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any diplomacy, will be regarded as a hostile act to the Allies. This is the diplomacy of the piping days of peace when saving one's face is often quite enough satisfaction for the moment. But when all things necessary to one's very existence are once brought to the final arbitrament of war the saving-face forms of diplomacy rather tend to reveal and develop weakness than to conceal a strength which it is not convenient to show for the moment.

As a matter of fact a very large proportion of the German and a much larger proportion of the Austrian and other war prisoners will only return to their own fighting fronts under compulsion. They are "shells" in Russia and see their way collectively and individually to spending their lives here much more profitably than by returning home. Nor is it probable that Germany wants back the bulk of her prisoners from Russia. Her officers and non-commissioned officers she will get in any case, and considerable numbers of them have been at home for months past. Both for Germany and Austria it is sound policy to regard these prisoners as the advance guard of commercial conquest. They have not been confined in internment camps, but have lived with and among the Russian people. They have spread over vast expanses of country and everywhere have easily proved to their hosts and themselves their superiority in all the arts of life, whether in the field, factory, office, or orchestra, that is in the agricultural, industrial, commercial, and even in the artistic phases of human life.

I know of cases of enemy prisoners in all these walks of life, who are doing well and better than they ever did at home, and who are more than contented to remain as conquerors in the warfare of peace in the land which they entered as prisoners of war. If I am not mistaken, the purpose of their presence here in thousands is unofficially to organise and plan a campaign for this coming warfare of peace time. Germany is again reaping the advantages of foresight and long preparation which in the war have enabled her to remain unconquered against the civilised world for years, and which, when peace comes again, will be found too late to have given her one of two things: either that aggrandisement and prestige in the world which result from successful warfare, or else a commanding situation for the resumption of the struggle for world hegemony at no distant date.

It is being quite freely said and written in England. "We can do very

well without Russia." But that is not the question at all. It is whether the British Empire, challenged and attacked to-day, will long feel secure against Russia in the hands of the enterprising and industrious Germans. The world has witnessed for 42 months the strength of the combination of Teutonic, Slav (in small proportion), and Mussulman nationalities. What will be the strength of that combination, already being prepared by Germany, when the man power of the hundred and fifty millions of Russians, added to the agricultural wealth, inexhaustible under proper management, of Russia, and Russia's vast mineral stores, as yet only vaguely explored, come under the organising hands of the Germans once more?

What Allied diplomacy ought to contend for is not the comparatively immaterial question of the prisoners of war in Russia, the best of whom, in a patriotic sense, have already gone back home. If diplomacy is to help and not to hinder in this war its duty is not to follow behind enemy activity with face saving protests, but to look boldly forward to the difficult future and to secure a strategic fighting position now for that deadly struggle which will inevitably come when peace some day succeeds to war. Unless within the next few weeks the long-expected change takes place, and Russia comes to her senses again, the least the Allies can do is to insist that the future of Russia, her man-power, her agriculture, mineral wealth, industries, and commerce, shall be an essential item of such international arrangements and rearrangements as this war has made necessary for the whole civilised world.

If there is one feeling to-day which is almost universal in Russia it is that of mixed dubitation, amusement, and contempt that the Allies should seem not to care to understand the real position here, and that England, first and foremost, should seek to become the future guide, philosopher, and friend of Russia, and should by want of foresight and ignorance of Russia psychology once more allow the Germans to command in peace what they failed to gain by war. Germany may yet be beaten some day in the field by Russia's Allies; but Germany stands to gain already an undue proportion of the fruits of victory, thanks to the temporary folly of Russia, encouraged by the misinformed sympathies of Russia's Allies.

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Distance from Bangkok.	STATIONS.	Train No.			Distance from Meklong.	STATIONS.	Train No.		
		I.	III.	V.			VI.	VI.	
		A.M.	P.M.	P.M.			A.M.	P.M.	
Km.	Bangkok Dep.	8.30	12.30	4.30	Km.	Meklong Dep.	8.35	12.35	
33.1	Mahachai Terminus Arr.	9.50	1.50	5.50	33.8	B. Hlame Terminus Arr.	9.55	1.55	

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Distance from Bangkok.		BANGKOK-MEKLONG.			Distance from Mekong.		MEKLONG-BANGKOK.			
		STATIONS.		Train No.			STATIONS.		Train No.	
				I.					III.	II.
Km.			A.M.	P.M.			A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	
	B. Hlame Terminus Dep	10.20	2.20		Km.	Mekong Terminus Dep	6.45	10.45	2.45	
33.8	Mekong Arr.	11.40	3.40	33.1	Bangkok Arr.	8.05	12.05	4.05		

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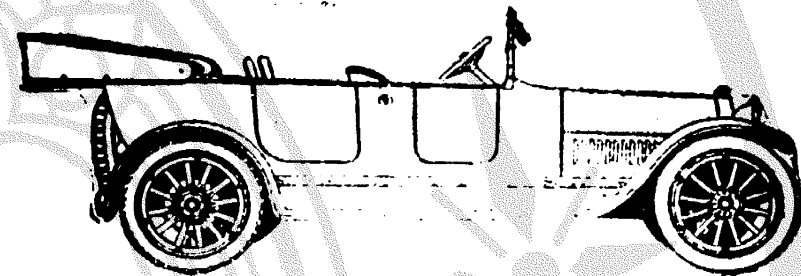
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For Toothache, clean the cavity of the tooth first and then saturate a piece of cotton-wool in Jong-Keena and fill cavity with same, changing five or six times every 8 minutes and relief is certain. For loose teeth caused by the swelling of the gum, 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 into 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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Notice.

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**Liquidator's Notice.**

Luang Rama Banjah, Liquidator of the business of A. Markwald & Co., Ltd., begs to notify that further tenders are invited for the purchase of the land and rice mill buildings and machinery known as Messrs. A. Markwald & Co's Rice Mill Property at Ban Ta Wal, including certain fire extinguishing appliances.

Inspection of the mill may be obtained on application at the office of the liquidator.

The title-deed, plans, lists and particulars of the buildings, machinery, &c., may be inspected at the office of the liquidator.

The insurance against fire subsisting on the property shall from the time of sale be for the benefit of the purchaser, subject to the consent of the fire insurance office, and subject to the purchase being completed, and to the purchaser paying a proportionate part of the premium for the unexpired term of the insurance.

