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The Kaiser Scared.

Abject Appeal to the Nations.

Amsterdam, Sept. 13.—The Kaiser has now taken in hand the peace offensive. Addressing Krupp's employees at Essen, he declared that he had left no stone unturned to shorten the war. The enemy jeeringly and contemptuously rejected the unambiguous peace offer which he presented in December 1916 and had similarly treated repeated responsible suggestions since made. Germany was always ready to offer the hand of peace but the enemy compelled Germany to fight for her existence. After landing the army and reiterating the claim that the British navy was defeated at the Skagerak, he eulogised the U-boats, which, like consuming worms, he said, were gnawing at the enemy's vitals.

Friend of the Bolsheviks.

The Kaiser proceeded to argue that the war was really due to the enemy's envy of German industry and Kultur—envy now replaced by hatred owing to the enemy's misadventures. Everyone knowing the Anglo-Saxon character knew what it meant to fight with them, how tenacious they were. He accused Britain of criminally attempting to overthrow the "ultra-democratic" Russian Government and warned his hearers against rumour-mongers.

The enemy tried to weaken the moral of the German people by spreading false rumours. Whoever hearkened thereunto was a traitor to the Fatherland. He proceeded to quote scriptural passages showing that the Almighty would sustain his own, for example Matthew VII. 13. However, if they were going to build upon God's assistance, they must have faith, because to doubt was ingratitude to God. Moreover, had they really ground for doubt? Had they not won peace with Russia and Rumania, and "finished" Serbia and Montenegro? Was God at the last moment going to abandon them in the west?

No Chance for the "Noes"

Only the faint-hearted would think so. But Germans must weld themselves into a solid block of resistance to the enemy. "Now, promise me, on behalf of entire German labour, that you intend to fight and hold out to the last, so help us God. Whoever intends to do, let him answer 'Yes.' The assembly answered with a loud 'Yes.' The Kaiser replied: 'I thank you. Now you must banish doubt. Our watch word now is German swords, raised hearts, strong muscles, taut on to battle against everything that stands against us. So help us God. Amen. Farewell.'

Sweet Inducement.

Sweets are now being given in Germany to induce people to bring old clothes to the municipal receiving offices. At Schoneberg people bringing men's clothing have the choice between half a pound of imported honey and 1 lb. of almond confectionery prepared with milk and ready for use. They do not get these dainties gratis, however, but must pay the cost price.

The necessity for these inducements is clear from the speech made by the Socialist Deputy Schoplin on the Army Vote in the Reichstag. He said that soldiers on their dismissal from the Army should have a wearable suit and one pair of good boots allowed them gratis, as at home civilian clothing was almost entirely unobtainable.

The speaker further said that the Iron Cross had unfortunately lost much of its prestige, while marks indicating that soldiers had been wounded were scandalously abused, being sold for 1s. 6d. apiece. The speaker also urged an extra allowance for soldiers living in Berlin, quoting in support of his argument a doggerel German rhyme:—"There's only one imperial city; there's only one Vienna; there's only one den of thieves, and that's Berlin."

The Prince Of Wales.

As the Prince of Wales is now very much in the public eye and has reached the age of 24, it is only natural that his future should be keenly canvassed. At his age heirs to thrones are usually married, but we can all understand the objections to a war wedding in the Royal Family. It is, however, permissible to express the hope that whenever the happy event may occur that His Royal Highness will not think it necessary to place his affections abroad.

It is very natural that wherever such a delightful and attractive young man goes that he should win all hearts and that gossip should become busy with his name. There is, however, a widespread feeling among all classes of the community in favour of an English marriage. It is, perhaps, unfortunate when eminently suitable ladies—who would adorn a throne—are bespoken elsewhere, as has happened more than once in the last two years.

The Prince is to be heartily congratulated on escaping the fate that, but for the war, would assuredly have befallen him. By hook or by crook

the Hohenzollerns would have secured the great prize of the British Throne for one of themselves—our Government would have surrendered upon this as they did upon everything else. It would have been advocated as the culmination of "the Anglo-German Rapprochement," for which Lord Haldane was working.

It was probably a consciousness of his danger which wrung from the Prince that cry de coeur to his sister on hearing of the declaration of war on August 4, 1914: "At any rate, Mary, we shan't have to marry Germans." (Globe.)



Auction Sale.

The Liquidator of the business of Messrs. B. Grimm & Co., will sell by public auction the stock in trade of the Stationery Department at Messrs. B. Grimm & Co's late premises Pratoe Samyot from the 23rd up to the 28th September 1918, commencing at 2 p.m.

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For Toothache, clean the cavity of the tooth first and then saturate a piece of cotton-wool in Jong-keena and fill cavity with same, changing five or six times every 3 minutes and relief is certain. For loose teeth caused by the swelling of the gum, take internally as directed for a week and the teeth will be firm again.

For Earache, clean the ear first with cotton-wool, put 5 or 6 drops in to ear and stuff the hole with cotton-wool—relief is certain within a few minutes.

For Gout, Wounds and wounds caused by rusty nails, cuts or burns, apply the mixture, cover with cotton-wool and bandage, change dressing every three hours, and take internally, as directed until relieved or healed.

For Sore-eyes take internally as directed, for a few days.

After taking this mixture, a little plain white sugar may be taken to remove the bitter taste but not in the case of coughs or sore throat.

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AMERICA'S REPLY.

The reply of the American Govern-
ment to the Austro-Hungarian pro-
posals for a peace discussion is the
only one that could be expected from
the great and valiant nation that has
expressed its determination not to
sheathe the sword till Prussian mili-
tarism is crushed for all time. Though
proceeding from Vienna the proposals
have doubtless emanated from Berlin
where the Kaiser and the authorities
are having the fright of their lives
over the continued Allied successes.
The French journals look upon the
proposals as but a ruse to gain time in
order to reorganise the shattered
armies of the Central Powers and in
this opinion they are doubtless
right.

