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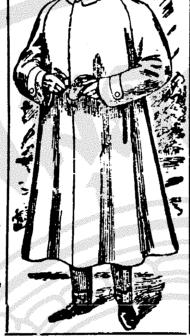
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following extracts :--Petrograd, June 19-In obscure corner of Southern Russia, from within the whitewashed walls of an old barracks, General Brusiloff is to-day directing Russia's greatest and most successful offensive of the war. The general, who has somewhat aged since last year and is decidedly worn and thin from the intense work of the past few months, received me to-day in a room furnished only with a desk, a few chairs, and the inevitable table spread

over with maps.

General Brusiloff permits me to

quote him as follows: "The sweeping successes attained by my armies are not the product of chance or of Austrian weakness, but represent the application of all the lessons which we have learnt in two years of bitter warfare against the Germans. The main element of our success was due to the absolute co-or-

dination of all the armies involved. "On our entire front the attack began at the s: ma . hour and it was impossible for the enemy to shift his troops from one quarter to another, as our attacks were being pressed equally at all points. The most important fighting has been in the sector before Royno. and here we have made our greatest advances, which are striking more seriously at the strategy of the whole

enemy front in the East. "If we are able to take Kovel there is reason to believe that the whole Eastern front will be obliged to fall back, as Kovel represents a railway centre which has been extraordinarily useful for the intercommunications of the Germans and Austrians. That this menace is fully realised by the enemy is obvious from the fact that the Germans are supporting this sector with all the available troops that can be rushed up. Some are coming from the West and some from points on the Eastern from to the north of us.'

CAPTURES BY CURTAIN FIRE. I asked General Brusiloff how he had been able to make such huge cap-tures of prisoners, to which he replied: "The nature of modern trenches which makes them, with their deep tunnels and maze communication, so difficult to destroy, renders them a menace to their own defenders once their position is taken in rear or flank, for it an exaggeration to say that if British is impossible to escape quickly. Be-prisoners had not received those parcels that would have started. sides, we have for the first time had they would have starved.

sufficient ammunition to enable us to use curtain fire for preventing the encmy from retiring save through a scathing zone of shrapnel fire, which ren-ders surrender imperative."

In regard to the situation as a whole

General Brusiloff said: "It is difficult to estimate just yet what will be the political effect of our advance, but it will certainly be farreaching in Austria-Hungary, and this year it is improbable, if not impossible, that the Germans will send a huge force to support the Austrians. The fall of Czernovitz must create a profound effect in Rumania and the Balkan

"These first few weeks have been extremely successful, but they are, I believe, only the beginning of our sum-mer campaign. Though the Germans may have small success before they are finally defeated, we shall I hope, be pressing the war against them increasingly. The general (situation is further improved by the British Fleet's

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A new wireless invention was referred to at the annual meeting of the Marconi International Mar-

ine Company.
Mr. Godfrey Isaacs, who presided, said Mr. Marconi had authorised him to announce that in the very near future he would introduce a simple apparatus, to be worked from the bridge of the ship, which would put [an end to all danger of collision in darkness or

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100,000 Parcels Weekly.

Some interesting information regarding the British prisoners in enemy hands was given in the House of Lords by Lord Newton, who, in reply to questions, said there were 25,621 military, 1,089 naval and 4,000 civilian prisoners in Germany, and 1,318 military, seven haval and forty-five civilian prisoners had died. In Bulgaria there were altogether 419 military prisoners, while in Turkey there were 8,857 miliinto Germany every week, but it was

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London, July 20.—Mr Fenwick Harrison has given to the Kitchener Memorial Fund fifty thousand pounds, to be put at the disposal of the Red Cross Society to help wounded officers and men in the form of cash.

Prohibitionists Astir.

London, July 21.—A memorial from the "Strength of Britain" movement, unconnected with the temperance movement, appeals to Government to institute total prohibition for the period of the war, and thus raise a new fire of resolution among the people, following the example of France and Russia. Many distinguished persons are among the signatories, including Sir William Crookes, Sir Ronald Ross, Sir George Frempton, Sir Harry Johnston, Mr. H. G. Wells and Mr. John Masefield.

Steamers Sunk.

have been sunk. London, July 19.—The steamers Wilton hall (British) and Ville de

Rouen (French) have been sunk. The crews of the Anglo and Wilton Hall have landed at Algiers.

The Russian Offensive.

