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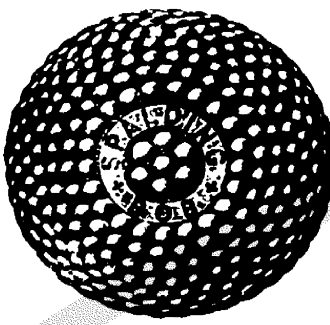
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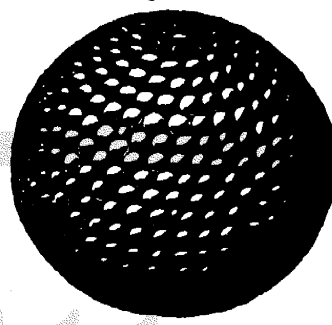
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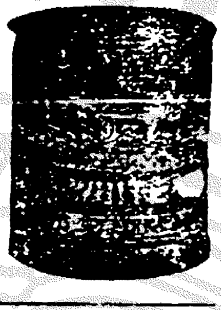
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The Amsterdam Press Episode.

Mr. Schroder on His Arrest.

According to the "Nieuwe Rotterdamsche Courant," the liberation of Mr. J. C. Schroder, Editor of the "Telegraaf," is due to the fact that the judicial inquiry showed he must be regarded as not responsible for the contents of the "Telegraaf." Meanwhile, Mr. Drion, a member of the Second Chamber, is to address various written questions to the Minister of Justice on Mr. Schroder's arrest.

Writing on the subject himself in the "Telegraaf," Mr. Schroder says:—

It is the curse of weak Governments that, by abuse of power they commit their most stupid blunders at the psychological moment, and this psychological moment had come. Just when the flood of our agitation had been checked by the ebb of the "dignified neutrality," a journalist, unconscious of guilt, was arrested. And lo, I, a poor worm in the journalistic vale of tears, suddenly became a martyr—for which I have not the slightest fitness, for I have put on exactly 17 lbs. in 17 days in my cell—and my arrest was the sign for the Dutch nation, shocked in its feelings of justice, to express itself in such a clear manner that the gentlemen at The Hague grew pale. And what two hundred articles from my pen could not have achieved, the Government attained by one blow—the minds of the people were startled, the nation stood suddenly face to face with the danger which we had been for months pointing out and shall not now fall asleep over. Our aim has been reached. Is there a happier mortal than I?

If I balance up the events of the last 17 days, then I find:—That this Government has dealt in a somewhat careless manner with the finest tradition of the Dutch people, viz. freedom of speech; that it has hopelessly compromised itself towards other countries; that I have been made a martyr, of which fact I shall make no misuse; and that this Minister for Justice—and this I shall never forgive him—made my children cry bitterly when on St. Nicholas Eve, a few moments after they had joyously welcomed their father home, he was led away as a criminal. But all this is outbalanced by the immeasurable advantage that the true spirit of the Dutch people has been able to utter itself in a manner which leaves no room for doubt. The balance is entirely in our favour. Why then should there be bitterness in my heart?

Legal Reform Necessary.

The "Tijd" (Roman Catholic) writes: With the release this unpleasant matter has again entered a normal stage. It had deleteriously affected public opinion and caused dismay in this country and misunderstandings abroad.

The prosecution of Mr. Schroder would not have caused the slightest stir amongst the public. In both the first and the second prosecution the entire nation showed the fullest confidence in the decision of the Court. But the preventive detention, an administrative or police measure, which had not been taken without the urging of the Government, could not be considered compatible with the freedom of Press, as laid down in the constitution. Hence the fear of arbitrary dealings. The Schroder case has again thrown the full light of day on the defective system of preventive detention in general, which has been so often objected to, and also on the secret preliminary investigation.

The "Volk" (Socialist) says:—It is now first of all necessary to ascertain the influences leading to Mr. Schroder's arrest, in order to put the responsibility

on the right shoulders. The Press, perhaps, has not the means to do so; but there are other organs which have to watch over the personal safety and legal security for the citizens.

