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DEPTH OF WATER ON THE
BANGKOK BAR.

FOR Feb., 1917.

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

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

PHASES OF THE MOON.

Feb. 7th O Full Moon 10.10 a.m.
" 15th (Last Quarter) 8.35 a.m.
" 22nd O New Moon 0.51 a.m.
" 28th) First Quarter 11.26 p.m.

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More Japanese Help for Allies.

Tokio, January 31.—(Eastern News Agency).—A Paris telegram says:—M. Pichon, the former Minister for Foreign Affairs of France, has published his views in the Petit Journal to the following effect:—"The Entente Powers are agreed to get as much assistance from Japan as possible and to give Japan further compensation."

The Figaro has also stated that it favours getting Japanese troops transported to the theatre of war and such a request is worth being asked.

It is also stated that, as the Entente Powers have sufficiently supported Rumania with military supplies, the orders to Japan have been suspended.

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The Peace Comet.

The Peace Comet, a new spectacle in the heavens, has made its appearance, and it is one of the most astonishing of all those wonderful phenomena, the comet batallions.

Halley's Comet, as everyone remembers, came back to us after a journey through space which lasted 74 years. It is expected that the Peace Comet, after its disappearance, will not be seen again from the earth for about 60,000 years. It is one of the largest comets ever seen.

The Peace Comet was discovered—appropriately enough—by a German astronomer, Professor Wolf, of Heidelberg. He first saw it on April 27, 1916, but hitherto the war has robbed it of its share of public notice. It will, however, attract more attention in the middle of the summer of 1917, for it will then be visible to the unaided eye, and if the year brings peace it is likely to be remembered as the Peace Comet, although at present astronomers following their courteous custom, call it "Wolf's."

Dr. A. C. D. Crommelin, the astronomer, who, with Mr. P. H. Cowell, correctly predicted the exact point in the sky in which Halley's Comet would reappear, told a "Daily Express" representative that the new comet was "followed" by telescope from April until July, when, owing to the fact that the sun passed in front of it, it became invisible. It was "picked up" a few days ago by the telescopes of one of the great observatories in America, and the fact was briefly cabled to Greenwich.

"It is now observed as a morning star," said Dr. Crommelin, "but it is visible only through telescopes. It will continually approach nearer the earth until July, when it will become a faint naked eye object, but not a grand one, owing to its great distance from the sun. Its least distance from the earth is one and two thirds the earth's distance from the sun—that is to say, it is far outside the earth's orbit, and comets that distance away do not make a brilliant display."

At the sun's mean distance from the earth is about 92,800,000 miles, the nearest point to the earth which the comet will reach will be about 164,000,000 miles.

"In July," added Dr. Crommelin, "the new comet will be getting away from the sun and nearer the earth. It will be followed by telescope for a year after that, until towards the end of 1918. Altogether it will be under observation for about two and two-thirds years, whereas Halley's Comet was visible for only one and one-third year."

On June 24 next the new comet will be a little to the right of Pegasus; on July 26 it will be inside the square of Pegasus; and on August 27 it will be

just below Pegasus. It was out near Jupiter when it was first found.

A Periodic Comet.

It is assumed by astronomers that the new comet is a periodic comet—that is, one which travels in an ellipse, or elongated oval, one end of which passes round the sun while the other stretches away into space. On this assumption a parabolic course for the comet has been planned from the observations already taken, and so far the comet has kept almost exactly true to the line laid down. The comet's "period"—or time for the round journey—cannot be calculated with nicety until the two and two-thirds years' observations are complete, and Dr. Crommelin said that the 60,000 years at present estimated might be found to be about 10,000 years out, one way or the other. The great comet of the 1882 which actually brushed the sun's corona in passing round the sun, travelled at the rate of 300 miles a second. It was estimated recently in America that the new comet was travelling at the rate of 131 miles a second, or more than 1,134,000 miles a day.

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Ayuthia Arr.	9.30	11.41	3.33	5.45	p.m.
Ban Phaji Arr.	9.47	12.30	4.24	6.30	Den Chai	12.38
...	Tua Bao	7.1	2.21
Ban Phaji Dep.	9.57	12.37	4.30	...	Utardit	...	...	7.18	2.40
Lopburi Arr.	11.5	1.55	5.48	...	Ban Dara Arr.	...	...	8.16	3.26
...
Bangkok Dep.	12.33	3.38	...	7.25	Sava'loke Dep.	...	...	8.1	p.m.
Pak'phoh Arr.	2.17	6.40	...	9.54	Ban Dara Arr.	...	...	8.1	3.11
...
Pak'phoh Dep.	2.26	6.30	...	...	Ban Dara Dep.	...	...	8.24	3.32
Pitas'loke Arr.	6.	11.5	...	...	Pitas'loke Arr.	...	...	10.43	5.40
...
Pitas'loke Dep.	7.4	2.2	...	...	Pitas'loke Dep.	...	...	1.45	p.m.
Ban Dara Arr.	9.5	4.18	...	...	Pak'phoh Arr.	...	...	6.20	10.34
...
Ban Dara Dep.	9.20	4.40	...	...	Pak'phoh Dep.	3.52	...	7.22	10.43
Kaloke Arr.	10.21	5.41	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	Chengket Arr.	6.21	...	9.20	12.22
Ban Dara Dep.	9.10	4.26	...	...	Lopburi Dep.	...	7.10	11.6	1.56
Araradit Arr.	10.6	5.29	...	...	Ban Phaji Arr.	...	8.30	12.21	3.4
Ban Bao Arr.	10.15	5.38	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ban Chai	11.57	...	...	...	Korat Dep.	3.57	...	7.00	p.m.
...	p.m.	...	...	...	Lat Bua Kao Arr.	5.55	...	7.40	...
Nipang	4.52	...	...	...	Gengkoj Dep.	...	7.12	11.32	1.52
...	...	...	...	...	Ban Phaji Arr.	...	8.22	12.29	2.59
Ban Phaji Dep.	10.00	12.30	4.41	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gengkoj Arr.	11.7	1.26	5.51	...	Ban Phaji Dep.	6.27	6.57	12.43	3.14
Ban Bao	...	...	...	...	Ayuthia	7.13	9.25	1.23	3.58
...	...	...	...	...	Bangkok Arr.	9.28	11.35	3.16	6.00
...
...	...	...	...	...	Patriou Dep.	7.50	...	...	3.55
Bangkok Dep.	7.45	...	...	3.50	Bangkok Arr.	9.38	...	...	5.45
Patriou Arr.	9.33	...	...	5.38	...	...	...	...	...

