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Germans Dying Out. The Coffin Beats the Cradle Every

Week.

The official records of life condition in enemy countries show that in the twelve principal cities of the Central Empires the loss of population owing to the deaths of civilians exceeding the births has now reached something like 66,000 a year.

Four years ago-that is, in the spring which proceeded the outbreak of war -the natural rate of increase in the population of those twelve cities was 18,000 a year, about the same rate as the natural increase of population in

London. The decline in new child population is common to all belligerent countries. In the 96 great towns of Britain it is now 50,000 a year below the numbers for 1914, and looks like declining fur-

But there is a wide difference be. tween the life conditions in Britain and of those in the Central Empires. Statistics can be used, we are often told, to prove anything, but these who care to examine the official figures can draw safe and sound deductions which throw a flood of light upon the popula-

tion quistion. If, as is the fact, the births here are now 500,000 a year below those for 1914, there are 10,0 10 fewer deaths of babies under one year. The proportion of children dying before they reach this age is lower now than it was in 1914, and tending to go lower, slowly it is true, but surely. The work for the preservation of infant life is beginning to tell. That is an encouraging fact, which should induce us never to slacken effort until we have reduced infantile mortality to the lowest pos-

sible denominator.
Our enemies before the war realised what population meant to their national life and aspirations; they began the war because they were satisfied that their numerical strength would give them victory. They are finding that numbers alone do not bring victory.
While they have been flinging away men with reckless prodigality, the civilians of the towns are dying faster

than the newly born can replace them. It is not hard to understand that this means that scarcity of nonrishing foodstuffs is undermining resistance to disease, and that there is a hig decline in the physical standard of the peoples

of the Central Empires. Happily, in spite of the fact that we depend for a very large proportion of our food on overseas supplies, and are subject to persistent attacks upon them by enemy submarines, we are not suffering from a shortage of food. The nation's health was never better than it is now. The increase of births over deaths in the principal cities and towns is at the rate of more than 40,000 a year. It is not Germany who is bringing England to her knees by a process of starvation. It is Germany slowly dying from the very thing she boasted would be our fate at her

Von Tirpitz and his countrymen have dug a pit and have fallen into it themselves.

What American Effort Means,

The influential American periodical The New Republic," in an article on America's contribution, points out how vital it is that the greatest efforts should now be made to help the Allies. It says: "The time has come for President Wilson to demand of the American people for the successful prosecu-tion of the war a greater measure of individual sacrifice and collective effort than that which he is now obtaining, and to re-enforce this demand with a very much enlarged programme of industrial and military preparation. Unless he does so, Prussianism has a good chance of winning a more or less disguised victory, the treaty of peace is likely to be stamped with specifications for future wars, and the American people will not win for themselves or other people the boon of increased security which is so indispensable to

the future of democracy. "During the past six months new facts have been introduced into the political and mili ary situation which condemn the existing programme as inadequate. The American Government, as a result of these new facts, must either moderate its ambitious political purposes or increase and accolorate its contribution to the military and economic power of the Allies.

"Americans who hitherto have been demanding of the Administration a larger volume of military preparations have been thinking exclusively in terms of a military victory over Germany. The demand should be sustained by Americans to whom a military victory seems futile, unless it be used in the interest of definite international and conciliatory political objects. For the American nation, under President Wilson's leadership, is more irrevocably committed to a programme of conciliation without compromise than is any of its European associates: and under the conditions of popular opinion which are likely to supervene after the

present fighting slows down, the ability

an offensive and the clear intention of

of the American Army to carry through

the American Government not to consent to a prome based on territorial compromises, may prove to be the salutary facts. They may be indispensable to a continuation of the fighting until the obstacles which prevent the achievement of an essentially democratic and international settlement are overcome.

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Prince Lichnowsky's Candid Revelations.

" My mission was wrecked, not by the perfidy of the British, but by the perfidy of our policy."

These are the words of Prince Lichnowsky, German Ambassador in Loudon at the outbreak of war, in the latest chapter of the revelations, published in the German journal Vorwaerts, and translated therefrom by the former Berlin correspondent of The Times.

Under the heading Question of Guilt, Prince Lichnowsky says :-

"As appears from all official publications, without the facts being controverted by our own White Book, which, owing to its poverty and gaps, constitutes a grave self-accusation:

(1) "We encouraged Count Berchtold to attack Serbia, although no German interest was involved, and the danger of a world-war must have been known to us-whether we knew the text of the ultimatum is a question of complete indifference.

(2) "In the days between July 23 and July 30, 1914, when Mr. Sazonoff emphatically declared that Russia could not tolerate an attack upon Serbia, we rejected the British proposals of mediation, although Serbia, under Russian and British pressure, had accepted almost the whole ultimatum, and although an agreement about the two points in question could easily have been reached, and Count Berchtold was even ready to satisfy himself with the Serbian reply.

(3) "On July 30, when Count Berchtold wanted to give way, we, without Aus ria having been attacked, replied to Ruseia's mere mobilisation by sending an ultimatum to Petersburg, and on July 31 we declared war on the Russians, al-though the Tsar had pledged his word that as long as negotiations continued not a man should march—so that we deliberately destroyed the possibility of a peaceful settlement.

