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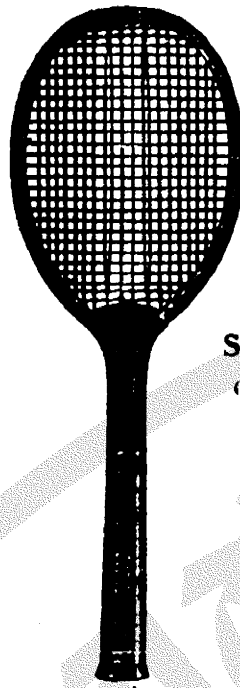
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1916

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am. Friday	Colombo with	
s.s. "Nankin" Mar. 17	s.s. "Mongolia"	April 16
" " " " 31	" " "Malwa"	" 30
" " " " April 11	" " "Khiva"	May 15
" " " " " 28	" " "Mooltan"	" 29
" " " " May 12	" " "Kashgar"	June 12
" " " " " 26	" " "Arabia"	" 26
" " " " June 9	" " "Kashmir"	July 10
" " " " " 23	" " "Medina"	" 24

Intermediate Direct Sailings.

Leave Singapore	Due London
s/s "Noro" leaves Singapore about April 4	due London May 11
" " "Nelloro" do do July 10	do do Aug. 18

OUTWARD-1916.

For China.

Due Singapore	Connection with	Leaving London
s/s "Malta" Mar. 8	s/s "Khiva"	Feb. 5
" " " " 19	" " "Mooltan"	" 19
" " " " April 3	" " "Kashgar"	March 4
" " " " " 16	" " "Arabia"	" 18
" " " " " 30	" " "Kashmir"	April 1
" " " " May 14	" " "Khyber"	" 15
" " " " " 28	" " "Medina"	" 29
" " " " June 11	" " " " "	" 20
" " " " " 25	" " "Malwa"	May 13

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s.s. Fushimi Maru " 26	s.s. Kamo Maru " 21

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" " "	" " "Awdang"	5. 4. 16.
" " "	" " "Boribat"	12. " "
" " "	" " "Prachatipok"	19. " "
" " "	" " "Awdang"	26. " "

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TIDE TABLE.

DEPTH OF WATER ON THE
BANGKOK BAR.

FOR APRIL, 1916.

Apr.	A.M.			
	H. W.	Ft. in.	L. W.	(Approx.)
1	5 00	14 4	...	...
2	5 00	14 5	...	...
3	5 30	14 2	...	...
4	5 30	14 3	...	...
5	6 00	13 11	1-0	7-0
6	6 00	13 11	1-0	7-0
7	6 00	13 8	...	...
8	6 00	13 7	...	...
9	7 00	13 2	...	...
10	6 30	13 6	...	...
11	6 30	13 1	...	...
12	2 30	13 5	...	...
13	2 30	13 9	...	...
14	3 30	14 0	...	...
15	3 30	14 4	...	...
16	4 00	14 4	...	...
17	4 30	14 4	...	...
18	4 30	14 3	11-12	7-0
19	4 30	14 1	11-12	7-0
20	5 00	13 10	12	7-0
21	6 00	13 6	...	...
22	6 00	13 4	...	...
23	7 00	13 4	...	...
24	7 00	12 11	...	...
25	6 00	12 8	...	...
26	1 00	14 0	...	...
27	2 00	13 9	...	...
28	2 30	13 9	...	...
29	3 00	13 9	...	...
30	3 30	13 8	10-11	7-0

Apr.	P.M.			
	H. W.	Ft. in.	L. W.	(Approx.)
1	4 00	11 11	...	...
2	4 30	12 7	...	...
3	5 30	14 0	11-12	6-0
4	6 00	14 3	12-0	7-0
5	7 00	14 7	...	...
6	7 00	14 8	1-0	7-0
7	8 00	14 7	1-0	7-0
8	9 00	14 5	1-2	6-0
9	10 30	13 11	2-3	6-0
10	10 30	13 8	3-1	6-0
11	11 00	12 9	3-1	6-0
12	12 00	12 6	4-5	6-0
13	12 00	12 3	4-5	6-0
14	3 00	10 10	5-6	7-0
15	3 00	12 4	7-8	7-0
16	3 30	12 8	9-10	7-0
17	4 30	13 8	10-11	7-0
18	5 30	14 6	...	...
19	7 00	15 0	...	...
20	8 00	15 2	...	...
21	8 30	15 0	1-2	6-0
22	11 00	14 9	2	6-0
23	10 30	14 4	2-3	6-0
24	11 00	14 1	3-4	6-0
25	12 00	13 0	3-4	6-0
26	...	12 6	4-5	7-0
27	2 30	...	6-7	7-0
28	3 30	10 7	7-8	7-0
29	4 00	11 11	9-0	7-0
30	...	12 7	10-0	7-0

PHASES OF THE MOON.

Apr. 2nd ☉ New Moon 11.1 p.m.
" 10th ☾ First Quarter 9.18 p.m.
" 18th ☉ Full Moon 11.50 a.m.
" 25th ☾ Last Quarter 5.20 a.m.

Bangkok Mails Close.

HONGKONG via HAIHONG.
Tuesday 18th 12 noon a.s. Kanchow
CHANDABURI.
Wednesday 19th 10 a.m. a.s. Krat
HONGKONG via SWATOW
Thursday 20th 1 p.m. a.s. Chaochowfu

Exchange Rates.

To-day's Quotations.

LONDON—
Bank Bills, demand 1/6 7/16
Bank Bills, 4 months' sight 1/6 9/16
PARIS—
Bank Bills, demand —
GERMANY—
Bank Bills, demand —
NEW YORK—
Bank Bills, demand U.S.A. 35 3/4
INDIA—
Bank Bills, demand Rs. 113 3/4
SINGAPORE—
Bank Bills, demand \$65 1/2
HONGKONG—
Bank Bills, demand, \$73 1/8
YOKOHAMA & KOBE—
Bank Bills, demand, ¥72 1/8
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Zeppelin Driven Off.

London, April 7.—People cheered the "terrible strafing" which our gunners gave the Zeppelin last night on the north-east coast. The airship was apparently hit as its nose was seen to dip and it then disappeared seaward, pursued by seaplanes.

London, April 8.—The Gazette notifies the award of the Distinguished Service Order to Flight Commander Bone, who brought down the raider aeroplane near Dover on March 19th.

London, April 8.—The Telegraph states that Lord Montagu has also resigned from the Air-Committee.

Mesopotamia Advance Continues.

London, April 7.—Official from Mesopotamia: The third division on the 6th continued to advance on the south bank until positions were reached from which it was possible to enfilade the Turkish defences on the left bank.

