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## STEAMER SAILINGS.

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**HOMEWARD**  
**1916**  
**MAIL LINE SAILINGS.**

Leaves Singapore	Connecting at	Due London
s.s. "Nankin" May 12	Colombo with s.s. "Kashgar"	June 12
" " " " 26	" " " " " " " "	" 26
" " " " June 9	" " " " " " " "	July 10
" " " " 23	" " " " " " " "	" 21
" " " " July 6	" " " " " " " "	Aug. 7
" " " " 20	" " " " " " " "	" 21
" " " " Aug. 3	" " " " " " " "	Sept. 4

**Intermediate Direct Sailings.**  
1916  
s/s "Nyanza" leaves Singapore about July 10 due London Aug 18  
" " " " do do Aug. 21 do Sept. 29

**OUTWARD-1916.**  
**For China.**

Due Singapore	Connection with	Leaving London
s/s "Novara" April 30	s/s "Morra"	April 1
" " " " May 14	" " " " " "	" 15
" " " " 19	" " " " " "	" 15
" " " " 28	" " " " " "	" 29
" " " " June 11	" " " " " "	May 13
" " " " 25	" " " " " "	" 27
" " " " 30	" " " " " "	" 27
" " " " July 9	" " " " " "	June 10
" " " " 23	" " " " " "	" 24
" " " " Aug. 6	" " " " " "	July 8
" " " " 20	" " " " " "	" 22
" " " " Sept. 3	" " " " " "	Aug. 5
" " " " 17	" " " " " "	" 19

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1916  
s.s. Kamo Maru June 14 s.s. Atsuta Maru Aug. 16  
s.s. Katori Maru " 28 s.s. Hitachi Maru " 30  
s.s. Kachima Maru July 6 s.s. Iyo Maru Sept. 13  
s.s. Mishiima Maru " 19 s.s. Miyazaki Maru Sept. 27  
s.s. Suwa Maru Aug. 2 s.s. Kitano Maru Oct. 11

**FOR HONGKONG AND JAPAN.**  
1916  
s.s. Mishiima Maru June 7 s.s. Miyazaki Maru July 30  
s.s. Suwa Maru " 13 s.s. Kitano Maru Aug. 13  
s.s. Atsuta Maru " 28 s.s. Fushimi Maru Sept. 27  
s.s. Hitachi Maru July 2 s.s. Hirana Maru Sept. 10  
s.s. Iyo Maru " 16 s.s. Kaga Maru " 24

**JAPAN-AMERICA LINE.**  
Steamers will leave HONGKONG for SEATTLE as follows:  
1916  
s.s. Sado Maru June 27 s.s. Yokohama Maru Aug. 30  
s.s. Shizunaka Maru July 19 s.s. Sado Maru Sept. 19  
s.s. Kamakura Maru Aug. 8 s.s. Shizunaka Maru Oct. 11

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1916  
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s.s. "Boribai" ... 24th June 1916.  
" " " " " " 1st July  
" " " " " " 4th "  
" " " " " " 8th "  
" " " " " " 11th "  
" " " " " " 15th "  
" " " " " " 22nd "  
" " " " " " 25th "  
" " " " " " 29th "

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application to the manager.Alterations and additions to advertise-  
ments on Pages 2, 3, 6 and 7, must be  
sent to the Office not later than 10 a.m.  
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before noon.

## TIDE TABLE.

DEPTH OF WATER ON THE  
BANGKOK BAR.

FOR JULY, 1916.

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

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

## PHASES OF THE MOON.

June 30th O New Moon 5.25 p.m.  
July 1st O First Quarter 6.37 p.m.  
July 15th O Full Moon 11.22 a.m.  
July 22nd O Last Quarter 6.15 a.m.  
July 30th O New Moon 8.57 a.m.

## Telegraph Lines.

The Post and Telegraph Department  
reports that Siamdusongrom line is still  
imperfectly working between Bangkok  
and Siamdusongrom. Malay Peninsula  
main line is in order as far as Rajaburi.  
Tavoy line is still interrupted beyond  
Siamese frontier. Other lines are in  
order.

## Bangkok Mails Close.

HONGKONG via SWATOW.  
Thursday 22nd 2 p.m. s.s. Kanebow  
SINGAPORE.  
Thursday 22nd 2 p.m. s.s. Mata Hari  
Thursday 22nd 2 p.m. Ban Hong Liong  
Friday 23rd 2 p.m. s.s. Kuala

## Exchange Rates.

## To-day's Quotations.

LONDON—  
Bank Bills, demand 1/6 7/16  
Bank Bills, 4 months' sight 1/6 17/32  
PARIS—  
Bank Bills, demand —  
GERMANY—  
Bank Bills, demand —  
NEW YORK—  
Bank Bills, demand U.S.A. 35 3/4  
INDIA—  
Bank Bills, demand Rs. 113 3/4  
SINGAPORE—  
Bank Bills, demand \$65 1/2  
HONGKONG—  
Bank Bills, demand \$71 5/8  
YOKOHAMA & KOBE—  
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vance Bills has been reduced to  
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## Russian Veterans.

Splendid Record of Contingent  
In France.The dramatic and unexpected arrival  
of the Russian troops still fascinates  
the imagination of the French public.  
writes a Paris correspondent. General  
Lochvitski, the Russian Commander-  
in-Chief, and Ivan Ivanoff, the young-  
est soldier in the armies of the Tsar,  
and one of the members of the con-  
tingent, are the heroes of the moment  
in France. Ivan, who is only 13 years  
of age, was serving in the trenches on  
the Russian-German front when he  
heard that a contingent of Russian  
troops for service in France was being  
organized. Through his commanding  
officer he appealed to the Tsar for per-  
mission to join the corps, and the  
"Little Father" granted it. At Mar-  
seilles the factory girls threw flowers  
at Ivan as he marched through the  
streets with his comrades.General Lochvitski is spoken of as  
one of the most brilliant among the  
younger Russian generals. He took  
part in the great Russian victories early  
in the war on the Hungarian front and  
also was with the Grand Duke Nicholas  
when the shortage of ammunition ne-  
cessitated the long and terrible retreat.  
A member of the Russian Imperial  
Guard, the Emperor personally nomi-  
nated him to command the Russian  
troops in France.Interviewed by The Matin corres-  
pondent, a colleague of General Loch-  
vitski said: "The majority of the  
soldiers in the contingent have been  
fighting against the Germans, and the  
numerous decorations which they wear  
indicate that they fought courageously  
and well. They are picked men, whom  
the Germans in East Prussia, the Aus-  
trians in the Carpathians, the Turks in  
the mountains of the Caucasus have  
reason to remember. Germany want-  
ed a war to the death, and we have  
replied with all our energy, wealth,  
and blood. We Russians are deter-  
mined to spare nothing to achieve vic-  
tory."NO LAXATIVES are so  
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## THE RAINFALL.