The "Central News" Zurich correspondent states that Austrian military writers are plainly preparing public opinion for further bad news, hinting that Von Bothmer's army is threatened from the north by the Russians near Brody from the south by columns which have crossed the Strypa

and may have to retire in its entirety. The southern Russian offensive is still developing with remarkable success. Recent cables have made it clear that our Allies are now well established upon the western banks of the rivers Styr and Ikwa, in the Lutsk-Dubno region, in Volhynia; while in Galicia, where the Strypa, Zloto, Lipa, and Gnita Lipa all flow southwards to the Dniester, they have not only crossed the Strypa on a broad front near the mouth, but they have gone on to the Zlota Lipa, crossed that, and are now advancing towards the Gnita Lipa. From the Lutek district. in the north, to the Dniester, in the south, is a matter of about 150 miles, and at many places between the Russians have pitched the Austrians out

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of their old positions; but, from a strategical point of view, the successes at the two ends of this 150 miles line represent the main feature of the situation. For, while the Russian advance in the Lutek region is taking a south-westerly direction towards the Galician capital (Lemberg), the advance in the south is up the Dniester valley in a northwesterly direction towards the same point. Thus it will be realised the Austrians in the centre would bethe other a formidable wedge between

munication. Peking, June 20.-The following official communiqué from Petrograd dated June 18, has been handed to Reuter's Agency by the Russian Le-gation: His Imperial Majesty the Supreme Commander of the Russian armies has received the following tele-

a very large body of the Austrians and the Carpathian, through the pass of which flow all their main lines of com-

From the King of Serbia: "I hasten to convey to Your Majesty, from all my heart, my sincerest congratulations on the occasion of the lightninglike success of your brilliant troops. My most ardent wishes always accompany Your Majesty, who personally leads your armies.'

From the Heir Apparent of Serbia: The hearts of the Serbian soldiers are, day by day filling more with joy at the reports of the ever-increasing dimensions of the victories gained by the heroic troops under the leadership of Your Majesty. Being interpreter of their feelings, I convey to Your Majesty their most fervent congratulations as well as an expression of their confidence in the final triumph, which, is expressing itself so happily in the famous success of the glorious Russian army, so dear to the Serbian heart. Permit me, Your Majesty. to join them with all my heart."

that if these two movements can be continued it is of little consequence whether the Russians made much headway or not along the intervening section of the line, for before very long the threat to the communications of come so marked that their withdrawal vance towards Lemberg only from the the main Austrian forces in southern

towards Lemberg would, we might say, be automatic. At first it looked as though the Russians while exercising very great pressure up-on the whole Austrian line, were bent upon developing their main ad-Lutsk-Dubno region. Such an advance, by a continual pressure upon the northern flank, would tend to roll back London, July 19.—The steamers Volhynia and northern Galicia: but Evangelistria (British) Anglo (Italian) the present double advance, if it can be present double advance, if it is a present double adv be pushed far enough, promises more speedy results, and embodies two far more serious threats to the enemythe first being one of envelopment, and

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Great War.

Asquith and Lloyd George.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.) London, July 26.

The Daily News has freely stated that Mr. Lloyd George offered to resign in view of the Irish controversy. It is understood that Mr. Asquith's attitude, if Mr. Lloyd George resigned, would be to consider himself bound to resign also. The matter is not being discussed, but the signation of the Coalition Government is not improved.

Furious Battle on . Russian Front.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.) London, July 26.

The Russian communiqué says that a furious battle is proceeding in connection with General Sakharoff's offensive between Brody and Vladimir Volynsk.

The Turkich armies in Armenia are retreating in disorder ten miles from Exerze (? Erzerum).

Fighting in France.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.) Paris, July 25.

Yesterday on the Somme front we took a battery south of Estrées and captured a redoubt west of the Thiaumont work, five machine-guns and forty prisoners. On the British front there were fierce combats notably at Pozieres where the British have progressed and captured two cannon and sixty pri-

To-day south of the Somme we took a small island and strongly fortified houses south Estrees and trenches north of Vermandovillers. The British repulsed violent attacks inflicting great losses and have made progress at Pozi-

The Russian Offensive.

(HAVAS FELEGRAM.)

Paris, July 25. Petrograd.-We drove back the Germans south of Lina and captured an Austrian company.

In the Caucasus we broke down the Turkish offensive in the direction of Mosul. Our cavalry occupied the eastern embankment of Erzinjan on the Boz-Tepemorhikli line.

Tin and Rubber.

"S.O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT,)

Singapore, July 27. Tin is quoted at \$80.25.

