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"Nagoya" " 28	" "Medina" " 29	
"Somali" June 11	" "Mongolia" May 13	
"Nankin" " 25	" "Malwa" " 27	
"Novara" " 30	" "Kashgar" " 27	
"Nore" July 23	" "Kashgar" June 10	
"Malta" Aug. 6	" "Moodan" " 24	
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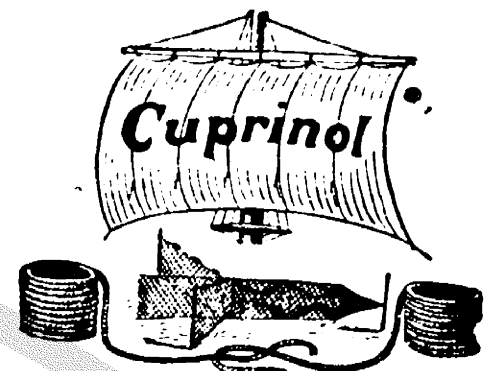
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FOR JUNE, 1916.

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

P.M.

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

PHASES OF THE MOON.

June 1st New Moon 2.19 a.m.
" 9th First Quarter 6.41 a.m.
" 16th Full Moon 4.24 a.m.
" 22nd Last Quarter 7.58 p.m.
" 30th New Moon 5.25 p.m.

Some Indian Matters.

London, May 30.—In the House of Commons Mr. Norton Griffiths asked whether the Imperial Government intended to take any action before the termination of the war with a view to the adoption of a preferential trading policy with India in favour of the United Kingdom, the Dominions and the Allies.

Mr. Asquith said all aspects of our trade policy after the war were being investigated by the Government and would be discussed at the economic conference at Paris. He could not anticipate the results of these discussions and investigations by making a statement on one aspect thereof.

Col. Yate: Will India be represented at the conference.
Mr. Asquith: No.

The Mesopotamian Muddles.

London, May 30.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Chamberlain said he was unable to give a date for the submission of the report of the Commission of Enquiry into the breakdown of the medical arrangements in Mesopotamia. He was entirely opposed to the suggestion of an interim report.

London, May 31.—Representations by General Townshend regarding the risk of an advance on Bagdad with inadequate forces, are given in correspondence between Mr. Chamberlain, the Viceroy, the India Office and General Nixon, officially published, and presumably available in India.

Sir S. Collins raised the question of the rates of pay of officers of the Flying Corps on the northwest frontier. Mr. Chamberlain said that the rates had been settled by the Government of India in communication with the War Office on a scale considerably in excess of the British rates.

The British Line.

London, May 31.—Sir Douglas Haig's communique says that the enemy aircraft yesterday was more active than usual. "One of our machines was shot down in a combat in the air and fell in our lines. A hostile machine was forced down out of control in the enemy lines."

We exploded a mine at night south east of Cambrai. Two German mines at Souchez and Nuville failed appreciably to damage our trenches.

Today was quiet than usual. There were no infantry actions and little artillery activity.

Darfur's Defeat.

London, May 30.—The War Office says the completeness of the defeat of the Sultan of Darfur is confirmed. It appears that all the Sultan's best troops and commanders were present. Most of the latter are dead or have surrendered. The disarmament of the tribesmen is proceeding satisfactorily and much war material has been collected. A British aeroplane the day after the battle attacked the fleeing enemy who numbered only three hundred and had

Bulgarians and Germans.

Salonica, May, 28.—German-Bulgarian officers on Thursday waited on the Greek commander at Rupel and intimated that in order to assure the Bulgarian left against attack by the Allies they proposed to occupy the fort in accordance with the principles of neutrality as interpreted at Athens. They demanded the withdrawal of the Greeks in twenty four hours. The commander telegraphed to Athens after which a protocol was signed in which the German-Bulgars pledged themselves to restore the fort as soon as the reason for occupation disappeared. The Germans and Bulgars are also showing great activity at Xanthi, otherwise Eskidze, northeast of Kavala where they are collecting pontoons etc with a view to crossing the Mesta.

Things Left Undone.

London, May, 26.—General Friend giving evidence before the Irish Commission complained he should have had greater powers against the Sinn Feiners. He emphasised that Lord Wimborne had no control of the military forces while Sir Matthew Nathan sometimes demurred on grounds of public policy to steps which witness suggested. General Friend still thought the main source of danger was south Ireland. He did not recollect Mr. Birrell requesting an increase of troops although Mr. Birrell wrote suggesting a military demonstration in Dublin.

General Lovich Friend C.B. has been in command of Administration, Irish command since 1912. He served in the Omdurman campaign of 1898 and was for many years in charge of military works in Egypt. He is a Royal Engineer Officer.

President Wilson's Speech.

Washington, May 29.—The first impression of President Wilson's speech was that the President was tentatively suggesting terms for ending the war, but many quarters emphasise that he merely stated the great principles for the establishment (in which the United States is ready to join) of a world peace alliance after the war.

to face 14 days waterless march to the nearest village.

London, May 30.—The Sultan of Darfur was among the three hundred who fled.

The Russian News.

Petrograd, May 30.—The 1917 class is reported for the Colours.

Petrograd, May 31.—The communique says that minor fighting was on a rather brisker scale on the greater part of the front.

There is no change in the Caucasus.

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The Austrian Offensive.**Estimate of Austrian Losses.**

Rome, May 29.—The Austrian losses since May 14 are a hundred thousand.

Rome, May 30.—The communique says that on Saturday night and Sunday morning the enemy renewed furious and sanguinary attacks on the positions between the Adige and Arsa Valleys, which were constantly broken. There was an intense artillery duel in the Posina-Astico sector. An attack on our positions South of Posina Torrent was repulsed after a desperate struggle, with considerable losses.

On the Asiago plateau we are consolidating positions dominating the Asiago basin.

A brilliant counter attack by the 141st regiment rescued two batteries which were surrounded on Monte Mosciagni, recovering every gun. There were only skirmishes in the Sugana Valley and on the rest of the front artillery engagements.

