if it succeeds.

Numbers Engaged.
We do not know with what number of men the first shock was received at the week-end ten days ago. We know that the enemy launched against the first French line from Brabant round to Herbebois elements drawn from at least fourteen divisions. The first shock was probably taken by elements

drawn from not more than three French divisions.

As the operations developed larger bodies were brought into play by the enemy. By Saturday men from 25 German divisions were already at work. Correspondingly the French resistance, as it fell back from line to line was fed by new material. We do not know, again, how many French units took the assault last Saturday from assaulting bodies representing 25 divisions of the enemy, but we know that they were still deliberately left inferior in numbers to their assailants.

We can be fairly certain that even by Friday, after a week of the strain—the French Higher Command had not moved its general reserve at all; and that all the work done around Verdun had been done by the troops assigned to that sector, including the local reserve; though it is possible that before the close of Saturday, the 26th, certain new units had come up from another portion of the line.

Russian Traditions.

The German assault showed once more the unbroken tactical traditions inherited from two centuries of war, and this, coupled with the extension and confirmation of it by the experience of the present campaign. It was a blow struck upon a comparative narrow front with a very dense mass of infantry whose charge had been prepared by the heaviest of artillery work—that is the whole of his method. Just as the French propose to succeed through exactitude in an art and through a perilsome close calculation which suits their genius, so does the Prussian tradition rely upon the peculiar advantage it possesses, the certitude that no losses will destroy the cohesion of its infantry. The Prussian claims, not without justice, that his type of discipline can maintain in being for days a "battering ram" of a density, weight, and momentum superior to any other service. That it can therefore deliver a blow of an intensity superior to what any other service could deliver; because no matter how packed the advancing bodies, and no matter how enormous the consequent losses, either they will not break, or, if they break, fresh bodies will at once be ready to renew the charge.

We saw that principle at work upon the Grand Couronné 18 months ago, where it broke down altogether and failed. We saw it months afterwards upon the Dunajetz, where the new lesson taught by the war of the new scale upon which heavy munitions must be provided, had been learnt by the Prussian Higher Command, and where it was aided by the great inferiority of the enemy in that same matter.

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In Old Verdun.

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Tearing out the Cancer.

Speaking in London, Mr. Hughes, the Australian Premier said Australia has shown her earnestness in tearing out the cancer of German influence, annulling contracts, and prohibiting Germans from holding shares in companies. If I speak with warmth it is because I feel it. I am the last man to cover the Germans with shame, but we would be worse than fools if we did not learn a lesson from the manner in which we have been betrayed. Australia knows the Germans, to whom naturalisation means nothing. Therefore, she is determined to dig this accursed thing out root and branch. Germany has forfeited her right to enter our shores on former terms of friendship and brotherhood. Everything must be subordinate to the destruction of Germany's control of British trade, thereby striking a blow at Germany more important than a decisive land battle.

"After eighteen months of war," concluded Mr. Hughes, "Britain's heart is still covered with an impregnable shield. Downfall begins to mean something to Germany. When the war is decided, Germany's opportunities for world dominion must be gone for ever."

Lord Alverstone's Will.

London, March 19.—The late Lord Alverstone, Chief Justice, left estate valued at £311,000.

The Balkans.

London, March 30.—A public meeting at Salonika to protest against the air raid was broken up by the Police. A crowd followed the funeral of two victims, shouting anti-German cries.

Prosecution Withdrawn.

London, March 19.—The prosecution of Thomas Rees, London, Secretary of the Associated Engineers, has been withdrawn. The District Committee of Engineers, has admitted that they countenanced the strike, and are rescinding all resolutions on the subject.

Rees had been summoned on a charge of declaring the output of munitions at a controlled factory at Abbeywood, by inducing the night shift men, since February 7, to cease work for higher pay, on the ground that the factory is in London. The law provides for a resort to arbitration in such cases.

Army Muddling.

London, March 19.—The Auditor-General's report on the army stores accounts discloses several instances of muddle, including a case in which £2,650 was paid for part-worn clothing which was subsequently found to be unwearable. It was resold to the same firm for £100. It further showed that £4,700 worth of goods had been destroyed.

Australian Metal Company.

London, March 19.—Under the Trading with the Enemy Act, the Australian Metal Company, Leadenhall Avenue, has been ordered to wind up its affairs.

American Export Trade.

London, March 31.—According to the Central News correspondent New York's exports to Scandinavia, etc., in the second week of March bore approximately the following ratios to the corresponding week of 1915:—To the Netherlands, 4 to 46; to Denmark, 2 to 24; to Norway, 2 to 10; and to Sweden, 1 to 21. The exports to the Allies increased to Russia in the ratio of 202 to 5; to France, 11 to 4; and to Great Britain, 20 to 15.

Russia's New Railway to Ice-free Port.

London, March 30.—It has been announced in the Duma that a railway to the ice free port of Alexandrovsk, close to the Norwegian frontier, will be completed at the end of 1916.

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In the North Sea.