At the rubber auctions 178 tens were offered which was a record. The sales which were uncompleted were resumed to day. All grades were strongly demanded throughout the day. Prices realized show an improvement on the previous week except fine crepe which went down one dollar at the price of \$125. Fine sheet fetched \$124 which is an advance of \$4. Lower grades and crepes averaged an eight dollar rise.

Casualties Compared.

London, July 20. - Wounded British officers emphasise that though our casualty lists are big we are gaining on the balance all the time, not only ground but enormously in man power and morale. "Our chaps are in better heart to-day than ever. On the present relation of gains to losses, if our casualties were ten times what they are the war would be over before the end of . the summer and Germany would be down and out. Moreover a big lot of our casualties will be fit to fight again in a month."

War's Enormous Cost.

London, July 20 .-- In the House of Commons, Mr Mckenna said the rise ! in the rate of national expenditure during the last seven weeks was due firstly to the Gavernment's purchases of American securities and secondly to the rate at which advances to the Allies and Dominions had been drawn upon. He hoped that the expenditure would

London, July 20, At is understood of three hundred millions to prosecute needs. the war during the recess

LOCAL AND GENERAL

THE well-known horse Rougeset-Noir is running at the Penang races.

THE s.s. "Mata Hari" is due to arrive at daylight on the 31st July and will load for Singapore direct.

THE British s.s. "Kajang" from Singapore with 36 bags mail on board passed Paknam yesterday at 5 p.m.

IT is estimated that shipowners of Sweden and Norway have up to date made a profit of £80,000,000 out of the --:0:---

AMONGST those who attended the service at St. Paul's Cathedral in memory of Lord Kitchener were the Minfsters for China and Siam.

THE Acting Medical Officer of Health reports that there were 6 deaths from plague and one from cholera during the week ended 22nd July.

DURING the absence of Prince Jainad who is gone on a visit to the Phillipines, Phra Vejasitti Pilat will act for him at the Medical College.

THE following passengers arrived by the "Kajang" yesterday:—Mr. G. G. Macleod (L. T. Leonowens Ld.), Mr. Wilder (Traveller) and Dr. W. McCallum.

THE s.s. "Kajang" will leave from the Borneo Company's wharf at 2 p.m. sharp, on Friday the 28th inst., and should arrive in Singapore on Wednesday morning.

SAYS the L. & C. Express of June 20 :- Rice remains in the same quiet state. Rangoon two Stars on the spot 16s. to 16s. 3d., Japan 21s. 6d. to 22s., and Garden Siam 17s. 3d. to 17s. 6d. Broken rice is unaltered.

EVERYONE knows how Mr. Will Crooks who has lived in one of Poplar's mean streets for so many years, is looked on as a guide, philosopher and friend to all the district He was telling someone I know that recently a small girl knocked at the door and said: "Please, father's took to drink again, and mother says will Mr. Crooks come round and give him a good hiding?"—D.M.

---:0:---THE average increase in the cost of living of the working classes taking food, rent, clothing, fuel and light into consideration, between July, 1914, and the present time is about 40 per cent. Such is the statement in an article in the Board of Trade Labour Gasette. Retail food prices in Berlin show a rise of 120 per cent as compared with those obtaining in July, 1914. In Vienna the increase is 121 per cent.

LT.-Col. G. F. Menzies, now in command of the 14th Durham Light Infantry, has been awarded the D.S.O. In a letter to Shanghai he says :-" I have been on three different fronts in Belgium and France, always up in the trenches. We were in the great gas attack of December 19, in that salient which is so well known. My men are splendid miners, rough, but always cheerful, who endure the misery of flooded trenches and little sleep with a laugh, but complain if they have not enough sugar in the tea."

ROMANTIC stories are related at Cardiff of the huge fortunes amassed by shipowners and coal-owners during the war. One shipowning firm is reputed to have made profits amounting to £3,000,000. Many other firms have also made vast sums. Instances are. also told of young clerks who, earning about £3 a week at the beginning of the war, saw their opportunity and invested in the purchase of old steamers. As a result of their enterprise they have become comparatively wealthy men, residing in country mansions and possessing several motor cars.

ANNOUNCING the forthcoming coronation of the Sultan of Perak on September 9th the Times of Malaya says: The event is being looked forward to by the Malay community with very keen interest and a large gathering of people is expected, including the Rulers of the other States and all the leading Government officials. It is to be a period of festivity, extending for five days, and much importance is attached to the event. It is said that a sum of about \$80,000 has been allowed by Government to cover the expenses of the ceremony which in reality is estimated to cost considerably more than that sum.

