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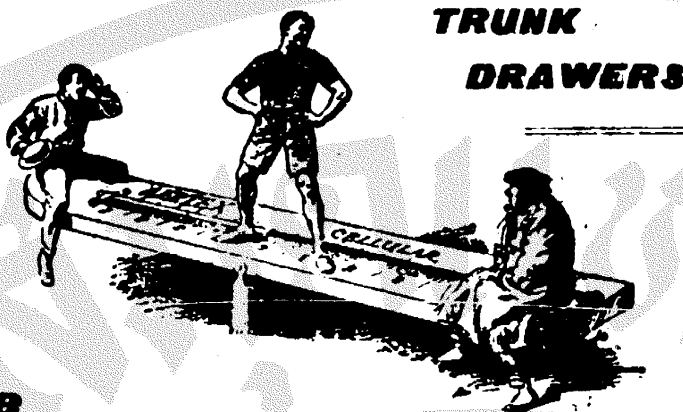
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Germanising Limburg.**Remarkable Movement on Dutch Frontier.**

A definite movement is on foot tending towards the Germanisation of parts of the Dutch province of Limburg. Large tracts of land are passing, or have already passed, into German hands, and are used for specially German interests.

A correspondent of the Handelsblad who calls attention to this singular development, says Germans, having their domicile in Germany, can, in so far as the chief products of the reclaimed land are concerned, viz., rye and oats, export them to Germany free of duty, and as a result they can spend more money than Netherlands on tracts of waste land that are offered to be let or sold. For a man who can freely send his threshed oats to Germany (until about eight years ago only threshed oats were to be thus exported, which raised the freights considerably) can make an extra profit of Mk. 4 per 100 kilos. Viewed in the light of this fact it is hardly to be wondered at that the Germans are more and more attracted towards the waste lands of Limburg, but this great attraction constitutes an increasing danger to the friendly feelings of the Limburg farmer towards the Dutch legislator in the first place and to the economic independence of Limburg in the second. The latter danger is the greater of the two. The Germans who buy in Limburg landed property are not content with a few weeks' stay in the summer; no, they often spend most of the year on their newly-acquired possessions and Germanise their surrounding in a truly intensive German fashion. They bring German help, supply their needs as much as possible from Germany, nay, it has even happened that the owner of a castle had a new barn built by German workmen and of German materials. The workmen are frequently imported from Germany, with their families; they are well paid and well housed, so that when they revisit their Heimat, they induce their friends to come to Holland also, thus swelling the German colony founded by their employer. At this moment the Germanisation of the Limburg frontier region is in its infancy. The reclamation of the waste grounds along the frontier has only just started, but owing to the advantages accruing from the exploitation, it is rapidly extending; and as it extends, so the German colonies on Dutch soil will increase in number and size, and if no preventive steps are taken, there is a fair chance that within some twenty years a large

slice of the Limburg frontier region will be Dutch only in name.

Munition Explosions.

New York, Jan. 14.—At Kingstons, New Jersey, on Thursday, a fire in the Canadian factory caused a terrific explosion, which destroyed much munitions intended for Russia. Hundreds of projectiles fell in the district, but there was no loss of life.

At Haskell, New Jersey, 200 tons of machine gun powder, in the Dupont magazines, destined for the Allies, went up in three explosions on Friday night. A small preliminary blast warned the 1,400 workmen in the factory, and they fled for safety. After the night shift had been checked, it was found that only two men were missing, but 12 others were cut by the flying debris, although none was seriously injured. The extent of the pecuniary loss is not known.

Owing to the proximity, in time and location, to the Kingstons blast, many rumours are current of German responsibility. The owners of the Kingstons factory have started an examination which has revealed a possible, if not probable, incendiary origin.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Count Bernstorff has relieved from duty Franz Bopp (Consul-General) and E. H. von Schack (Vice-Consul) at San Francisco. This is a result of the conviction of Bopp and Schack of conspiring to produce explosions in Canada, in violation of American neutrality.

New York, Jan. 16.—At Haskell, in New Jersey, where on Saturday Dupont's powder factory, with 200 tons of machine gun powder for the Allies, was blown up, three men have been arrested on suspicion of their having caused the explosion.

"Scrap of Paper" Remark.

Amsterdam, Jan. 7.—Krupp's organ the "Neueste Nachrichten" demands Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg's resignation and bitterly assails him with reference to the "scrap of paper" remark at the outbreak of war and the Entente's use thereof in its recent reply.