Rainfall for the 2nd week in June 2488

Locality.	Rainfall recorded during the week.	Rainfall of correspond- ing week of last year.	Total rainfall for present year to date.	Total rainfall for last year to correspond- ing date.	Remarks.
	Millimetres.	Millimetres.	Millimetres.	Millimetres.	
Ministry of Agriculture	52.0	18.7	188.1	254.7	
Dhanyaburi	No report	66.3	—	344.0	
Sundulprakar	22.1	22.1	—	296.3	
Krung Kao	71.0	25.0	225.4	220.0	
Angtong	131.5	11.2	146.5	380.1	
Lobhuri	12.8	19.0	237.5	284.0	
Jamart	No report	44.4	—	311.2	
Udadhani	120.7	51.2	302.9	407.5	
Bismulke	191.3	29.0	594.7	363.5	
Xhaxeragsao	76.9	29.2	394.8	191.4	
Prachin	101.9	31.5	331.0	214.9	
Nagor Pathom	117.7	4.3	317.6	371.8	
Rajaburi	86.0	62.6	250.3	323.1	
Bejaraburi	62.5	27.9	233.1	270.7	
Xiangmai	65.2	26.2	339.2	211.9	
Singora	39.6	5.7	248.4	132.5	

## Paknam Railway Company Limited.

## TIME TABLE.

PAKNAM—BANGKOK.					BANGKOK—PAKNAM				
Stations.	Train No.				Stations.	Train No.			
	1	2	3	4		1	2	3	4
	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.		a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.
Paknam	Dep. 6.30	9.30	12.45	3.45	Bangkok	Dep. 7.45	10.45	2.00	5.00
*Maha Wong	6.35	9.35	12.50	3.50	Sala Deng	7.52	10.52	2.07	5.07
*Ban Nang	6.40	9.40	12.55	3.55	Klong Toi	8.00	11.00	2.15	5.15
Greng	6.45	9.45	1.00	4.00	*Ban Khuei	8.05	11.05	2.20	5.20
Chorakhe	6.50	9.50	1.05	4.05	Prakonong	8.10	11.10	2.25	5.25
*Samrong	6.55	9.55	1.10	4.10	Bangjak	8.15	11.15	2.30	5.30
Bangna	7.00	10.00	1.15	4.15	*Bangna	8.20	11.20	2.35	5.35
Bangjak	7.05	10.05	1.20	4.20	Samrong	8.25	11.25	2.40	5.40
Prakonong	7.10	10.10	1.25	4.25	Chorakhe	8.30	11.30	2.45	5.45
*Ban Kinei	7.15	10.15	1.30	4.30	*Ban Nang	8.35	11.35	2.50	5.50
Klong Toi	7.20	10.20	1.35	4.35	*Maha Wong	8.40	11.40	2.55	5.55
Sala Deng	7.25	10.25	1.40	4.40	Paknam	8.45	11.45	3.00	6.00
Bangkok	Arr. 7.30	10.30	1.45	4.45					

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**Papuan Customs.****Importance of Ghosts at the Burial.**

That custom is rather more than law in native life is the firm belief of Mr. Wilfred Beaver, Resident Magistrate in the Koro District, with headquarters at Buna, Papua. He gives some exceedingly interesting instances in his annual report, which is included in the review of the year recently issued by Judge Murray, Lieutenant-Governor of Papua.

"Custom, though generally irksome enough, is seldom disobeyed," Mr. Beaver says. "It regulates the Papuan life, from the manner of tying the knot of a snare, so that the spirits may not seize the hunter, to the avoidance of one's relations-in-law. To mention one's mother-in-law's name is a sufficient, or rather an absolute, cause for divorce. To touch her hand, even by accident, involves the fine of a pig."

"The mourner must pass through months of strict seclusion, and conform to rigid rules unless he can be relieved of his obligations by taking a life—a custom which is not encouraged by the administration. An heir finds himself in the somewhat unpleasant position of having to give away most of his father's property, although he doubtless looks forward to a quid pro quo in due course. A child must undergo a strict segregation for many months before being finally cleansed of evil. Even a man eater must not eat of the person he has himself killed, although on one ceremonial occasion he may enjoy the perhaps tantalising privilege of biting into a small piece of the liver, previously doctored with symbolical herbs and stuffed into a roasted taro. So far is this practice of not eating what is personally killed carried that a man may not eat his own pig or dog if he has killed it himself. It he wishes to partake of his own pork, he must call in the aid of some obliging friend. The first pig killed by a new spear or taken in a new net may not be eaten by women or children."

**Cult of the Dead.**

Mr. Beaver points out that, generally, it has not been the policy of the administration to interfere in native custom, except where the custom is obviously harmful or repugnant. "The highly inane custom of village burial is hard to stamp out," the magistrate adds. "That the practice is forbidden is everywhere well recognised. I suppose this is one of the questions on which Papuan and European do not think alike. The practice is too much bound up with the cult of the dead to be easily eradicated, and the cult of the dead is one of the most important items in native thought. The ghosts of the dead hover round their abodes in life: when the bodies are placed in the grave they are addressed by

the mourners, they are invoked at a long series of funeral feasts, and, I am told, answer to their calls. They guard the crops of the living. In almost every village will be seen some ghost platform, on which are placed offerings of food by the relatives, and the general idea is that the ghost would be cold and lonely (and incidentally, perhaps, unable to do its duty by the living) buried away in the bush. It is no wonder that village burial is still attempted, and, trying to 'think black,' I can feel a certain sympathy with a father charged with burying his infant child under his house floor and pleading in excuse that surely it could not matter, as the baby was only a very little one."

