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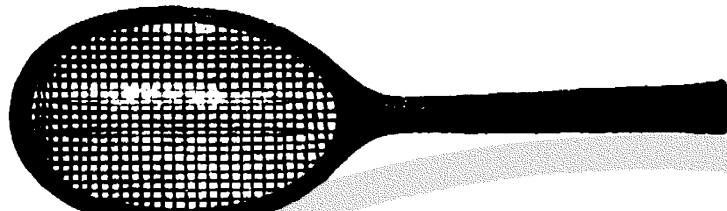
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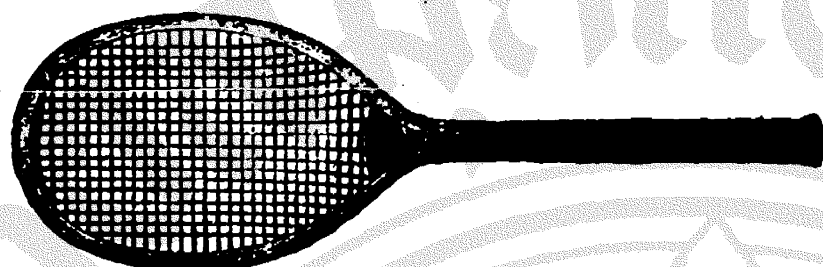


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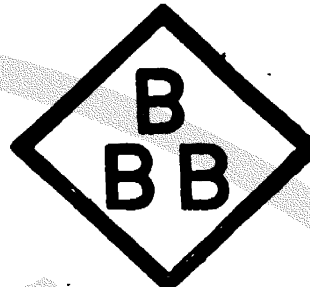
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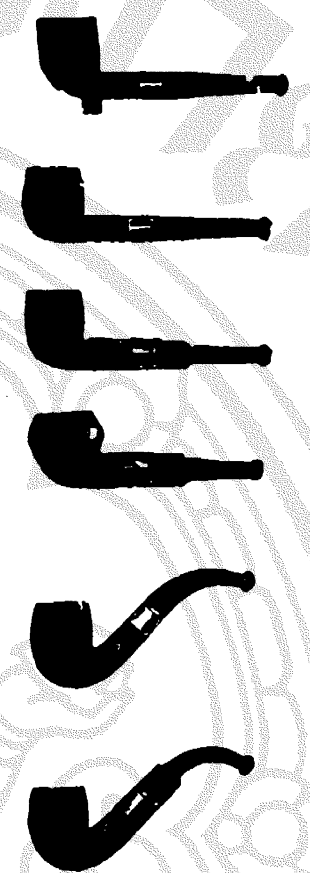
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## Spanish Protest to Germany.

An article in "El Imparcial," due, it is said, to the pen of an authority on foreign policy and a trusted exponent of the views of the present Government, says:—

It is clear that if the Spanish Government fails in the attempt to obtain a free pass for fruit destined for Germany, and if on that account the instructions given to German submarines are modified, our sense of gratitude would not be great enough to induce us to take this thing down.

Those Spaniards who insist upon attributing to prejudice our protest against torpedoes have not apparently understood the gravity of the situation. In 1915 there left from Spanish ports for England 1,364 Spanish steamships and 45 sailing ships, representing 1,715,000 tons. They carried 1,700,101 tons of merchandise. How many of these ships and how much of this commerce would escape destruction if Germany increased her means of attack and increased the severity of her practice in submarine warfare, and if she continued to put an enormous number of articles upon the contraband list?

The loss caused to the country by the destruction of a large proportion of our tonnage and the consequently increased difficulty of finding an outlet for our exports, would be enormous, and who would bring us what our ships at present bring us from England—the 1,081,709 tons in 1915? Would the same ships go in ballast to fetch it?

Spain, owing to her geographical situation, is the European Power which is protecting by her neutrality the lives and properties of more Germans than any other. The German vessels which took refuge at the outbreak of war in Dutch, Danish, Swedish or Norwegian ports could in these two years have regained their home ports with more or less difficulty, but those interned in Spanish ports are in a different case. What other hope of salvation have they except in our neutrality?

The French were the first to equip their "deadly 75" shells with a prolonged nose and delayed fuse, which prevents the shell from exploding until it has entered deep into the ground. The Germans since July last have substituted all of their universal shells filled with explosives, No. 96 and No. 14, with this new French type of shell.

The French light artillery also discovered the "Bocquet" shell, which explodes on the rebound. This too, is being copied by the Germans.

The French secret of locating precisely an enemy battery by the sound waves coming from its discharge is said have been since found out by the Germans.

In July 1915 France adopted the steel helmet that has reduced the head wounds in her army 25 per cent. Since then most of the Allied armies, as well as the enemies, have adopted this protection.—Ex.

Submarine Sunk by British Collier.

Leghorn, Dec. 25.—The steamer Usher, flying the British flag and bound from Hull with a cargo of coal, has arrived here. The captain reports that his ship encountered two Austrian submarines during the voyage. They attempted to torpedo his vessel, but the Usher, which was armed with small guns, fought and sank both submarines.

The captain and crew, in obedience to their instructions, refuse to give any further information.

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## "Where Grew the Arts of War."

Interesting notes on the evolution of war equipments since August 1914 are supplied by Mr. Henry Wood, the United Press correspondent with the French Army.

Germany, it is now clear, has been unable to maintain her former superiority in military progress, discovery, and invention, and has to adopt newer and more effective means of warfare, developed by her enemies since the beginning of the struggle.

All France admits that 30 months ago Germany rather led the world in military progress and invention. She had been quick to equip her legions with every new device, such as neutral coloured uniforms. She began the war with an uncontroverted superiority of equipment, material, and methods. Now she is copying her antagonists. A list of devices which she has borrowed, or tried to adapt from the French has been compiled and authentically established.

In light artillery the Germans have so far failed to match the French, who originated, developed, and perfected the barrage fire which is now one of the most effective weapons being employed in the present war. The



### War News From Dutch Sources.

The "Kölnische Zeitung" contains a violent article against America. The Socialist paper "Vorwärts" supports a submarine campaign a l'outrance.