It is significant that the "Deutsche Zeitung" has simultaneously declared these three words to have been "as bad as ten lost battles." It also demands that Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg shall resign. Some newspapers demand the return of Admiral von Tirpitz to power. The Chancellor himself told the Press that if the new year has not yet brought peace "it is the fault of our enemies." He added cryptically: "What may still come is calculated only to strengthen our ties with our Allies."

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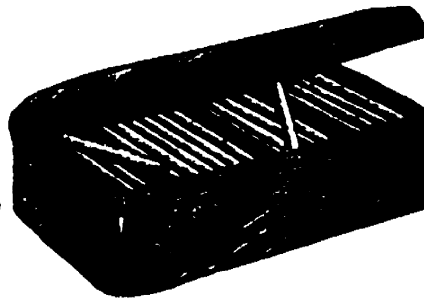
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Great War.

Sinking of Dutch Ships.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Feb. 25.

The Dutch steamers *Soesdik*, *Noorde Brèijik*, *Remland*, *Gasterland*, *Jocstra Menado* and *Bandoeng* were torpedoed on the 22nd instant. The crews were landed and it is presumed that all were saved.

French Mail Boat Sunk.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Feb. 25.

Paris, official.—The Messageries Maritimes mail boat *Atkor* from China carrying Senegalese troops and colonial labourers to France was torpedoed in the Mediterranean. Two escorting destroyers and a gunboat which came up saved 1,450 lives.

Arrests in Ireland.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Feb. 25.

Thirty-two arrests under the Defence of the Realm Act were made in Ireland yesterday, namely eight in Dublin, and twenty-four in Galway, Limerick, Skibbereen, and elsewhere. The arrests included some persons interned after the late rebellion and subsequently released.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Feb. 25.

An official statement issued in Dublin yesterday says that all persons arrested under the Defence of the Realm Act have been prohibited from residing in Ireland.

German Intrigues in Spain.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Feb. 25.

Madrid.—Meyer, the German Consul at Cartagena, was arrested in connection with the discovery of a submarine base. Another German, Koller, has been arrested on Madrid in connection with the explosion there. There is great wrath in Spain at the discovery of boys at Cartagena containing material in reference to German plots in Spain. It appears that the coastguard, found close to the harbour two buoys connected by a chain, to which were attached thirty watertight cases, one full of explosives and the others containing correspondence and instructions for Germans occupying official positions in Spain. The submarine which placed the buoys also secretly landed several men with instructions for the use of the explosives.

Strike at Krupp's.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Feb. 24.

Amsterdam.—The Telegraaf says that 17,000 workers at Krupp's factory have struck work demanding higher wages and better food. Many were sent to the front as a punishment.

Fight in A Camp.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Feb. 24.

Maastricht.—The newspaper *Nourdes* says that a sanguinary fight between Bavarians and Prussians took place in a camp at Deverloo last week. Thirty-two were killed and two hundred wounded.

Sweden Protests to Berlin.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Feb. 22.

Stockholm.—Sweden has protested to Berlin against the torpedoing of three Swedish ships which were sunk by German submarines to the north of Great Britain.

Paris, Feb. 23.

Stockholm.—The Minister in Germany in a communication dated 22nd Feb. to the Foreign Minister stated that the Swedish steamer *Edda* was torpedoed by an error. The German Government regrets the incident and is ready to indemnify.

Sinkings.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Feb. 22.

Four ships were torpedoed from the 19th to 21st instant: 1 Russian, 1 Norwegian, 1 Dutch and 1 English. Total 6,000 tons.

Paris, Feb. 23.

Eight ships were sunk between the 20th and 22nd inst.: 3 British, 4 Italian and 1 Norwegian. Total 7,500 tons.

German Consul Arrested

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Feb. 23.

Carthage.—The Government has arrested the German Consul for acts contrary to Spanish neutrality.

Fights With Submarines

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Feb. 22.

Sir Edward Carson announced that forty engagements had taken place with submarines during the last 18 days. The Admiralty, however, from motives of policy is preserving silence as to the number of submarines destroyed.

Tightening the British Blockade.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Feb. 23.

The Gazette publishes a new order rendering more effective the blockade against Germany by boarding all neutral vessels going to or returning from neutral ports near Germany.

Tin and Rubber.

(S. O. "SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.")
Singapore, Feb. 23.

At the rubber auction 503 tons were sold. The demand was good and prices are advancing. Smoked sheet fetched \$155 per picul and pale crepe \$157. Tin is at \$91.50.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

TO-DAY'S telegrams appear on page 8.

"F" c/o this paper wants a house near New Road.

A piece of land with a two-storey house at Hua Hin is advertised for sale.

MESSRS. E. M. Pereira and Co. have for sale land and *reng thaws* situated off Windmill Road.