"It may not be generally known that the ghost of a dead man has power ipso facto, over his slayer, whether he be killed in battle or by other means, but the veriest tyro in Papua will pronounce that no native is ever believed to die naturally. It would be idle, I suppose, to argue against this. At any rate, I might say that it is well known that the ghosts of the dead have the power to convey to each of their relatives or friends as are gifted with clairvoyance the news of those who have compassed the death, even when the cause is not actually obvious."

"One or two of these methods of divination may be not without interest. One form, for the particulars of whose existence on the Upper Koro, I am indebted to Mr. P. Chinnery, is, I have ascertained, common through many of the inland Orokaiva tribes. When a man dies and foul play is suspected, the larks of certain trees, varying according to district, are lighted in the evening and set apart on the village outskirts. Some of the deceased's friends climb trees and watch the light in silence. In due course, the ghost appears, and extinguishes the lights. Then a large spark ascends, and, burning with a clear, steady light, passes on, carefully watched by those in the trees. Next morning, the tracks are carefully searched, and, at length, two totem plants will be found in some conspicuous place, obviously the work of the ghost. These marks can be identified—one is that of the dead man, the other of the individual who had bewitched him. A search of the latter's house will reveal the dead spark of the previous night. During the night the ghost has had to thoroughly search the district, and when its work is done the spark dies. Unfortunately for the psychic value of the proceedings, I understand the imprint of a human hand may often be discovered on the charred wood."

"In similar circumstances of death a man gifted with clairvoyance conceals himself by night in a clump of sugarcane, the garden of the dead man having been first broken down by his friends. In the course of the evening the ghost returns to his garden, and

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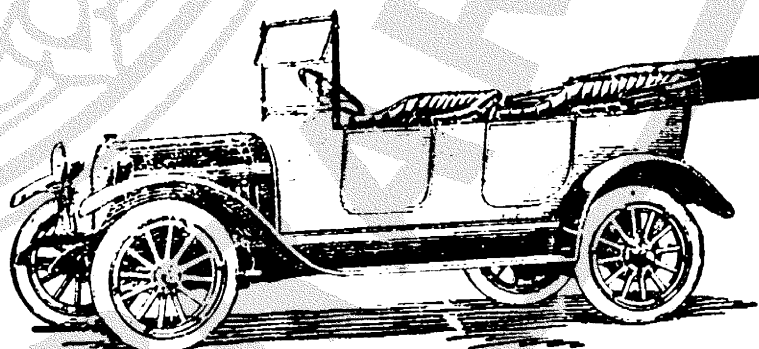
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(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, June 19.

There was only cannonading on the French front.

Petrograd.—Since the occupation of Czernowitz we have followed the enemy who is retreating towards the Carpathian passes.

**H. M. S. Malaya.**

(S. O.) SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT. Singapore, June 20.

Replying to a telegram of congratulation from the F. M. S. Chambers of Commerce Admiral Jellicoe says the Grand Fleet greatly appreciates the message which will be sent to the Captain of H. M. S. Malaya.

**The Tin Market.**

(S. O.) SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT. Singapore, June 20.

Tin is quoted at \$86.25.

**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**

THE s.s. "Kuala" will leave from the Borneo Company's wharf at 4 p.m. sharp, on Friday the 23rd inst., and should arrive in Singapore on Tuesday about daylight.

THE Kreuzzeitung says that no state of war exists between Portugal and Austria. It will however be declared if Portugal follows the same action with Austrian ships as she did with those of Germany.

WE have received a copy of the June number of the College News issued by the Bangkok Christian College. The year that closed on March 28th, the editor says, was one of the best if not the best the College has ever known and this year has opened with still better prospects.

THE Singapore Court of Appeal has fixed the 27th inst. as the date for the hearing of a case arising out of the collision between the steamers Vivat and Brisbane in which the former vessel was sunk. In the lower Court it will be remembered that judgment was given in favour of the owners of the Vivat. A question was raised as to the advisability of having two assessors, and it was agreed that before the date of hearing the Registrar should communicate with the Master Attendant asking him to arrange for two assessors if possible, one to be a naval officer.

**U.S.A. Presidency.****The German Vote.**

Amsterdam, June 11.—The Germans are pleased at the nomination of Judge Hughes instead of the anti-German Roosevelt. They assert that Hughes must have the German-American vote and defeat Wilson. German censors are suppressing news of the Russian successes.

New York, June 14.—German-Americans are trying to secure support for Judge Hughes, lavishing flattery on him.

Asked by reporters to define the attitude of German-Americans, Judge Hughes replied that it was one of undiluted Americanism.

President Wilson, addressing West Point cadets, said that Americanism meant something bigger than the United States. The latter was ready to join with other nations of the world in securing the reign of justice everywhere. She would play a disinterested part in the European settlement, while prepared to act to prevent interference with her liberties.

St. Louis, June 11.—At the opening of the Democratic convention, ex-Governor Glynn who was chairman paid a high tribute to President Wilson's statesmanship and affirmed his policy of neutrality was truly American.

Norfolk (Virginia), May 12.—Proceedings were opened here to-day to determine how the British liner Appam should be disposed of. The judge, overruling the protests of counsel for the German Embassy, allowed the publication in court of the State Department's communication to Count Bernstorff expressing the view that the Appam did not fall within the protecting clauses of the Prussian-American Treaty. It seems that the treaty only granted asylum to ships of war accompanying prizes, whereas the Appam was here. If the prize and came into port unaccompanied by a ship of war.—Reuter.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

[We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by our Correspondent]

To the Editor of the "Siam Observer."