London, May 30.—Messages from Rome say the Austrian offensive has been everywhere arrested, except in the centre of the Asiago sector, where the Austrians for six days incessantly attacked with extreme violence on a front of ten kilometres. No fewer than forty battalions were used and made incredible sacrifices. The general opinion is that the first phase of the Trentino battle is now over and the second phase is beginning. The Italians have evidently been strengthened all along the line.

Rome, May 30.—The communique says that the situation generally is unchanged on the whole front, except in the Posina zone, in the Upper Astico, where yesterday had a foretaste of a renewal of the enemy offensive southward of Posina. The enemy, after intense artillery preparation, attacked in the direction of Sogli di Campiglia and Monte Priafora. After a desperate struggle we retained the positions. On the northern slope a Monte san Michele we exploded of powerful mine, wrecking a long stretch of the enemy's trenches.

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Items of Interest.

Petrograd, May 28.—A communique says: Western front, South of Lake Drisviaty, a German offensive preceded by a violent artillery preparation was repulsed.

In the Caucasus, an offensive by strong Turkish forces on the Revandez Dergala front was repulsed.

Amsterdam, May 27.—The Dutch War Minister announced he will not sanction any demobilisation.

London, May 27.—Vice Admiral Scheer has been appointed to command the German high seas fleet in succession to Admiral Pohl.

Rome, May 26.—Lieutenant General Brusati is placed on the retired list.

London, May 27.—Sir Julian Bang has taken command of the Canadians at the front.

London, May 28.—The Pall Mall Gazette says £85,000 has been subscribed and more promised to start a new Liberal morning paper associated, it is supposed, with the war views of Mr. Lloyd George. Plant has been secured and the only difficulty is the paper supply delaying a start.

London, May 28.—There has been an instant and remarkable response to Mr. Lloyd George's Whitsuntide appeal. The labour leaders are heartily supporting it and urge there be no stoppage of work. A movement is on foot for a general ignoring of Whitsuntide there being a universal feeling in favour of work now and play afterwards.

Rome, May 28.—A decree prescribes daylight saving in Italy.

London, May 16.—The Morning Post's Petrograd correspondent deduces from the existence of the railway to Tabriz and the steamers on Lake Urmia that the Russian Mosul column is of considerable magnitude. He suggests that possibly the Baghdad Railway is already cut.—(Civil and Military Gazette cable.)

London, May 26.—It is stated that Sir H. Samuel, who is mainly responsible for the framing of the Home Rule finance clauses, will be associated with Mr. Lloyd George in the Irish negotiations. Either Mr. Dillon or Mr. Devlin will assist Mr. Redmond.

London, May 27.—A proclamation issued in Dublin states that whereas disaffection and unrest still prevail in parts of Ireland martial law will be continued throughout Ireland till further notice.

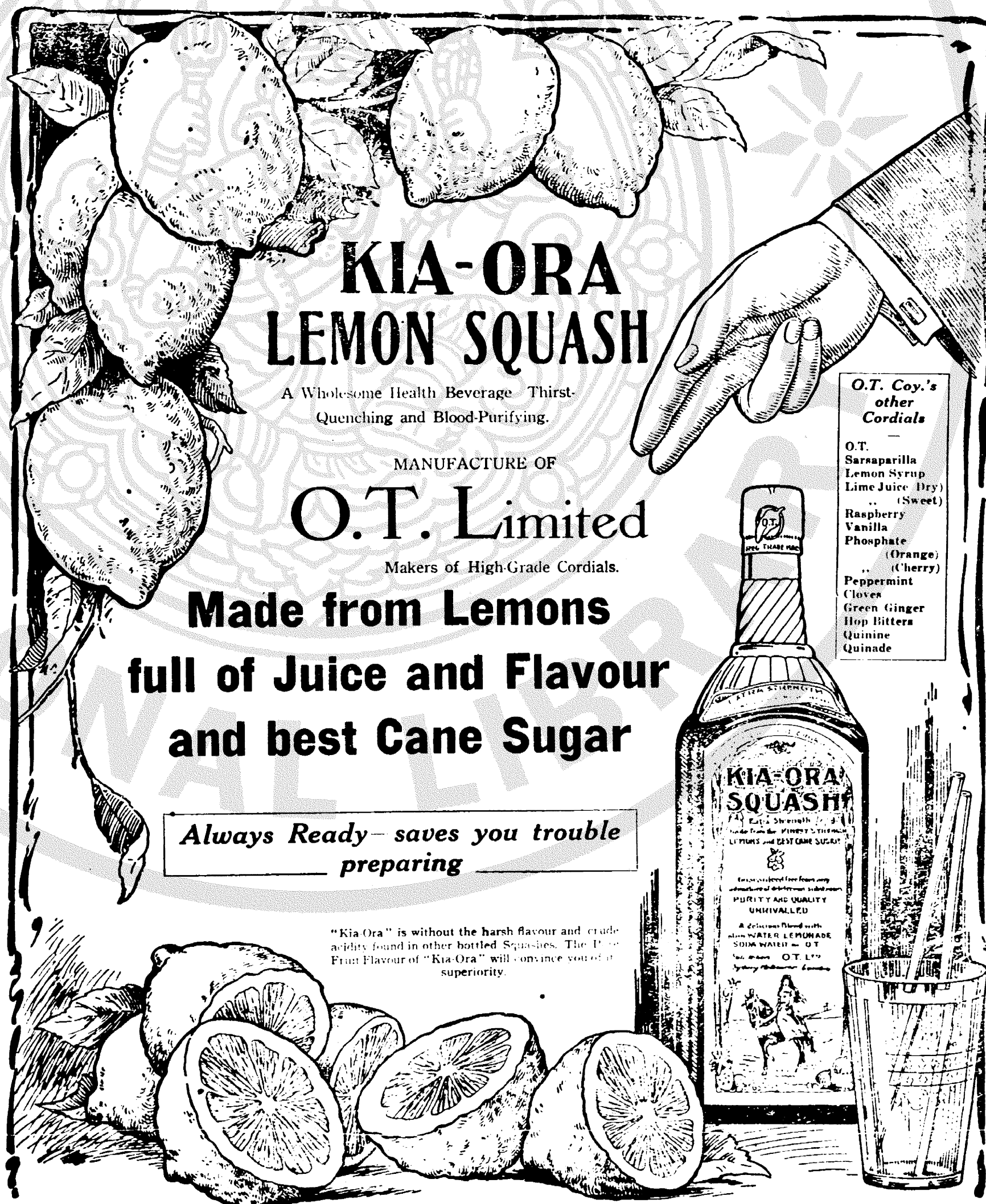
London, May 26.—The Spanish steamer Aurora has been sunk.