A LAUNCH which sank opposite the premises of the Bangkok Dock Co. last week has since been raised.

THE Wild Tigers are returning to Bangkok tomorrow morning, the manoeuvres being over.

H. E. Phya Visut Sagoradit, Harbour Master General, who is spending a holiday at Angkor, will be returning on Wednesday.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Paknam line is crossing with Bangna's telephone. Other lines are in good order.

SOME small craft which sank in the river are being raised and two red lights mark the position in the river where the raising operations are in progress.

THERE was a slight collision on the river between two coasting steamers yesterday. The damage done was very slight and has been settled between the owners.

MR. Munro and Mr. Brown, two experts, have published a book on all matters worth knowing about the management, upkeep and planting of cocoanuts in the F. M. S. which ought to be very interesting to those interested in cocoanuts here.

Queen Alexandra's Flag.

Telegraphic information has been received by the Committee of the Al Fresco British Red Cross Fête that Her Majesty Queen Alexandra has been graciously pleased to donate a small Red Cross Flag to be sold by auction at the Fête for the benefit of the Fund.

The flag is now on its way to Bangkok, but may not arrive by March 10th. Its sale by auction will take place, nevertheless, between 9.30 and 10 p.m. on that evening. When it arrives it will be delivered to the purchaser in due course.

Extracts From the Government Gazette.

(Of the 25th Feb. 2459.)
H.R.H. Prince Dewawongse, as Minister for Foreign Affairs, notifies that whereas of the six persons nominated by Siam as members of the Hague Tribunal four are dead and the term of six years of one has expired, while the remaining member's term of six years is reaching its end, therefore the last named person, to wit, Professor Jens I. Westengard (Phya Ksalyan Maitri) is now reaffirmed as member of the Hague Tribunal in the interests of Siam.

His Majesty has been pleased to direct that the first class order of the Crown of Siam be forwarded to Admiral William Karl Andreas Jenke of the Ministry of Navy, Denmark. The second class of the order has also been forwarded to three other officials, and the third class to another official of the said Navy, while the fourth class of the White Elephant has been forwarded to Captain Karl Alfred Jensen of the Torpedo Branch.

The Minister of the Interior makes a report regarding vaccination. There were 45,652 persons who had undergone the operation in January.

Nai Meng, Nai Choi and six others have together subscribed the sum of Tcs. 1,900 and presented the Governor of Lopburi with a motor launch.

The firm of Tieng Seng Chan has been registered as a partnership in connection with rice mill business and with offices at Tanon Prasamane.

The Governor of Patani acknowledges the gift of 60,000 para rubber seeds from Mr. K. F. Orchard, Manager of the Bang Nara Estate.

The October figures of draught animals in the Kingdom show the following totals: Elephants 5106, horses 88,833, cattle 2,078,195 and buffaloes 1,844,322.

Football

The replay for the Pollard Cup came off at the Sport Club on Saturday. In the first half England was leading by 2 goals to nil, Walsh and Coleby being very effective on England's right wing. The game ended in England turning out the winners by 3 goals against Scotland's 0. The cup was presented to the Captain of the winning side by Mrs. Lyle amidst the cheers of players and spectators.

Fire at Paklat.

Shortly before noon yesterday a fire occurred close to the Chinese Temple at Ban Tahin. It is said that a Chinese blacksmith while working his bellows carelessly allowed some sparks to fly on to some old clothes near by and before he knew of it there was a blaze. Quite a number of shops were burnt down and it was 3 p.m. before the fire came to an end. It was not possible to get any fire appliance to the location of the fire as it was low water. Mr. Braun of the Menam Motor Boat Co. was early on the spot and with a small boat and fire hose he did his best but to no avail. It is said that property to the value of Ticals 300,000 was lost but this is only guess work. No official figures are yet obtainable.

Red Cross Fete.

10th March 1917.

A Limerick competition will be held in connection with the above. The following are the rules to be observed by competitors:—

1. The entries must be genuine Limericks.
2. They may be original or not but original work should be plainly marked so that adjudication may be simplified.
3. They need not necessarily be limited merely to subjects of public interest.
4. Competitors may submit one Limerick or more without limit as to number. Each Limerick must be typed, or clearly written, upon a separate sheet of paper. An entrance fee of one tical must be sent with each Limerick.
5. Competitors must lodge their entries with Mr. Nunn, at the Custom House or at his house at Klong Toi, not later than nine o'clock on Sunday morning the 4th March.