Russia's Positions.

Petrograd, April 9.—The communique says: In the Riga region one of our Mounouritz airships dropped bombs on the enemy's cantonments. An enemy attack north of Lake Narotch was repulsed.

The Turks made three unsuccessful attacks on our positions on the Karadere river eastward of Trebizond.

The Submarine War.

London, April 9.—The British steamer Adamant has been sunk.

London, April 9.—Those killed on the Chantala were: the fourth engineer and eight lascars.

New York, April 9.—The newspapers in Germany have disclaimed responsibility for the sinking of the Sussex.

Trade After the War.

London, April 7.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Asquith, replying to a question, said he would gladly use the Australian Premier's services in the trade conference at Paris but Mr. Hughes was leaving the country prior to the conference.

Mr. Hughes, however, states the date of his departure is not yet fixed and would not prevent his attendance at the Conference.

London, April 7.—It is stated that Mr. Hughes, in accordance with the

wish of the Commonwealth Government, will attend the Paris Conference.

Steamers Lost.

London, April 7.—The steamer Vesuvio has been sunk. Six were drowned.

London, April 7.—The Daily Mail says it is reported the P. and O. Simla has been sunk in the Mediterranean. [The P. and O. company's liner Simla had not been engaged in the passenger traffic for some time past as she was requisitioned by the Government for special service and was not employed when sunk. She had a gross tonnage of 3,881 and was built at Greenock in 1894].

London, April 8.—Sinkings: The steamers Chantala and Brautonn (British), and Stjernborg (Danish) and the schooner Clyde. The Brautonn's and Clyde's crews are all saved.

London, April 9.—Nine firemen were killed on the Chantala.

Trade and Taxes.

London, April 7.—Mr. McKenna announces that the new import duties, up to March 31st, produced a million, including half a million from motor-cars.

London, April 8.—Trouble has arisen in connection with the new match tax, which manufacturers declare is financially unworkable. They have passed a resolution suspending all sales and deliveries. The manufacturers have not sold since the 4th.

London, April 7.—Trade increases in March were imports, £10,630,845, and exports, £7,422,053.

M. P.s Save Their Salaries.

London, April 7.—In the House of Commons, the proposal by Sir F. Bannister against payment of members was defeated 230 to 32.

Mr. Bonar Law strongly deprecated raising such party questions in wartime in order to embarrass the Government.

London, April 7.—The Crown Prince of Serbia departed after most cordial farewells, there being a brilliant gathering. He was most delighted with his visit.

London, April 8.—The death is announced of Sir Colin Campbell Scott-Moncrieff, K.C.S.I., in his 80th year.

London, April 8.—The Gazette contains a further list of thirty-seven firms in neutral countries with which persons in the United Kingdom are forbidden to trade. The list includes twenty-six firms in Holland and five in the Dutch East Indies, including the Batavia newspaper, the Java Bode.

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Bear Brand Milk.

This popular and reliable brand is sold by all the leading Stores and Dispensaries in 10 and 16 ounces tins and at old rates.

No Increased Prices.

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TIME TABLE.

PAKNAM—BANGKOK.					BANGKOK—PAKNAM				
Stations.		Train No.			Stations.		Train No.		
		1	2	3 4			1	2	3 4
		a.m.	a.m.	p.m. p.m.			a.m.	a.m.	p.m. p.m.
Paknam	Dep.	6.30	9.30	12.45 3.45	Bangkok	Dep.	7.45	10.45	2.00 5.00
*Maha Wong	..	6.35	9.35	12.50 3.50	Sala Deng	..	7.52	10.52	2.07 5.07
*Pan Nang	..	6.40	9.40	12.55 3.55	Klong Toi	..	8.00	11.00	2.15 5.15
Chorakhe	..	6.45	9.45	1.00 4.00	*Ban Kluai	..	8.05	11.05	2.20 5.20
*Samrong	..	6.50	9.50	1.05 4.05	Prakonong	..	8.10	11.10	2.25 5.25
Bangna	..	6.55	9.55	1.10 4.10	Bangjak	..	8.15	11.15	2.30 5.30
Bangjak	..	7.00	10.00	1.15 4.15	*Bangna	..	8.20	11.20	2.35 5.35
*Prakonong	..	7.05	10.05	1.20 4.20	Samrong	..	8.25	11.25	2.40 5.40
*Ban Kluai	..	7.10	10.10	1.25 4.25	Chorakhe	..	8.30	11.30	2.45 5.45
Klong Toi	..	7.15	10.15	1.30 4.30	*Pan Nang	..	8.35	11.35	2.50 5.50
Sala Deng	..	7.23	10.23	1.38 4.38	*Maha Wong	..	8.40	11.40	2.55 5.55
Bangkok	Arr.	7.30	10.30	1.45 4.45	Paknam	Arr.	8.45	11.45	3.00 6.00

*Trains stop only at the request of passengers.

Trains may leave intermediate stations 5 minutes before the stated time.

Situation in Holland.

London, April 7.—It now appears that the excitement prevailing in Amsterdam last week was due to the German consul, who distributed bulletins to the effect that the British (had sent an) ultimatum to Holland. The Consul has lately explained that he believed the information which was from the Hague, but now hears there was merely the possibility of such an ultimatum.

Amsterdam, April 7.—Hetvolk demands the recall of the German Consul. Railwaymen have been again granted leave, thus indicating the crisis less grave.

The Hague, April 8.—A Bill has been submitted to the Second Chamber to authorise the calling up of the 1917 class.

The Hague, April 8.—The British Minister, in an interview, emphasised that Britain would do nothing to prejudice the integrity and independence of Holland, the maintenance and strengthening of which country would be a main point in British policy after peace.

London, April 7.—The Dutch Government has notified the British Government that the passage of the North Sea is so dangerous it is unable to undertake the transport of exchanged Anglo-German incapacitated prisoners who were due to cross to-day.

German Chancellor's Speech.

Amsterdam, April 7.—Chancellor Bethmann Hollweg made an extraordinary speech in the Reichstag, in which he vehemently protested against the British blockade, threatening the utmost reprisals. He said the speeches of their enemies showed no trace of peace. Mr. Bethmann considered the complete and final destruction of Prussian military power to be a condition preliminary to any peace negotiations. "We have only one reply to that condition and our sword must give it." If our enemies continue their inhuman massacres and the devastation of Europe the blame lies with them. Germany must be solidly protected for the future. We entered this struggle to defend ourselves, now the position is changed "to go back is impossible." He insisted that Poland must be a buffer state and they must have guarantees that Belgium would not become a base of France and England. "The fate of the Colonies would be decided on the Continent. The Chancellor sneered at the idea of an Entente commercial war and insisted that a peace must be a lasting one.