Dear Sir,

In your last night's issue you published a letter by "Fed Up," and I beg to heartily agree with him in all he has said.

Methinks, however, he has left out one of the most important items, i.e. "Banking" and on that score I beg to remain,

**"MORE FED UP STILL."****Arrivals.**

The following passengers arrived by the s.s. "Kuala" to-day:—Mr. F. J. Ford, Mr. Hendrick (Siam Forest Co.) and Mrs. Hendrick, Mr. Horne, Mr. and Mrs. Le May, Mrs. Jacobs and child, Mr. Takutani and Mr. Mahayama (Mitsui Bussan Kaisha) and Mr. G. Yong Chua (Kiam Hoa Heng).

**Czernowitz.****Russians Cross Roumanian Frontier and Apologise**

Petrograd, June 14.—The number of German officers in the Austrian army is proved by the fact that twenty per cent. of the officer prisoners are German, compared with ten per cent. of the men. General Brusiloff replying to a telegram of congratulation, says "I firmly hope to gain a success which will utterly crush the enemy." Czernowitz is not expected to long withstand the Russians. It was fourteen miles north-east of the town that General Letchitsky gained one of his most striking successes. Attacking the Austrians on two sides he threw them into such confusion that twenty thousand surrendered, including a divisional staff. The Austrian artillery retired early from the engagement and the infantry lost very heavily in killed before the final rout.

Petrograd, June 14.—Bucharest telegrams state a Russian detachment has crossed the Pruth into Rumania. The Rumanian Government protested and the Russian Commander apologised, saying it was due to an accidental misunderstanding.

London, June 11.—While Letchitsky's forces are battling for Czernowitz a sweeping Russian movement is proceeding from Lutsk westwards towards Vladimir Volynsk and west north-west in the direction of Kovel which is one of the most vital centres of the enemy's railway and road communications between his western and southern fronts. A successful development of this move would have far-reaching consequences placing the Austrians operating on the Kovel-Sarny line and also right flank of Leopold of Bavaria's Army (at Pinsk) in an ominous position.

Petrograd, June 15.—The communiqué says the Russians continue to drive back the Austrians on the whole front to the Rumanian frontier. The struggle for the possession of the Czernowitz bridgehead continues. The Austrians are desperately resisting the advance from Lutsk to Vladimir Volynsk. Despite furious enemy counter-attacks north of Bucacz where the Russians recently had a slight setback the Russians dislodged the Austrians on the right bank of the Strypa crossed the river and seized the heights on the left bank.

**Worldwide Tributes to Lord Kitchener.**

London, June 14.—There were worldwide memorial services for Lord Kitchener, including one at the British headquarters attended by General Haig and staff and representatives of the French and Allied military missions. Another at the English Church, Petrograd, was attended by the Ambassador, Diplomats, all the members of the Cabinet and representatives of the Court, army and Holy Synod.

The Bishop of Jerusalem officiated at a service at the barracks in Cairo. Besides the High Commissioner, British generals, ecclesiastics of all oriental religions and a great many Egyptian notables attended.

**Economic Conference.**

London, June 11.—The Economic Conference of the Allies has opened at the Foreign Ministry in Paris. Great interest is taken in the proceedings. M. Briand addressed the delegates on the objects of the meeting.

London, June 15.—M. Briand, in opening the Economic Conference, emphasised the necessity for striking a blow at the enemy's industrial vitality and also for economically restoring the countries which have been the victims of hostile occupation. For this purpose the Allies must exact exceptional measures of defence and compensation at the expense of the vanquished enemy.

**Persia.**

London, June 14.—Teheran: Sir Percy Sykes' column entered Kerman on June 12 and had a very cordial reception.



**Mr. Asquith's Speech.**

London, June 14.—Mr. Asquith in his speech at Ladybank paid a tribute to Lord Kitchener's boundless self-devotion to the service of his country. The survey of the present war situation was inspiring. The Russian advance was one of the most brilliant feats of the war. The indomitable resistance of the Italians to the Austrian onslaught was growing daily more effective. Nothing could exceed the valour of the French at Verdun. The cooperation of the Allies was growing more complete in material and economic resources and might well prove one of the deciding factors of the struggle.

The battle of Jutland had established our sea command more firmly and unshakable. Regarding Ireland a provisional settlement was most desirable but the post-war fabric of Empire would have to be refashioned and the relations of Britain and Ireland and also the Dominions brought into close and connected review.

British assistance has been offered to General Joffre and the steps that would be taken would be dictated by sound strategy.

**Fight in the Baltic.**

Stockholm, June 14.—There was a forty-five minute fight in the Baltic off Braviken last night between German armed trawlers and an unknown enemy force. A German trawler which arrived at Nykoeping with five wounded refused all information.

A newspaper version of the fight says thirteen German merchantmen were steaming south convoyed by three destroyers, an auxiliary cruiser and some armed trawlers when they were attacked by Russian destroyers and submarines. The convoy dispersed, the merchantmen fleeing to the coast. It is reported several were sunk. More German wounded are arriving.

Berlin admits the destruction of an auxiliary ship south-east of Stockholm as a result of an attack by four Russian destroyers in Nykoeping bay on Tuesday night. It says Russian shells set the ship on fire. The crew blew her up. The commander and most of the crew were saved.

**Air Attacks on Turkish Camps.**

London, June 14.—Official. Egypt reports a successful air attack on June 13 on enemy camps and aerodrome at el Arish and Dirmazar. A Fokker was driven down. A hostile aeroplane attacked Serapeum on June 13 without doing damage. The machine tried without result to drop bombs on the Canal but was driven off by gunfire.

**Weddell Sea Relief Ship.**

London, June 14.—The Admiralty announces that the Government had approved the equipment of the ship *Discovery* for a two years search for Shackleton's party in the Weddell Sea when news of the arrival at Falklands was received. Lieut. Shackleton now rescues the Elephant Island party. The Uruguayan ship *Aurora* at the end of 1916 will rescue the Ross Sea party. Australia and New Zealand co-operating.