The Hague, May 26.—Holland has protested to Germany against the sinking of the steamer Berkelstroom.

London, May 27.—Sinkings: British steamer El Argentino, Italian sailor Australia.

London, May 27.—The British steamer Denewood has been sunk. The crew were landed. The El Argentino's crew were saved.

London, May 26.—General Smuts reports that advanced troops occupied and possessed the Ruifu Lager on the Pangani river and Lembeni Ngula eight miles southeast of Lembeni. There is a reported renewal of hostile activity at Kondoairangi. The Germans at Ruanda are retreating before the converging Belgians holding Sigali Nianza.



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**Court Circular.**

DUSIT PARK,
 Monday, June 5.

By command of His Majesty the performance of religious rites in connection with the obsequies of His late Royal Highness Prince Sommat was held to-day at the residence of the late Prince, Banrung Muang Road.

At 5 p.m. His Majesty the King drove in a motor car to attend the ceremony. A memorial Sermon was preached by the Right Reverend Phra Pariyati Pandit, Lord Abbot of Prayuravongs Monastery. After the sermon His Majesty laid down robes and clothes for the "Satupakarna" rites, after which The King took his departure.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lyle on June 3.

MEMBERS of the Alliance Francaise are reminded that the "causerie" on Aviation by M. Pétignat will be held at the rooms of the Alliance at 6.15 p.m. to-morrow.

THE total amount subscribed to the Cruiser Fund up to the 2nd instant was Tes. 2,056.433. Tes. 11 was received locally on that day and Tes. 2,338 from Mondul Nagar Jaisri.

WE are pleased to learn that Mr. Knight, of the Southern Railway, Construction Department, has made great improvement since going here for the radium treatment of his throat.

THE Advertisements of the S.A.B. and of the Fire, Life, Marine and other Insurance Cos. for which Messrs. L. T. Leonovens Ltd. are the local agents, are held over owing to pressure on our space to-day.

THE New York "Evening Mail" is the authority for the statement that "A young British mother of patriotic tendencies named her new baby 'Dardanelles Gallipoli' (Girl of course, 'Polly for Short')."

Nai Bang, a notorious criminal of the Rajaburi Circle who had evaded arrest for a number of years has been brought to book. On the 4th inst. the Gendamerie tracked him to Kanchanaburi where he and another man named Nai Yong showed fight, the result being that both were shot dead.

THE movement of the stocks of rice available for export in Burma seems likely to be a difficult problem. Ships are not forthcoming and the extraordinarily high level of ocean-freights must necessarily affect the trade. In the week ended May 6, less than 3,000 tons of rice were exported by sea from Rangoon as against 30,500 in the corresponding week of last year. There are known to be large stocks in Burma and a slump in prices must occur if exports continue to be restricted.

WHILE Mme. Aline Rocher was beating a carpet at the window of her apartment on the second floor of a house in the rue des Halles, Paris, on April 21, the carpet slipped from her grasp. In trying to seize it she lost her balance and fell, together with the carpet, in the middle of a basket containing a thousand eggs. The result was an omelette such as even the quarter of the Central Markets has never beheld, and as the woman was unhurt, the worst that happened was a laugh at her expense and at that of the owner of the eggs.

London, May 31.—The British steamer Southgarth has been sunk: twenty-two were saved.

London, May 31.—The French Admiralty announces that the transfer of the Serbian army from Corfu to Salonika is now completed.

Salonika, June 1.—The French have occupied the village of Poros, north-west of Lake Doiran.

Washington, June 1.—The State Department has received a fresh note from Carranza, asking an explanation of the continued presence of American troops in Mexico and demanding their withdrawal.

PADDY REPORT FOR JUNE 5.

Nasuan 290 coyans at Tes.	84/100 each
Samrang 560 " "	75/86 "
Namung 40 " "	74/75 "
Total Coyans	1590 "
29 May to 4 June 1916. (Last week.)	
Nasuan	7790 Coyans.
Samruang	5430 "
Namung	770 "
Total	13990 "

THE Great War.**The Naval Engagement.****GREAT LOSS OF LIFE IN THE NORTH SEA BATTLE.****An Unequal Fight According to Reuter.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
 London, June 5.

Official communique.—Four midshipmen of the Queen Mary were saved. All the other officers were lost.

The commander of the Invincible and a lieutenant were saved; all the others were lost.

All the officers of the Indefatigable, the Defence and the Black Prince were lost.

All the officers of the Warrior were saved.

Reuter's correspondent at Amsterdam learns that a semi-official statement is issued in Berlin that the whole of the German High Seas Fleet was engaged in the Skager Rak naval battle.

Neutrality at Any Cost!

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
 London, June 5.

Salonika.—The Allies occupied the Telegraph Office, the Prefecture, the Port and the Customs, simultaneously taking extensive precautions to prevent the possibility of opposition.

The commander of the Gendamerie and Police has been relieved of his functions and martial law has been proclaimed.

Belated Russian Reports.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
 London, June 3.

Petrograd.—Two successful Russian aviation raids on the enemy's communications on the Western front are described in the communique.

In the Caucasus we repulsed a heavy attack in the Baiburt region where strong Turkish forces attempted to outflank our salient near Manabatum. We evacuated Manabatum after destroying the bridge.

In the direction of Dierbekir we repulsed an offensive by Turkish infantry and Kurdish Cavalry.

Message to Admiral Jellicoe.

(“S. O.” SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
 Singapore, June 6.

