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"Nankin"	"	26	" "Karmala"	"	26			
"Novara"	June	9	" "Morea"	July	10			
"Nagoya"	"	23	" "Khyber"	"	24			
"Malta"	July	6	" "Medina"	Aug.	7			
"Somali"	"	20	" "Mongolia"	"	21			
"Nankin"	Aug.	3	" "Malwa"	Sept.	4			

### Intermediate Direct Sailings.

1916			1916		
s/s "Nyanza"	leaves Singapore	about July 10	due London	Aug 18	
" "Novara"	do	do	Ang. 21	do	Sept. 29

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Due Singapore			a.m., Friday					
s/s "Novara"	April	30	s/s "Morea"	April	1			
" "Malta"	May	14	" "Khyber"	"	15			
" "Nyanza"	"	19	" "Medina"	"	15			
" "Nagoya"	"	28	" "Mongolia"	May	13			
" "Somali"	June	11	" "Malwa"	"	27			
" "Nankin"	"	25	" "Kaiser-i-hand"	June	10			
" "Nellore"	"	30	" "Mooltan"	"	24			
" "Novara"	July	9	" "Kashgar"	July	8			
" "Nore"	"	28	" "Karmala"	"	22			
" "Malta"	Aug.	6	" "Arabia"	Aug.	5			
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1916			1916		
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s. s. Tamba Maru	"	30	s. s. Shidzuka Maru	"	19
s. s. Yokohama Maru	June	7	s. s. Kamakura Maru	Aug.	8
s. s. Sado Maru	"	27	s. s. Tamba Maru	"	22

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1916			1916		
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" "Prachatipok"	10 "	"	" "Asdang"	7 June	"
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BANGKOK BAR.

FOR MAY, 1916.

May.	A.M.			
	H. W.	Ft. & in.	L. W.	(Approx.)
19	4 30	13 1	12	6-0
20	5 00	12 10	...	6-0
21	5 30	12 9	...	...
22	6 00	12 4	...	...
23	6 00	11 8	...	...
24	7 00	11 0	...	...
25	7 00	11 0	...	...
26	1 00	11 0	...	...
27	1 00	13 4	...	...
28	1 00	13 2	10	7-8
29	2 00	13 2	9-10	7-8
30	2 30	12 11	10-11	7-0
31	3 00	12 4	10-11	7-0
June 1	3 30	12 1	11-12	6-0
2	4 00	12 0	11-12	6-0
3	4 30	12 0	...	...
4	5 00	12 0	...	...
5	5 30	12 0	...	...
6	6 00	11 11	...	...
7	7 00	11 8	...	...
8	8 30	10 10	...	...
9	10 30	9 11	...	...
10	11 30	8 9	...	...
11	1 30	13 1	8-9	7-0
12	2 00	12 7	9-10	6-7
13	2 30	12 7	10-11	5-6
14	3 00	12 6	11-12	5-0

May.	P.M.			
	H. W.	Ft. & in.	L. W.	(Approx.)
19	7 30	15 3	...	...
20	8 30	15 1	1-0	6-0
21	9 30	14 10	1-2	6-0
22	10 30	14 7	2-3	6-0
23	11 00	14 3	3-4	7-0
24	11 30	14 1	4-5	7-0
25	...	...	4-5	7-0
26	...	...	4-5	7-8
27	...	...	...	...
28	3 30	11 10	...	...
29	4 30	13 2	...	...
30	5 30	13 8	...	...
31	5 30	14 2	...	...

June.	P.M.			
	H. W.	Ft. & in.	L. W.	(Approx.)
1	7 00	14 9	...	...
2	8 00	15 1	1-0	6-0
3	9 30	14 10	1-2	6-0
4	9 30	14 9	2-3	6-0
5	10 00	14 3	2-3	6-0
6	10 30	14 3	3-0	6-0
7	11 00	14 0	3-4	6-0
8	11 00	13 7	4-5	6-0
9	11 30	13 5	4-5	7-0
10	12 00	13 4	4-5	7-8
11	3 30	12 1	...	...
12	4 30	12 9	...	...
13	5 00	14 3	...	...
14	6 00	11 10	...	...
15	7 00	15 3	...	...

PHASES OF THE MOON.			
June 1st	0 New Moon	2.19	a.m.
" 9th	1 First Quarter	6.41	a.m.
" 16th	0 Full Moon	4.24	a.m.
" 22nd	1 Last Quarter	7.58	p.m.
" 30th	0 New Moon	5.25	p.m.

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## Baltic Exchange and Germans.

London, April 10.—There is to be a meeting of the members of the Baltic Exchange to-morrow to discuss the terms of the following resolution which was recently adopted: "We, the undersigned, request the directors to pass a rule forth with making it impossible for any person of German birth—whether naturalized or not, to become a member of or to be represented on the Baltic Exchange."

The membership of all such persons, whether naturalized or not, has already been suspended, with the exception of those over sixty years of age and those having a son serving in his Majesty's forces.

This attitude only shows how strong the feeling has become against the common enemy, especially since the indiscriminate torpedoing of merchant vessels of all nationalities has been carried out action that points unmistakably to the desire to wantonly destroy as much tonnage as possible and thus create specially favourable conditions for enemy vessels when the war is over.

That this belief is well founded is shown by the words of Herr Hugo Stinnes, the German coal magnate, who said recently: "The war makes ever more clear the importance of the possession of tonnage, and every day increases its value for the time after the war."

It is not surprising, therefore, that a majority here not only wishes to see all German and Austrian vessels confiscated and put to use at once, but other methods adopted to destroy those now lying in German ports, thus removing all possibility of allowing these pirates the benefits to which they are looking forward. That they are so looking forward, to reap life where they have sown death is shown by the "Frankfurter Zeitung," which has obtained a curious statement from the North-German Lloyd, which is not allowed to publish its annual reports during the war. After noting that its business is at a standstill and referring to losses during the war, the North-German Lloyd speaks of "the good prospects which will probably be found in freight business after the war."