**Chinese Affairs.**

London, June 15.—Peking: Liang Shui-yi, Director-General of Customs, has resigned. He retains the presidency of the Bank of Communications. He was one of the principal promoters of the monarchical movement and was also regarded as largely responsible for the financial crisis. His dismissal as a punishment was one of the chief demands of the Southerners.

**Imperial Institute.**

London, June 15.—The new executive council of the Imperial Institute includes Sir W. H. Clark of the Board of Trade; Sir John Hewitt, Mr. E. J. Kershaw, appointed by Mr. Chamberlain; Sir R. W. Carlyle, appointed by the Raj; Baron Islington, Sir M. F. Reid, Sir W. T. Taylor, ex-Resident-General of the Malay States, appointed by Mr. Bonar Law; and Mr. P. S. Katti, of Wilson College; T. S. Narayana, Government College, Rajahmundry and K. A. Rau of the Presidency College, Madras.

**Italian Cabinet.**

London, June 15.—Rome: Signor Roosevelt and a dozen members of the Chamber are forming a cabinet in co-operation with Signors Bissolati and Orlandi.

**Kitchener's Successor.**

London, June 15.—It is stated that Mr. Lloyd George has been offered the War Secretaryship.

**Hunger in Holland.**

London, June 15.—The Hague: A deputation of hundreds of women waited on the Prime Minister and the Minister of the Interior demanding a reduction in the price of foodstuffs. The Prime Minister said they had adopted measures which they hoped would be effective. There were demonstrations at Rotterdam. The police charged with sabres, dispersing the crowds after the windows of food shops had been broken.

**General News.**

London, June 14.—Lord Elcho is a prisoner at Damascus.

London, June 14.—Captain J. W. Kemp has been appointed Commander.

A Copenhagen report says that no German casualty lists have been issued since April.

Petrograd, June 14.—Russia has prohibited the export of leather and manufactures of it.

The Vatican contradicts the report that the Pope sent wire to the Kaiser and President Wilson, urging a reconciliation.

Petrograd, June 15.—The communiqué says: An offensive of a large Turkish force in the Caucasus in the direction of Bagdad was stopped.

London, June 14.—The death has occurred of Sir James Thompson, (principal and professor of physics in the City and Guilds Technical College, Finsbury).

The Rotterdam Lloyd liners which call at London on the way to Java now take the route round Scotland, the company preferring eight days' delay to risking dangers.

London, June 13.—The cotton spinners are disappointed with Sir G. R. Asquith's award but say they will abide by it till February when the whole question may be reopened.

Herr Luderitz, the German Consul at Baltimore, has been arrested on a charge of supplying a false passport to Von der Goltz, who arrived in Britain under the name of Bridgman Taylor.

New York, The "Evening Sun" prints a copy of an order sent to German reservist officers in the United States instructing them to depart immediately for Juarez, Mexico, in the event of a diplomatic break.—Exchange.

Petrograd.—A telegram from Teheran states that a Turkish subject, Jemal Bey, made an attempt on the life of Count Logothetti, the Austrian Minister in Teheran. The Count escaped injury.—Reuter.

Exports from Brazil in the course of 1915 exceeded imports to the extent of £20,000,000. Those of the Argentine rose from 349,000,000 to 553,000,000 piaster and exceeded the imports to the extent of 331,000,000 piasters.

The Reichstag has rejected by 229 votes to 111 the motions of the Socialist Parties for the postponement of the trial and the release from arrest of Dr. Liebknecht, the Socialist deputy who took part in the riot in the Berlin Potsdamer Platz on May Day.

According to a message from Athens the railway line to Salonica will be opened in the second half of May. Two trains a day will run in each direction. The express will cover the distance in 12 hours. The Greek railway system will thus be linked with that of Europe for the first time.

Copenhagen.—Prince Henry of Prussia, the Kaiser's brother, has at the Emperor's desire, gone to Kiel to effect changes in the High Sea Fleet, which has been increased by several cruisers and submarines. The Navy Minister, Admiral von Capelle, inspected the fleet and left for Wilhelmshaven.

In the course of April 30 mines were washed ashore on the Dutch coast, including 50 British, 3 French and 13 German mines and 24 of unknown origin. Since the beginning of the war 1,024 mines have been washed ashore on this coast, amongst which were 535 of British, 614 of French, 193 of German and 255 of unknown origin.

Rome, June 15.—The communiqué says the Austrian attack on the Poena front on Monday evening was repulsed with heavy loss. The enemy on Tuesday heavily shelled the whole front from the Adige to the Brenta. We effectively countered. An attempt to recapture positions won by the Italians on the upper Boite collapsed.

New York.—A hundred and forty-five thousand citizens paraded from the City Hall to Central Park to-day to support the policy of "preparedness." It was the greatest civic demonstration in New York's history. The procession took twelve hours to pass the reviewing stand. Twenty thousand women in the line were commanded by Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, junior.

Olaas: The German Admiral Souchon has arrived at Varna (Bulgarian Black Sea port) from Constantinople and has inspected new workshops for assembling submarines sent in sections from Germany. He also visited new submarines which are ready for the Black Sea. With him was the German captain who is to command the submarine squadron. During the war the Russian Fleet has sunk 70 Turkish steamers and 8,000 Turkish sailing vessels.

**A Secret Out.****Verdun's Deadly Peril When Attack Began.**

Under the title "A Page of History," The *Matin* has published an article on Verdun which throws much light on circumstances hitherto somewhat obscure.

It will be remembered, says the *Matin*, that February was marked throughout by a series of local offensives over the whole front with the exception of the Verdun sector, and it was obvious these tactics were intended to prevent any concentration of French reserves. General Petain's army, held by the High Command in preparation for certain important operations, was not then in the Verdun region and was not taken there until the battle had actually lasted several days. The German tactics did not deceive many of the French generals, though there were two distinct currents of opinion in the general staff, some officers believing that Verdun itself was the German objective, while others maintained the contrary.