Trawlers are only permitted to fish within a distance of 20 miles of Ymuiden.

The S. S. Nieuwe Amsterdam which had sailed has returned to Rotterdam.

A German submarine attacked the Dutch steam trawler Hendrika.

The S. S. "Epsilon" has been sunk. Her crew were saved.

Wolff's Bureau states that Germany will widen the boundary of her mine-field and not attack Dutch Coast Fisheries on account of the existing economic conditions between the two countries. In other areas supreme frightfulness will reign. A passage of 20 miles width will thus be left open.

The Dutch Government has requested the British Government to place the western mine boundary in a more easterly position.

It is officially stated that owing to the widening of the minefield boundaries, passages in the north sea will be entirely safe by March 5th.

Germany has placed her powerful wireless station at Nauen at the disposal of neutral shipping companies in order that they may warn their vessels at sea of existing conditions. The Shipping Companies are now optimistic as it is believed that England will permit vessels en route to India and America to proceed without taking them into British ports.

The s.s. Juno struck a mine and in her damaged condition collided with another vessel. She has however arrived at the Hook of Holland.

Twelve thousand chests of Indian tea were liberated by the British in January. A similar quantity will be liberated in February to the N. O. T.

Minister Rambonnet has asked for a vote of 640,000 guilders for the building of hydroplanes.

Minister Posthuma denies the report that foodstuffs have been placed on the Dutch Prohibition List. Such a course would result in a shortage of coal and raw material in Holland.

A tinning factory at Schiedam has been shut down. Three thousand in consequence have been rendered workless.

The export of margarine to Germany is forbidden as also the export of vegetables and fruits fresh or preserved.

Owing to a coal famine the street lighting in Gonda has been suspended.

The Dutch railway services have been curtailed for the same reason.

The Utrecht University has been closed down.

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### British Submarine Work

Amsterdam, Dec. 18.—The German war-ship torpedoed by a British submarine some weeks ago was the Grosser Kurfurst or the Von der Tann.

It is even possible that both vessels were struck on this occasion, as the British report stated that the vessel was hit twice, with an interval between the shots. It is not impossible if the attack took place in bad weather or in some darkness, that the submarine mistook a second vessel for the same as the one struck first.

Immediately after this event large numbers of German sailors from both vessels were given a long spell of shore leave and rumours were current that both vessels named were under repair.

The West "Zigzag" states today that Captain Stam, of the Ymuiden trawler Bertha, has been presented by Germany with an inscribed gold watch for saving several officers and men from the German vessels Elbing and Frauenlob, which were sunk in the Battle of Jutland.

It was announced by the British Admiralty on November 6, that one of our submarines operating in the North Sea had fired torpedoes at a German battleship of the Dreadnought type near the Danish coast on November 5. On the following day the receipt of a further report from the submarine commander was intimated, in which he claimed to have hit two Dreadnought battleships of the Kaiser class.

Grosser Kurfurst is a German Dreadnought completed in May 1913. She is of 25,575 tons and carries a complement of about 1,100. Armed with ten 12-inch, fourteen 6 inch guns, and other guns, she has a special three-inch armour plating under water for a length of 350 feet amidships.

Von der Tann is a Dreadnought battle-cruiser of 19,400 tons and a complement of 910 armed with eight 11 inch, ten 6 inch and other guns.

### By Aeroplane to the North Pole.

New York, Dec. 1.—Captain Roald Amundsen, the Norwegian explorer who discovered the South Pole, and who has come to the United States to buy concentrated foods and scientific instruments for his North Pole expedition, scheduled for the summer of 1918, may make the last lap of his journey by aeroplane. He will proceed in his ship as far as possible, hoping to drift over the North Pole with the Polar current. Should this be impossible, he will try to reach his goal by aeroplane. He is now said to be personally supervising the construction of a machine built to his own requirements.

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16-19.

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16-17

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16-17

### Notice.

By permission of H. B. M's Minister A General Meeting of the British-Chinese Patriotic Organisation will be held at the old Court House of the British Legation on Thursday, 22nd February at 6.30 p.m. for the purpose of obtaining further funds for the British Red Cross Society.

All Chinese and Straits-born Chinese British Subjects are cordially invited. British-Chinese Patriotic Organisation.

B. C. NEOH, Honorary Secretary.

15-17

### Menam Motor Boat Company, Ltd.

Notice is hereby given that the 18th Ordinary General Meeting of the Menam Motor Boat Company, Ltd. will be held at its Office Wat Lieb, on Thursday, 22nd February 1917 at 5 p.m. for the purpose of receiving and adopting the Directors' Report and Accounts for the year 1916, declaring a dividend and transacting other ordinary business.

By order of the Board, FRED G. DE JESUS,

Secretary.

15-17

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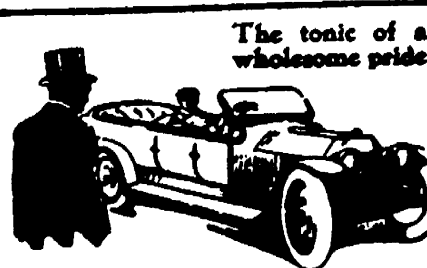
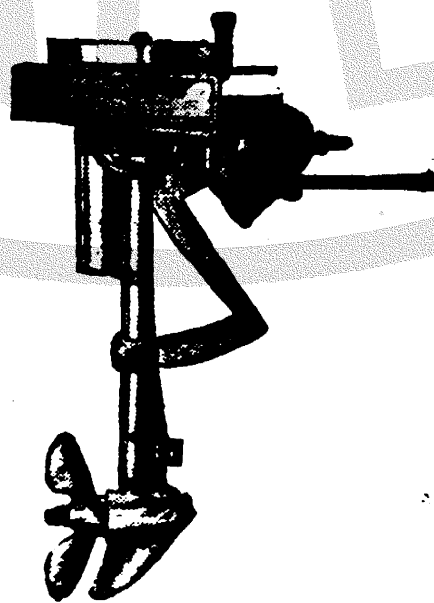
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## THE Great War.