All Limericks which pass the censor will be published in the Programme of Events, which will be on sale at the Fete. Each Limerick will be distinguished by a number. A voting form will be attached to each Programme, and the best Limerick will be selected by popular vote. A prize will be given to the winner so selected. Voters may record as many votes as they wish, provided each vote is made on a separate voting form.

A FORTY YEARS' TEST.
Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been curing coughs and colds for the past forty years and has gained in popularity every year. What better recommendation is required? For sale by the British Dispensary.

British Legation Telegrams.

The Ancre Battle.

London, Feb. 23.

Fighting on the British front in France has gradually increased in intensity. Trench raids continue daily, wherein the losses suffered remain light, the damage done to the enemy being always considerable. On one five hundred yard front southeast of Ypres 114 prisoners were taken. This perpetual, if limited, offensive is very damaging to enemy morale. Operations in the neighbourhood of the Ancre valley tend to increase in scale and importance. So effective an advance has been made in the direction of Miraumont that the enemy's positions were captured on a front of one and a half miles. We penetrated to a depth of one thousand yards, bringing the British line here close to the village of Petit Miraumont. Simultaneously an attack immediately north of the Ancre resulted in the capture of over half a mile of enemy trenches, a valuable position on commanding ground being thereby carried and subsequently defended with success. In these important operations 773 prisoners were taken including twelve officers, and the capture of machine-guns and trench mortars was considerable.

The success achieved is of greater magnitude and importance than that claimed by the Germans in the recent Champagne offensive which earned the Kaiser's special congratulations. During the whole of the little campaign in the Ancre valley German communications have only admitted in the most indirect possible manner a series of considerably important defeats. Since the beginning of the year 2,800 German prisoners have been captured in raids and minor operations, the number taken by the enemy being trifling in comparison.

Mesopotamia.

The weather is to some extent affecting operations in Mesopotamia. In the action whereby the southern bank of the Tigris was cleared to the Shumran bend over two thousand Turks were captured. The very strong enemy position at Sunniyat was tested by an attack that obtained temporary lodgment in two sections of Turkish trenches. A position captured on the right could not be maintained, wherefore the troops were also withdrawn from trenches occupied on the left.

British War Loan.

London, Feb. 24.

The results of the British War Loan campaign will have impressed the Central Empires, and they even surpass the expectation of those who knew that Britain's enormous resources were still untapped. For setting aside all other contributions, the people of Great Britain, out of their own private resources, have now produced for the needs of war no less than £700,000,000 of new money.

The Submarine Campaign.

The German submarine campaign meanwhile continues its reckless and unscrupulous course and the latest news is of seven Dutch ships mercilessly bombarded.

Sir Edward Carson in a great speech does not minimise the gravity of these proceedings and this peril but proceeds to give figures showing that the utmost harm achieved by submarines is but a small and disappointing tithe of what the Germans hoped to achieve, and represents an insignificant fraction of barely one per cent of ships sunk as against the remainder that come and go in safety as usual. Meanwhile however most successful steps are being taken to control this danger and in particular the arming of merchant vessels proceeds apace. For this legitimate measure of protection against a lawless enemy reduces the tale of loss by more than fifty per cent. But to economise tonnage in view of present conditions Mr. Lloyd George calls on the whole population to endorse most sweeping measures of retrenchment and saving. Many imported comforts of life are now to be greatly reduced while the import of very many more are henceforth prohibited altogether. These restrictions not only press hard on the British consumer but also cut off the market from many allied exporters abroad. Yet common peril must be met by common endurance, and the Prime Minister appeals as confidently to the Allied nations as to his own fellow citizens to combine willingly and curtail mercantile dealings in view of the urgent necessity to reserve every available ship for transport of the food and munitions so vitally necessary for our combined interests, in the interest of all the Allies.

Nothing could better serve to depress German hopes than such evidence of the unflinching cohesion of the Allies. This depression is evident anew in the latest German pretence that the Allies bait their transport ships with poisoned food for the destruction of such submarine crews as capture them. This futile invention probably points only to some forthcoming new atrocity in the Germans' own warfare for hitherto they always prelude each abomination of their own by falsely accusing their enemies of having used it first. Thus it is hoped partially to justify German war methods in the eyes of such Germans not completely lost to all sense of humanity and honour.

Singapore to Bangkok.

