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war had taught financiers, manufacturers, soldiers and sailors, the Premier continued: This great world convulsion has altered their ideas about trade and pursuits. The future of the country depends upon how much the politicians have learned. I've heard politicians who think that when the war is over the same old machinery will be re-established, the same old methods applied. People who don't know politicians think them wild revolutionaries: the wild revolutionary is the most reactionary person in the world.

Before the war there were five absolutely independent parties. The country and people are now discovering that none of these had a monopoly of wisdom or was the sole repository of political sagacity, not even the five put together. The people are realising that there are more things in heaven and earth than the political philosophy of any of these parties. That is one of the revelations that we've seen in the lurid fires of the war. When, after the war, reconstruction begins, I hope and trust and pray that we are not going to dive into the pigeon holes of any party for dust-laden precedents and programmes. Let's think out the best methods for ourselves in the face of searching facts of which we knew nothing before war.

We are a thousand years older and wiser since the war began. The experience of generations has been crowded into just a few winters, and we should be unworthy of the great destiny to which Providence has called this generation if we threw away all that for the sake of formulae framed before the Flood.

There's no part or sphere of statesmanship in which there is greater need for revised ideas than in our attitude towards the great commonwealth of nations known as the British Empire. In the past we have treated it as an abstraction—a glorious abstraction, but still an abstraction. The war has shown us all that the Empire is a fact, nay a factor, and a most potent factor, to-day in the struggle for human liberty.

We sent a hundred thousand men to France in August, 1914. They turned the tide of history. I remember the dark and dreary days when our gallant fellows in the shattered trenches had night and day to endure the mockery and scoffing of the Germans. How they stood! The way in which the British infantry stood to the guns of Napoleon one day was one of the epics of military history. Their descendants stood to greater guns for days and nights and weeks and months, and never flinched.

It was the greatest story in the world. They were never broken and only those who have met and talked with them can realise what they did. The story will never die. Our gratitude is due to the brave little man who led them through all those trying months.

and never lost heart, Lord French.

When I took up the job to organise the resources of Britain I did it in order to give those brave men a real chance to fight. They have got it. Thanks to the efforts of manufacturers and workmen; and don't let us forget the women who by the hundred thousand flocked to the manufacturers and asked what they could do to help their gallant kinsmen on the field. They have done all they could, and the story is now a very different one.

The Dominions and India have contributed a million men. That has transformed our ideas regarding the reality and beneficence of the British Empire. The world cannot afford to let it be broken, but the choice must be between immediate concentration and ultimate dissolution. Things cannot remain where they were. It may be said that the shadowy character of the relations between us and the Dominions and the great territories of the East have produced this real cohesion. That was all very well before they made such great sacrifices. They have now established claims to real partnership.

Henceforth effective consultations must be the only basis of cooperation. If our action brings them into trouble as it has done, and it costs them millions of precious lives, they must henceforth be consulted before we act. Methods must be carefully considered. A great war is not the best time for thinking out, perhaps, new constitutions, but our councils and our Empire must be a reality. The Imperial War Cabinet has been a demonstration of the value of his counsel. Our colleagues from the Dominions and from India have not taken part in a formal Conference. They had a real share in our councils and our decisions, and have been a great source of strength and wisdom to our deliberations.

They come here with fresh minds, having viewed the world-conflict from different peaks. Minds running in the same course for a long time are apt to get rusty. The weightier the minds the deeper the ruts. You required fresh minds to lift the cart out of the worn furrows, and we have had such minds. We have had war decisions of a most far-reaching character in which our overseas colleagues have assisted us. The great problems regarding submarines, shipping and food, as well as military decisions, have all been reviewed at the councils in which they participated.

But we must do more. We have been taught by the war the real value of the Empire, and one of the first duties of statesmanship in the future will be to take the necessary measures to aid the development of the stupendous resources which we possess. That ought to be our special care and our special pride, as it undoubtedly will be.

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Sala Deng "	7.23	10.23	1.38	4.38	*Maha Wong "	8.40	11.40	2.55	5.55
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MONDAY, MAY 7, 1917.

THE ETERNAL SPRING.

