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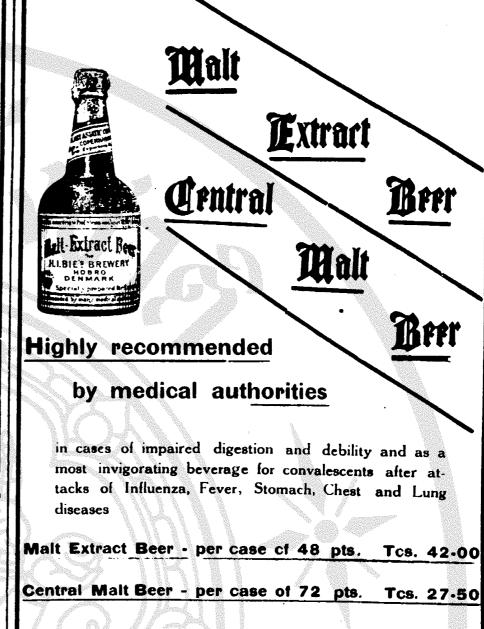
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#### Affairs in China.

#### A Typical Specimen.

A few days ago we announced the dismissal from office of General | Fely Yuhsiang, who, with his mixed beigade, was sent southwards to assist in the recovery of several Yangtze Valley cities for the northern cause. It will be remembered that Feng Yu-heiging some time ago defied the Government, and at the time we suggested that he was not acting on his own behalf but on behalf of others, that probably the voice was the voice of Jacob Feng Yu-hsiang, but the hand was probably that of Rean Lifthan When we said this was Bean Li Shan When we said this we had at the back of our mind General Feng Yu-heiang's record, upon which we did not enlarge on that occasion; but it may be of interest to recali what General Feng's career has been, for he is fairly typical of a certain kind of military officer very popular in certain quarters just at present. All along General Fong Yu-heiging

has been the good boy in the Sunday School. We can hardly say he has been the good little boy for he is a burly giant, extremely hiroute, and when he gets angry, which he frequently does, his head presents the appearance of a "broom in a fright." to use an expression common in the West of England. But like many viants Feng Yu-hsiang has a sentimental side. It is to his credit that he is a Christian and that when the order went forth that all military men should take the oath before the God of War he was one of those who refused, and was ultimately excused. Feng shows the senti. mental side of his character by his treatment of all sorts of "reform" propaganda in his camp. Not only the missionaries, legitimately so called, but every sort of crank and faddist is allowed to hold meetings in General Feng's camp, and Feng himself is a frequent attendant to those meetings. Dickens would have delighted to meet General Feng, and would have made him a sort of military Mr. Chadband, Bunyan knew him well, and gave him the name of Mr. Facing-both-ways, because of his doings in Szechwan in 1916.

It is these doings in 1916 that shed the most suggestive light on General Feng's character. He was sent to Szechwan in order to take part in the pacification of that province after the upheaval caused by the Revolution. He was at that time, of course, in the service of Peking, and drew his pay from Peking. He frequently professed pacific sentiments, by which he endeared himself to the hearts of the Quaker missionaries who are strong in Szechwan, and who subsequently would hear nothing against him. It is to beadmitted in his favour that under vigorous superiors he did good work as a pacification agent. He was at that time working with Chen Yi, Governor of Szechwan.

In 1915 began Yuan Shih-k'ai's monarchical movement. In 1916 the Yunnan troops invaded Szechwan, under Tsai Ao and Tang Chi-yao. Chen Yi sent Feng Yu-hsiang to stop the invasion, and he was are cisted with the notorious Liu Teen-hou, who defected pretty speedily. Liu Tsen-hou's defection compelled Feng Yuhsiang to fall back, and he went to Chentu, as he said, to protect the Governor. Having arrived at Chengtn, he declared his aversion to tighting, and doubled his credit thereby in the eyes of the Friends, who would do almost anything for him. His declaration of pacific intentions, for which of course as a military man he was receiving his salary from the Government, made Chen Yi's position in Chengtu no longer tenable, and Chen Yi was, against his will, obliged to declare the independence of the pro. vince.

At this juncture Chou Chun, the Defence Commissioner, was offered the Governorship of the province, on condition of course that he could wrest it from Chen Yi, and marching towards Chengtu, from Chunging, reached Lungchuanyi, fifty li from Chengtu. As he had come so near the capital it became necessary for the Governor and the people of Chengtu to decide what they should do, whether they would fight or adopt a pacificist attitude. Chen Yi was more or less obliged to take the same attitude as General Ferig, and the latter was sent to discuss the whole situation with the Provincial Assembly. At the meeting with this body, Feng was all for fighting, and he staked his own head that he would defend Chengta to the last against Chou Chun, who was regarded as the minion of Yuan Shih-k'ai and a traitor to his country. On the strength of this assurance Chen Yi sent his northern troops to fight Chou Chun, Feng Yu hsiang being placed in command. Once outside the city, however, General Feng declared that his troops were not going to fight, but were going to the north, and he sent word to Chen Ki that if he desired to be escorted out of the Chengtu district he, Feng, would provide him with an escort. This offer, Chen Yi, as he had no troops left in Chengtu but his own body-guard, was perforce obliged to accept. It is noteworthy that, though Feng Yu haiang was peeniless. as was Chen Yi, when Feng left the city, he asked the treasurers of the misgions stationed in Chengtu, the very next day, if they would sell him drafts on Shanghai for \$200,000; and it was generally assumed that this was his

price from Chou Chun for evace

the city without fighting. Hardly had Feng Yu-heinng declared his intention to move north than he put-it into effect, and the towns along his route knew it too. At Sintu, Hanchow and Tebyang he levied enormous contributions on the people, and when he reached Mienyang (formerly Mienchow) he attempted to seize the funds of the Salt Gabelle. From Mienyang he made his way to Manchungfu and thence down the Han to Hankhow. This sort of commandeering seems to be as typical of Fong Yu-hsiang's character as his defection from one cause to another

when adequate recompense offers. Unfortunately Fang Yu-being is not along in these two matters. There are many more like him, and it is because, as we have said, he is typical of a class that is apparently very popular in certain quarters that we have taken the trouble to sketch his career. The somewhat superflaous abundance of such men explains at least half of Chinese history during the past six years. – P.D.N.