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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	Sala 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	Bangjak ..	8.15	11.15	2.30	5.30
Bangjak ..	7.00	10.00	1.15	4.15	*Bangna ..	8.20	11.20	2.35	5.35
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
Sala 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	6.00

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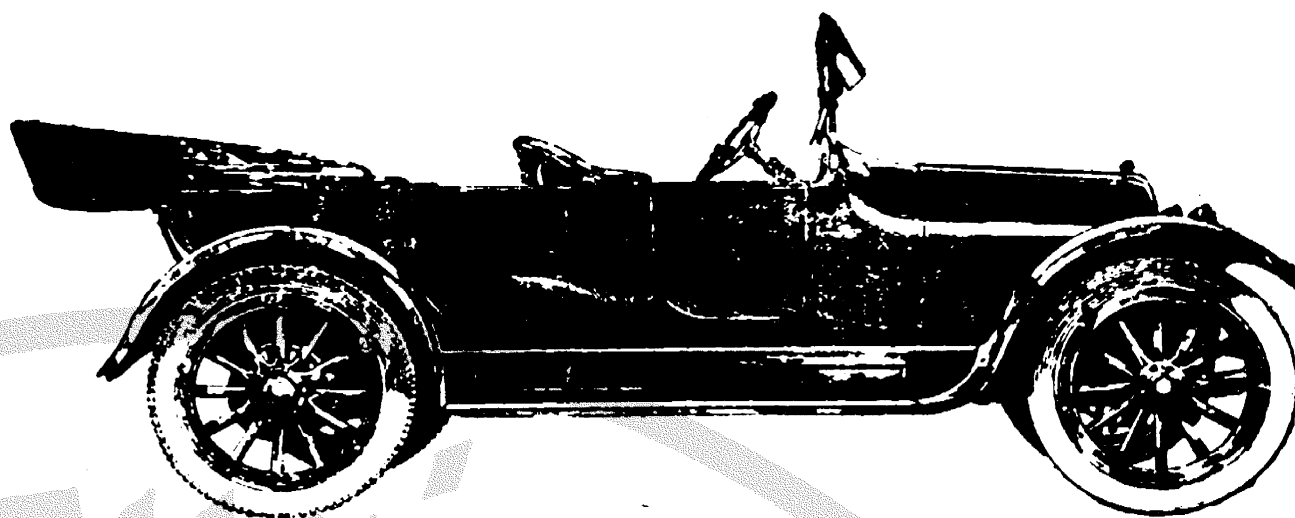
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THE**Great War.****Germans Attack Mine-Sweepers.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Feb. 13.

A German destroyer flotilla attacked four British mine-sweepers in the Doggerbank yesterday night and sank one. The Arabis attempted to torpedo another. Among the rescued were three British officers and twenty-one men.

Situation Unchanged Near Kut.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Feb. 13.

A Turkish communique reports that two violent battles took place with General Ayliner on the right bank of the Tigris but the situation is unchanged near Kut.

Yunnanese Capture Luchow.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Feb. 13.

Shanghai.—The Yunnanese troops have captured Luchow.

The Western Front.

(HAYES TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Feb. 11.

Yesterday we made progress in the defiles west of Lafolie and repulsed two attacks in Artois. We destroyed a blockhouse in Artois and damaged works on the whole front.

To-day there was nothing doing.

Paris, Feb. 12.

Yesterday south of the Somme we re-captured a considerable part of the trench elements we had lost. South of Frise we arrested important counter-attacks and took prisoners. We wrecked a blockhouse and observation posts on the Heights of the Menne.

Yesterday in Champagne north-east of Batte de Meuil we captured 300 metres of trenches, repulsed a counter-attack and took 65 prisoners.

The Navy League.

Ten. 561 was subscribed locally towards the Cruiser Fund on the 10th and 11th instant. Mondhol Puket sent in Ten. 513 and the Ministry of Finance, Mondhol Krung Dep, Ten. 1,058. The total now amounts to Ten. 1,875,548.

S. Mary's Mission.

The Rev. Cecil R. and Mrs. Simmons are due back by the "Kuala" to-morrow. The usual Wednesday evening Service of Prayer for those engaged in the war will be held this week at 6 p.m. After the above service, at 6.30 p.m. the general meeting of the congregation and friends will be held at the S. Mary's Mission House, to receive and pass the balance sheet, elect new Committee, etc. All interested in the work of the Mission are invited to attend.

Golf Notes.

In the final round of the Junior Championships, played over 36 holes, Mom Luang Phongse Sanitwongse beat Mr. J. H. Heal by 7 up and 5 to play.

The February "Bogey" competition, in which 34 players took part, resulted as follows:—

E. Wyon Smith	1 down
S. Brighthouse	2 "
J. S. Forrest	2 "
E. W. Townsend	3 "
N. L. Selby	3 "

16 cards were returned. Members are reminded that play for the Special Prize will commence on Saturday afternoon next and that members choose their own opponents.

Play in the Ladies Competition for the "Townend" cup will commence on Monday February 28th. Entries to be made on the Notice Board or to the Honorary Secretary before the 24th inst. Each round will be played over over one 18 hole round or two 9 hole rounds on Monday and Thursday afternoons, and players on those days are reminded that competitors have priority on the course.

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.")

The Russian Front.