London, April 7.—The Chancellor's

speech has caused anxiety and dissatisfaction in Germany especially as regards its weakness in the reference to Belgium.

Amsterdam, April 7.—Owing to the growing scarcity, the German Government has confiscated all coffee, tea and chicory.

Italians Win Positions.

Rome, April 8.—The communiqué says: Fighting continued to the Italian advantage in the Canonica and Guidicaria valleys. A fortified position in the Daone valley was captured. Artillery was active on the entire front. A strong enemy column on the Curo was bloodily defeated. Two Austrian aeroplanes were brought down and captured on the Isonzo.

Rome, April 9.—The communiqué says: Our artillery has been active on the whole front. The enemy concentrated many batteries against our recently gained position at Ranchkofel. We evacuated the most advanced line in order not to expose our troops to unnecessary losses. We repulsed an enemy attack on Montenero taking a machine-gun and 76 prisoners. An advanced Austrian post on the middle Isonzo has been captured.

Artillery Work in Russia.

Petrograd, April 8.—The communiqué mainly records artillery duels, especially south-west of Lake Narotch, where in the evening the Russians occupied some points of the enemy positions near Bliznke, taking prisoners 78 Germans.

Petrograd, April 8.—At many places on the Baltic front, icy flood-waters are overwhelming the Germans, whom the Russian fire compels to remain and perish in their trenches.

Petrograd, April 9.—The communiqué says: Near Iluxt we exploded four mines blowing up German trenches and a blockhouse. An important Austrian offensive on the middle Strypa was repulsed.

The Wittenberg Camp.

London, April 9.—An official report has been issued on the typhus epidemic in the British prisoners' camp at Wittenberg, a terrible indictment of the German neglect, cowardice and inhumanity. The conditions made vermin and diseases inevitable. When the epidemic broke out, the German officials and doctors fled. Food was merely shoved through the entanglements for eight months. Thus seventeen thousand prisoners went through ghastly suffering, cramped up in 104 acres without possibility of getting clean. Six British doctors heroically came to the rescue, three of whom were themselves stricken.

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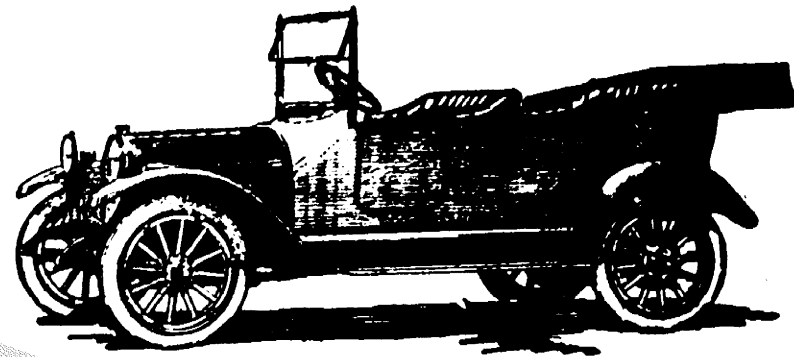
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Mean daily range	17.4	9.7	20	11.1
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Total during month	0.05	1.3	1.815	46.2
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MINISTRY OF MARINE.
Bangkok, 14th April, B.E. 2459.
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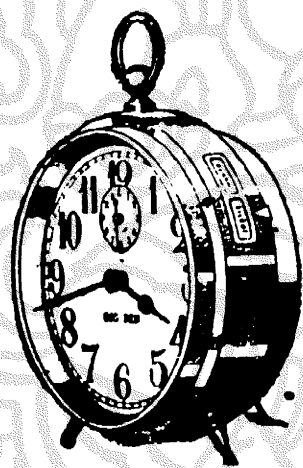
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THE Great War.**Hammering at Verdun.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, April 13.

Paris.—The Germans are still unsuccessfully hammering at Verdun. The communiqué says that the enemy launched an attack to-day using liquid fire against Canettes Wood, between Deadman's Hill and Cumieres. He was repulsed everywhere.

There was great artillery activity between Douaumont and Vaux, but without infantry attacks. It is confirmed that the Germans suffered particularly heavy losses here in yesterday's most violent offensive.

London, April 15.

Paris.—The night was calm at Verdun. The communiqué states that the Germans prepared an attack at dusk yesterday against Hill 304, but were unable even to leave the trenches. Our curtain-fire and enfilading fire from neighbouring batteries on the German columns assembled in Malancourt Wood appears to have rendered the operation abortive.

London, April 15.

Paris.—The Germans are still fruitlessly striving at Verdun.

The communiqué says that at night there was a violent bombardment on our first lines on Hill 304.

The Germans at dusk yesterday launched a small attack south of Douaumont but were completely repulsed. There was lively artillery work at Haudromont and Montainville.

A Portuguese Success.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, April 13.

A message from Lorenzo Marques says that the Portuguese expeditionary force occupied Koonga in German East Africa on the 10th instant.

Affairs in China.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, April 13.

It is reported from Shanghai that the Chinese province of Chekiang has declared its independence without any fighting.

London, April 15.

Hongkong.—There was fighting in Canton on Wednesday, the troops opposing the landing of revolutionary forces. There were thirty casualties.

In the Argonne.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, April 16.

Paris.—In the Argonne our batteries were active in the region of St. Hubert where German works were damaged, and also against enemy roads in the region of Mont Faucon and Malacourt. Artillery on both sides was active west of the Meuse in the region of Morthomme.

The enemy east of the Meuse bombarded our second lines.

Fine Achievement by Italians.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, April 16.

A Rome communiqué recounts a fine achievement by Italian mountaineers who clambering glaciers to an altitude of ten thousand feet rushed enemy positions.

A whole day attack on Monte Nero resulted in the repulse of the Austrians.

The "Sussex."

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, April 14.

New York.—Public opinion considers that the German reply to the "Sussex" note is unsatisfactory and contains useless reasoning and false statements. It demands of President Wilson to address a frank note to Berlin.

Violent Bombardments.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, April 16.

Yesterday there was violent bombardment on both banks of the Meuse.

To-day on the right bank of the Meuse we vigorously attacked German positions south of Douaumont. We occupied elements of trenches taking two hundred prisoners.

The Russian Front.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, April 16.

Petrograd.—In the region of Dvinsk we occupied two hills west and south of Garbounovka.

We repulsed counter-attacks inflicting heavy losses.

In the Caucasus after a struggle lasting many days we defeated a Turkish division proceeding from Constantinople. We took 350 Askaris and thirteen officers and mitrailleurs.