What is a cynic? A cynic was defined by Henry Ward Beecher as one who never sees a good quality in another, and never fails to see a bad one. A later and more brilliantly epigrammatic description was that of Oscar Wilde, who pronounced a cynic to be one who knew the price of everything and the value of nothing. Of course, originally a cynic meant nothing of the sort. The sect of Cynics was founded by Antisthenes of Athens, a pupil of Socrates. The early Cynics interpreted the Socratic doctrine that virtue is the highest good so as to teach contempt for intellectual and sensual pleasures. This led them to a disregard of public opinion and social customs, which gradually developed into an affectation, so that, later, the term Cynic became the peculiar appellation of a person who paraded an ignorant and insolent self-righteousness; and a connotation somewhat approaching this has been attached to the word ever since. Nevertheless, there have been many famous critics. A thread of mild and not unpleasing cynicism runs through the writings of the genial Montaigne, for instance. But the most celebrated of all cynics of more modern times is La Rochefoucauld. Yet this ducal master of irony and sarcasm, who tells us that we view with satisfaction the misfortunes of our friends, and urged that we should always affect sympathy but never feel it, was also the author of one of the very greatest and truest sayings ever uttered: *Tout comprendre, c'est tout pardonner*, an injunction which breathes the very spirit of Divine charity, and shows that with him, as with many others, cynicism was but a pose, and that beneath the cloak of an affected misanthropy he was one of the kindest of men. But one bad result likely to ensue from the adoption of a cynical attitude is that it may easily become so much of a second nature that it will tend to make one involuntarily see things from a pessimistic standpoint. The humorist declared that a pessimist was a man who lived with an optimist, which definition has the merit of wit but little more. Formerly it was diverting on occasions to listen to the dismal croakings of the pessimist, but in these times we turn from him with disgust. We feel that he is a blot on the field of humanity. We are conscious, moreover, that he stands for an opinion which is and must be false if Life has any meaning at all. Unless the universe is nothing but a fortuitous combination of circumstances, the procession of Life must be in the direction of progress—whether alternative is unthinkable. So it seems to the vast majority, and it is against this conception that the pessimist, by implication if not in so many words, takes his stand. Not to believe in the reality of this progress, no matter how slow it may be in its actual operation, is to give the lie to all things, thoughts and ideas that are beautiful, noble and of good repute; and this non-belief is the distinguishing brand of the pessimist—the Mark of the Beast. In the early days of the war it was noticeable that those who put their trust in men were the optimists, while the pessimists were those who allowed themselves to become obsessed by the power of machinery. We have since learned that in the ultimate it is the living individual, the combination of flesh and blood, of heart and will, that tells and will triumph. Herein lies the justification of the optimist, and the pessimist's condemnation. This is no time for the cynic to coin smart but unwarrantable epigrams or the pessimist to pour forth gloomy prophecies. The optimistic outlook is what should be aimed at, and it is the optimist who will be "up and doing" while the others are shaking their heads and wringing their hands in the background.

Congratulations to Dover Patrol

London, April 28.—The Press Bureau states that the King has sent congratulations to the destroyers Swift and Broke on the Dover fight.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

TO-DAY'S telegrams appear on page 8

We have received from the Oriental Store a handsome wall-calendar.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Tavoy line is interrupted beyond Tavoy. Other lines are all right.

New advts.—Mr. D. Froiman wishes to purchase Second-Hand Furniture of all kinds. Messrs. E. M. Pereira and Co. have a house off Rong Muang Road to let or for sale; also some land and Rong Theo off Windmill Road. The Cosmopolitan Auctioneering Co. are prepared to undertake sales at any time, and also to buy or sell furniture, etc.

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The Sky Meeting.

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First Race.

For Siamese Ponies. Open to Royal Turf Club Subscription Grifins. 6 furlongs. Handicap. Value, 1st Tcs. 150: 2nd Tcs. 50.
Phra Prab's Poo Thalay (7.0) 1
Nai Hien's Morakot (8.5) 2
Mr. V. L's Ling Dam (6.8) 3
Also ran Sib Hok, Yammo and Kit.
Time 1 min. 42 4/5 secs. Tote paid Tcs. 13.

Second Race.

For Siamese Ponies. (Open). Round the course. Handicap. Value Tcs. 200.
His Majesty's Un Chon (7.13) 1
Phya Gadadharabadi's Oatappa (5.12) 2
His Majesty's Son Chai (5.5) 3
Also ran Khone Loi, Sang-ait II, Bluff, Sasi and Ravi.
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Third Race.

For Australian Ponies. (Grifins and ex-Grifins). King's Cup winners barred) Round the course. Handicap. Value Tcs. 250.
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Phya Arthakara's Icaro II (6.5) 3
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Fourth Race.

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Phya Arthakara's Mad Meg (7.12) 1
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Madame de Bhienlok's Flirt (5.0) 3
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Fifth Race.