London, Feb. 12.

News summary:—The Russians have captured an elaborately fortified position at Uaietko and crossing to the west bank of the Dniester recognised its prime tactical importance since the bridge forms a point of connection between the Austrian armies operating north and south of the river, and this loss is held to fore-bid a move on Czernowitz.

A significant report is that on the Riga-Dvinsk front the Russians are supplied with mobile heavy artillery outshooting the Germans.

Turks Routed.

Following the rout at Erzerum the Turkish left wing was turned and cut off from the Black Sea.

The advance is not being pressed here but on the Turkish right flank at Lake Van, where the Russians are pressing forward continuously with the object of cutting the Bagdad railway. Meanwhile a small equipped Russian force has now confined the disorderly Turks and Perso-Germanic elements in Kermanshah.

Russian torpedo boats off the Anatolian coast have damaged centres of coal export to Constantinople and probably sunk a submarine.

Zeppelin Warfare.

On the British front with the exception of air activity nothing vital occurred.

The official publication of air casualties and damage in England shows how unfounded is the German claim that economic life or military preparations are being appreciably affected by promiscuous bomb dropping from airships wandering over the country in the dark.

Nothing but successful artillery fire is reported from the French front.

The Cameroons.

The Cameroons now passes out of German possession with the interment by the Spanish of nine hundred German Europeans and fourteen thousand natives.

Genl. Smith Dorrien's Successor.

General Smith Dorrien, who was taken ill on the voyage to command the expeditionary force in German East Africa, is succeeded by General Smuts, the brilliant Boer commander.

Germans Relying on Political Factors.

Reports are current of German preparations for an offensive in the west.

There are indications that the Germans are relying increasingly on political factors. Thus the wild threats of coming military operations, tendency to attempt to employ neutrals for sowing dissension among the Allies, protest against an idea of war of extermination, suggestions that neither side can win, are all significant and emanating from Germany. Faced with the question of exorbitant numbers of men of military age, a big offensive is not unlikely. The Germans might well reason that success would mean everything, and that half success might give material for bluffing peace.

Swiss and Swedish Exchanges.

Swiss and Swedish Exchanges show a struggle to restore the value of the German mark. The freightage question raised recently has been firmly grappled by the Government who are said to have satisfied Allied interests.

The Belgian Clergy.

Cardinal Mercier preserves silence as to the Roman visit but is said to have satisfied the Pope of the innocence of the Belgian clergy in connection with franc-tireur accusations. Belgian refugees in England have testified their confidence in the Cardinal and the determination to conclude no peace unless satisfactory.

Steel.

First class steel is now being manufactured at Newcastle in Australia.

Mr. Redmond and Ireland.

Mr. Redmond, the Irish Nationalist leader, at a recruiting conference in Dublin, said he had seen a most significant statement about documents found on a Prussian officer. Among them was a series of maps of Ireland showing every parish and farm in the country. If Germans came to Ireland, he said, they would do as they had done in Belgium. Every day passed since war began convinced him more and more that the highest interest of Ireland from every point of view lay in a speedy and victorious end of the war. He felt so strongly that even if he stood alone he would raise his voice and face any consequences by taking action which his conscience told him was best for the freedom and prosperity of Ireland.

Extracts from the Government Gazette.

Of the 13th February, 2458.

A notification from the Ministry of Finance regarding the repeal of a former law whereby a certain class of students were exempted for certain periods. The repeal, it is stated, is due to the fact that education need no longer be pushed by such advantages as at the present time youths are not by any means backward in going to school.

Another proclamation from the same Ministry is to the effect that as the district of Pratoontani is now attached to the Mondhol of Ayudhya where the tax on the palmira sugar does not exist this tax is no longer payable by the inhabitants of Pratoontani.

The 4th Class of the Crown of Siam has been forwarded through the Minister of Foreign Affairs to Luang Pasa Pariwat of the Siamese Legation in Japan and the 5th Class to Naval Lieutenant Sin Shinohara of the Japanese Navy.

The retirement owing to advanced age of Engr. Commander A. Jensen is duly gazetted with the fact that this officer will draw a pension for his long and faithful services.

The Treasury notices that in January Government notes in circulation amounted to Ticals 37,280,450 against which there were in the vaults in silver Ticals 22,741,248 and the balance in various scrip.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

VERY good prices were realized at the sale of the furniture of the late Mr. Graehert last Saturday.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Kiat line is in order as far as Rayong. Other lines are all right.

THE Central League of Wild Tigers were engaged at a camp around the Bangkok district on Saturday night and returned to Bangkok on Sunday morning.