The Italian Front.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, April 16.

Rome.—We took positions in San Looswald, taking prisoners.

Tin and Rubber.

(S. O. SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
Singapore, April 13.

Tin is quoted at \$97/75.

Rubber auctions have opened but were unfinished and will be resumed to-day. Four hundred and fifty tons were offered.

Advices from London say that the tone of the market has been very satisfactory hitherto. Fine sheet and fine crepe were one and two dollars respectively higher than last week.

Singapore, April 14.

Tin is quoted at \$95/62 1/2.

The rubber auctions have been completed. The demand was good. Most grades fetched higher prices, the highest being for fine pale crepe 183 dollars per picul, an advance of three dollars equal to 3/6 per pound.

Out of 440 tons offered 280 were sold.

Singapore, April 17.

Tin is quoted at \$96/75.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Latest Havas telegrams will be found on page 6.

THE death of Mr. G. Kennedy Reid took place in Singapore on March 14 and not on the 14th inst. as stated in our Saturday's issue.

THE s.s. "Katong" left Singapore at 1 p.m. on Saturday the 15th inst., and may be expected to arrive at the Borneo Company's wharf on Tuesday morning.

LAST year, the Green Island Cement Co., of Hongkong, made a gross profit of \$388,385. They are paying a dividend of 60 cents per share and carry forward \$111,338.

THE publication of the Saigon newspaper l'Opinion was suspended by the military authorities from March 25 to April 1 for having published information suppressed by the censor.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Paknampo line is in order as far as Ayudhya. Nongkal line is still interrupted beyond Korat. Other lines are in order.

WE learn that Mr. Fabricius who is alleged to have shot a Kamnan at Me Set arrived in Bangkok yesterday under escort. He will take his trial in the International Court in due course.

SEVENTEEN Chinese have been banished from Perak, five for life, three for fifteen years, seven for ten years and two for five years. In Selangor eight have been banished, five for life and three for five years.

ON the 7th inst. the sum of Tcs. 128 was subscribed towards the Cruiser Fund in Bangkok. Mondhol Nagor Sawa contributed Tcs. 472 and Mondhol Chantaburi Tcs. 568. The total now amounts to Tcs. 1,373,015.

THERE were crowded houses at the Phathanakorn Cinema on Saturday and Sunday night. The pictures screened were both dramatic and amusing and were much appreciated by the audience. The Phathanakorn is also drawing good houses and the pictures are of a very high standard.

In an interview with a representative of a Russian newspaper, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, M. Sazonoff, said he did not believe that the economical condition of Germany was such a sound one that the country could continue the war for a long time. Most probably the war will be finished next November.

WE learn that Chesna Tau Lieb Buey (Wang Lee) is having a four days' entertainment to celebrate the 60th anniversary of his mother's birthday. Invitations are out for a dinner to members of the Siamese, French and British communities on the 24th instant. The Oriental Hotel is catering for the dinner.

Motley Reflexions.

"Invest me in my motley, and give me leave to speak my mind."

I beg to thank "Syllicus Junior" for the kindly greeting which he extended to me the other day in the columns of a contemporary. It is true that I write as an amateur, and for that reason, my "reflexions" are bound to be spasmodic; that is to say, the output will be regulated by the spare time I have at my disposal. Also, like an artist, I shall only write when I feel inclined—at least that, I have been told, is the way artists work, though I cannot vouch for it myself.

I am sorry to observe, as per a correspondent's letter in the same contemporary, that the said correspondent was quite annoyed with my friend "Syllicus Junior" for having made remarks about the "Battle of West Lane." In my opinion—and I must ask you to bear in mind, that I have already asked at the head of this column for leave to speak my mind—my friend "Syllicus Junior" was only trying to be just when he said that there were two sides to every question. The "Dweller in West Lane" has, however, made a sweeping assertion that "when I advance something, there is only one face to my assertion and never two." A quaint way of putting it but, like Mercutio's wound, "it will serve."

It is not my business to stick up for one side or the other, but I cannot help being amused at it all. So far as I could see, "Syllicus Junior" did not say anything about faces at all: he was only talking about the two sides of a question, which does not necessarily mean that anything advanced by someone has a double meaning, which is a very different matter. A question usually possesses two sides to it, I believe—at any rate, it does in all communities where Right is right: but where only might is right, then I dare say questions may possess only one side each, and that side needless to add is Might's side!

Also, I fail to see what connection there is between the doings of Akorn Ha Young or of Ai Un, and those of the denizens of West Lane. The first case—which by the way is still under appeal—is one of alleged incitement to murder, while the case of Ai Un is one of alleged murder, and neither of them is a case of rowdyism, whereas the West Lane case is, as the "Dweller" says, "rowdyism and rowdyism alone." Murder and rowdyism are scarcely the same, though some people seem to think they are. A rowdy is, according to the English dictionary, a rude, riotous fellow. In fact, he is the sort of fellow who, on seeing a stranger, welcomes him by "heaving arf a brick" at him. A murderer on the other hand would disdain the use of the "arf brick"; and some murderers would be awfully annoyed if they knew that they had been placed in the same category as a rowdy.

It is a notorious fact that everything depends on the point from which one views any question or affair. For example, many of us still remember the Christmas incident which enlivened Bangkok a few years back. The case would at first have appeared to be one of "rowdyism alone" on the part of a Siamese crowd, supported by the police. Fortunately it was discovered that there were two sides to that question, the other side being the fact that the alleged victims had been having a Christmas celebration and had broken a street lamp or two from sheer exuberance of spirits—*spirits* in more senses than one, though according to medical evidence, given by a medical compatriot of the "assaulted" party, they were "not very drunk." The evidence reminded me at the time of a certain line spoken by one of the characters in Henry Arthur Jones' play, "The Liar." On being accused of asinine behaviour, the man said: "Well, I may be an ass, but I am not a silly ass!" There is of course as much difference between "an ass" and "a silly ass," as there is between "drunk" and "not very drunk."

By the way, as one so often hears complaints about the rude behaviour of soldiers to *Farangs*, the following case, related to me by a friend, is not a very nice one, to say the least of it. While waiting to entrain at Bangkok Noi Terminus, two soldiers happened to take shelter under the house of one of the *Farang* employees of the Royal Siamese Railway. The owner of the house sent his boy down to tell the soldiers to move out, but before they could do so, the *Farang* himself ran down and actually assaulted the soldiers, who as far as it is known were doing no harm at all. As this assault took place before a crowd of other soldiers, there might have been a good-sized row had not the officers been fortunately upon the scene and so prevented a would-be regrettable occurrence. There probably are two sides to this particular affair too, and I feel decidedly curious to know the rampant *Farang*'s side of it. Barring the reason that the soldiers were mere "natives."

