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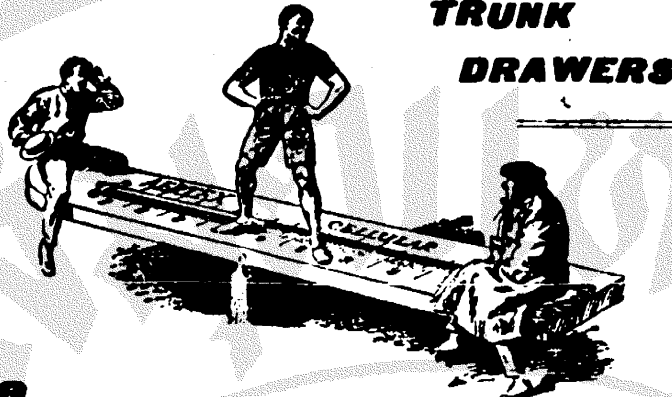
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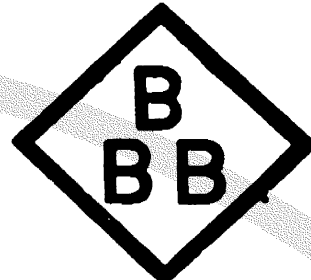
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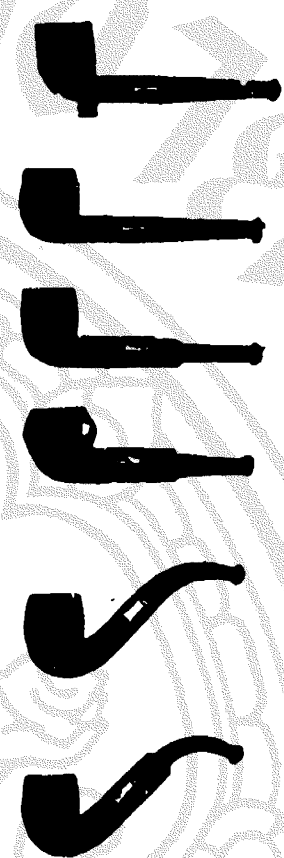
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1 8.00 14.7 ... Feet.

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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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"King Constantine Ready to Attack".

M. Diomedes, who was Hellenic Minister of Finance when M. Venizelos was the Prime Minister, has just arrived in Paris. He is charged with a mission in France and England by the head of the Provisional Government at Salonica. In a long interview with a "Temps" correspondent he gave a clear exposition of the situation in Greece which merits attention.

M. Diomedes said: The events of the last six weeks must have dispensed many illusions. Everyone must now know that what King Constantine has for months called a policy of neutrality has since the beginning been a pro-German policy.

The Greek General Staff has been constantly directed by Major von Falkenberg, Military Attaché of the German Legation, who passed his time either at the Royal Palace or at the Ministry of War. Since he left Athens the work of the Staff has still been under his inspiration.

Since the Entente's Note to Greece in June the army under his direction has been concentrated near the Lari-sa railway. At the same time he accumulated supplies of cereals which in spite of the blockade are sufficient to feed three army corps for some months. He also organized the so-called reservists, each man having his arms and equipment at his home and being able to join his corps in a few hours.

Under the German direction, the Greek army awaits the order to attack the Allies' troops, said M. Diomedes. "I do not know when it will receive it. But I affirm that this attack is certain, and the King's entire activity is being employed to prepare it."

The King has 45,000 bayonets at present at his disposal, and with the reservists numbering about 30,000, he will have three army corps composed of three divisions of three regiments each. The field and mountain artillery is complete, with the exception of forty guns given over to the Bulgarians and eighteen held by the Provisional Government. He has 180 machine guns, two for each battalion. These ordered since the war were stopped at Malta.

The attack of the Royal Army will be made in liaison with the Germano-Bulgarian attack, which is expected.

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Italy's Claims.

Bumour has naturally been busy with the objects of Mr. Lloyd George's journey to Rome; and we may safely follow the "Corriere d'Italia" in attributing political as well as military significance to the conference in which he took part, writes Mr. Francis Gribble. Italy's claims, and the attitude, actual or presumed, of certain other Powers towards those claims, have been discussed with alternate vivacity and anxiety in the Italian Press; and a fresh and friendly review of the questions involved seems a most natural sequel of recent changes in the political direction of the various countries concerned in the forthcoming re-settlement of Europe.

What Italy wants may be summed up in rough outline, under three heads:—

1. The Trentino, Istria, and Dalmatia, pushed forward to such strategic frontiers as will secure the future defence of those possessions, and including the ports of Trieste, Pola, Fiume, and Cattaro.

2. Vallonia, and such concession in Southern Albania and Northern Epirus as will make Italy the undisputed mistress of the Adriatic, relieved from all danger of Greek rivalry.

3. A Mediterranean zone, not at present exactly defined, but, "in proportion," to quote an Italian writer, "to our needs and rights, and in accordance with the desired equilibrium in that sea."

Doubt as to the view which the rest of the Allies took of these requirements has unquestionably not been without its effect. Newspaper polemics on some of the points have sometimes reached a pitch of extreme violence; but a good deal has happened since the controversy was at its acutest, and the regulation of the matter will probably be found to be a good deal easier now than it was even a few months ago.

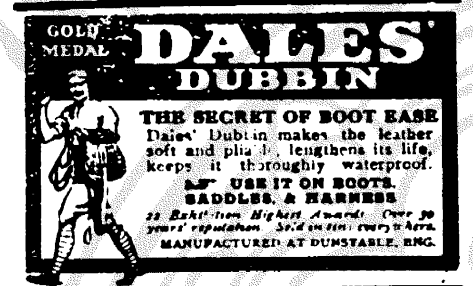
The attitude of Russia which called forth heated protest from Italy in the early part of 1915, may be expected to be modified by the advantages now guaranteed to Russia on the Bosphorus and in the Dardanelles, while the failure of Greece—of official Greece,

at all events—to follow M. Venizelos in responding to Lord Grey's overtures obviously simplifies certain other aspects of the problem.