Warships and Torpedo Attacks.

The naval critics, in referring to the loss of the French warship which was torpedoed in the Mediterranean recently, contend that the armourplating of warships below the waterline is inadequate and apparently suggest that, if this were remedied, it would not be easy to sink them. The critics are evidently referring to attacks by submarines, and in this connection it would be interesting to know whether the lost warship was a new or an old vessel, as English critics have recently been drawing attention to the manner in which modern warships have remained afloat after being struck by a torpedo, while the older vessels have invariably sunk. "In the German account of the August sortie, in which the *Falmouth* and *Nottingham* were torpedoed," writes Mr. Arthur Pollen in *Land and Water*. "It was asserted by the enemy that it took three torpedoes, fired at an interval of two hours between the first and the last, before the *Falmouth* was sunk. It has been rumoured that the *Nottingham* had to be hit more often even than this before she was disposed of. Last week we heard that the *Muenchen* had been torpedoed by a submarine, and had yet made her way home. These incidents are in line with a great many more narrated in the *Jutland* despatch. Sir John Jellicoe and Sir David Beatty gave the details of 11 separate instances in which our destroyers fired torpedoes successfully against the German ships, and in only one instance, namely, the attack led by Captain Anslan Stirling, was it stated as certain that the torpedoed ship blew up. . . . In the British fleet, of course only the *Marlborough* was hit, and the excellence of her shooting afterwards, and the ease with which she kept her place in the line and then made her way home under her own steam, were duly emphasised by the Commander-in-Chief." After referring to the cases of the *Moltke* and *Nubian*, both of which survived torpedo attacks, the writer adds:—"All this stands in sharp contrast with the fate of the older vessels that fell to submarines in the earlier part of the war. The *Aboukir*, *Cressy*, *Hogue*, *Niger*, *Hermes*, *Formidable*, *Triumph*, *Majestic*, and the rest were utterly doomed from the moment they were hit. It seems clear then that during the last 10 years naval constructors have provided against underwater attack with very singular success. I am, of course, far from suggesting that a single torpedo could not possibly sink the stoutest battleship in the world. But it certainly is startling, and, as it seems to me, extremely consoling, that here we have nearly 20 cases of modern ships being torpedoed, of which only one was known to have proved fatal."

New German Formations.

The question of Germany's reserves is one which is frequently being discussed, and many explanations are being made regarding the means which enabled the Central Powers to hold up the Russian offensive in the east, and carry out their offensive against Rumania. Mr. Hilaire Belloc deals with the subject of Germany's reserves in *Land and Water* of November 2, and in the course of his references to the enemy's new formations, says:—"Germany has now not only a larger number of men in the field (and, therefore, a correspondingly weaker reserve of man power) than she has ever had before, but she has also organised these men in a much larger number of divisions. The character of such an effort will be confused or missed by those who fail to comprehend what is meant by an increase in the number of divisions composing an army. It does not necessarily mean an increase in the number of men put forward, although it usually does so, and in this case certainly does so. It means rather the increase in the number of units with which you are working. For the division, whether large or small, at full strength or heavily depleted, is the working unit of an army. And the motive of an increase in the number of divisions is the desire to attain greater elasticity in movement and greater power of acting in several separate fields. . . . The reason that a division, whether larger or smaller, remains the fighting unit, is that the division is in itself a little miniature army complete with all its elements of guns, infantry, medical service, staff, etc. Its commander is the true head of one body. It is the cell of the organism. The full division . . . is nominally some 20,000 men in the French and German services—a little less in the British service; far more in the Bulgarian. . . . The German division at full strength counts roughly 12,000 bayonets; a perfect model of it would be three regiments of infantry, each regiment composed of four battalions, and each battalion of a thousand men; a battalion being made up of four companies, each company 250 strong. . . . Thus, if Ludendorff takes away one regiment each from three full divisions and combines them to make a new division with a new number and a new name, he has added nothing to the German army in numerical strength save whatever complement of artillery he may choose to give the division (for to-day he will hardly add cavalry), and possibly certain elements of the staff. But we must none the less take note of the action, because of its effect upon the machine he is wielding."

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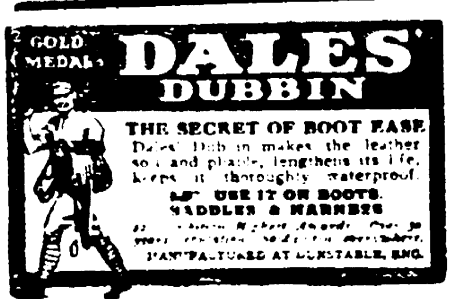
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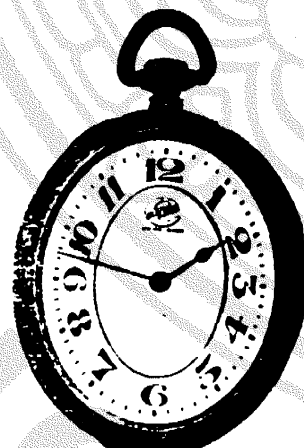


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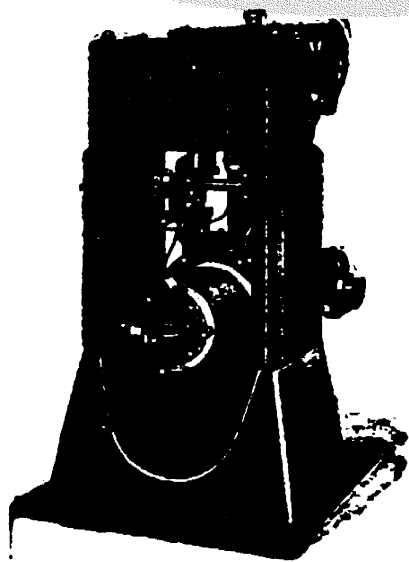
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THE East Asiatic Co., Ltd., give notice that the s.s. *Selandia* is expected in Bangkok on the 16th March.