The conditions under which the
Allies are willing to entertain pro-
posals of peace have already been
clearly stated by President Wilson but
Germany shows not the least inclina-
tion to agree to those conditions. On
the contrary the German naval and
military forces are still carrying on
their dastardly deeds of piracy,
murder and pillage and this is no time
to entertain feelings of generosity or of
kindly consideration towards a nation
that not only tolerates such deeds but
glories in them.

Justice demands that for the un-
speakable crimes of Germany full
reparation must be made. How many
hundreds of innocent non-combatants
in France, Belgium, Serbia and other
countries have been done to death or
plundered and reduced to beggary?
Eliminating all feelings of revenge and
hatred, justice demands that the Huns
who have been responsible for all this
misery shall bear the cost and to plead
a magnanimous renunciation of in-
demnities is but another way of urging
that the robbers should retain the spoil
and the despoiled remain in beggary.

America's reply has shown that the
Allies will not listen either to such a
preposterous demand or to the sloppy
sentimentalist who would urge the
forgiveness of the criminal whose hands
are dyed with the world's blood. Not
until the menace to the world caused
by militaristic Germany ceases to exist
can the war come to an end.

THE FRANCO-SERBIAN OPERATIONS.

The importance of the operations on
the Western front has had the effect
of overshadowing for a time at least
all that is being done in other theatres
of war hence the news of the Franco-
Serbian offensive on the Bulgarian
front comes as a very welcome surprise.
The Bulgarian line has been broken
over a length of twenty kilometres and
pierced to a depth of eight while many
prisoners have been taken and much
material captured. Considering the
great difficulty of the ground on which
the operations are taking place this is
a splendid success and one that will do
much to raise Allied prestige in the
Balkans. It is gratifying to know that
the enemy has not been able to anni-
hilate the Serbian army which is now
sufficiently strong to co-operate with
the French to such good purpose.

This success is likely to have im-
portant results. For some time past
there has been the greatest discontent
in Bulgaria for the Bulgarians have
discovered that they in common with
the rest of Germany's allies are being
exploited for the benefit of the Prus-
sian military party. A continuance of
such successes as those chronicled to-
day may therefore have the effect of
causing Bulgaria to take steps to with-
draw from partnership with Germany,
an event which would undoubtedly
have a grave effect on the war as far as
Germany is concerned for signs are
not wanting that Turkey is tired of the
struggle and were Bulgaria to secede it
is more than likely that Turkey would
follow suit.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

HAVAS Telegrams will be found
on pages 6 & 7.

THE Post and Telegraph Department
reports that all lines are in good order.

WE have received a copy of the June
number of the American Bible Socie-
ty Record.

H. E. CHAO Phya Baskarawongse is
going to Sriracha to-morrow for a
change of air.

THE s.s. *Toyomaru* is in from Singa-
pore; the *Valaya* from Hongkong, and
the *Kampot* from Saigon.

PHRA Visudh Takorn, of the Minis-
try of Finance, has been temporarily
transferred to the Dika Court.

PRINCE and Princess Traidos Pra-
bandt, their children and suite arrived
to-day from Hongkong by the *Valaya*.

OTHER passengers landed by the
Valaya were Miss M. Clarke, Mom
Luang Suron Snidwongse, Mr. Erik
Leth and Mr. J. E. Watson.

THE local branch of the Chartered
Bank has received a telegram from the
Head Office of the Bank that an in-
terim dividend of 14 per cent per an-
num has been declared for the year
1918.

A RETURN showing the number of
cases of communicable diseases which
have been notified as occurring in the
City of Bangkok during the week
ended the 14th September gives two
cases of bubonic plague both of which
were fatal.

THE Peking Government has been
considering the establishment of naval
depots in Chefoo, Amoy, Foochow and
four other places, in accordance with
the Sino-Japanese Naval Agreement,
to facilitate the supply of provisions,
coal, etc. to the Allied navies.

AN important meeting of the people
of various nationalities was held at
Peking recently with a view to re-
organising the Anti-opium Bureau and
promoting foreign and Chinese opposi-
tion to the official opium programme
and assisting in every way to stamp
out the rapidly growing trade.

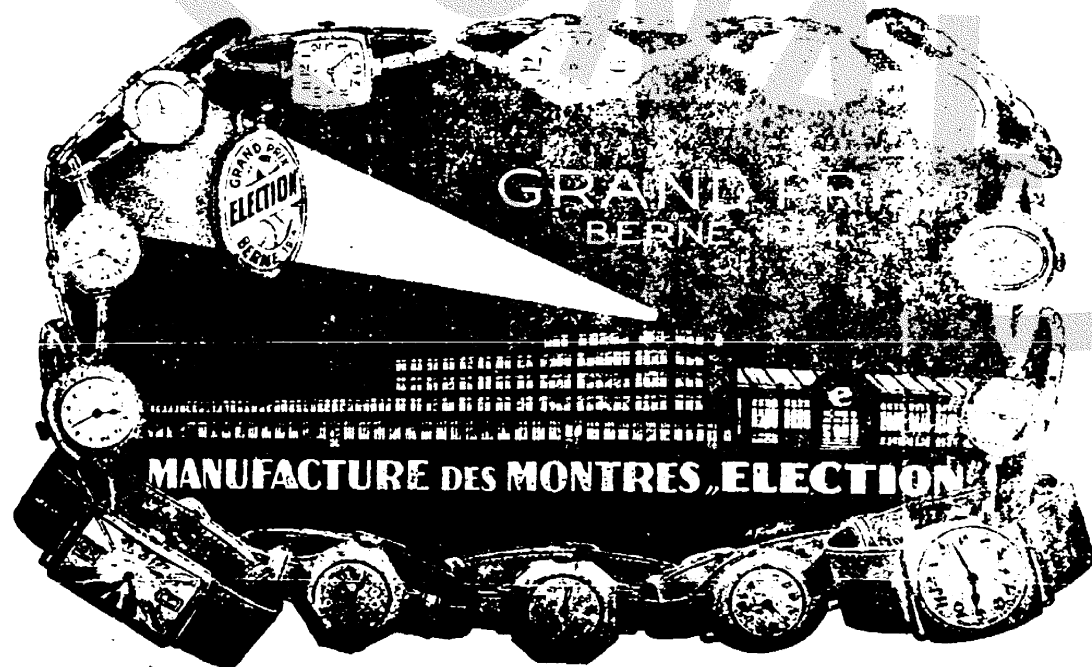
A MOSCOW despatch via Amsterdam,
describing the last moments of the
former Tsar, says that Nicholas re-
mained cool and composed on the
execution ground. Just before he was
shot he exclaimed: "I entreat you
to save my wife and innocent and un-
happy children. My blood may save
Russia from destruction."