If Greece and Italy had both been our friends, British sentiments might have been torn and divided, and the solution of several thorny questions might have taxed the ingenuity of diplomats. Matters are very different now that King Constantine threatens to attack in the rear the armies which M. Venizelos invited at Salonika. Phil-Hellenism is out of court, and regard for Greek aspirations can no longer operate as a barrier to Italian ambitions in this quarter.

In the North Adriatic, on the other hand, the conflict between Italian and Jugo-Slav, or Serbian, claims cannot be similarly eliminated. Some of the territories there demanded by Italy on both historic and strategic grounds do unquestionably contain a majority of Slav inhabitants, and their attribution to Italy threatens to create a new problem of Irredentism. Certainly, it is difficult for us, as the Allies of both claimants, to side emphatically with either of them against the other. What we have to work for is an understanding satisfactory to both of them, and, in the atmosphere of mutual good-will which victory engenders, that result ought not to be unattainable. Probably it has already been achieved in principle, and now only needs to be worked out in detail.

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AGRICULTURAL PROBLEMS.

The war has brought home to the nations concerned many new facts regarding their internal development which were not considered worthy of a passing thought in times gone by. No subject has perhaps had so much attention given it as the output of home grown food sufficient to make a country absolutely independent of exports. To-day the greatest efforts are being made in England, for example, to get the crops for 1917 something up to the average, but the closest calculations do not predict any chance of a bumper yield. The farmers appear to be lacking a sufficiency of labour, machinery, fertilisers and foodstuffs for their stock. It has been reported for some time past that young pigs and other stock were being promiscuously killed for want of the usual economic foods on which to raise them. Under these circumstances the Government is considering the actual necessity of giving extraneous help. It has been suggested that the present labour staff of the farmers should be left to them and that all necessities be provided at reasonable prices. The most important suggestion has been that the Government should take the precautionary steps of assuring to the farmers a certain and reasonable profit. An expert Committee has proposed that "wheat should be guaranteed at 60s. per imperial quarter for the term of the War" etc. The necessity for safeguarding the farmer has never been brought home to the Government so acutely before, and even here in Siam there have been years of good harvests, where the agricultural labourers have worked long hours in a good season only to be done out of their legitimate profits by the middlemen and rice millers keeping prices down. We have an instance of this in the present season. Harvests are good, but the price of paddy has gone down so much that those able to do so are holding on for better prices. It is now suggested in England to create by legislation a new Central Authority consisting of the President of the Board of Agriculture and picked men with wide agricultural and administrative experience to control the purchase and sale of all commodities. It may be possible for Siam, with perhaps the active participation of the neighbouring rice producing countries, to take steps for the protection of the paddy cultivators. A suggestion of this kind would have been scoffed at four years ago, but the exigencies of the times, judging from what is going on in Europe, brings it to-day into the region of possibilities.

Court Circular Correction.

In the Court Circular dated 17th instant referring to the presentation of the uniform to His Majesty the King as the Honorary Chief of the S-a Scouts, the rank of the Commanding Officer as "Scout-Major" and the designation of the Sea Scouts as the "King's Own Regiment of Sea Scouts" were wrongly given. The rank should have been styled "Scout-Lieutenant-Commander" and the designation the "King's Own Corps of Sea Scout."

LOCAL AND GENERAL

LIBERATION, the German socialist leader, is reported as employed in shoe-making in prison.

MR. H. J. Barry-Keating, who arrived to-day by the s.s. *Kuala*, has come to join the staff of the "Siam Observer."

H. R. H. PRINCE Svasti accompanied the Queen Mother on her journey to Rajaburi to witness the Scout and Military manoeuvres.

THE "Fall Mall Gazette" has been sold by Lord Astor to Sir Henry Daisiel M.P. and was opened in the new direction on Monday, January 8.

THE Siam Turf Club Races will be held on Saturday the 17th March and the following Wednesday and Saturday. His Majesty the King is expected to be present.

THE s.s. Kuala will leave from the Borneo Company's Wharf at 5 a.m. sharp, on Saturday the 24th inst. and should arrive in Singapore on Tuesday morning.

It may not be generally known that the Bangkok Dock Company has completed the purchase from the Bush Estate of the land adjoining the Company's premises hitherto held on a long lease.

To those intending visiting the hills in India during the hot months it will be good news that the return passage to Madras by B. I. boat for two costs something in the neighbourhood of Ticals 500 only.

NEW ADS.—Goods are going at cost price at S. Ikesaki's Store. New films will be shown to-night at the Phatnakorn. The Borneo Co. have a new notice to consignees. A notice appears re the estate of the late Mr. Grahlert.

His many friends will be glad to learn that at the request of the Ministry of Finance the services of Luang Sakol Sarakakana have been transferred from the Harbour Department to the office of the Comptroller General of the Finance Department.

THE Bangkok Dock Company's proposed dividend of practically 8 per cent, which, with the interim of 4 per cent, paid at the half year, must be good news for the shareholders, especially when it is remembered that all the existing debentures have been paid off.

THE following passengers arrived to-day by the s.s. *Kuala*:—Mr. T. C. Maxwell, Mr. B. F. Clarke, Mr. W. E. Tyler, Mr. and Mrs. Hesse, Mr. E. C. Campbell, Mr. D. L. Traenmpy, Mr. H. J. Barry-Keating, Mr. W. R. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. A. Jones and Mr. J. A. H. Brown.

Norwegian Merchant Fleet War Loss.

Since the beginning of the War to the end of the year 1916 there have been submarine or sunk by mines 211 steamers of 323,000 registered tonnage and 61 sailing vessels of 44,500 register tons, totalling 272 vessels with a tonnage of 367,500, representing in value about 200,000,000 Kroners.

The Norwegian ship-owners are at present building ships totalling in value about 600,000,000 Kroners, mostly in the United States.

In spite of the heavy war loss the Norwegian Merchant Fleet was, at the end of 1916, larger than when the war started.

Menam Motor Boat Company.

The Directors' Report for the year ended December 31st, 1916, for presentation to the shareholders at the 18th Ordinary General Meeting to be held on Thursday, February 22nd is as follows:

Your Directors beg to submit to the shareholders the Statement of Accounts for the year ended December 31st, 1916.