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Then there was the case of the captured officers Scholte and Wookey' who were to be treated as spies for doing what has been done by German airmen before the German armies entered Brussels, and frequently since. It was only the threat by Britain to adopt more drastic measures with regard to German officers that caused the enemy to change his original intention. Certainly a policy of considerate treatment and of refraining from imitating the harshness and brutality of the enemy appears to have had an effect quite different from what may have been expected by some; and a modification of the Germans' methods is only brought about by the knowledge that retaliation can eventually be made unbearable for them.

The true character of the German is illustrated in countless ways. For instance, many of those who persisted in regarding Captain Muller of the Emden as a sort of knightly figure in mother of young children should be the war, have had reason to change their opinion even of him. He also is among those for whom considerateness is another name for foolish weakness, which demonstrates once more that the German nature is such as to necessitate sterner methods. It does indeed come as a surprise to find Muller making false accusations as to the treatment he received after capture, for he

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was shown very special favour indeed. Past kindnesses however, would not have been a restraining influence, with Germans in the case of the British officers in similar plight to Scholte and Wookey. Chivalry and generosity are poor weapons to fight the Hun with and the latter at least has been discarded for something more effective. So far as raiding is concerned, to go one better than the enemy is the only policy that has had the slightest result. It remains to be seen whether the statement in the Reichstag will evoke any response in Britain, now that the country has endured the worst that the enemy can encompact, and the Home defences against raids are, on the authority of one of the fore most British experts, far and away more adequate than they have ever been .- ("Pinang Gazette.)"

#### Irish Kaleidoscope.

London, May 2 .- Sir E. Carson has written to the secretary of the Irish southern Unionists' committee declaring it is little short of insanity to reopen the question of Home Rule amidst the gravest European crisis.

The Daily News lobbyist says the

Government is in serious difficulties over Irish policy. Several peers have refused the Vice-royalty. The committee drafting the Home Rule bill has settled nothing except the preamble proclaiming the federal principle. There is little hope the bill will be introduced in the commons next week. The Conservative opposition to the Home Rule bill has stiffened. A meeting of the Commons yesterday presided over by Mr. Buschench (?) appointed a deputation to urge on Mr. Walter Long that in the Home Rule bill the ports, harbours, post, office, railways be reserved to the Imperial parliament. It is not improbable the Government will for the time being abandon both

The Daily Chronicle correspondent at Dublin says there is an almost incredible improvement in feeling in Ireland in consequence of the appointment of Mr. Shortt who is not merely a Home Ruler but voted with the Nationalists conscription.

Home Rule and conscription.

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NOTICE.

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Bangkok, May 7th 1918.

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#### Notice.

With effect from the 1st June 1918 the freight on transport of firewood on the Narrow Gauge line is to be charged under class IV.

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#### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

LUANG Arthakon Chanath has gone to Hua Hin for the week end.

WE hear that the booking for the St. George's Minstrels entertainment is proceeding very satisfactorily.

MESSRS. E. M. Pereira and Co. will hold an auction at their rooms tomorrow commencing at 2 p.m.

Two important notices will be found in our columns to-day regarding meetings of the British community called for Tuesday 21st inst.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Malay Peninsular Local is not properly working with Song-khla. Other lines are in good order.

THE s.\*. Katong will leave from the Borneo Company's wharf at 3 p.m. sharp, on Saturday the 11th inst., and should arrive in Singapore on Wednesday morning.

FROM a Siamese contemporary we learn that a sum of Tes. 5,000.00, being excise duty collections, was stolen at Patriew recently. An investigation is being held by the Authorities.

WE are sorry to learn that Phra Renoug, the Governor of Renong is seriously ill in Bangkok. Phra Pradibaddha who was wired for from Hua Hin came down yesterday to see him.

THE s.s. Redang left Singapore for Bangkok on Tuesday the 7th May at 2 p.m. with 83 bags of European (British Indian) Mail on board, any may be expected here on Saturday the 11th May.

MR. Newton D. Baker, American Secretary of War, announces that 700,000 rifles were manufactured in January in the United States. In February nine arsenals produced 71,192 small arms in a single week. The output of cartridges for January averaged 1,750,000 daily.

IT is reported by the Temps that more than 10,000 Alsatians have been deported to Germany, where they are obliged to reside in certain appointed localities under police supervision. In Alsace itself, the journal adds, the authorities display peculiar severity against the indigenous population.

H R. H. Prince Petchabari Indrachai is returning to Bangkok having finished his studies in England. His Royal Highness is due in Penang on the 12th inst. and is expected to travel by rail to Bangkok H. R. H. Prince Kambaeng Bejra, has, we understand, left for Penang by rail to meet the Prince.

THE San Lazaro Estate, Manila, was swept by fire on Sunday, April 7th, and thousands of people were rendered homeless. The total damage, it is stated, amounts to at least half a million peece. Almost a thousand houses, including strong, mixed and light material buildings, and huts of the poorer people were consumed in the tlames.