"OVERCROWDED theatres and starv-
ing actors and actresses are the out-
standing features of the theatrical situa-
tion in Germany," says the *Vossische
Zeitung*. Of the 26,000 men and wo-
men on the stage it is said that the
overwhelming majority are eking out
a miserable existence on £30 a year.
Thousands, especially women and
girls, are described as being "on the
brink of starvation."

Mr. Gerard, ex-United States
Ambassador to Germany, speaking at
a meeting of the New York Board of
Trade, said: "Von Tripitz has said
that it is the aim of Germany, to seize
the British Navy, man it with German
crews, then come to America and
demand from this country the cost of
Germany's war. This statement was
made a year before I left Germany, but
it did not reach you because of the
German censor."

THE administration report of Cal-
cutta corporation for the last year is-
sued shows, says the *Rangoon Gazette*,
that the financial position of the cor-
poration continues to grow stronger
every year in spite of heavy loans which
have fallen due for repayment and
depreciation of securities. The receipts
were 125½ lakhs, while the expenditure
was under 111 lakhs. During the last
three years the surplus of assets over
liabilities has increased by nearly fifty
lakhs. During the last year the health
of Calcutta was remarkably good, the
death-rate being 23.8 per thousand
compared with 24.7 in 1916, the pre-
vious lowest on record.

THE American Consulate at Kobe
announces that the following message
regarding the restriction of the im-
portation of rice into the United States
has been received: "All licenses at
present outstanding for the importation
of rice into the United States have
been revoked as to ocean shipments
made after July 31, except such licenses
as may have been issued for shipments
in bond through the United States to
the West Indies of Central America.
Hereafter no further licenses will be
issued for the importation of rice, ex-
cept for shipments in bond through
the United States to the West Indies
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Siam's Minister to Germany.

H. S. H. Prince Traidos, Siam's Minister in Berlin at the time of the declaration of war returned by the s.s. *Valaya* this morning.

H. R. H. Prince Devawongse, Prince Traidos' father, went to Paknam by train to meet the *Valaya*.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Holy See.

To the Editor of the "Siam Observer,"
Dear Sir,

In your issue of the 17th inst. there appeared a most extraordinary article headed "The Holy See." This anti-catholic effusion seems to be an extract from an exchange.

As you thought it well to reproduce it in full in your valuable paper, it is much to be regretted that you omitted to attach the name of the exchange in which it originally appeared.

To the catholic eye, as well as to non-catholics of every class and creed such a production would appear glaringly outrageous and highly bigoted, showing that the writer was actuated by other motives than purely politics and war.

Among other flagrant falsehoods the writer states that "Pope Benedict does not belong to the modern world" and that "he knows nothing of what is passing outside."

Of course, on the face of such statements, it is plain that the author is hopelessly ignorant of the duties of the Pope, or that he was actuated by motives which can easily be read between the lines.

His Holiness, Benedict XV, has spent many years in the Papal Nunciature in Spain and for a period of more than ten years he was Under-Secretary of State in Rome. Not only then, but now he is in full touch with what is happening in all the countries of the world, as it is a duty peculiarly incumbent upon him to be well versed, not only in politics but, in all social affairs that concern the different peoples over which he presides as spiritual Father.

It is asked *What has the Pope done since the war began?*

For the benefit of those who do not know, I recount here from a French paper some of the things the Pope has actually done.

It has been recorded that on the occasion of the violation of Belgian neutrality the Pope energetically condemned the action of Germany in this connection, for which the Belgian Government expressed heartfelt thanks to the Supreme Pontiff.

It has been acknowledged by many contemporaries that since the war began the Sovereign Pontiff has not left any opportunity pass without exerting his power and influence in suppressing crimes of all kinds and of trying, if possible, to bring about a state of amelioration in all the belligerent countries.

The Holy Father's successful labours will be remembered in connection with the exchange of prisoners of war, the repatriation of Belgian deportees from forced labour in Germany, as well as the securing of information regarding missing men, the adoption of prisoners, wounded and orphans, the complete liberation of priests and infra, the distribution of large sums of money to Armenians, Poles, Belgians and Serbians, etc.

In answer to an address received by the Pontiff from the Episcopacy of Lombardy the Pope recapitulates all he has done since the beginning of the war and then adds that all his efforts to bring about peace have been misjudged and misinterpreted.

As for the other statements made in the article in question, it would be only a waste of time and space to take the trouble of refuting them, as every unbiased student of history is well acquainted with the works of the Popes of every age in spreading enlightenment and civilization throughout all countries especially those that were reduced to barbarism and misery through the horrors of war and the oppression of unjust rulers.

Thanking you in anticipation for the insertion of this letter.