Gross Receipts Tcs. 179,711.12

Expenses " 121,556.56

Leaving a profit for the year of Tcs. 58,154.16

To Interest Tcs. 113.69

" Depreciation " 40,000.00

" Audit Fee " 500.00

Balance from last year " 2,778.98

Available for distribution Tcs. 20,508.45

This amount your Directors recommend should be apportioned as follows:

by paying a dividend of 5 per cent, absorbing Tcs. 10,000.00

" Directors Fees " 1,500.00

" Carrying forward to next year Tcs. 9,008.45

On the Board Capt. M. Rojreen, retired by rotation, and Mr. J. Ludvig Hansen have been elected a Director subject to your confirmation at this meeting.

THE Great War.

Zeppelin Visits France.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)

London, Feb. 20. The French communiqué says that a Zeppelin on the night of the 17th instant flew over the French coast from the Straits of Dover to the suburbs of Boulogne and threw several bombs without result.

A British Raid.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)

London, Feb. 20. Marshal Haig reports: A successful raid was made to the south of Souchez. We blew up a mineshaft and destroyed several occupied dugouts.

The Conference of Allies.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Feb. 19. Petrograd.—The Municipality has received the delegates of the Conference of Allies. M. Doumergue and Lord Milner affirmed perfect accord among all the Allies and declared that they will soon see the profitable results of the work of the Conference. They affirmed their absolute confidence in an early victory.

Famous Painter Dead.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Feb. 19. The painter Carolus Duran is dead.

President Poincaré Visits Front.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Feb. 19. President Poincaré, General Lyantey, M. Albert Thomas, General Nivelle and M. Bissolati visited the Lorraine front and the localities recently bombarded, notably Nancy. President Poincaré distributed decorations to aviators in the name of the Tsar and gave to Lieutenant Guynemer the Cross of St. George.

Germany and Neutrals.

What is Happening in Germany

New York, Feb. 14.—An Associated Press correspondent from Berlin telegraphs from Copenhagen that the railway traffic in Germany is greatly restricted owing to troop movements preliminary to the spring campaign, which the German leaders evidently expect to open in about a week. Military authorities declare that submarine warfare is being conducted with a view to interfering with the Cross Channel transport of British troops, upsetting the plans of the Entente.

Washington, Feb. 13.—Officials regard the alleged German offer to discuss means of preventing war as an effort to cast on the United States the appearance of being the belligerent.

The New York Herald learns that the German overtures were nebulous that they have not the slightest chance of success.

The New York Times regards the idea as the outcome of active peace propaganda engineered in the United States and expresses German methods in this connection.

A telegram from New York says it was the Kölnische Zeitung message of Feb. 6 and 12 which led to the German offer to negotiate. It is stated that Secretary Daniels consented to the sending of a wireless message to President Wilson's attitude. Mr. Daniels awaited the result with great interest.

There is much resentment at Mr. Bryan's pretension to speak to Germany on behalf of the nation.

Near Holland.

Amsterdam, Feb. 14.—The Handelsblad says German troop movements on the eastern frontier of Holland have ceased and a great proportion has disappeared southward.

Amsterdam, Feb. 15.—A Vienna telegram says that the Brazilian Charge d'Affaires handed Count Czernin a note expressing Brazil's apprehension at the unexpected, unjustifiable and illegitimate submarine blockade. Brazil refuses to recognize it as effective.

Amsterdam, Feb. 15.—Reliable information from Germany says that despite placards urging circumspection of speech, criticisms of the Kaiser and Hindenburg are often heard. Weariness of the war, and fear of Great Britain are common feelings in Germany.

British Legation Telegrams.

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

The British War Loan.

London, Feb. 19.

Mr. Bonar Law in the House of Commons answering a question regarding the amount subscribed to the War Loan replied: "The number of applications received on the last day has been so large that though officials have been working day and night there are still between two to five hundred thousand applications not yet dealt with and more applications are coming in from all over the country. It is therefore impossible to give detailed figures until the beginning of next week. I am however in a position to say that the loan has succeeded to a greater extent not only than what I anticipated but than what I hoped. I hope what I have just said will not encourage exaggerated and indeed impossible estimates which might create danger of what I consider the amazing financial effort of this country being minimised when the actual figures are known. To keep a sense of proportion it will be well to remember what was expected when the loan was issued. When I met the financial representatives of the city I was asked what amount of new money I should consider necessary to make the loan a success. I stated a figure which was much higher than I anticipated though no higher than I hoped. That figure was six hundred millions. That amount without any direct contribution from the banks which it is desirable to avoid, has already been exceeded, and though it is impossible to estimate the excess even by twenty or perhaps fifty millions that excess certainly amounts to one hundred millions."

The Sea War.

Submarining To Go On.

Amsterdam, Feb. 14.—Berlin Official. "There is an unfounded idea abroad that the submarine war will be weakened out of regard for America or for other reasons. The unrestricted war against all sea traffic in the barred zones is now in full swing and will not be restricted under any circumstances."

Amsterdam, Feb. 13.—Berlin Official. The secret period of grace for neutral steamers and enemy passenger ships on which neutrals might be travelling expired on Feb. 6 for the North Sea, Feb. 10 for the Mediterranean, Feb. 12 for the Atlantic and English Channel. Henceforth there will be no more individual warnings. It denies that neutrals hitherto have been sunk without warning.

Amsterdam, Feb. 13.—The Handelsblad says that the question of communication between Holland and the Dutch East Indies via New York and the Panama Canal is being discussed. It is proposed that certain Dutch steamers shall run between Holland and New York and others between New York and Java.

Casualty Lists.

Amsterdam, Feb. 14.—The U. 69 has arrived in the mouth of the Ems.

Sinkings: Steamers Lycia, Fehlelee (British) Agiospyridon (Greek) two British smaller craft, total 8700 tons. The terrible stories of frightfulness at sea continue. It is related as an instance that twenty three survivors of the torpedoed Liverpool steamer Arctur were in an open boat for four days. Seven died from exposure, two had to be sent to hospital.

London, Feb. 14.—There were 145 survivors of the Afric.