Tenders for the purchase of the above-mentioned property should be addressed to the liquidator (in sealed envelope marked "Tender for the purchase of Messrs. Markwald's Rice Mill") c/o the Director General of Commerce and Statistics, Ministry of Finance, on the 10th or 11th April 1918, on the latter of which date the tenders will be opened at 12 noon at the office of the said Director General of Commerce and Statistics. Each tender must be accompanied by a deposit of Tcs. 5,000, which will be returned to the tenderer if his tender is not accepted.

The liquidator disclaims liability for any incorrectness in the title-deed, plans, lists and particulars, or any defect in the property, and does not undertake to accept the highest or any tender.

No tender of less than Tcs. 700,000 will be considered.

Notice of acceptance of any tender will be sent to the successful party. Payment of 25 per cent of the full amount set out in the tender must be made within three days, counting from the date of the receipt of such notice, and payment of the balance within 15 days. On default of any payment within due date, the deposit or the payment of 25 per cent will be forfeited and the property re-sold.

Fees for the formal transfer of the property, and taxes (if any) owing upon same must be borne by the purchaser.

LUANG RAMA BANJAH.

Liquidator.

The Registry of Partnerships and Companies, Ministry of Justice, Bangkok, 28th March 1918.

28-10 A.

Notice.

Consignees are hereby notified that balances of cargo ex s.s. "Hawai Maru", "Hanna Nielsen", "Den-calion", "Teucer", "Agamemnon", "Santa Cruz", "Iyo Maru", "Kirin Maru", "Benten Maru", "Atsuta Maru", and "Jinsen Maru" have arrived per s.s. "Kuala" on the 2nd instant, and will be landed and stored at out wharf at risk, expense, and responsibility of consignees.

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**Court Circular.**

GRAND PALACE,
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By gracious command of His Majesty the King the five Statues of His Majesty's August Predecessors were to-day removed from the Sivälaya Pradd into the new Shrine, within the precincts of the Chapel Royal, which had been recently repaired and named by His Majesty the King the "Pantheon of Ancestors".

At 5 p.m. His Majesty the King proceeded from Bhánuvas Chamrán Palace in state procession to the Chapel Royal. On arriving at the Western Gate of the Chapel, The King took his stand upon a platform and proceeded on foot through the Court-yard of the new Pantheon where He lighted candles and incense before the Statues of His five August Predecessors to whom The King made due obeisance. At the auspicious hour the relic of His late Majesty King Chulalongkorn was deposited in his Shrine. Thereupon the priests recited the "Jaya-mangala" stanzas and music was played. The military Guard of Honour presented arms and the military band played the National Anthem, while a salute of 10 guns was fired from the ancient guns. The King then lighted candles and incense and once more made due obeisance to the five Statues, after which His Majesty presented robes and bags to 50 priests who took part in the service. The priests retired to don their robes and re-entered immediately. The religious service was then commenced. Members of the Royal Family and officials then made due obeisance to the August Predecessors of His Majesty. After the service and blessing The King returned in procession to Bhánuvas Chamrán Palace.

On the next day, Sunday, April 7, the priests, who took part in the religious service to-day, will be presented with food and the Brahmin priests of the Court will celebrate the ceremony of blessing the Statues including the rite of "Pradakshina" with the Holy Igni.

The Court.

His Majesty the King will leave for Bejraburi on Friday the 12th instant and not to-morrow as previously reported.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

BRITISH Legation and Reuters telegrams will be found on page 8.

We are glad to learn that Mr. A. Reis is making progress towards recovery.

THE death is announced of Phra Chao Suriyabongsa, Chao of Nagor Nan, at the age of 86.

THE Bombay Burma Trading Corporation Ltd. have a notice to consignees.

THE s.s. *Mata Hari* will sail for Singapore direct on Wednesday 10th April about noon.

MDLLE. Vera Mirova, Messrs. Kalmykoff, Selby, Imadzuka and Ohara arrived this morning.

THE Siam Industries Syndicate has given a quantity of soap to be distributed among the members of the Siam Expeditionary Force.

H. E. PHYA Srija Burindra, Lord Lieutenant of Moudhol Nagor Jaisri, has had conferred on him the title of Phya Mahindra Dejanuvatana.

PHRA Bhakdi Nolasreeth has given Tcs. 300 to the Srija Hospital and contributions have also been sent by Phra Yoe Sundhara and Khun Ying Dheh Arjnn.

IN accordance with the wish of the Soudej Phra Matuchha, the administration of the Srija Hospital has been taken over by the Chulalongkorn University. Her Majesty will, as heretofore, supply the necessary funds for its maintenance.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Tral line is in good order as far as Srija. Paknamph line is still in order as far as Ayudhya. Nagorrajajima line is imperfectly working between Bangkok and Nagorrajajima. Samud Songkram line is interrupted. Other lines are all right.

Paddy Crop Report April 6, 1918.

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5, April, 1918.

To His Majesty the King of Siam,
Bangkok.

Your Majesty's acceptance of my offer of the appointment of Knight Grand Commander of the Order of the Star of India has afforded me much satisfaction and I cordially appreciate the sentiments and good wishes to which Your Majesty has given expression.

(MANU REGIA) GEORGE R. I.

Licensed Gambling in Private Houses.

The latest issue of the Government Gazette contains an important Royal Decree with regard to the issue of licences for gambling in private houses.

The preamble states that since the abolition of the gambling houses it has been brought to His Majesty's notice that a number of persons make a living by taking out daily licences and inviting all and sundry to gamble in their houses, the licensees taking a percentage of the winnings or charging a fee from those coming in to play.

In future therefore licensees will only be granted to those who occasionally wish to indulge in a game of chance for pleasure. The licensees or any person acting for him must not charge anything from those joining in the game, nor take a percentage of their winnings. The penalty for contravention of this law is a fine of Tcs. 1,000 or six months imprisonment or both.

The place where the gambling will take place must be definitely indicated to the officials granting the licence.

The Chartered Bank.

The local Agent of the Chartered Bank of India Australia and China has received the following telegram from the Head Office in London:-

"At the approaching General Meeting of shareholders the Directors will recommend that a dividend be declared for the past half year at the rate of £1-10-0 per annum and bonus of £1-10-0 per share free of income tax; allocated to Reserve Fund £100,000, to Officers' Superannuation Fund £25,000, to Bank Premises £40,000. Carried Forward £167,261."

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not necessarily endorse the views of our correspondents.]

To the Editor of the "Siam Observer."