THE Chinese Government is reported to have obtained another loan from Japan, the amount being Yen 20,000, 000, at eight per cent. interest per annum. Reports differ as regards the nature of security pledged. Some say it is a part of the land tax, others the whole system of the Chinese telegraph service, while yet others appear more particular, positively stating that it is the Kiaochow-Tsinan Railway.

We regret to record the death of Koon Ying Puan, mother of Mr. Tan Hay Leng, which took place at her residence at Taphan Fun Fa last night. Deceased had been ailing for over a year but during the last few months her health was considered to be improving until it took a turn for the worse yesterday. Her husband the late Phya Atsadong predeceased her many years ago. She was possessed of great wealth and was well-known for her benevolence towards the poor. The bathing ceremony took place at 1 o'clock this afternoon.

---:v:---A FEW years ago a speed of 70 miles per hour was considered very good travelling for a racing car. This figure has now been reached in marine motoring A motor boat fitted with a twelvecylinder engine, developing 565 h.p. at 1,725 revolutions per minute, did six runs over a one mile course on Lake George, U.S.A., the average of the two best runs being 70.15 miles per hour. When it is considered that the speed of the fastest destroyers on test runs is not much over 40 miles an hour, this achievement would seen to open up striking possibilities.

A SIMLA wire to a Calcutta paper dated April 3 says: Sir Charles Munro has telegraphed to Sir Douglas Haig: "The army in India is watching with symphathy and entire confidence your conduct of the present struggle and your old subordinates are convinced that you and your brave troops will see the battle through to a successful issue." Sir Douglas Haig replied :-"All ranks of the Brttish Army in France send grateful thanks for the message which you have been good enough to send us. We are all greatly touched and encouraged by the sympathy and confidence of our comrades in India.'

#### Here and There.

A Cannibal Outbreak.

It seems strange to hear that in these days there are cannibals still in the world yet that such is a fact appears from a report from Sir F. D. Lugard, Governor-General of Nigeria and, at one time, Governor of Hongkong. The report states that for no other reason than their primitive last for blood the cannibal tribe of the Montoils suddenly attacked the District Officer, Mr. Maitby and his unarmed party of fifty-eight, consisting mostly of loyal native chiefs and massacred them all. The particular tribe that has thus achieved an unenvious notoriety is of fearsome reputation, its members being fetish worshippers and addicted not only to cannibalism but to many other revolting practices.

#### Ireland's Lord Justice of Appeal.

The Rt. Hon. Henry Edward Duke. K. C. whose appointment as Lord Justice of Appeal for Ireland is an-nounced in to-days Reuters has had an interesting career. Born in 1855 he was called to the Bar in 1885 being made Q.C. in 1899. From 1897 to 1900 he was Recorder of Plymouth and Devonport and of Devonport aloue until 1914. In 1908 he became Treasurer of Gray's Inn. From 1900-1906 he represented Plymouth in Parliament in the Conservative interest. In 1910 he contested the Exeter division and was declared elected on petition. During the war he has acted as Chairman of the Royal Commission on Defence of the Realm Losses and of Royal Commission on Liquor Trade Losses and of Board of Referees of Excess Profits Duty. In 1915 he became Attorney-General to the Prince of Wales and Chief Secretary for Ireland in 1916.

#### Sebastopol.

This war is bringing again into prominence many places that have been famous on previous occasions. Verdun, Ypres, Rheims, Amiens and a score of other towns and villages have all at one time or another been historically fam. ous while places in Mesopotamia whose names now appear daily in the papers are connected with the very dawn of human history. By their occupation of Sebastopol the Germans have again brought before the public a town on which, two generations ago, the atten-tion of the whole civilised world was fixed. The city stands on an estuary which is one of the best , roadst ads in Europe and which could shelter the combined Allied fleets. Before the Crimean War, Sebastopol was a wellbuilt town with over 40,000 inhabitants but after the historic siege there were found only fourteen uninjured buildings. Before the present war the town was becoming famous as a health resort on account of its fine summer climate and facilities for sea-bathing.

The peninsula between the Bay of Sebastopol and the Black Sea is the classic Heracleotic Chersonese and in the 5th century B. C. a Greek colony was founded there. It later formed part of the kingdom of the Bosporus and was for some time subject to Rome. The district was conquered by Russia in 1783 and the then Tsar selected the site of the present city to be the chief naval centre of the empire. Being founded under Imperial patronage the city received the name of Sebastopol which, being interpreted, signifies "August City."

#### Waste Utilisation.

There is now being organised in England a scheme for the collection and profitable use of all kinds of household and factory waste. In some parts of London and in other large towns the scheme, which is controlled . by the Waste Utilisation section of the Food Department, is producing the most surprising results. Such waste matters as rags, waste paper, old metal, broken glass, old boote, jars, bottles and kitchen refuse are collected and sent to centres where these articles can be rendered serviceable. Experiments have resulted in the production of engine oil from bad fish and meat and of soap-fat and glycernine from butchers' refuse while potash has been successfully extracted from banana stalks. Old tins, rusty nails, and indeed metal of every, description can be utilised while solder is being recovered and used again.

Waste paper is especially valuable because from it many articles of war such as cartridge linings, fuse collars, smoke-shell cases and other things can be made.

It has been found possible to recover much of the grease and sil used in factories thousands of tons of which have been hitherto wasted. In fine, the war has been just as productive of ingenuity in matters of economy as it has of invention of military appliances.

Paddy Crop Report May 9, 1918.

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#### The Patriotic League of Britons Overseas.

Bangkok Branch.