Rome, Feb. 13.—According to the Ministry of Marine, the Lyman Law was set on fire by bombs.

Washington, Feb. 13.—The Lyman Law was a schooner not a steamer from Palermo with lumber and was set on fire by a bomb of an Austrian submarine showing no flag. The crew of ten, eight of them Americans, landed at Cagliari.

New York, Feb. 13.—The Federal agents searching the Fredrik VII whereon Count Bernstorff and his staff now are, discovered several hundred pounds of rubber. The concealed rubber was confiscated and revolvers found on passengers were delivered to the captain, who will return them at the end of the voyage.

Warships May Be Sunk.

Amsterdam, Feb. 14.—An inspired article in German Newspapers states that though submarines will not attack neutral warships, the latter in view of mine danger, enter the war zone at their own risk. Whether conveyed or not, a merchantman is exposed to risk of submarine attack. As an instance, Norwegian steamers bound for Britain would not be immune though conveyed by Norwegian warships.

London, Feb. 14.—Sinkings: The steamers Foreland (British); three British and one Norwegian small craft; total including the Afric, 14,000 tons.

London, Feb. 14.—Military survivors of the Saxonian state that the ship was shelled before she was sunk. The captain was made prisoner, the boatswain died of wounds and four are wounded, including an American.

Lord Curzon said that nearly 85 per cent. more merchantships are armed now than at the beginning of December.

The Critical Front.

General Haig's Views.

Paris, Feb. 14.—Marshal Haig in an interview here stated the west front was the decisive front. There was no doubt the Allies would break the German west front and that the war would be decided on the battlefield and peace might be declared in 1917, but if Germany could not be entirely beaten this year the Allies would not hesitate to carry on the war. There could be no lasting peace without a complete victory and the British troops are indomitably resolved to fight to the end.

What we have done is enormous but there is still much to do. Already we have reached the munitions output we wanted; we now want more guns and railways. We cannot have too many guns owing to the continuous wastage. Regarding railways the disproportion between tonnage landed at our bases and tonnage of railways capable of carrying has hampered operations. The directors of English railways have investigated our requirements and given us more than we asked and have indeed even stripped their own railways of ballast where we were in want.

We are also supplying material of all sorts to our Allies, especially to Russia, Italy and Rumania. We cannot escape this obligation owing to the necessity of maintaining a united and solid front. Do not forget the western front is and will remain the principal front whereon I am convinced the decision of the war will take place. Hence our policy of making the western front defensively and offensively the best.

The correspondent asked whether a decision would be secured by breaking down the German front.

Marshal Haig replied: That is how I imagine the decision will take place. French warfare must give way to a war of movement, which will allow us to prepare the advantages we count upon. He emphasised that an incomplete or halting peace would leave Germany able to take a terrible revenge in the near future. After having attacked England she would be again on the French frontiers greedier than ever for blood and conquest. Let us beware of the suspicious manoeuvres of the enemy who feeling himself lost talks of peace and seeks to divide us.

Preparing for the Spring.

London, Feb. 14.—Reuter's correspondent at headquarters on Feb. 14, describing the British advance of Feb. 10, says that the attack was timed for 10.30 at night, very dark and the ground most difficult. After a brief bombardment the British crossed the soft snow and entered the enemy line with but little opposition, except on the left centre and on the right, where strong posts were still holding out though surrounded. Fighting was mostly bombing but there was considerable sniping. As in recent similar exploits, machine gun fire was encountered but not great.

Most of the prisoners were Prussians, who did not fight anything like traditionally. The enemy did not counter-attack. All recent experience indicates an increasing disinclination on the part of the Germans to try and turn the British out of captured positions. The talk of the prisoners shows they greatly dread the next push, which the present operations are directed to making more overwhelming. The army is convinced that a knockout will be scored by the autumn.

London, Feb. 16.—Reuter's correspondent at headquarters, Feb. 14th, says that raiding is becoming epidemic. Three successful shows have taken place in the past thirty hours, excluding minor affairs which are now not considered worth mentioning.

The Canadians, who initiated regular raiding, went out at four yesterday morning and stirred up the Eleventh Bavarians between Givency and Souchez on a front of six hundred yards and remained an hour, wrecking the German lines including a fortified quarry. They blew up four mine shafts burying the miners. They brought back prisoners though a double barrage was set up.

In a second raid five hours later, forty-six Canadians killed sixteen Germans, and bombed ten dugouts at the cost of three light casualties.

A third raid at Rocquincourt was made in brilliant sunshine at eleven in the morning. This brought back forty Saxons.

Items of Interest.

London, Feb. 14.—Silver is now 38½d owing to profit taking. The market is steady.

New York, Feb. 14.—A revolutionary outbreak in Cuba is attributed to German intrigues.

London, Feb. 14.—The Mesopotamia Commission has completed its examination of witnesses.

The Hague, Feb. 16.—A new Dutch war credit of 100 millions sterling has been proposed.

London, Feb. 15.—It is reported from Denmark that German troops are moving in Schleswig Holstein.

Amsterdam, Feb. 16.—A Vienna wire says the Emperor has relieved the Archduke Friedrich of his post as second in command.

The Hague, Feb. 16.—The German Legation states that the American delegate will be allowed to continue relief work in Belgium and north France.

London, Feb. 14.—The King was most interested when he inspected nine machine guns, presented by the chiefs and people of Rajputana and Ajmer.

London, Feb. 14.—In the Rossendale by-election Sir John Marden, Coalitionist polled 6019; Mr. Taylor, Radical 1804. Taylor was absent in custody.

London, Feb. 15.—The Press Bureau says the Minister of Munitions announces that a small fire broke out on Wednesday in a factory in Hertfordshire. Two workmen were killed but little damage was done.

Washington, Feb. 16.—A new and vigorous demand for the release of the Yarrowdale Americans will be forwarded to Germany shortly with a full statement of the treatment accorded to Germans in German ships in the United States.

London, Feb. 16.—The Premier on Feb. 19 will announce in the House of Commons the Government's policy as to restriction of imports. It is believed the importation of all luxuries will be prohibited.