For Siamese Ponies. Consolation Race: 4 1/2 furlong handicap. Value Tcs. 200.
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Mr. V. L's Ling Dam (5.8) 3
Also ran Sib Hok. Time 1 Min. 13 3/5 secs. Tote paid Tcs. 13.

Sixth Race.

For Australian subscription Grifins. A Selling Race: 6 furlongs. Value Tcs. 250.
Phya Arthakara's Merrylegs (7.7) 1
Mr. W. G. Johnson's Betty (7.7) 2
Also ran Plain Jane. Time 1 min. 27 3/5 secs. Tote paid Tcs. 7.

Seventh Race.

For Grifins and Ex. Grifins 5 furlong handicap.
Phya Gadadharabadi's Yot Rak (5.12) 1
Khana Raja Damern's Ratta Dara (5.7) 2
Phya Arthakara's Say When (6.10) 3
Also ran Marsdi, Marie L. Thong Dee, and Sandily. Time 1 min. 9 2/5 secs. Tote paid Tcs. 78.

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Rumanian Land Reform.

London, April 28.—The Times' Jassy correspondent wires that the Cabinet Council has decided, with the concurrence of Liberals and Conservatives, to divide among the peasants who have participated in the war six million acres belonging to large landowners. Large Crown and State lands will be similarly divided, and universal suffrage will be re-established.



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(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, May 6.

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Destroyer Mined.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, May 6.

The British Admiralty reports that an old-type destroyer was mined and sunk in the Channel on Wednesday. An officer and sixty-one men are missing.

Chilian Report Denied.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, May 6.

Amsterdam. — A Berlin telegram denies that there has been a rupture of diplomatic relations between Chili and Germany.

British Admiralty Message.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, May 5.

The Admiralty reports that the British steamship *Jena* was sunk on Tuesday last by a torpedo discharged from a German seaplane off Aldeburgh. All hands were saved. The gunfire of the *Jena* brought down another seaplane which was co-operating in the attack, and its occupants were taken prisoner.

British Communique.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, May 5.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports: Heavy fighting is taking place along the whole front from the Hindenburg line southward—Sanseverino to the Acheville-Vimy road. We are making progress, and have already captured a number of strong positions.

Definite Action by Chili.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, May 5.

Amsterdam. — A Berlin message states that the Chilean Minister there has announced the rupture of diplomatic relations between his country and Germany, and has requested his passports.

Heavy Fighting in the West.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, May 5.

Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters, telegraphing on the afternoon of May 3, states that fighting of terrible intensity raged throughout the day at the main points of attack. The battling in many places has been of the "ding-dong" order, and the most conspicuous gains were on the flanks. Concealed machine-gun fire impeded progress in the centre, namely up the Scarpe valley. Describing the attack, he says that before daylight we pushed well forward to the north. The Canadians took Fresnoy, but Valpy was too strong for capture by a frontal attack, there being in front of it a wood full of machine-guns posted in tiers at varying heights, while the uncut wire in the gullies could not be got at by barrage.

(S. O. SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, May 4.

The fighting on the Western Front continues with indescribable intensity. The Germans are bringing up more troops and counter-attacking.

Turkish Report.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, May 4.

A Turkish communique states that the Turkish troops occupied Mush, the Russians retiring to the north.

Russian Note to Allies.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, May 5.

Petrograd. — M. Milukoff yesterday published a Note to the Allied Governments proclaiming the resolve of Russia not to conclude a separate peace, and her determination to secure a decisive victory. The Note denied that there was any slackening in the common struggle.

British Budget.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, May 4.

A preliminary statement in explanation of the Budget shows Receipts £573,428,000, exceeding the estimate by £71,153,000. The principal items of increase over estimates are income tax £10,000,000, excess profits duty £53,920,000, estate duties £1,232,000, stamps £378,000, telegraphs £100,000, Crown lands £100,000, miscellaneous £13,000,000. The decreases comprise posts £1,650,000, telephones £450,000, customs £439,000, excise £8,620,000. The expenditure amounted to £2,198,113,000.

May Day in Petrograd.

(S. O. SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, May 7.

The Executive Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates at Petrograd announces that several regrettable incidents occurred on May Day. An unknown youth killed General Kashalinski; and a number of individuals claiming membership of the Council tore off the epaulettes of officers. The Executive appeals to citizens to prevent a recurrence of such happenings.

Reichstag Utterances.

(S. O. SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, May 4.