To Members and Subscribers,

NOTICE is hereby given that the Third Annual General Meeting of this Branch of the League will be held, by kind permission of H. E. The British Minister, at the British Court House on Tuesday, 21st May 1918 at 6 o'clock in the afternoon.

#### Business.

(a) To adopt the accounts for 1917. (b) To consider a proposal for clos-ing this Branch of the League. Dated this 10th day of May 1918. ANDREW CARSON, Hon. Secretary.

#### Notice of Meeting.

A MEETING of the British Community will be held by kind permission of H. E. the British Minister, at the British Coart House on Tuesday, 21st May 1918 at 6.30 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of considering the formation of a Siam Association for the furtherance of all projects connected with the War.

#### Henderson's Advice to Germany

London, May 2.-Mr. Arthur Henderson specifically informed the Evening Standard that no conference with German social democrats was now possible, until they accepted the position of no annexations, no punitive idemnities and right of self-determination, and until they are ready to press their Government to apply these principles honestly and unreservedly, and also every question of political or territorial re-adjustment, with which any official peace Congress would have to deal. Mr. Henderson expressed himself most decidedly against doing anything likely to embarase the Government and hinder the war.

#### Japan's Policy.

Tokio, May 1 .- Baron Soto, the new Foreign Minister, in an interview with Reuter declared that the suggestion was baseless that the policy of the Japanese Government had changed or its lovalty to all its engagements lessened owing to the change of personne'. It was solely due to the illness of the former Foreign Minister, Baron Motono.

Baron Goto added: Japan sought the friendship, co operation and assistance of China. Japan must encourage and assist the reorganisation of Russia. She would maintain peace in the Far East and help her neighbours and friends to the limit of her capacity.

#### Russia's Troubles.

London, April 26.—Reuter is inform. ed that a delegation of Finnish Socialists of the Republic has protested to the Allies as follows: The leaders of Anti-Revolutionary White Guard in Finland have publicly declared themselves unable to crush the workers and the Government without the aid of German militarists, in return for which they have sold the country to Germany who has begun a military occupation and the destruction of the whole labour movement and has permitted the systematic murder of war-prisoners and wounded in hospitals and noncombatant leaders.

London, April 26.-Wireless Russian Official: A notice addressed to the Council of Deputies in the corn provinces says that the food situation in Petrograd is again critical. Only one day's supplies are available. The notice

urgently asks for help.
Paris, April 26.—Le Temps writes, on the danger of the domination of Germany spreading to the Far East All Germany's conquest eastwards must be reconsidered. The only way of obtaining this result is through Japan in. tervening in Siberia."

IT is announced that ex-Tsar, his consort, and their family, together with their entourage, are now obliged to conform with the food rationing regulations imposed on Russian citizens, and that food cards have been issued to all the Romanoff menage. This step has been taken by the municipal food committee at Tobolsk, acting on the express instructions of the local Bolshevik commissary. That these restrictions are intended as an insult is shown by the fact that the members of the Soviets are above the regulations. The Tsar's monthly rations are now thirty pounds of cereals, a pound and a half of sugar, and a pound of butter.

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## Great War.

#### The Great Battle.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, May 8. Field Marshal Haig reports that the French took a number of prisoners during local night-fighting in the neighbourhood of Locre. To-day there is artillerying and local encounters in different points.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, May 7. There is activity of artillery north and south of the Avre.

The Anglo-French forces succeeded in bringing off coups de main and in taking prisoners.

#### Irish Appointments.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, May 8. Press Bureau:-Viscount French has been appointed Lord Lieutenant of Ireland: Mr. Short becomes Chief Secretary while the Rt. Hon. H. E. Duke receives the appointment of Lord Justice of Appeal.

#### Spanish Vessel Torpedoed.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, May 8. Barcelona:-The survivors of the torpedoed Spanish steamer Luisa have arrived. They state they were attacked while following armed Allie! vessels. The vessel sank in three minutes. Three stokers were killed. British patrolboats picked up the survivors.

#### The Austrian Crisis.

London, May 8. Telegrams from Vienna show that the crisis is acuter. Great unrest continues owing to the adjournment of Parliament.

The Slav members of the Cabinet have resigned.

It is doubtful whether Premier von Seidler will be able to restore order in the Slav districts in the south where a modified state of siege prevails.

#### Palestine.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.) London, May 8.

Turkish communiqué : - Heavy fighting continues east of the Jordan

Palestine Official: Our advance i troops holding Es-Salt have been withdrawn. Subsequently the bulk of the troops were withdrawn over the Jordan, strong detachments remaining on the eastern bank securing crossings.

#### The Black-Sea Fleet.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.) London, May 8

The Germans occupying Sebastopol found the greater part of the Russian Black-Sea Fleet as well as merchant men in harbour.

Several Turkish warships including the Goeben have arrived at Sebastopol.

#### Japanese Arrested in Siberia.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, May 8. Tokio :- The Russian authorities at Irkutsk have arrested the Japanese Vice-Consul and the president of the Japanese Association.

[Iskutsk is the most important town in Siberia. It stands on the Angara a tributary of the Yenisei.]

#### Mesopotamia.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, May 8. On the Irak front the British aivanced south of Kerkuk.

[Note:-Kerkuk is an important town on the Adhem River, a tributary of the Tigris.]

#### French Ambassador to Havas Wires from Japan.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.) Paris, May 7.

M. Delanney, Prefect of the Somme, has been appointed Ambassador at Tokie, replacing M. Regnault who has been put on the unattached list.

#### Tobacco Cards.

(11AVAS TRLEGRAM.)

Paris, May 7. M. Klotz, Minister of Finance, has submitted for the approval of the Cabinet measures having as their aim the improvement of the distribution and price of tobacco in the shops in view of the forthcoming introduction of tobacco cards.