Sir,

With reference to the scarcity of bronze and nickel coins and the difficulty of giving change in satang I would suggest that the S. E. C. controlled tram lines follow the example of the Paknam Railway trams and issue special transfer tickets which are simply the ordinary tickets for any section or sections as desired stamped on the back with a rubber stamp (or also for greater security with the Company's embossing seal), to the effect that the ticket was obsolete after a certain date (say three or six months etc.) after the date stamped on the ticket by the issuing office, but in the meantime transferable.

These tickets might be sold for even money amounts in silver coinage, or at a discount for a tical or some such convenient sum. The ticket inspectors might have a dating stamp and be allowed a small commission for verbal advertisement and sale of the tickets. Some such a system might also be found convenient for giving to messengers and servants by householders, mercantile firms and government offices with a view to prevent wasting of time by walking and pocketing the tram fare money, it would certainly save a lot of bookkeeping in the petty cash.

Last but not least the system should be well brought to the notice of the public by advertising placards in and outside the trams and on the electric wiring posts and elsewhere in two or three languages, as well as by circular sent to the addressees of those likely to be interested, and of course by continuous advertisement in all the local papers.

Most of the trouble in Bangkok is simply caused from want of the ordinary modern commonsense proper notice being given to the public by means of circulars, placards and advertising in the newspapers.

Yours etc.,

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Bangkok, 6 April 1918.

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The fame of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is world wide. It is good for the deep seated cough of the adult or the croup and whooping cough of the children. The same bottle serves the whole family. For sale by the British Dispensary.

The Royal Turf Club.

Second Race Meeting.

The following are the results of the first day's racing:—

1. Siamese Ponies Race.

44 fur. Handicap. Value Tcs. 250. Mr. Rowland Hill's Dawk Rak (5.3) 1 Pays Pradidhi Subhakara's Mahalek (7.5) 2 His Majesty's Traiyaroon (8.0) 3 Also ran: Dao Luang (), Hong Ron (5.9), Thai Rot (7.6), Vongin (7.9) and Sam (8.3).

Won by 3 lengths in 1 min. 10 sec. Total paid Tcs. 32. Betting 5 to 1.

At the bend Traiyaroon appeared to be winning but Vongin took command for a few yards. Dawk Rak rushed to the front and just managed to keep the lead from Mahalek who burst forward on the outside from nowhere well ridden by Phra Prab. It was a very close race, all finishing in a bunch, there being a neck between the 2nd and 3rd and also the same between the 3rd and 4th.

2. Siamese Sub. Griffling Race.

44 furlongs Handicap. Value Tcs. 250. His Majesty's Ikavaku (6.11) 1 Mr. V. G. de la Fal Luang (5.6) 2 Phra Pradidhi Subhakara's The Worst (5.0) 3 Also ran: White Star (7.12) and Ma Deng (4.5).

Won by 3 lengths in 1 min. 12 3/5 sec. Total paid Tcs. 10. Betting even.

This was an easy win for Ikavaku who seems to have returned to his form. Fal Luang got a bad start. There was a bare length between the 2nd and third and the 4th was close up.

3. Siamese Maiden Race for Sub. Grifflings and Sub. Ex-Grifflings.

4 furlongs w.f.i. Value Tcs. 250. Phra Pradidhi Subhakara's Pharot (7.8) 1 Phya Pradidhi Subhakara's Plum (7.5) 2 Kloug Toi Kong's Plieu (8.4) 3

Won by 3 lengths in 1 min. 12 3/5 sec. Total paid Tcs. 8. Betting 2 to 1 on.

This was an easy win for Pharot who was several lengths ahead of Plum who again was about the same distance ahead of Plieu. Sorry Lot who came in last was far behind.

4. R.B.S.C. Aust. Ex-Griffling Race.

6 fur. Handicap. Value Tcs. 250. Madame de Bhinnuk's Aminta (5.7) 1 do do Silver Cross (8.0) 2

Phra Pradidhi Subhakara's Sunflower (8.11) 3

Also ran: Lily E. (7.7), Bhawong (9.6) and Sandfly (6.6).

Won by 1 length in 1 min. 27 sec. Total paid Tcs. 14. Betting even.

Aminta made the best of a good start and moving in fine style won easily with her stable companion close behind. There was about a length between the 2nd and 3rd and a 4 length between the 3rd and 4th.

5. R.B.S.C. Aust. Griffling Race.

5 fur. Handicap. Value Tcs. 250. Mr. Winton's Miss McGlegle (4.7) 1 Phra Pradidhi Subhakara's Di Chan (4.0) 2

Also ran: Miss Oue (7.0).

Won by 10 lengths in 1 min. 12 sec. Total paid Tcs. 37. Betting 5 to 1.

Miss Oue was left some 20 lengths behind at the post. Miss McGlegle took the lead, which she increased to ten lengths by the time the winning post was reached.

6. Open Australian Race.

6 fur. Handicap. Value Tcs. 250. His Majesty's Gladys C. (9.12) 1 Phya Pradidhi Subhakara's Royal Page (9.5) 2

Phya Gadadhara's Bandon (5.6) 3

Also ran: Pop Gun (9.0) and Moment (8.6).

Won by a neck in 1 min. 23 sec. Total paid Tcs. 13. Betting 6 to 4.

Moment led until the straight was entered when Gladys C. took the lead and had it all her own way, not heading Royal Page who was coming on in great style, only to be forestalled by a neck. Moment had a fainting fit two hours before the race in the stables. There was a length between the 2nd and 3rd and a length between the 3rd and 4th.

7. Siamese Ponies Open Race.

8 fur. Handicap. Value Tcs. 250. His Majesty's Un Chon (7.3) 1 Khana Chantaburi's Dhow Harg (6.7) 2

Phra Pradidhi Subhakara's Gambler (8.7) 3

Also ran: Pootalay (8.0), Blith (7.0), Thil Rung (7.6) and Boonnak (7.11).

Won by a short head in 1 min. 42 sec. Total paid Tcs. 14. Betting 3 to 4.

Gambler was leading up to the straight where weight told. Un Chon was at this time playing with his field, but when Dhow Harg made his start in the last hundred yards Un Chon had to run for his life under the whip and saved the situation just by the shortest of short heads. Another length and Dhow Harg would have been ahead. Blith who got a bad start was coming up.

Swatow Earthquake Relief Fund.

The Hon. Eng Yung Chin Huey begs to acknowledge with thanks receipt of the following sums to the above Fund to-date.

Previously acknowledged Tcs. 1,475.00

Ban Hak Hong 200.00

Total Tcs. 1,775.00

Law Establishing Censorship Regarding Publication of Military News.

By the King's Most Gracious Majesty.