THE amount paid recently to the Earl of Denbigh for his five paintings by Van Dyck is said to be £300,000.

A Rotterdam telegram says that on the Berlin Exchange there was heavy betting that peace would be signed before August next.

ACCORDING to an official note published in Berlin, the total number of the German soldiers who have been blinded since the beginning of the war reaches 1,200.

It may not be generally known that the amount to which the nations of Europe have been financially accommodated in the United States is now well over £400,000,000, which is entirely exclusive of the purchase of American securities during the war period.

AN American Trust Company with a capital of £15,000,000 has just bought immense tracts of land, believed to contain gold and platinum deposits, in the Ural Mountains, and Siberia. Other American syndicates are exploiting the forests of Northern Russia and the Caucasian oil fields.

NEW Ads.—The Egyptian Cigarette Factory will be removed to new premises in Si Phya Road on the 26th instant. The Siam Motor Works Ltd. stock tyres and motor-car accessories and undertake repairs, repainting, upholstery etc. For Solignum, the finest wood preservative go to the Siam Import Co., Ltd.

THE Phathanakorn cinematograph will in a few days show the British Government films, "Britain Prepared," "The Battle of the Somme" and other interesting pictures brought the other day by a representative of Mr. Maurice E. Handman to be shown before His Majesty the King. To night "The Shielding Shadow" will be the most attractive film on the programme.

THERE is a lady in America who, owing to her peculiar throat formation, is able to warble like a canary. She is the wife of Mr. Arthur Dewey, a cousin of the famous Admiral Dewey. One lady who was staying in an adjoining suite to that occupied by Mrs. Dewey at a fashionable New York hotel sent in to ask the latter whether it were possible to see her bird, and was dumb-founded on being informed that it was not a bird she had heard singing, but Mrs. Dewey.

B. B. W. N. G.

The following drafts are being sent home by this mail:—£40 to the National Committee of Relief in Belgium for the Belgian Children's Fund; £38 to St. Dunstan's Hostel for Blind Soldiers and Sailors; £38 to the British Red Cross Society; and £30 to the Church Army War Prisoners' Gifts Fund.

Acknowledgments have been received from the British Red Cross for drafts of £25 and £26; from the Star and Garter House for Disabled Soldiers and Sailors for £18; from the Y. M. C. A. for £500 ("Siam-British Hut"); and the Church Army for £15.

Mr. Donaldson has been elected a member of the Committee in place of Mr. Warner Shanli, who is shortly leaving for home.

London, Feb. 18.—Wireless. Russian Official. Germans clad in white overalls took the offensive southwestward of Dylnsk and penetrated our front line. We immediately threw them out. We surprised and captured without firing a shot a fortified height southwestward of Okna (Moldavia).

No Telegrams.

The official notification to-day from the Telegraph Office is to the effect that the Malay Peninsular main line is in order as far as Prachuap Kirikan, and that the local line is imperfectly working between Singora and Bangkok. This can account for no Benter's messages, but the Saigon line is working all right and yet there are no Havas messages up to time of going to press.

Paknam Railway Co.

The 51st Ordinary General meeting of the above Company was held yesterday afternoon at the Company's office at Hus Lampong.

Dr. T. Hayward Hays was in the chair and the officers present were Phya Arthakara Prasiddhi, Mr. W. L. Grut, Phya Boribun, Phya Pradibhaddha and Mr. T. A. Gottsche (Manager).

After the notice convening the meeting and the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the Chairman said that the year 1916 had been the best year in existence for the Company. The passenger traffic had gone up but traffic in goods and fish was not quite so large as in previous years but was very satisfactory. The dividend is also the largest the Company had ever paid. With these remarks he moved the adoption of the balance sheet and the Directors' report and recommendation.

The motion was seconded by Phya Pradibhaddha and carried unanimously. The Chairman proposed that the retiring directors Phya Boribun and Mr. Grut be re-elected. Phya Arthakara seconded. Carried.

Mr. A. Donaldson was re-elected auditor on the motion of Mr. Grut, seconded by Phya Boribun and unanimously carried.

A vote of thanks to the Chair proposed by Phya Arthakara and seconded by Phya Pradibhaddha terminated the meeting.

The War Loan.

Hoarded Sovereigns Poured In.

London, Feb. 18.—The feature of the war loan subscriptions was the unearthing of extraordinary gold hoards. Three thousand sovereigns were paid in at Sunderland post offices in two days, and four thousand sovereigns at Swansea. One farmer's family at Wrexham paid in hundreds of sovereigns. A Lincoln woodman paid 350 sovereigns and there were also numerous gifts of money ranging from half a crown to ten pounds sent, often accompanied by pathetic letters breathing of patriotism and poverty. Nine hundred work-people in one factory subscribed fifteen thousand sterling. Huge subscriptions came from the Municipalities. For instance Luton averaged ten pounds per head of rateable population.

Mr. Henderson at Manchester said the confidence of the Government in the final issue had never been so high. He believed a blow would be struck in the coming summer which would lead the war to a close entirely satisfactory to the Allies. Lord Derby at Bolton said the war would still be long and more bitter than ever. The Nation must make still greater sacrifices of manhood. Germany had still enormous reserve power and will make a gigantic effort to gain the mastery. The next six months would be the most critical. He confidently predicted we should be successful but it would not be a walk over.

London, Feb. 17.—The National Bank of India and its constituents have put £3,600,000 in the war loan, including £2,600,000 new money.

Dominions War Conference.