"In view of these indisputable facts, it is not surprising that the whole civilised world outside Germany attributes to us the sole guilt of the world war."

"We Pressed for War."

The Prince gives in detail his efforts. in conjunction with Viscount Grey, to secure a settlement of Austria's demands upon Serbia (the nominal cause of the war). He says it would have been easy to find an acceptable form

for the disputed points. Given good will, everything could have been settled in two sittings.

Of course it would only have needed a hint from Berlin to make Count Berchtold satisfy himself with a diplomatic success and put up with the Serbian reply. But this him was not given. On the contrary, we pressed for war. What a fine success it would have been!

"After our refusal Sir Edward asked us to come forward with a proposal of our own. We insisted upon war. I could get no other answer [from Berlin] than that it was an enormous "conciliatoriness" on the part of Austria to contemplate no annexation of territory.'

Dealing with the events of August 4, 1914, the day when England declared war, Prince Lichnowsky writes :-

"Up to the last moment I had hoped for a waiting attitude on the part of England. My French colleague also felt himself by no means secure, as I learnt from a private source. As late as August 1 the King replied evasively to the French President. But in the telegram from Berlin which announced the threatening dauger of war England was already mentioned as an opponent. In Berlin, therefore, one already reckoned upon war with Eng-

"Before my departure Sir Edward Grey received me on August 5 at his house. I had gone there at his desire, He was deeply moved. He said to me that he would always be ready to mediate, and, 'We don't want to crush Germany.' Unfortunately, this confidential conversation was published, Thereby Herr von Bethmann-Hollweg destroyed the last possibility of reaching peace via England.

"A special train took us to Barwich. where a guard of honour was drawn up for me. I was treated like a departing Sovereign. Thus ended my London mission. It was wrecked, not by the perfidy of the British, but by the perfidy of our policy."

Charlie Chaplin Drafted.

New York, April 15 .- A telegram from Los Angeles states that Charlie Chaplin has been drafted. He has waived his rights to exemption. He will probably be called in June .-- Central News.

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Inspection of the land may be obtained on application at the office of the

The Title-deeds, plans, etc. may be inspected at the office of the Liqui-

Tenders for the purchase of the above mentioned property should be addressed to the Liquidator of Messrs, Markwald & Co., Ministry of Finance (in sealed envelopes marked "Tender for the purchase of Messrs. Mark-wald's land.") on or before the 18th July 1918 at noon at the office of the Liquidator. Each tender must be accompanied by a deposit of Tes. 200 which will be returned to the tenderer

if his tender is not accepted.

The Liquidator disclaims liability for any incorretness in the Titledeed, plans, or any defect in the property, and does not undertake to accept the highest or any tender.

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

Fees for the formal transfer of the property and taxes (if any) owing apon same must be borne by the pur-

Luang Arthakalayanavakaya. Liquidator.

Office of the Liquidator of

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Bangkok, 11th July, 1918.



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Inspection and lists may be obtained from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the 17th and 19th. inst., at the said premises.

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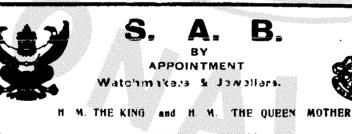
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The Siam Observer

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 1918.

THE POSITION OF THE ALLIES.

In endeavouring to form an opinion of the present position of the Allies in regard to the war it will be well to remember the words spoken by Mr-Lloyd George in a recent speech when he said, "We are on the eve of very great events. There may be a great blow coming in the next few hours, but certainly within the next few days, upon which the issue of the campaign may depend. The Allies never felt better prepared to meet it." In the last sentence is to be found an expression of confidence which the position of the Allies at the present moment undoubtedly justifies.

On the Western front the expected renewal of the German offensive is still delayed because, as the British Legation telegrams pointed out on Monday, several potent forces are at work not the least of which are the internal condition of Austria and the liminishing anthosis m of the German troops. Every day that the offensive is delayed makes it better for the Allies insomuch as it gives them more time to strengthen their positions while every day adds to the strength of the mighty American host that is now doing battle in France. The offensive must be resumed, however, for Germany has brought herself to the position where only victory in the field can save her and though the wiser heads among our foes are beginning to see the hopelessness of the struggle so far as the Central Powers are concerned and are beginning to realise that ultimate defeat is inevitable the power of the unlitary party in Germany is still too strong to allow the true state of affairs to be pubicly acknowledged and therefore, in the coming struggle. the enemy in a despairing attempt to retrieve his position may be trusted to put forth his utmost efforts and to use up the whole of his available resources to win success in what, to him, will be a life and death struggle. Whatever happens, however, the Allies will be found prepared and the recent successes of the French, British and American troops form a happy augury for the future.