It was an interesting coincidence that at the moment when Colonel Churchill was making his warning about a lack of driving force and mental energy in British naval administration reports were coming in from Holland that the German fleet had put to sea, says the naval correspondent of the Evening Standard. It was not, of course, the first time by a long way that such reports had come to hand, mostly based on very poor authority, and usually originating in the movements of a few small vessels.

On this occasion, however, there is no reason to doubt that a fleet, in the sense of an important naval force with all its necessary component parts, even to Zeppelins, has made a not very lengthy cruise into the North Sea. The evidence of a number of Dutch fishing skippers proves this, and although the figures vary from twenty-five to fifty vessels, it was apparently something more than the ordinary patrol unit on outpost duty.

As to whether any special significance is to be attached to such a movement, it must be admitted that it is a novelty, at all events, for some time past. It is always well to be prepared for anything happening, but it does not necessarily follow that because the new German admiral, whoever he be, has been giving his ships a trial trip, therefore he intends to come out at once, accept the challenge of the Grand Fleet, and fight a big battle in the place where Sir John Jellicoe is ready to meet him. Very likely it is but a practice cruise to enable him to get to know his ships and men under sea conditions on a suitable day for the purpose, such as von Pohl made though not with such a large force, when he took command last year.

And in the Baltic. It seems very improbable that the battleships taking part in this recent operation were as many as twenty-five, seeing that at the same time another fleet of battleships was reported to be cruising in the Baltic. If all the pre-Dreadnoughts had been left in the last-named theatre, there could not have been twenty-five later battleships available for the North Sea.

True, we cannot tell precisely the number of Dreadnoughts Germany could send into action, but it may well be twenty-two. The completion of the battleships in hand when war broke out, which must certainly have taken place by now, would augment the total to a score, and two new vessels at least of the 1915 programme may very probably have been accelerated to come into service this spring. There would

still be twenty pre-Dreadnoughts left for the Baltic.

As regards the question whether the present is not a favourable time for the Germans to accept the challenge to battle in the North Sea, it must be admitted that there are at least three factors which may operate to bring about action before many days are past. In the first place, naval movements are largely ruled by the military authorities in Germany, and if, as many think, the operations against Verdun really constitute the culminating offensive of the war in the German mind, it is quite feasible that the fleet may be ordered to make a bid for a victory aloft by way of counterpart.

Defence Against Zeppelins.

Secondly, while the ice in the Baltic lasts, there is no threat from Russia in that region. Unless an early spring makes navigation possible in the higher parts of that sea, the Germans could release an appreciable force from it to supplement an attack on this side. Then again, by their scouting expeditions and bomb attacks in England, which have lately been made at every favourable opportunity, the enemy's aircraft have tested our defence against an opposition to Zeppelins, and must have proved to their satisfaction that, whatever our organisation and strength in this respect, they are not at present very serious or formidable.

What more natural, then, than a decision to make the most use of Zeppelins as fleet scouts while we have nothing adequate or effective to meet them? Additional significance is attached to these three points by the report from Bale that Admiral von Tirpitz and Count Zeppelin have arrived at the Crown Prince's headquarters for a conference.

There remains the question as to what the Germans may do if they come out. They have already shown that their plan was, by attacking our coast and shelling certain towns, to endeavour to draw our fleet down into an area they had chosen, and favourable to them by reason of its proximity to mine-fields and the like. But such attempts have hitherto failed. They may, however, make them again on a larger scale.

Then, too, as Colonel Churchill suggested, although the submarine campaign has up to date been a great failure, and although probably it will continue to be a failure, we cannot afford to assume that it will not present itself in new and more difficult forms. There has also been activity of late in the destroyer flotillas. Of course, no one assumes that the British Navy would be helpless in the face of whatever move may be made against it. Whatever happen, it is satisfactory to have the assurance of Mr. Balfour, which Colonel Churchill himself accepted,

that the British Fleet is stronger in the face of any overt attack which it is likely to meet than it was at the beginning of the war, and is also stronger than it has ever been in its history.—Ex.

Wilmington, Delaware, April 19.—The German stowaway found aboard the Matoppo on April 3rd has been sentenced to life imprisonment for piracy.

London, April 19.—In the House of Commons Mr. McKenna said that to the end of April over sixteen million sterling of exchequer bonds had been sold to half a million applicants.

London, April 19.—Enormous damage was caused by the fire at the Naval School. The Government has ordered an inquiry.

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Ayuthia Arr.	9.3	11.41	3.33	5.45	Chang Dep.
Ban Phaji Arr.	9.47	12.20	4.24	6.30	Den Chai	...	12.38
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					Utaradit	...	7.18	2.40	...
					Ban Dara Arr.	8.16	3.26
Ban Phaji Dep.	9.57	12.37	4.30	...	Sawa'loke Dep.	7.—	2.10
Lopburi Arr.	11.5	1.55	5.48	...	Ban Dara Arr.	8.1	3.11
Chengket Dep.	12.33	3.38	...	a.m.	Ban Dara Dep.	8.24	3.32
Pak'poh Arr.	2.17	5.49	...	9.5	Pitsa'loke Arr.	10.43	5.30
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Gengkoi Arr.	11.7	1.26	5.51	...	Ayuthia	7.13	9.25	1.23	3.58
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