WHEREAS the Martial Law of B.E. 2457 (Sections 8 and 11) provides for the establishment of a military censorship of news in time of war.

WHEREAS a state of war now exists between Siam and Germany and Austria-Hungary, but since military operations of the enemy have not reached this country, it is not necessary to proclaim the Martial Law.

AND WHEREAS the Royal Government has decided to send an Expeditionary force to Europe to co-operate with the Allies and it is expedient to prevent the news relating to military preparations and movements from reaching through indiscreet publication, the knowledge of the enemy to the detriment of this country and its Allies.

It is hereby enacted as follows:—

Article 1. Whoever wishes to publish news of such kind as are described in the following section, in newspapers, periodicals, books or other writings to be offered for sale or otherwise put into public circulation shall submit two copies of proofs or drafts to the General Staff at the Ministry of War, in the City, and shall comply with the directions of the military censors forbidding to publish what is indiscreet and authorizing what is suitable for publication.

Article 2. News which must be submitted to the General Staff and authorized by the military censors before publication are the following:—

(1) News relating to the Expeditionary force sent or to be sent on active service outside the Kingdom; whether dealing with the whole force or part of them or with any of the individuals composing them.

(2) News relating to the movements of troops from one place to another and to their disposition whether within or without the Kingdom.

(3) News relating to movements of warships and ships for the transport of troops or war material.

(4) News relating to military or naval preparations in connection with the war.

Article 3. Whoever fails to submit to the General Staff before publication the proofs or drafts of any newspaper, periodical, book or other writing containing news of the nature above described, or publishes any of the said news in spite of the prohibition of the military censors shall be punished with imprisonment not exceeding one year or fine not exceeding 1,000 baht or both.

Article 4. The Chief of the General Staff of the Army shall issue regulations as to the manner in which the military censors will discharge their duties so that the publication of the newspapers, periodicals, books or other writings submitted to them be not unduly delayed.

Article 5.—Prosecution of offences under this Law shall be instituted only by the officers of the Public Prosecution Department.

Article 6. This Law shall come into force on the day of its promulgation and shall continue until the conclusion of peace.

This Law is promulgated on Wednesday the 3rd day of April of the year B.E. 2461 being the 2701st day of the present reign.

To-morrow's Handicaps.

The following are the handicaps for to-morrow:—

1st Race 2nd Race

44 furlongs H'dop. 5 furs. H'dop.

Ikavaku 7.9 Traiyaroon 7.12

Plume 4.8 Mahalek 7.3

The Worst 4.10 Dao Luang 6.0

Fai Fa Luang 5.10 Pootalay 6.6

Ma Deng 4.0 Hong Ron 5.5

White Star 7.7 Gambler 8.1

Plieu 8.5 Blith 6.8

Sorry Lot 4.5 Thai Rot 6.4

Vongin 7.4

Intawong w.f.i.

Nakavank 5.12

Sam 7.0

Dawkrak 8.6

Thaharna 7.12

Dhow Harg 6.5

3rd Race 4th Race

7 fur. H'dop. 6 fur. H'dop.

Lily E. 7.0 Bhivadi 10.0

Aminta 5.12 Di Chan 8.0

Silver Cross 8.0 Game Chick 4.0

Bhivong 9.1 Ton Ton 4.0

Boomerang 9.8 If the top weight

Sandfly 8.6 does not accept

5.12 weights raised one

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(21 lbs.)

5th Race 6th Race

6 fur. H'dop. 6 fur. H'dop.

Gladys C. 9.12 The Worst 6.4

Royal Page 9.2 Don't Stop 5.12

Chaiya 7.5 Sawng Sahi 4.0

Bandon 8.0 White Star 7.10

Moment 7.10 Dhow Harg 7.0

THE Great War.

The Great Battle.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, April 5.

Paris, Semi-Official:—The present lull is due to the fact that the Germans have lost three hundred thousand in killed and wounded and also to difficulties in bringing up their artillery owing to the badness of the roads.

As soon as the Germans have regrouped their divisions and brought up material they will launch a new and formidable attack but the Franco-British are being hourly reinforced and will be able to meet the blow.

F. M. Sir Douglas Haig reports that the enemy this morning after heavy artillery strongly attacked on the whole front between the Somme and the Avre. He was repulsed upon the right and centre of the British front but upon the left the whole weight of the assault for some distance was in the neighbourhood of Hamel where fighting continues.

An enemy attack made in the afternoon westward of Albert was completely repulsed.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, April 5.

Yesterday the battle was resumed stubbornly north of Montdidier on a front of fifteen kilometres.

The Germans, with a determination to break through our front at all costs, threw eleven divisions into the attack; but with an intrepid courage our soldiers repulsed ten successive attacks and the enemy succeeded in gaining only a few hundred metres.

Today the Germans continued their attacks with a sustained stubbornness employing new forces. We recognised fifteen divisions of whom seven were fresh. In spite of his heavy losses the enemy did not succeed in reaching his objective which was the Amiens Clermont railway.

We drove out the enemy from Arreront wood; we took the Saint-Jean farm; we took possession of most of Epinette wood and we enlarged our positions to the north of Mount Renaud. The artillery contest is intense between Montdidier and Noyon.

On the British front the contest is violent between the Luce and the Somme; the enemy was repulsed.

He progressed slightly in the Villers-Bretonneux region.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, April 6.

It is not yet clear whether the new battle amounts to a resumption of a really big offensive or is merely a series of hammer blows similar to those the Germans delivered for many weeks after the failure of the first phase of attacks on Verdun.

Reciprocal raiding activity at Rheims may indicate important events in that region.

French Communiqué:—The battle was renewed in the most violent manner this morning north of Montdidier and still continues.

The enemy launched enormous forces on a front of fifteen kilometres from Grivesnes to north of Amiens and the Moye Road thus revealing a determination of breaking through our front at all costs.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, April 6.

General Foch declared to a Havas correspondent that the German effort has been arrested since March 27th and that we shall attempt to do still better.

The Germans did not renew their attempts on the front north of Montdidier. We counter-attacked vigorously and bettered our positions at many points.

There was active artillerying in the region of the Avre and on the right bank of the Meuse.

The contest continued violently to the north of the Somme. The enemy attacked with considerable forces and was everywhere repulsed.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, April 7.

F. M. Haig reports that the activity of the enemy's artillery and trench-mortars increased this morning northward of the Somme followed by strong infantry attacks between the Somme and the neighbourhood of Bapaume.

Latest reports show practically no success anywhere resulting in further heavy enemy casualties.