On the Italian front, the great Italian successes have had the most far-reaching results. Committing its entire strength to a great offensive the Austrian Army has had inflicted upon it one of the greatest disasters that have occurred to the arms of the Central Powers during the course of the war. This has happened at a time when sixty per cent of the Austrian population are completely out of sympathy with the objects of the war and are more sympathetic to the Allied aims knowing that the only chance of securing freedom is to secure a victory for the Allies. By suffering, disease and bunger the population of Austria is being driven to discontent and sedition which in some of the most important towns, has increased to revolt. To add to these difficulties the Central Powers are experiencing increasing difficulties with Turkey and

Even in Russia the state of affairs is more promising for that country, deluded by traitors to the national cause into an unrighteous peace, has been brutally treated and ruthlessly dismembered by Germany and the consequent suffering is causing the Russians to modify their ideas with regard to the Allies and to find what German militarism really means not alone to Russia but to the whole

Bearing these facts in mind it is evident that the confidence expressed by Mr. Lloyd George is justified. We must not build up false hopes of a speedy termination of the war but we can keep steadily on trusting and enduring and firm in the faith that the Allied victory in the fullness of time will be a complete one.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE 8,8. Frat has arrived from the coast with 3 bags of mail.

THE Borneo Co., Ltd. have a new notice to consignees.

THE s.v. Mata Hari is due to prrive at 7 a m. on Saturday the 20th inst., to load for Singapore direct.

THE Trathic regulations for the Motor Meet on 22nd inst., will be found in our advertisement columns.

THE auction of the steck of F. H. Schule was very well attended and we hear exceptional bids were made.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Paknam line is still interrupted. Other lines are all right.

THE East Asiatic Co., Ltd. advertise for a qualified Ledger Clerk and also an overseer for a tin mine in Southern

THE Siam Motor Works have for

sale a 1 to 11 ton Opel Lorry which has just been overhauled and in good condition throughout. THE following passengers arrived by the s.s. Kuala this morning: -Mr. and

Mrs. W. M. Blake and child, Messrs. R. A. Donaldson, T. Sagami, Z. Tanaka. THE s.s. Kuala will leave from the Borneo Company's wharf at noon sbarp, on Saturday the 20th inst., and

should arrive in Singapore on Tuesday afternoon. FROM a Rome correspondent of the British Weekly:—The Italians are much interested in the Highlanders. I have often been asked if it is true that it is lucky to touch them. Not if you

are a German. LETTER mails (containing letters, printed papers &c.) for the Straits Settlements which reached the G. P. O. London, for despatch between June 19 h and June 27th have been lost at sea through enemy action.

SEVERAL persons now residing in the Philippine Islands who were living in the United States at the date the Selective Service Law became effective and who registered under the provisions of such law have received notices from local boards to the effect that they should apply in Manila for medical examination under the provisions of

A REPORT from Petrograd says that the ex-T-ar's transfer to Ekaterinburg (in the Ural Mountains was due to the discovery of a plot whereby the local peasantry was being bribed to effect the Tsar's release. The Tsar was to be accompanied by his daughter and Bishop Hermocens and Frince Dolgoroukofu. A search of the Tsar's house revealed £8,000, which was confiscated. --- :0: -- --

A HABOROVSK despatch to the Mainichi reports that a gang of about 30 robbers, who were among the passengers on a Russian steamer on the Amur, held up their fellow-passengers and relieved them of their money and valuables when the vessel was about 80 miles above Huberovek on June 12. After collecting loot to the value of about 500,000 roubles, the robbers left the ship and made good their escape.

ONE of the several German lawyers in Snanghai was brought up at the Shanghai Mixed Court on a charge of having failed to register. He was or-dered to register, to which he demnrred, but which he nevertheless did. "Millard's Review" says: It is pertinent to comment that it was some what remarkable that the Shanghai Police authorities should have overlooked so prominent a person in their survey of the local enemy community. It is possible that Herr Eggeling, one of the managers of the Peking Dentsche-Asiatische Bank, who disappeared almost a year ago, just at the time when the Chinese Government wished to get hold of the bank's books, has also been living quietly at this time right here in

Court Circular.

BEJRABURI, . Monday, July 15. His Majesty the King, having given His gracious permission for the following officials to enter the Holy Brotherhood, namely: Third Grand Chamberlain Phya Deb Dva avadi, First

Councillor Phra Lekha Nukara, Senior Page Nai Jaya Kharga, and Attending Pake Poh Suvarnachinda, commanded that the ceremony should be celebrated in accordance with ancient custom. At 6 o'clock this afternom the

Brahminical ceremony of Blessing of the first three named officials took place in Amariudra Hall, Grand Palace.

Tomorrow afternoon the Ceremony of Ordination of the four officials will take place in the Royal Chapel of the Emerald Buddha.

His Majesty the King has been pleased to depute His Royal Highness Prince Sarbasiddhi, Minister-Adviser in charge of Royal Femily Affairs as His Majesty's representative on both occasions.

Baseball.

Sides will be chosen from the following for to-morrow's game at the Sports

Bulter, Chapman, Clifford, Cowling, Franklin, H-witt C. J., Jackson, Jenkine, Arnold Jones, Keynes, King, MacNaught, McGrath, Maxwell, Price, Roberts, Stewart, Sutton, and Winn. Play will start at 4.45 p.m.

The Sunday Race Meeting.

