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" " " 23	" " "Khyber" " 24	
" " " 6	" " "Medina" Aug. 7	
" " " 20	" " "Mongolia" Aug. 21	
" " " 3	" " "Malwa" Sept. 4	

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

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s/s "Novara" April 30	s/s "Morea" April 1	
" " " 14	" " "Khyber" " 15	
" " " 19	" " " " " 15	
" " " 28	" " "Medina" " 29	
" " " 11	" " "Mongolia" May 13	
" " " 25	" " "Malwa" " 27	
" " " 30	" " "Kaiser-i-hind" June 10	
" " " 23	" " "Kashgar" " 24	
" " " 6	" " "Karnala" July 8	
" " " 20	" " " " " 22	
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N. S.	Katori Maru	28	S. S.	Hitachi Maru	" 30		
N. S.	Kashima Maru	July 6	S. S.	Iyo Maru	Sept. 13		
N. S.	Mishima Maru	19	S. S.	Miyazaki Maru	" 27		
N. S.	Suwa Maru	Aug. 2	S. S.	Kishida Maru	Oct. 11		

FOR HONGKONG AND JAPAN.

1916		1916	
s. s. Mi-hima Maru	June 7	s. s. Miyazaki Maru	July 30
s. s. Suwa Maru	" 13	s. s. Kitano Maru	Aug. 13
s. s. Atsuta Maru	" 23	s. s. Fushimi Maru	" 27
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s. s. Iyo Maru	" 16	s. s. Kaga Maru	" 24

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	1916		1916
R. F. Sado Maru	June 27	s. s. Yokohama Maru	Aug. 30
R. S. Shidzuoka Maru	July 19	s. s. Sado Maru	Sept. 19
R. S. Kamakura Maru	Aug. 8	s. s. Shidzuoka Maru	Oct. 11

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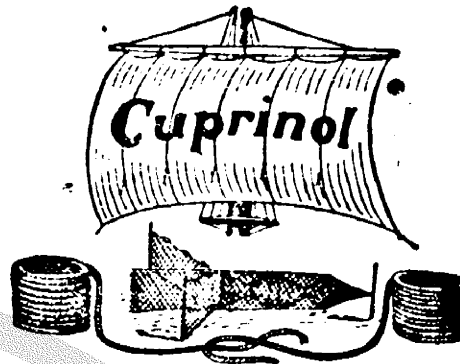
	1916		1916
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List of Departures from Bangkok for June, 1916.

s.s.	"Boribat"	3rd	June	1916.
"	"Prachati-pok"	10th	"	"
"	"Mahidol"	13th	"	"
"	"Asiang"	17th	"	"
"	"Yugala"	20th	"	"
"	"Boribat"	24th	"	"

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U.S.A. and Russia.

Washington, April 25.—It was learned today that David R. Francis, the new American Ambassador to Russia, when he started for his post a few days ago, carried with him a draft of a new treaty of commerce to serve as a basis for negotiations with the Russian Government. The former treaty of commerce is nearly 100 years old, and it lapsed a few years ago because of the refusal of the Russian Government to honor proper passports issued to American Jews, particularly to American Jewish citizens of Russian birth.

The details of the proposed treaty are unknown, but it is understood that, while the Ambassador carried a draft of it with him, he was given wide latitude in negotiations that must follow. The Wilson Administration, like that of President Taft, is determined that the strictly commercial aspects of the old treaty shall not be revived without inclusion of clauses amply protecting the rights of American Jews to travel and trade in Russia.

The abrogation of the old treaty simply emphasized the resentment of this country at Russia's course. It has had no effect on the commercial relations of the two countries. These have continued under a tacit *modus vivendi* along precisely the lines indicated in the abrogated treaty. The lack of a treaty was, however, a standing menace, which both countries have been eager to overcome.

The visit of a Russian delegation to this country emphasizes the desire of Russia to increase trade with the United States, and it is understood that Ambassador Francis, after his conversations at the State Department, left here hopeful of a successful outcome of his negotiations.

Informal conferences will be held between foreign trade officials of the American Government and a delegation of Russian trade and engineering experts headed by R. Martens of New York and Petrograd, with a view to further American participation in Russian trade. The Russian party which has been on an extensive tour of the United States studying American trade conditions, will reach Washington on Thursday.