London, Feb. 18.—Mr. Lloyd George's announcement on the situation has been postponed owing to the unexpected delay in the completion of the necessary negotiations with the Dominions, Allies and neutrals in connection with the restriction of imports.

The Westminster Gazette's parliamentary correspondent understands the statement will include a most encouraging account of sea and land operations.

London, Feb. 17.—The Daily News says the Imperial War Conference has been postponed till April. It is stated the Government's chief difficulty in restricting imports from the Dominions is the danger of excluding essentials like grain, sugar, timber and ores, while some financial arrangement is necessary to support exchanges if the silks, wines and fruits from France and Italy are stopped.

New York, Feb. 15.—There is every indication that arrangements have been perfected for the continuance of German machinations in the absence of Count Bernstorff. It is suggested President Wilson will stiffen the embargo on shipments of arms to Mexico, where the Germans are very active.

They Say!

What Say They?

What They Say: Let Them Say.

They say that Bangkok's Shikari has gone away for his annual holiday and game hunting in the west coast country. Last year he had to climb a tree running away from an infuriated elephant. It is hoped that he will fare better this time.

They say that quite a large number of members of the German community have gone down to Hua Hin for the sea-air. They have now to obtain passports, but this is only in strict compliance with an article of the Treaty with Siam.

They say that the Scout manoeuvres and the Military manoeuvres following in quick succession all in the same region will be very interesting this year and that quite a number of Princes and Nobles will be among the spectators.

They say that the Al Fresco Fete on Saturday, March 10, will be a grand affair and that it will contain many of the characteristics of an English fair with booths, auction rooms, bars and supper rooms so that a very gay time might be spent from 7 p.m. till the small hours. They say that arrangements have been made for continuous trams from the city to Klong Poh Yome.

They say that the raffle organised for this Fete is being well patronized and that the tickets of 10 ticals each are selling fine. There are quite a number of useful articles to be won, from a motor car to tins of petrol and cigarettes.

They say that the electric trams of the Paknam Railway Company are paying handsomely and that the Directors are considering a scheme of extending electric traction up to the Bang Na Naval arsenal station.

They say that two years ago this electrification of a part of the line was shelved till the war was over in order to obtain the necessary material at lower than the then ruling rates.

And they say it was re-opened by a Director who gave it as his opinion that the War would not end for seven years.

They say that there is a prospect soon of having a golf course and some tennis Courts at the Siam Turf Club grounds, chiefly with the object of giving Siamese ladies and gentlemen an opportunity for going in for these games.

They say that the last races were not on the whole as successful as they might have been. They say that the Pari Mutuel was not patronized sufficiently by owners especially after the second day. They say that the odds on the second and third days were much smaller than the worst of the bookies.

They say with good reason that in the lotteries in Consolation races owners might have been more communicative as to chances of running their horses than they were or at least by act or deed not give false impressions.

Fighting on Russian Front.

London, Feb. 16.—Wireless. German Official. There is lively fighting between the White Sea and the Dniester.

London, Feb. 16.—Wireless. Russian Official. We repulsed the enemy attacks southeast of Zolotchev.

Berne, Feb. 16.—The Kaiser's visit to Vienna is largely due to apprehensions of the Austro-Hungarian attitude towards Germany arising out of the recent ministerial and official Court changes. Several of the new office holders are wealthy and it is considered they are indifferent to Viennese financial interests which are dominated from Berlin. Count Tizze, a strong pro-Kaiserite, is the only old minister who has remained in order not to risk Germany's great displeasure.

Smuts Praises India's Warriors.

Capetown, Feb. 15.—General Smuts had a magnificent reception at the City Hall at Buxton. General Botha and members of the Cabinet were present. The City and British Indians presented addresses, the latter affirming that General Smuts commanded no more heroic and hard-working troops than the Indians.

General Smuts replying emphasised that South Africa had secured a voice in the disposal of the African continent. No arrangement would be made in the immediate neighbourhood which would prejudice the development of South Africa. He paid an eloquent tribute to the work of Indians in East Africa, especially in the earlier portion of the campaign declaring that he had no more loyal or devoted or braver troops than the heroes from Asia.

Western Advances.

Heavy British Attack.

London, Feb. 18.—Wireless. German Official. We repulsed strong English detachments north of Arras, south-west of Lille, north of La Bassée canal and near Ransart. The enemy renewed his attack astride the Ancre with varying results. We took prisoner 180, but gave up our foremost craters.

We repulsed a violent English attack south of Pys. Our airships bombed on the night of Feb. 16-17 the town and harbour of Boulogne.

London, Feb. 19.—Reuter's special correspondent at the battle around Miraumont says it was the heaviest attack since the battle of Beaumont Hamel. The line of attack extended from a point south-east of Pys to Paillex road, on a front of two miles. The operation is in continuation of the great tactical plan which enabled us to destroy more formidable works and gain a footing on the highest ground between Grandcourt and Miraumont.

The attack was preceded by a deliberate bombardment to destroy the dense barbed wire. The attack was launched before dawn, under cover of all available guns.

Rain Checks Progress.

The first objective was gained with little opposition. The attackers swept on and all objectives on the left were carried by seven o'clock, the British advancing well up the strongly fortified line of the Albert-Arras railway. Daylight brought rain clouds which enveloped the battlefield, putting out of action the artillery, and thereafter the fighting was with rifles and bayonets and bombs. The fiercest struggle was in the centre where the British objective was a forty foot mound with a sunken road, fringed with machine-guns. The Germans disputed the advance foot by foot up the muddy incline. The British had almost gained the crest when the Germans launched their heaviest counter attack.

The grey waves swept down and the British retreated a short distance, maintaining a fierce rifle fire. Then supports arrived and ended the German advance which now gained little ground. Thereafter the fighting was desultory and the Germans failed to retrieve their losses. The prisoners pay a striking tribute to our artillery. The enemy casualties are very heavy. We also paid the price of the victory, which was most important.

French correspondents reveal that General Gough commanded. This success aggravates the already critical position of the Germans at Bapaume.