We successfully attacked on the Somme front in the neighbourhood of

Rebuterne taking prisoner two hundred and a few machine guns.

The enemy did not attack the British front south of the Somme to-day.

French communiqué:—The Germans did not renew the attack to-day.

We vigorously counter-attacked north of Montdidier improving our position at several points notably in the regions of Mailly, Raineval and Cantigny whereof we hold the northern and western outskirts.

There was violent reciprocal artillery activity between Lassigny and Noyon.

We gained ground this afternoon north of Mont Renaud.

Lloyd George Returns from the Front.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, April 6.

Press Bureau:—Mr. Lloyd George has returned after visiting the front with M. Clemenceau. They visited Generals Haig, Pétain, Foch, Pershing and Bliss.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, April 3.

Mr. Lloyd George and M. Clemenceau returned from the front where they visited Generals Haig, Pétain, Foch, Pershing and Bliss.

Erzeroum.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, April 6.

Moscow:—The Armenians have captured Erzeroum.

The Bombardment of Paris.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, April 6.

The bombardment of the region of Paris was resumed to-day.

An Anniversary.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, April 6.

On the occasion of the anniversary of the entry of the United States into the war Presidents Poincaré and Wilson exchanged telegrams affirming their resolution to conduct the war unflinchingly to victory and the triumph of right and the crushing of injustice.

Japanese Land at Vladivostock.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, April 6.

Vladivostock:—A small Japanese naval force has landed to protect life and property.

A Good Medicine

According to the wise old Chinese, in past centuries, the health of the people was maintained by the use of a good medicine. It is a fact that the health of the people is maintained by the use of a good medicine.

There is a good reason why we have not yet seen the end of the war. It is because we have not yet seen the end of the war.

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Havas Wires from Singapore.

German Guards Beaten.

Paris, April 3.

An Associated Press telegram to the New York Herald says:—The first German Guard Division yesterday suffered a most severe beating at Grivesnes. In the morning the Guards attacked with the greatest fury and after an hour of the closest fighting they succeeded in gaining a footing in the village. But two hours later they were ejected pell-mell by a magnificent counter attack at the point of the bayonet. This was not the end. The Germans came back again time after time, preceded by heavy artillery barrages. In the grounds of Grivesnes castle the Frenchmen came to meet them and fought them back with bayonets and rifle-butts, forcing them into a disorderly retreat.

This morning, not satisfied with yesterday's defeat, the Guards returned to the assault; but it was in vain, and they had soon to seek the shelter of their positions, leaving the French masters of the situation.

Using Up Reserves.

It is obvious that Hindenburg is bringing up fresh reinforcements, but it is a fact that the hundred Divisions thrown into the battle in the first week of the offensive were the very best of the Imperial army. Now the enemy is compelled to call up his strategic reserves from remote quarters. The confidence prevailing among the Franco-British High Command regarding the future seems to be amply justified.

Why He Lied.

Paris, March 3.

To Count Czernin's declaration regarding the attempt of the French Government to enter into negotiations, the French Premier M. Clemenceau gave a strong and emphatic denial this morning. He said: "Count Czernin lied."

London, April 4.

Regarding the declaration of Count Czernin and the denial of M. Clemenceau, the Temps writes:—No one will be surprised by this denial, and no one will take exception to its vigorous form. At the time when German Headquarters are experiencing as we know a heavy disappointment at the time when there is a question of sending important Austrian reinforcements upon the Western front, Count Czernin without doubt deems it necessary to arouse his compatriots against France.

Perhaps also he believes he may hurt the popularity of the French Premier who is the incarnation of the national resistance and who contributes so powerfully to the strengthening of the union of the Allies. But the miserable manoeuvre of the Austrian Minister will only succeed in once more drawing attention to Austria's treachery and her inextinguishable difficulties. Why should M. Clemenceau need to address the Vienna Government and tell it there can (not) be peace if Alsace-Lorraine is not returned to France. All the world knows that Vienna is in the service of Berlin.

On the same subject the *Homage Libre* says:—The least that can be said is that Count Czernin's lie convicts itself, since its only aim, at a time when the unfortunate troops of the Emperor Charles are entering the fray, was to justify and excuse if possible, in the eyes of the wearied nations of the Dual Monarchy, the tragic adventure in which their Emperor and his Ministers have consented once more to be the guilty accomplices of Prussian militarism.

Germans Disillusioned.

Zurich: The German Press betrays concern at the disillusionment of the public upon the subject of the great offensive. The *Frankfurter Zeitung* contains this confession:—Up to the present the enemy has succeeded in maintaining the strategic unity of the Anglo-French front. The whole enemy front from the North Sea to Sicily has been seriously affected, but contact has been preserved between the French and English.

Vorwaerts says:—Let us wait with confidence the conclusion of events, but let us not conceal from ourselves that we have still to face days and months of terrible combat. The enemy is still fighting, and possesses quantities of fighting men, with whom he hopes to conquer us. We have no reason to doubt the bravery or the will to win of these troops.

Some Figures.

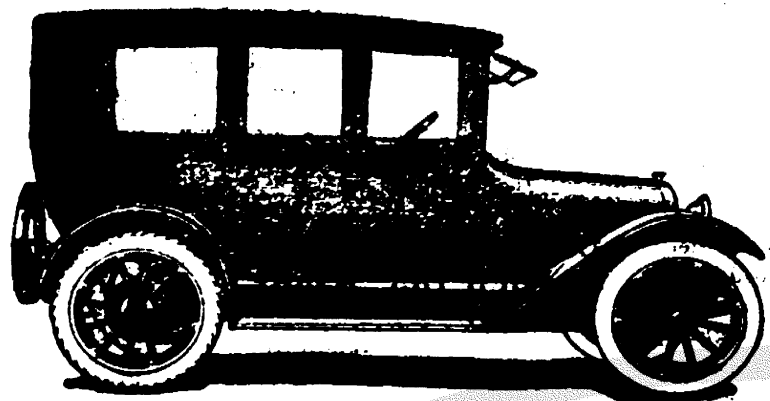
The following figures have been obtained from reports of German prisoners, carefully revised. Certain elements of the 16th Bavarian division, the 28th infantry division, the 12th infantry division, and a reserve division, of the Guards suffered losses equaling 20 per cent. of their forces.

The 3rd division of the Guards and the 45th reserve division suffered worse losses. Some of the battalions lost 40 per cent. The figures are higher for the 2nd reserve division of the Guards and the 5th infantry divisions, whose losses in certain units reached 50 per cent. In the 6th infantry, the 195th, 4th and 119 divisions certain units lost 75 per cent. of their men on the battlefield. The 1st Bavarian division obviously suffered severe losses. Several of its companies were reduced to 40 men.