The question of better trade arrangements between the individual business interests of the two countries will be taken up with the American Federation of Labor, as well as with Government officials. The Russian delegates believe the diversion of a large part of Russian exports to America, amounting in normal times to approximately \$350,000,000 annually, is feasible. Members of the delegation believe it would afford a solution of the problem of the activities of American war munitions industries after the war.

Mr. Martens in his talks to business

Items of Interest.

Amsterdam, June 12.—The Germans are concentrating troops and material at various places in Belgium for an offensive against Ypres.

Paris, June 13.—The afternoon communiqué says: After a strong artillery preparation the enemy throughout the day delivered successive attacks with great forces against our positions north of Thiaumont. Our curtain of infantry fire everywhere repulsed the enemy who suffered very heavy losses. The bombardment extended over the whole region west and south of fort Vaux. An artillery duel occurred in the region north of Chatenacourt but there was no infantry action.

London, June 13.—General Haig reports no infantry action to-day. Operations were confined to artillery and mining work. There was a heavy mutual bombardment between hill 60 and Hooge. We heavily and effectively bombarded hostile works south of Loos.

Rome, June 12.—The communiqué shows the Italians have progressed at Vallarsa despite a violent artillery fire, and snowstorms and also southwest of Asiago in the direction of Monte Cengio and in the Sugana valley. Two enemy counter-attacks in the Fornaliti and Campiglia regions were repulsed with very heavy losses.

London, June 12.—A unique tribute is paid by the admiralty to the patriotism of Admirals Sir G. Egerton, E.E. Ingfield, R. B. Farquhar who retired voluntarily in order to allow the promotion of younger officers. Vice Admirals Sir F. T. Hamilton, C. Barney and A. E. Bethell have been promoted admirals.

London, June 12.—Obituary: The Reverend Ralph Wardlaw Thompson, [Foreign Secretary, London Missionary Society, Prominent Nonconformist Minister and Missioner.]

London, June 12.—Sir G.R. Askwith has granted a five per cent. advance to the cottonspinners.

Tokio, June 12.—A Battalion of Infantry is going to Tientsin. It is officially stated that the measure is due to the desire of the foreigners for increased protection.

men throughout the country has declared that a new Russia, industrially and socially, is destined to spring into existence with the end of the conflict, and that by judicious handling the manufacturers of the United States will be able to inaugurate a boom that will serve to prevent a collapse of industry after the war.

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	I. III. V. VII.				VI. VIII.		
		A.M. A.M. P.M. P.M.				A.M. P.M.	
Km. Bangkok Dep.	7.00	9.00	2.00 4.00	Km. Meklong Dep.	9.00	2.00	4.00
33.1 Mahachai				33.8 Terminus			
Terminus Arr.	8.20	10.20	3.20 5.20	Terminus Arr.	10.20	3.20	5.20

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BANGKOK MEKLONG.				MEKLONG-BANGKOK.			
Distance from Bangkok	STATIONS.	Train No.		Distance from Meklong	STATIONS.	Train No.	
	III. VII.				II. IV. VI. VIII.		
		A.M. P.M.				A.M. A.M. P.M. P.M.	
Km. Bangkok Dep.	10.50	3.50		Km. Meklong Dep.	7.00	11.00	2.00 4.00
33.8 Meklong Arr.	12.10	5.10		33.1 Bangkok Arr.	8.20	12.20	3.20 5.20

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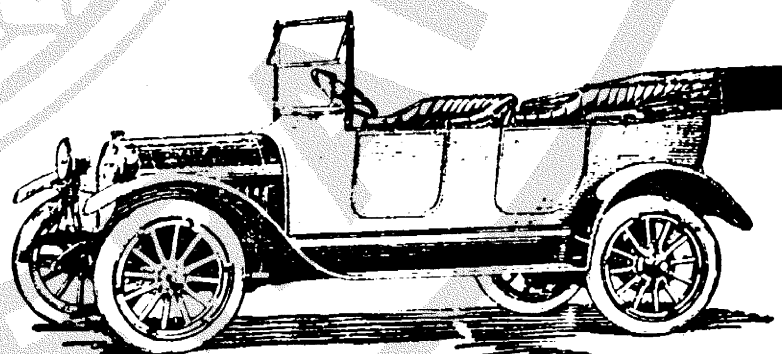
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Telegraph Lines.