America's Position More Difficult.

Rome, Feb. 16.—In an affidavit the Captain of the Lyman M. Law states his only cargo was wool-laths for lemon boxes. The question arises whether these can be classed as contraband, in view of the fact that they are useless for military purposes. If it is decided the cargo was not contraband the gravest situation may ensue.

Washington, Feb. 18.—The Germans have ordered the lowering of the American flag on the American Legation at Brussels. Official quarters admit this has greatly added to the tension of the situation.

Washington, Feb. 17.—The demand of Feb. 16 for the release of the Yarrowdale crew has been delayed pending verification of the newspaper report that the Yarrowdale men have already been released. The State Department has enquired through the Spanish Embassy at Berlin the reason for the delay in the departure of the second train load of American officials.

Amsterdam, Feb. 16.—The Berlin Korrespondenz Norden says the decision of the United States to permit arming of American merchantmen has increased the chances of war because it deprives submarine commanders of their last chance of placing passengers and crews of American vessels in safety.

Crown Prince Attacks in the West.

London, Feb. 16.—Wireless. German Official. The Crown Prince attacked in Champagne southward of Ripont and was completely successful. We stormed four lines on a front of 2600 metres to a depth of 800 metres taking prisoner 858.

London, Feb. 17.—The scene of the fighting in Champagne is thirty miles east of Rheims and it is the biggest infantry action on this front since January 1916 when the Germans made a final but fruitless effort to recapture some of the ground lost in the French offensive of Sept. 1915. It is difficult to see what strategical gain the Germans are now expecting to make but it may be the preliminary move of the German campaign of 1917, but more probably is a defensive action designed to protect important communications especially the Challerange-Beaumont railway which here runs parallel to the front for fifteen miles. Its loss at any point would paralyse the whole German position. The French, who at Tannenberg were only 13 miles distant from the railway, made several raids in this sector earlier in the week, and the Germans may have anticipated a French plan to cut the railway.

Items of Interest.

London, Feb. 17.—Silver is at 38 1/8d; the market is quiet.

Amsterdam, Feb. 18.—The Handelsblad says food rationing begins in Holland on Feb. 19.

Athens, Feb. 16.—A decree orders civilians to deliver up arms in five days under penalty of confiscation and fine.

Stockholm, Feb. 16.—The Government has taken over all oats and barley and products thereof and prohibited the use of potatoes as fodder.

London, Feb. 15.—The Colonial Institute will arrange for the publication of the history of Imperial co-operation in the. The editor will be Sir Charles Lucas.

London, Feb. 18.—The Press Bureau says the official list of German casualties for January (not necessarily incurred in January) was 70,532 of whom 14,192 were killed.

London Feb. 15.—The King invested Sir Alfred Keogh with the Grand Cross of the Bath and Sir Francis Young husband with the Knight Commander-ship of the Star of India.

Washington, Feb. 15.—Mr. Lansing has warned the Cubans that the United States cannot recognise any Government resulting from a revolution.

Washington, Feb. 17.—In sharp fighting in Cuba the rebels were defeated seventeen miles west of Havana.

London, Feb. 15.—Sir Alfred Keogh in a lecture in London, said that there were only five enteric cases and eighteen paratyphoids in France at present, thanks to inoculation. The health of the army on all fronts was better than in peace time.

London, Feb. 16.—In connection with the German announcement permitting Americans to continue relief work in Belgium and north-east France, Reuter learns the Americans have consented on the understanding that the same conditions apply as heretofore.

Paris, Feb. 16.—The well-known economist Edmond Thery states the British Government's stock of gold had increased by 25,640,000 sterling on Dec. 31 last compared with July 1914.

Amsterdam, Feb. 15.—The German war-expenditure hitherto is three thousand millions sterling.

What Neutrals Think.

London, Feb. 15.—Reuter learns there is great satisfaction in British authoritative quarters at China's decision to break with Germany. The Allied ministers at Peking are in close touch with the Chinese Government regarding the measures resulting therefrom.

Buenos Aires, Feb. 16.—The Foreign Minister stated that the Argentine could not agree to the German blockade and reserved its freedom of action.

Church Services.

Assumption Church.

February the 25th 1st Sunday in Lent.

5.30 a.m. 1st Mass.

6.10 a.m. 2nd Mass for the Siamese Community.

8 a.m. 3rd and last Mass for the Foreign Community.

4 p.m. The Stations of the Cross.

WEEK DAYS.

5.30 a.m. 1st Mass.

6 a.m. 2nd and last Mass.

Devotion of the Month: The Holy Family.

Christ Church.

1st Sunday in Lent—25th February 1917.

Evensong and Sermon 6.0 p.m.

Processional 291 Off in danger, off in woe.

Hymn 27 Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.

257 I heard the voice of Jesus say.

198 Jesu, Lover of my soul.

Special Psalm 110.

Magnificat, Beethoven C. 4.

Nunc Dimittis, Brooksbank C. 3.

Vesper Last Verse, Hymn 370.

S. Mary's Mission.

Sunday, February 25—1st Sunday in Lent.

7.30 a.m.—Holy Communion.

9 a.m.—Mottos and Sermon.

Hymns. Forty days and forty nights.

O Father, in Whose great design, Christ, Who once amongst us.

6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

Hymns. O for a faith that will not shrink. Christian, dost thou see them: Rock of ages, cleft for me.

Wednesday—February 28.

6.30 p.m.—Short Service of Prayer for those engaged in the War.

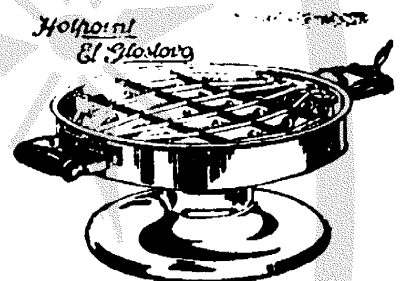
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Planning for Army of 3,000,000 in U.S.