Herr Dernburg, the German Minister for the Colonies, warned the Government not to delay the granting of reforms, and urged Herr von Bethmann-Hollweg to publish Germany's war aims, saying that if Germany had given President Wilson a concrete answer it would have been a step further.

In the Reichstag Herr Helfferich asserted that in February and March over one and a half million tons of shipping were sunk, a million of which was British. He estimated that the British tonnage still available was under ten millions, and declared that the British effort to relieve her difficulties by drastic restrictions of imports was doomed to failure. He frantically appealed to Germans to keep their nerves steady.

British Parliamentary News.

(S. O. SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, May 5.

In the House of Commons Sir Edward Carson admitted that there was ground for suspicion that submarines escaped from the enemy ports via neutral waters.

The Cabinet is considering the question of compulsory rationing. The King has issued a proclamation urging the necessity of the greatest economy in regard to all kinds of grain.

Rubber and Tin.

(S. O. SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, May 5.

Owing to the large increase of freight rates from Europe to Pacific ports the demand at the Rubber Auction was very poor, and prices generally declined. Smoked sheet averaging \$156 and pale crepe \$157. Tin was \$105.75.

Russian News.

Petrograd, April 38. — Bluejackets and soldiers and the great bulk of the public are tiring of the increasing anarchist open-air barangues by returned exiles, whose journey to Petrograd was facilitated by the German Government. It is not improbable that acts will soon succeed complaints against these men.

New York, April 28. — Replying to a message from leading American Jews urging no separate peace, M. Milukoff telegraphs: "No Russian party has contemplated or could contemplate the eventuality of a separate peace with the foreign aggressor."

Petrograd, April 27. — Following Minister Gutchkoff's visit to the southwestern front, twenty-three generals, including divisional commanders, have been replaced.

British Legation Telegrams.

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

London, May 1.

Operations on the British Fronts to May 3rd inclusive: During the week main interest has still been confined to the Western front, but except the operations to the north of the Scarpe, fighting has been chiefly in the nature of important local operations. The superiority of the Allies' artillery continues to be maintained, as the enemy learns to his cost by the ceaseless methodical bombardment to which he is subjected night and day. Important heights captured during the recent fighting completely dominate the present German positions, which lie in the open plain exposed to British artillery fire, and certainly in the opening four weeks of the Spring offensive the fighting initiative was definitely wrested from the German armies. A German wireless recently quoted approvingly a statement of a neutral military critic—"Hindenburg's Surprises." It would be interesting to know, could the truth be published in Germany, how the German public is deluded by the Press into believing that the German retirement on the Somme was a brilliant exhibition of military genius and that by an operation baffling the Allies' plans for a Spring offensive these would receive a "surprise," considering that during April, besides suffering some of the heaviest casualties in the whole War and yielding many square miles of French territory, the Germans lost to the Allied Armies in the West over forty thousand prisoners, four hundred and thirty seven guns, over twelve hundred machine-guns and trench-mortars, likewise a large number of guns, howitzers, mortars and machine-guns destroyed by artillery. That Hindenburg still remains the military idol of the German people is due to the skill of the German censorship in keeping from the people all news likely to acquaint them with the severe reverses of the German armies during April, or possibly to the inherent German quality of infinite stupidity. Only "infinite stupidity" could account for the persistent disregard of facts and figures. The German Imperial Staff continues to issue communiques hoping to deceive neutrals and comfort the German people with the illusion of successful strategy. Similarly, after the Marne the German communiques published elaborate details of attacks by French and British troops without mentioning the heavy and unsuccessful counter-attacks by the German infantry and the serious losses they suffered. It is significant that even the German communiques now claim no advantage except of a purely negative kind, which makes it difficult for readers of ordinary intelligence to understand how the German Higher Command can reconcile their purely passive defensive with extravagant claims to have retained the fighting initiative. No policy could better suit the Allies than the German plan of exhausting reserve divisions on the west in persistent and costly counter-attacks. During the last three weeks of April thirty fresh divisions were employed by the Germans to stem the Franco-British offensive. Sixteen have already been compelled to withdraw from the line for reorganisation owing to losses. This reckless use and the punishment inflicted on the German strategic reserve in April have been, in the Allies' view, one of the most satisfactory features of the fighting since the opening of the Spring offensive.

London, May 4.