Therefore, they argue, the more merchant tonnage sent to the bottom the better the chances of realizing these pleasing prospects for their own vessels.

Coal and coal freights are an absorbing topic, not only here, but also on the Continent. Chartering is almost at a standstill, notwithstanding the maintenance of the recent high figures, through the extreme scarcity of ready tonnage.

It is interesting, however, to note that the Board of Trade is drawing public attention to the need of practising the greatest economy in the use of coal.

The national advantage of such an economy is not to be measured only by the direct saving of money, though this is considerable. Regard must also be paid to the indirect advantages arising from the fact that at the present time coal in Europe is to a considerable extent a British monopoly. Broadly speaking, these advantages are:—

(1) Increased power to help the Allies.

(2) Increased power to strangle German trade and injure the German economic position by means of arrangements with neutral shipowners and neutral merchants based on the supply of coal.

(3) An improvement in the foreign exchange, and hence a reduction in the cost of all goods purchased abroad. British coal power is an asset that must be jealously preserved, and economy in fuel should be regarded as a necessary part of the national effort.

A reduction of 10 per cent. in household consumption would enable this country to export three million tons more a year to Allied nations, by whom it is so urgently needed.

## Threat at Crowned Heads.

Chicago, April 9th.—The State Attorney reports the discovery of a plot to assassinate the Kaiser, the Czar of Russia, and other European rulers.

The arrest of Jean Cronos recently, on a charge of attempting to poison the Archbishop of Mundelein and a hundred guests at a public banquet, disclosed a conspiracy by an anarchistic centre established in Chicago, the members of which have pledged themselves to murder prominent Statesmen, Churchmen, and Kings.

## Venezelist Press Criticisms.

Athens, April 10.—Criticizing the resignation of M. Dragoumis, Greek Minister of Finance, the pro-Venezelist press maintains that the new Minister of Justice, M. Hatzacos, chosen outside the Parliament, does not constitute an element of strength in the Cabinet, whose Premier even is not a member of the Parliament.

The "Patrias" believes that a Cabinet constituted in this way has not sufficient authority and states its opinion that the ministerial "shake-up" should have been more thorough.

The "Embros," angered by the financial policy of the Government, which apparently wishes to be lenient particularly toward shipowners who have made fortunes in the war, approves M. Dragoumis' decision to resign. It also expresses the belief that the Government will find it difficult to last much longer, considering its failure to float a loan, and considering also that it has not imposed provisional taxes to bolster up the existing deficit in the budget.

## Britain and the Colonies.

London, April 7.—The National Liberal Club tendered a luncheon to Sir Thomas Mackenzie, High Commissioner for New Zealand, Sir G. H. Percy (Canada), and Mr. W. P. Schreiner (South Africa).

In proposing "The Guests," the Earl of Crewe said they were not afraid to confer with the colonies. The possibilities of a fiscal union between different parts of the Empire had sharply divided public opinion in this country. The most ardent evangelist of the new fiscal system of union of the Empire would admit that it could only be reached by surmounting great difficulties affecting not only the domestic relations of the different parts of the Empire, but also the exterior relations of the Empire with other countries. No one would deny that the relations of the colonies should be studied and re-examined as a consequence of the convulsion which had affected all their relations with the whole world. The time might not be distant when closer political union between ourselves and other parts of the Empire might be brought about.

## Germans Sink Swedish Schooner.

Stockholm, May 13.—The Captain of the Swedish schooner Harald in an account of the sinking of his ship by a submarine in the North sea on May 5 says the crew were ordered to leave in fifteen minutes. The captain returned and hoisted the Swedish flag. The Germans boarded pouring lighted petroleum in different places and attacked the Captain with cutlasses forcing him into the boat. The Harald was sunk by gunfire.

## The Submarine War.

London, May 11.—The Admiralty announces that the ship Galgata was torpedoed 150 miles west of Ushant. A boat with thirteen on board is still missing. The mate states the ship stopped when the submarine ordered her to but the Germans were regardless of the safety of the crew which was compelled to embark in the boats in a high sea.

The British steamer Eretia has been sunk.

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### Australian Wheat Freights.

London, April, 7.—Mr. Asquith replying to Sir C. Kinloch-Cooke (U., Liverpool), said he cordially recognised the total effort of Australian farmers in increasing the wheat supply. The shipment of the large crop would obviously take a long time, but every effort was being made to render such assistance as soon as possible.

The committee which was purchasing wheat for the Allies had, the Premier explained, bought between 500,000 and 600,000 tons of Australian wheat. Mr. Hughes had not presented his scheme for the organisation of shipping.

shipping journal "Fair Play," commenting on Australia's attitude with regard to the wheat question, emphasises that there is ample tonnage available if the Commonwealth is prepared to pay the proper price. "Even the solidarity of the Imperial family might be shaken," continues the paper, "if any member received preferential treatment at the expense of others. The shortage of shipping in Australia is due solely due to the fact that the Commonwealth Government has been trying to run a tilt with the laws of supply and demand, and has been un-dermined in the process. Australia has attempted to impose artificial restrictions upon grain freights to Europe. Australian wheat must be carried on the market price, and the suggestion for a tonnage preference for the Empire for the control of shipping must not contemplate any benevolent preference."

## The China Case.

Washington, April 13.—Secretary of State Lansing has announced that Great Britain's refusal to release the Germans taken from the Steamer China on the high seas "does not close the case." The contention of the British authorities was that the belligerent passengers seized had forfeited their rights. Further negotiations in the case are now going on.