MENDEL Beilis, the outstanding figure in the sensational "ritual murder" trial at Kieff 2 few years ago, is at present with his family in Egypt, and in great distress. It appears that, soon after his acquittal, a number of friends secured sufficient funds to enable Beilis to emigrate to Palestine, where he managed to do tolerably well. The war, however, made it necessary for him to leave the Holy Land, and, with thousands of his co-religionists, to seek sanctuary on Egyptian soil. The plight of Beilis is no better and no worse than that of other refugees, but that Mr Asquith is to ask for a credit order to meet Beilis's immediate

Personal.

Mr. W. A. Graham, Adviser to the Ministry of Agriculture, has left for Patani and other west coast districts. Mrs. Graham accompanies him.

Mr. E. G. Gollo has had to leave suddenly for Java having received a cablegram of the illness of his child

Phra Maha Visutra, the Treasury Officer at Prachin, we regret to learn, is seriously ill.

The Western Front.

Paris, July 19. -The afternoon communiqué says the night was quiet on most of the front. There was heavy artillery fire at Fleury. We progressed by grenading near Chapelle Sainte

General Haig in his communiqué savs: The Germans succeeded in recapturing a portion of Delville wood and also obtained a footing in the northern outskirts of Longueval.

The enemy collected very large reinforcements for an attack against our new positions east of Bazentin. After an intense artillery fire the first assault was delivered by dense masses at 5.30. last evening. Fighting continued all night and was particularly violent at Delville wood.

After suffering very heavy losses the enemy succeeded in recapturing a portion of Delville wood and also in obtaining a footing in the norther outskirts of Longueval. The struggle in these areas is still violent. Elsewhere his attacks, including three separate assaults on Waterlot farm completely broke down under our fire. There was no event of importance on the rest of

the front. Reuter's representative at headquarters anticipates that the British efforts will not be confined to the Gommecourt-Somme front. He says our guns are roaring on the whole remaining seventy miles giving the Germans no respite. It is stated the captured German guns run into three figures ex-

clusive of maxims. Paris, July 19.—A correspondent describing the capture of Ovillers said a brigade attacked on three sides. There was furious closequarter fighting in the street which were full of shell holes and ruined houses and cellars. each a fortress. An entire German brigade was lost and the village streets were strewn with mutilated corpses. Eight hundred dead were heaped up in the roadway between two forts thus

defending the approaches. London, July 19.—Sir Douglas Haig's communique says that most of the ground lost at Longueval and Delville Wood has been regained.

Heavy fighting is still in progress at both places. South of Delville Wood in the afternoon our fire dispersed a a large body of Germans massing to attack Waterlot farm from the direction of Guillemont.

Paris, July 20. - A communique says: We carried the enemy trenches be-tween Hardecourt Hill and the Somne, and extended our line eastward of Hardecourt for a considerable distance along the norrow gauge railway from Combles to Clery. We have so far taken 400 prisoners here.

We captured the whole of the enemy first-line trenches between Barleux and Soyecourt.

We progressed west of Thiaumont and carried a strong enemy work south of Fleury, taking 150 prisoners.

A German aeroplane was felled in the Somme region, and another at

London, July 20.—General Haig in a communique says that a little more ground was gained at Delville Wood and Longueval. North of Longueval and Bazentin our line was pushed forward. East of Leipzig Redoubt, a substantial advance was made by bombing parties.

Russian Drive.

Petrograd, July 19.-The communiqué says that German aeroplanes dropped thirteen bombs on Reval. As a result of rains the Dneister has risen eight feet, demolishing the Aus-

trian bridges. We are approaching the mountain passes to the north-west of Kuty, along

both the Cheremosch rivers. The Caucasian army re-advanced considerably south of Trebizond and to the westward of Baiburt, everywhere dislodging the reargnards. In the last few days they have taken prisoner 85 Turkish officers and 1,200 Askaris.

"Deutschland" Leaving America.

Baltimore, July 19.-The Deutschland is preparing to steal out in the darkness with a cargo of nickel and rubber. German shippers assert the arrival of the sistership Bremen is imminent.

Chancellor and Reichstag.

Amsterdam, July 10.-The Chan-. cello had a five hours conference with the party leaders of the Reichstag, with the exception of the Socialists, on the general war position.

Measures Against Submarine.