BOWEL COMPLAINT IN CHILDREN.

During the summer months children are subject to disorders of the bowels and should receive the most careful attention. As soon as any unnatural looseness of the bowels is noticed Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy should be given. For sale by the British Dispensary.

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Late War News.

Allahabad, March 13.—A Pioneer special cable, dated London, March 11, says: The Daily Telegraph's London correspondent describes various Austrian activities as indicating that the Austrians are leaving nothing to hazard regarding the spring offensive against Italy. All railways from Vienna and Budapest are steadily bringing men and materials from Russia towards the Italian line and the arrival of troops to twenty-five to thirty miles behind the fighting fronts is already apparent. New depots and bases of supplies and ammunition are being established. The enemy tries to conceal his preparations by shifting his troops along his second and third lines as if attacks were imminent. Numerous heavy batteries have arrived by train in Val d'Adige and Val Sugana. All roads leading to Val Terengolo and the vicinity of Monte Pasubio and Col Santo are unobscured by convoys. It is known that General Kossow, who commanded an army in Serbia and Rumania, has been placed in command of the 11th army between Val Brenta and Val d'Assa. Special attack formations are being created, one under Marshal Luter and another under Marshal Conrad. According to all indications the enemy's main attack will be from the mountainous regions of the Trentino, following the precedent of 1916.

London, March 14.—The Rome correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Co. says: There are indications, which are confirmed by prisoners, that the Germans are withdrawing while the Austrians are being reinforced from the East since the Austrians desire, for political reasons, to undertake the offensive single handed.

Rome Feb. 3.—The Bremen Weser Zeitung, the organ of the Bremen merchants and manufacturers, publishes an article by "Admiral X" declaring that Germany's submarine campaign is a failure. Some German newspapers point out that the campaign has cost hundreds of precious lives, and that many of Germany's best submarine boats have been lost.

London Jan. 27.—Lieutenant Colonel E. P. England, who has been reinstated in the Royal Horse Artillery, lost his commission in connection with the retreat from Mons. He was commanding an ammunition column there, and after five days and nights of marching, he had only an hour's sleep. On a pitch dark night his horses were reduced to a walking pace, when a staff officer galloped up and said:—"If you don't get a hustle on, you will be surrounded." England, thinking to save his column, told the men to throw away some of the ammunition. This was discovered, and England was court-martialed. Later he joined the South African Horse, and went through an African

campaign. He was invalided home, and transferred to the Devonshires. He fought in several battles in France, being wounded twice. He has been declared unfit for further service.

Madrid, Jan. 27.—Reports have been received here to the effect that German submarines are literally blockading the Canary Islands and are not sparing Spanish vessels. The inhabitants of the Canary Islands are protesting against Germany extending the danger zone.

New York, Jan. 30.—The New York Times says that during 1917, Germany torpedoed 69 American ships, whose tonnage was 171,000. In the same period America seized 107 Austrian and German vessels, whose tonnage was 686,000. America is building 884 vessels. The New York Times, in a leading article, observes that Britain's need is wheat, and it urges that Japanese ships be utilized to convey Australian wheat to Britain.

London, Mar. 6.—The Archbishop of Canterbury, states that of 8,422 Chaplains of England Chaplains at the front 23 have been killed and 90 wounded, while 153 have been decorated. Three hundred and fifty are required yearly to meet the wastage.

London, Mar. 5.—The details revealed in Sir Douglas Haig's despatch include a story of the 1st Royal Berks who had three posts overwhelmed. When the last three posts were regained the bodies of our men were found hidden by German dead.

The 2nd Civil Service Rifles were enveloped but cut their way through and arrived in good order.

A Company of the 13th Essex held a Council of War and decided not to surrender. Hours afterwards they were heard fighting and they carried out their resolve to the last man.

The Ambala Cavalry Brigade is mentioned for beating off attacks at Noyelles.

Washington, Jan. 23.—An American inventor has perfected a non-ricochet shell, which is capable of exploding under water. The British and French Admiralty authorities are employing the device successfully in the war against enemy submarines.

London, Mar. 1.—Reuter's Washington correspondent says that the Ordnance Department has given a demonstration in order to prove the wisdom of shelving other makes in favour of the Browning automatic rifle and machine-gun. The rifle can fire from the shoulder a single shot or tear a target to pieces with a gust of bullets. The machine-gun has impressed experts particularly as regards the rapidity with which it can be dismantled and re-assembled. ("Civil Military Gazette" cable).

London, Mar. 9.—Mr. Perry Robinson, wiring from France, says: The Belgian repulse of the Prussians on Wednesday was one of the most

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TIME TABLE.

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Paknam Dep.	6.30	9.30	12.45	3.45	Bangkok Dep.	7.45	10.45	2.00	5.00
*Maha Wong "	6.35	9.35	12.50	3.50	Bala Deng "	7.52	10.52	2.07	5.07
*Ban Nang Greng "	6.40	9.40	12.55	3.55	Klong Toi "	8.00	11.00	2.15	5.15
Chorakhe "	6.45	9.45	1.00	4.00	*Ban Kluei "	8.05	11.05	2.20	5.20
*Samrong "	6.50	9.50	1.05	4.05	Prakonong "	8.10	11.10	2.25	5.25
Bangna "	6.55	9.55	1.10	4.10	Bangdjak "	8.15	11.15	2.30	5.30
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*Prakonong "	7.05	10.05	1.20	4.20	Samrong "	8.25	11.25	2.40	5.40
*Ban Kluei "	7.10	10.10	1.25	4.25	Chorakhe "	8.30	11.30	2.45	5.45
Klong Toi "	7.15	10.15	1.30	4.30	*Ban Nang Greng "	8.35	11.35	2.50	5.50
Bala Deng "	7.23	10.23	1.38	4.38	*Maha Wong "	8.40	11.40	2.55	5.55
Bangkok Arr.	7.30	10.30	1.45	4.45	Paknam Arr.	8.45	11.45	3.00	5.55

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dashing minor exploits of the war. The German attack, reinforced by troops from Cambray, was a serious attempt to seize hold of the Belgian positions. It was preceded by a most furious bombardment with gas, shrapnel and high explosives. The southern attack was beaten off by rifle and machine-gun fire. The Germans in the north rushed seven posts and arranged a semi-circle round the bridgehead. A savage fight preceded for the possession of the bridgehead. A Belgian Major, with 9 men and one machine-gun, held off repeated attacks by 300 Germans with 12 machine-guns for a whole hour. Eventually, a returning Belgian patrol heard the firing and dashed to the relief of the heroic defenders of the bridgehead, enabling them to resume the aggressive and recapture the first of lost positions.