An order is given, the mooring-rope are cast off, the engines begin to throb, and our vessel slowly sheers away from the wharf. Even in these latter days, when almost every part of the world has been exploited and it is difficult indeed to get off the beaten track and away from the ubiquitous protégé of Cook, the beginning of a voyage is still fraught with something of adventure, and though but a pale shadow, it enables us perhaps faintly to realise the thrilling sensations of those pioneers of 1492, of whom we read in the quaint and picturesque volumes of Hakluyt and Purchas, as they fared forth boldly into the unknown. *Mais nous avons changé tout cela*, and even the uttermost parts of the earth are no longer veiled in romance and mystery for us, as was so much of the world for those early voyagers. As we draw off farther from the shore the long sea-frontage of Singapore gradually unfolds into clearer view, with the familiar Clock Tower prominent in the foreground, and behind it the dominating hill of Fort Canning. The sea is calm, and there is every prospect of a smooth voyage, whereas I am well pleased, for though a merciful Providence has willed it that I am not subject to sea-sickness, I confess to a preference for decks maintained at a sufficiently horizontal level to make walking on them not too trying an experience, and above all things I abhor having to sit a dining-table insecurely guarded by fiddles, in spite of which system of defensive works the unwary person may yet receive an unwelcome present on his lap. In my experience Singapore suffers very little from stormy weather. Far and away the worst occasion I remember was in the month of January this year, and as luck would have it I had to cross to Pulo Sambo at an early hour of the morning. The launch was only a small one, and tossed about like a cork in the high seas; rain was falling in torrents, and to add to the discomforts and dangers of the expedition there was a thick fog. Several of the Chinese crew were violently sick, and the rest looked anything but in love with life. I must admit that I was very far from enjoying the trip myself, and I began to dwell upon all sorts of unpleasant possibilities, at the same time nurturing a resentment against Fate that, after sailing many days, I should be threatened with a watery grave inside a haven of refuge like Singapore Harbour. However, these gloomy presentiments were unfulfilled, and after a period of harrowing suspense we reached our destination. I do not think that I ever stepped on to dry land with greater thankfulness than on that day, and fortunately the violence of the weather had somewhat abated ere it was time to make the return journey.

Though a fairly experienced traveller, I cannot say that I am over fond of journeying by sea, and a short trip like that from Singapore to Bangkok is more monotonous and trying than a long voyage for various reasons, one of which is that there is no time to form those agreeable intimacies which pleasantly relieve the latter, while another is that, save in very rare cases, there is no ship's library to fall back upon. When Singapore is out of sight the attention of the passengers is drawn to one another. They are all British, I think, save one, and such as are not already acquainted eye each other askance with the covert and somewhat suspicious glance which is so characteristic of the travelling Britisher, and which has unjustly led those of other nationalities to accuse him of superciliousness, arrogance and coldness. As a matter of fact there is no race more sentimental and more kindly of nature than the English, but they are so habituated by training and convention to repress any outward exhibition of their feelings that they have earned an undeserved reputation for hauteur and lack of sympathy.

There can be little of incident to record in a voyage marked throughout by ideal weather conditions and unmarred by mishaps. The memory that chiefly lingers with me is that of sunrise on the second day of the passage.

I am not devoted to early rising as a rule, but it happened that I was troubled with one of my occasional nights of insomnia, and some time before dawn I turned out of my cabin in sheer despair to seek the solace of a cigarette on deck. I was there when the morning broke, and in watching the spectacle I forgot the miseries of sleeplessness that I had endured. I do not think that I have ever seen a finer sunrise. The cloud effects were admirable, and of a somewhat unusual character. A thick bank, long and narrow, lay all along the line of the eastern horizon, and superimposed upon it, with only a slight gap between, was a similar bank, overlapping the other in the middle. Higher up floated cloud-islands of varying sizes, none very large. The stars had already paled, and the sky slowly changed from indigo to the hue of a dark-blue sapphire. Over this cerulean field presently spread a tinge of pink, so delicate at first as to be almost imperceptible, but gradually deepening to a soft roseateness. I waited in expectancy, and I could not help thinking that if sunrise were only a rare phenomenon

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British Government War Films.

Mr. T. C. Maxwell, the representative of Mr. Maurice E. Baughman, is now in Bangkok, having come here for the purpose of exhibiting the Official War Films "Britain Prepared" and "The Battle of the Somme." They will first be shown to His Majesty the King, on his return to Bangkok from the manoeuvres, after which the public will have an opportunity of seeing them at the Phathanakorn Cinematograph.