Mr. Macnamara assured the House measures were being taken to make submarine attacks on British shores increasingly dangerous for submarines.

Tin Mining in Siam.

We reproduce the following from the Lendon and China Express of June 20:-

H. M. Minister at Bangkok has forwarded the following particulars, furnished by the Acting British Vice-Consul at Puket (Mr. G. A. Vesey Fitzgerald) after a tour undertaken by him in the Takuapa and Pangnga districts of Southern Siam in February

At present tin operations in Takuapa are in the hands of the Chinese. The output from the district has for the last few years slightly exceeded 500 tons annually, but it has declined since the commencement of the war owing to the low price the metal has at times commanded. During the year ended March 31, 1915, 497 tons of metallic tin were recovered, while the amount for the succeeding nine months was 252 tons.

Some years ago a Danish company obtained a concession at Pong, some 500 acres in extent, for mining purposes. A subsidiary company was formed in London to work this area and others at Huey Yawt in Monthon Puket and at Nong Pet near Ronphibun in the adjoining Monthon of Na-kon Sritamarat. This company expected its bucket dredge to arrive at the end of April, 1916, but owing to difficulties of transport between Takua-pa and Pong it will not be possible to commence mining operations before April, 1917. The ground is said to average 1 lb. of tin oxide to the cubic

Pangnga, like Takuapa, is mainly devoted to the production of tin, of which over 800 tons have been recovereil during each of the last two years. For the nine months ended Dec. 31 List over 950 tons of metallic tin were produced, a considerable increase thus

being shown. Taimuang, some 40 miles from the town of Pangnga, is peopled almost entirely by Chinese, who are engaged in mining operations. The output of tin from the Muang of Pangaga is likely to increase in the future, whilst that from Taimuang is expected to remain stationary for the next three years, after which a rapid decline is anticipated. Considerable attention is now being given to the development of the tin-mining industry at Tung Maprow, which is also comprised in the Muang

Sub-Chartering a Steamer.

Says the "Straits Times" of July 20: -The hearing of the action brought by Mr. Isaac Aaron Elias, broker, against Ah Seang and Co., claiming commission, was concluded in the Supreme Court this morning. In this case plaintiff, who is represented by Mr. M. J. Upcott and Mr. R. St. J. Braddell, claims the sums of \$31,500 as agreed commission due by the defendants for services rendered in the negotiation of a charter of defendants' steamer the "Singaporean." It is stated that defendants, who are the original charterers for the steamer, employed plaintiff in March to procure a subcharter for nine months at a monthly hire of \$26,500, and an agreed commission to plaintiff of \$3,500 a month.

Plaintiff obtained the firm of Chop Ban Seng Soon as sub-charterers, but the contract was not fulfilled, and in the alternative plaintiff offered himself as sub-charterer. The defendants, who are represented by Mr. H. Smith-Mar riott, contend that commission was only to be paid out of the amounts received, and the sub charterers eventually refused to take the steamer over. After counsels' arguments had deen heard Mr. Justice Earnshaw reserved judg-

Items of Interest.

London, July 19.—Mr. Tennant has been re-elected unopposed for Berwick-

Madrid, July 19 .- The railway men have been promised arbitration and are

Sir Victor Horsley has died of heat stroke in Mesopotamia, whither he had volunteered for service.

Paris, July 20 .- A fresh contingent of Russians has landed at Brest and goes to instruction camps and thence

London, July 20 .-- The situation in Mesopotamia is unchanged. The temperature is a hundred and twenty in the shade.

London, July 19 .- Sir Matthew Nathan has rejoined the Royal Engineers and is associated with the defence of London.

London, July 19.-Mr. C. C. Mcleod detailed the Indian, Chambers of Commerce objections to the Government of India Amendment Bill to the joint committee which is considering the

London, July 19 .-- In the Privy Council the Lord Chancellor strongly criticised delays in Indian appeals and declared that in future appellants will not be allowed costs if there is needless

In Parliament.

Inquisitive Carson Must "Wait and See."

London, July 19. - The tremendous problem of registration was emphasised by Mr. H. S. Samuel in the House of Commons in moving for a select committee on the matter. He said the House would have to consider whether a general election was possible by excluding the soldiers, or any arrangement was possible to include them. The Ballot Act did not provide for voting during a bombardment. He spoke strongly on the undesirability of an election at present and alluded to the effects it would have abroad. He was convinced the public did not de-

sire it. Sir E. Carson opposed the motion and believed a general election must occur. In war time a select committee would be a farce and the proposal merely meant shelving the matter.