The entries for next Sunday's Siamese pony races at the Sports Club were closed yesterday exening and were a follows :-

First Race. 3 fur. catch weights Ruruk, Lom Dum, Piroshaw, Sala Deng, Innocent and Yum Seng. Second Race. 5 fur. Handicap:

Tryaroon, Aurora and Dawk Rak. Third Race. 4 fur. Catch weights Boontarik, Dawk Mai (late Mahadlek) Ee Kim, Not Lock, Taharn Na, Kan Loeng, Penny Post and Yam Seng. Fourth Race. 3 for. Catch weights:

Ruruk Lom Dum, Gada Ratana and Dawk Kaao. Fifth Race. 6 fur. Handicap:

Tryaroun. Sixth Race. 44 fur. Handicap Sang Ratana, Piroshaw, Innocent and

Seventh Race. Race Course Handicap: Un Chou, Dao Harng, Taharn Na, Penny Post Dawk Rak and Yum Seng Eighth Bace, 3 fur. Carch Weights: Boontarik, Lom Dum, E-Kim, Not Lock, Sala Deng, Aurora, Navakorn III and Yum Seng.

Mails for Siam Lost.

The Department of Posts and Telegraphs has been informed that letter mails, containing letters, printed matter etc., for Siam, which reached the General Post Office, London, for despatch between June 19th and June 27th, have been lost at sea through enemy action.

£180,000 A Year from Old Tins.

A conference, representative of municipal and other local authorities in the Midlands, was held at Birmingham by arrangement with the National War Salvage Council, to consider the question of the utilization of waste.

The Lord Mayor of Birmingham, who presided, stated that in Birmingham 600 tons of old tins were collected annually by the refuse disposal department, and that the recovered tin was at £300 per ton. The sum of £7,000 was obtained from the sale of recovered waste paper. Food for poultry and pigs was made from material from the Corporation slaughterhouses; condemned fish and meat were converted into valuable manures; fat was ntilized for soap making, and varions classes of other refuse were made into kerbstones and the like.

Mr. David Corrie, Director-General of National Salvage, stated that salvage work, while of supreme national importance, was decidedly profitable.

Paddy Crop Report July 16, 1918.

Nasuan 650 Coyans at Tcs. 100-166 each Samruang 250 , , , 93 122 , Namuang — " " "

Total 900 Coyans.

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War. Great

Local Operations.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.) London, July 16.

F. M. Haig reports :- In a successful local operation in the early morning of July 14, English troops advanced the line east of Deckebusch Lake and took prisoner over 260.

In Albania.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

Landon, July 16. Fre ch Eastern Communiqué: - The French continuing their success in Albania ejected the enemy from the hill and village at the confluence of the Tomorica and Devoli rivers.

The Czecho-Slovaks.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

Lendoe, July 16. Anisterdam :- The Tageblitt announthe beaviest resistance of the Red Guards have captured Kazp (Kazan ?) The Tageblatt adds that by the occupation of this important railway and waterway junction the Czecho-Slovaks become mosters of the Government of the lower Volga.

British Take a White Sea Port.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.) London, July 16.

Amsterdam, -The Frankfurter Zei tung says that the British who landed on the Murman coast advanced and took Kem station on the White Sea. (HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, July 15. Allied contingents have landed on the Murman coast.

The Western Front.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, July 15. After a violent artillery preparation the Germans attacked this morning

from Chatean Thierry to Massiges. The French sustained the shock energetically on a front of about 80 kilometres. The battle is proceeding, The news agencies declare that the

attack began on the date and in the region where it was expected.

The impression at mid-day was good. Italian Front.

London, July 8.-Correspondents at Italian headquarters, describing the fighting which preceded the expulsion of the Austrians from the Piave delta, state that the Austrians, muable to entrench in the water logged soil, filled thirty square miles of marshland with machine gan posts, approachable only frontally along the tops of dykes. They converted scattered houses into fortresses. The troops left to defend the delta were mostly Mussulman Bosnians, who resisted most desperately. Four columns of Bersaglieri and

sailors were assigned the task of breaking up the enemy defences. They fought continually up to their waists in water. Both sides often lost their weapons in the bogs and fought with hands and teeth. Ast unding feats were performed by the Arditi in the closing phases of the battle Armed with long poles, they cleared obstacles, landed in rear of the machine gunners and drove slagg-re into their backs. A company of Bersaglieri rushed and captured a battery of four-inch guns. Another company, preceded by flune throwers, stormed a factory in face of forty machine-guns and took prisoner

all the officers. Altogether 1,300 machine-guns were captured in the delta and hundreds more lay buried in the swamps or in the ruins of demolished buildings.

In the Hills. Paris July 7 .- On Siturday, the French troops in Italy carried out a brilliant raid in the district east of Asiago, British and Iralian batteries helping in the loperation, which was vigorously conducted and thoroughly successful. Several machine-guns were silenc-d and then taken, after desperate fighting. The French brought back

70 prisoners. The enemy lost heavily. London, July 8 .- Italian official: By small actions we gained ground north of Monte Grappa and extended our advanced occupation in the region of Col Caprile.

Havas Wires from Singapore.

A Superb Little Action.

Paris, July 14.

Concerning the superb little action executed on Friday by the French south east of Amiens, which secured the possession of Rouvrel plateau dominating the valley of the Noye we learn that the artillery preparation was as brief as it was violent. Guns of every calibre took part; and the gunners' aim was so accurate that when the infantry went over they found the trees abounding in this district reduced to matchwood. The assault lawed three hours, and when the end come the French had advanced in some places over 2,000 yards in depth along a front extending nearly for five miles. The feat of the French troops was all the more remarkable on account of the ground, being broken by shell-holes and deep ravines; but nothing could stop the French infantrymen. The advance gives capital observation posts, from which can be ces that the Czecho Slovaks, despite, seen every movement of the enemy along the main roads.