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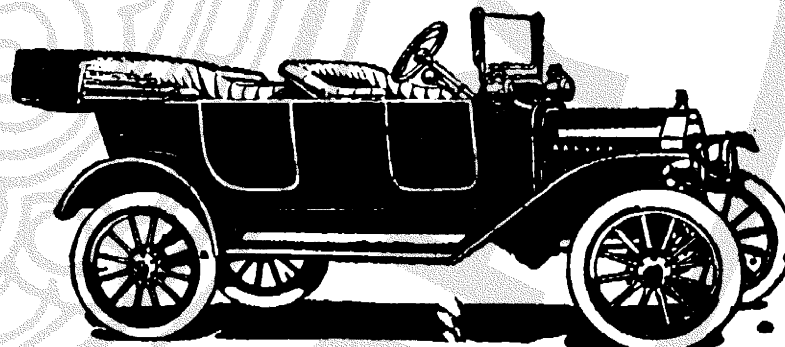
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**THE Great War.****Mr. Asquith Leaves Cork.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)  
London, May 20.

Mr. Asquith left Cork after prolonged conferences with representative men. He was given an ovation by the crowds.

**Turks in Flight.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)  
London, May 20.

Reports from Egypt state that a successful enterprise was carried out by the Australians and New Zealanders against Bayad (?). The enemy did not resist but fled. The pursuit was impeded by the great heat and sandy ground. Thirty-six camels and much Turkish ammunition were captured and the enemy camp was destroyed.

**Failure of German Attempts.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)  
London, May 20.

Paris reports the liveliest French activity in Verdun.

The communique states that the enemy on the west of the Meuse, after artillery preparation made several attempts in the night time to capture Avocourt Redoubt. He was, however, repulsed every time with most serious losses.

**Fighting in Verdun.**

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)  
Paris, May 18.

Yesterday there was artillery activity. To-day we repulsed attacks on Avocourt Wood inflicting serious losses. We took a trench in North Verdun and annihilated the occupants. We captured a small fort.

Paris, May 19.  
We repulsed a strong attack on Avocourt Wood inflicting heavy losses. To-day on the left of the Meuse, between Avocourt Wood and Hill 304 we repulsed strong attacks. The enemy took only a small work south of Hill 287.

The aviator Navarre brought down his tenth aeroplane.

**Explosion on Dutch Steamer.**

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)  
Paris, May 18.

There was an explosion on the Dutch steamer Batavia on Tuesday off the English coast. The cause of the explosion is not known. Some Americans on board were killed by the explosion.

**The Austrian Offensive.**

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)  
Paris, May 18.

Rome.—The Austrian offensive is extending along the whole front.

In the Trentino our lines at some points. We repulsed violent attempts.

**The Italian Front.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)  
London, May 22.

A Rome Communique says that in the Adamello zone the Italians occupied crests near Sarca capturing thirty prisoners and much material.

The Italians evacuated a position in Zugastorta between Adige and Terragnolo Valley after a three days' intense bombardment. The enemy suffered very heavy losses.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)  
Paris, May 19.

Rome.—The Austrian offensive continues violently. We captured in the Adamello zone booty including arms and ammunition. We repulsed numerous attacks notably in the valleys of the Ledro and Lagarina and inflicted heavy losses. We re-captured in the Monfalcone sector the trench lost on the 15th instant.

**Mr. Asquith Returns to London.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)  
London, May 22.

Mr. Asquith has returned to London.

**Changes of Command.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)  
London, May 22.

The War Office announces that General Mahon has assumed command of the Western Frontier of Egypt while Lieut-General Milne is now commanding the British forces at Salonika.

**Furious German Attacks.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)  
London, May 22.

Paris.—Furious German attacks have been renewed in Verdun.

The communique says that at dusk the enemy started an extremely violent offensive with two fresh divisions against Avocourt Wood and Hill 304. This completely failed except the carrying of a small work south of Mort. homine. The Germans then tried to extend their progress here but were entirely repulsed.

Further German attempts to re-take the fort we captured yesterday were completely defeated.

**Finance.**

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)  
Paris, May 18.

M. Ribot placed before the Chamber the proposed provisional credits for the third quarter of 1916 which reach 7 milliard 891 millions. It is proposed to raise most of the direct taxes in order to produce 900 millions.

**Allies Advancing in Macedonia.**

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

Dutch papers quote from the Italian press assertions that the Allies' camp at Salonika is now complete and the operations are entering a new phase. Hill troops are advancing towards Florina and are already in touch with the enemy.

**The Tin Market.**

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

Tin is quoted at \$96.10.

**British Resident Murdered in Sarawak.**

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

Mr. E. B. Maundrell, Acting Resident at Brunei, was shot and killed by a Sikh policeman whom he was plucking endeavouring to arrest after the latter made an attack on another Sikh. The murderer surrendered the next morning. The late Mr. Maundrell joined Government service in 1903 and went to Brunei in February last year.

**Phathanakorn Cinema.**

There were, as usual, very good houses at the above popular place of entertainment, on Saturday and Sunday nights and also at the matinee on Sunday afternoon. The continuation of the New Exports of Elaine was the chief item while the other films were also greatly appreciated. At the matinee on Sunday some excitement was caused by some one calling out “Fai mai” from below. Several people, becoming quite alarmed sought the entrance hastily, and children were tumbling down the stairs on top of each other. It appears that two youths in the 25 str. seats had a quarrel and began exchanging blows while a picture was being shown. This caused some merriment among the other youths who started screaming and yelling and somebody, out of mischief, called out “fai mai.” Those who left the hall returned to their seats and order was soon restored.

**Phathanakorn.**

The pictures shown on Saturday night were of a very good order. The audience quite enjoyed the highly interesting films “Sentenced for Life” and “The secret of the Air,” while the Keystone 2 reel comedy “Caught in a Cabaret” caused no end of amusement.





## Court Circular.

DUSIT PARK,  
Saturday, May 20.

Yesterday evening His Majesty the King honoured his beloved brother, His Royal Highness the Prince of Nagor Rajasima with his presence on the occasion of the celebration of His Royal Highness' twenty eighth birthday at Parnakavan House.

His Majesty was pleased to present to the Prince of Nagor Rajasima a small ivory case, the lid of which was set in brilliant as a birthday gift.