I beg to remain,

Yours sincerely,
FAIRPLAY

Voluntary Recruiting Going Well in Ireland.

London, August 28.—The prospects of the voluntary recruiting campaign in Ireland are improving and the new machinery promises to move smoothly and with good effect. There is reason to believe that as the result of the first fortnight's voluntary effort under the new regime the response will be more than equal to that made during the three months preceding the initiation of the scheme. Recruiting meetings have had good effect in Dublin and Leinster and recruiting is proceeding at Waterford in an encouraging manner, four prominent local Sinn Féiners having been enrolled.

THE Great War.

Brilliant Operations Against Bulgarians.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Sept. 18.

French Eastern Communiqué, Sept. 15th:—After violent artillery preparation the Franco-Serbian attacked enemy works in the monotonous zone of Dobropolje. The entire first line of the Bulgarian positions was brilliantly carried on a front of eleven kilometres despite difficulties of ground.

Serbian communiqué, Sept. 16th, evening:—The offensive continues to be completely successful. The front has now been pierced over twenty kilometres and we advanced over eight kilometres.

Hitherto we have taken over three thousand prisoners and twenty-four guns.

The Jugo-Slav division reached Roziak the most important position in this region.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Sept. 18.

In the east the Franco-Serbian attacked the Bulgarian positions at Dobropolje. The front was broken over twenty kilometres and we penetrated to a depth of eight kilometres taking 3,000 prisoners.

The Austrian Peace Move.

United States' Firm Reply.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Sept. 18.

Washington, Official:—The reply to the Austro-Hungarian note runs:— "The Government of the United States feels there is only one reply which it can make to the Austro-Hungarian suggestion. It repeatedly and with entire candour stated terms whereon the United States will consider peace and can and will entertain no proposal for conference upon matter concerning which it has made its position and purpose so plain."

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Sept. 18.

President Wilson has authorised Secretary Lansing to declare that the American Government rejects definitely the Austrian proposals.

Havas Wires from Singapore.

The American Progress.

Paris, Sept. 16.

More American progress is reported. There has been a two mile advance on the Moselle.

The railway from Nancy to Verdun has been cleared of the Hun; and the French have resumed control of two railway lines that will be extremely useful at the commencement of the Allied offensive, being one of the principal sections of the strategic railways of France.

M. Poincaré and M. Clemenceau have paid a visit to St. Mihiel, where they met with an enthusiastic reception.

The Peace Offensive.

The enemy's peace offensive took official shape in Austria's inviting the Allies to open a confidential non-binding discussion. The Allied peoples, having been warned, are on their guard against the trickery of the Central Powers.

This try for peace is the inevitable result of the failure of the German offensive, and the Allied attitude is clear. The Allies require reparation, restitution, guarantee, and the punishment of the criminals, for the outrages on French territory.

The Austrian Note to the belligerents is a monument of fear and hypocrisy. With the peace proposals came a raid on Paris.

Paddy Crop Report Sept. 18, 1918.

Nasuan 1,260 Coyans at Ts 36-174 each
Samruang 200 " " 32-127 "
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Total 1,510 Coyans.

General Wire News.

Simla, Sept. 12.—Sir William Meyer, the finance member of the Viceroy's Council, moved a resolution in the Legislative Council for the prolongation of the war. This testifies that India is taking a larger share than the cost of military forces raised in India.

London, Sept. 11.—The War Office states that Major General Macdonagh succeeds General Macready as Adjutant General to the Forces.

London, Sept. 11.—The Press Bureau states: The American Embassy denies that President Wilson is visiting Europe in the near future.

Amsterdam, Sept. 12.—There has been serious food rioting in Rotterdam. Several shops were sacked and bread-vans plundered. Women paraded the streets shouting for bread.

London, Sept. 13.—Italian official: Lively encounters occurred south-east of Berat.

London, Sept. 12.—Mr. Massey, interviewed by a representative of the Morning Post, on the completion of his work at the War Cabinet Conference, said that one of the most abiding impressions he would take back to New Zealand would be that Great Britain had never before attained such heights of greatness as in the present war. No other nation could do what Great Britain had done in the training, equipping and maintaining of armies, in munition-making, in war-finance, and in providing the ships necessary to carry on commerce, the transport of the troops of the Allies, and the armaments.

No nation, the world had ever seen could have done it. She had taken the leading part in four years of war, yet her strength and determination had not diminished.

London, Sept. 13.—American official: This morning our troops operating in the St. Mihiel sector made considerable gains assisted by French units, they broke the enemy's resistance and advanced at some points to a depth of five miles. We have so far counted 8,400 prisoners. The operation is still in progress.

Amsterdam, Sept. 12.—The Rheinische Westfälische Zeitung has a despatch from Moscow which says that the Soviet Government has issued an order that all Peoples' Commissaries henceforth must take the most careful measures for their safety and use only strongly manned armoured cars in the streets of Petrograd and Moscow, securing them against sudden attack.

Stockholm, Sept. 12.—It is stated in Moscow that White Guards are on revolt in the government of Nijni-Novgorod. Six districts have united against the Soviet. The peasants in Kazan are everywhere arming against the Soviet.

Stockholm, Sept. 13.—It is reported that eleven Britishers and eleven Frenchmen are imprisoned in the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul in Petrograd, including Mr. Lockhart, British representative at Moscow, who was condemned to death, but was reprieved owing to the neutral Ministers' joint representations.

Washington, Sept. 13.—The chief of staff announces that American troops have arrived at Archangel.

Amsterdam, Sept. 12.—A wire from Berlin says that Count Hertling will probably resign before the meeting of the Reichstag in November.