Next Phase.

London, July 8 - The delay in the German offen-ive, which the correspondents concur in declaring is fully prepared is exciting much speculation. It is attributed in some quarters to a short-age of man-power and the prevalence of influenza but it is believed in Paris that a political reason is responsible, possibly comected with the prolonged council of war which the Kaiser, Count Hertling, Field Mirchal Hindenburg and General Ludendorff have been holding for some days past, to which Baron Kuchlman has now been hastily ann moned

It is stated that the latter's party, which denies the possibility of military victory, has been reinforced recently y accounts of the situation in Russia and the revelation that over a million American sol liers are in France. Experts in Paris are of opinion that the German reserves amounts to only 55 divisions compared with 80 in the spring; thence they expect that the oming blow will be on a muc stricted front.

An A. A. Scrap.

London, July 8 .-- Field Meshal Haig: The Austrelians advanced their line slightly on a front of 3,000 yards astride the Somme capturing several prisoners. Scottish troops took prioner a few in successful raid south of

La Bassee Canal. Australians entered trenches east of Hazebrouck and brought back pri-

The hostile artillery was active astride the Somme following our operati ens and also west of Beanmont Hamel and the neighbourhood of Bethune.

London, July 7.-Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters, wiring to day, says that the Australians' new advance reached a depth of 400 yards. and secures a commanding view for 5,000 yards. The whole of Villers Bretonnenx success was a great triample for the tanks. One of the efficience out successively six muchine-gan nests with their crews. Another obliterated thirty machine-guns and captured 200 prisoners.

The thoroughness of the Americanroused unstint d praise from the Australians The former charged shouting Lusitani .."

The fight was the most economical of its kind that we have ever fought. Not a single tank was lost,

Subs. and Hospital Ships London, July 8.—In the House of Commons Mr. Macnamara stated that

German submarines had on several occasions execised the right of searchi ing hospi'al ships in order to see that they were complying with the Hague Convention. He emphassised that Britain had never broken the letter or the spirit of the convention as regards hospital ships and he believed the same to be true regarding the Allies.

Finding Excuses.

London, July 8.-There are significent reports appearing in German press of Bolshevik cruelties at Baku, which are alleged to necessitate German ocenpation of this rich district.

Germans Afraid They will Have to Fight it out.

Amsterdim, July 8 -Vorwantsanys that President Wilson and Mr. Churchi I both make a decisive alli-d military victory a pre r quisite of peace. Therefore the Germans must continue the struggle until the allies are convince I that peace can only come by unde standing.

In Albania. The Italo French forces between the coast and Tomorica vall y in Albania began operations on July 6 which is developing sati-factorily. The prison-

ers already exceed a thousand.

A PERFECTLY priceless army story is related in the Springfield Wir Hos pital-Gazate. A very young subaltero, acting as C. C., had a defaulter before him charged with overstaying his leave. The subaltern awarded the definiter "ten days' C. B.," but on being told by the Regimental Sergeant-Major that this was too much reduced the sentence to seven days. The "Regimental" again protested that the sentence was too severe, and on the subaltern asking how much he should give the man, was told, "Two days' pay, sir." Where-upon he said to the defaulter, "Here's half a crown: but look here, my min, next time you do it, you damn well won't get anything."

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- petitors. Na Phra Lan Road from Vises Chaisri Ga e of Palace to junction with Rajumm 1-ru
- Nai Read. (3) Phra Chin Road.
- Rajini Road from Tha Chang Wangna to Supan Mon. except for vehicles going to enclosures.
- Rij dimnerr Nai Read from Swam Chai Rad to Sipa Phan Piphob L L.
- 2. All veoicles going to the enclosures reserved for them will enter the Rajini Road by eith r Sapan Mon or Sopon Chang Rong i or Sopon Wat Sri Ammat, and proceed along the Rejoni Road to the en-
- closures in (ront of the Law Courts. All motor cars and bicycles of comp titors will enter the Smam Coal Roof from the N. w Road end and take up their positions as

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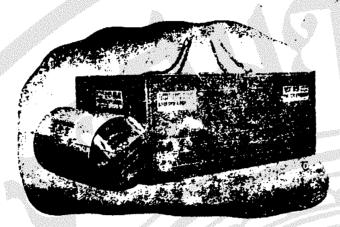
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Indian Reform.

Far Reaching Proposals.

London, July 2 .-- Mr. Montagu's and Lord Chelmsford's memorandum will be issued here on the 5th for publication on the 6th.

Momentous proposals for the estab-lishment of responsible Government in India are now published. The docu-ment was signed at Simla on April 22 by Mr. Montagu, Secretary of State for India, and Lord Chelmsford, Viceroy.

It is based on the joint investigation of nearly six months duration in pur-suance of the pledge given by the British war cabinet on Aug. 20 last year that substantial steps should be taken as soon as possible in the direction of the policy then anhounced, namely "the gradual development of selfgoverning institutions with a view to a progressive realisation of responsible government in India as an integral part of the British Empire.'