His Majesty then witnessed a command performance of an episode taken from Ramayana by the Royal Company of Masked Players.

To-day The King again honoured the Prince with his presence. At 9 p.m. His Majesty arrived at Parnakavan House. Having appointed the Prince and poured lustral water over the Prince's head according to Royal Custom, His Majesty sat down to dinner with members of the Royal Family and the principal officials. After dinner there was a command performance of Ramayana performed by the same set of players.

Sunday, May 21.

His Majesty the King was graciously pleased to honour His Excellency Phya Sri Varavongse by sending him a signed photograph of His Majesty on the occasion of His Excellency's house-warming.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE "Chaochowfu" brought 777 deck passengers from Swatow.

A CHANGE is to be made in the Norwegian Constitution to make it possible for women to become Ministers.

THE Acting Medical Officer of Health reports that there were 10 deaths from plague and one from cholera during the week ended 13th May.

PROFESSOR Lenz gave a legend and conjuring entertainment at the Oriental Hotel on Saturday night before an appreciative audience.

THE S.S. "Kuala" left Singapore at 8 a.m. on Saturday the 20th inst., and may be expected to arrive at the Borneo Company's wharf on Tuesday, 23rd inst. about 8 a.m.

A DESCRIPTION given of a man at the Bow County Court was that he was a perfect specimen of humanity, with nothing the matter with him beyond an unholy dread of work.

MR. J. Pierpont Morgan drew a cheque for 75 million dollars (£15,000,000) in payment of his recent purchase of Canadian War Loan 5 per cent Notes. This constitutes a payment by cheque of the largest sum in history.

H. R. H. the Prince of Nakon Sawan, who has been visiting the Naval Station at Singora, has left for Trang to visit the newly discovered mineral spring there, after which he goes to Phuket, says the Pinang Gazette.

PRIVATE Carruthers, of the Royal Fusiliers, who lost his speech while in action, regained it recently in the middle of an exciting fifteen-rounds boxing contest between Rifleman Wood and Ernie Marsh, at the Ring, Blackfriars-road.

MR. Jean Commaillé, the guardian of the ruins of Angkor, in Cambodia, was brutally murdered at the end of last month. He was shot by bandits hidden behind a hedge, when going to pay his coolies, and succumbed to his wounds, on the day following.

THE following papers have been received at H. B. M. Legation and may be consulted by those desiring to do so: A Report on the typhus epidemic at Wittenberg Camp. The information upon which this report is based has been collected from prisoners of war repatriated from Wittenberg, and especially from Major Priestly, R. A. M. C., Captain Vidal, R. A. M. C. and Captain Lauder, R. A. M. C., who were sent to the camp soon after the outbreak of the epidemic and who were only recently released from Germany. A list of ships whose cargoes, or part of them have been detained. Two copies of the London Gazette containing despatches from General C. C. Monro and General John Nixon.

## New Attempt on Riga.

Via Batavia, May 16.—The Central News Petrograd correspondent states that at a recent Conference of Generals at Hindenburg's headquarters at Vilna, Hindenburg got at loggerheads with Prince Baulow, who advised an immediate offensive. Hindenburg stated that it would be madness to advance without 600,000 troops. Recently requisitioned Germans are stated to be preparing a big offensive against Riga.

## Wedding.

The marriage of Mr. W. Göttsche, of the Meklong Railway Co., to Miss Emma Göttsche took place on Saturday afternoon.

The civil ceremony was performed at the residence of the bride's father Mr. T. A. Göttsche, Manager of the Paknam Railway Co., by Mr. Erik Leth, acting Danish Consul. Messrs. C. W. Andersen and P. Thomsen were the witnesses.

The religious ceremony was conducted later at Christ Church by the Rev. C. R. Simmons. Mr. A. Helvard acted as bestman, and Miss Josephine Vil made a charming bridesmaid. The father gave the bride away. Among those who were present in the Church were H. E. Chao Phya Yommaraj, Phya Sri Dharmaratiraj and Madame Sri Dharmaratiraj, Phra Rajasathok, Phra Surattian and others.

After the service there was a reception at Mr. T. A. Göttsche's house in Windmill road. Among the guests who attended were:

Mr. C. W. Andersen, Mr. J. Andreasen, Mrs. and Misses Antonio, Messrs. A. Bernmann, H. Bullermann, J. Bruchhans, H. Botcher, J. Brunn, Miss Corones, Mr. E. Dorow, Dr. Dietzel, Messrs. E. Leth, J. E. Ehrhardt, O. Gronemann, H. von der Heyde, Mr. and Mrs. R. Gotte, Mr. and Mrs. A. Kraft, Miss Gosewich, Mr. H. Kopp, Mr. B. Jensen, Capt. P. Johansen, Capt. J. B. Johansen, Mr. H. C. Haug, Mr. F. and Misses Galassi, Mr. E. Hicks, Miss Hicks, Messrs. W. Lamm, C. Kruse, B. Rogga, Mr. and Mrs. H. Rieschick, Mr. E. Jurgens, Mr. F. Mulder, Miss Profser, Mr. and Mrs. Hausing, Messrs. P. Schalthofer, H. Olsen, A. Rasmussen, A. Helvard, P. Thomsen, R. Schadrach, Th. Schneider, Capt. W. Taubert, Mr. P. Nitz, Lt. Command. Torleif, Messrs. C. Pruss, H. Waag, A. J. Marlow, G. Seidel, Mr. and Mrs. Hermann, Miss A. Walla, Capt. C. L. Jorgensen, Mrs. C. Jorgensen, Mr. and Mrs. P. Ulrich, Mrs. Ulrich, Mr. and Mrs. Neidhardt, Messrs. W. R. Vil, H. E. Vil, P. M. Vil, W. Muller, Capt. Madsen, Miss Knox, Mrs. Worgitzki and others. The bride and bridegroom were the recipients of a large collection of handsome and valuable presents.