Amsterdam, Feb. 14.—There is much speculation on the Kaiser's visit to

Vienna, where he and Emperor Charles exchanged toasts. It is reported that the latter is anxious to keep peace with Spain and America.

Petrograd, Feb. 14.—Lord Milner, speaking at a banquet, indicated that the results of the Conference were completely successful in determining details of the previously concerted common plans on which the Allies had been deliberating.

London, Feb. 16.—The trawler Barnsley was attacked without warning and blown up by bombs after the pirates had pillaged the food. The captain and engineer were taken prisoner and the others landed from their boats. The crew of another trawler were ninety hours in the boats two being frost-bitten.

London, Feb. 15.—In the House of Commons in reply to questions whether the Marshal Haig interview was authorised and correctly reported Mr. Macpherson stated the Government had taken steps to discover from Marshal Haig exactly what had happened.

London, Feb. 16.—A French Salonika communiqué says that an Italian counter-attack on Hill 1050, east of Paralovo, recaptured the whole of the lost trenches. An enemy counter-attack on the afternoon of Feb. 13, was completely repulsed. The German losses on Feb. 12th and 13th were heavy.



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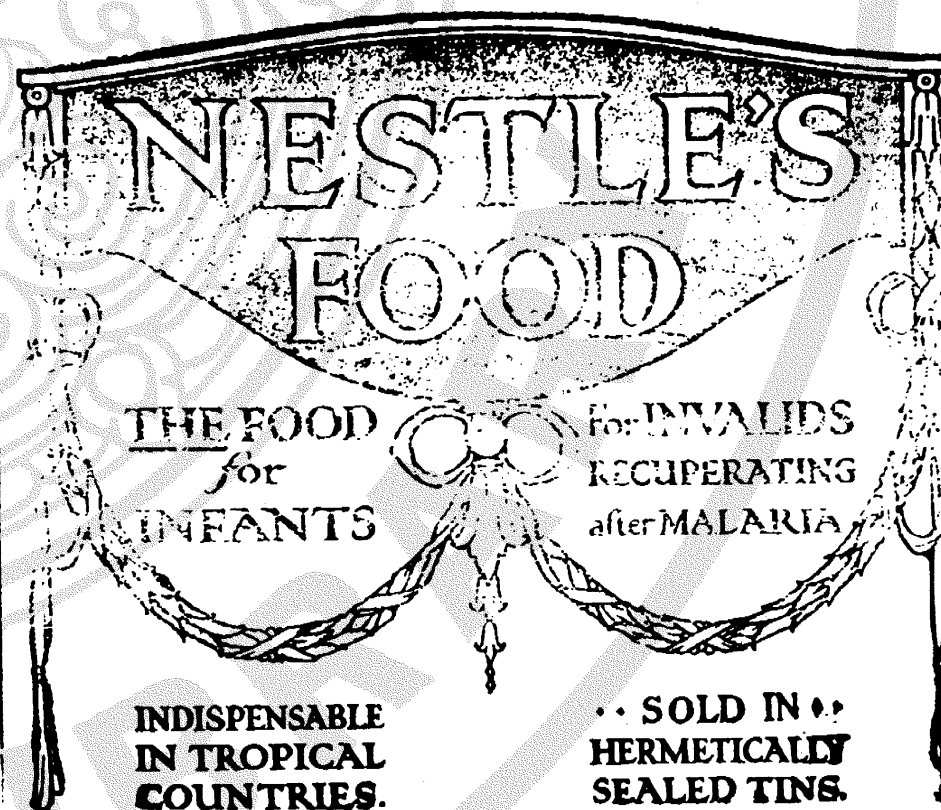
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After-War Labour Problems.

London, Jan. 14.—A joint committee to deal with labour problems after the war has been appointed by the Parliamentary Committee of the Trades Union Congress, the Labour Party, the General Federation of Trade Unions and the Workers' National Committee. It is anticipated that between 6,000,000 and 8,000,000 Government employees or persons supported by Government funds, representing nearly half the wage-earners in the kingdom, will be discharged after the war and between 2,000,000 and 3,000,000 of these will be turned off within three months after peace has been signed. The committee calculates that the rate of the disbandment of troops will not exceed 5,000 a day. The committee urges the Government to make some provision for discharged soldiers. It also suggests that the trade unions be entrusted with the task of finding new situations and that a drastic reform be made in the employment exchanges.

London, Jan. 11.—The Employers' Parliamentary Association has investigated industrial reconstruction and the establishment of a national trade policy after the war. It reports that harmony between capital and labour is the first essential and suggests the appointment of an industrial advisory council representing employees and workers to which disputes should be referred. It condemns compulsory arbitration as impracticable. It has accepted the Trade Union Parliamentary Committee's invitation to discuss proposals. The Association regards the unassociated employer and the non-unionist as the principal menace to industrial peace. A general increase of wages by five shillings weekly would have most serious consequences. An increased reward of labour would only be possible provided there were increased selling prices and increased efficiency. Therefore a close understanding and co-operation between employers and workers is imperative. The association approves of the encouragement of scientific British trade. It declares that the existing system of national insurance is unsound and ought to be drastically remodelled. The Association adds: "We are convinced that peace will bring great opportunities for industrial and commercial advancement to the Empire, whose unrivalled resources must be thoroughly developed. We must think in terms of the Empire not of the United Kingdom and realise that the Dominions, which are supporting us nobly in war time, are ready to co-operate in peace time."