#### **Britain's Business** Policy.

The first report of Lord Balfour of Burleigh's Committee on commercial and industrial policy after the war says :- " In view of a shortage of world tonnage, any policy tending to check the use of ports by foreign shipping is inexpedient, although it may be desirable to impose restrictions on enemy shipping temporarily. The committee does not think any attempt to make the Empira self-supporting in respect of all raw materials is practicable or economically sound, but a selective policy is necessary with

due regard to probable military needs. The Committee would deem it unwise to aim at the exclusion of foreign (other than present enemy) capital from sharing in the development of the Empire, and recommends legislation compelling the disclosure of foreign interests in particular cases, and that mineral and other properties be not secured by foreign concerns, in order to prevent their development and to check competition in their supply, and that the Dominion and Colonial Governments should have a measure of control over the working of properties where commodities of great Imperial importance are concerned.

The Committee recommend the adoption of a uniform policy by the Governments concerned, and does not recommend special restrictions on participation of aliens commercially and industrially, but pilots and patent agents should be British born and the registration of foreign commercial travellers should be considered. Alien enemies should temperarily be subject to police regulations after the war. The Committee disfavours the establishment of an Imperial bank of industry, but suggest Government action to safe guard the development of pivotal industries.

Future British economic policy should include a serious attempt to meet the declared wishes of the Dominions and Colonies and India for readjustment and development of their economic relation with the United Kingdom, and also an effort to develop trade between the Empire and our Allies. Subject to our Allies agreeing. present enemy countries shall not, at least temporarily, be allowed to trade with the Empire as unrestrictedly as before the war, or on equal terms with Allied and Neutral countries.

The Committee recommend action similar to the Canadian against dumping goods action. Preferential treatment should be accorded to the Overseas Empire in respect of customs dues now or hereafter to be imposed in the United Kingdom. Other forms of Imperial preference should be considered. Protection should be afforded to a certain number of industries on recommendations of a strong independent board. The Committee oppose metric and decimal coinage system and recommend the prohibition of importation of enemy goods for at least one year after the war.

#### The Seamen's Resolve.

London, May 2.-Mr. Havelock Wilson President of the British Seamen and Firemen's Union, in a statement as regards the sacrifices of the mercantile marine, said that 15,000 British seamen had been murdered by the German pirates during the war. Sea murders were growing, despite the decline in the number of ships attacked. The sailors were in deadly earnest in their determination to apply a punitive boy-cott of Germany after the war. Masters, officers and seamen were in hearty unanimity in their determination after the war not to handle stuff in anyway connected with Germany. A year ago the limit for the boycott was two years. Now, owing to increased crimes it had been extended to 51 years.

Mr. Wilson emphasised most strongly that the boycott would be enforced to the uttermost. He had proofs that the commercial folk of Germany were very uneasy about it, because they knew that British sailors possessed the power and influence to make good their threat, and because opinion was hardening daily.

Mr. Wilson added that the Seamen's League was growing daily. Already they had 100,000 members. Candidates for Parliament at the next elections not favouring the League's policy would have a poor chance. Branches of the league were organising in every constituency and would run candidates against those not satisfying their

Singapore.

#### French Ambassador to Japan.

Paris, May 7.

M. Tractatus Dolanney, formerly Prefect of Scine (the department containing Paris), has just been appointed French Ambassador to Tokyo.

He was born at Le Mans on the 23rd April, 1863, and has had a long and glorious career in the administration. In 1883 he entered as a clerk in the central administration of the Ministry of the Interior. After occurring sev r. al posts, he was appointed Secretary General to the Government of Algeria on the 9th March 1899. Soon after he was called home as Prefect of the do. partment of Ariege in 1900, and he was successively Prefect of Sarthe in 1902, Corsica in 1904, and Haute-Vienne in 1905. He later occupied different important posts such as Director of Customs, and Councillor of State in 1907, when he was called to be Prefect of Seine, where he has remained ever since.

M. Delanney was also a member of different committees, and is a Grand Officer of the Legion of Honour.

#### "Absolute Confidence."

M. Clemenc-an spent the entire day on Sunday and a large part of Monday on the Picardy front. Everywhere he received the impression of absolute

#### The German Wounded

Amsterdam : - Word from the frontier reaches the Telegraaf to the effect that, the many hospitals in Flanders not proving sufficient, they have had to close their schools at Selzaete, St Velde, Termonde and other localities

in East Flanders, and transform them into hospitals. Many of the wounded are being transported in boats on the

#### The Crops in France.

The Ministry of Agriculture pub. lishes the following about the agricultural situation on May 1st, 1918 :-The autumn grain continues on the whole to present a fine appearance. even very fine in some localities. The sowing of spring grain is being continued, and the first shoots seem to have a satisfactory appearance. The surplus land devoted this year to wheat particularly is found to be very superior to last year's in some depart-

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#### The Long-Range Gun.

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London, March 27.—The bombardment of Paris by the German longrange gun was resumed on Monday morning. One report states that the bombardment was interrupted after the second shot had been fired. The explosive effect of the shell is less than that of air bombs of similar size, and the damage done is slight.

Experts discredit the report that the shells are dropped from aeroplanes, or that the projectile bursts after travelling a certain distance, the effect being to propel an internal projectile. It is believed the shell wetghs 380 lb. and muzzle velocity is 4,000 feet at most. It has an inaccurate direction. The gun, it is thought will be very short lived, and is intended mainly for its moral effect. Artillerists profess to understand its secret. There is no suggestion of a new explosive being invented.