## The Russians.

Petrograd, May 16.—The Russians have occupied the town of Manahatun, about thirty miles north-westward of Erzigan, driving a wedge into the Turkish defensive lines. This, combined with a threat of the envelopment of Bagdad from the direction of Mosul, gives a vivid interest to the Grand Duke's operations in Asia Minor.

Petrograd, May 16.—A Turkish attempt to check the Russians threatening the Bagdad railway is the feature of to-night's communiqué. The Russians continue to progress in the direction of Mosul. The Turks further westward, in the Diarbekir region, tried to make the offensive, says the communiqué, but were defeated by our fire.

## The Cossacks' Chance.

Manahatun (north-eastward of Erzigan), May 2.—The Russians' recent movements have been most rapid, especially towards the Bagdad Railway. They are likely to be well supplied, with Tabriz and Bitlis as bases. Also they are traversing rich territory capable of supporting strong forces. News is eagerly awaited of Cossack raids far to the southward.

## Struggle Near Vilna.

Petrograd, May 16.—A communiqué says: The Germans displayed activity near Lake Mideiol, north-east of Vilna, where they gained a partial footing in the Russian trenches, whence a counter-attack drove them out. There was a violent all-night bombardment north of the lake. The Germans were also active in Galicia, but were held by the Russian fire.

## Turkish Communications Cut.

London, May 16.—The Russians continue to sweep onward from Bitlis, cutting the Turkish communications south-eastward and south-westward, and seriously menacing the rear of seven Turkish divisions between Kut and Mosul.

There is a curious lull, so far as big events are concerned, in all theatres except Asia Minor, and especially a continued remarkable German inactivity on the eastern front, raising the question of whether the Germans can send aid to the Turks in time to prevent a great and perhaps decisive Russian stroke in Mesopotamia.

## The Bid for Bagdad.

Petrograd, May 15.—The capture of Kair i Shirin on May 10 was preceded by a most bloody sixteen hour fight at the Kurdish village of Samil commanding the approach to the town. This was the first engagement on Persian territory exclusively with Turkish regulars, the latter desperately defending the historic road to Mesopotamia, but finally, devastated by artillery and swept by successive infantry charges, they fell back.

## Compulsion in New Zealand.

Wellington, May 15.—It is expected that the Compulsory Service Bill will be introduced this week.

## Casement on Trial.

Addresses to Irish Prisoners at Limburg.

London, May 15.—There was extraordinary interest shown at the opening of the Casement trial. Long lines of people many being distinguished persons, waited for hours at Bow Street, only a few being admitted owing to the limited space. There was a dramatic surprise when a second prisoner was placed in the dock, namely, Daniel Bailey, described as a soldier living at Wembley Park, who was arrested at Wandsworth yesterday. Both were charged with high treason.

Casement was pale and haggard. The Attorney General sketched Casement's consular life and read a letter from the prisoner to Sir E. Grey in 1911 expressing gratitude for his knighthood, and contrasted this with his subsequent change of view. He explained that the prisoner, Bailey was born at Dublin and was taken prisoner by the Germans in September 1914.

## How Ireland was Reached.

Casement repeatedly addressed the Irish prisoners at Limburg, introducing himself as an organizer of Irish volunteers, and saying that the prisoners should join to strike a blow for Ireland. The vast majority treated the overtures with contempt. Bailey had stated that he joined really in order to get out of the country.

The Attorney General added that Casement, Bailey and a man named Monteith went to Berlin and secured tickets to Wilhelmshaven and went thence to Ireland in the U20.

## Companion Describes the Plot.

Bailey, in a written statement, described how the trio visited Wilhelmshaven, received facilities to go to Ireland, entrained at Wilhelmshaven and boarded the submarine, thus reaching Ireland. They attempted to land in a collapsible boat which overturned. He and Casement waded ashore and reached Tralee, where Casement went to a newspaper shop and asked if the commanding officer had arrived. He was answered in the negative. Conversations aboard the submarine revealed that the accompanying steamer had twenty thousand rifles and several million rounds of ammunition, ten machine guns, and bombs. Bailey heard that Dublin Castle was to be raided.

## Sunken Steamer's Cargo.

The Attorney General said that Casement, when arrested, gave a false name, but when handed over to the Metropolitan police he admitted his identity. After his arrest, he dropped a paper which was found to be a code. Divers examined the cargo of the sunken steamer, and found on board Russian rifles of the pattern of 1905.

After formal police evidence, a Scotland Yard Inspector testified that Casement and Bailey were charged together, whereon Casement, pointing to Bailey, said: "Well, that man is innocent. I wish him to be as well defended as myself."

John Robinson, of Belfast, a corporal in the Medals, who had been a prisoner at Limburg, gave evidence regarding Casement's four times addressing British prisoners, numbering four thousand. Only about fifty, including Bailey, joined the Irish brigade.

## Hissed out of the Camp.

Casement said that Germany was going to win the war. Consequently, he wanted to free Ireland.

A private in the 2nd Munsters corroborated that Casement, at Limburg camp, talked to the men about the Irish Brigade movement. Thereafter the prisoners were better treated, but when the prisoners refused to join they had bread knocked off.

A private in the Leinsters deposed: "We hissed and booed Casement out of the camp at Limburg. One of the Munsters struck him, and we were punished therefor."

Further released prisoners gave similar evidence. One declared that an American priest carried on the Irish Brigade campaign after Casement left.

## Germans Offer Bribe.

A Belfast corporal stated that he saw a young fellow shake Casement. Then the Germans interfered. The Germans offered ten pounds to men to join the Irish Brigade, and promised that if Germany was defeated the Brigade would be sent to America.

Another Irish war prisoner testified that Bailey was wearing grey uniform with green facings, and the harp and shamrocks of the Irish Brigade.

It appears that U20 met with an accident and put back to Heligoland, where Casement and his companions were transferred to U19, which went northward of the Shetlands to Tralee.

War prisoners further testified that the Germans punished them for calling Casement a traitor, and also because an Irish soldier struck him.