The outstanding proposals are. Firstly, competition of the edifice of

local self-government in India. Secondly a considerable measure of responsibility in various fields to provinetal legislatures, which shall be mainly composed directly of elected representatives with as broad a franchise as is possible under Indian con-

for a periodic inquiry for considering whether subjects can be transferred to popular control:

Fifthly, setting up of a select committee of the House of Commons on Indian affairs ;

Sixthly, an inquiry into the con-stitution and working of the Secretary of State's Council and the India Office : Seventh:y the creation of an Indian Privy Council and a Council of Indian Princes.

Difficulties of the Problem.

The proposals, in which the Government of India and the Council of India concurred, are published not as defi-nitely adopted in all details by the war cabinet, but for the purposes of discussion and criticism. The report emphasises the complexity and difficulty of the Indian problem and testities to the courage patience and high purpose with which the existing edifice of the Government of India was built up and to the hearty genuine sympathy of the people of India with the cause of the allies, to which India has so largely contributed.

The report shows that the declarations of British and American statesmen regarding the liberalising aims of the allies are given new force and vitality to a growing demand among the progressive sections of Indians for self government.

In a letter to the Times, Lord Sydenbam says that where he differs from Sir Valentine Chirol is that as the only class of Indians which is influential at present is working strenuously to destroy the one safe-guard of peace in India, he gravely distrusts any experiment which would place power in its hands. There is not yet the smallest democratic basis in India on which parliamentary institutions can rest. He fully agrees with Sir Valentine Chirol that a progressive policy is necessary and he will support far-reaching reforms in the Government of India and the India Office.

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From Neutral Sources.

News from the Netherlands.

Batavia, June 24 -- Washington cables an unconfirmed report of the attempted assassination of the Emperor Charles of Austria. The food riots reached their zenith when 50,000 people marched in procession through the streets, plundered the shops, and demanded a general peace. The procossionists were dispersed by the military. Reports from Sweden announce serious rioting in Vienna. In an aero-plane factory, 100,000 hands struck work and 50,000 demonstrators plundered the shops, demanding peace and bread. Fighting took place and the police intervened with drawn swords. Amsterdam reports that the workers in Vienna demanded not only a speedy peace, but they renewed their demands that no annexations should take place and no indemnities be asked for. They also insisted on the establishment of a League of Nations.

Amsterdam cables that the Germans have arrested more than 50 persons in Flanders, all accused of espionage. Many of them, women included, have been condemned to death. It is said that the sentences have already been carried out. From the same city comes the news that all reports as to the hunger riots in Austria are being suppressed by the Censor. Herr von Bethmann-Hollweg, the ex Chancellor has been struck with paralysis. There is no hope of recovery.

Batavia, June 26.—It is reported from Berlin that the Under Secretary for Rationing stated that an increase in the meat ration was impossible, owing to the high death rate amongst cattle. It is being considered whether it may not be possible to bring the bread ration to the normal quantity. For the moment, when Austria is asking assistance from Germany, Germany is herself as badly off as Austria.

Batavia, June 27.—It is reported from Zurich that the food conditions in Germany are in a critical condition. The Municipal Council of Berlin has urged the Government to take steps, especially in providing potatoes. The Presidents of the Dusseldorf District and of the Cologne District decided, on account of the want of potatoes to decrease the weekly ration.

The following incident occurred on the Italian Front: - A detachment of British cyclists performed wonders of heroism. They were changing their position, moving along a sunken road, parallel to the front, when, suddenly, they ran up against a much stronger detachment of Austrians who barred the way. Instead of retiring the British advanced with the bayonet. At the same time, the Austrians were ordered to attack. The two waves of bayonet fighters met and a terrible struggle ensued. The marvellous physique and the unbridled bravery of the Buitish were too much for the Austrians who fled, leaving their rifles behind them. The British puraned, took many prisoners, and captured many rifles.

June 29.—The two editors of a German political satirical illustrated weekly paper, entitled "Michel Im Sumpff" have been arrested on an accusation of espionage to the disadvantage of Germany.

many.
Batavia, July 1.—The "Nieuwe Amsterdam" is returning from America with 10,000 tons of wheat.

Batavia, July 3.—The papers learn that the Government informed the Allies only that a convoy would be despatched to the Dutch East Indies without giving any intimation as to the time when this would happen. This is, probably, the cause of the misunder-

tanding.

The papers criticise the action of

Heer Rambonnet, the Minister and, to a certain extent, hold the entire Ministry responsible. Heer Rambonnet has resigned office as Minister for the Navy. The War Minister will assume office as acting Minister for the Navy.

A number of luggers are laid up, owing to the mine danger.

A Bill has been brought in for a credit of 24 million for feeding and housing the prisoners of war. This amount will be paid by Britain and Germany. Plans have been prepared for the construction of a harbour railway line on the left bank of the Maas at Rotterdam.

News from the Netherlands East Indies.

Batavia, June 27.—It is reported that

the U.S. Government has allowed four ships of the Netherlands and of the Holland America. Line, the Rotti, Karimata, Schiedijk, and the Ij-seldijk which are obliged to return to the States, to make short trips to Hongkong and to Japan for the transport of sugar. The Oranje will also make a short trip to Hongkong and return with rice from Saigan to Java.