Meanwhile, a larger counter-attack had been ordered and dismounted cavalrymen came up under cover of a bombardment. They had to cross a flooded area by a single duckboard path under heavy fire.

Eventually, all the posts were recovered and the original line was restored.

Attack Expected in the Trentino.

London, March 11.—The "Daily Telegraph's" Milan correspondent describes the various Austrian activities as indicating that the Austrians are leaving nothing to hazard regarding the spring offensive against Italy. All the railways from Vienna and Budapest are steadily bringing men and materials from Russia towards the Italian lines and the arrival of troops to twenty-five to thirty miles behind the fighting fronts is already apparent. New depots and bases of supplies and ammunition are being established.

The enemy tries to conceal his preparations by shifting his troops along his second and third lines as if attacks were imminent. Numerous heavy batteries have arrived by train in the Val Dadige and Val Sngana. All the roads leading to Vao Terragnolo and the vicinity of Monte Pasubio and Col Santo are encumbered with convoys.

It is known that General Koeves, who commanded an army in Serbia and Rumania, has been placed in command of the Eleventh Army between Val Brenta and Val Dasea. Special attack formations are being created, one under Marshal Klotter and another under Marshal Conrad.

According to all indications the enemy's main attack will be from the mountainous regions of the Trentino following the precedent of 1916.

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Camouflage at Sea.

It has been stated at various times that the Admiralty have not realised the value of camouflage as a means of assisting to defeat the attacks of enemy submarines on mercantile shipping, and that such camouflage as has been tried is not of British origin. It can be stated that the Admiralty are fully alive to its value, and several months ago a system of camouflage was originated. The principles governing it cannot be divulged at present but it may be said that it has not invisibility for its basis. The theory of rendering ships invisible at sea by painting them various colours is no longer tenable. Endless endeavours have been made in this direction, and numerous schemes given fair trial by the Admiralty under actual conditions at sea. The results of these trials have invariably been disappointing, and it has been finally established that unless a vessel and her smoke can be rendered absolutely invisible no useful purpose is served. The application of Thayer's Law is most commonly put forward as a means of obtaining invisibility. This, broadly speaking, is an adaptation of nature's means for eliminating shadows, and so reducing the visibility of birds and animals at low quarters either for purposes of attack or defence, and it is stated that this can be applied to ships by painting the ceilings of promenade decks or other projecting structures while in order to eliminate all shadows. Actual experiences at sea have proved that this is a fallacy, and that the paint itself, being dependent on the light of the sky, will not overcome shadows. The scheme now in use has been extensively taken up, not only by the British, but also by the Allied Governments, and no stone is being left unturned to utilise this important asset, which is only one of the many devices which are used to combat the enemy's submarine activity.

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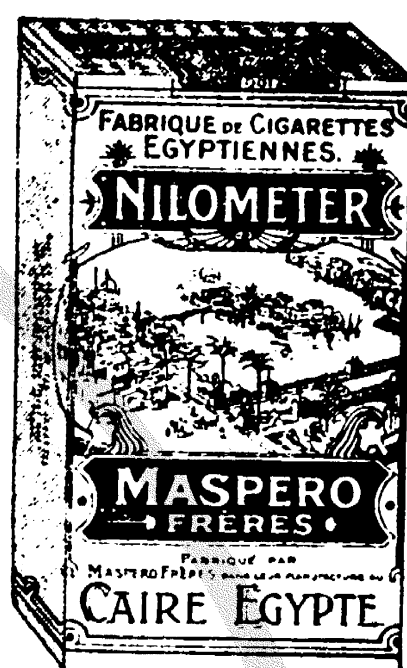
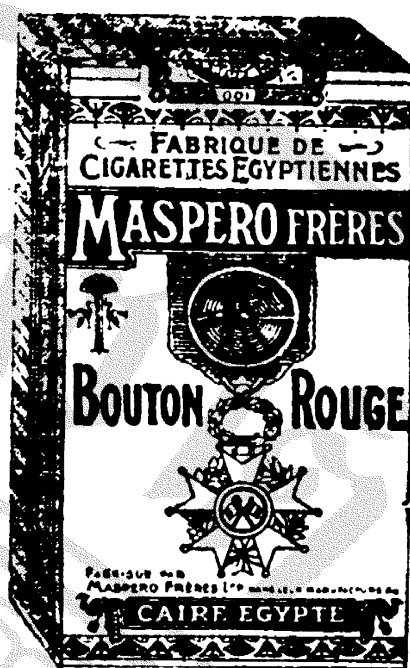
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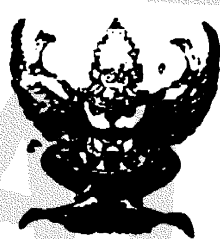
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British Legation Telegrams.

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Operations for Week Ending April 4.

London, April 5. The lull on the western front was broken by a further heavy enemy attack on the whole front between the Somme and Arras. The main weight fell on the left opposite Amiens, where the enemy pressed back our troops a short distance in the regions of Hamel, Villers and Bretonneux forming a very small salient on the face of a former salient, but elsewhere were completely repulsed. Such slight success as the result of a massed attack illustrates the tremendous effort needed to make even the slightest impression on the British line. Attacks were resumed against the French line but that line was maintained, the enemy suffering cruel losses. The French even made some local advances, notably at Grivesnes and between Montdidier and Noyon. The advance is now checked between Arras and the Somme and in fact has remained practically stationary. The fighting has therefore resulted in the consolidation of Allied lines. In the Montdidier sector attacks and counter attacks continued almost incessantly. Between 29 March and 2 April the villages of Demuin, Moreuil, Hargand and Grivesnes repeatedly changed hands amid bitter fighting. Northward of the Somme the most notable events were, on 30 March, the capture of two hundred and thirty prisoners and one hundred and nine machine guns in a slight advance at Serre and the re-capture of the village of Ayette on 2 April. The French by this time had taken over from the fifth army and had gradually assumed about half the total battle front. They were very heavily attacked during the week and although driven beyond Montdidier were completely successful in holding the Germans and launched several effective counter-attacks. Since 21 March about five hundred enemy aeroplanes were brought down and no opportunity was lost of dropping bombs on enemy formations or of flying low and scattering them with machine-gun fire. The results to date may conceivably afford encouragement to the enemy