### Mr. Gerard and Party.

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

Berne.—Mr. Gerard, the American Ambassador, and party numbering one hundred and fifty have left for Paris.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)  
Paris, Feb. 15.

Mr. Gerard has arrived at Paris.

### Sir Douglas Haig's Report.

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

Field Marshal Haig reports: We were successful in a raid northeastward of Guedecourt. Enemy raiding parties northward of Loos and westward of Messines were caught by our artillery and machinegun fire and dispersed. A third party reached a post northeastward of Ypres but was driven off with losses.

### Fighting in France.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)  
Paris, Feb. 15.

In the region of Puisseleine, between the Oise and the Aisne, we penetrated into the second enemy line.

Our air squadrons bombarded the aviation grounds at Colmar, Varennes, Matigny, Mare and Athies and bivouacs at Ourchy.

The British were successful in raids in the regions of Grandcourt and Ypres. They bombed the port of Bruges with the aid of hydroplanes.

### Items.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)  
Paris, Feb. 15.

The Board of Trade has taken over for the nation all the factories and mines of the United Kingdom during the period of the war.

Capitani.—The American steamer Lynan has been sunk. The crew was saved.

### Anti Submarine Measures.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)  
Singapore, Feb. 17.

In the House of Lords, Lord Lytton said that although the new phase of submarine warfare is not a fortnight old counter measures have already achieved considerable success.

In the House of Commons Lord Charles Belfrage said that Britain has lost over four million tons of shipping in the war. Three millions have more or less been adequately replaced and there should not be the slightest cause for panic.

### PADDY REPORT FOR FEB. 16.

Nannan	2870 coynas at Tcs.	70.82 each
Samruang	290 " " "	68.71 "
Namuang	" " "	" "
Total	Coyans	3160 "



### Court Circular.

ROYAL CAMP,  
BAN PONG.

Thursday, February 15.

Today His Majesty the King has learnt with deep regret the sad news of the death of His Excellency Chau Phya Phra Sadech, the late Minister for Religious Affairs and Education. His Excellency's health had for some time caused deep anxiety and the death took place at the residence of His late Excellency. The late nobleman was highly esteemed by His Majesty, not only for his public services but also as a personal friend of many years' standing. The King has been graciously pleased to send to Lady Phra Sadech a royal message of condolence.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H. E. Chau Phya Wongsa, Minister of Communication, returns to-day from his tour of inspection.

THE premises at Bangrak, Hua Lampong and Leng Buey Eah, hitherto used as gambling houses, are to let.

A PLOT of land situated at Sapatoon belonging to the estate of the late Mr. F. Gahlert, including two brick buildings, is advertised for sale.

A Chinese who invented a typewriter for his native language has obtained a patent from the Peking Ministry of Commerce, to run for five years. This typewriter uses 4,000 Chinese characters.—"Times Weekly."

ACCORDING to the report of the Medical Officer of Health out of four cases of bubonic plague notified as having occurred in Bangkok during the week ended 10th February, three ended fatally. There were no cases of cholera or small-pox during that period.

We have received a copy of the Singapore Diocesan Magazine issued this month. The book records the Church work in the diocese consisting of the Malay Peninsula, Siam, Sumatra, Java etc. and should appeal to all those who have any interest in the work and progress of the English Church.

NEW Ads.—Willard batteries for motor cars can be had from the Siam Motor Works Ltd. An up-to-date programme will be shown to-night at the Phathanakorn including the popular film "Hazel Kirke." The Borneo Co. have a notice to consignees. The Borneo Co., Agents for Buchanan's whisky, give prices of their well-known brands.

### Race Lotteries.

The following prices were realized at last night's lotteries:-

1st Race. Siamese Ponies.—Un Chon Tcs. 100, Plawng Tcs. 90, Ottappa Tcs. 80, Thong Chai Tcs. 95, Bluff Tcs. 20. Total Tcs. 645.

2nd Race. Australian Subs. Griffins.—Silver Cross Tcs. 110, Yot Bak Tcs. 100, Say When Tcs. 95, Khanda Tcs. 70. Total Tcs. 675.

3rd Race. Australian Ponies Race.—Nai Pradiht Tcs. 25, Aminta Tcs. 75, Flirt Tcs. 35, Nai Chan Tcs. 45, Thong Dee Tcs. 110, Icaro Tcs. 95, Sandfly Tcs. 45, Vanni Tcs. 55, The Friar Tcs. 80. Total Tcs. 865.

Second sheet on 3rd Race.—Nai Pradiht Tcs. 30, Aminta Tcs. 80, Flirt Tcs. 55, Nai Chan Tcs. 50, Thong Dee Tcs. 100, Icaro Tcs. 75, Sandfly Tcs. 60, Vanni Tcs. 50, The Friar Tcs. 35. Total Tcs. 805.

Third sheet on 3rd Race.—Nai Pradiht Tcs. 50, Aminta Tcs. 30, Flirt Tcs. 20, Nai Chan Tcs. 35, Thong Dee Tcs. 35, Icaro Tcs. 65, Sandfly Tcs. 50, Vanni Tcs. 55, The Friar Tcs. 40. Total Tcs. 760.

4th Race. Australian Ponies.—Mad Meg Tcs. 240, Iowit Tcs. 65, Laeg de Melba Tcs. 40. Total Tcs. 645.

5th Race. Siamese Ponies Consolation.—Son Chai Tcs. 90, Hirt Tcs. 60, Ottappa Tcs. 25, Sang Chan Tcs. 95, Hirt Ratana Tcs. 80, Bluff Tcs. 25. Total Tcs. 675.

6th Race. Australian Sub. Griffins Consolation.—Lily E. Tcs. 150, Merry Legs Tcs. 95, Red Star Tcs. 20, Betty Tcs. 95, Molly Tcs. 15. Total Tcs. 675.