Our front was held mainly by Territorial and African troops, and on General Herr asking for reinforcements the 20th Army Corps, which was resting at Mailly Camp, was placed at his disposal, though not actually sent forward. It was in these conditions that the great attack of February 21 was made, and it was only when our retirement became noticeable, that the gravity of the situation was realised. We were struggling with three divisions (45,000 to 60,000 men) against five army corps (200,000 men).

No railway had been constructed in the Verdun region, and we had the use of only one line for moving our troops. It was thought prudent to arrange at once for the evacuation of the right bank of the Meuse, and our curtain of first line troops had orders to retire while holding back the enemy as long as possible.

These orders had actually been received when General Castelnau arrived on the scene. He examined the situation, made up his mind, and then, on his own initiative, decided to take steps exactly contrary to those arranged, and what it might, to hold firmly to the Douaumont plateau. General Petain was entrusted with the duty. The first act was the utilisation of motor wagons for the transport of troops and munitions, and no fewer than 1,700 such wagons were brought into use. Thanks to these the 20th Army Corps was moved in ten hours from Bar-le-Duc to Douaumont, and while it had not left until seven o'clock on the evening of February 21, it participated in the action of the 25th at ten o'clock in the morning. The same motor-wagons made possible the transportation of the whole of General Petain's army during the next few days, and continued for the following two months to be of invaluable assistance in bringing up provisions, munitions, and fresh troops.

**Mystic Monk Murdered.**

Copenhagen.—The *Bucarest* correspondent of the *Berliner Tageblatt* learns that the Russian monk Rasputin has been murdered in Petrograd.—Exchange.

Gregory Rasputin was one of the most mysterious characters in Russia. The son of a peasant farmer of Tobolsk, in Siberia, he lived a rural life until about thirty years of age and then, seized with a quasi-religious mania, he started on a pilgrimage which brought him in 1900 to Kazan, the famous cathedral town, where he obtained a letter of introduction to a mystic bishop, Theofanos, at Petrograd. He created there a kind of religious salon, and though two bishops sought to get him banished they failed.

Rasputin acquired great influence at Court, and one particularly gross scandal led to his exile, but he frightened the Empress by stating that "something terrible" would follow his banishment, and when the Czarevitch fell ill the illness was interpreted as the fulfilment of his warning and the Czar allowed him to return in the spring of 1911.

His salons were crowded with all sorts of people, from peasant women to ladies of the nobility and from generals to beggars, but it was among women that his influence was supreme. Women of unblemished reputation have fallen under the unexplained but irresistible spell which he seemed to exercise.

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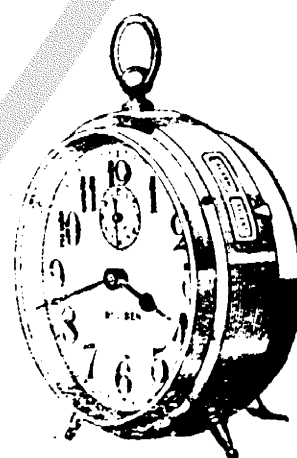
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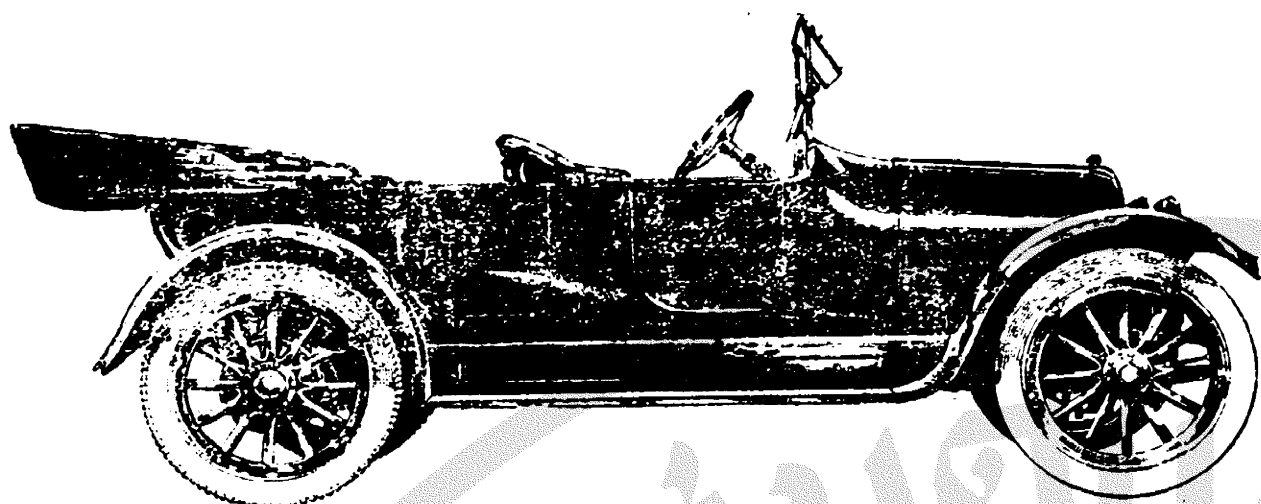
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### Foreign Press Views.

The Spanish journal *Diluvio* says: "The advance of the forces under Grand Duke Nicholas shows the importance of the French expedition to Salonika which 'with an extraordinary perspicacity and foresight' M. Briand defended. It will be seen to-day how wisely France regarded the situation. Three matters, consequential on this foresight, have already eventuated: the conquest of Armenia and Anatolia; the pacification of Persia and a check of the German plans against Egypt, Persia and India. The fourth consequence will be the arrival of the Russian forces on the banks of the Mediterranean—possibly at Alexandretta. It is a far away goal, but for which undoubtedly the combined efforts of France, Britain and Russia are striving."