I should like to know what else there is to it?

As a fitting finale to these reflexions on the fact of there being two sides to every question or affair, however bad it may look, allow me to quote the words of that Prince of modern jesters, Sir William Gilbert:—

"When the enterprising burglar's not a-burgling,
"When the cut-throat isn't occupied in crime,
"He loves to hear the little brook a-gurgling,
"And listen to the merry village chime."

Does it not seem strange, dear reader, that such words, which are really the essence of Christian (and Buddhist) charity, should have been uttered by a self-confessed jester?

Truly indeed has it been said that humour is the saving grace of humanity, for the man without a sense of humour is rarely a really humane one, nor does he possess enough of that nice balance to be a truly just one.

SRI DHANONJAI.

The Sky Meeting.

There was not a very big attendance at the Sky Meeting which commenced on Saturday last, but all the events were run off in first class sporting style. The arrangements were capital and the weather though not exactly comfortably cool, was not unbearably hot. There were no accidents or incidents worth mentioning to mar the general enjoyment.

The following are the results of the latter events. The results of the 1st and 2nd races have already appeared in our Saturday's issue.

(3) **Siamese Ponies Race.**
4 Fur. H'cap. Value Tcs. 150. Presented by R. B. S. C.
Madame de Bhishuloke's Khome Loi (7.2) 1
Phya Sri Suriyabaha's Thai Raow (8.3) 2
Mr. V. L's Nilaraj (7.6) 3

Sorn Chai, Samnha, Klong Taan, Krat, Thaviwongse, Thong Thai, Tom, Peter Simple and Vajn also ran.
Won by four lengths, half a length separating 2nd from third.
Time: 1.4. Tote Tcs. 16.

(4) **Australian Ponies Race.**
For Australian ponies 14.2 and under. (Non winners at last meeting.) 5 Fur. H'cap. Value Tcs. 250. Presented by R. B. S. C.
Luang Sunthorn Kosa's Kop (8.0) 1
Mr. V. L's Vanni (8.5) 2
Madame de Bhishuloke's Nancy (5.10) 3

Sneyha and Slipaway also ran.
Won by a short head, 1 length separating 2nd from third.
Time: 1.10 1/5. Tote: Tcs. 18.

(5) **Australian Griffins Race.**
Five fur. h'cap. Value Tcs. 250. Presented by R. B. S. C.
His Majesty's Ella T (9.0) 1
Luang Patibatti's Vittoria (7.12) 2

Also ran Jacobin.
Won by two lengths.
Time: 1.10 4/5. Tote: Tcs. 8.

(6) **Australian Ponies Race.**
Boonmaker's Purse. Tcs. 300 1st horse added money by R. B. S. C. Tcs. 150 2nd horse. For Australian Ponies 14.2 and under. 5 Fur. H'cap.
Luang Patibatti's Flirt (7.11) 1
Mr. V. K's Isabella (6.5) 2
Mrs W. A. Graham's Mad Meg (8.2) 3

Also ran Nai Pradiht, Thong Dee, Sunflower, Royal Page and Varo.
Won by 1/2 length: 1/4 length separating 2nd from third.
Time: 1.8 4/5. Tote: Tcs. 32.

The Handicaps.

The following are the handicaps for to-morrow's races:—

FIRST RACE.
Nai Pradiht 7.12, Sneyha 7.0, Flirt 8.7, Kop 8.0, Mars 8.6, Slipaway 8.6, Sandfly 7.13, Pom 7.5.

SECOND RACE.
Sorn Chai 5.0, Samnha 6.9, Khome Loi 8.0, Thai Raow 8.0, Klong Taan 5.10, Krat 7.0, Thaviwongse 6.13, Thong Thai 7.4, Tom 6.12, Vajn 7.0, Nilaraj 7.2.

THIRD RACE.
Ella T. 9.12, Lom Thalay 7.0, Vittoria 7.13, Jacobin 6.7.

FOURTH RACE.
Nancy 6.0, Phuang Phet 5.7, Thong Dee 8.0, Sunflower 8.3, Townit 5.7, Isabella 7.9.

FIFTH RACE.
Marie L. 7.8, Flirt 8.4, Kop 7.7, Royal Page 9.5, Mad Meg 8.4, Sandfly 7.9, Vanni 7.12.

An Opponent For Wilson.

Washington, April 10.—A manifesto of seventy-five leading eastern Republicans urges the claims of ex-Secretary Root as a candidate for the presidency.

Shooting.

There was a poor attendance of Guns at Sapatum yesterday afternoon for the usual Sweep Competitions, and although the various events were keenly contested, it always adds greater interest when more turn out. Possibly this year's arrangements may account for the non appearance of many of the members owing to the fact that meetings take place every alternate Sunday. In future a notice of each meeting will be inserted in the local papers prior to the event.

C. L. Groundwater won the first 5 bird Sweep with P. A. Church second. The following 10 bird handicap sweep, based on the points-per-kill system, which proved very interesting was won by Groundwater with 180 (9 in 10), McBeth second.

Groundwater also won the Double Rise, McBeth and Church tying for 2nd place, the former winning.

The final 5 Bird sweep was arranged as a distance handicap. Groundwater winning with a possible at 21 yards; E. Wyon Smith and McBeth tied for 2nd place, the latter winning.

On Sunday the 30th inst. shooting will take place for the second monthly Cup of the season; handicap, of birds and distance based on this year's averages, where possible, will be allotted.

Notes on Tuesday's Handicaps.

In the first race 4 furlongs for the open class 14.2 and under Flirt with 1 lb. added to her weight for inches ought, if running, to easily beat Mars with 16 lbs. added to her w.f.f. Nai Pradiht and Sandfly the first with 18 lbs. and the other with 29 lbs. ought to be close up to Mars.

Khomo Loi has incurred a penalty of 12 lbs. for his win on Saturday. This in my mind is out of proportion to the usual handicapping of the Siamese pony class. Thai Raow gets 3 lbs. less and Nilaraj 4 lbs. Thaviwongse is still carrying his Saturday's weight 6.13. Unless Khomo Loi is a weight carrier the race should go to Thai Raow with Nilaraj close up.

Ella T. carries another 12 lbs. extra for her win on Saturday so that she is carrying 24 lbs. over her w.f.f. Lom Thalay is 12 lbs. Victoria 21 lbs. and Jacobin 45 lbs. Lom Thalay just got in last Saturday, beating a class quite different from Victoria. I think Ella T. cannot concede Victoria 45 lbs. and that Victoria should therefore win this race with plenty to spare.