Admiral Grant has sent the following telegraphic message to Admiral Jellicoe.—“While deeply regretting the loss of so many old friends and comrades, please accept for yourself and Admiral Beatty and all who were engaged, my warmest congratulations for the fine and gallant fight which thrills me with admiration and envy.”

Taxation and Trade.

London, May 29.—In the House of Commons Mr. McKenna announced he proposed to move an amendment to the Finance Bill exempting from income tax in respect of five per cent exchequer bonds of persons not ordinarily resident in the United Kingdom irrespective of the conditions of domicile.

Spur to American Holders.

London, May 29.—In the House of Commons, Mr. McKenna moved an additional income-tax of two shillings on foreign securities privately held, which the Treasury was willing to purchase. He explained that the supply of American securities offered to the Government had dwindled to a trickle, principally because a spur was required to remind people of their duty to their country. He was convinced that the step proposed would be successful, but if not he would ask for further powers, even to twenty shillings in the pound.

Mr. McKenna's motion was adopted.

Tea: A Speculation.

London, May 29.—In the House of Commons Sir R. W. Essex drew attention to the increase in tea prices owing to operations in the London Market.

Mr. Runciman said he was carefully enquiring with a view to determining what action was appropriate. He hoped to be able to make a statement very shortly. If there had been any withholding of foodstuffs the Board of Trade would exercise their powers.

The North Sea Battle.

Fuller Details of the Great Fight.

British Legation Telegrams.

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

London, June 4.

An Associated Press London telegram published in New York on June 4th gives an account of the battle in the North Sea. It says:—The Associated Press give a description of the battle by a high official of the Admiralty who has access to all official reports. He said it would have been possible to anticipate the German account of the battle circulated by Wireless but the Admiralty did not have details until Admiral Jellicoe reached port, therefore it frankly issued all information in its possession. The Associated Press is informed that future details will have even more heartening effect than the news given out to-day. The Admiralty official gave the following details: "We can only say we were looking for a fight when the fleet went out. The stories that it was decoyed by Germans are the sheerest nonsense. In a word, we engaged the entire German High Seas fleet, interrupted their plan and drove them back to their harbours. In doing this we sustained heavy losses which were to be expected, but we also attained the expected result, forcing the enemy to abandon his plan and to seek refuge after we had given battle in his own waters near his coast. Except two divisions, part of which only were partly engaged, the brunt of the battle was borne by the battle cruiser fleet and with one exception our battle fleet is ready for sea service. I must admit we had exceptionally hard luck with our battle cruisers, but the loss of these three great ships does not at all cripple our control of the sea. The great battle had four phases, the first opening at 3.15 p.m., when our battle cruisers at the range of 6 miles joined action with the German battle cruisers. Shortly afterwards the second phase began with the arrival of battleships on both sides. The Germans arrived first but before their arrival our three battle cruisers had been blown up, supposedly as the result of gun fire but there is possibility they were torpedoed. Some might criticise such close range fighting by battle cruisers as bad tactics, but our fleet, following the tradition of the Navy, went out to engage the enemy. On account of weather conditions, however, it could only engage at short range. The third phase was the engagement of battleships which were ever more than partial. This phase included a running fight, as the German dreadnoughts fled towards their base. All big ship fighting was over by 9.15. Then came one of the most weird features of the battle as the German destroyers made attack after attack on our big ships, like infantry following artillery preparation, but these onslaughts were singularly futile, no single torpedo lunched by them getting home. With the morning these attacks ended and the battle ground was secured by Admiral Jellicoe's fleet, which reported no single enemy ship in sight. Until Admiral Jellicoe's complete report has been received we can only give fragmentary incidents of the great battle, among these being the torpedoing of the superdreadnought "Marlborough," which is now safely in harbour; she must have struck a veritable hornet's nest of submarines, as by skilfully manœuvring she avoided it before finally being hit. Early in the engagement, according to Admiral Beatty's report, a German battle cruiser, hotly engaged, blew up, broke in two and sank. Officers of the fleet also report passing and closely engaging a German battle cruiser which was left behind while the British pursued the Germans. When they returned, this vessel was missing. From her previous plight she must now be at the bottom of the sea. This accounts for the enemy battle cruisers apart from those ships for whose loss we have their admission. The Admiralty then reports of the sinking of 4 German light cruisers and the Germans have acknowledged the loss of 6 destroyers. There is good hope that the German losses are even greater but we do not intend to make an estimate until we have complete official reports from our Commanders who do not report loss of antagonists without definite evidence. Zeppelins did not play the part attributed to them. Only one appeared and remained in action for a very brief time, retiring under heavy fire, evidently badly damaged. Weather conditions were such that it is doubtful whether any aircraft would have been of much service. The enemy sprang no surprises. Nothing was seen of any 17 inch guns. No tricks were used not already known in naval warfare. This weather condition was the hardest bit of luck our fleet encountered, as may be judged by the following paragraph of the official report. "Regret misty weather saved the enemy from far more severe punishment."

From the standpoint of the actual strength of the navy, the loss of personnel, while great is not serious, there being plenty of men to replace those lost, but the death of so many gallant officers and men causes profound grief in the service. Admiral Hood went down with his flagship "Invincible", in the words of Admiral Beatty's report "leading his division into action with most inspiring courage." With a fight like Wednesday's action occurring every day we could stand the loss much better than the Germans, our battlefleet is intact, while we still have considerably more battle cruisers than the Germans and we still hold the North Sea where we have prevented the enemy from accomplishing any definite object.

London, June 4.
(Official.)