London, Jan. 10.—The Minister for

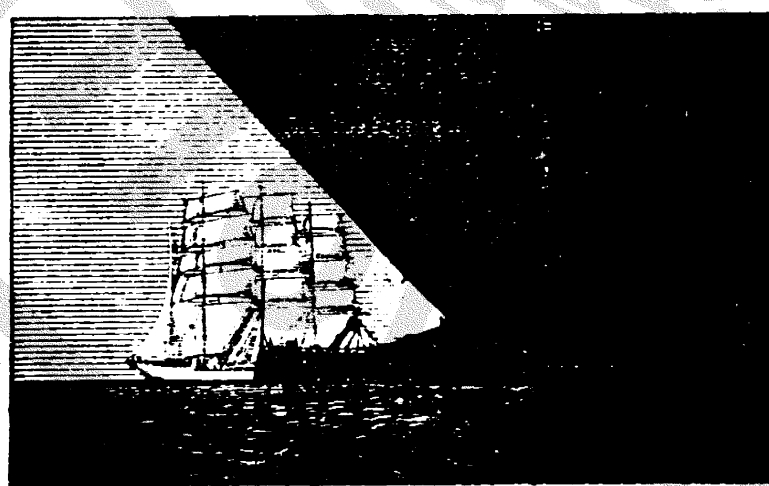
Labour, Mr. Hodge, stated in an interview yesterday: Government is rapidly preparing a demobilisation scheme based upon a report of the Demobilisation Committee. It is estimated that the army can be demobilised at the rate of 5,000, daily. It is expected that there will be plenty of employment after the war as the pressure is wearing machinery out, thereby necessitating renewals the moment peace comes. There will be an immense manufacture after the war, notably of locomotives and railway rails. It is certain, also that there will be a tremendous shipbuilding programme which, coupled with the allied industries, will absorb several millions of workers. There will be only a short interval between the cessation of the munitions making and the commencement of peace operations. Manufacturers believe that it will be difficult to obtain sufficient labour in the cotton, woollen, leather and building trades. Mr. Hodge added: "I myself have had many conferences with big employers who are convinced that trade will boom if we avoid labour troubles. We must try to bring both sides together and to prevent disturbances. I believe common sense will prevail."

Britain's Air Service.

London, Jan. 14.—Lord Cowdray has been appointed President of the Air Board in succession to Lord Curzon. Lord Sydenham has resigned his membership of the Air Board to which he was appointed on its formation in May last, it is understood because of the Government having declined to co-ordinate the Admiralty into coming under a general amalgamation. The Government settlement is a compromise. Commodore Jodfrey Marshall Payne, C.B., is to take charge of the Royal Naval Air Service, with the rank of Air Lord and a seat on the Board of Admiralty. Sir David Henderson, Director-General of Military Aeronautics, will continue to command the Royal Flying Corps, and represent the Army Council on the Board. Several officers will be transferred to other posts, the aim being to bring about more complete co-ordination in the air services of the Army and Navy. The new Board will deal with the production and supply of machines and material for the two fighting departments. The Royal Naval Air Service and the Royal Flying Corps will send orders for the machines they require, and the Air Board will place them with the various departments, and see that they are executed.

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London, January 16th.—A neutral subject who had been living in Germany until last month states: "I lost 151bs. weight in eight months. I saw no butter while in Germany. Saccharine was used instead of sugar. This affected the gums and also caused diarrhoea. The only thing fit to eat was chocolate. Everybody is showing the characteristic signs of jaundice including a yellowish tinge in the skin and the whites of the eyes. A millionaire is as badly off as a poor man, but the poor are under the impression that the official can secure food intended for the relief of the Belgians. The maximum price of potatoes has been fixed so that it does not pay people to grow them. There is an anti-Prussian feeling growing in the non-Prussian parts of Germany as the Prussian authorities are taking measures to maintain the Prussian position after the war. The authorities in Berlin are utilising the national service law to send many non-Prussian youths into the firing line in order to release Prussians. Popular opinion in Germany has become reconciled to the idea of giving up Belgium."

The neutral continues: "Many Germans expect that Holland and Denmark will be invaded shortly in order to secure food. Many large guns have been concentrated on the Dutch frontier. It is expected that a 50 per cent capital tax will be imposed after the war."

Amsterdam, Jan. 16.—The Kaiser has ordered General von Stein to organise all boys in Germany and to fit them for war service. Schoolboys will be compelled to attend military drill daily and to take part in long days and night marches. The order amounts to compulsory war athleticism with the object of turning every German boy into a soldier in the shortest possible time.

Amsterdam, Jan. 11.—General von Stein, in a proclamation to the German people, indicates that there is a serious outlook for war pensioners. He urges the people to employ soldiers invalidated in the war. Germany's finances are so hard hit that she will be unable to support war invalids for many years. Whatever peace Germany gets her financial resources are limited.

London, Jan. 16.—The "Daily Telegraph's" Rotterdam correspondent reports that beer stamps to secure a more equal distribution of beer have been instituted in Bavaria. No beer is sold in Munich after 8 p.m. The Bavarian authorities are anxious on account of the popular unrest in the mining and industrial districts following upon a reduction of the potato ration to three pounds.

Amsterdam, Jan. 16.—The German Hebrew Defence Union publishes what it describes as "a scandalous order" which compels Jewish members of artillery regiments now employed as secretaries and orderlies to go to the front immediately. The Union declares that the Prussian army system of sending many Jews who are unfit for service to the front trenches is part of an anti-Semitic policy. Its appeals to the Kaiser have been fruitless.

to the Kaiser has been the "Lauter" of London, Jan. 20. While many naval officers in Germany are seeking to lull the hunger revolt by inspired statements that British merchantmen will be swept from the seas in the spring, "Persens" in the "Berliner Tagblatt" sounds a note of warning. He says: The more serious the submarine war becomes, the greater the difficulties that must be faced. The enemy merchant ships are being more strongly armed and the skill of their captains in repelling attacks has increased, while the number of enemy submarines for destroying submarines has become greater. It is to say against our people that we, we can starve England out by a turn of the hand. We cherish the expectation that the enemy will not be able to adapt themselves to the intensification of an economic war but the future will reveal who will hold out the longest.

January 31st.—Recruiting for the Volunteer force continues briskly under Lord French, and the formation of regiments for Aberdeen, Berwickshire, Linlithgowshire, Merionethshire, Middlethion, Morayshire, Pembrokeshire, Roxburghshire and Selkirk has begun with first battalions: second battalions are on the way. Units of artillery, engineers and supply are also being raised, so that the force will be complete. The county commanders have the work in hand, many experienced general officers having been appointed.

The King's message has been received with enthusiasm as showing that the new Volunteer force will for the time being take the place of Territorial forces. Rifle clubs are recruiting and training men. There are recruiting and training men. There are about 2,500 clubs doing one kind of work or another in home defence.