The fourth race is a gift to Isabella. She ought to win that race in a common canter. At last meeting Isabella carrying 7 stones beat Pom carrying 7.5 and Tong Dee 8.2 doing the 5 furlongs in 1.10 4/5. She was 3rd in the 6 furlongs race carrying 7.7 when Blind Anna carrying 8.5 won from Sunflower carrying 8.7 in 1.24 3/5 and in a 7 furlongs race carrying 7.10 she was 2nd to Sunflower carrying 8.13. Tomorrow Sunflower carries 8.3 and Isabella 7.9.

Mad Meg was seen straining every nerve to win on Saturday while Flirt came in an easy winner by at least a length and a half. In the style they were going another furlong would have ended similarly. As a matter of fact Flirt won a 7 furlongs race at the last meeting leading all the way beating Mad Meg by about 4 lengths in 1.38 1/5. Mad Meg carried 8.7 and Flirt 7.10. On Saturday Mad Meg carried 8.2 and Flirt 7.11. To-morrow Mad Meg carries 8.4 and Flirt also 8.4. In other words Flirt gets 7 lbs. more for as easy a win as that of Khomo Loi. Mad Meg gets 2 lbs. more.

Flirt has always been lucky regarding her handicaps. It will be remembered she ran well in 1912 in the wetter race of 24 miles. In February 1913 Mad Meg carrying 8.8 beat Flirt carrying 9.3 to third place. Time was 54 3/5. In the same meeting Flirt carrying 7.4 beat Lady A carrying 9.10 in a half mile establishing the record for Bangkok of 53 3/5 seconds for half a mile.

In Mesopotamia.

London, April 10.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Tennant said he had no information whether General Townshend had sent a reply to the King's Message indicative of the spirit of his troops.

London, April 10.—Sir Percy Lake reports that General Goring's preparations for the attack on Samarra is well advanced although the floods have curtailed the frontage whereon the attack can be delivered. The weather has been fine for the last two days, the river not having risen since the 7th instant.

London, April 10.—Sir Percy Lake reports that an attack was made on the Samarra positions at dawn yesterday but failed to get through the enemy's lines. Operations were much hampered by the floods which are again extending.

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Mr. Asquith on War Aims. King George's Speech to French Legislators.

London, April 11.—Mr. Asquith presiding at a banquet given to French parliamentarians said that Franco-British relations which were long established on durable foundations had now become relations of intimacy and affection through the test of war. "Germany wanted us," he said "to assume the attitude of a defeated adversary but we are undefeated and are not going to be defeated."

Mr. Asquith stated that the terms with which we are prepared to conclude peace are the accomplishment of the purposes for which we took up arms. The purpose of the Allies is to pave the way for an international system securing equal rights for all civilised states. The military caste can no longer be allowed to interfere in the settlement of international problems.

Mr. Asquith continuing said that it was impossible that cynicism could go further than Dr. Bethmann Hollweg's insistence that Germany has given various races the chance for free evolution. After referring to the colossal failure of the attempt for twenty years to Germanise Poland and to the brutal treatment accorded to Belgians, Mr. Asquith said that the Allies were determined to see once again the old Belgium. She must not be allowed to suffer permanently from the wanton and wicked invasion. Her freedom which has been broken down must be repaired and restored (cheers). Mr. Asquith concluded that the Allies are prepared to justify the legality of the blockade which is being carried out with the strictest regard to humanity. Not a single neutral life has been lost as a result of the blockade. The Allies are fighting with clean hands and clear conscience and are confident of their power to vindicate the liberties of Europe.

London, April 11.—At the first Franco-British Parliamentary Conference now being held in London His Majesty delivered a stirring address to the members at Buckingham Palace welcoming the French legislators of the great republic with which it rejoiced him to be united by intimate alliance and mutual confidence.—"An alliance destined as I trust to be perpetual." He dwelt on the valuable work of the French legislators and emphasised the visit as an expression of friendship binding the two nations together.

They would be able to observe how strenuous Britain's efforts are to provide munitions, how deep British sympathy is with the sufferings in Northern France caused by the ferocious invader, how warm British admiration is for French valour and constancy, how unanimously Britons will prosecute the war till the menace of aggression be removed. The British Empire is fighting side by side with France for the liberty and peace of the world, with a belief growing daily stronger that victory would crown the cause of right.

Russia's Activities.

London, April 11.—A Petrograd communique says that German attempts to pump water out of flooded trenches along the Dvina front were everywhere prevented by Russian fire. The Germans southwest of Pinsk approached the Russian positions in boats but were driven off. The Russians captured a trench on the lower Strypa. Despite the deep snow and numerous crevasses in the Caucasus the Russians continue to advance in the direction of Diarbekr. They repulsed several attacks in the Bitlis region and fought off hordes of Kurds who supported the Turkish infantry south of Ulu Crumiah.

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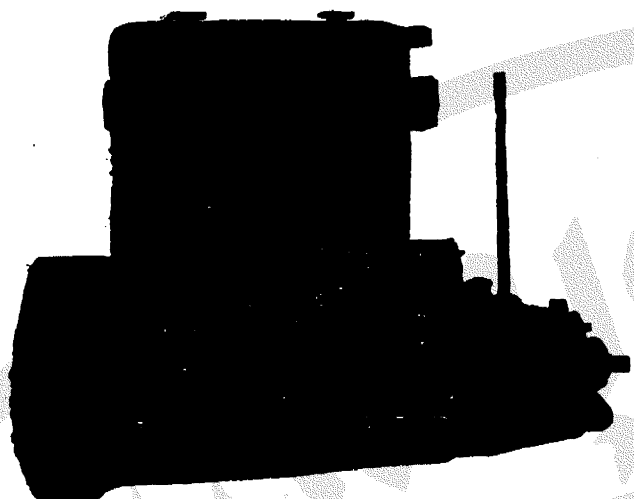
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Paris, April 15.

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(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, April 15.

Rome.—We took positions on the crest of Lobbia Alta and Doss-di-Genova, taking prisoners.

Russian Front.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, April 14.

Petrograd.—We repulsed attacks against the Uxkull Bridgehead and west of lake Narotch.

In Verdun.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, April 15.

Yesterday North of Verdun there was bombardment without infantry action.

To-day we repulsed a reconnaissance north of Roze. There was artillery activity north of Verdun, notably in Bois Corbeaux.

In The Caucasus.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, April 15.

Petrograd.—In the region of Strypa we carried a height called "Tombe au Popof" and took trenches. We repulsed counter-attacks inflicting heavy losses. We took 101 prisoners.

In the Caucasus, west of Erzerum after a six days battle we defeated the enemy with heavy loss. We are energetically following up the success.