The Paris Bourse will not close during the enemy's raids and bombardments, but will conduct its business in the basement.

American Interest.

Tremendous interest is being taken in America in the great offensive, especially concerning the mysterious report of the shelling of Paris by long-range guns. Officials and military ordnance experts are sceptical regarding the possibility of a gun with a range of 62 miles. They speculate as to whether aerial torpedoes are used or mortars mounted on aircraft.

Colonel Runn of the Ordnance Department states that a range of 60 miles is not theoretically impossible, but it is impracticable as the gun would be un-

London, March 28.—The firing of the long-range gun into Paris continues. Experts are generally agreed that no new principple is involved in the gun. The explanation probably consists of a very high trajectory and a heavy projectile in order to counteract the air resistance. It is pointed out that shell fragments show that the metal is three inches thick. French airmen are endeavouring to locate the

A Copenhagen report states that the announcement that a German gun is bombarding Paris has surprised the people of Germany.

The "New York Sun" has interviewed, Mr. Hudson Maxim, who states it should be possible to fire a projectile 60 miles by using a small shell with a large base. The latter would automatically detach itself as the projectile leaves the gun. The shell would reach such an altitude that it would traverse rarefied air, and thus increase its range.

The Super Gun Located.

London, March 26.—The long range German gun re-commenced its bombardment of Paris at 7 a.m. on Sunday, the shells being fired, as before, at intervals of 15 minutes. Its range is over 128 kilometres (75 miles). There have been a few casualties.

An official message from Paris states the mysterious long range gun has been located twelve miles inside the German lines on the French front. Experts declare that the extreme range is feasible, but that the life of the gun is limited, as it is only able to fire a few shells.

Reports received in Canada state that the German super-gun has been located in St. Gobain forest, which is 75 miles north-east of Paris.

Experts suggest that the shell and the cannon may both be riffed, thus enormously increasing the speed of the projectile. Another theory is that the gun is 250 ft. long.

Four Guns.

London, April 2—The Germans now have four long range gans trained on Paris. Two guns are need on alternate days. The exact position of the gans in the forest of Gobain is still a secret from French aviators, despite the most strenuous efforts to locate the gans.

The Pope has telegraphed to the Archbishop of Paris a message expressing his indignation at the bombardment of a church in Paris on the most sacred day of the Christain faith. He has also telegraphed to Berlin, energe-tically protesting against the outgoest

tically protesting against the outrage.
Semi-official Berlin comment on the bombardment of the Paris church says: —"This is deplorable, but every church within an attacked fortress is subject to incidental hits. The responsibility for the security of the inhabitants rests with the French Government."

The Paris correspondent of the New York "Tribune" has inspected the church which was struck by the long range gun. He says: "The gruesome story of the horrible deaths of 77 innocents should be known throughout the world. It would produce a feeling of horror like the Lusitania crime. I saw piles of crushed furs, hats of children, bonnets and trinkets littered on the bloodstained floor. The sight will live unforgettable in my memory."

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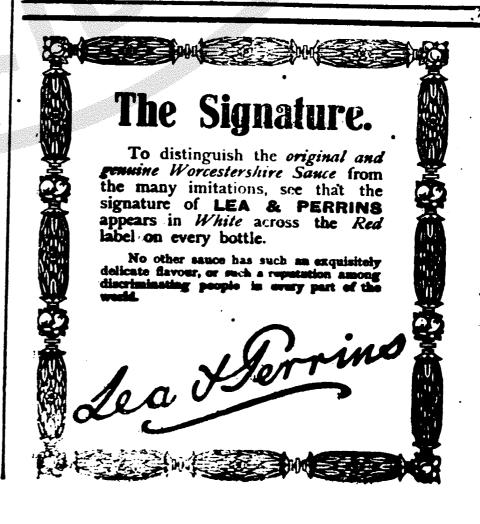
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#### Late Dutch Wires. Food Difficulties.

Amsterdam, March 28.—The meat ration of soldiers is also decreased in consequence of general meat distribu-tion. The Government is considering prohibition of the preparation of tinned vegetables because the poor are unable to get same.

Amsterdam, April 4.—In several places including Deventer and Masstricht there have been ricts and processions of discontent with the food distribution. The Queen paid a visit to public kitchens in Ameterdam. In consequence of the extension of period of bread cards in many small places bakers have introduced breadless days.

Amsterdam, April 4.—Supplies of small quantities of rice in order to meet the shortness of bread and horse meat have been distributed.

Amsterdam, April 4.— The news agency Vaz Dias has published a statement from a prominent American source on the shipping question and wheat supply. America is willing to give absolute guarantees to ships entirely sailing with food supplies for Holland and is also willing to make arrangements as in the case of Belgian relief, in case of Germany not allowing ships to leave Holland. The supply of raw material may be the subject of discussions. The question of replacing enemy destroyed ships is unequivocably answered. American resources leave no doubt that she is capable of putting Holland again in possession of

her former merchant fleet.

• Amsterdam, April 5.—The Amsterdam aid committee has received a private gift of 100,000 guilders for shors and clothes for poor children. Further measures of rationing coal must be taken if there is not made shortly a satisfactory arrangement with Germany.

Amsterdam, April 5 .-- At Amsterdam the crowd plundered many bakers shope. The mob growing menacing, a conference of civil police and military authorities decided to maintain order by force. Shops and cars are protected by police and inilitary and cavalry will . patrol the town.

Amsterdam, April 6.—The Burgomaster, in a proclamation, warns people against plundering the bakers' shops. The town is calm to-day, inilitary

patrols being everywhere. The Government has proposed credit of fifteen million providing for the critical house shortage.