THE s.s. "Kuala" left Singapore at noon on Saturday the 12th inst., and may be expected to arrive at the Borneo Company's wharf on Tuesday (tomorrow) morning.

THE Prince of Lophburi who has been in Bangkok for some time returned on the 12th instant to resume his duties as Lord Lieutenant of Mondhol Nagori Sri Tamarat.

THE members of the Straits-born Chinese Association have subscribed and remitted to H. B. M. Consulate General a sum of Tca. 100 as a contribution towards the Blind Soldiers' Relief Fund.

WE regret to note the death at Bayab on the 2nd instant of Luang Anupan Sisayanusanka who was in charge of the schools in that Mondhol. The deceased was educated in England where he was known as Nai Rua.

FOR the annual encampment and manoeuvres of Wild Tigers at Bang Pong and surrounding districts members of the different Legations who are taking part in them will leave Bangkok on the 18th instant. They will be away for about a fortnight.

ON Saturday afternoon, as the Chinese steward of the s.s. Probus was going alongside the steamer with provisions in a sampan the boat somehow capsized, and the steward who could not swim got thrown into the water and was drowned.

THE Nor. s.s. Agga, Capt. von der Fehr, which arrived in port yesterday was stopped and searched by a British torpedo destroyer south of Koh Chang on Saturday. After an examination of the ship's papers the search party made a thorough search of the ship's holds.

IT is stated that Germany has given orders in the United States representing a value of £20,000,000. These purchases include copper, cotton, wool, bacon, wheat, agricultural implements and some other products. They are to be delivered in Germany within 60 days of the termination of the war.

THERE was a big crowd at the Phathakorn Cinematograph on Saturday night. The last of the series of "The Million Dollar Mystery" was screened and was a fitting ending to the long list of plots and intrigues that were crowded into the story. There were also some good comic items and interesting films connected with the war.

THE Brit. s.s. Brisbane arrived yesterday from Samarang. She is in command of Capt. McLellan who had been about fifteen years ago in the service of the Scottish Oriental Line which had a fleet of steamers trading between Bangkok and neighbouring ports. At different times during a period of over ten years Capt. McLellan had served on the s.s. Mongkut, Machow, P. C. C. Kiao and Wongkoi.

Football.

Six-a-Side Competition.

The two first-round ties in this competition were played off on Saturday. The first tie was Engineers vs. Government Services and the sides were:—
Engineers: Powell, Carson and Pollard, Reith, Findlay and Finnie.
Government Services: Jenkins, Selley and Sedgwick, Katathorn, Sutton, and Ferdinands. These two sides were well matched, and the game resolved itself into a series of rushes, first to the one goal and then to the other. After 6 or 7 minutes play, Ferdinands was on his way down the field with the ball when Carson tackled him, not quite legitimately. Sedgwick took the resulting free kick and placed it right in front of goal and Sutton put it through. The Engineers tried hard to equalise, and Reith had a run up the field on his own but did not get through. The second half was very much like the first. Each side had its share of the game. The Engineers had hard lines when Findlay failed to equalise, and the Government Services nearly added to their score from a corner. Time came as a welcome relief to the players and the Services retired winners by 1 goal to nothing.

In the next tie the Borneo Co. faced the Merchants. Teams: B. C. L.: Keynes, Preston, Robertson, Deacon, Malcolm and Reiniger. Merchants: Colley, D. B. Robertson, Forrest, Halls, Wooler, and Cramer. This was a much better game than the previous one and some very keen football was seen. The play was of a give and take nature with the B. C. L. defence rather the stronger. Quite early in the game Malcolm secured the ball about mid-field and rushing down on his own he passed the backs and beat Colley fairly close in to goal. Halls worked hard for the Merchants and got down 2 or 3 times, but could not get through. There was no more scoring in the first half. In the second half Malcolm went back which weakened the B. C. L. attack considerably. Play was very even and it looked as if the B. C. L. were going to retain their lead when Halls got the ball and finished a fine run with a splendid shot right into goal. Keynes stopped it but it rebounded off Wooler into the net. The B. C. L. tried hard in the last minute to score again but couldn't manage it, and the game ended in a draw.

It was decided to replay the tie on Monday afternoon in order that the final might be played on Wednesday as arranged.

Fancy Dress Football.

The Football Sub-Committee have decided to hold a fancy dress football match next Saturday. There will be three prizes presented by members of the Club (1) for the best costume (2) for the most original costume (3) for the most comical costume.
Kick off 5.30 p.m.

U. S. and Austria.

Vienna.—Francis Klein, for several years Minister of Justice in Austria and author of the reform of lawsuit legislation, a recognized authority on all questions of law, has published a collection of the articles which he wrote for the Neue Freie Presse on the relations between the Central Powers of Europe and the United States during and after the war.