The debate generally was unfavourable and finally Mr. Asquith regretfully withdrew the propo al, a lding that the Government would consider the whole matter and submit proposals of

London, July 19,-In the House of Commons Mr. Asqu th announced that the Home Rule Bill would be taken next week. London, July 20,-The House of

Commons was crowded in expectancy of a possibly critical debate on Sir E. Carson's motion asking for a select committee to enquire into the conduct of the operations in the Dardanelles and Mesopotamia.

Mr. Asquith emphasised that the naval, military and diplomatic advisers strongly protested against publication in the papers but the Government recognised public anxiety and therefore did not complain at Sir E. Carson's

Government Deprecates Wrangling. But in view of the critical nature of the present military operations, and also the prospects therement, the Government very much deprecated a debate which would give the outside world impression that we were internally divided. The Government hoped and believed, with regard to Mesopotamia in particular, that ample provision was being made for the requirements of the troops and the compaign. The Government did not desire to conceal past shortcomings or shield whoever was

directly responsible. He reminded the House of the complexity and length of the Crimea inquiry and said there were now similar difficulties to face in Sir E. Carson's proposed inquiries. He believed that the Government's proposals to meet the situation were better

No Shielding of Incompetents. Mr. Aubrey Herbert : Will the men responsible for Mosopot unia keep their positions during the inquiry ?

Mr. Asquith: We must not con-demn unheard. Wherever there is a prima facie, case of incapacity the Government will not hesitate to act. We have done so in more than one in-

Sir E. Carson said that after Mr. Asquith's statement it was futile to proceed with the debate.

Mr. Asquith added that the proposed names and terms of reference of the inquiry would be submitted to the Honse, and a Bill would be introduced providing for compulsory powers for securing evidence which might otherwise not be available.

Inquiries to be Secret. London, July 20.-In the House of Commons, Mr. Asquith announced that secret inquiries would be held regarding the Dardanelles and Mesopotamia. and not by Select Committees. Both Houses would be represented; also

Australia. Oil Fuel for Navy.

London, July 20.-In the House of Commons Mr. McKenna stated that a million has been paid to the Anglo-Persian Oil Company on account of the two millions authorised in the Commons in 1914. The Admiralty were satisfied that despite the difficulties good progress was being made and a large quantity of oilfuel was being supplied to the navy. Nothing has occurred to impair confidence in the productivity of the yield.

Ruthless Submarine Campaign.

It is rumoured in Switzerland that Prince von Buelow is about to supersede Dr. Bethmann Hollweg. The former is believed to support a ruthless submarine campaign.

Copenhagen, July 21.-It is believed that there was a naval battle on Wednesday night in the Baltic. There was cannonading all night long, disappearing southwards, indicating that the Russians are driving the Germans.

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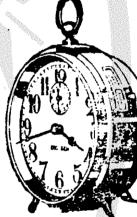
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Fighting in Africa.

London, July 19.—General Smuts reports that Brigadier General Crewe occupied on July 14 the town of Mnat-za south of lake Victoria Nyanza. The Germans fied in a steamer pursued by our armed vessels leaving many rifles, supplies and a gun from the Koenigsberg. The enamy north of Handeni were driven down the Pangani river abandoning a field gun.

Handeni is a hilly district some forty-five miles south by west of Mombo.

At Handeni are several European plantations, and from it a main road runs Germans fled in a steamer pursued by

tations, and from it a main road runs east to the port of Pangani, at the mouth of the Pangani River. It was not generally known that the Germans had completed a light railway from Mombo to Handeni.

Mesopotamian Prisoners.

Mr. Forster stated that despite the efforts of the American Ambassador at Constantinople the whereabouts of the majority of the Mesopotamian prisoners was still unknown.

Indictment by Monsieur Venezelos.

The Surrender of Fort Rupel.

In the "Kiryx" on June 5th, headed "The National Curse," M. Venezelos is very outspoken in his criticisms of the Government regarding the recent surrender of Fort Rupei to the Bulgars, says Mr. M. H. Donohoe.

The national leader says that the Government's actions have proved that it is no longer observing benevolent neutrality but that it has practically become an ally of Germany and her group of allies, including Turkey and

The Government, which is under the thumb of the General Staff, is clearly manifesting the direction of its sympathies. That it has not openly espoused the German cause by offering military aid is to be attributed, perhaps, to its fear of the consequences, and the refusal of the Greek people to range themselves on the side of their old enemies, the Bulgars.