The Medan-Penang cable is still out of order. Traffic with Sumatra is subject to delay.

Negotiations are the order of the day as to restoring ord r out of the chaos in Belawan. The K.P.M. intends sending ships to Rangoon for rice, but wishes to be assured that it will be in a position to discharge the cargo when it arrives.

July 1.—A large fire broke out on Saturday between Noodwijk Berendrechtsam and Thiebault Passage. The fire spread rapidly and, within an hour, some 60 houses were reduced to ashes, amongst them 5 or 6 European ones. The fire is still burning. No loss of life has, fortunately, to be reported. Thousands of onlookers are watching the fire.

July 2.—In the Velksraad a proposal was made for a concession from the United States Government for the import of all shipment of commercial goods which are transported by the United States from the Far East to Canada.

Medan, July 3—There is great difficulty in finding hotel accommodation here. Some Americans had to go to a pension in the Chinese quarter, where they became acquainted immediately, with Medan's trouble with the electric light.



The sale by public auction of Machinery, godowns etc., of the Steam Rice Mill, the property of The Ministry of Finance situated at Paknampoh Mondol Nagor Sawan, will take place on the 15th August, 1918 at the office of the Inspector General of Finance, Wat Muang Kae Lane Bangrak, Bangkok, at 10 a.m. Full particulars can be ascertained from the above mentioned Department on any day during office hours.

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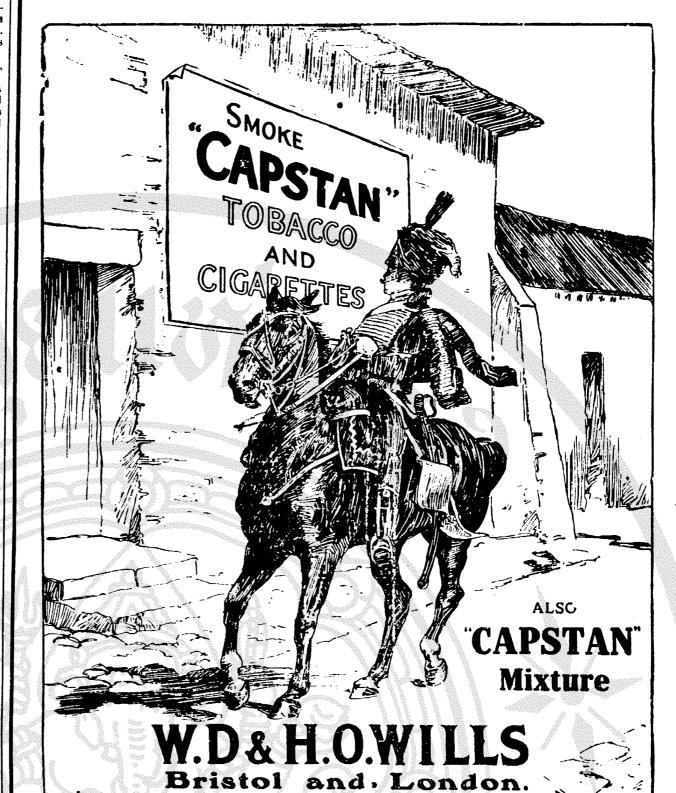
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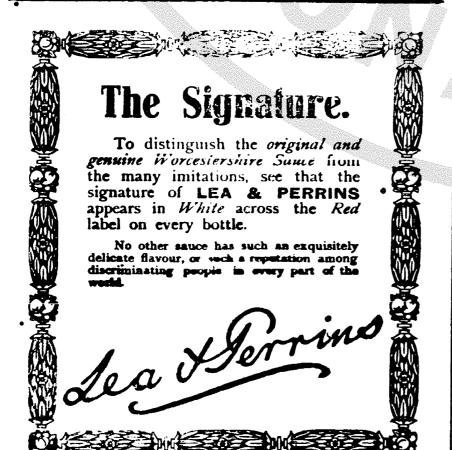
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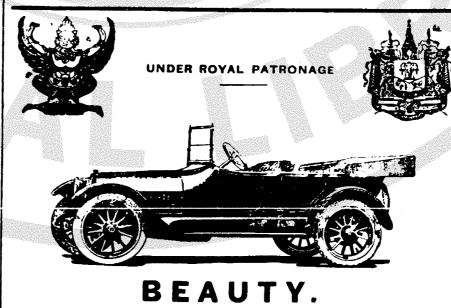
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The Birthday of Poison Gas.

A German Anniversary.

(APRIL 22ND.)

On the 11th November 1914, the Prussian Guard marched down the Menin Road against the British First Division in front of Gheluvelt. It was the last desperate throw in the grim struggle which will go down to history as the First Battle of Ypres, and it failed. Bent and battered but yet unbroken, the ring of steel, which was the British army, still barred the way of Calais.

Both sides settled down to the monotony of trench wariare for the Winter, and reserved their energies for the trail of strength which would certainly come in the Spring. Fresh battalions were already arriving from England, and were taking their places in the trenches. With each month that passed, the thin khaki line that held the salient was growing stronger. But these new units were as yet untried in war, and the enemy had not lost hope of breaking through.