The Admiralty officially announces that until the Commander-in-Chief has had time to consult the officers who were engaged and to write his full despatch any attempt to give a detailed history of the naval engagement beginning on the afternoon of 31st May and ending in the morning hours of 1st of June would be premature but that the results are quite plain. The Grand Fleet came in touch with the German High Seas Fleet at 3.30 p.m. on 31st May. The leading ships of the two fleets carried on a vigorous fight with battle cruisers, fast battle ships and subsidiary craft all taking active part. The losses were severe on both sides but when the main body of the British Fleet came into contact with the German High Seas fleet a very brief period sufficed to compel the latter, who had been severely punished, to seek refuge in their protected waters. This manœuvre was rendered possible by low visibility and mist and although the Grand Fleet were now and then able to get into momentary contact with their opponents no continuous action was possible. They continued the pursuit until the light had wholly failed, while British destroyers were able to make a successful attack upon the enemy during night. Meanwhile Sir John Jellicoe, having driven the enemy into port returned to the main scene of action and secured the successful dispersal of the enemy. By noon next day (1st June) it became evident that there was nothing more to be done; he returned therefore to his base, four hundred miles away, refuelled his fleet and on the evening of June 2nd, was again ready to put to sea. The British losses have already been fully stated and there is nothing to add to or subtract from the latest account published by the Admiralty. The enemy losses are less easy to determine. It is certain that the accounts they have given to the world are false and we cannot yet be sure of the exact truth but from such evidence as has come to our knowledge, the Admiralty entertain no doubt that the German losses are heavier than the British, not merely relatively to the strength of the two fleets but absolutely. There seems to be the strongest ground for supposing that included in the Germans' losses are two battleships, two dreadnought battle cruisers of the most powerful type, two of the latest light cruisers "Wisbaden" and "Elbing," a light cruiser "Rostock" type, the light cruiser "Frankenlob," at least nine destroyers, and a submarine.

The Whitsuntide Holidays.

London, May 29.—After a private conference between Mr. Lloyd George and the Labour Unions and Munitioners' representatives, it was unanimously recommended that Whitsuntide holidays be postponed for two months.

London, May 29.—The King is visiting Portsmouth and other Naval and military centres and is returning to London on Wednesday.

No Fish for Germany.

London, June 1.—Mr. Runciman has concluded negotiations for the purchase of Norway's entire catch of fish this year, thus depriving Germany of valuable food and adding to the British supply which was recently reduced to a minimum from various causes including the employment of the fishing craft for naval purposes. Germany in 1915 secured Norway's entire catch.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by our correspondents.)

H. H. The Supreme Patriarch's Allocution.

To the Editor of the "Siam Observer."

Dear Sir,

The allocation of such a distinguished Scholar and Philosopher as His Holiness, will always command a hearing in the Buddhist world but it commands a hearing with respect and reverence in the Kingdom of which His Holiness is the Supreme Patriarch. We are indeed, greatly indebted to the August translator, H. M. the King, but for H. M.'s labour the allocation would have been a sealed book for us. I would, however, like with an apology to point out that the word "Nigrahtha" (or Nirgrantha in Sanskrit meaning "Boundless") was a term adopted by the Jains, the followers of Varthamana Mahaveva Jnatputra who was a contemporary of the Lord Buddha and not by the Brahmanas as printed in the footnote.

Buddha was born of Kshatriya parents and was to succeed his father as the Rajah of Sakya. But fighting for his King and country and loyalty to the former are the special qualifications of a Kshatriya (lit: one who protects himself from wound). As the Lord Buddha taught a system of morality which can be easily traced to the noblest and best that can be found in the "Dharma Sutras" of the ancient Hindus and as he did not raise his hand against a single institution or belief which he did not consider positively mischievous and a later corruption of the old Brahmanism it would be historically incorrect to imply that the Enlightened Lord condemn the duty of warriors (Kshatriya Dharma). If his teachings were so the great Buddhist Emperor, Asoka, the Pious, could not have carved out an Empire.

AN INDIAN.

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June 2, 1916.

Items of Interest.

London, June 1.—At the request of the Government a meeting of masters and men is being held at Manchester today with a view to a settlement of the cotton dispute.

Sydney, June 1.—Official.—The wheat harvest is 67,324,000 bushels.

Melbourne, June 1.—The prospectus has been issued of a new Commonwealth war loan on the same terms as the previous loan. The amount authorized is fifty millions but it is stated the Government will take as much as the public cares to give. Subscriptions close on August 1.

Bukharest, June 1.—Rumania will shortly make an arrangement with Turkey allowing the exportation to Turkey of petrol and wheat in return for tobacco. The Cabinet rejected a similar arrangement with Bulgaria.

London, June 1.—Official. The enemy losses at Darfur are heavier than previously estimated. War material is pouring in. Already half the population of fifty five thousand has returned to the town.

London, June 1.—The Anzac Mounted Corps on May 31 attacked an enemy post twenty miles north-east of Katia and drove the enemy eastward with considerable loss. British aeroplanes bombed the fleeing Turks.

Cairo, June 1.—The state trial of Shamseddin and Helwani on charges of conspiring to kill the Sultan of Egypt has ended. Both were found guilty on all counts and sentenced to be hanged.

London, June 1.—The British steamer Dalegarth has been sunk.

London, June 1.—The Norwegian steamer Rauma has been sunk. The crew were saved.

Copenhagen, June 1.—Zepplin L61 passed Faeroe, to the south-westward, apparently badly damaged.

Amsterdam, June 2.—The Kaiser has visited the eastern headquarters, replying to Hindenburg's welcome he said "We are obliged to pull ourselves together again for special deeds and efforts against a superior enemy. My armies will persevere victoriously and win an honourable peace. I, your war lord and King, thank you for your unforgettable deeds which have made you a national hero."

A telegram from Munich shows that Bethmann Hollweg is engaged in discussing peace more than food control.

In an interview in a Munich paper, Bethmann Hollweg declared that the present war-map of Europe must form the basis of peace discussions. He suggested that direct and separate negotiations with individual belligerent powers would best promote peace.

London, May 31.—The King at Southampton boarded the hospital ship Asturias and chatted with the wounded.

The Gazette announces that the Indian Officer R. O. R. Taylor, has been appointed brigade commander.

London, May 31.—The Glasgow Herald says an Irish settlement has been reached on a basis of a Parliament of Nationalist Ireland with Ulster or the greater part excluded.

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News in General.

German Food Supply.

London, May 30.—The King visited Southampton docks and inspected the arrangements for embarkation and unloading of troops.