The Post and Telegraph Department reports that Malay Peninsular main line is in order as far as Rajburi and Local line is good as far as Surabradhani. Tavoy line is still interrupted beyond Siamese frontier. Other lines are in order.

Bangkok Mails Close.

SONGKHLA.
Tuesday 20th 10 a.m. s.s. Yuzaka
CHANDABURI.
Wednesday 21st 10 a.m. s.s. Chutatch

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	\$73 7/8
YOKOHAMA & KOBE—	
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Savoie
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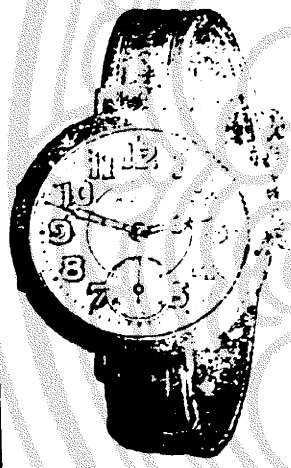
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THE Great War.**The Russian Offensive.**

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)

London, June 17.

Petrograd.—The communique states that General Brussiloff is continuing the offensive and has now captured over 150,000 prisoners, 163 guns, 266 machine guns and 163 trench mortars.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, June 16.

We repulsed attacks on the Devina front and south west of Lake Narotch.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, June 17.

Petrograd.—We continued the favourable offensive and took 14,000 prisoners. We destroyed many positions of the enemy who attempted in vain to offer resistance on the Sty and north-west of Kremenetz.

U. S. A.**The Presidency.**

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)

London, June 17.

Saint Louis.—The convention has nominated President Wilson by acclamation.

Czernovitz Evacuated.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)

London, June 17.

Bukharest.—The Austrians have evacuated Czernovitz.

The British Front.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)

London, June 17.

General Haig in a communique states that there is quiet on most of the front and the situation is unchanged. Zellerbake where there has been reciprocal shelling was recaptured.

The French Front.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, June 16.

Yesterday we carried trenches on the slopes south of Morthomme. We took 150 prisoners.

To-day we repulsed attacks on the slopes south of Morthomme, north of Thiannont and south of wood Callette.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, June 17.

There was nothing to report yesterday.

To-day we repulsed grenade attacks at the Avocourt redoubt. Our infantry penetrated the first and second lines of German trenches east of Thann, rid the trenches of the enemy and brought back prisoners.

Our aeroplanes bombed the railway stations of Longnyon, Montmedy, Adun and Buzan.

The French Chamber.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, June 16.

The Chamber has constituted a secret Committee to discuss interpellations in connection with the war.

The Italian Campaign.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, June 17.

Rome.—We destroyed masses of the enemy attacking our positions in the Mongarina valley. We repulsed a strong attack in Asiago plateau, inflicted considerable losses and took 254 prisoners.

Tin and Rubber.

(“S. O.” SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, June 17.

Tin is quoted at \$87.22.
The Rubber auctions have completed showing a still further decline. The top price for crepe was \$130 equal to 2/6 1/2 per pound.

Singapore's Support Towards the War.

(“S. O.” SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
Singapore, June 17.

The Legislative Council have passed a resolution to contribute towards the Imperial war expenses a million sterling in five annual sums of £200,000 each. This contribution will follow a similar sum during the subsequent five years, finances permitting.

There were many striking speeches and it was generally contented that this was not enough and a suggestion of an income tax was cordially supported by both sides of the House, the Governor undertaking to draw up a scheme to give effect to the suggestion. Meanwhile, the contribution approved of will be furnished by the already increased price of opium together with the tax on tobacco and increased duties on liquor which Bills have passed all stages and were operating from yesterday.

Rice-Mill Burnt.

A fire broke out at about 8 o'clock last Saturday evening at Tang Seng's rice-mill at Klong Dow Kanong on the west side of the river. The fire lasted for about an hour and burnt down the whole mill which, we understand, was leased to Tang Seng by the Privy Purse Department.
We learn that the rice in the mill was insured for Tcs. 40,000.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Dr. Victor Heiser has had conferred upon him the 4th class of the Order of the White Elephant.