London, March 27.—Zeppelins several times have tried to reach Salonika, but always have been detected in time and prevented.

War Items.

Ahead of the Mail.

An Irreparable Defeat

London, March 21.—General Joffre, replying to a telegram from General Haig expressing admiration for the defence of Verdun, says:—The French army is confident that it will obtain results from which all the Allies will benefit, and it remembers also that its recent call on the comradeship of the British army met with an immediate and complete response.

The "Daily Telegraph's" Rome correspondent says that it is considered in military circles that the Germans have sustained an irreparable defeat at Verdun.

The Russian Offensive.

London, March 27.—Telegrams from Petrograd dwell on the importance of gaining satisfactory positions prior to the spring floods. The Russians have apparently turned the Germans out of their comfortable concrete trenches, and others cannot be built in the flood time.

The "Agenzia Libera" learns from Berlin by way of Zurich that the German divisions and heavy artillery before Verdun are going to Russia immediately.

Austrian Troops Suffering.

London, March 20.—The "Arbeiter Zeitung" states that cholera, dysentery and typhoid are rampant in parts of Russian Poland occupied by the Austrians.

Peace Talk.

London, March 23rd.—The American State Department denies Mr. Gerard's peace terms. The "Times" New York and Washington correspondents both betray a belief that it had some foundation and originated with a correspondent in Count Bernstorff's confidence.

Misery in Turkey.

London, March 30.—The "Daily Chronicle's" Salonika correspondent, quoting the Young Turk organ "Tanin" states: Turkey is simultaneously becoming militarily exhausted and menaced with famine. People are literally dying from hunger. Blank misery also prevails.

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The Tubantia.

London, March 21.—The "Morning Post's" Amsterdam correspondent says that shares in the company owning the Tubantia, were sold on German account on the eve of the torpedoing.

Reported Failure of German Loan.

London, March 25th.—An Exchange message from Geneva says that the Swiss bankers regard the German loan as an unqualified failure.

London, March 26.—Reports from many sources indicate the failure of the new German War Loan, the subscription list for which closed yesterday; messages from various neutral countries describe the loan as a complete fiasco despite unprecedented agitation and frantic appeals by the German newspapers. Messages from New York state that efforts made to sell the new German war bonds in America were wholly unsuccessful, even the hyphenated or German-Americans being no longer attracted owing to their lack of confidence in an ultimate German success. M. Ribot, the French Finance Minister, recently affirmed that the end of the war was within measurable distance; it is reported that the second French War Loan to be issued next July will probably be the last required.

Persian Situation.

London, March 29.—The "Times" military correspondent regrets that India has not played a stronger hand in connection with the clearing out of the German-led Banditti from Persia. The last of this failure has not yet been heard. On the whole, adds the correspondent, we must believe that there is a good deal in India which needs over-hauling before the resources of the Dependency can be intelligently employed. Apropos of the reports of troop movements and concentrations in Asia the correspondent advocates the close co-operation of the Anglo-Russian forces. If we are compelled to keep large forces in the Eastern Mediterranean, at least let them kill the enemy in preference to sandgrouse.

Debate in Italian Chamber.

London, March 22.—The debate in the Italian Chamber which began last week was originally expected to result either in the reconstruction or the resignation of the Ministry, but the debate ended yesterday in a vote of confidence in the Ministry, 391 voting for it and 61 against. Signor Salandra stated that the Government was sparing in words but not lacking in vigour and enthusiasm.

The German Fleet.

Rome March 29.—The "Concordia's" Berne correspondent states that large German squadrons have recently been manoeuvring in the neighbourhoods of Kiel, Wilhelmshaven and Heligoland.

Egypt and the War.

London, March 30.—The "New York Herald's" special correspondent

in Egypt writes: It seems certain that Egypt is no longer concerned with the war.

India and the War.

London, March 24.—In an interview with the "Morning Post," Sir John Hewett gives the impressions he derives from his recent visit to India. The general loyalty of the land, headed by the Ruling Chiefs, he describes as marvellous. The change in the country, even in the short time since his departure, he found wonderful. He was specially impressed by the tremendous advance in the position and power of that portion of the Indian public which takes part in politics, and of the Indian Press. He thinks that the people little realise the war and its meaning. The censorship, he says, is chiefly to blame for stilling information. He condemns the absence of a tentative offering of financial aid to Britain towards the war from whose consequences India is completely sheltered by the British Navy. This he regards as a grave political error, which leaves the people under the impression that they need pay nothing for a war involving their future welfare. The most serious effect of the war was its hindrance of commercial and railway development. He welcomed the appointment of the Industrial Commission and especially the appointment of Sir Thomas Holland as President. He insisted on the importance of more stringent measures against German traders.

The "Morning Post," in a leader on Sir John Hewett's communication, has some unflattering remarks on Sir William Meyer and his attitude towards the proposed Indian War Loan.

Indian Aliens for Holland.

London, March 31.—The B. I. steamer Goleonda, left Bombay yesterday for Holland with about 400 alien enemy subjects. Of these 100 are from Madras, two from Bengal, one from Quetta and the rest from Bombay Presidency.

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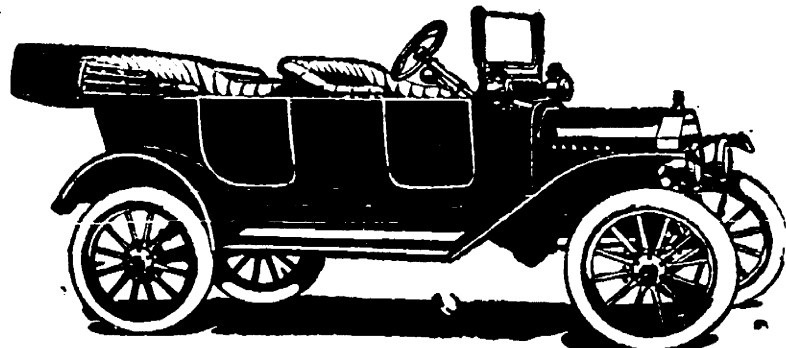
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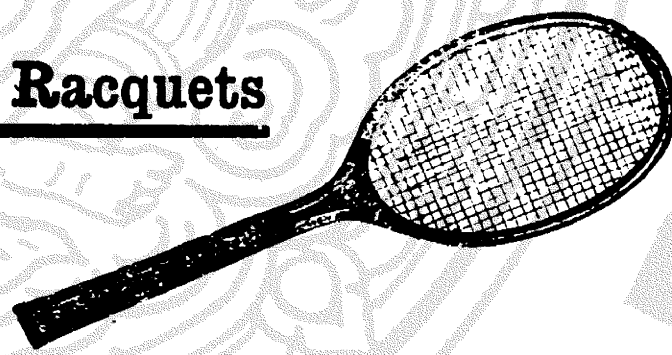
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Mr. Churchill, Alarmist.