Washington, December 27.—Argentina's military system is serving as a model for the universal service bill, now being drafted by a committee of the Army General Staff. Officers familiar with staff opinion said to-day that while details had not been completed, the measure would follow closely the Argentine scheme, and was designed to keep half a million men under training with 2,500,000 trained reservists subject to call.

It probably will be at least three weeks before the bill and accompanying estimates of costs are ready for submission to the Secretary of War. The Chairman of the House Military Committee has asked to see it, and it will be sent to the Capitol for the committee's information, though there is no indication that it will go with any sort of endorsement from the Administration.

The main feature of the staff bill will be its provision for one year of extensive military instruction for all youths subject to its terms. It is expected that exceptions, due to physical disqualifications and for other reasons, would leave available for army training 450,000 to 500,000 of the 1,000,000 boys who reach the age of 16 each year.

In fixing upon a year as the minimum time for training, the General Staff has followed the theory that the United States seeks to provide only for an army of defense. It has been stated to the House Committee by Major Gen. Hugh L. Scott, that although European nations give every soldier at least two years of hard work before turning him into the reserve, a year will suffice here, because of the geographical position of the country. The argument advanced to support this view was that there would be sufficient time to give finishing touches to the military education of reservists after war had broken out and before invading expeditions could be landed in force.

In a broad way the outline of the General Staff continental army plan of last year would be followed in distributing tactical units of the reserve into nineteen infantry and six cavalry divisions. Reservists would be liable for two years' service in this force before passing into the unorganized reserve.

The result, when the system had been in operation for five years, would be to give 500,000 men under arms and in process of training, a million more trained, equipped, organized, and ready for immediate muster as first line troops, and behind these the unorganized, but training reserve, numbering more than 1,500,000. This is the basis

on which estimates of cost will be made by the General Staff Committee.

The Political Troubles in Russia.

Petrograd, Jan. 12.—The Minister for Finance is preparing to issue a military loan of £300,000,000, and subsequently loans amounting to about £500,000,000 with prizes offered to induce subscriptions.

Berne, Jan. 14.—Since the Kaiser's proclamation of the kingdom of Poland, and up to December 31st, only 1,800 Poles enlisted for the "Polish army." Of these 1,100 were found to be medically unfit. Many were invalids, who enlisted for the sake of the pay. The German boast was that 700,000 Poles would spring to arms at the Kaiser's call.

Petrograd, Jan. 16.—Prince Nicholas, General Dmitrievich, and Prince Politzene have announced their programme in the "Norov Vremya." They state that they do not intend to persist in the introduction of responsible Government. This has caused surprise. Stehlovitoff (a reactionary ex-Minister for Justice) has been appointed President of the Upper House.

The "Russkoe Slovo" states that Anokrowsky, Pokrowsky, Bark and Tanerff (chief of the Czar's own Cabinet) resigned with Typpoff, as they declared it was impossible for them to co-operate with Protapoff.

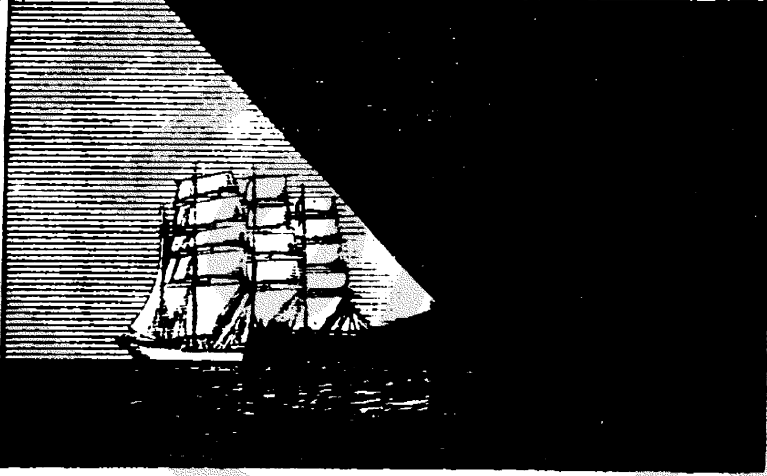
Danish Neutrality.

Copenhagen, Jan. 14.—At the opening of Parliament yesterday the King's speech said the Government had earnestly endeavored to maintain strict neutrality, but owing to the conflicting interests of the belligerents disagreements could not be avoided. The speech suggested the appointment of a committee to assist the Government with regard to foreign affairs. The newspapers state that the reference to disagreements has caused a great sensation.

Copenhagen, Jan. 16.—The Danish authorities are displaying great energy in punishing breaches of illegal trade with Germany. One merchant for exporting 290 casks of train oil has been fined £14,000, and two of his assistants have been fined £44 and £133 respectively.

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The German Blockade.

London, Feb. 15.—Sinkings: Steamers F. D. Lambert, Innishowen Head and barque Endora (British) and two Grimsby trawlers. The total including the Lyman M. Law is about nine thousand tons.

London, Feb. 16.—Sinkings: Steamers Cilia Ferga, Margarita (British) three English trawlers, total five thousand tons.

London, Feb. 17.—The captain of the sunken trawler Marybell has been taken prisoner.

Paris, Feb. 15.—The "blockade" has hitherto had little effect in France. Ships are arriving regularly from all ports and there were no fewer than 121 arrivals on Feb. 12.

London, Feb. 16.—Nine of the crew of the torpedoed trawler Ashwold suffered terribly. They were seventy hours in their boat with only three tins of corned beef and some bilge water. Most of them were frostbitten when rescued. The Germans took prisoner the skipper.

Amsterdam, Feb. 15.—The Handelsblad states the question is now being considered of sending cargo steamers to the Dutch Indies via the Panama Canal. As regards passengers it is proposed they should travel via New York overland to San Francisco whence Dutch steamers will convey them to their destinations.

Amsterdam, Feb. 16.—Count Reventlow's newspaper, the Tagliche Rundschau in comment on the House of Lords submarine debate claims that the previous submarineism was not overcome by British (naval) measures but by threatening the diplomatic intervention of America. It feebly refers to Admiral Jellicoe's statement as to the position with regard to submarineism.