Amsterdam, May 30.—The Kaiser has returned to the front.

Bethmann Hollweg had a long conference with the King of Bavaria at Munich.

London, May 30.—The new Food Director in Germany is already cutting down the scanty allowances enjoyed by the population. The meat ration in Berlin is now fixed at half a pound weekly and it is ominously added it will be subject to weekly revision. It is announced the food committee will presently consider the question of compulsory feeding of the whole population. German hopes are now fixed on the coming harvest which the Government glowingly describes but a great thunderstorm in Saxony and elsewhere and floods have seriously damaged the crops and many potato fields were swept away.

London, May 30.—The death has occurred of James J. Hill, the American railway magnate.

Shipping Disasters.

London, May 30.—The British steamer Trunkley was torpedoed in the Mediterranean. The crew have landed at Algiers.

London, May 30.—There have been further slides in the Cut-bra Cut on the Panama canal and a slight delay of deep-draught steamers is expected.

Indian Honours List.

London, May 30.—The Gazette notices the award of the Distinguished Service Order to Captain J. R. Wynter 53rd Sikhs, and Military Crosses to Captain F. H. James, 104th Wellesley's Rifles and H. F. Marsh, 2nd Gurkhas, Lieut. H. Finnis, 53rd Sikhs, and 2nd Lieut. D. F. Bayly and H. G. Inglis, Indian Army Reserve.

Obdurate Cotton Men.

London, May 30.—The Lancashire carders and weavers have also refused the employers' offers.

About Soldiers.

London, May 29.—General Townshend, interviewed by a correspondent of a Constantinople paper, said he was deeply impressed by the chivalry of H. H. Pasha. "All our wants were attended to beyond expectation."

London, May 29.—Mr. Tennant's son Henry, who is in the Flying Corps was severely injured in a flying accident in Kent yesterday morning. The pilot, Captain Grime-Jones, was killed.

London, May 29.—Married men between 27 and 35 begin to report for service to-day. It is intimated no non-combatant service is open.

Parliament.

London, May 29.—Parliament adjourns on Thursday till June.

London, May 29.—The business of the Commons this week will include the Consolidated Fund Bill.

A keen debate is awaited on Lord Kitchener's salary. Mr. Churchill, Mr. Ellis Griffith and Admiral Markham are understood to wish to speak. In view of an expected attack Mr. Asquith will himself reply.

Japanese Politics.

Tokio, May 29.—Count Okuma has intimated that he will soon resign. Baron Kato will probably succeed him.

Fire at Vladivostok.

London, May 29.—A fire at Vladivostok has destroyed large quantities of cotton recently landed and also rubber.

Shipping News.

London, May 29.—The Cunard and Ellerman lines have purchased the goodwill and business of Messrs. Herbert Watson, of Manchester, and will maintain a joint Mediterranean service.

London, May 29.—The Suez Canal report shows that the receipts in 1915 decreased by £1,075,725 sterling compared with 1914. The total net tonnage passing through the Canal decreased by 4,143,310.

For Da-y Jones' Locker.

London, May 29.—Sinking: Steamers Hercules and Moravia (Italian). Sailing Ship: Rita.

Shackleton Expedition.

London, June 1.—Reuter announces that the Shackleton expedition had a marvellous escape. The Endurance encountered terrific weather early in 1915, in the Weddell Sea, and was nipped by great bergs. Eventually, after several months of drifting, she foundered. Shackleton succeeded in saving all his men and some stores, but the crew suffered terrible privations during their hazardous voyage in boats to Elephant Island.

Owing to great scarcity of food, Shackleton decided to leave the majority of the men with rations in an ice-berg dog on the island, while he and five companions sailed off in a small boat to seek help. They reached South Georgia after three weeks of extraordinary peril. The weather conditions prevented the whalers of South Georgia going to the rescue of the marooned men.

London, June 2.—His Majesty the King sent a message to Sir E. Shackleton, paying a tribute to the wonderful journey. Sir Ernest Shackleton's cablegram to the Daily Chronicle says that the work of the expedition includes the discovery of two hundred miles of new coastline; a complete hydrographical survey of Weddell Sea; the elimination of new South Greenland from the map; continuous magnetic and meteorological observations; important biological and cinema photographic records. He says that the party on Elephant Island had full rations for five weeks exclusive of the possibilities of obtaining seals.

London, May 31.—Mr. Asquith said that the Admiralty Committee was dealing with the Shackleton Relief Expedition for which Parliament would shortly be asked to provide funds.

London, June 1.—The Daily Chronicle has received a despatch from Sir E. Shackleton, Port Stanley, May 31. "The Endurance was crushed in the middle of Weddell Sea on Oct. 27, 1915. She drifted seven hundred miles in the ice until April 9. We landed on Elephant Island on April 10. I left on the 24, leaving twenty-two men in a hole in the ice cliffs and proceeded for help toward South Georgia, with five men in a twenty-two foot boat. When I left the island all was well but in urgent need of rescue."

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Western Front.

The Verdun Fighting.

Paris, May 29.—The French and German batteries are still hammering away intensely at Verdun. There was marked activity at night time. The communiqué says the Germans in the evening debouched from Corbeaux wood but were completely repulsed by our artillery and rifle fire. A second attack at midnight was also defeated. The artillery duel at Vaux was exceedingly heavy. French batteries to the south of Roye wrecked German first line works in the region of Beauvaux.

Yesterday, our pilots were engaged in fifteen air battles. Two Germans were felled.

Also, a French range finding aeroplane was attacked northwards of the Aisne by a Fokker, which fired a thousand shots at him. Nevertheless, the pilot brought his bullet-riddled machine into the French lines, pursued by his assailant. Suddenly, another French aeroplane arrived at full-speed and felled the Fokker at a range of thirty yards.

Our motor anti-aircraft detachments destroyed two German aeroplanes west of the Meuse.

Paris, May 30.—The communiqué says that left of the Meuse the Germans, after intense heavy calibre bombardment against our first and second lines, between Avocourt and Cumieres made two violent attacks. Both failed with heavy enemy losses.