Amsterdam, Sept. 13.—Vorwaerts states that two-thirds of the secret committee on electoral reform appointed by the Prussian Upper House are sworn enemies of equal suffrage. The plenary house is proportionately antagonistic. Meanwhile the Socialists' frame of mind is indicated by a party manifesto published by Vorwaerts, protesting in the strongest way in the name of millions of uninfluential supporters against a continuation of the electoral reform comedy, and demanding immediate dissolution of the Lower House. It promises the watchwords: "Away with the three class parliament; away with the Upper House; up with universal, equal, direct and secret suffrage; long live democracy and peace."

London, Sept. 12.—The Times states: In view of the recent military development, and a sudden need for a peace offensive, some embarrassment is being caused in Germany by the flood of literature, all of which cannot now be suppressed, which was prepared during the German spring offensive. Thus Vorwaerts draws attention to a pamphlet on the colonial war aims of Germany, which was finished at the end of June, by the colonial enthusiasts, Prince Albrecht, Wirth and Emil Zimmermann. The former insisted on importance of a German Mohamedan block in Asia and Africa, declaring that "were the backbone of our enemies broken, we could ask what we like, and they would have to give it to us." Wirth concluded that Germany must take the western half of Morocco and Senegambia. Zimmermann, for his part, demanded the French Sudan, Dahomey and the Ivory coast Portuguese Colonies and says: "At least we must have Nigeria, and we should not grant England an armistice until she has promised to cede to us that territory. As a security, we should insist on England's handing over the Suez canal until we get Nigeria."

A Victory Speech.

Germany's One Way Out.

London, Sept. 12.—The Premier today received a great ovation from big crowds in the streets of Manchester, during the journey to the Hippodrome, where he was presented with the freedom of the city in the presence of a large and distinguished gathering. Acknowledging the honour, the Premier said that the life and honour of Britain, the fate of the British Empire and the destiny of humanity hung upon the issue of the war.

The news now was really good. We were not at the end of the journey. There were steep gradients ahead and the tunnel we were passing through might be dark, but it would be short. The worst was over. There was no finer feat in the history of British industry than the transport of the Americans across the Atlantic. The Germans did not expect more than two divisions of Americans but there were hundreds of thousands now in France, and the Germans knew it. They were the advance guard of at least ten millions of the finest material in the world.

In order to realise what had happened we must contrast the advance over the same ground. The casualties in the last advance were under one-fifth of those in the 1916 advance. The main difference between 1916 and 1918 was unity of command. We had been extremely fortunate in securing for the supreme command Marshal Foch who was specially fitted for the exceptional conditions of this war, where the battle was being fought on a three hundred miles.

Mankind's Last War.

Nothing but heart failure on the part of the nation could prevent our achieving real victory. To end all wars we must impose a durable peace upon our enemies. Not only must the Prussian military power be beaten, but the German people must know that their rulers had outraged all the laws of humanity and that Prussian strength could not protect them from punishment. This must be the last war.

A league of nations would not in itself secure the world against catastrophe. A league of nations with Prussian military power triumphant would be a league of fox and geese—one fox and many geese—and the geese would greatly diminish in numbers. He was all for a league of nations; indeed the league had begun. The British Empire was a league of free nations. The Allies also were now a league of free nations and if after the war Germany repudiated and condemned the perfidy of her rulers, Germany would be welcomed to the great league of nations.

But the only sure foundation of peace was the victory of the Allies. Peace must be such as would commend itself to the commonsense and conscience of the nations generally. It must not be dictated by extremists on either side. We could not allow the Bolsheviks to force upon us a peace so humiliating as to dishonour the national flag and make a repetition of the horrors of the war inevitable.

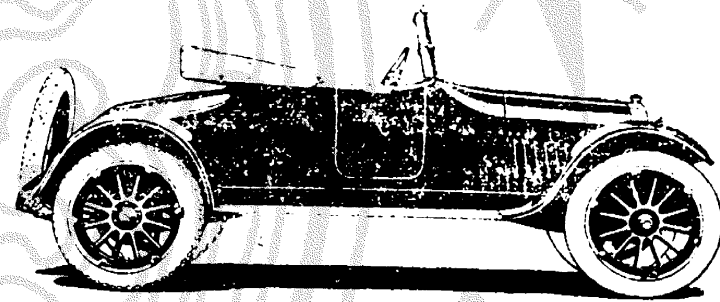
Building the New World.

When a satisfactory peace was secured could proceed with a clear conscience and build up a new world. The first lesson of the war was the immense importance of maintaining the solidarity of the British Empire. There must be healthier conditions in workshops. Bad health for the nation was bad business for all. We must pay more attention to schools and initiate the best conditions for production. There must be hold reconstruction after the war, but the war must first be won. There were disturbing social economic symptoms all over Europe which we must provide against in time. Then we should enjoy settled weather for the great harvest which was coming.

Speaking subsequently at the luncheon the Premier, referring to the fall of peace by negotiation, declared, amid loud cheers that there could be no compromise between freedom and tyranny. Raising his voice, he added: "We will fight to the end."

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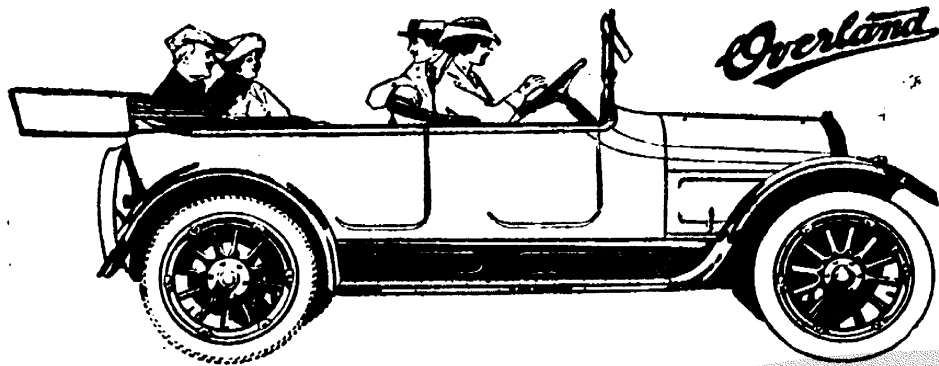
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THE Great War.