Amsterdam, Feb. 15.—Conversing with the poet Mueller at Hofburg the Kaiser declared that Napoleon's phantom of a Continental blockade had become a reality, hitting England harder than anything hitherto had done. Right and morality were on the German side for the triumph of which every clean weapon must be used.

America Takes Over Danish West Indies.

Washington, Jan. 17.—It is officially announced here that the United States Government will assume sovereignty over the Danish West Indies on Wednesday January 18, when the flag of Denmark will be formally replaced by the Stars and Stripes.

The simple ceremonies by which this country will assume possession of the islands will mark the close of protracted negotiations for their purchase, begun many years ago and twice balked when it appeared that an agreement had practically been reached.

The purchase price of \$25,000,000 was finally agreed upon last year by American government officials and representatives of the Danish crown, but even after it had been announced that the deal was completed the Danish Parliament took up the question and the lower house flatly refused to approve of the sale until it was pointed out that the officials acting for Denmark had been endowed with full authority to carry on and conclude the negotiations without consulting the legislators.

Possession of the Danish West Indies, military and naval officials declare, will assure the control of the eastern entrance of the Panama canal, and though the natural resources of the islands are not great nor is the number of their inhabitants large, still their possession is of such strategic importance to the United States that the money expended in their purchase is considered well spent.

Rome Expecting Aerial Attacks.

Rome, December 15.—Notwithstanding the presence of the Pope, respect for or fear of whom is supposed so far to have saved Rome from aerial attacks, it is now taken for granted that the Eternal City, with her countless monuments and works of art, may soon be attacked by Austrian aviators. The Italian military authorities have been actively engaged for several months preparing to protect the city from a raid, with an elaborate signal system arranged by William Marconi to warn the defenders of the city of the approach of enemy airplanes. The Roman newspapers recently published notices that the alarm would consist of five cannon shots, with the usual ringing of church bells, as a signal that the danger was over.

While so far it has proved impossible to prevent sporadic attacks on London, Paris, Venice and other cities, arrangements have been made that may at least prevent the escape of raiders who attack Rome. The city is favoured by two low mountain ranges between her and the Adriatic Sea, a distance of 125 miles. But should the airplanes escape the coast guns and the anti-aerial guns planted on these mountain tops, the advancing aeroplanes will still find in their path numerous squadrons of Italian machines. The city itself is armed with numerous high power searchlights and anti-aerial guns. The famous Seven Hills of Rome, including the Capitoline above the Forum, have each been so armed.

The Janiculum hill, which dominates St. Peter's church and the Vatican, the Pope's residence, has several guns planted on its brow. The Vatican is protected by another set of guns near the Castel Sant. Angelo, the solid and lofty marble tomb built for the emperor's when Rome was the world's battle centre, and later converted into a fortress.

While there is no uneasiness felt by the people of Rome for their own safety, it is certain, however, that a bomb dropped anywhere inside its limits could hardly miss destroying some work of art in the world's richest monumental city.

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Meklong Railway Co., Ltd.**TIME TABLE.**

IN FORCE FROM 1st JANUARY, 1917 TO JULY, 1917.

BANGKOK-MEKLONG.				MEKLONG-BANGKOK.			
STATIONS.	Train No.			STATIONS.	Train No.		
	I.	III.	V.		VI.	VI.	
	A.M. P.M. P.M.				A.M. P.M.		
Km. Bangkok Dep.	8.30	12.30	4.30	Km. Meklong Dep.	8.35	12.35	
33.1 Mahachai				33.8 Terminus Arr.	9.55	1.55	
Terminus Arr.	9.50	1.50	5.50				

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BANGKOK-MEKLONG.				MEKLONG-BANGKOK.			
STATIONS.	Train No.			STATIONS.	Train No.		
	I.	III.	V.		II.	IV.	VI.
	A.M. P.M.				A.M. A.M. P.M.		
Km. B. Hlame				Mahachai			
Terminus Dep.	10.20	2.20		Terminus Dep.	6.45	10.45	2.45
33.8 Meklong Arr.	11.40	3.40	33.1 Bangkok Arr.	8.05	12.05	4.05	