In his preface Dr. Klein says:—"I think it desirable that wide circles, especially those of finance and political economy, should be made to pay attention to subjects which are at present being widely discussed in the United States. Dangers can be avoided by clever and energetic men when these are warned in time. At the same time it is highly interesting to observe what an extraordinary amount of work and enterprise the war has called forth in America and how the United States is preparing for the decisive moment when a peace will be concluded, what splendid use they will make of the war so that there cannot be a doubt that the peace which cannot tarry forever will find a generation worthy of it. All my information comes from sources which cannot be doubted, and most of it is connected with the honest striving to induce America to become the arbitrator in this war of the nations."

The Neue Presse says of the work:—"The origin and causes of American politics have probably never before been studied with so much thoroughness and power of judgment as in these articles of Dr. Klein, who warns Europe and at the same time warns the United States that it would have to renounce the Monroe Doctrine if it intends to interfere in European political disputes. America, he says, hopes to reap a harvest when Europe has destroyed the work of decades."

This great warning to the central powers is: "People who have the power of gaining military victories must learn to be the victors in every other way also."

Latest Havas telegrams will be found on page 6.

The Opening of a New School.

A new school for Chinese of the Khet Part Sai when a large number of people were present including high officials among whom were their Excellencies Chow Phya Yommaraj, Phya Dhamasakdi Montri, Phya Baisai Silapasat, Phya Pipaksa, Phya Rajnikul, Phya Raja Sema, Phya Pirane, and Phya Subhakorn. The President of the school announced that this institution was established in this central position owing to the generosity of His Majesty whereby the old San Chao of this sect at Samsen was exchanged for this land. The President amongst other matters stated that the teaching of the Siamese language would form a part of the curriculum of the new school.

German Financial Problems.

The "Vorwarts" publishes a leader on the announcement in the Reichstag of fresh taxation. "In times when there was still goodwill amongst men, how different the Christmas message was to that of this year of war."

The voice of the Minister for Finance mingles with the boom of the guns. He declares that the war will in any case burden the people enormously and that simultaneously with the budget, in March, the Reichstag will deal with the war profit tax and still more taxes."

When Dr. Helfferich made this announcement last Monday there was a loud out cry of "hear! hear! Hear, you, who have formed no idea of what will happen after the war. Hear, you who were reckless enough to believe that victorious Germany would be able to compel the enemy to pay an indemnity. To be sure the Minister for Finance did not quench all hopes of an indemnity but whatever its amount, in no case shall we, according to his belief, be able to escape seriously heavy burdens. The fact remains that in the first place the interest will have to be paid on the borrowed milliards. To issue a fresh loan to cover the burdens of the old one is no solution."

After Dr. Helfferich, Herr Gothein explained that the German people will have to bear a burden of taxes defying the stoutest imagination. Every citizen will have to work four or five months of the year for the good of the community. The "Vorwarts" wonders if a Socialist had been guilty of such an utterance ten days ago, he would not have been charged with treason."

Herr Ballin on the Outlook.

Herr Ballin, the General Manager of the Hamburg-American Line, writing in the "Neue Freie Presse" on the subject for which the Central Powers are fighting, bases his remarks on the statements made by the Imperial Chancellor in the Reichstag in August, 1914 and 1915, to the effect that these Powers are not carrying on this war for lust of conquest but only to secure guarantees for their existence and an indemnity. These guarantees, Herr Ballin goes on to say, can be given in different ways, but so long as Germany's opponents refuse to speak of peace, thus showing that they have not given up their plans of crushing Germany, there would be no sense in the latter country defining those guarantees. Germany will have to fight until the sword enforces peace. The object of the war can only be defined in this manner by the representatives of those Powers who are standing victorious on hostile territory, who are in possession of valuable securities, whose talent for organisation has frustrated the starvation plans of their enemies, who manufacture their munitions at home and thus can hold out longer than their opponents economically. To attempt to explain away the military position of Germany at this moment as a sign of weakness is childish, he concluded.

General Ruszky's Resignation.

Petrograd.—The "Novoye Vremya" learns that General Ruszky returned to the front after his previous illness after barely recovering from inflammation of the lungs, and caught cold a second time. He was now recovered but is so weak that his doctors have prescribed rest. He will spend six weeks in the Caucasus and then return to the front. General Ruszky's departure is deeply regretted both by public opinion and in the Press. The "Novoye Vremya" and other papers declare him to be the most gifted and popular Russian Commander and that his presence at the head of the troops on the northern front was the best guarantee against the inroads of the enemy. His return will be warmly welcomed by the troops and by all Russia.

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The Indian Troops.