"Britain Prepared" is a grand review in three parts of the activities of the British Naval and Military Forces. The first part gives some idea of the magnitude of the work now going on in England in manufacturing munitions of war, and also shows something of the methods of the Royal Flying Corps, the Field Telegraph, and the Motor-cycle Machine Gun Battalions. The second part consists of the first series of official pictures of the British Army in France. All the pictures were taken at the battle front, and many of the subjects were photographed in the actual firing line, with shells bursting close to the operator. This part will prove deeply interesting to us who are far away from the battle zone, for it shows what a first-line trench is like, what a modern battlefield is like, what aerial warfare is like, what life in a besieged city is like, and what an infantry advance is like; and the pictures will be deeply impressive by reason of our knowledge that they are no "fake" productions but actual sentiments of grim reality. In the third part, which will certainly be of no less interest to all, is revealed some of the doings of the British Navy, showing ships being built and ready for action, how mine-sweepers perform their useful work in all weathers with unremitt-

ing zeal, some of the light cruisers and battleships of the Grand Fleet, destroyers on patrol-duty, and the firing of broadside salvos from Dreadnoughts. There are also pictures of submarines, and these include the magnified view of ships as reflected on the prism of a periscope.

On the occasion of the first official presentation of "Britain Prepared" at the Empire Theatre, London, the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, First Lord of the Admiralty, said in his address to the gathering: "The spectacle you are about to witness is something more than an afternoon's amusement for idle folk. The wonderful photographs you are about to see, marvellous as examples of the photographer's art, are big with lessons of the deepest import to us and to the world."

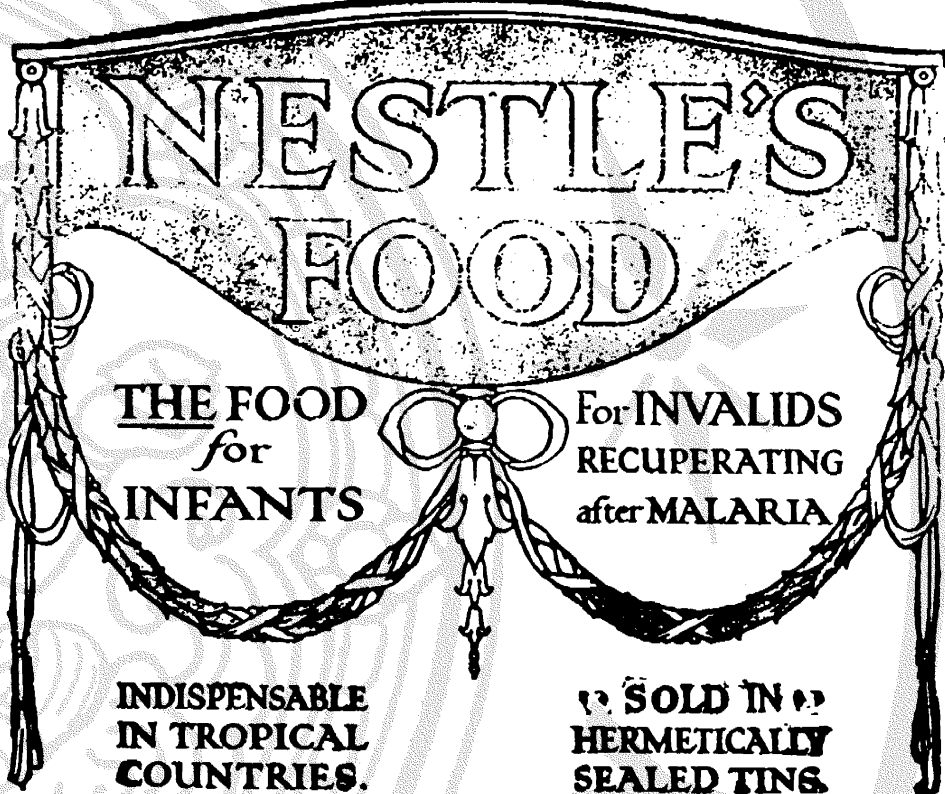
But interesting and instructive as is "Britain Prepared," the other film to be shown here, "The Battle of the Somme," is even more so, since in it we are shown scenes of actual warfare. It is a film which should enable every spectator to realise in some measure the stern and terrible realities of war, and it will undoubtedly leave on all who see it a vivid and lasting impression.

His Majesty the King has now been pleased to fix the date on which he will view the films, and we are authorised to announce that their public exhibition will commence on Friday next, the 2nd March, at the Phathanakorn Hall.

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The Baton.

By statute, a Marshal's baton is 20 inches long and is covered with royal blue velvet, which may be decorated in a variety of ways. There is a ring of gold at each end, the name of the Marshal being inscribed on one, and "Terro bello decus pacis" on the other. It is not even a survival of a weapon, but has always been purely decorative, though Condé used one actively in battle, hurling it at Friburg far into the enemy's lines as a pledge of honour to be recovered by arms. In Joffre's

case the baton will be decorated with

It is scarcely necessary to state that the appointment of General Joffre to the high distinction of Marschal de France is recognised everywhere in France as an honour that has been thoroughly well deserved. General Joffre's name for all time will be associated with the brilliance with which he saved France on the Marne and the Yser, and with the genius by which he delivered blow after blow to the Germans in Artois and Champagne, on the Somme, and at Verdun. For all time, however, he will be particularly associated with the battle of the Marne.