THE new railway terminus at Hua Lampong will be opened for traffic from Monday the 26th instant.

WE are sorry to hear that H. R. H. Prince Bhanurangs has been unwell for the last two days suffering from an attack of dysentery.

THE railway line from Surathani up to Chauwat Chumpon, a distance of 194 kilometers, has been completed and will be opened for traffic on July 17th.

MR. F. E. Ferguson (Hongkong and Shanghai Bank), Mr. N. C. Tuxbury (Overland Motor Co.) and Mr. Forster (Journalist) arrived by the s.s. “Jade” from Saigon yesterday.

THE death is reported in the recent engagements around Douaumont of Mr. Louis Richardson, of Saigon, the son of Mr. L. Richardson, the manager in that town of the China Mutual Life Insurance Company.

THE s.s. “Kuala” left Singapore at noon on Saturday the 17th inst., and may be expected to arrive at the Borneo Company's wharf on Tuesday morning if sufficient tide, otherwise Wednesday morning.

SISTER K. MIRRA, Professor of Tajnara College, Bangalore, says on May 27 he discovered a black spot on the disc of the sun of somewhat oblong shape and wishes to know if others also saw it. Several people whom he questioned say they too saw it.

THE Phathanakorn cinematograph was well patronised on Saturday, the “Exploits of Elaine” and other films proving a great attraction. The Phathanakorn was also well attended, the fine film entitled “The Hazards of Helene” also proved a great draw.

VESSELS from Hongkong report that Hongkong is being so overcrowded with Chinese refugees from the West River ports and Canton especially that there is hardly a house vacant, and moreover this great influx of Chinese is bringing contagious diseases into the colony.

SAYS the “China Press” of June 1: the C. M. s.s. Yunshun, which left Shanghai last week on her new time charter for the Bangkok-Singapore-Swallow line, is laid up at Swatow. A cable from the ship has been received saying that there is some trouble with the Customs authorities, and as there is a lack of news from Swatow, the real cause for the delay is uncertain. Swatow is now independent, and new rules etc. may have been put into force.

Railway Traffic Receipts.

Month of May.
Broad gauge (914 klm.)

	Approximate Year 2459	Actual Year 2458
Passengers	231000	227680
Goods	223000	210888
Others	11860	8312
Total	465800	446808
Total from April to May 1916.	926020	971308



Court Circular.

DUSIT PARK,
Sunday, June 18.

This afternoon, at Ambara Palace, His Royal Highness the Prince of Lobbur, Viceroy of the Southern Provinces and Lord Lieutenant of Nagor Sri Dhawaraj Circle, was received in private audience by His Majesty the King on the occasion of his departure to resume his duties.

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Says the "New York Times" Germany and her three allies, with a population among them of 140,000,000 people and an effective military man power of 15,000,000, are at war with Russia, England, France, Italy, Belgium, Serbia, Montenegro, Portugal, Canada, Australia, and Japan, whose combined population is more than 360,000,000 and whose effective military man power is above 30,000,000. Germany did not open the war with the weight so heavily against her. She would not have dared to do so. The odds were determined afterward, by the accession of England, Japan, and Italy. They are overwhelming. Brooding contemplation of them has driven Germany to excesses of thought and deed not otherwise to be explained than as the reactions of fearful despair. History may so regard them. But what would history say if Germany at this time had madly flung the weight of 100,000,000 more people into the scales against herself? Would it not conclude that fate had strangely marked her for destruction?

The issue is clear, except as it may seem to have been complicated by a degree of forbearance on the part of the American people which is perhaps without parallel in the whole narrative of human affairs. If Germany has misunderstood this, so much the worse. We require that she shall abandon methods of submarine warfare which shock humanity, put civilization upon its self-defense, and imperil continually the lives of American citizens, of whom numbers have been already destroyed. The responsibility of keeping or breaking friendly relations with the United States rests wholly with Germany. She cannot evade it. She must either stay the U-boat in its career of frightfulness against merchantmen at sea or forfeit her relations of friendship with us.

By declining to meet our ultimatum and accepting the alternative, Germany has only one thing to gain, namely, the "freedom" to use her U-boats without restraints of any kind. That is to say, she would be self-licensed to sink any ship on sight, and this she could hardly hope to do without forcing the United States to take active part against her. Acts of submarine commanders which had led to a break in diplomatic relations with the United States could not be multiplied in number or intensified in wantonness without provoking war.