Enemy concentrations west of Hill 304 were dispersed.

A powerful enemy attack between Monthomme and Cumieres on emerging from Crows Wood was smashed by certain fire, except on a front of 300 metres, where the Germans gained a footing in the front line trench.

There were violent artillery operations east and west of Douaumont.

The British Front.

London, May 30.—Sir Douglas Haig, in his communiqué, says that the enemy's artillery was most active during the past twenty-four hours on selected portions of the front, particularly between La Bassée Canal and Arras. There was a particularly heavy bombardment in the early morning against our front and support lines at Loos, which continued intermittently throughout the day at all tactical points.

The town and neighbourhood of Arras, as far as Neuville Saint Vaast was also the scene of intermittent heavy concentrated bombardments.

We replied effectively and in some cases silenced some hostile batteries. The enemy sprang mines in the

Loos region with damaging our defences.

The re-entrant of the British line about Maniet and Fricourt was the scene of not serious artillery activity.

The front Zillebeke to Hooze and the vicinity of Elverdinghe was heavily shelled.

North of Hooze, the artillery breached a hostile parapet and destroyed a machinegun emplacement. The guns caused considerable damage to the enemy in addition to engaging hostile batteries.

There were no infantry actions during the last twenty-four hours.

Much successful aerial work was accomplished, but few German aeroplanes were seen.

Where the Bavarians Came from.

London, May 29.—A British correspondent at French headquarters says the statement that two new German divisions at Verdun were withdrawn from the British front is incorrect. They came from Cambrai and were part of the German High Command's general reserve. Prisoners of these divisions state this general reserve was to be used later for a grand final offensive at Verdun.

Paris, May 30.—A terrific new German assault on Verdun marked the hundred and first day of the battle. The communiqué says that the bombardment was redoubled in violence west of the Meuse, and was especially severe at dusk between Deadman and Cumieres. Then the enemy delivered a very strong attack on all positions in this sector, a fresh division, newly arrived, being engaged. All assaults against the eastern slopes of Deadman, where our positions are established, were defeated by our fire.

Further eastward in the region of Caurettes Wood, after fruitless attempts by Germans who suffered heavy losses, we were obliged to withdraw our advanced elements to south of the Bethincourt Cumieres road. The enemy, however, despite repeated efforts was unable to dislodge us from the southern outskirts of Cumieres.

The bombardment continued intensely during the night time.

The only incident east of the Meuse, was heavy artillery fighting westward of Port Douaumont.

Paris, May 31.—The communiqué says there was the most violent bombardment of the Monthomme and Cumieres region, moderate artillery activity on the right of the Meuse and Woëvre, and nothing elsewhere.

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Athens, May 29.—The Bulgarians have also occupied Dragotina and Spatovo and are reported to be marching on Kavalla. The Athens Government explains the occupation of Rupel was allowed in consideration of the concessions granted to the Allies and a desire to observe strict neutrality. Moreover no other course was possible since the Germans threatened force and hostilities would inevitably have followed. The occupation of Rupel was necessary to ensure the safety of the Bulgar German march from Voles. There is the deepest indignation at Salonika at the surrender of the forts and ten thousand people marched in a demonstration headed by Greek flags draped with crepe. The Bulgarians at Demir Hissar are only thirty miles from Kilindir and the operation may mean an attempt to outflank the Allies entrenched in the Kilindir-Karasuli area.

The Greek Sentiment.

London, May 29.—Reuter's special correspondent in Macedonia says that Greek popular indignation is deeply stirred by the Bulgarian advance at Demir Hissar. The King has received shoals of telegrams urging an immediate breach with Bulgaria and joining the Entente, while M. Venizelos is being exhorted to save Greece. It is suggested, however, that Bulgaria's move is defensive not offensive and is due to alarm at the growing strength of the Allies. The occupation of the Rupel pass commanding the neck of the Struma Valley may really denote a shortening of defence upon the three main gateways northward of the Struma valley, the Krivak pass and the Babuna pass.

Salonika Prospects.

London, May 30.—A correspondent of the London press at Salonika points out the serious difficulties to any German-Bulgarian advance from Demir Hissar. There are only two roads available, the first through Seres and the second down the Struma valley to the Gulf of Orphano hence following the coast road which alone is possible for wheel traffic. The roads whereon guns could be brought capable of damaging the Allied entrenchments are exposed to the fire of the Allies' heavy artillery and roads affording cover to the enemy are impassable for everything but mountain batteries. The Bulgarians may conceivably make a frontal attack by pushing forward a strong force of infantry, but will only do so by overlooking the lessons of Verdun and the formidable resistance of modern entrenchments.

London, May 30.—The censorship is most strict at Athens where, serious disturbances are said to have occurred. The little news allowed to pass indicates the strength of the feeling aroused by the Bulgarian invasion. One example is the Macedonian deputies who are urg-

German East Africa.

London, May 26.—Brigadier General Northey reports that on May 25 his troops advanced twenty miles into German territory on the whole of lakes Nyasa and Tanganyika, the enemy retiring towards New Langenburg. General Smuts reports that a column occupied Same on the Usamka railway, and another column occupied Lesara eighteen miles to the west, the enemy withdrawing to the south.

London, May 30.—It is officially stated that General Northey has compelled the enemy to evacuate and has occupied New Langenburg, capturing large quantities of ammunition, food and stores of all kinds. The enemy garrison at Namena, twenty-three miles northeast of Abercorn is invested.

Artillery Bicentenary.

London, May 29.—The bi-centenary of the Royal Artillery was celebrated by a commemorative service at the garrison church at Woolwich yesterday.

London, May 29.—General Haig in a special order of the day pays a tribute to the Artillery's discipline and devotion to duty.

The development on the technical side of the air service are no less satisfactory than the purely military progress.

General Haig commends the work of the administrative services, affirming that economy has attended the good methods adopted.

He concludes with a generous appreciation of the labours of Field Marshal French. "Those who served under him appreciate the greatness of his achievement."

The Muslim Cemetery.