The King inspected the New Zealand troops on Salisbury Plain, and referred to the glorious deeds of their comrades, who had helped to immortalise the glorious name of "Anzac." The King received the representatives of the Imperial War Conference at Windsor. An address was presented wherein the representatives summarised their deliberations as steps required to ensure that the fruits of victory may not be lost by unpreparedness for the time of peace and therefore so to develop the Empire that it will be impossible hereafter for an unscrupulous enemy to repeat his outrages upon liberty and civilisation. The representatives declared that they would return inspired by the magnificent efforts put forth by all classes of the King's subjects throughout the world. The City of London conferred its freedom on certain of the representatives of the Imperial War Conference, including General Smuts and the Maharajah of Bikanir. The Maharajah of Bikanir took occasion to deliver to the British people a message from the people of India that the latter would spare no effort to co-operate in the cause of the Empire. No sacrifice would deter them from the course they had taken. General Smuts said that the free nations of the Great Commonwealth felt that liberty endangered all over the world, whereby it would be impossible to build up the great communities now building up, wherefore our quarrel was theirs. They

wanted not the terror of militarists always overshadowing them. They could hear the cords creak that bound the German people, but the spirit of the Allied armies was magnificent in confidence and determination.

The Admiralty returns show a striking feature in the large increase in the number of vessels using British ports since the first week of the ruthless submarine campaign, and also in the decrease of the number sunk. The arrivals for the week ending April 29th were 1716, sinkings 159, while the number sunk was—(? not clear), those under 1,600 tons being thirteen. In a fortnight the number unsuccessfully attacked was twenty-one. The probability of aiming machinery was having effect, and was being carried out and extended with all possible speed. In the House of Commons Sir Edward Carson announced that during April the shipping losses in the Channel had been less than in any of the preceding three months.

The British Budget contains the striking statement: "In last year the total advances to the Allies was £540,000,000, and to the Dominions £142,000,000. The 5 per cent. War Loan amounted to £366,000,000, 4 per cent. conversions to £821,000,000 and Exchequer Bond conversions to £828,000,000. The principal new taxation is the increase of the excess profits tax to 80 per cent."

Mr. Bona Law announced in the House of Commons that the Irish statement was postponed owing to the absence of Mr. Lloyd George in France. The Ministry of Food announced that the rationing organisation would be ready in July, but that the necessity of putting the machine into motion may not even arise if the public will loyally and voluntarily renounce consumption. Mr. Asquith in his speech said that at the beginning of the submarine campaign, from the autumn of 1914 onward, the late Government had steadily bought wheat from all parts of the world, and greater quantities of it were stored and held in reserve by Great Britain than ever before. Lord Curzon declared on this

point that the Germans thought they could starve us in a few weeks, but "neither now, nor in a few weeks, nor in a few months, nor this year, nor even if the war lasts as long as next year, is it in their power to effect this result."

Before and after May Day the German frontiers were closed, and no papers were to be allowed out for ten days. Reports via Holland and Denmark describe severe riots in the Rhineland and in Berlin. A sidelight is shed on the German War Loan, the result of which is now advertised, namely that the Municipality of Karlsruhe applied for three million marks without the consent of the Municipal Council, and it transpires that the Municipality is already two million marks in debt.

Abstract of Foreign Trade.

Total number and tonnage of foreign steamers and sailing-ships which have called at the Port of Bangkok during the month of April 1917.

Nationality of Flag.	No.	Tonnage.
Norwegian	19	16,539
British	11	13,557
Chinese	14	12,779
Japanese	9	7,368
French	13	3,129
TOTAL	69	53,472
Passengers	Cabin	Deck
From Singapore	41	153
" Hongkong	—	116
" Swatow	7	3715
" Hailow	1	735
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Total	49	4724
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Premier's Great Speech.

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be our special security. We want to develop the lands under the flag. If fifty years ago, we had directed our minds, our power, our influence thereon, you would now have had double the population the Dominions at present possess, and have diverted emigration to the Dominions instead of to other lands. And you would also have attracted the virile populations of Europe.

We have decided that in future is the business of British and Dominion statesmanship to knit the Empire in closer bonds of interest, trade, commerce, business and general intercourse in affairs. We have considered this problem, and decided that in order to develop those enormous territories in the future it is necessary that exceptional encouragement should be given to the products of each part of the Empire. We believe that a system of Preference could be established without involving the imposition of food burdens. We believe that it can be done without that, and of course with food very scarce and very dear this is not the time to talk of putting additional burdens on food.

But for the purpose of preference that will not be essential. You can secure that by other means, particularly by taking measures which other lands have taken for improving the communication between one part of their Dominions and another. By these means the products of one country inside this great Imperial Commonwealth can be brought more freely, more readily and more economically to our markets.