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TIME TABLE.															
IN FORCE FROM 1st JANUARY, 1917 TO JULY, 1917.															
BANGKOK-MEKLONG.					MEKLONG-BANGKOK.										
STATIONS.		Train No.			Distance from Bangkok.	STATIONS.		Train No.							
		I.	III.	V.				VI.	VI.						
A.M. P.M. P.M.						A.M. P.M.									
5 Km. Bangkok Dep.					8.30	12.30	4.30	Km. Meklong Dep.					8.35	12.35	
33.1 Mahachai								33.8 B. Hlame							
Terminus Arr.					9.50	1.50	5.50	Terminus Arr.					9.55	1.55	
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A.M. P.M.						A.M. A.M. P.M.									
Km. B. Hlame					10.20	2.20	4.30	Km. Mahachai					6.45	10.45	2.45
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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. Nakhon Patoun ...	8.56	10.13	2.45	4.27	Prachuap Kirikan Arr.					p.m.
Ban Pong ...	9.33	10.56	3.26	5.38	... Dep.					2.26
Potaram ...	9.55	11.22	4.0	6.17	Pran Kao ...			6. 5	9. 5	2.41
Batburi ... Arr.	10.26	11.57	4.31	6.59	Wang Phong ... Arr.			6.10	10.59	4.89
		p.m.			Hua Hin ... Dep.			6.13	11.14	5. 5
Petohaburi ... Dep.	10.36	12.10	4.41		Hua Hin ... Arr.			6.57	11.46	
... Arr.	12. ...	1.45	6.29		... Dep.			7. 5	11.54	
		a.m.			Petchaburi ... Arr.			9.37	1.43	
Hua Hin ... Arr.	1.59	4.47			... Dep.		7.10	9.52	1.56	
... Dep.	2. 5	4.57			Batburi ... Arr.		9.10	11.40	3.18	
Wang Phong ... Arr.	2.27	5.37						p.m.		
... Dep.	2.48	5.42		6.25	... Dep.	6. 5	9.22	1.30	3.28	
Pran Kao ... Arr.	... 5.47			6.33	Potaram ...	6.59	9.56	2. 6	4. 1	
Prachuap Kirikan Arr.	4.38			8.46	Ban Pong ...	7.43	10.19	2.43	4.25	
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				p.m.				p.m.		
Chumpon ... Arr.				3.53	Angkok Noi ... Arr.	11.12	12.23	4.53	6.28	
Chumpon-Tung Song on Tuesdays, Thurs. & Sats.					Tung Song-Chumpon on Mondays, Weds. and Fri.					
Chumpon Dep.	a.m. 6.45	Tung Song Dep.	a.m. 6.45		Tung Song-Trang daily	a.m. 2.20	Trang-Tung Song daily	a.m. 8.30		
Langsuen Arr.	9.18	Surasattha Dhani Arr.	11.37		Trang Arr.	5.30	Trang Song Arr.	11.22		
Dep.	9.28	"	12. 2							
Surasattha Dhani Arr.	1. 4	Langsuen Arr.	3.37		Tung Song-Singora Wed. Fridays & Sundays					
Dep.	1.39	"	3.47		Singora-Tung Song Tuesdays, Thursdays & Sun.					
Tung Song Arr.	6.23	Chumpon Arr.	6.19		Dep.	a.m. 11.50	Singora Dep.	a.m. 7.30		
Tung Song-Nakhon Srihararaj daily except Monday					N. Junction Arr.	12.40	Patalang Arr.	10.48		
Nakhon Srihararaj-Tung Song daily except Monday	a.m. p.m.	a.m. p.m.			Dep.	12.55	"	10.58		
Tung Song Dep.	6.30	N. Srihararaj	11. ...	4. ...	Patalang Arr.	2.47	N. Junction	12.50		
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Arr.	8.50	Tung Song Arr.	...	5.20						

General News.

The Honours List.

London, Feb. 13.—The following New Year honours are Gazetted.

Commanders of the Bath. Mr. J. Norton Griffiths M. P., Earl Dartmouth, Sir Frederick Black Allen (New Zealand Minister of Defence), Mr. Kent (Director of Labour Supply in the Ministry of Munitions), Mr. Duckham (Chairman Advisory Committee Munitions), Colonel Charles Ellis (Director General Ordnance Supplies), Mr. E. H. W. D'Eyncourt (Director of Naval Construction) Major General Sir C. Crutchley (Governor of Chelsea Hospital.)

Companions of the Bath. Duke of Atholl and seven organisers of the Territorial Forces.

Cross of St. Michael and St. George. Sir G. Fiddes.

Baronetcy. Sir Frank Adam (Privy Councillor of Ireland), Major General Sir Bryan Mahon.

Knight Bachelor. Mr. Kanagasabai, (ex-member Ceylon Legislature,) who has given a war ambulance.

Companions of St. Michael and St. George: Mr. A. S. Pagden, (Controller of Revenue, Ceylon); Dr. C. L. Sansom, (Medical Officer, Malay States); and Mr. Claud Severn, (Colonial Secretary Hongkong.)

A feature of the honours is that nearly all are for war work, none for political services. Sir George Perry Graham, proprietor of the Montreal Evening Star is the only peer.

Colonel Owen Thomas, mentioned in the Cornwallis West report has been knighted for his services in recruiting. Sir W. A. Tilton of the Ministry of Munitions is knighted for his work in the development of tanks.

State Control of Mines.

London, Feb. 14.—The Press Bureau announces that the Board of Trade assumes possession of all coal mines in the United Kingdom for the duration of the war. Mr. Guy Calthrop, manager of the London and North Western Railway, is entrusted with a new department as controller of coal mines. An advisory committee representing employers and employed will assist.

Other Questions.

London, Feb. 14.—In the House of Commons Sir G. Cave said a committee was sitting to consider whether interned persons should be allowed to remain in Great Britain after the war, and also questions of exclusion of suspected aliens and denaturalisation of Aliens. The Dominions would have to be consulted on the last named matter.