7th Race. Australian Ponies Consolation.—Marie L. Tcs. 55, Nai Pradiht Tcs. 55, Aminta Tcs. 10, Flirt Tcs. 25, Nai Chan Tcs. 20, Thong Dee Tcs. 25, Kop Tcs. 55, Phung Boon Tcs. 150, Sandfly Tcs. 25, Lakafos Tcs. 110. Total Tcs. 830.

Second Sheet on 7th Race.—Marie L. Tcs. 80, Nai Pradiht Tcs. 60, Aminta Tcs. 25, Flirt Tcs. 45, Nai Chan Tcs. 40, Thong Dee Tcs. 45, Kop Tcs. 130, Phung Boon Tcs. 140, Sandfly Tcs. 55, Lakafos Tcs. 240. Total Tcs. 1,610.



**British Red Cross Fete.**

At a preliminary meeting of the Committees last night, the British Red Cross Fete, to be held in Mr. Adam's garden, Frank Field, was fixed for Saturday, 10th March, to begin at 7 p.m.

Offers of help have been received from many quarters, including the Bangkok British Women's Needlework Guild who have kindly placed their organisation at the Committee's disposal. The attractions will be many and various. The British Chinese Patriotic Organisation have promised a Cinematograph and Messrs John Sampson and Son a billiard saloon.

The entrance fee will be one Tical each, payable at the gate, children free. Frank Field is two minutes from the Klong Toi tramway and five minutes from the Sala Deng stopping place of the omnibus service on the Windmill Road, and the Committee hope for a large attendance.

**Paknam Railway Company.**

The following is the report of the Directors of the above Company for the half-year ended 31st December 1916 for presentation to the shareholders at the 51st Ordinary General meeting to be held on 23rd instant :-

The Directors have pleasure in presenting to you for your consideration the Balance Sheet, Working, and Profit and Loss Account, for the year ended December 31st 1916.

The Working Account for that period shows a gross income of Ticals 99,839.95, and expenditure amounting to Ticals 30,459.25.

The Profit and Loss Account after deducting Depreciation, Concession Redemption, and Insurance, leaves a net profit of Ticals 62,926.39, to this must be added the amount carried forward from last year amounting to Ticals 13,122.46, less amount paid in November as interim dividend, Ticals 20,000, leaving Ticals 56,048.85 for distribution.

This amount your Directors recommend should be apportioned as follows :-

By paying a dividend of 8 % Ticals 40,000.00, Directors' Fees 7,500.00, Auditor's Fee 390.00, Manager's Bonus 2,766.22, Staff Bonus 303.16, Statutory Reserve 2,598.35, Carrying forward to next half-year 2,491.12, Total Ticals 56,048.85.

Directors : H. E. Phya Boribon and Commander W. L. Grot retire by rotation, but are eligible for re-election. The accounts have been duly audited by Mr. Alex. H. Donaldson, Chartered Accountant who retires, but offers himself for re-election.

**Church Services.****Assumption Church.**

February the 18th Quinquagesima Sunday.

5.20 a.m. 1st Mass.  
6.10 a.m. 2nd Mass for the Siamese Community.

8 a.m. 3rd and last Mass for the Foreign Community.  
4 p.m. Rosary, Instruction, Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament.

**WEEK DAYS.**

5.30 a.m. 1st Mass.  
6 a.m. 2nd and last Mass.  
Devotion of the Month : The Holy Family.

**Christ Church.**

Quinquagesima Sunday 18th February 1917.

Evening and Holy Communion at 6.0 p.m.

Processional 165 O. God our Help in Ages past.

Hymn 184 Father of Heaven whose Love profound,

316 Before Jehovah's awful Throne.

317 My God, and is Thy Table spread.

Special Psalm No. 94.

Nunc Dimittis—Stainer.

**S. Mary's Mission.**

Sunday, February 18 Quinquagesima Sunday.

9 a.m.—Matins and Sermon.

Hymns: Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost, O for a thousand tongues to sing: Eternal Father, strong to save.

6 p.m.—Evening and Sermon.

Hymns: Off in danger, off in woe, Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us. And now this holy day.

Wednesday—February 21.

Ash Wednesday—First Day of Lent.

7.30 a.m.—Holy Communion.

6.30 p.m.—Service and Intercessions.

Berne, Feb. 9.—Austrian civilians from 26 to 45, except miners, are being re-examined militarily for the fourth time.

London, Feb. 9.—The King invested Sir Henry McMahon with the Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.

**U. S. Prepares.****War Declared to be Inevitable.**

New York, Feb. 9.—The New York World, which is regarded as an administration organ, says that Americans may make up their minds that war with Germany is inevitable.

Washington, Feb. 10.—In the event of Germany's compelling the United States to use force, it is learned authoritatively that President Wilson will again go before Congress, not to ask for a declaration of war but to follow literally, the words of his recent address in the Senate and to request authority to use the means deemed necessary to protect American women and people. While details of plans are not disclosed it is known that the arming and conveying of merchantmen is being considered.

Washington, Feb. 11.—A universal Military Training Bill which has been reported in the Senate compulsorily applies compulsion to men from 19 to 26.

**Hyphenated Loyalty.**  
Philadelphia, Feb. 8.—Delegates of twenty-eight States representing three million German-Americans have pledged their loyalty to the United States and endorsed President Wilson's action, and promised to raise German-American regiments in the event of war.

New York, Feb. 9.—Despite the German-Americans' loud protestations of loyalty to the United States, the Federal authorities are taking the most rigid precautions against plots and conspiracies. Many important institutions are dismissing their Teutonic employees.

All the six-inch guns at West point have been shipped to New York to protect the city.

London, Feb. 10.—Mr. Lloyd George, in a message to the New York Times on the occasion of the Lincoln anniversary, said that he welcomed the latest proof of America's realising that we are fighting the same battle as Lincoln fought in 1861. We only realised in August, 1914, that either the machine controlling the destinies of Germany would destroy the liberty of Europe or the people of Europe must defeat its purpose by the supreme sacrifice of war. Unity and freedom were again at stake. There can be no compromise in such a war, for liberty is an issue which can only be decided by victory.