The British Indian troops have been entirely removed from the Western front says the Gazette de Hollande. The decision is doubtless a good one. They have never taken kindly to the trench warfare which now rules in the

West, and with rapidly increasing commitments in the Near East the British can make better use of their troops almost anywhere than in France. The destination of the troops remains a secret. They may be found for Salonica, for Albania, for Egypt or even for Mesopotamia.

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THE Great War.

M. Briand.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Feb. 11.

Rome.—M. Briand had a conference with Signor Sonnino.

The Russian Campaign.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Feb. 11.

Petrograd.—East of Tcheuterno we captured a height and repulsed a counter-attack. We seized a fortified height south-east of Trebow and took prisoners.

We made progress in the Caucasus and routed important enemy forces south of Hamaden.

The Tsar has left for the front.

Turkish Ambassador Arrested.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Feb. 11.

Teheran.—Near Kerdje a Cossack patrol arrested four Europeans one of whom was the Turkish Ambassador.

A Big Fight Impending.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Feb. 12.

Salonika.—We occupied the Macedonian territories up to a distance of ten kilometres beyond the Vardar. It is believed that a German attack is proceeding from Monastir by the plain on the right bank of the Vardar.

When the Persia Sank.

The following article describing the sinking of the Persia, the voyage in an open boat in the Mediterranean and the landing of the survivors at Alexandria, is furnished by a lady passenger of the vessel who arrived in Bombay in the Medina.

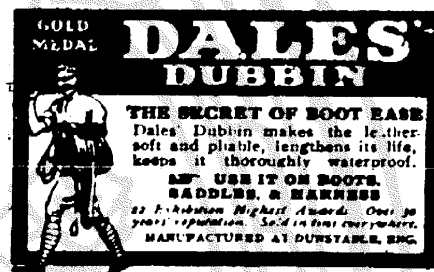
How gay it looks in this saloon! The ceiling and walls are all white but just now, being only a few days after Christmas, they are almost covered with bright bunting, mistletoe, etc. The flags of the Allied forces decorate the whole place and near by our table, which is farthest away from the companion, two fine Union Jacks are draped over a Crown. Could any room on land or sea look more cheerful! We are very happy this lunch time. Only a few more hours, twenty at most, and we shall be at Port Said, beyond the danger zone. We had life-belt drill and are smiling at it. It was a little, harmless diversion. It thrilled us and added a spice of adventure to our placid voyage. Two of the gunners dine at our table. One tells us that he has been going backwards and forwards over that same ground, or rather water, for nine months and has never seen

A terrific thud which shakes the ship from end to end and will live in my mind for many a day! A rending and tearing of glass, wood and probably metal too! We all start up from our seats, waiters drop dishes and run for the companion-ladder. I hear no screams. I only feel that my face has gone pale and every one else's likewise. The voice of our steward calls out: "Now keep calm!" A man just in front of me fingers behind her colleagues, one of whom catches her wrist and urges her to come along. I hear some one saying "It is our own gun that has been fired," and I think that this must be an extra drill. This thought makes me calmer. The first thing anyway is to get my life-belt from the cabin some distance from the bottom of the stairs. There is a crush on them—stewards from below coming up, passengers from above going down. One sees Englishmen standing aside to let ladies go down first. I go back towards the companion.

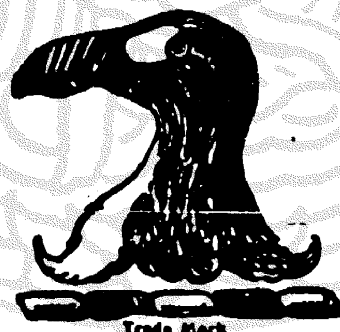
The Sinking Ship.

I reach half-way and then have a fall. I can't understand it but find it difficult to regain my foothold. The stairs are not perpendicular. The ship is listing over. How soon! Not two minutes after the blow, I get on deck. The water is there now more than half-way over the deck.

One moment more and the water has overwhelmed us. The canvas tied top and bottom along the side to keep off the hot sun is over our heads, bearing



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us down with the ship. Somehow I do not feel terrible. I dimly remember that the awning comes to an end a little further along and put up my hands to try to find it. A few moments of suspense and suddenly the canvas ends and I feel myself rising. Shall I be up in time? Can I retain my breath any longer? Oh! My head is in air and how sweet it is! I can breathe again and take in deep breaths. Was anything ever so glorious?