What Germany has to lose, in that event, is everything. Her tragic fate would then be known. She herself may harbor a morbid passion for martyrdom. Her allies do not share it. A break with the United States could

not fail to have a profound effect upon them.

Turkey has no suicidal mania. She has a will to live, and would begin at once to parley for her future. Bulgaria's decision to take part with the Central Powers was influenced by the conviction that they would win. There was no cant about it at the time. Bulgaria had the refreshing grace to say her motives were purely selfish. They are selfish still. A change of judgment as to the outcome would entail a change of heart.

Austria-Hungary has never had a whole stomach for this war. She would have no enthusiasm whatever for the thought of perishing heroically. Moreover, Vienna is likely to be moved by the Pope's prayer: "May the nations at peace preserve it, thanking God for so great a blessing." Vienna does not sigh for more enemies to be conquered by Austria's counsels, for what they weigh, are said to be on the side of keeping peace with the United States. That is altogether probable. The Austrian wants to live in the world that will survive when Prussian frightfulness is powerless to protect him.

Germany, therefore, cannot break with the United States without at once increasing the potential strength of her enemies and diminishing the confidence of her allies. She prefers, no doubt, to think contemptuously of the United States. That is because she entertains a low opinion of forbearance. Patience under great provocation is beyond her understanding, unless it be the fruit of cowardice. The sword of Damocles has been too long in falling. Perhaps it is a thing of wood. So write editors in Berlin, when the censor will allow it.

But history would hardly know how to treat the fact that Germany, already facing overwhelming odds, had wrecked her peace with the strongest single nation in the world, one whose resources any German economist could have truthfully reported to the powers in Wilhelmstrasse. Waiving the ethics of the case, the sheer inexpediency of that choice would leave the reason numb.

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The Peace of Erin.

London, June 11.—A private conference of Nationalists at Dublin yesterday, presided over by Mr. Redmond, is understood to have agreed to a scheme of Home Rule excluding six Ulster counties, but it is believed that the action of the party will depend on the result of a conference with the Ulster Nationalists this week.

London, June 12.—The official report of the conference of Nationalists in Dublin yesterday say that Mr. Lloyd George's proposals for a settlement were, firstly to bring the Home Rule Act into immediate operation; secondly, immediately to introduce an amending Bill, as strictly the Home Rule Act was an emergency act, thirdly, that during that period the Irish members remain at Westminster in full numbers; fourthly that during the war emergency period the six Ulster counties remain as at present under the Imperial Government; fifthly that immediately after the war there be an Imperial Conference at which all the Dominions shall be represented, to consider the future Government of the Empire, including the question of Ireland.

Sixthly, that immediately thereafter and during an interval provided for by an Emergency Act the permanent settlement of all great outstanding problems be proceeded with.

The Home Rule conference unanimously passed a resolution protesting against the continuance of martial law, and demanding that the prisoners convicted and sent to penal servitude in connection with the rising should be treated as prisoners of war, the personnel of the Commission and the general conduct of the enquiry being such as to deprive the findings of all authority.

Mr. Redmond said that if the pending conference of Ulster Nationalists approved of Mr. Lloyd George's proposals then the Nationalists of the southern provinces must be consulted.

All parties wished Mr. Lloyd George success in his mission. He emphasised that there had been no conference between the Irish parties. Neither had made any proposals to Government.

Mr. Lloyd George had formulated plans on his own responsibility. The Ulster Unionist Council meets at Belfast to-day and is practically certain to accept Mr. Lloyd George's scheme.

London June 11.—Major Bowen Colthurst has been found guilty of shooting Skellington and two others, but has been found insane.

Coming Events.

London, June 12.—Mr. Asquith will address his constituents at Ladybank on June 14. He is expected to deal with most important topics including the war situation and Ireland.

London, June 12.—Although Roosevelt has not yet definitely promised to

support Hughes, the feeling is growing in America that it will be a straight fight between Hughes and Wilson. The former is undoubtedly the strongest candidate and is greatly respected for his uprightness and abhorrence of graft.

Smuts' Energy.

London, June 11.—General Smuts report that Haugington's column, advancing along the railway, occupied the important station of Mombi, dislodging an enemy force. A machine-gun was captured.