**Challenge to the Germans.**  
New York, Feb. 11.—The cargo steamers Orleans and Rochester sailed on Saturday for the war zone without being painted as German, has prescribed, but with the letters U.S.A. painted in huge letters on the sides. The owners announce that they rely on the right of the American vessels to traverse the seas. Both ships are unarmed and will not resist attacks. The crews are mostly Americans and the destination is Bordeaux.

Washington, Feb. 9.—Mr. Lansing has disclosed that the State Department has not heard from Mr. Gerard through any channel since the evening of Feb. 5. He said that he was loth to believe that Germany was detaining Mr. Gerard on any excuse whatsoever, which would be absolutely unjustifiable by international law.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The State Department has asked Germany through Switzerland why Mr. Gerard is detained.

Amsterdam, Feb. 10.—It is announced in Berlin that Count Bernstorff sails from New York on Feb. 13th aboard the Redenkuigh.

Mr. Gerard leaves Berlin in a few days. Recent despatches from Berlin laboriously explained the delay in Mr. Gerard's departure as due to an accumulation of passport work, but an interview with the Foreign Undersecretary Von Stumm has been published which admits that Mr. Gerard was actually detained as a hostage. He says : "We heard nothing from America as to the treatment of Count Bernstorff and German subjects. Evidently the American Government, after the rupture, prevented Count Bernstorff from telegraphing. We only learned that he had received his passport from the Swiss Government. Such treatment compelled us to take measures against Mr. Gerard." Von Stumm concludes by hoping that the reports of the seizure of the German ships in America and the confinement of the crews is untrue. "We do not wish warfare upon non-combatants, like Great Britain has introduced by internment civilians."

**For South America.**

Later.—Mr. Lansing declares that von Stumm's statement of Feb. 10 is untrue, as every facility was given to Count Bernstorff. It is reported that a number of German Consuls in the United States have been instructed from Berlin to go to Central and South America instead of accompanying Count Bernstorff.

Amsterdam, Feb. 10.—The Cologne Gazette says that a number of private Americans and American newspaper correspondents leave Berlin in Mr. Gerard's train, but representatives of the Chicago Tribune, Chicago Daily News, New York World and Hearst's papers intend to remain in Germany.

London, Feb. 9.—Reuter announces that the Government has warned Washington, when notified the safe conduct, given to Count Bernstorff, that Britain is not responsible for any harm arising "from the concrete results of German disregard of international law."

**Pacifism Growing.**

New York, Feb. 10.—President Wil-

**Lord Curzon's Stirring Call.**

London, Feb. 8.—In the House of Lords, Lord Curzon detailed the steps that are being taken to combat submarine. He said : "We are multiplying destroyers to escort ships and act as a screen. We are arming merchantmen and developing inventions to discover and destroy submarines, and are protecting neutrals by organizing sea-lanes of safety. We are building now ships at an accelerated rate." He warned the House that far greater restrictions of unessential imports would be imposed, and emphasized the necessity for economising food and increasing home production and making the War Loan a success. "We are now approaching the supreme and terrible times of war. Possibly in the coming months the enemy will attempt to surpass his previous atrocities. We must use every resource to beat him. Our leaders must be courageous, prompt and resolute; otherwise better men will replace them."

The Imperial War Cabinet would arrange if possible for increased vigour in the prosecution of the war. The Dominions had given much, but might give more. Secondly, it would discuss peace terms. Thirdly, it would discuss post-war problems. The Council might form a nucleus of a future Imperial Constitution. He looked to the coming of Indian delegates as a means of removing misunderstandings hitherto prevailing in the Dominions. The idea that India was a dangerous and unhealthy competitor in the labour field had vanished on the battlefield, and the Dominions realise that Indians are fellow subjects with similar rights to ourselves.

He declared that there had been a vast improvement in every respect in Mesopotamia, with the result of a virtual recovery in the spirit of the force.

Letters he had received from officers in Mesopotamia all expressed confidence, and specially praised the wonderful endurance and constancy of the Indian troops under most difficult conditions. This improvement was reflected in the character of the results of recent military operations. The force was now able to threaten most seriously the left bank of the river. Although operating in a secondary theatre, the force was playing a far from unimportant part in the world-wide campaign, and killing large numbers of the enemy and holding up a very considerable Turkish army, thereby easing the position of the Russian and ourselves in the Caucasus, and Persia and also retaining a position of great strategic importance, and putting an effective extinguisher on pan-German dreams of a great Teutonic dominion extending from the Bosphorus to the Persian Gulf.

Lastly, they were preparing for future eventualities.

son has ordered the release of the crews of German ships and announces that in the event of war the property of the Germans will not be seized. There are 4,700 Austro-Germans in New York who have applied for American citizenship in the past four days.

The United States Steel Corporation announces that its annual capacity of war material is a third greater than Germany's total output.

The Providence Journal says that German officers are en route for Mexico city to foment an anti-American rising.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Mr. Lansing in a speech said: We are near the verge of war but still hope that we may be spared that terrible calamity. It was the wish and endeavour of government to remain at peace with all the world if it could honourably do so.

Amsterdam, Feb. 11.—Mr. Gerard and the staff of the Embassy with a number of the American residents in Germany totalling 115 left Berlin last evening for Switzerland by special train. A representative of the Foreign Office and diplomats bade them farewell.

Madrid, Feb. 12.—Accommodation is being prepared for Mr. Gerard at Barcelona where he will embark for New York.

London, Feb. 12.—The Morning Post correspondent at Washington says the pacifist movement is growing especially in Congress where blocking amendments threaten to delay the military and naval appropriations. Mr. Bryan associates himself actively with propagandising for peace. Lincoln's anniversary will be celebrated at Washington by a meeting of pacifists who will memorialise President Wilson entreating him not to go to war.

London, Feb. 12.—A telegram from Washington says Mr. Bryan is credited with the authorship of the message to the Koelnische Zeitung mentioned on Feb. 6, suggesting Germany should modify her submarine methods etc. after conferring with Count Bernstorff. Germany's reported suggestion of discussions to prevent war are regarded as an attempt to mobilize American pacifism and gain time.