French Operations.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Sept. 17.

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We have taken Vailly-sur-Aisne.

Paris, Sept. 18.

We gained a kilometre in the region of Nancy.

Notable American Captures.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Sept. 17.

The Americans have captured more than 200 cannon in operations to the left of the Moselle.

British Operations.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Sept. 17.

The British advanced two miles on the Ypres-Commines Canal.

Paris, Sept. 17.

The British progressed to the north-east of St. Quentin.

Air Raid on Paris.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Sept. 17.

Official:-Last night enemy air-craft arrived in the Paris region and threw bombs. There were several victims and damage was done.

A German airship was brought down by a shell fired by the defence and three corpse were found under the machine.

Paris, Sept. 18.

In the course of yesterday's air-raid we brought down a second German airship in the region of Compiègne.

French Opinion of the Peace Move.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Sept. 17.

Austria has addressed to all the belligerents a proposal for a conference in a neutral country without cessation of hostilities to discuss peace.

The German papers pretend that this proposal comes solely from Austria.

The French and Allied papers consider it a great comedy that will deceive no one. It is a proof of enemy weakness and an attempt to divide us and strengthen their own union in order to gain time and re-organise their armies.

Austria is certainly the mouth-piece of Germany who, by reason of her monstrous crimes, cannot originate such proposals herself.

The "Galway Castle."

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Sept. 18.

London:-The steamer *Galway Castle* has been torpedoed. There were 144 victims.

Germany's Latest.

An Amazing Offer.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Sept. 18.

Following the Austrian proposal Germany has secretly offered peace to Belgium.

King Albert has transmitted the offer to the Allied Governments.

Officials for Alsace-Lorraine.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Sept. 18.

An official decree re-attaches to the Under-Secretariat of the Interior the services of Alsace-Lorraine.

M. Jules Cambon has been appointed Councillor of Affairs for Alsace-Lorraine and he will assist the Under-Secretary.

Clemenceau at the Front

(Havas Telegram.)
Paris, Sept. 18.
M. Clemenceau visited the Meuse and St. Mihiel fronts where he felicitated General Pershing.

Obituary.

(Havas Telegram.)
Paris, Sept. 18.
Deputy Abel Ferry died yesterday in a field hospital at the front.

New Financial Scheme.

(Havas Telegram.)
Paris, Sept. 18.
M. Klotz laid before the Chamber a scheme of a rising, non-limited loan on perpetual 4% stock exempt from income tax and convertible for twenty years. The arrears of Russian Bonds are admissible for liberation to the extent of half the subscription.

Price of Cereals.

(Havas Telegram.)
Paris, Sept. 18.
A decree fixes the following prices for cereals in 1918:—Wheat and millet, 73 francs; beans and horse-beans, 60; barley, maize, rye, buckwheat and oats at 53; red millet at 48.

The Military Prospects.

Vladivostok, Sept. 10.—On Sept. 1 communication was completely established with Irkutsk. The enemy is scattered, and it will not be surprising to find them dissolved into non-combatant groups, intent only on seeking an amnesty from the Allies. The railway from Vladivostok to Peru is apparently in friendly hand and the Japanese have assumed military control of the lines.
Vladivostok, Sept. 11.—The Japanese expedition to Habarovsk pales into insignificance compared with the unexpected exploit of the West Siberians and Czech-Slovaks bursting through, because Bolshevism at Blagovestensk and Habarovsk is cut off from the west

and will die a natural death. Thus the realisation of a reformed Russian front is brought nearer.

Tokio, Sept. 3.—A semi-official said that the Allies, when advancing towards the Amur must over ten enemy gun boats, also 19,000 enemy east of Blagovestensk, who strongly defended the positions at Habarovsk. According to prisoners, the enemy at Baikal, hearing of the Japanese advance from Manchuria, are demoralised, and are deserting.

Rainfall.

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

MONDOL KRUNG KAO.		
At Ayudhya	Sept. 14	19.3 mm.
" Singaburi	" 14	40.2 "
" Lohburi	" 14	27.0 "
" Pradum Dhani	" 15	6.8 "
" Ayudhya	" 15	13.2 "
" Angthong	" 15	14.3 "
" Singaburi	" 15	3.7 "
" Saraburi	" 15	25.5 "
" Dhanyaburi	" 16	10.1 "
" Ayudhya	" 16	24.0 "
" Angthong	" 16	3.6 "
" Lohburi	" 16	5.8 "
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MONDOL NAGOR JAYSRI.		
At Subarn	Sept. 14	16.0 "
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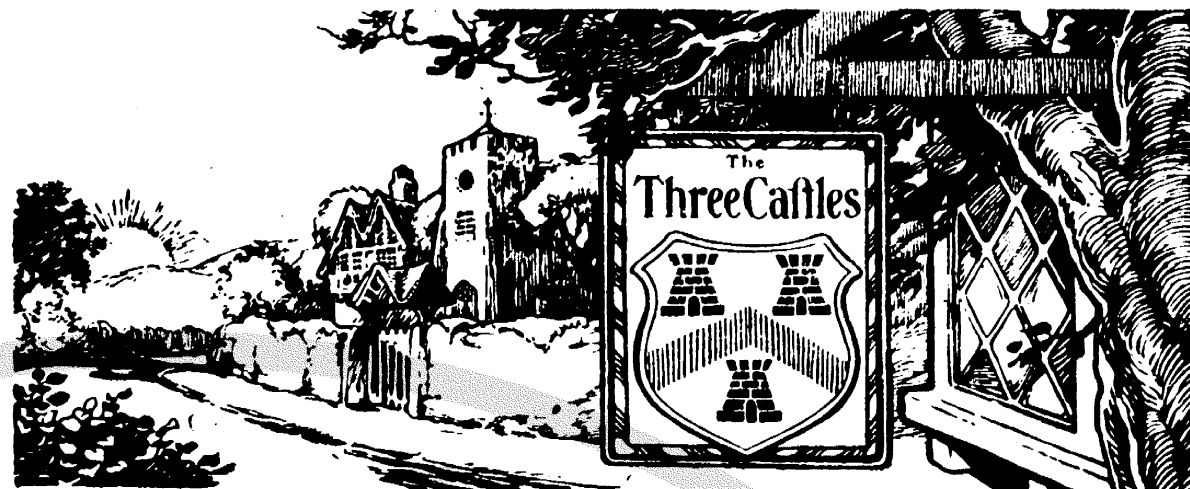
MONDOL RAJABURI.		
At Rajaburi	Sept. 14	1.5 "
" Rajaburi	" 15	22.7 "
" Rajaburi	" 16	4.8 "
" Rajaburi	" 16	2.8 "
" Samuda Songram	" 16	20.5 "