Thank God! I feel saved already. Yet what a strange scene! The great ship has vanished. In its place one or two small boats are seen. How small they are on the mighty waters! And one of them is upturned and has some poor souls clinging to it. They will soon be washed off. There are a few—very few—cries for help. Some heads are to be seen above the waters. The water is strewn with wreckage. I cling to some of it and find there is a man on it. There is a boat not far away and we make for it. Even as I do so I notice the lovely colour of blue water as it reflects the glories of the sky. After the first contact with it, it is quite warm too; not at all inclined to give one cramp.

In the Boat.

I pull myself up a little and get hold of the edge of the boat and ask the men inside to help me in. Two of them get my arms—one of them being the young gunner from our table.

Seeing others in a worse plight than myself I soon pull myself together and try to help into the boat some who come alongside. One officer in khaki—we had several on the Peraia—comes swimming along pushing in front of him a French girl stretched on some planks. She looks as if she is fixed to a cross. He holds the boat, calls for aid, and helps her in before he makes any attempt to save himself. There are four boats on the water near together and we see a fifth some distance off which goes away from us. In one of the four boats is the chief officer, who takes command of the four. The captain, whose last trip it was before retiring, had been seen on the bridge but was not in the boat.

The chief officer says he has too many in his boat while ours is not full and we must take an extra four. One of these is the jolly English baggage-steward who immediately begins bragging that he alone of all the men on board has saved his cap. His conceit about it is unbounded and makes most of us laugh. He is quite an asset in cheerfulness, for he tells us he was sucked down the funnel and came up again, and his colour of the face bears out his words. He says he has twice been drowned and come to life again, so now he expects to be hanged.

Torpedoed Also.

We all keep watch for a passing ship. We see one; she is coming our way. We tie a lady's motor-veil on an oar and wave it. The other boats are flying signals of distress. We watch the ship closely. She seems to stop and in another minute there seems to be a column of smoke or steam from her and we hear our menfolk saying, "She has been torpedoed also." She remains upright for a while and then vanishes from our sight.

The afternoon is drawing to a close. The sun has gone down and a cool wind has sprung up. The waves increase in size and our danger seems to get greater. Our wet clothes cling to us and chill us to the bone.

Light begins to come. How glad we are! The kind, warm sun will do us good.

It is now decided that our boat shall hoist sail and take the lead, steering south-east towards Port Said. Sail is got up with difficulty, our baggage-steward proving quite a sailor in this matter and looking after things well. We see on the horizon the smoke of a small fleet, said to be destroyers, but they are too far off to see us. We know, however, that that is in the track of steamers. Then we see a big liner, and in order to catch her our boat is by general consent allowed to sail off in order to catch her attention. We think she must see us for our sail is a good size, and as we can see the whole of her hull her watches should see us. No; she takes no notice whatever! We hear later that she is being pursued by a submarine and is sending out alarm signals. Disheartened, we wait for other boats.

Suppose we do not get picked up! Recollections of terrible tragedies on the high seas to poor creatures in open boats come to my mind. We fall asleep.

A cry from the watch rouses us! "Lights on the port bow!" We all throw off our covers and look ahead. Yes! We can just see a light, very small and far away. We see another. It is a ship and she is coming our way. We must attract attention. Our chief jumps up all pains and weariness forgotten. The other boats have seen the lights also, and he calls to them to light their flares in turn. When will they see us and respond? We light more flares, endeavouring to show that we are shipwrecked people in open boats and not decoys of a submarine. Hurrah! She is signalling. She is heading straight for us. A few more minutes and we shall be safe. How we shout, scream, do anything else just to make a noise!

A voice from the ship—"Come on the starboard side," and a green lamp is lowered to show the perpendicular ladder waiting for us.

"Throw away your oars lads; we shall want them any more," as a rope from the ship is caught.


"Ladies first," from our officer. In a quarter of a minute I have a big piece of bread and tinned meat in my grimy hands and am eating it with a relish, beyond that with which I enjoyed any meal previously. In the tiny saloon of the rescuing ship—the mine-sweeper St. Malo. Soon we are told there is land ahead and for the first time in my life I see a bit of Africa. The part we see is very low, being part of the delta of the Nile for we are drawing near to Alexandria.

In Harbour.