The German Review "Action" produced at Jena, the University town, publishes an article from the German journalist Paul de Lagarde, in which the dismemberment of Austria is discussed. Here are some extracts: "Austria must not be anything else to Germany in future than a colonial territory. Austria is nothing but the putty and tool to make new Germans, but the Slavs in the South must be left free from all attempts at Germanisation. The other nations forming the population of Austria, such as Czechs and Hungarians are only a burden on Europe. Hungary is nothing else but a heap of absurdities and in consequence a political anomaly. Also, we Germans must aid towards the disappearance of these people."

In reply to the above Mr. M. E. Rakosy, senator and proprietor of the *Budapesti Hirlap*, and a great friend of M. Tizza, writes in vehement terms against the views taken in the article and says: "What is the Central Union which is proposed to us to-day—if not the realisation of the dream of this de Lagarde? We are not willing to become part of a Union where we are to be only clay and tools. The publication of such an article in Germany at this juncture is both an impertinence and a stupidity."

In the *Vossische Gazette* (Berlin) Professor Georges Steindorff writes: "Lille, the flourishing industrial city, has become a city of soldiers; in its pretty streets, on the boulevards, there resounds the tramp, tramp, of companies in grey field uniforms, returning from the front or going to the trenches; then the rattle of the long convoy of carts, bearing munitions, war material and food. Of the 217,000 inhabitants Lille counted before the war, fully one quarter has left the city or has been sent away. The able-bodied men have gone to the other side and are fighting

in the French trenches. Many houses are located in the better class quarters, windows are smashed, there are great holes in walls from bombardments and explosions which the city has had to bear, not to speak of quarters entirely destroyed. Lille is a picture of desolation now—what will it be later?"

**The Arrest of Liebknecht.**  
The *Figaro* says: Liebknecht, despite carrying his actual indignation to revolt, preserves his German character. Though he may appear to some to be a traitor to his country, he is still our implacable enemy, and Frenchmen who allow themselves to be duped by his actions are preparing for themselves future regrets.

**A German Opinion.**  
Says the *Leipziger Neueste Nachrichten*: Will the Reichstag demand the release of Liebknecht from prison? It is doubtful. It is necessary to clear out of Parliament an objectionable individual who has not the least notion of the responsibility he bears and utilises his position solely to satisfy a poorly acquired vanity. Possibly the present trial will give the military court an opportunity to examine Liebknecht's mental state. We hope that on the withdrawal of the proceedings against him by reason of irresponsibility he will give his electors an opportunity to think and induce them to elect a mentally normal man to represent them.

### Verdun.

Paris, June 13.—Semi-official. Yesterday's fighting at Verdun was hellish. There were desperate all-day attacks by thirty thousand Germans at Thiaumont which merely resulted in enemy forces being placed hors de combat for a considerable time.

Paris, June 13.—The evening communique says the Germans last evening renewed their attacks west of Thiaumont farm and penetrated advanced portions of our line on the slopes east of Hill 321. Everywhere else the attacks were withered by our fire.

Paris, June 14.—The communique says there were no infantry actions on the northern Verdun front. Intermittent bombardment took place east and west of the Meuse. All was quiet elsewhere.

Paris, June 12.—Lord Crewe, Mr. Bonar Law and Mr. Hughes have arrived for the economic conference.

London, June 13.—With regard to the American Election the important correction is made that Hughes, whilst undoubtedly a strong candidate, is not the strongest.

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## Papuan Customs.

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seeing the broken taro knows at once that the damage has been caused by the sorcerer who has brought about his death, and calls out his name, which the concealed listener hears. In all cases the shift of the suspected person is short.

## Learning Sorcery.

"I am not quite sure," says Mr. Beaver, "whether the sorcerer, like the poet, is born, not made. Sometimes the knowledge of the art may be handed down from father to son. More often, the requisite skill is transmitted by the spirit of some deceased relative or ancestor in a dream. Occasionally, it is taught: I have in my mind the case of an individual who is training his two brothers in law to succeed him in the profession. I find that in another instance a certain individual paid £1 8s. sterling as the price of his initiation.

The actual knowledge and administration of poisons in the practice of witchcraft still remains not proven. Personally, I am much inclined to believe in their existence. I know two old men, who, it is claimed, can kill people with the New Guinea 'something.' What this substance is, I, of course, have no knowledge, but the methods are curiously alike. In each case the victim is approached in his sleep. In one case it is necessary to wait until he snores, and his mouth is consequently open. The substance is then placed lightly on the tongue, and the victim swallows involuntarily. In the other, the substance, whatever it may be, apparently has an astringent action, and is smeared on the lips. The individual concerned naturally moistens them, and so absorbs the poison. Death in both cases is said to follow within 48 hours."

In another portion of his report, Mr. Beaver shows that he is a man who enjoys his joke, even if he has to get it published in an official document. "In taking the census," he says, "It is found that the names of individuals are usually those of birds, plants, insects, fish, and places; and it sometimes happens that a new infant requires a name as a district officer comes along. Mr. Jackson notes in a report that the village constable of a certain village had not yet named the child. His wife promptly intervened and christened the child Buki (book) on the spot. This runs a close second to Ofsai (office), the bright inspiration of another village constable's wife. With such bureaucratic names it is to be hoped that the children will not be too much bound with red tape."

London, June 13.—It is notified in the Gazette that his Highness Nawab Muter of Kotla is honorary Major and Raja Narendra Sah of Tehri, honorary Lieutenant.

## Americans to Quit Mexico.

Washington, May 12.—The President has given orders for all American citizens now in Northern Mexico to leave that part of the country.—Great disorder continues to prevail in Mexico. American citizens are being continually molested, and attempts against trains are growing more frequent. The latest Mexican raid has greatly complicated the situation. The withdrawal of the punitive expedition is therefore not expected. The American troops are fortifying their positions and have just received a reinforcement of 1,500 men.

As a proof that Germany still retains the control of her reservists in the United States the "New York Herald" publishes a military order received by reservists in New York, in which the recipient is instructed, in the event of a break between the United States and the Imperial Government, to proceed at once to Juarez, Mexico, and to report to his superior there.