New York, Feb. 12.—There has been no announcement with reference to the German communication of Feb. 10 as to non-necessity of the two countries going to war. But it is not denied that representations of some kind have been made but whether through a note or orally is not ascertainable.

Athens, Feb. 10.—A stumbling block in the raising of the blockade by the Allies is a suspicion that reservists are concealing arms.

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## The Menace to Switzerland.

Officer Interviewed.

London, Jan. 23.—The Daily Mail's Vevey correspondent states that the German concentration on the Swiss frontier is estimated at about 700,000. The forces are suitably placed for operations against either France or Italy.

[The Times of Ceylon says:—Mr. Soutter, of Messrs. Baur and Co., who is a Lieutenant in the Swiss army and has seen a year and a half's service during the war, and watched the fighting near the frontier, very kindly gave a representative of this paper his views on the possibility of the Germans trying to violate the neutrality of Switzerland and their chances of success. He agrees that the Germans might either try to turn the French flank at Belfort, or go across Switzerland into Italy to relieve the pressure on Austria.]

The Germans in his opinion would try to cross the plateau of Ajoie, which is pretty flat country with hills behind. This plateau is the portion of Switzerland protruding into Alsace and France. The hills are very strongly fortified, and if the Swiss troops are mobilized as they are at present, the Germans will have to expect some very hard fighting, while they will at the same time be endangering their right flank. The Swiss have no doubt that if they are to put up a successful fight they will require assistance of their Allies—assistance which will enable them, if possible to get at the German rear.

"At the same time," said Mr. Soutter, "the Germans will surely attack somewhere else according to their usual method, which mainly consists in attacking at several points and converging to meet at a central place, in this instance, probably at Berne. The Germans might even adopt another manoeuvre and try to cross the Rhine between Bale and Schaffhaue, and try and capture Winterthur and Zurich, which are the chief industrial centres of Switzerland. If they succeed in this they will endeavour no doubt to cut our armies in two, throwing one part into Austria and the other into France, afterwards marching down to Italy via the Gotthard Tunnel to reach Milan, or working their way down the Rhine valley from Lake Constance with the help of Austrian troops from Tyrol, to try and reach the Adige Valley, which would, if successfully carried out, threaten to cut the whole Italian army fighting in the Carso and Trentino. This however, will only be possible if Switzerland cannot give a good account of herself. But as matters stand at present

this is not likely to be the case, as the army has been trained to such a pitch that it equals the most up-to-date and best-trained in the field on any of the various fronts. Besides, the Swiss army is very well armed, being provided with the latest type of guns, machine guns, and especially a rifle which, if not the best, is one of the most dangerous and effective weapons in the world. This, coupled with the training in shooting which every Swiss, not only the soldiers but even the civilians, receives, will no doubt tell its tale if we are attacked. I should like to contradict the rumours which have been afloat that Switzerland will not defend herself. Our country has been preparing for any emergency and making the greatest sacrifices since the very beginning of the war, and it is therefore foolish even to hint at our allowing our neutrality to be violated without our army offering a desperate resistance."

Asked whether the points at which the Germans were likely to cross were well fortified, Mr. Soutter said that precautions had been taken since the beginning of the war and that modern fields, as well as more or less permanent fortifications, had been introduced. Whether the Swiss would be able effectually to bar the progress of the Germans would depend on whether they received timely and sufficient support from the Allies, while the only thing which would enable the Swiss to destroy a big German army which might be thrown across the frontier, would be the support of heavy artillery from the Allies, with which the Swiss were not sufficiently provided.

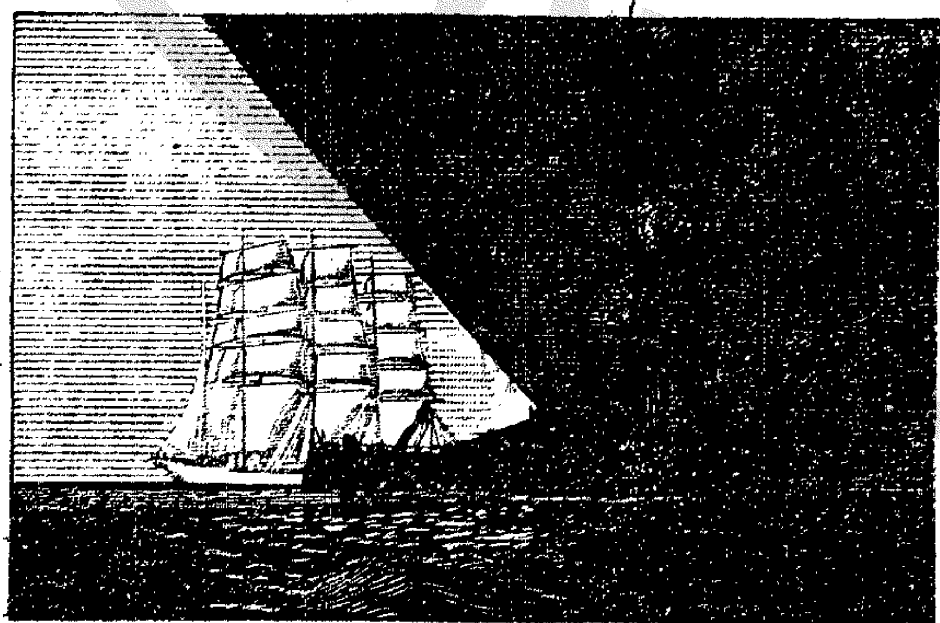
Asked how long it would take to mobilize and what numbers could be called to the colours, Mr. Soutter said that 400,000 could be mobilized in 48 hours, at least 200,000 of these representing the field army, and the others consisting in the main of those who could be put to inland service.

## Smuggling Tin and Copper.

A new year method has been invented for smuggling copper and tin to Germany. According to the "Telegraph" an Yselemonde factory has been specially arranged for the manufacture of copper anchors and tin screws for ships. In order to make them look like iron, they are tarred and put on board tugs about to leave for Germany. As every tug is allowed to have on board one spare anchor, the trick was successful for a number of times. A day or two ago, however, a member of the secret police found a big tin of spare screws on board a tug in the Waal harbour. It had been overlooked and this attracted attention. Two copper anchors were also found.—Ex.