London, March 8.—In the House of Commons, yesterday Mr. Balfour, when introducing the Naval Estimates said he only proposed to give a general impression of the course the Admiralty was pursuing. There was no German cruiser in any ocean. British commerce in any ocean. No details of particular ships could be discussed at present. The British Fleet was now international, not merely British, as many nations depended upon the British Admiralty.

Since the war began the personnel of the Navy had been doubled, and the tonnage increased by over 100,000 tons, while the strength of the air division of the Navy had grown tenfold. The first problem was to maintain the Grand Fleet in adequate superiority to every force that could be brought against it. The Navy and expeditionary forces had achieved all that could have been expected and done all they had professed to be able to do. No one could predict the future relative value of Zeppelins and aeroplanes. The Government was developing airships in order to assist the fleet by scouting, but there was some difficulty in housing them. Since the outbreak of hostilities the production of warships had been on an unprecedented scale. The Admiralty had not replaced the losses of armoured cruisers, but their present superiority was enormous and uncontested. If asked whether the Admiralty was satisfied with the present rate of progress he would answer "No." But the limit of shipbuilding was the limit of skilled labour available. The Admiralty never relaxed in its desire to increase the strength of the weapon on which the world now, more than ever, depended. He must be poor in spirit who surveyed the present position and the measured greatness of the British Fleet in comparison with the enemy's and who could not face the future with cheerful serenity.

Plea for Lord Fisher.

Mr. Churchill who followed was loudly cheered on rising. He said he was sorry to strike a jarring note, not of reproach, censure or praise, but in some respects of warning. They must not assume Germany would be content to allow her fleet to lie in port and be derided in the Kiel Canal. They must assume Germany had completed all her programme. If Britain had not completed hers, solid reasons must be given to justify postponement or delay. There must not be an unconscious relaxation of effort on the part of the Admiralty. If a shortage of naval material occurred, it would give no chance of future recovery. The vital unity of the fleet must be the first charge on

Britain's labour resources. He demanded Lord Fisher's recall to the Admiralty where there was a lack of driving power and mental energy that could not be allowed to continue. If ships armed with 15in. guns were completed as arranged they should have a margin over all foreseeable contingencies. An impenetrable veil had fallen over the German dockyards, but they were bound to assume that if the German fleet ever came out to sea, it would be at its maximum strength. They must provide against an increasing element of the unknown. They had survived a shortage of ammunition for the army at a hideous cost in lives and treasure, and there must be no relaxation in the Navy programme. If this were carried out the fleet would be sufficient for any eventuality. The late Admiralty Board would not have been content with an attitude of pure passivity during 1915. The defence against Zeppelins was to destroy them in their sheds. He could not understand why with their naval air resources it had not been possible to raid Cologne, Düsseldorf and Cuxhaven.

Lord Fisher from a seat in the Peers' Gallery listened with a grim smile to Mr. Churchill's sensational speech. Lord Fisher had not long to wait for the *amende honorable* foreshadowed in the speech of November 16th.

The majority of the members of the House were puzzled at Mr. Churchill's volte face, particularly when he said at one time, "I never thought I should be able to bring myself to this step, but I have been away some weeks and my mind is now clear." This statement was followed by general laughter, although a round of cheers came a moment afterwards from Lord Fisher's supporters when Mr. Churchill proceeded to urge Mr. Balfour to fortify himself and to vitatise and animate the Board of Admiralty by recalling Lord Fisher. When Mr. Churchill sat down, amid astonishment, Lord Fisher left the House, a number of members loudly cheering him. It is now announced that Lord Fisher will for the first time attend the War Council today. He had been invited to attend before Mr. Churchill delivered his speech.

The "Daily Chronicle" states Mr. Churchill bewildered the House. Some members regarded the speech as a sign of largeness of his tenure but the majority considered it mischievous and needlessly alarmist. The newspapers have received the suggestion for Lord Fisher's recall to the Admiralty with marked coldness, although they are anxious that this genius should be utilised to the full.

Mr. Balfour's Answer.

Mr. Balfour said Mr. Churchill's speech was unfortunate in form and substance and calculated to arouse

doubts, misgivings and suspicions. There had been no breach of continuity under the previous and present Admiralty Board's administration, nor any slackness. They were pressing with construction and their speed in turning out ships compared most favourably with what had been done by any other country. The Admiralty was doing its utmost to alleviate the shortage of labour. The delay in the completion of Dreadnoughts was due to the late Board making monitors and using for these, guns and mountings designed for capital ships. He was not pessimistic regarding the strength of the Grand Fleet which was more powerful than when Mr. Churchill resigned and would become more powerful still. A contest between two holders of the same office would be neither decorous nor profitable. Let them dismiss vain and empty fears. The Navy was now far stronger than it had ever been. He did not imagine a single person listened to Mr. Churchill's suggestion about Lord Fisher without profound stupefaction. Mr. Churchill had never made the smallest concealment in public or private of what he thought of Lord Fisher and everybody's impression was that Mr. Churchill thought Lord Fisher was singularly like the saviour of his country. Mr. Churchill urged the return of a distinguished sailor from whom he said half a year ago he could get no clear guidance or firm support. He could not follow the workings of Mr. Churchill's mind.

Mr. Balfour then paid a tribute to Admiral Sir Henry Jackson's work, and said he should regard himself as contemptible if he yielded to a demand of this kind made in such a way. He was fortunate in getting Admiral Jackson's guidance and support. Mr. Churchill urged there was reason for alarm regarding the strength and readiness of the Navy but said the Treasury Bench should not be too touchy with regard to speeches. He only wanted to sound a note of warning and his statements were far from going beyond the facts of the situation. Only his regard for public interest had restrained him from making them in stronger form.

London, March 12.—The "Observer" says if Lord Fisher does not return to his old post in the Admiralty he ought to have absolute control of construction work as he possesses the incommunicable and irreplaceable power of getting big things done in the shortest possible time. We must meet the incalculable and Lord Fisher is pre-eminent in vision and in audacity and imagination of contrivance. Does Mr. Balfour purpose that any sailor is so well fitted to divine what is happening behind the impressive veil surrounding the new German construction work?

London, March 12.—The "Spectator" referring to Mr. Churchill's speech states:—The case-hardened party politician in the most demoralised epoch of the eighteenth century would have recoiled from Mr. Churchill's manoeuvres in the recent debate.

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