Hoskin's column has captured Mkalano, fourteen miles south west of Mombi, driving a considerable force southward. Our casualties were slight.

Van de Venter engaged the Germans eastward of Kondoa Irangi.

Northey reports that Colonel Redgers attacked the enemy at the Poroto Mountains, capturing a field-gun, rifles and ammunition. Colonel Murray has occupied Bisanarekurn.

Hughes vs Wilson.

Straight Fight for Presidency.

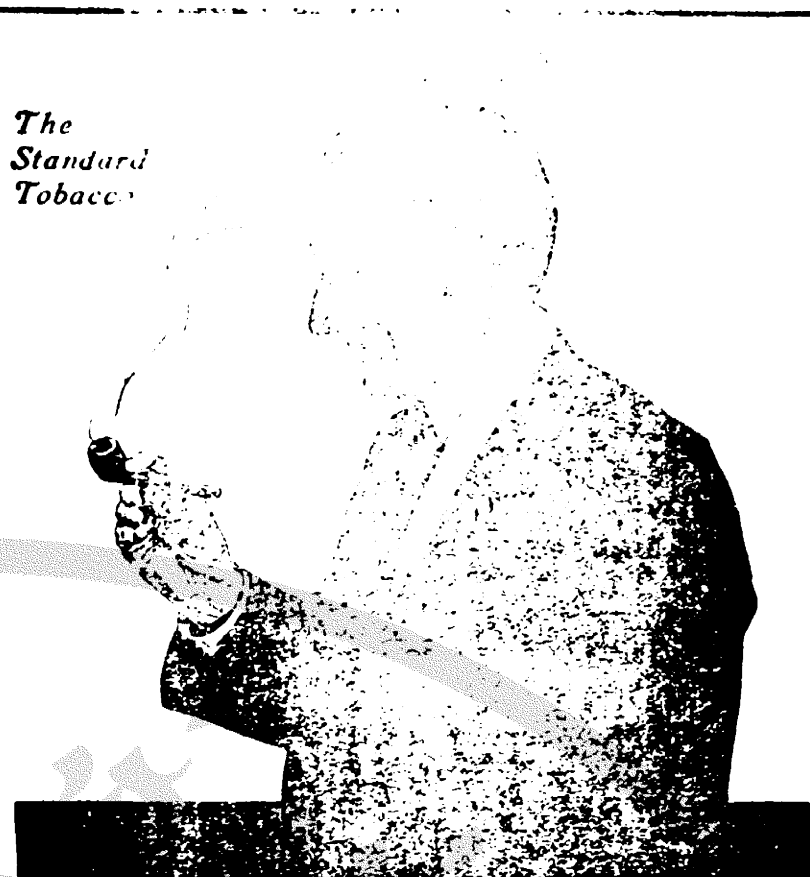
Washington, June 11.—Judge Hughes, in a telegram from Chicago, accepting nomination, said he would have preferred to remain on the bench, but duty at this critical period of national history urged him to obey the summons. He stood for the unflinching maintenance of the rights of American citizens on land and sea. The foreign relations of the United States had suffered incalculably through weakness and vacillation towards Mexico. He thoroughly approved of a programme of preparedness, including industrial preparedness, the restoration of prospective import duties and measures for the expansion of American foreign trade.

Chicago, June 11.—The Republicans have nominated Fairbanks, and the Progressives John Parker, of Louisiana, for the vice-presidency. Roosevelt telegraphed suggesting that his refusal of nomination can be regarded as definite if the Committee of the Convention is satisfied that the election of Hughes would be in the interest of the country. Otherwise Roosevelt is prepared to confer with the Committee on a further course of action. Roosevelt refused to be photographed by journalists at Oyster Bay, saying that he is now out of politics.

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In France.

Paris, June 11.—The communique reports unusual mining activity in Argonne, where the Germans exploded two camouflets, creating a single crater eighty yards in diameter, the French occupying three sides thereof.

An intense artillery struggle is proceeding north of Verdun on both sides of the Meuse, all the German attacks failed. Hand to hand fighting in the Forest of Apremont resulted in our driving out the Germans from an advanced position which we entered.

The Germans were more active in the Vosges where they penetrated the front trenches, whence they were driven out.