In the debate on the additional bill meeting the house shortage, the Government opined that although the best thing would be to stimulate the build-ing of ordinary houses, the want of materials and the present house needs are so urgent that it is necessary to build provisionally, houses only of a temporary character. The Government pays the communities ninety per cent of the costs.

Many communities have decided to plant foodstuffs in public grounds. Despite the decree prohibiting private butchering, many farmers are butchering and selling at high prices, so the Government will control all butchering. There has been further meat rationing for the whole country. All meat is distributed in the form of so called eenheidsworst.

Amsterdam, April 9. - The Algemeene Staatspartij has requested the Queen to take immediate measures to obtain the promised wheat from America.

The Holland-America line has started land cultivation of a thousand hectares for the employment of idie workmen.

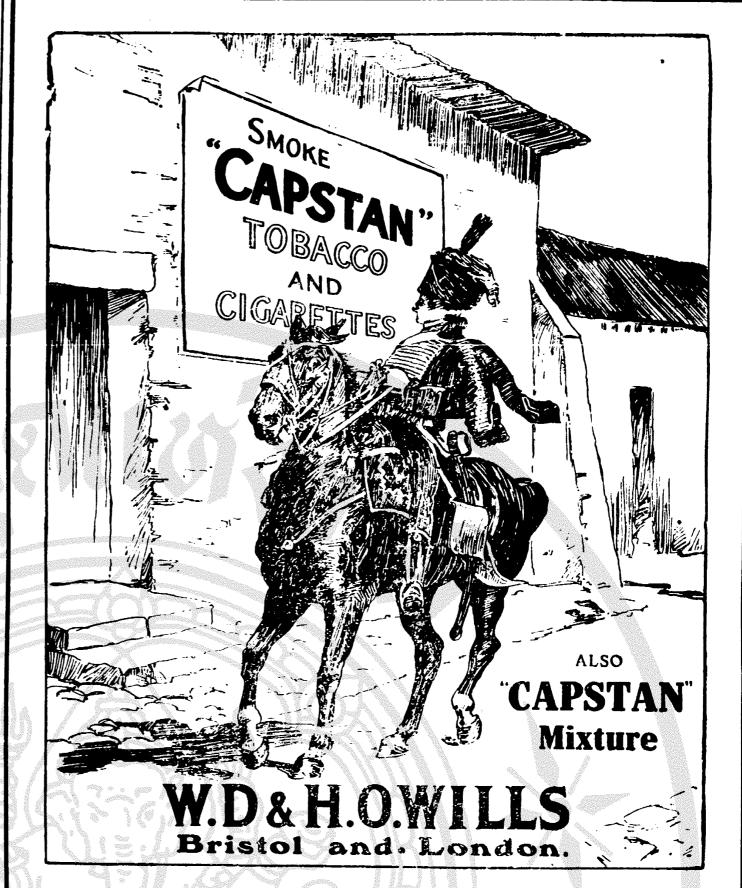
Amsterdam, April 12.—A number of trawlers has asked permission for coast-fishing. This will probably be consented to as the fish will be used for our consumption.

Amsterdam, April 12.—Poultry deal-rs are unable to export fresh poultry.

Amsterdam, April 11.-Heer Posthuma has been appointed on the committee for reducing the rapidly

rising distribution costs. Amsterdam, April 12.-Riots and irrgularities were spreading all over Holland on Thursday evening. The Hagne regards the situation as serious. After the meeting of the revolutionary socialists the crowd began to smash with stones and plunder the shops and policemen were knocked down. Later on it developed into a real fight. The police and troops were often forced to fire and many were wounded. The populace even bombarded an ambu-The Haarlein troops were also lance. ordered out as the public were very rebellious. One old man was killed. In Rotterdam the crowd bombarded the police with pantiles. Amsterdam is

Amsterdam, April 12.-The War Minister stated in the First Chamber that the food-stocks stored in the Amsterdam fortrees against war possibilities were not so considerable as was believed. There was only sufficient for some weeks for the whole





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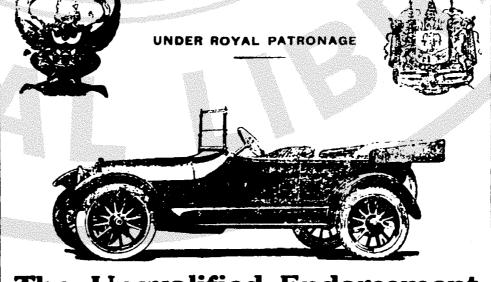
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country. If however it is evident that the ordinary stocks will be exhausted before the crop of 1918 is ready the wheat stock of Amsterdam will be used.

April 13.—In connection with the many requests in favour of additional bread cards the minister has communicated that the small stocks do not allow of such concession.

Amsterdam, April 13.—In connection with the Washington despatch America is allowing the immediate transport of wheat to Holland. The Telegraaf learns that this is to be an exchange tonnage. Holland should send on behalf of her promise 100,000 tons of corn. The unreasonable distrust against America is disapproved.

Amsterdam, April 15.—The export

Amsterdam, April 15.—The export of all foodstuffs is prohibited.

Amsterdam, April 14.—The export of fish is to be stopped entirely.

Amsterdam, April 14.—The shipping concerns have taken the initiative in procuring work for idle labourers in Amsterdam.

Amsterdam, April 10—Heer Posthuma has established a women's committee in the Hagne for collecting practical information and giving advice as to food distribution.

The Telegraaf learns that the price of fuels will probably be decreased. A bill was brought in asking for three millions dearth allowances.

Amsterdam, April 10.—It is now officially aunounced with regard to the alcohol industry that there is only a few weeks corn supply, then Schiedam will be closed. Measures have been taken in favour of the idle workmen.