Our Empire has infinite resources of wealth, minerals, food products, timber and every commodity needful for man, and it is obviously advantageous, not merely to the particular country producing these products, but to every other part, including the United Kingdom, that the commodities should develop to the utmost.

Mr. Lloyd George, referring to Ireland, said that it must be converted from a suspicious, surly and dangerous neighbour into a cheerful, loyal comrade if we are to have a well knit and powerful Empire, and that is essential for the peace of the world. Ireland was the one menacing prospect on the whole horizon. If he appealed for a settlement in Ireland, it was because he knew, from the facts driven into his mind every hour, that in America and Australia every part of it was regarded as one of the essentials of speedy victory. Therefore he appealed to the patriotism of every man to sink everything for the purpose of solving the problem.

We must concentrate upon defeating the worst enemy that we have ever encountered.

In conclusion, he referred to the position of India: "Germany's greatest disappointment in this war—and she has had many—has been India. She expected sedition, distraction, dissatisfaction and disloyalty, and the forces of Britain absorbed upon the task of subduing and suppressing these. What did she find? Eager enthusiasm and loyalty and help for the Empire, and I think that India is entitled to ask that these loyal myriads should feel not as if they were a subject race in the Empire but a partner nation."

All these questions require bold statesmanship. Timidity, timorousness and faintheartedness, abhorrent in peace, are fatal in war. Britain has faced the problem of war with amazing courage. She must face the problems of peace in the same great spirit.

I thank you, the Lord Mayor and Council of this great City, not merely for a personal honour, but for the encouragement coming from seeing men who once fought each other working side by side for the greatest end. My comradeship endures, not merely to triumphant victory, but until the devastation of the war has been repaired and the fruits of glorious victory have been gathered.

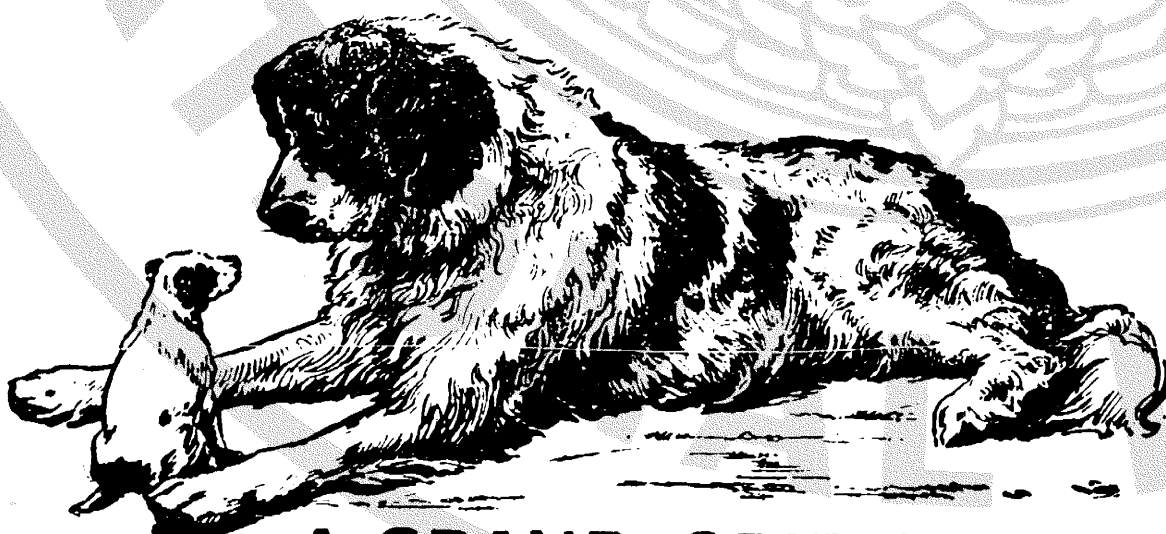
At the subsequent luncheon, Mr. Lloyd George said: "I don't want anyone to feel that, things being all right, there is nothing more to do; that is one of our real difficulties. Exaggeration causes panic. On the contrary, if things are painted in their true colours, by saying 'We shall pull through with an effort,' people say 'Let somebody else make the effort. I will do the pulling through.' Success is assured if everyone does his share."

"During the war I have side-tracked politics because a great war is like a serious illness, when ordinary vocations must be neglected and you must concentrate on meeting the dread enemy eating at your vitals. My experience during five months as Premier is that we have received help from men of every party."