Paris, June 12.—The communique says there was no infantry action north of Verdun in the course of the day. The French artillery with activity replied to the German bombardment of the district of south Thiaumont farm west of Fort Vaux. The day was relatively calm on the rest of the front, except in Champagne, where there was a furious artillery duel.

Paris, June 12.—The evening communique records the complete repulse of the German attack west of Fort Vaux.

Paris, June 12.—A semi-official says: We are waiting calmly till the enemy is irremediably exhausted before decisively counter-attacking.

Paris. The daily semi-official review says that the German losses at Verdun have now reached nearly a million.

London, June 12.—M. Briand and party have returned to France.

The Ypres Battle.

London, June 11.—Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters, says that in the great attack on Ypres Salient, the enemy have been repeating in a smaller degree the Verdun tactics. He describes the epic heroism of the Canadians. There is conclusive evidence that the Germans concentrated a huge number of new guns, including naval guns. The attack on June 2, was preceded by such calm that Generals Mercer and Williams started inspecting the front line of trenches. The bombardment broke out with startling abruptness. Mercer was last seen dazed from shell shock. Williams was wounded in the face. The bombardment lasted five hours. The range was then raised and the infantry charged what could no longer be called trenches. The Canadians in spite of overwhelming odds, resisted magnificently. Some sprang over the parapets and attacked the onrushing Germans with the bayonet. A handful eventually fell back into a small wood, where, after terrific bombardment, the Germans sought to penetrate but the Cana-

dians, withholding their fire till the range was point blank, shattered all attacks. The deeds of supreme valour performed that day would fill a volume. The engagement looks as if it may develop into a third battle of Ypres.

London, June 11.—Sir Douglas Haig in his communique says that the chief centre of activity has been about Ypres, where there were heavy artillery bombardments. The enemy heavily shelled trenches north of Ypres-Comines railway between one and three o'clock in the afternoon, and our positions west of Hooge all day. There were no infantry actions in this region.

Our artillery bombarded enemy positions about La Boisselle, Arras and Loos.

Our trenches in the region of Souchez-Angrès were heavily shelled.

There was some reciprocal mining activity at the Hohenzollern redoubt and in the Quarries. We exploded a mine at Cuinchy considerably damaging the enemy trenches. The enemy sprang two mines south of Virestraint, Wytchaste road, damaging our and their trenches.

Hostile aeroplanes, after these explosions, ineffectively bombed our trenches.

Further reports of the raid of the Gloucesters' south of Neuve Chapelle show that we inflicted considerable loss on the enemy and a party of engineers accompanying the Gloucesters greatly damaged their trenches.

London, June 12.—Sir Douglas Haig reports that the Ypres salient continues to be the centre of activity. The enemy heavily bombarded the southern portion near Hill 60, also the town of Ypres and the trenches north of the Meuse road. There were no infantry actions beyond an unsuccessful German attempt to rush one of our blocking posts.

Elsewhere there was mining activity. Aerial operations were hampered by a thunderstorm but a fokker was brought down.

Rainfall.

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

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At Krung Kao June 14	3.2 mm.
MONDOL NAGOR JAISRI.	
At Smudsagor June 14	2.8 "
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At Prachinburi June 12	28.8 "
" Krabindaburi "	12 44.0 "
" Khaoengsao "	14 9.9 "
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At Kambangbura June 13	0.7 "
" Kambangbura "	14 17.5 "
" Jainad "	15 9.3 "

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Plan to End the War.

From Buda-Pesth comes a suggestion to put an end to the war. It is the conception of an Albanian who is said to have been wounded by an Italian bullet. The scheme is one that has endeared its deviser to the hearts of the enlightened sons of kultur. It is that the Central Empires should present a note to the Entente Powers declaring that on such and such a date they would cease to supply the population of the occupied territories with foodstuffs unless the blockade were discontinued as far as foodstuffs were concerned; and that they would carry out the threat with all the inhumanity which characterises the blockade itself.

He suggests that this would involve the total starvation of at least ten million people in Belgium and in the Balkans, and as many in Russia and Poland, but he is absolutely certain that the note would have the desired effect and that no world horrors would ensue. "If the British," he said, "are ready to starve a hundred million civilians, the Central Empires can also afford to do the same to twenty millions."

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