London, Feb. 14.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Walter Long announced that he is consulting authorities at

Malta, Gibraltar and Cyprus with regard to the suggestion that men there should be enrolled in the Labour Corps under the Military Service Act, for service in France, in order to enable the British Labour Corps in France to be used at Home in view of the shortage of labour there.

London, Feb. 13.—The response to Mr. Neville Chamberlain's appeal for national service recruits is regarded as most gratifying; there were 11,000 offers yesterday alone.

London, Feb. 13.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Flavin suggested that the increase of the price of tea in London was unjustifiable.

Capt. Bathurst agreed and proposed to investigate the matter immediately. London, Feb. 14.—In the House of Commons Mr. Yate asked: Does the

Wheat Commission purchase wheat in India at two shillings above the Indian market price, with the result of upsetting the whole Indian wheat market?

Captain Bathurst replying for Lord Devonport: The Wheat Commission inform me that they purchase at the market price.

Mr. Flavin suggested that the names of large companies unpatriotically holding up large quantities of tea should be published.

Capt. Bathurst promised to bring the matter to Lord Devonport's attention.

Sir J. D. Rees declared that similar allegations previously made turned out to be founded on a misunderstanding.

Adis Ababa, Feb. 14.—Six thousand Government troops routed seven thousand followers of Adijasson, the de-

posed Emperor, who, as usual, fled the night before the battle and is still at large. The Empress was crowned on Feb. 11.

Various.

London, Feb. 13.—Sir George Cooper, High Sheriff of Hants, has subscribed £2,635,000 to the war loan, including over two millions new money. This is the largest individual subscription hitherto.

London, Feb. 13.—The Times suggests that there are many retired British non commissioned officers in India, who could give valuable assistance in training special Indian units for service in India.

London, Feb. 13.—H. M. the Queen accompanies His Majesty the King at the opening ceremony of the School of Oriental Studies on Feb. 28. Sir J.P.

Hewett will read an address and The King will reply. Lord Curzon will also speak.

London, Feb. 13.—Silver is at 38 7 16d and there are scanty supplies. The price is firm.

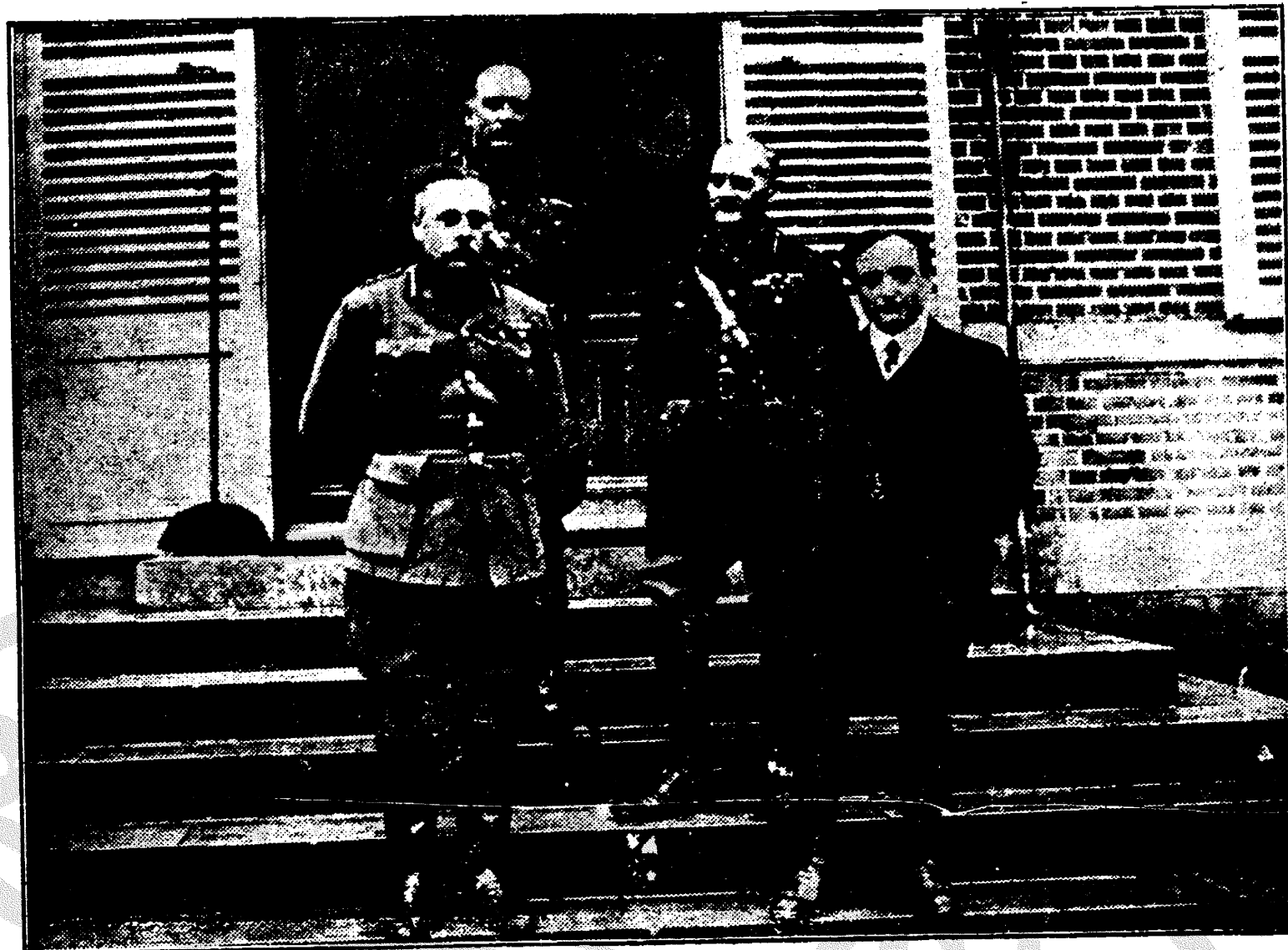
Athens, Feb. 13.—A big fire has broken out in an arms factory at the Piræus and is rapidly extending. Allied bluejackets are assisting the Greek firemen. There have been many victims.

Athens, Feb. 14.—The fire at the Piræus is under control.

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