Amsterdam, April 10.—The biggest equipment factory of the Workspoor has been temporarily closed because part of workmen are threatening in connection with the bread scarcity. Ou the occasion of a meeting of syndicalists urging demobilization and better food-supply the police had again to disperse the crowd. There are also riots in Rotterdam.

Amsterdam, April 10. –The Bourgo-master at Amsterdam proclaims at the request of the Government that he is unable to supply more bread so long as the foreign wheat supply is not certain. He advises that there should be calmness because the riots will be suppressed by force. A standard sausage ration has been supplied. The Government has communicated that it is doing all that is possible for a better food supply. It also advises the population to be calm.

Amsterdam, April 13.—The official cirles are of opinion that the government should act now with regard to the food situation which is highly alarming, the riots everywhere in the country causing deep reflection.

Amsterdam, April 18.—Coal supplies for gasworks have been decreased by ten per cent.

The Hague, April 13.—In the rioting volleys were fired. Two are dead and several wounded.

#### Shipping Matters.

Amsterdam, March 28.—The armourclad Hertog Hendrik arrived at Nieuwediep. The Nieuw Amsterdam has 1,837 passengers of which 58 are captains, 534 mates and engineers and 1,047 crews of chartered ships.

Amsterdam, April 4.—The Zeeland

has arrived at Nieuwediep.
Amsterdam, April 8.—In shipping circles it is still unknown definitely the exact conditions on which the Entente has requisitioned our ships particularly as to value of tonnage if destroyed. The Nieuws Courant draws attention to the Dutch Lloyd boats Hollandia and Kennemerland lying at Buenos Aires and St. Vincent and urges they should be used for wheat trans-

port to Holland.

To-day there were again riots in Amsterdam and the police were ob-

liged to charge.

Amsterdam, April 8.—The Belgian relief ship Minister Desmet Denayer ran into a mine on April 6 in the mine free channel north of the lightship on the South Dogger Bank. Twelve lives were lost.

Amsterdam, April 11. The Nieuw Amsterdam ran aground near Massluis. The passengers were landed by the aid of another ship. The cargo of the Nieuw Amsterdam was 7,700 tons of rice

Amsterdam, April 11.—The passengers of the Nieuw Amsterdam when they left the ship were welcomed by large crowds singing the national anthem and cheering

them and cheering.

Amsterdam, April 11.—The sailing vessel Catrina journeying from Botterdam to Norway was torpedoed off the

The Hague, April 11.—We learn that the Government intends stopping the transmission of Belgian relief cargo.

Amsterdam, April 12.—The Captain

Norwegian coast

of the torpedeed schooner Catharina has been perished. A Dutch fishing lugger ran into a mine and two were killed.

Amsterdam, April 12.—In consequence of the great number of mines

in the free zone of the North Sca the fishing fleet it partly temporarily laid up.

April 12—The Nieuw Amsterdam is now affoat. There was great joy in the families of repatriated sailors some of them having been abroad for

years. None have been willing to take service in America at high pay.

From the reports of the passengers it is evident that public feeling in

America is that Holland's smuggling enabled Germany to go on with the war while the pinching hunger and need of the Dutch population is unknown.

Amsterdam, April 13.—The tugboat Theems has brought to Rotterdam the complete crew of the lost relief ship Flanders.

Amsterdam, April 14.—The Nieuw Amsterdam did not carry coffee. Amsterdam, April 14.—The crews of three ships bound for Sweden refused to sail. They demand higher wages.

Amsterdam, April 14. - It is officially announced from Washington that in the taken Dutch ships the cargo-s are not included nor costs of unloading. America is willing to take over the cargo so far as owners like to be rid of it. She will pay damages for perish. able cargoes within a certain tim . A note to Dr. London from Washington says that indemnifications for hire of the taken shipe will be paid on the date of requisition. All alterations will be at the risk of England and America. Lost ships will be replaced as soon after the war as possible, meantime they will pay 6 per cent of the value yearly. They will pay board etc. of the crews and take care of them during the home ward voyage. The note of the Am rican legation aims to improve the situation between Holland and America. The steamer I follandia can sail from Buenes Aires and the steamers Java and Juno from Gulf Harbour loaded with weat as soon as Dutch ships sail to America with the same tonnage.

#### Nivelle's Views on America.

Paris, April 26.-A collaborator of Echo de Paris asked General Nivelle. who is now in command of the North African troops, what his impressions are on returning from his first tour of inspection in Algeria and Tunisia. "I travelled," said the general "on the the south Tunisian tront. This region is the only one where the Tarco-Germans can attack us in north Africa. It gave me an impression of absolute security. The front has been consoliated by the creation of fortified points. We are well protected against attempts which the Senoussites might venture, who are supplied with food, arms and munitions by German submarines. There is calm as regards our internal security. We can tranquilly recruit the troops needed by the home country and the effort which we shall make will exceed that demanded of us."

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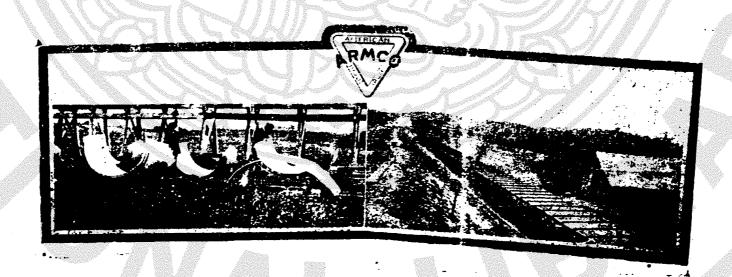
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