but the whole undertaking is admittedly a gamble. The Kaiser by giving it his name staked thereon his dynasty. He has been defeated by the third army on the right and the price paid in attacks on new British positions has brought no compensating gains. He was also defeated by the French when they had taken over the line and only against the last fortunate fifth army can the enemy pride himself that he has at the immense cost of over a quarter of a million men partially succeeded. He used ninety divisions of a total of under two hundred, while only a fraction of the French army was employed. He may consider that one more such effort will finally break through. But he must bring reinforcements and supplies over the old battlefield of the Somme and must consider two solid Allied flanks which nothing has been able to shake and must thrust deeper at the apex of the salient where the difficulties are greatest. Starting without numerical superiority he has used up troops more rapidly than the Allies who possess considerable reserves and are able to draw on yet more. On his southern flank the French army constitutes a threat which he cannot ignore. The German plan is to break through before exhaustion sets in; the French to resist until the enemy is exhausted and then to throw in their reserves. The enemy will therefore attempt to draw in all the Allied reserves or attract them to other than vital parts. The moral effect has been to unite the Allies more closely than ever and rouse a spirit of sacrifice and determination in soldiers and civilians alike. America is sending men even more rapidly and has made a generous offer of troops to the British and French for embodiment in their own units. So far from shaking the Allies' morale the attempt to crush their armies has stimulated them to efforts and increased their confidence in the ultimate issue.

Palestine.

In Palestine Allenby's troops made a raid east of the Jordan and came within one mile of Amman, cut the Hejaz railway and destroyed the line for a great distance and then retired to the original line, taking seven hundred prisoners. A small advance was made west of the Jordan.

Mesopotamia.

In Mesopotamia the success at Khan Bagdad on 26/3 was rapidly followed up by a total of over five thousand being captured, also considerable material. British troops on the Aleppo road are now two hundred and fifty miles from Aleppo and one hundred and thirty miles from Bagdad. The right flank

on the Diah has been extended. It is now known that the advance in Palestine completely frustrated an attack on Bagdad.

Russia.

In Russia the situation is no clearer; the Bolsheviks continue to dispute with the Ukrainian Rada for the possession of Nicolai, Olesia and other important places. Apparently the Ukraine is unproductive of foodstuffs for the Germans.

The Lichnowsky Memoirs.

The Bremen Journal *Tagesspiegel* and the Munich Journal *Post* publish an article on the Lichnowsky memoirs which shows that at last there have been confirmed what has long been suspected in Germany but was opposed by the authorities, namely that it was not England or France or Russia that was responsible for bringing about this war but Germany alone. The article states "the doctrine of England's responsibility for this world war has been regularly drummed into us for nearly four years and Germany's war policy was in the main guided by it. The assumption was that England had desired war and had long prepared Belgium as a basis of operations but we now learn that England intended no war against Germany and with this the whole Anglo-Belgian legend has collapsed."

The German papers have published the observations of Von Jagow, Foreign Secretary from January, 1913 until nearly the end of 1916 on the Lichnowsky memorandum. He does not meet Lichnowsky's main charges with any fresh arguments and gives corroboration of England's desire for peace. "I am by no means willing to adopt the opinion at present widely held in Germany that England laid all mines which caused the war. On the contrary I believe in Sir Edward Grey's love of peace and serious wish to obtain agreement with us." Captain Persius in the *Berliner Tageblatt* says: "An understanding ought to be easier now that we have heard from two opposing sources, Von Jagow and Lichnowsky, that England was not responsible for the war as has hitherto been believed in wide circles in Germany." Doctor Muhlen, former Director of Krupp's armament works, stated in an interview that he had sent a letter to Bethmann-Hollweg wherein was written: "Our offer of peace without indication of our war aims and the accentuation of submarine warfare, deportation of Belgians, systematic destruction in France, and torpedoing of English hospital ships have so degraded the governors of the German Empire that I am profoundly convinced they are

disqualified for ever for the elaboration and conclusion of a sincere and just agreement. The German people may not be able to repair the serious crimes committed against their own country and against Europe and the whole human race until it is represented by different men with a different mentality."

Czernin and Clemenceau.

Count Czernin's declaration at Vienna that he had received a peace offer from Clemenceau is flatly contradicted by Clemenceau who has stated:—"Czernin has lied."

Generals Smuts Speaks.

General Smuts, speaking in London on 3/4 said that the events of the last two months had considerably cleared the air. It was clear that German policy was one of annexation and indemnity. For everything is at stake and therefore we should bear every sacrifice willingly and cheerfully.

Submarining.

Submarine returns for week ending 30th March: Arrivals: 2461; sailings: 2373; Sunk over six hundred tons; six, including one in the week ending March 16th; under sixteen hundred tons, seven; including one sailing ship of under one hundred tons and one sunk in the week ending March 23. Unsuccessfully attacked, fifteen; including one in the week ending March 2. The returns of sinkings of large ships are lower than any recorded since January 17th, while shipbuilding figures for March are the highest on record.

Civil War in China.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, April 5.

Reuter's Peking correspondent wires that the Northerners have recaptured Chungsha (Hunan) after little fighting.

Germans in Siberia.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, April 5.

Reuter's Tokio correspondent wires that a train-load of 1,500 Austro-German prisoners with twelve machine-guns arrived at Irkutsk and their destination is believed to be Vladivostok. They are all wearing Russian uniforms. There are now 6,000 war prisoners in Irkutsk where the military organisation is purely German.

Japan's Foreign Minister.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, April 5.

Reuter's Tokio correspondent wires that there is no truth in the report that Baron Uchida has been appointed Foreign Minister.

The Western Front.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, April 5.

F.M. Sir Douglas Haig reports:—After sharp fighting we repulsed a determined attack in the neighbourhood of Fampoux killing a number and taking a few prisoners.

We took a hundred prisoners in capturing Ayette and we also captured a few prisoners in yesterday's enterprise on the Serre and in a successful raid north of Rastigni and Poelcapelle.

The Lincolnshires made a raid north east of Loos taking thirty-one prisoners.

Affairs in Russia.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, April 6.

Petrograd:—German troops have occupied Ekene and three Russian ships have been sunk in the harbour. The Russian fleet off Finland is endangered.

Torpedo boats from the Black Sea Fleet are cruising in the Black Sea bombarding and pillaging the towns and selling the loot.

The American Army.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

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Reuter's correspondent with the American Army in France wires that the American army is now occupying a sector of the Meuse heights south of Verdun.

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