The Government, encouraged by the General Staff, has always sought to create difficulties for the Entente Powers in Macedonia by smoothing the path for the Germans.

Tracing the events which cluminated in the surrender of Fort Rupel, M. Venezelos says that the disembarking of the Serbian army had the effect of

consequently in a dangerous position. It was necessary that this numerical advantage should be eliminated as soon

GREEK MILITARY CONNIVANCE. The question was discussed at the War Council of the Central Fowers. The most natural method would have been for the Germans to have been reinforced on the Macedonian front by 120,000 men. They were unable to do this, owing to the severity of the fighting and the terrible losses they have suffered on the Western front, especi-ally at Verdun. But compensation was found in another direction, with the connivance of the Greek General Staff, and the Greek Government. Fort Rupel was handed over to the enemies of the Entente armies. Events followed naturally. German officers, having secured the surrender of the fort, handed it over to the Bulgars, who hauled down the Greek flag and hoisted that of Bulgaria. M. Venezelos contrasts the bluntness of the Government refusal to grant transit facilities for the Serbian army with the alacrity, even heartiness, with which the Government acquiesced in the Bulgar invasion of Greek territory. The officer in charge of Fort Rupel, he adds, received prompt instructions to cease resistance and hand over the position without loss of time. A passage which was peremptorily refused to the Serbs was readily granted to the Bul-

CABINET OF FIGUREHEADS. The writer adds that he is fully aware of the grave nature of the charges he brings against the Gov-ernment. Greece, misgoverned by a Cabinet of figureheads, is rapid-ly drifting to destruction. The military, which was mobilised to fight the battles of the country, was being utilised to suppress the right of free speech and the liberties of Greek citizens-all this, because the military clique had succeeded in imposing its will upon a body which called itself the Government.

With the Bulgar enemy within the walls M. Venezelos realises full well the futility of preaching a doctrine of reprisals against those who brought this humiliation upon the country and would hate to see the country convulsed in civil strife, or afford the party in power the gratification of a temporary victory over the people and their cause. In consequence it is his intention to make full use of the liberty of the Press as it exists in Greece at the moment in order to proclaim broadcast the guilt and responsibility of the men who had contributed to the bringing about of the "national disaster," for no other term could adequately express the invasion by the hereditary enem the Allied armies. The tacitly approved by the so-called Gov

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Wreck of the Chiyo Maru.

Court of Inquiry Opens In Tokio.

The Marine Court of Inquiry in the Department of Communications began the examination at Tokio on June 30 of Captain Bent and members of the crew of the T.K.K. steamer Chiyomaru, which was stranded and wrecked on Lemas Island, near Hongkong, on March 31 last.

Captain Bent, who was examined through an interpreter, said in the course of his statement that the Chiyomaru steamed at a speed of 15.2 miles after leaving Manila, and on the afternoon of March 30 he gave instructions to reduce the speed to 14 miles. It was calculated that Lemas would be passed at a distance of 4 miles, and that Hongkong would be reached at 7 o'clock in the morning. He had no clear recollection as to the position of the ship at 3.30 in the afternoon.

At this Mr. Miyaoka, Captain Bent's counsel, drew the attention of the Court to what he said were incorrect interpretations made by the Court interpreter, and there ensued some discussion between counsel and the inter-

Reasuming his statement, Captain Bent said that he went to his cabin to sleep at 1.16 in the morning, and up to that time the weather was fair. At 4.20 he was aroused by the Fourth Officer, who told him that the First Officer had asked for his presence on the bridge as a dense fog was coming on. He dressed and immediately went on the bridge. It must have been about 4.25. It was pitch dark and nothing could be seen more than 10 feet shead. The Fourth Officer told him that he saw land, but witness could not see any land. Shortly afterwards, the stranding took place. The Captain immediately ordered full speed astern, but without success. The stranding took place after the Captain had been on the bridge for about a minute and 30 seconds. As soon as the accident occurred he gave the necessary instructions to the First and Second Officers, and he himself hurried to the wireless room, and messages were sent out reporting what had occurred. Shortly afterwards a British destroyer arrived on the scene and took off all the passengers. Of the cargo on board the ship Y. 352,000 gold and Y. 243,374 silver coin, 24 cinema films, and some other goods sive materials has been largely extendthe rest was lost. Some of the Chinese seamen were missing, but afterwards it was ascertained that they had got ashore and descrited, crossing the island over the for wireless telegraphy have been