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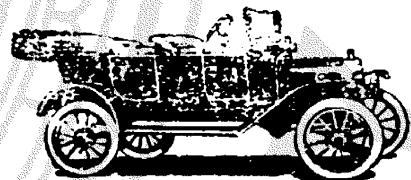
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a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	a.m.		a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	
Bangkok Noi ... Dep.	7.30	8.25	1.20	2.10		Chumpon ... Dep.				7.45	
M. Nakon Patom ...	8.56	10.13	2.45	4.27		Prachuap Kirikan Arr.				p.m.	2.26
Ban Pong ...	9.33	10.55	3.26	5.38		Pran Kao ... Dep.			9.5	2.41	
Potaram ...	9.55	11.22	4.00	6.17		Wang Phong ... Arr.		6.5		4.59	
Ratburi ... Arr.	10.26	11.57	4.31	6.59		Hua Hin ... Dep.		6.10	10.59	5.5	
						Hua Hin ... Arr.		6.13	11.14		
Petchaburi ... Dep.	10.36	12.10	4.41			" ... Dep.		6.57	11.46		
" ... Arr.	12.00	1.45	6.29			" ... Arr.		7.5	11.64		
Hua Hin ... Dep.	12.12	2.17				Petchaburi ... Arr.			p.m.		
" ... Arr.	1.59	4.47				" ... Dep.		7.10	9.37	1.43	
Wang Phong ... Dep.	2.5	5.37				Ratburi ... Arr.		9.10	9.52	1.56	
" ... Arr.	2.37	5.37				" ... Dep.			11.40	3.18	
Pran Kao ... Dep.	2.48	5.42				" ... Arr.				p.m.	
Prachuap Kirikan Arr.	4.38	5.47				Potaram ... Dep.	6.5	9.22	1.30	3.28	
						Ban Pong ...	6.59	9.58	2.6	4.1	
						M. Nakon Patom	7.43	10.19	2.43	4.25	
						" ... Dep.	9.2	11.00	3.17	5.6	
Chumpon ... Arr.			p.m.			Bangkok Noi ... Arr.	11.12	12.23	4.53	6.28	
			3.3								
Chumpon-Tung Song on Tuesdays, Thurs. & Sats.						Tung Song-Chumpon on Mondays, Weds & Fri.					
Chumpon Dep.	6.45					Tung Song Dep.	6.45				
Langsuen Arr.	9.18					Surasutra Dhani Arr.	11.37				
" Dep.	9.28					" Dep.	12.2				
Surasutra Dhani Arr.	1.4					Langsuen Arr.	3.37				
" Dep.	1.39					" Dep.	3.47				
Tung Song Arr.	6.23					Chumpon Arr.	6.19				
Tung Song-Nakon Srihararaj daily except Monday						Nakon Srihararaj-Tung Song daily except Monday					
Tung Song Dep.	6.30					N. Srihararaj Dep.	11.00				
N. Junction " Dep.	7.37	1.20				" Dep.	11.00				
N. Srihararaj Arr.	8.50	2.32				N. Junction " Arr.	12.12	4.18			
						Tung Song Arr.		5.20			
Tung Song-Trang daily						Trang-Tung Song daily					
Tung Song Dep.	6.45					Trang Dep.	6.45				
Langsuen Arr.	9.18					" Arr.	11.37				
" Dep.	9.28					" Dep.	12.2				
Surasutra Dhani Arr.	1.4					Langsuen Arr.	3.37				
" Dep.	1.39					" Dep.	3.47				
Tung Song Arr.	6.23					Chumpon Arr.	6.19				
Tung Song-Singora Wed. Fridays & Sundays						Singora-Tung Song Tuesdays, Thursdays & Sun.					
Tung Song Dep.	11.50					Singora Dep.	11.50				
N. Junction Arr.	12.40					Patalung Arr.	10.48				
" Dep.	12.55					" Dep.	10.58				
Patalung Arr.	2.47					N. Junction Arr.	1.5				
" Dep.	2.57					" Dep.	1.55				
Singora Arr.	6.13					Tung Song Arr.					

The Great War Loan.

Thousand Millions of New Money.

London, Feb. 15.—Ralli Brothers and clients have put a million and a half in the war loan, the Indian and General Investment Trust £66,000, Bengal-Doon railway £30,000.

London, Feb. 15.—The war loan campaign is closing most enthusiastically. It is already evident the loan will be a great success and there are highest hopes that the large and small subscriptions which are still pouring in from all quarters will make the triumph overwhelming. A most imposing loan demonstration was held in Trafalgar Square at midday when huge crowds watched the Lord Mayor and Mayors and other representatives from all parts of London arrive in procession from the Mansion House to the Square, where the Lord Mayor and others delivered patriotic speeches. Prayer was said and then the Guard of Honour and a picked choir led the singing of "O God our help" and a most impressive scene concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

London, Feb. 17.—The consensus of opinion is that the war loan is the greatest financial triumph in the world's history. The estimates of the result vary from six hundred thousand (?) to a thousand million new money but even the smaller figure far exceeds the anticipations of financiers who five weeks ago did not expect more than 200 to 300 millions from the proceeds of direct public subscription especially as the loan is handicapped by conversion operations. The loan of 1915 included two hundred millions from the banks which at present have not participated confining their efforts to generously assisting their clients though it is no secret that they arranged with Mr. Bonar Law that the money would be forthcoming whatever the result of the loan. The overwhelming public response leaves the banks free to assist the Government in any further war finance.

In other words a huge financial strength conveniently concentrated remains in the country. The features of subscriptions included attractive installment payment schemes by municipalities and employers and also savings banks, one of which on the Stock Exchange resulted in the subscription of twenty-one thousand. The number of subscribers in 1915 was half a million. There are indications that the number now is five million with a minimum subscription of 15s. 6d. compared with Germany's shilling. War savings certificates are still very popular and their sale at post-offices which prior to the loan campaign

was a million weekly amounted last week to eight million sterling.

London, Feb. 17.—Later.—It is unofficially estimated that a thousand to 600 millions new money has been subscribed to the loan.

Preparing in Belgium.

London, Feb. 16.—The Belgian newspaper La Metropole learns that the Germans in Belgium are unprecedentedly active. The military have monopolized the railways since the beginning of February. Troops from Rumania, Serbia and perhaps Russia have recently arrived, including many cavalry, and also apparently fresh units from the depots in Germany composed of youths

BRITISH OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH
The King inspects the Household Battalion in Hyde Park.



of good physique and moral and well-equipped, but the subalterns look strikingly young and inexperienced.

London, Feb. 16.—American correspondents from Germany confirm the opinion of English and French experts that Hindenburg must strike soon. They say the people have recently at most forgotten their sufferings in full hope of an early and slashing triumph which will end the war.

The Times military correspondent states that Germany is undoubtedly massing on the western front, where there are now 166 divisions compared with 128 in November. He suggests the possibility of an attack on England in conjunction with a great naval offensive and quotes a well-known passage from the General Staff text book that the advantage of gaining partial sea control

temporarily in order to land troops might justify the loss of the German fleet.

The correspondent emphasises that the General Staff controls the fleet and the temptation to use it in a great land and sea offensive against England must be considerable, therefore he urges the maintenance of a strong home defence force despite "temptation and jibes."

The Silver Market.

London, Feb. 15.—Montagu's silver report attributes the rise in price, despite the relatively small demand, firstly to delay in the receipt of shipments from America preventing the sale of that portion of silver which awaits

realisation upon arrival, and secondly the announcement of a fall of over eighty lakhs on Feb. 7 in the Indian Treasury's holding of silver rupees and bullion.

London, Feb. 15.—Silver is steady and the market is quiet.

London, Feb. 16.—The silver market is quiet and featureless.

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