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## Submarinism.

## Campaign in Being Latest Sinkings.

Paris, Feb. 9.—Admiral Lacaze, Minister of Marine, interviewed by the Associated Press, confirmed the views of experts that there would probably be a month or two of more active submarine and then a period of relative inactivity owing to heavy enemy losses.

London, Feb. 8.—Sinkings: Steamers Azul, Corsican Prince, Crown Point, Saint Ninian, Saxon, Briton, Vestra (British), Ferruccio (Spanish), four British small-craft, one Norwegian, one Peruvian sailing-ship. Total 20,000 tons.

London, Feb. 9.—Sinkings: Steamers Dauntless, Hollinside, Saxonian, Torino, Vedamore (British), Songely (Norwegian), and Varing (Swedish); and six small craft. Total, including the Californian, 32,000 tons.

London, Feb. 10.—The British India liner Mantola has been torpedoed. All passengers were saved. Seven lascars are missing.

London, Feb. 9.—Six survivors of the Dauntless have landed, of whom two have died, four remaining in hospital.

Madrid, Feb. 10.—A trawler has picked up a boat with three Englishmen and one American negro, part of the crew of the torpedoed steamer Dauntless. The men had been without food for five days and their condition was so terrible that they had to be sent to hospital.

London, Feb. 9.—Twenty-five of the crew of the sunk Johnston liner Vedamore have been lost.

London, Feb. 10.—Two of the Vedamore victims have died, due to ten hours exposure in open boats.

Philadelphia, Feb. 9.—Two of the children lost in the California were born in America and are regarded as Americans, although their parents were British.

London, Feb. 9.—The captain of the sunken Norwegian steamer Ida states that a submarine shelled his vessel without warning and without ceasing till she sank. The chief officer and steward were killed. The British steamer Crown Point has been sunk and the captain and chief engineer taken prisoner; five of the crew were killed and two injured.

London, Feb. 9.—The danger of rescuing submarine victims is illustrated in the evidence at an inquest. The chief officer of the steamer Saint Ninian said that he picked up the crew of the Corsican Prince, which was sinking a mile ahead of the St. Ninian. While returning to his own ship he saw the periscope of a submarine. The submarine sank the St. Ninian in three minutes. Fourteen of his crew were drowned.

London, Feb. 9.—Belgian relief is

paralysed, as two of the relief ships have been sunk, the Euphrates prior to the German announcement, nearly all the crew being lost, and the Larokrose after Jan. 31, of which there is one survivor out of twenty-five. Both were clearly marked and provided with safe conduct.

## How the Mantola Sank.

London, Feb. 11.—The doctor of the Mantola, who was the only American aboard, interviewed by the London representative of the Associated Press of America said: The ship was on ward bound for Calcutta with 119 passengers and 165 crew the latter mostly lascars. At 1.40 on Thursday afternoon 180 miles from the Fastnet there was a violent explosion which killed seven lascars and shook the ship from end to end. There was excellent order. Everyone immediately got into the boat's except the captain, the chief engineer and the wireless operator who remained aboard and repaired the wireless. After an hour and a half they sent out distress calls and almost immediately the submarine, which was evidently lying in the haze a couple of miles away, began shelling the Mantola, simultaneously coming full speed towards her.

Some shrapnel-shells burst above the Mantola and around the boats which rowed off, but nobody was hurt. The submarine was now plainly visible and a passenger in the doctor's boat recorded forty-seven shells. When the submarine was two or three hundred yards off the Mantola an unknown vessel loomed up on the horizon and the submarine submerged and disappeared. The new arrival proved to be the British ship Laburnum which picked up survivors. The Mantola sank in the evening.

A hundred Lascar survivors have arrived at London. They still clung to their lifebelts. Some of the survivors were six hours in the boats.

Paris, Feb. 12.—The chief engineer, the sole survivor of the torpedoed Danish Belgian relief steamer Larokrose, has arrived here. He says he was sleeping at the time of the explosion. The ship sank in three minutes and there was no time for the boats to get clear of the ship. "My boat overturned and the men who were clinging to it in the bitter cold and a heavy swell dropped off one by one. The third engineer was the last to go. He had held out for six hours but then went mad. It was then six in the morning. I held on till two in the afternoon when a German submarine came up and rescued me. I was two hours in the submarine and was then placed in a lifeboat containing the crew of another torpedoed steamer. The submarine promised to tow the lifeboat ashore but left her adrift and we were eventually rescued by a French torpedo destroyer."

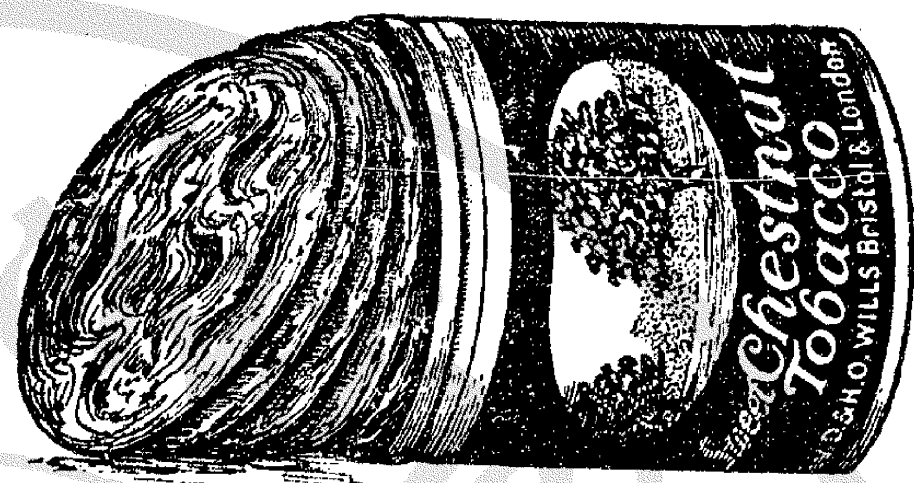
London, Feb. 10.—Sinkings: Steamers Hanna Larsen (British), Ida, Odin.