Despite the splendid assistance rendered him by the men under his command he had to bear almost single-handed the terrible responsibility of seeing the steady, progressive invasion of France, and he had to select the decisive moment when the French troops should turn on the advancing enemy and throw them back.

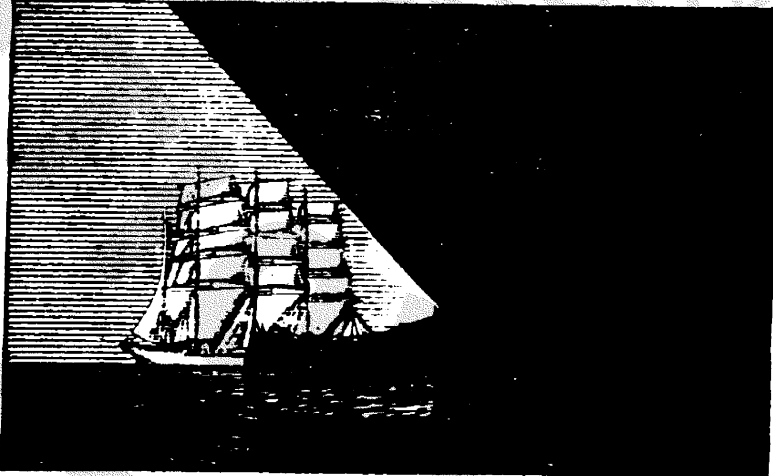
In France Joffre is much more, however, than the conqueror of the Marne and the saviour of France. He is a soldier with a proud record behind him. As a lieutenant he fought in 1870, and he won his spurs in earlier years in the grand training ground of French military genius, the French Colonies. As an engineer he was responsible for many of the forts scattered throughout the French Empire. "One of his chief and most brilliant campaigns was that of the Soudan, conducted when he was sent out for a pacific object, the building of the railway to link Senegal and the Niger. By brilliant organisation and struggling against innumerable difficulties he forced his way through to Timbuctoo, where he not only gave proof of his strategic ability, but also did excellent work as an Empire builder for France.

It was in 1911 that he was given the supreme position of Commander-in-Chief in time of war and Chief of the Staff in time of peace. The Panther, by menacing Agadir, had warned France of its danger, and night and day Joffre worked to bring the French army to a state of efficiency. He spared himself no trouble, working Sundays and week days all the year round.

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we mortals would hang upon its occurrence with eager impatience; but, as it is, the daily miracle of beauty passes unheeded by most of us. The small isolated clouds towards the east blushed at Aurora's first greeting, then became golden islets in a sea of translucent azure. The upper edge of the cloud-bank below was marked by an aureous outline, below which mauve and crimson, gray and pearl, blent and were merged in one another. As I have mentioned, there were two parallel cloud-banks, and the sun, which, though it had risen, was as yet obscured from sight, from behind the screen of the upper cloud-bank hung long fan-like rays of luminance downward upon the gently-rippling ocean which, as it glided and sparkled beneath the shafts of light, recalled the immortal phrase of the old Greek poet, the "innumerable laughter of the sea." The fan-rays pointing upward are, of course, typical of sunrise, and are commonly so used in art; but in this case the fan-rays were inverted, so that the effect was unusual. In the upper cloud bank was a round opening, not unlike a port-hole. This lay directly in the path of the ascending orb, and through it presently there streamed forth a dazzling beam of radiance that seemed to flood the world with a sudden glory. It was as though a window in the firmament had suddenly been opened in order that the Splendour of God might enter and be revealed, even though but momentarily, to the children of earth. What wonder that so many races of mankind have worshipped the sun as divine! Indeed, we ourselves are well aware that it is the immediate source of our own and all other life on this planet.