MONDOL PRACHIN.		
At Prachin	Sept. 15	13.8 "
" Nagor Nayok	" 15	5.3 "
" Jolburi	" 15	5.5 "
" Chhaxong Sao	" 16	16.7 "
" Prachin	" 16	35.4 "
" Nagor Nayok	" 16	16.7 "
" Jolburi	" 16	9.5 "
" Krabindra	" 16	18.0 "

MONDOL NAGOR SVARGA.		
At Udaya	Sept. 15	17.6 "
" Jaynal	" 15	54.5 "

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Henry Esmond, Book I. Chap. 3.

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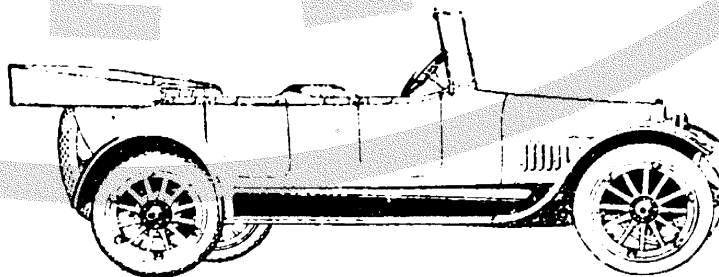
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Pemberton Billing.

Forcibly Ejected from the House.

Disorderly scenes took place in the House of Commons on July 1, arising out of a question by Mr. Joynson Hicks who asked the Prime Minister whether the Government had considered the report of the Select Committee on the Loch Doon scandal; and, if so, what action they intended to take regarding such of the officers responsible as still remained in his Majesty's service.

Mr. Bonar Law in the course of his reply said the Government did not consider any action against these officers was called for.

Mr. Billing: Is the right hon. gentleman aware that some of the officers referred to and responsible for this are the same officers who were responsible for the hopeless inefficiency of our Air Service two years ago?

Mr. Bonar Law: I entirely disagree. I think nothing done in this country is more remarkable than the success which has characterised the development of our Air Service.

Mr. Billing: Is the right hon. gentleman aware that this success was only rendered possible by—(Inter-ruption.)

The Speaker: The hon. member must hand in his question.

Mr. Billing: On a point of order, you were proposing to permit me to put that question. You have no idea what that question was. Therefore you are not in a position to judge.

The Speaker: That is the very reason why I asked the hon. member to hand it in. (Laughter.)

Mr. Billing: Am I to understand that it is your ruling that the behaviour of the members of this House is not compatible with the dignity of this House—(laughter)—supplementary questions cannot be asked?

"Ignorant of Procedure."

Later Mr. Billing asked leave to move the adjournment of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance. He said he had asked permission on the previous Thursday to move the adjournment on that day, and having regard to certain other matters which had occurred and meetings which had taken place in the country on Sunday, he wished to call attention to the fact that he had given notice of his desire to move the adjournment last Thursday.

The Speaker: Since then, as the hon. member may observe, a blocking notice has been put down which will prevent it.

Mr. Billing said he was ignorant of Parliamentary procedure—(laughter)—and asked what a blocking notice might be, and whether it had been put down in the interests of the enemy.

The Speaker: If the hon. member will consult either of the two hon. gentlemen sitting on his right or his left they may be in a position to inform him. (Laughter.)

At a later stage of the sitting, when the clerk was about to read the orders of the day.

Mr. Billing, again rising to a point of order, said he could not understand the system of blocking motions, and he could not find the particular one in question on the order paper.

The Speaker informed the hon. member where it was to be found, adding that he was not there to instruct

the hon. member in the elements of Parliamentary procedure. (Cheers.)

On rising to put a further point the hon. member was received with impatient cries "Sit down!"

Mr. Billing shouted angrily: I am not going to sit down when there are a lot of damned Germans running about this country. (Loud cries of "Order!" and "Name!")

The Speaker: I call the attention of the House to the continued disorderly conduct of the hon. member, and I call upon him to leave the House. (Cheers.)

Mr. Billing: On a point of order—The Speaker: I will not listen to any further points of order. This is not a court of law. (Loud cheers.)

Mr. Billing: I am here to do my duty, and I have no intention of leaving this House until the question of the internment of enemy aliens in this country is debated. (Cries of "Order!")

The Speaker: The hon. member keeps on shouting. If he does not

carry out my orders he stands a chance of being suspended by order of the House, and that suspension will be for some time.

Mr. King's Support.

Mr. Billing: I feel it my duty—(the remainder of the sentence was drowned by loud and repeated cries of "Name!")

The Speaker: I name you, Mr. Billing, for disregarding the authority of the chair. (Cheers.)