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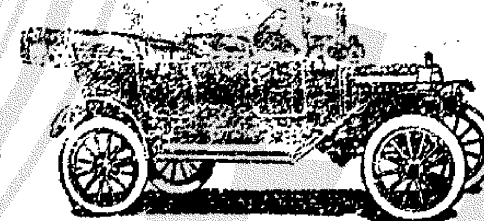
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Lowest recorded	59.0	15.0	54.0	12.2
Greatest daily range	24.0	13.3	40.0	22.2
Least daily range	10.0	5.5	5.0	2.7
Mean daily range	18.8	10.4	24.0	13.3
Rainfall	Inches	Milli-metres.	Inches	Milli-metres
Total during month	0.01	0.254	0.336	8.6
Total from 1st January to date	0.01	0.254	0.336	8.6
Greatest rainfall in 24 hours	0.01	0.254	1.11	28.2
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Number of days on which rain fell	1		1.6	
Mean relative humidity during month	64.8%		67.3%	



Sollakken (Norwegian); Nueva Montaña (Spanish) a Norwegian barque and a Dutch trawler, the total tonnage being ten thousand.

London, Feb. 11.—Sinkings: Steamers Japanese Prince, Lullington, Beachtree, (British), Ellavore (Norwegian) and a Dutch trawler and lugger.

There are no further details regarding the Mantola.

London, Feb. 11.—Experts reckon that the average rate of sinkings since the new campaign has been 18,000 tons daily, compared with 12,000 tons previously. This is not nearly so bad as the Germans hoped. The enemy has not done enough for his purpose and if the sequel goes as the first week suggests, we will undoubtedly pull through all right. They emphasise the present super frightfulness can only be maintained a week or two longer, while an increase in the efficiency of the British preventive measures is to be expected.

Madrid, Feb. 10.—Twenty-seven Spanish vessels of a tonnage of 79,000, valued at £2,800,000 sterling, have been sunk during the war.

New York, Feb. 11.—The American line announces its ships will not sail unless the Government provides convoys or guns and gunners.

Paris, Feb. 10.—Lord Milner interviewed at Petrograd said it is estimated that the German submarines number two hundred.

London, Feb. 10. Mr. E. G. Pretyman, Under Secretary of the Admiralty, speaking at Chelmsford said there was not the slightest doubt in the mind of the Admiralty that the present submarine onslaught would be defeated like the previous one.

London, Feb. 12.—There were nine sinkings yesterday 7 British and 2 Norwegian.

Narratives of survivors agree on the cold-blooded savagery of the pirates.

One of the most terrible tales of suffering is that of a member of the crew of the Vedamore, a native of the Philippines, who was picked up seventy miles west of the Irish coast, alone, naked and frozen stiff in the bottom of the boat. He says after the Vedamore sank he swam for five hours in the icy sea and reached a waterlogged lifeboat in which he drifted in a bitter gale baling till he lost consciousness. He was awakened by attacks by flocks of seabirds and found himself frozen. He spent nineteen hours praying for death to end his sufferings.

The Belfast steamer Sallach was shelled without warning and the engineer was killed when coming up on deck. The crew were nine hours in the boat after the sinking before being rescued.

A telegram from Stockholm says the Swedish steamer Edda was shelled without warning firing continuing throughout.



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An Officer and his men of the Machine Gun Corps Carrying a German Machine Gun into position to use Against the Germans.

The Edda was sunk by bombs and the crew turned adrift in a boat the pirates shouting "go to hell."

The Captain of the Soveto says that pirates systematically pillaged his ship preventing the crew taking their belongings and threatening them with revolvers.

#### A War With Nature.

London, Jan. 11.—Sir E. Shackleton in the Daily Chronicle gives accounts of the terrible experiences of the Ross sea party of his expedition who were absent from the Aurora laying food-depots when the latter broke off from her moorings at Cape Evans in May 1915. Sir E. Shackleton rescued five of the party on Jan. 10 while three, including the leader namely Captain Mackintosh and the Padre meantime succumbed to their privations.

Traces of their remains were unsuccessfully sought. The Ross sea party's early trials were very severe. Furious blizzards raged and the temperature was thirty below zero. All except four dogs died on the trail. They reappeared at Cape Evans a fortnight after the Aurora broke away and found plenty of food but a short supply of clothing. Members of the party made clothing from materials the Scott expedition left and others worked scientifically and hunted the seal and subsequently stocked distant depots.

The party went southward in Jan. 1916. They left the Padre who had contracted scurvy in a tent and proceeded to lay the last depot. They found two sledges, the sole trace of Scott's expedition. Returning they picked up the Padre who was lashed to a sledge in a sleeping bag. Scurvy generally ap-

peared. The most rapid travelling was made but the strain, combined with bad conditions, shortened the marches. Fortunately they took extra food from one depot for when eleven miles from the next and within thirty miles from the place where Scott perished, an awful blizzard set in.

The Ross sea camp was broken when it had lasted six days because the men were weakening and fuel and provisions were practically exhausted. It took three hours to dig out the sledges. The party restarted for the next depot and in blinding drift. "It was a fight against death calling for the qualities of self-denial, endurance and comradeship worthy of the highest traditions of Polar service." Captain Mackintosh and another fell in their tracks. One was left to tend him, the others with the starving dogs struggled on. The

depot was gained and the return made with food to the trio the blizzard continuing. They were found sick and helpless.

The party left northward again. Three were lashed to the overburdened sledges. Mackintosh, realising the situation, selflessly decided to stay behind and give the others a chance. He occupied the tent with a supply of provisions. The remainder pushed on. The Padre died before re-investigating food was procured. Mackintosh was rescued after ten days.

The party made a safe depot after carrying out their specified object, despite abnormal difficulties. Mackintosh and his companion recovered but were overtaken by a sudden blizzard when crossing a sea of ice towards Cape Evans and subsequent indications show that they were drowned.

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