## The hearing was adjourned.

London, May 16.—The Casement proceedings to-day were confined to evidence confirming the Attorney General's statement. The court adjourned with the case for the Crown practically completed. It is expected that the magisterial hearing will be concluded to-morrow.

## German Apology to Spain.

Madrid, May 15.—Germany has apologized to Spain for the loss of her nationals in the Sussex and promises to compensate the families.

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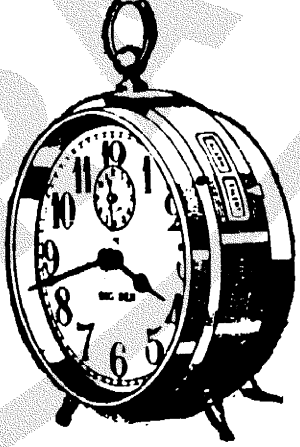
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## The Rock of Verdun.

Paris, April 12.—The Verdun battle has now worn through to its fifty-second day, and the French lines are as solidly, and probably much more solidly, held than they have been at any time during the Crown Prince's offensive. It is clear that the French command has exercised admirable judgment in its decisions when to hold and when to abandon certain positions. General Petain's principle seems to be that any unimportant position may be abandoned when, and not a moment before, the enemy has paid an exorbitant price for a gain which is worth nothing except as material for the next day's German offensive. Indeed, even for the purpose the Crown Prince has used his men in vain, since he has shown that a favourable communique can be issued with no foundation of fact whatever.

### Glorious Defence of Mort-Homme:

When, however, the French command has judged a position of real tactical or strategical value it has proved its ability to hold it against all attacks. The Mort-Homme is an instance in point, and the strong position on Hill 304 is another. The little "Hill of the Dead Man" will go down to history as a monument to tens of thousands of German troops sacrificed to no real purpose. It will also stand as the monument to one of the most gallant defences in the wars of all time.

All the time the Germans are using up their reserves. This morning's "Echo de Paris" states that several divisions withdrawn from the Russian front were employed in the general attacks on the 9th, 10th and 11th. If this be the case it is surely evidence that the Crown Prince has lost so heavily that he dares not further deplete his reserves on the western front. But if the Verdun offensive is to continue, the Germans must draw their reserves from one front or the other. And if they remain prepared for a possible Allied offensive on the west, they must expose their eastern front to the menace of a great Russian advance.

### French Prisoners Punished.

Belgium, April 24th.—The German Government as an act of reprisal against the ill-treatment of German prisoners of war in northern Africa, who are cut off from all connection with Germany, has suspended all intercourse with the French prisoners' camps at Ohdruff and Holzminde. Six car-loads, with parcels destined for French prisoners of war in the above-mentioned camps, were returned to Berne.

## Australians in France.

London, April 9.—The arrangements to make the principal Australian and New Zealand hospital base in the South of France are likely to be immediately reviewed.

The Australian medical authorities point out that wounded Anzacs were brought to England in the winter, and it is now proposed to go into the heat of the south of France in summer. Hospital arrangements for the Anzacs in England have been completed regardless of expense during the past twelve months, and are now in excellent working order. Moreover, Anglo-Australians have given houses for hospital purposes, who might have hesitated to convert them for English Tommies. The problem of staffs is also important.

The ladies of England are giving valuable voluntary assistance, which would be lost if the wounded were sent to Marseilles. Probably the decision will be reversed in favour of the wounded coming to Wimereux, and thence proceeding to England. Sir Thomas Mackenzie, High Commissioner for New Zealand, and Australian officials oppose the movement. It is known that Mr. Hughes does not favour Australian hospitals in England being given over solely to English wounded.

## The Wittenberg Camp.

Sir Edward Grey, stated in the House of Commons that the German authorities had refused to allow the United States Embassy to visit Wittenberg camp during the outbreak of fever, alleging that there was a danger of infection. The Embassy officials had paid three visits since October, and their reports would be published shortly.

## Mercier Defies Bissing.

New York, April 15.—It is reported from Brussels that Cardinal Mercier of Belgium, who was warned by General von Bissing, the German Governor-General of Belgium, some time ago, has sent a long telegram to the governor, in which he says:

"Although I admire your military bravery, I believe it is my duty given me by God to appeal to the justice of the world against the cruelties and in justice incurred by people of various countries at the hands of the Germans. I will not stop my campaign. Such a warning as you gave me is beyond your official power, and I do not see that I am bound to obey your warning. I would prefer obeying God's order to obeying any human order."

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**Russia in the East.****How the British Helped.**

Petrograd, May 15.—The communiqué says that in the Caucasus, in the direction of Baidurt, Turkish attacks were everywhere repulsed with heavy losses.

In the direction of Erzindjan the Turks accumulated considerable forces in the region of Ashkala and took the offensive. After a day of fierce fighting they drove back some Russian outpost elements, but were compelled to cease the offensive owing to the severest losses.

London, May 14.—The value of the British expedition to Mesopotamia is emphasised by a high Russian military official at present in London. He says the cooperation of the Russian and Anglo-Indian forces and also the fleets at Cyprus and in the Black Sea was remarkable and it was chiefly due to the former that General Baratoff, advancing from Keruanshab, was able to scale Iman Hassan pass five thousand feet which is northwest of Kerind. The success of this risky operation largely depended on whether the Turks were able to get sufficient reinforcements from Khanikin. Accordingly the Anglo-Indian Commander was communicated with and a diversion was decided on and carried out with splendid dash, vigour and exactitude.

Turkish reinforcements engaged on the upper Tigris were unable to arrive in time and the Turks defending the pass were routed, thus making the Russian advance to Kasrishiin possible. The capture of the latter important mountain dispirited the Russian anxieties regarding Baratoff's column and General Gorinch's army, which has been operating south of Billis since the fall of Kut, as the flank and rear of the Turks south of Bagdad are now exposed. The Turkish armies in Anatolia failed to accomplish the task assigned them by the Germans. This will prove a decisive factor even as regards the great German offensive at Riga.