We sail into the harbour after receiving on board a pilot in a red fez. We pass warships and troopships, and there on board wave to us and gaze astonished at the vision of members of our sex on board. The Hannibal is pointed out to me and we anchor close to her. Her captain came on board and has a long talk with our chief. Word is passed round that we are to go on board her, and some of the ladies say they would rather go on shore. We are told that they have laid tables for us and will be dreadfully disappointed if we will not be their guests. It feels almost like going home to board the Hannibal. Oh! Their stores are greater than the St. Malo's and they have tables all ready for us and give us a kind of glorified Sunday-school tea with substantial bread, plenty of butter, jam marmalade, biscuits, and other good things. They press us to go on eating long after we have had sufficient. They are just as delighted as they can be to entertain us. A doctor is on board and attends to the sick ones. One of the officers asks us to write any cables we want to send and these are despatched without any cost to us. Then they get cabins ready for us to spend the night and everybody runs round getting us things they think may be useful. This delightful state of things is ended, however, by the British Vice-Consul coming on board and saying he has booked rooms at various hotels for us. Some say they would rather stay where they are. I think so, but don't say so. He reminds us, however, that a man-of-war is not a hotel and that he expects us to go. He takes our names and says he has arranged everything for us ashore. The officers give us overcoats, scarves, blankets, etc., for fear we shall feel cold, and, this time in darkness and silence, we leave our kind friends of the British Navy and reach land after our adventurous journey along the Mediterranean.

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Husbands Who Rule Wives.

"You really ought to be able to manage your own wife," said Mr. Fordham, magistrate at West London Police Court, to a man seeking his advice for his marital troubles.

The Applicant: I can't do anything with her.

Mr. Fordham: I can only advise you to rule your own wife. Every man ought to rule his own wife by kindness. I cannot do anything for you.

The publication of this dialogue in the "Daily Mail" sent a number of indignant husbands to their writing desks. One correspondent, who signs himself "Fourteen Years' Defeat," says: "I once read of Mr. Fordham that he owns a country estate and is an expert in husbandry." If he really meant what he said to the married man who asked his advice he is no expert in the other sort of "husbandry."

"I cannot rule my own wife, and I am waiting to meet the man who rules his wife. There are a few men who think they rule their wives, and a good many men who boast that they rule their wives; but that is another matter. Those who boast usually first look round the room, railway carriage, office, bar, or other premises to make sure no one is there who repeats things."

Another husband wires: "Even if the man who says that he rules his wife by kindness were publicly exhibited, my own attitude towards him would be that of the old countryman

who, for the first time in his life, saw a rhinoceros in a travelling menagerie. The old man surveyed the rhinoceros and then cried wrathfully, "Dang, it, there baint such a hanimal!"

A Futile Suggestion.

"Of all futile suggestions for the ruling of a wife," says a third husband, "command me to 'kindness.' All women, wives especially, have an instinctive suspicion of kindness. Whenever I make any extra efforts in that fatal direction my own wife at once suspects me of having done something she has forbidden me to do. She is generally accurate in the diagnosis; and many a misguided little gift or honeyed word has proved my undoing."

"For my own part I gave up trying to rule my wife within about ten minutes of the wedding ceremony. To that prompt acceptance of the counsel of my own father I owe a more placid married career than most of my fellows. My wife is so pleased with my frequently expressed admission that she rules me that I constantly get my way while she thinks that she is getting her way. This is a common enough experience of wives; it is a unique experience for a husband."

"As perhaps the only husband in England who really rules his wife, I say to all husbands, when you want to do anything that your wife does not want you to do pursue the tactics of Daniel Leno, who when he was courting at the house of the Japanese lady whose father had a nasty sword walked backwards to make believe that he was going the other way."

British Withdrawal from Gallipoli.

Constantinople has issued an explanation of the British withdrawal without loss from Smyrna and Anzac. It reads as follows:—The British assert that the withdrawal from Anafarta and Ari Burnu, with slight loss, signifies a success. We are not surprised at this assertion by the British, who are used to considering their retreats as successes. If we had trodden the laws of humanity underfoot, the British would have paid dearly for this withdrawal. We respected the sign of the Red Cross and did not arrest this transport of troops by our guns. The whole secret of the success of the British retreat thus rests with the protection of the Geneva flag, the ruddy reflection of which will forever cover their faces.

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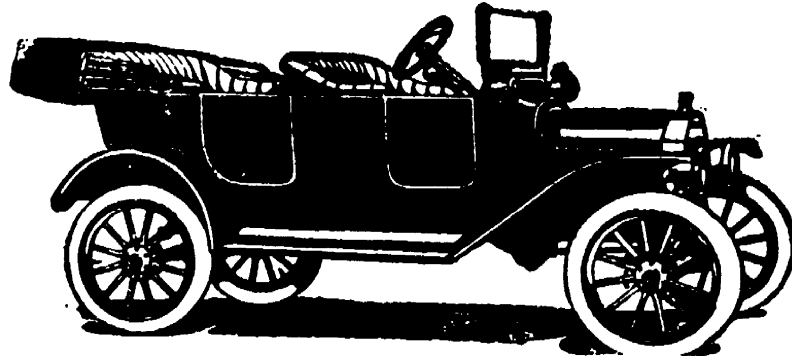
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