The men who put party victory before war victory are very few. Nevertheless, sometimes you feel that party is there. I am not going to make applications, but those who think all party feeling so completely submerged that we can sail over the whole ocean with impunity have only got to watch. They will see here a little swirl and there a jagged rock. We will endeavour to avoid them, and we will buoy them, but if we find them impeding the nation's navigation there is enough explosive temper in this land to blow them up and fetch the cargo safely through."

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The Splendour of Youth.

In this war the nation has discovered the splendour of its youth. We may not say that the development of the noblest qualities in the flower of the nation is a justification of war, but none can deny that it is a sustaining consolation. The war has shown of what British youth is capable. The young men did not know it themselves before, nor did their friends, nor even their fathers and mothers. It is as though their hearts had been touched by a common ideal that united them in valour and raised them to an almost incredible standard of performance. Antennae-like, they took earth whose fortune throws them for a while out of the fight, only to rise with renewed strength. It is a common observation that the public schools pour their human elements into a mould where these become hardened and fixed to type. So far as we can judge from the war, the observation contains hardly enough truth to be seriously regarded. Unity of courage with diversity of application seems more like the rule. The conventionalities turn out to be no more than a working method of life adopted for convenience; the personal directing principles lie beneath, unspoiled in all their native independence. When we reflect upon the signal powers of heart and brain displayed in this war by young men whose names have become famous, we can think of all the heroes of history as brothers of our own kind and kin rather than as shadowy and impossibly remote exemplars.

The thought comes to us that after the war our public schools will cease to be unduly deceived about themselves. They have accepted the common estimate of the defects which tradition assigns to them; but if personal achievements in the war mean anything for them, they will recognise that, after all, the cultivation of individual initiative has been, and must remain, one of our eminent virtues. It is not to be wondered at, perhaps, that public school boys have been deceived about their own system. The extravagant reverence for athletic prowess, though it has not been a fatal convention, has been such an obvious one that it has seemed to exercise a much higher directing force on the growth of boyish ideals than it really did. This state of affairs, we think, may very well change, for some of the most conspicuous

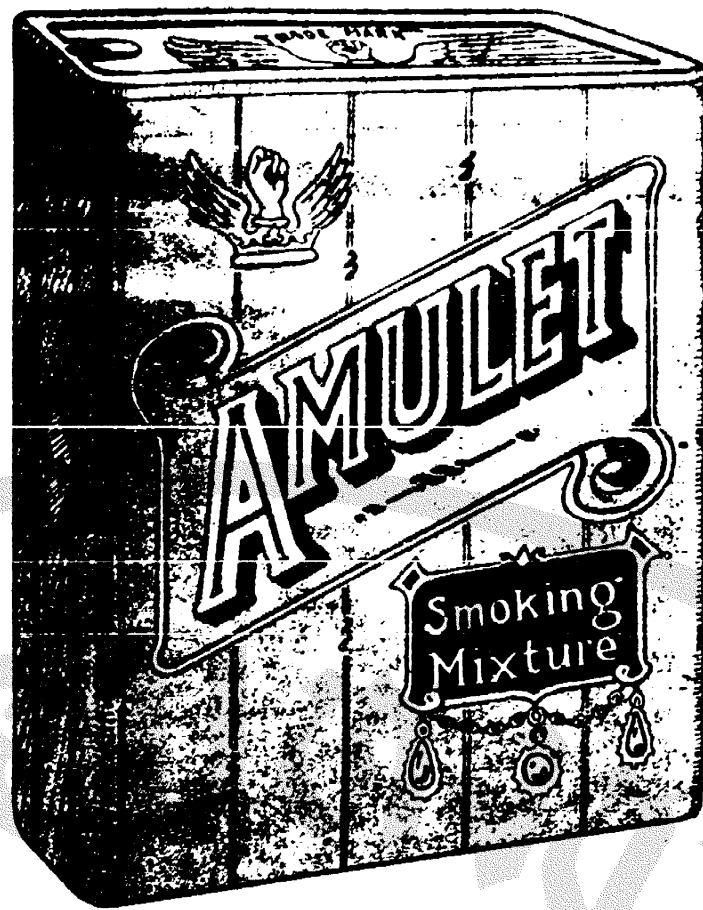
heroes of the war have been men whose brain-power, whose imagination, whose mental clarity, and whose ingenuity, have alone made their achievements possible. Surely such heroisms, residing often in comparatively weak and fragile bodies, must leave its impression on the ideals of the schools. The splendour of youth is not only the junction of mental power with physical courage, but the sheer conquest of the body by the brain. The athletic hero has by no means been the typical hero of the battlefield.