This missive, which was sent anonymously to the "Herald," has been mutilated by the sender, but enough of the typewriting remains to show that it was addressed to a sergeant in New York, "Dr. 16 Inf. Brig." and was signed by a major in this city: "By order, Grand General Staff."

London, June 13.—Ambassador Marquis Inouye is returning to Japan for family reasons. Mr. Chinda of Washington is appointed his successor.

## Rainfall.

We have received the following telegraphic reports of rainfall from the Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Lands and Agriculture:

MONDOL KRUNG KAO.  
At Anglong June 16 0.9 mm.  
.. Sraburi .. 16 3.2 ..  
.. Krung Kao .. 17 4.0 ..  
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At Nagor Pathom June 16 0.3 ..  
MONDOL RAJBURI.  
At Snuadonggram June 18 14.5 ..  
.. Bejraburi .. 18 25.4 ..

MONDOL PRACHIN.  
At Khaxerungso June 17 2.7 ..  
.. Khaxerungso .. 18 13.0 ..  
.. Nagor Nayok .. 18 8.0 ..

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## Execution of Irish Rebels.

### Mr. Dillon's Outburst.

Says the Daily Mail of May 12:—  
What promised to be a fierce debate on the military executions in Ireland flickered out this evening on the announcement by the Prime Minister of his imminent departure to Dublin.  
Many difficult and urgent problems suggest themselves (he said) and I have come to the conclusion that it is my duty without delay to go to Ireland, not with any intention of superseding the executive authority there, but for the purpose of consulting at first hand with the civil and military authorities, and to arrive, as I hope I may after consultation with them, at some arrangement for the future that recommends itself to the general consent of the Irish and of all parties in this House.

The great mass of the Irish people, Mr. Asquith recalled, had shown themselves loyal, determined to obey the law, and resolute to prosecute the war. He appealed to all parties, forsaking past prepossessions, to assist in bringing Ireland once more into line with the rest of the kingdom in the common task now confronting the Empire.

The final sentences, heard with difficulty, were vague, but sounded full of the import of new moves towards securing a rapprochement between all parties in Ireland. In an instant members were streaming into the lobbies to discuss the new turn of affairs. A miscellaneous debate, which had begun in a very ugly temper, was over.

An ill-balanced and regrettable speech by Mr. John Dillon had opened the debate. Mr. John Redmond, sitting grimly in his corner, looked profoundly glum while his tempestuous lieutenant roared along. The rest of the House, hating always the Nationalists, was aghast. Mr. Dillon's complaint was that the military were now behaving very harshly to the rebels, and he demanded a cessation of the executions. To his imagination the execution of a dozen rebels was "a river of blood between the two races." A moment later it was "a sea of blood."

The Government were following their old practice of "hiding truth under a cloak" and blinding the public with optimistic statements. A demand was being made for a continuance of martial law. "If that's the programme you'd better get ready 100,000 men," he flamed.

#### Passion in the House.

He told the story of a boy caught by the military. "I don't know what to do with you," said the officer, perplexed. "Shoot me; I've shot three of

your soldiers," answered the boy. "It may horrify you," exclaimed Mr. Dillon, "but I declare to you most solemnly that I am proud of these men [the rebels]. They were foolish; they were misled—" Hot cries of "Shame!" "Shame!" from Unionists checked him. "You are showing your hand," cried a member contemptuously.

"Did I ever conceal anything?" flared Mr. Dillon in return. "If you were not so dense and stupid you'd have had these men fighting for you." "Who stopped them?" inquired Unionists angrily, and answered, "You did." "That's an infamous falsehood," shouted Mr. Dillon, who claimed that he had helped to bring men into the rank.

Responsible men in Dublin were, he asserted, giving credence to rumours that men were being shot wholesale in Irish prisons after secret trial and without trial. Who could blame them in view of the secrecy that was maintained and in view of the assertion that they knew nothing of the execution of Mr. Sheehy Skeffington until some days afterwards? He had no sympathy with murderers. Let murderers be tried and executed.

"But it is not murderers who are now being executed; it is insurgents, who fought a clean fight and a brave fight." Murmurs of protest rose from the Unionists. Mr. Dillon swung round excitedly: "It would be a damned good thing for you if your soldiers were able to put up as good a fight—3,000 men against 20,000 with machine guns and artillery."

"It looks as if you are sorry it did not succeed," quipped a Unionist who, with his fellow-members, was provoked to angry retort. "That's an infamous falsehood," exclaimed Mr. Dillon amid the excitement.

Mr. Asquith's reply was couched in contrastingly quiet tones, but he severely rebuked Mr. Dillon for his intemperate language. He gladly acknowledged the assistance from Nationalists, but called Mr. Dillon to a sense of proportion. He quoted the roll of casualties—1,215 of whom 501 are dead—among civilians and military, and asked if all sympathy was to be expended on the misguided victims of the rebellion. One could not be blind to the extent of the "terrible, wanton, inexcusable, unprovoked injury" inflicted by the rebels.

#### The Execution.

As to the executions, the death sentence had been carried out in three classes of cases only:

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  - Those guilty of murder (at present only one).
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had signed the proclamation, and Mr. Asquith said firmly, to the accompaniment of some cheers, that "no distinction could be made; they must pay the death penalty. He paid a tribute to General Maxwell, and he conceded that in future a court-martial will be public and only those guilty of murder executed. Clemency will be shown to the rank and file—" unconscious dupes," most of them.

Respecting the execution of Mr. Skeffington, Sir John Maxwell could not be held to be responsible for that. All the facts, so far as known, showed this to be an "inexcusable act," but as the officer concerned is under arrest and to be tried by court-martial he said no more.

Mr. T. M. Healy declared that the action of the military authorities was "mistaken and foolish" when once they had got the rebellion at an end, and asserted that military excesses had been committed and that the officer concerned in the Skeffington case is an Irishman. Mr. Healy himself went to Dublin and then there was telegraphed to the War Office: "Healy has been seen motoring in Dublin." What a piece of news for Lord Kitchener! he cried sarcastically.

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