**The Casement Trial.**

London, May 14.—Sir Roger Casement discussed his case with three friends at the Tower yesterday. The prisoner is in much better health and is allowed to read and to exercise regularly. It is understood the case for the prosecution will last four or five days. Casement has conveyed to the Home Secretary that in the police-court it is impossible for the public to see unless admitted to the court, which is most difficult as the accommodation is limited to sixty.

Sir F. E. Smith, K.C., assisted by Mr. Bodkin and Mr. Travers Humphreys prosecutes and it is believed Mr. Artemus Jones and Professor J. H. Morgan will defend.

**German Freedom.****Grey's Dream of the Future.**

London, May 14.—In an interview with a representative of the Chicago Daily News Sir E. Grey emphasised that Britain and her allies would not tolerate a peace that did not redress the wrongs of the war and did not re-establish respect for international law. Refuting Dr. Bethmann Hollweg's declaration that Britain wanted to destroy Germany's freedom, Sir E. Grey said, "We were never smitten with such madness. We are glad to see the German people free like the rest of the world. We believe the German people, once the pan German dreams of a world empire have vanished, will insist on control of its Government and herein lies the hope to secure the freedom and national independence of Europe, because a German democracy will not plot and plan warlike Prussian militarism." Unless mankind learned from this war to avoid war the struggle would have been in vain and humanity would be menaced by extermination by every form of murderous scientific weapons regardless of the law of mercy. Free peoples would rather die than submit to Germany's idea of an iron peace.

**Activity in France.**

Paris, May 14.—The communiqué says: There has been artillery activity in Champagne. The bombardment on the left of the Meuse has diminished. We repulsed an attack west of hill 304. An enemy attempt at a surprise attack on the slopes northeast of Morhonne completely failed. There is comparative quiet on the right of the Meuse.

Eleven French aeroplanes dropped forty-three bombs on the stations of Mantillois and Briellies and camps at Montaucon and Romagne and eleven bombs on airships sheds at Metz and Frescaty on Friday night.

London, May 15.—The communiqué says: After a very heavy bombardment from guns of all calibres last night the enemy attacked about Hlogstaert wood in three parties one of which succeeded in entering our trenches but was instantly ejected leaving 10 dead. Other parties met Scottish troops and were dispersed.

Early in the morning a British patrol entered an enemy trench south of la Bussee canal. We bombarded positions north of Mouchy and east of Vornelles. Hostile artillery and mortars have been active at Maricourt, Loos, Souchez, Cambain, St. Eloi. There was some activity at Souchez, Hohenzollern redoubt, Givenchy and St. Eloi.

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### General Marchand Killed.

#### A Notable Career.

London, May 16.—The famous French General Marchand has been killed in action.

[General Jean Baptiste Marchand, who was in his 49th year, won renown as an explorer. He was a commander of the Legion of Honour, and had retired from the army, but returned to harness on the outbreak of war. He began his military career at the age of 20, gaining his commission three years later. In 1888 and the following year he was exploring in Africa. It was in 1898 that he was concerned in the historic episode of Fashoda, Lord Kitchener being in command of the British force concerned in the affair. The two next met when Lord Kitchener visited the western front last year, a dramatic incident which gave the war correspondents a great opportunity—and they did not neglect it.]

General Marchand was grievously wounded in September last year, when he commanded the Colonial Corps which won such glory in the great French advance in Champagne. The honour of the first assault was granted to the Corps, and they acquitted themselves with wonderful valour. General Marchand received a piece of shell in the abdomen, and the wound was reported as dangerous, but he subsequently made a capital recovery.]

#### Air Committee Re-constituted.

London, May 16.—The Daily Telegraph says that the Government will not create a real air-ministry, owing to opposition in high quarters, but intends to reconstitute Lord Derby's air-committee on much broader lines, with Lord Curzon as chairman.

#### Military Bill Passes.

London, May 16.—On the report stage of the Military Service Bill, Mr. Walter Long promised to issue regulations to tribunals giving special consideration to small business men where their calling up means the stoppage of business.

London, May 17.—The Military Service Bill passed its third reading by a majority of 250 votes to 35.

#### German Finances.

London, May 6.—Lima reports that the German bank of Peru has withdrawn large sums from New York at heavy loss; it is understood the bank has acted under orders from Berlin.

### Better Days in Persia.

London, May 16.—Prince Nasr el Sultaneh has been appointed Governor of Kerman. Like Prince Firman Firuza, the new Governor of Fars, he is a strong partisan of the Allies.

Teheran, May 17.—The British Consul General and colony have re-entered Isfahan. They were splendidly welcomed by the Russian military and Persians.

#### Nellore Ore.

London, May 16.—In the House of Commons, Sir J. D. Ross pointed out that a German firm had a concession for radioactive ore in the Nellore district. He asked whether the local Government or the Government of India possessed or proposed to take powers to cancel such concession, and regrant them to British applicants.

Mr. Chamberlain replied that the question of policy was receiving careful attention.

#### Von Moltke Interviewed.

Amsterdam, May 16.—General Von Moltke, in an interview, admitted that the Allies' production of munitions equalled that of the Central Powers, and affirmed that the fighting at Verdun was of vital importance, and would perhaps have decisive effect.

#### Food Prices: A Comparison.

London, May 16.—Official: Since July 1914 food prices have risen in Vienna 110 percent., in Berlin 100 percent., and in United Kingdom 55 percent. It is pointed out that Berlin prices would be higher but for official restrictions on the sale of foodstuffs.

#### To Succour Shackleton.

Melbourne, May 16.—In reply to an inquiry from Mr. Bomar Law, Mr. Pearce intimated that the Commonwealth is prepared to assist by organising officers and twenty men and provisions for eighteen months for a Shackleton relief expedition.