Every middle-aged man who was at a public school can call to mind the image of some human bulk who enjoyed an excessive degree of respect solely because Nature had endowed him with the animal strength to be, let us say, an irresistible forward at football. He may have been a simple companion, blankly limited in all his ideas; he may have been arrogant without rational cause; he may have been nervous and ill-conducted. But respect compassed him about as by natural right. Years afterwards an old boy may look back and marvel at the spell to which he then submitted. He may have seen the same man subsequently under the wider and more complicated conditions of the world, grappling dully, ineffectually, and, perhaps, rather pathetically, with circumstances which never seemed to have a charitable ray of credit to cast upon him. Even in the old days there were those who resented the schoolboy's standard of reverence. Some of them could afford the resentment. Being themselves in the position to exact respect on the recognised terms, they were like great gentlemen of the world who are unconscious of their rank. In recent years in the public schools the balance of popular esteem has been more reasonably adjusted. A boy of humour and liveliness who has a social talent may hope to be respected, even though he be without accomplishments in the playing fields. His qualities are no longer discounted to the vanishing point. He need not wait, as used to happen, till he goes to a university (where the balance of appreciation has always been more nicely adjusted) to come into a large part of what is justly his own.

In this war the combination of intellect with courage is what has enchanted the world and has caused onlookers to choose their heroes. We take a few names at random as they drift through our memory, and the

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THE Great War.

New Greek Cabinet.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, May 3.
Athens.—The Cabinet has been reconstituted by M. Zaimis, who takes the portfolio of Foreign Affairs, and M. Falley that of Finance.

M. Ribot's Confidence.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, May 3.
M. Ribot, in a speech to representatives of the Allied Parliaments, demonstrated that the active participation of the United States in the war gave to the Allies the certitude of final victory.

Brazil

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, May 3.
Rio de Janeiro.—Dr. Lauro Muller, Minister of Foreign Affairs, has resigned.

Paris, May 1.
Rio de Janeiro.—Senhor Nilo Pecanha has accepted the portfolio of Foreign Affairs.

British Transport Sunk.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, May 4.
The British transport *Arcadian* has been sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean. There are 279 missing.

Argentina and Germany

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, May 5.
The Republic of the Argentine has accepted Germany's excuses in regard to the sinking of the *Monte Protegido*.

French Communique.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, May 3.
By way of reprisal, we bombarded Trèves. In Champagne we captured 1



BRITISH OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH ON THE WESTERN FRONT.
How Tommy is Fed.
Unloading meat from a meat ship.

officers and 210 men. The British attacked all along the whole front of the Hindenburg line, making progress, and capturing strong positions.

Paris, May 4.
The British pierced the Hindenburg line west of Queant and at several other points, and captured Fresnoy and neighbouring positions on a front of three kilometres: the battle continues.

Paris, May 5.
We have captured Craonne, and have taken by storm the enemy lines north-west of Reims on a front of four kilometres, securing 750 prisoners. We repulsed furious counter-attacks on all the battle-front, inflicting heavy losses and taking 100 prisoners. The British beat off desperate counter-attacks, and advanced to the north-west of St. Quentin, taking 900 prisoners.

The Splendour of Youth.

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same is true of all—Rupert Brooke, the Grenfells, A. D. Gillespie, E. W. Tennant, Raymond Asquith, F. S. Kelly, Ronald Poulton, G. R. L. Anderson, W. N. Hodgson, D. O. Barnett, Charles Lister, Julian and Billy Grenfell, and Rupert Brooke, were distinguished athletes, but their athletic eminence would not have seemed so great an adornment had it not been joined with scholarship or the power of poetry. It used to be common form to laugh at the incredible bodily and mental talents of the Homeric heroes of some women novelists. But nothing could strain our credulity now. Think of Julian Grenfell, scholar, poet, steeplechase rider,

polo player, and boxer, within a few days writing the most memorable poem produced in the war—"Into Battle"—and knocking out a professional prize-fighter who offered to take on all comers. The diverse gifts of our young men have all been poured in a splendid stream into the treasury of national effort. None who has had anything to offer has failed. There has been such a uniting of purpose, such a consecration of various accomplishments, that nothing is left unaccounted for, no one is left standing outside the shining band of brothers with his talent unused in his hand. Can it be a vain belief that our great Imperial policy has a life before it longer than one can foretell, when the earnestness and vitality of our young are only being truly discovered for the first time?—*Spectator*.

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