The battles of the previous Autumn had proved that well-regulated machine, the German private, had met more than his match, and that the great German howitzers which had crumbled the forts of Liege into dust were powerless to break the spirit of the cheerful British soldiery. But Germany had yet another weapon in her armoury, a weapon so deadly that she believed that no human valour could prevail against it. That it was a weapon of which the use was contrary to all the established laws and customs of civilised warfare was a consideration that did not trouble the German con-

science overmuch. The German soldier had failed to achieve what was expected of him. It was now the turn of the German chemist. The preparation of chlorine gas for chemical purposes had been a large industry in Germany before the war. There were now no facilities for its export, A nation of economists, however, soon found a new use for it. Chlorine is a gas which lent itself admirably to their purpose. It can readily be converted into liquid, and its transport is an easy matter. Quite early in the Spring great tanks of chlorine were brought up behind the German lines. The Germans now had to choose only the hour and the place for their criminal experiment.

The place was easily chosen. The old cockpit of the salient, with the historic rains of Ypres behind and the mirage of the French sea ports on the distant horizon, was a magnet irresistible to Prussian ambition. The bitter fighting round St. Eloi and on the low slopes of Hill 60 were only a prelude to operations on a larger scale

The northern section of the Ypres salient as far as the Poelcapelle Road was held by the French Colonial Division under General Putz. On their right the first Canadian Division continued the line as far as the Ypres-Roulers railway. It was against the French that the Germans proposed to unleash the new divilry of gas.

The blow fell on Thursday, the 22nd of April. Two days earlier the bom-bardment of Ypres had begun, and the town was but little more than a smoking cemetery. A little after six o'clock on that pleasant Spring evening British observers reported that a strange greenish cloud was moving over the French trenches. They could not tell what it meant.

The Zouaves and Turcos gazed curiously at this billowing wall of vapour as it rolled across "No-man's-land." Only when it eddied over the parapet and filled every cranny of their trenches did they understand that death in his most horrible shape lurked in those clinging folds, a death that them with a seriousness beyond anytore at eyes and lungs and throat And after the cloud came the Germans. They entered trenches filled with the twisted forms of men who had died slowly, and with other men who had not yet died, whose faces were moist with sweat, although the evening was chilly, with froth upon their lips, who mouned and prayed to be put out of their agony.

And this was the gas of which German newspapers boasted aft rwards that "it is not more deadly than the English explosives but it takes effect over a wider area, produces as rapid end and spaces the torn bodies the tortures and pains of death." Truly a nation of Samaritans!

It was indeed a gallant victory. They had opened a breach of four miles in the defence of the salient. But the Germans, with that suspicion of the obvious which is the legacy of brutecunning, failed to push home their advantage

The Canadians had also suffered from the ras, but not so much as the French, and they fairly won their spurs on that April night. Their line bent before that relentless pressure. but it never broke. Sick to death with the poisoned fames—many of them

dying in agony-they held out grimly against the masked hordes who sought to overwhelm them. But help was already on the way. A few battalions of the 28th Divisions under General Geddes of the Buffs, arrived in the gap in the early hours of Friday morning. The peril that threatened Ypres was averted for the time.

So began the second battle of Ypres. It ended on the 24ta April: the Germans had not won their objective. They could fill the British and French trenches with gas, they could devastate them with their great shells, but none of these things could prevail against the courage which is the heritage of the soldiers of those nations. Take one instance among many. Pte. Lynn was a machine-gunner in the 2nd Lancashire Fusiliers. He saw the gas-cloud approaching and although he had no protection, he refused to leave his post. He knew well what manner of death awaited him, but he stood there, firing into the waves of Germans who marched behind the cloud, until, to weak to i stand, be fell, gasping for breath across his smoking gun.
This Second Battle of Ypres, and

the new abmination which accompanied it, gave the Allies' soldiers a deeper insight into the nature of the men against whom they were fighting. As one critic has observed: "It filled thing in their history. It was not hatred, for it had nothing personal in it; it was a resolve that an unclean thing should altogether disappear from

There was only one way to counter this new weapon successfully. retalia-tion; and gas is now part of the armament of all belligerent nations. It is not a pleasent thing; but against so unscrupulous an enemy the Allies have no choice, if they would avoid annihilation. Germany must be made to swallow some of her own medicine. It is not long since she pleaded, on grounds of humanity, that the use of gas should cease in war. It is pity that she did not think of the 'humanity' before she began its use. As the good Samaritan Germany is a failure. Perhaps at last she is beginning to realise that she has created a monster that, in the end, shall be her own undoing.-

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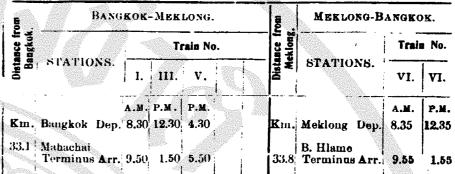
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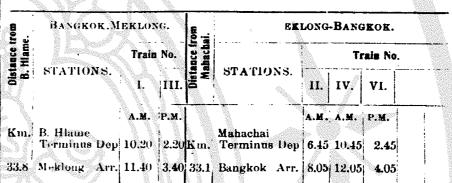
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