Mr. Bonar Law: I beg to move that Mr. Billing be suspended from the service of the House. (Renewed cheers.)

When the question was put the only hon. member who raised his voice against it was Mr. King (R. Somerset, N.).

The Speaker: I call upon the hon. member to withdraw in consequence of the decision of the House.

Mr. Billing ignored the Speaker's order, and remained seated in his place.

The Speaker: Do I understand that the hon. member disregards the authority of the House, and will not submit to the order of the House?

Mr. Billing: I am doing what I consider to be my duty. (Cries of "Order!")

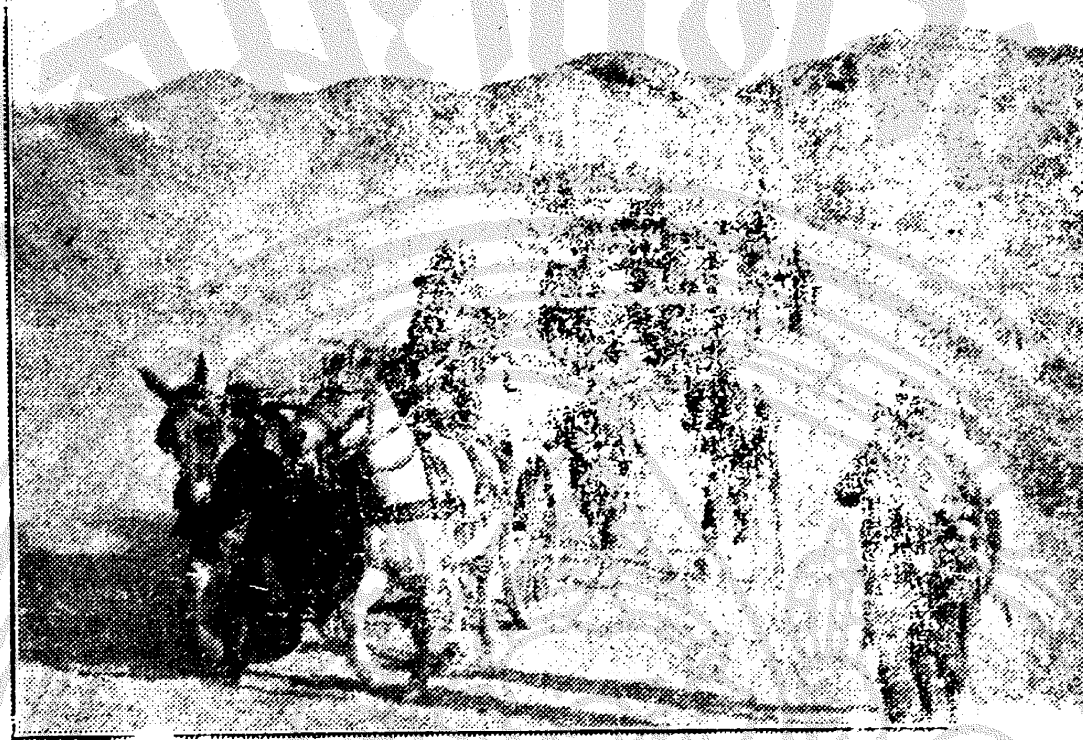
The Speaker: I must ask the Sergeant-at-Arms to remove the hon. member.

The Sergeant-at-Arms, Admiral Sir Colin Keppel, proceeded to where Mr. Billing was sitting, but failed in his attempt to prevail upon him to leave. Sir Colin then proceeded to the table, and, addressing the Speaker, said: The hon. member refuses to obey your order.

The Speaker: Then I shall suspend the sitting of the House until such time as the hon. member has left, and I call upon the officers of the House to have him removed.

The Speaker then left the chair and the House, followed by a large number of right hon. and hon. members.

The Sergeant-at-Arms again approached Mr. Billing, who was seated in the corner seat at the far end of the front opposition bench below the gangway. One or two hon. members attempted to persuade him to leave, but Mr. Billing refused to do so. Four attendants then appeared on the scene, and a violent struggle ensued. Clutching the back of the bench with his left, Mr. Billing's resistance lasted for the space of about a minute. The attendants, having succeeded in releasing his grip, carried him bodily by the legs and arms out of the House. The sitting was thereupon resumed.



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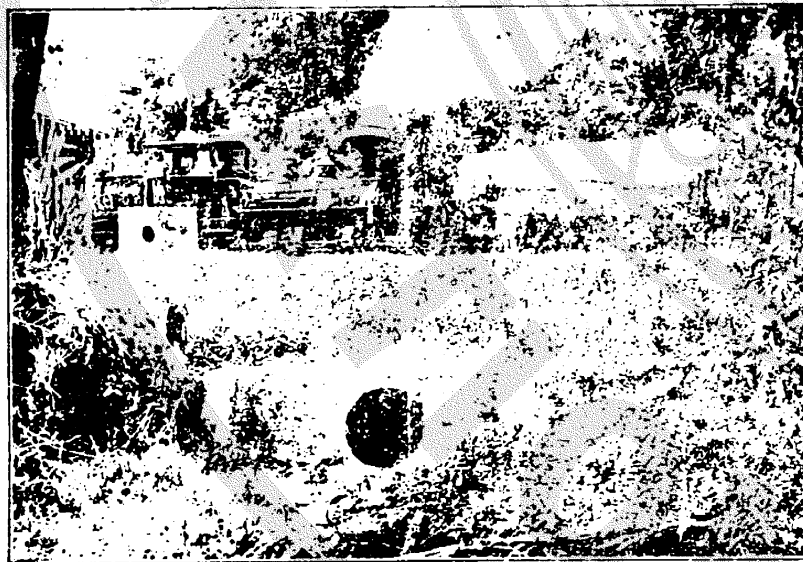
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