London, May 29.—Mr. Chamberlain has reluctantly declined the generous offer of Miss Faithfull of Tunbridge Wells to give land for a Muslim Cemetery, as there will be no more burials of Muslim soldiers in England, and the removal of bodies interred at Brookwood and Woking is unnecessary and would be repugnant to the religious sentiments of many Mahomedans. He suggests Miss Faithfull should consult leading Muslim residents whether a general burial ground in the neighbourhood of London is desired by the Muslim community.

ing Parliament to meet this week to discuss the matter.

Salonika, May 30.—Important Bulgarian forces are reported to be concentrating at Novrokop as well as Xanthi. The enemy is bombarding the French advanced lines on the Vardar and also at Kilindir.

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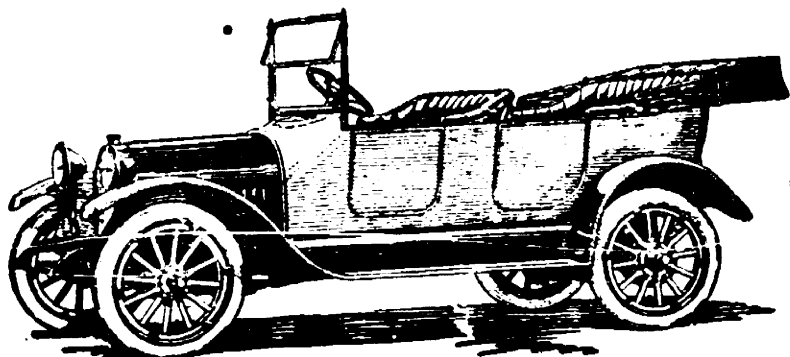
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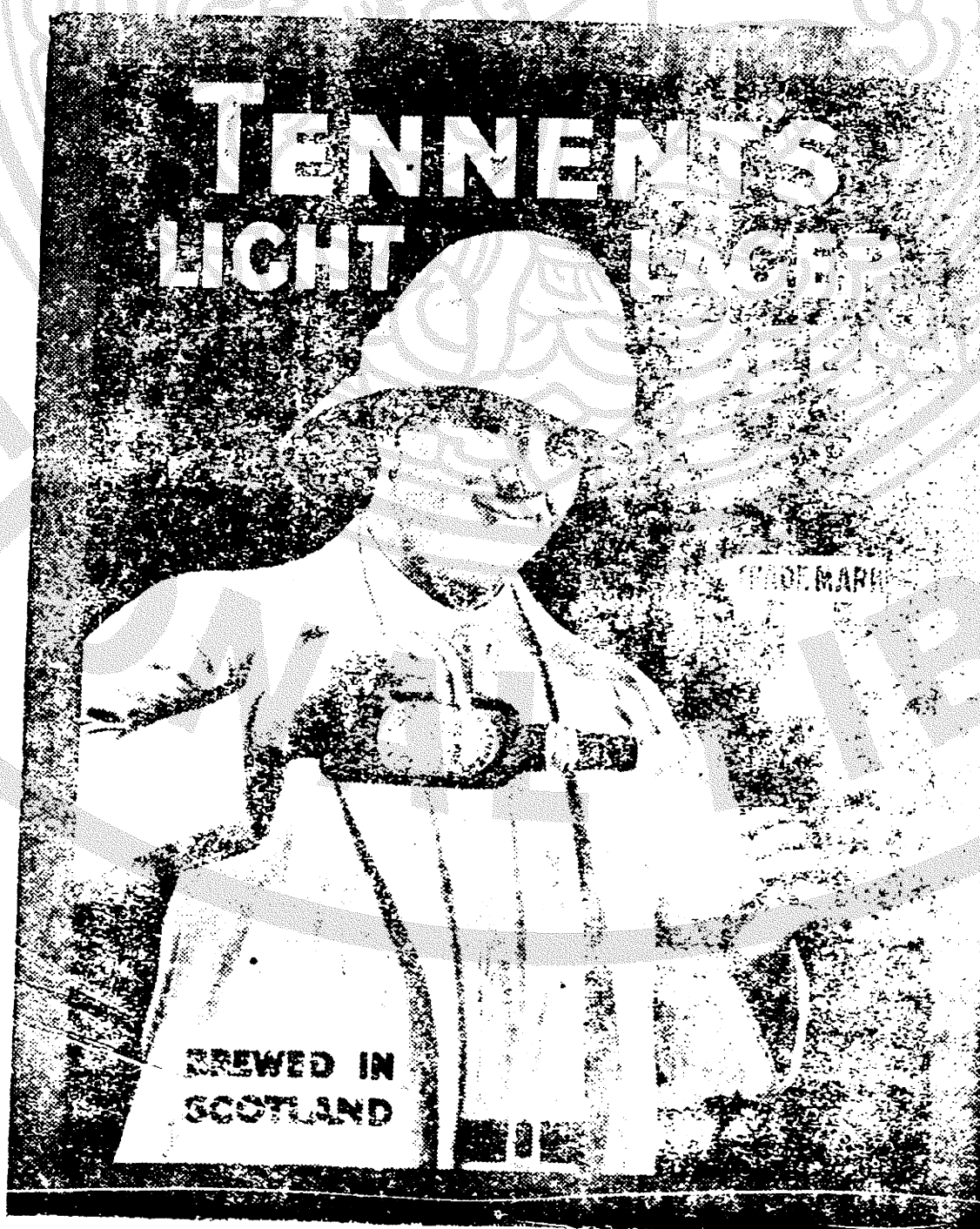
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An idea of the importance which the Japanese attach to this shrine can be gained from the fact that the building operations are being carried on under the supervision of a special commission, of which Marquis Okuma, the Prime Minister is Chairman. Mr. Y. Sekiguchi points out, in the Japan Magazine (Tokyo), that the building of the shrine marks the triumph of the Japanese faith in the hero living after death as a god, "in the face of Western ideas, whose aggression is resented in the realm of religion (Shinto or Ancestor Worship)." This writer relates the following anecdote to remind the reader of the kindly personality of the late Emperor:—

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