#### Cotton Trade Trouble.

London, May 16.—At the invitation of Sir G. R. Askwith, Chief Industrial Commissioner, representatives of the masters' and operative cotton spinners' associations had a five hours conference. The men claim a ten percent advance. It is understood that Sir G. R. Askwith's proposals for a settlement will be submitted to the executive meetings of the Associations in Manchester to-day with a view to the continuance of local negotiations.

London, May 15.—The committee of the operative cotton spinners and cardroomers at Manchester, last night, agreed to meet the employers with reference to the demand for an increase of ten per cent. in wages, with the object of arriving at a settlement before the end of the month. The spinners have decided that the notices tendered are to be inoperative at present.

#### India's Government.

London, May 12.—A conference of members of the House of Commons presided over by Sir Herbert Roberts on Wednesday considered a demand for a fuller measure of self-government for India. Sir D. Wedderburn and Sir Krishnagupta spoke. It was agreed the distinguished loyalty of India merited a full recognition by the Government and British people.

#### Lloyds Premiums Reduced.

London, May 12.—Lloyds has decided on a certain reduction (approximately 10s) in premiums on war risks generally. It is believed a marked all round decline is imminent. Although recent losses are heavy, the majority of the underwriters balance on the favourable side and the submarine menace does not appear graver than in 1915.

#### German Securities Seized.

London, April 15.—Sir Edward Grey Foreign Secretary, stated in the House of Commons that the face value of enemy securities seized in mails from Holland for America was approximately £2,000,000. They would be dealt with by the Prize Court similarly to other German exports. Various neutrals had protested, and discussion with them was proceeding.

#### Roosevelt and the Presidency.

New York, April 6.—Colonel Theodore Roosevelt has given a statement from his home in Oyster Bay, advising against his own nomination as a candidate for President, unless the people want a President who will defend American lives and honour everywhere in the world and whose policy will enable Americans to hold their heads high. Colonel Roosevelt, in the statement, says: "I abhor war and preparedness is the only way to avoid it." He decries "pros" of all nationalities and asserts that "only straight United States citizens are wanted here."

The statement is regarded as an intimation that Mr. Roosevelt is ready to accept the nomination for President on both the Progressive and Republican tickets, on the accepted understanding that he will brook no further out-rages by Germany, and stand for no more trifling in correspondence.

### British Busy.

London, May 16.—The communiqué says: There was considerable activity last evening on our front between Loos-Bethune-Basse canal. The enemy heavily bombarded a small section of trench east of Bethune. Raiders succeeded in entering it but only for a few minutes. We heavily and effectively bombarded German positions north of Hohenzollern Redoubt. The enemy further north, just south of the canal, exploded a mine 25 yards in front of our trenches and seized the crater.

After a short bombardment we secured the lip of the crater, capturing a prisoner and finding several dead Germans. Both sides exploded mines North-west of Halluac. There was no infantry fighting. We carried out a successful bombardment of the enemy's positions opposite Panquissart and silenced the enemy's trench-mortars near St. Eloi.

#### Lancashire Fusiliers' Assault.

London, May 17.—General Haig, in a communiqué, says: Both sides were active in minor enterprises last night. Three parties of the enemy attempted to enter our trenches south of Hebuterne. Two failed entirely, and the third entered our trenches only for a brief period.

The Lancashire Fusiliers, after the explosion of some mines on Vimy ridge, occupied the enemy's first line on a 250 yards front, inflicting considerable casualties.

A patrol opposite Auchy raided the enemy's trenches after a mine explosion and penetrated towards the second line, where bombs were exchanged with the enemy. A hostile patrol near Wicthje, attempting to approach our lines, was dispersed by our fire.

There has been reciprocal artillery activity to-day.

#### America's Wealth.

Washington, April 12.—The total resources of the national banks in the United States on March 7 last, totalled \$13,838,000,000, according to a statement issued to-day by the Treasury Department. This exceeds by \$370,000,000 the greatest resources ever before shown in the history of the banking system. It exceeds by \$2,271,000,000 the resources of the national banks as shown in the statement for March 1, 1915. The sum exceeds by approximately \$3,000,000,000 the aggregate of the resources of the Bank of France, the Bank of Russia, the Reichsbank in Berlin, the Bank of the Netherlands, the Swiss National Bank and the Imperial Bank of Japan.

### China's Problem.

#### Loyalists Seek Opening for Compromise.

London, May 15.—The correspondent of the Times at Peking says that the Government has agreed to a proposal to hold a conference of delegates of loyal provinces at Nanking to mediate between the North and South, to discuss the question of a President. Meanwhile, four of the southern revolted provinces have formed a provisional Government at Canton and proclaimed Vice-President Li Yuan Hung as President.

#### An Imprudent Moratorium.

Shanghai, May 15.—Despite the moratorium, the Bank of China has remained open, thereby preventing an unparalleled panic, as already there has been a run on another bank. Immense crowds are besieging the banks in order to convert notes. Foreign banks are lending assistance. The moratorium is universally condemned as an act of criminal folly which it is feared may lead to foreign intervention.

#### Destroyers Down A Zeppelin.

Copenhagen, May 25.—A Zeppelin was observed on the west coast of Norway pursued by three British destroyers. Suddenly, getting out of control, it sank to a hundred feet above water, and was then obscured by fog. It is supposed that she was shot down and lost.

#### "Spying for Billing."

London, April 7.—Middleton, a "Daily Mail" correspondent, has been remanded in custody for a week. Formerly in the Royal Air Service, Middleton came to Dover yesterday, and invited two officers to lunch, saying that he had come "to do a bit of spying on behalf of Mr. Pemberton Billing, whom the 'Daily Mail' is running." Police appeared at the middle of the lunch and Middleton was arrested.

#### "Who Cares?"

Amsterdam, April 7.—The "Hamburger Nachrichten," commenting on the American inquiries regarding the torpedoing of Sussex and Englishman, says:—"Whether the vessels were torpedoed by a German submarine or not, who cares about such trifles in Germany? The ships belonged to, and were used by the enemy and were destroyed. That is all we care about."

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