Our arrival is timed to catch the early morning tide at the mouth of the river. Most of us are up betimes, and before eight o'clock we are over the bar and are steaming up the broad and placid channel of the Menam. I observe everything with the natural curiosity of the newcomer. The country on either side is low-lying, and, as usual in the tropics, is covered with palms and luxuriant jungle growth where not under cultivation. There is no lack of human life; sampans, fishing-boats and larger craft are plentifully in evidence—and the banks on either side are fringed with the picturesque but frail looking houses of the dwellers by the river, while one is repeatedly getting glimpses of creeks and backwaters clustered around with similar structures, amongst which it is easy to recognise the *vats* that tell us we are in a land where the gentle cult of Buddha prevails. Though Bangkok is not far distant as the crow flies, I find that it is no mean journey by water, owing to the meandering course of the river. I am told that at one time there was another and much shorter channel, but that silt has now rendered it impracticable. However, I am in no great hurry—hurry is futile in the East, and he who would seek to hustle the Orient is doomed to be greyheaded before his

time—and I am quite content to watch the panorama of the country as it unfolds. A fellow-passenger kindly points out sights or objects of interest. I see the reach where the annual river festivals are held. Further on is a water-market, where a fair amount of business is apparently being carried on. Higher up again we pass the buildings of the Naval Arsenal. It is not long before the spires and pinnacles of Bangkok are in sight, and I gaze at them with the natural interest of every traveller in the first view of his destination. As we proceed the river becomes more crowded and the boats begin to present continuous rows of buildings, most of them seemingly mills and factories, the number of which indicates a very satisfactory measure of commercial progress. The wharf is at length reached, and here amusement is caused by the repeated attempts of one of the crew to cast a line on shore. Time after time it falls short, greatly diverting a number of coolies grouped on the landing-place, until their unobscured mirth invokes the wrath of a stalwart and imposing peon, before whose displeasure they scatter like chaff. But at last we are safely moored, and, after the observance of the usual Customs formalities, we are free to go ashore and make a closer acquaintance with the capital of Siam. My impressions of Bangkok, however, I must reserve for another time.

H. J. B. K.

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THE Great War.

British Raids in the West.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Feb. 23.

Marshal Haig reports: We seized a portion of the trenches northeastward of Gueudecourt. We entered trenches on a 650 yards front southward of Armentieres penetrating deeply and inflicting many casualties. We made a raid southeastward of Ypres on a 500 yards front reaching the support line. Many were killed and dugouts and minehafts destroyed. 114 prisoners were taken here. The total of prisoners for the day was 184. Our casualties were light.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Feb. 22.

We stopped a surprise attack against the Chambrettes farm.

Paris, Feb. 23.

We delivered two surprise attacks southwest of Malancourt and east of Mouilly.

The British repulsed attacks east of Vermelles and south of Neuvechappelle.

Yarrowdale Prisoners Released.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Feb. 24.

Amsterdam, Berlin Official.—The American prisoners from the Yarrowdale have been released after Germany had officially been informed that German ships in America will not be confiscated and the crews not interned.

Items.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Feb. 22.

Christiania.—Several ships proceeding from England have arrived at various Norwegian ports.

Paris, Feb. 23.

The mathematician, M. Darboux, permanent Secretary of the Academy of Sciences, is dead.



BRITISH OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH
The King inspects the Household Battalion in Hyde Park, London. The King, Queen Alexandra, Princess Mary, and the Queen.

Danish West Indies.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Feb. 23.

Washington.—The Senate has passed a bill appropriating five millions sterling for the purchase of the Danish West Indies.

Restricting Imports.

(“S. O.” SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
Singapore, Feb. 22.

Mr. Bonar Law in the House of Commons said that it has been decided to place drastic restrictions on imports affecting the Allies and the Dominions.

Report of Russian Commission

London, Feb. 17.—Reuter learns the Russian commission of enquiry into German atrocities reports sickening cruelties. Unarmed and wounded men were murdered in cold blood, war prisoners burned alive, sisters of mercy violated, explosive bullets enormously used, whilst the enemy poured corrosive fluids into wounds of prisoners. A German red cross officer twice shot with his revolver a wounded man who asked to be bandaged. A particularly Finnish case was that of a Cossack prisoner from whom an unsuccessful attempt was made to extort information. He was tortured by connecting an electric needle to his wounded leg for half an hour. The victim heroically persisted in his silence so the

process was repeated on the two following days. Then the German officer applied a bar of red hot iron to the feet of the Cossack. The latter eventually escaped.

India's Silk Industry.

London, Feb. 16.—In a paper read at the Society of Arts, Professor Maxwell Lefroy said the great obstacles to the development of the silk industry in India were the sweated condition of a large proportion of the workers, lack of enterprise, business capacity and commercial honesty, and the enormous profits required by European capitalists. If there was a demand for raw silk products India could meet it, if English

manufacturers plainly stated their requirements. Lord Islington presiding said the difficulties were formidable but not insuperable. The industry had retrogressed in some parts of India but the demand for silk had increased. The Indian Government was now considering the report of the committee appointed in 1915 to inquire into the industry.

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