Examination of First Officer. Mr. Sakai Hachiro First Officer of

Tenyo and once in the Chiyo. The stranding of the Chiyo took place at 431 in the morning of March 31,1916 The accident occurred soon after the 4.80 bell was rung. The witness came on the bridge at 4 o'clock to relieve the Second Officer, who told him that from 2 to 3.30 the sky was clear and then began to be cloudy. The distance to Lemas Island was 27 miles, speed 14.2 knots, and the course N. 39 deg. When the First Officer relieved the Second Officer the sky was slightly cloudy and stars were visible here and there. Shortly afterwards a fog came on and so he sent the Fourth Officer to arouse the Captain. This was about 4.15. The Captain came on the bridge in 6 or 7 minutes. The First and Fourth Officers almost simultaneously discovered the white breakers and black hills. The Captain immediately ordered full speed astern, but it was too late, and the ship grounded on the rocks.

Mr. Yamamura, Second Officer, said that he turned in at 4.15 and was still awake when the 4.30 bell rang. Immediately afterwards the ship was shaken by a violent concussion, so that the stranding must have taken place soon after 4.30 am.

After further examination of the Second Officer the Court adjourned .-

Dutch Army Ready.

The Dutch General Headquarters has issued a long communique stating that the Dutch army is thoroughly prepared and equipped for any possible

In August, 1914, it states, the material and equipment left much to be desired. The workshops of the kingdom were not ready for mass production. These workshops have been enlarged, and a great number of private factories have also been equipped, although as regards raw materials great difficulties were experienced, the factories of the belligerent countries being mostly not in a position to make deliveries, while neutral countries generally prohibited exports. The supply of ammunition for rifles and guns has increased in important measure, and the capacity of the State and private factories guarantees adequate replenishment.

There is a great supply of band grenades, gas masks, steel believes, modern engineering material, trench shields, barbed wire, and protective material. The manufacture of exploed. The personnel have been trained in removing even electrically charged wire barricades. Search-lights have been increased, and automobile stations formed. The army has at its disposal a great number of motor lorries, and the number of aeroplanes has been the Chiyo-maru, was next examined. largely increased. The supply of artil-He said he had made the voyage to lery, machine guns, and rifles has also Manila four times, that is thrice in the | been considerably increased.



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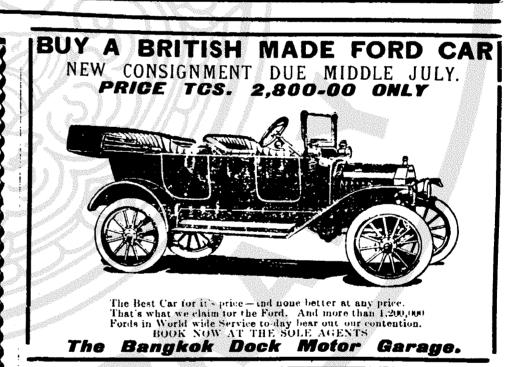
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The Men Left to Germany.

Colonel Feyler, the very able military correspondent of the "Journal de Geneve," devotes a most interesting article to the warnings of travellers from Germany who bring with them stories of German barracks swarming with troops. After pointing out the general tendency to overestimate the numbers of any crowd of people, he begins with the wounded who have recovered from their wounds and returns to devots. At Verdun, for instance, the German losses are estimated at 120,000 per month, and the battle has been raging about four months now. Those lightly wounded in the first two months will now be recovered. They can be estimated at 50 per cent. of the total, so here alone we have 120,000 men ready for the front again. Then the balance of the 1916 class was admitted to be 200,000 about a fortnight ago. Besides, German subjects resident abroad are continually being called up. All these total more than half a million. Further, the young recruits of the 1917 class are now being called in, and they must number also half a million, which brings the grand total to more than a million immediately. Colonel Feyler then proceeds to demonstrate that when an army is reckoned at a total of four million men they are not all at the front, even if the units are to which they belong. A battalion on a war footing numbers 1.000 rifles 250 in each company. Now, in order to maintain the full effective of a force engaged in a battle of long duration, there is nothing to prevent the reduction of the effectives on a defensive front. For example, 600 batta-lions occupy the eastern front, in front of the Russians, who are esteemed a a negligible quantity. It is, perhaps. decided to reduce the companies of these battalions to 200 strong for the time being. Here then are freed 120,000 soldiers, another months losses round Verdun. As for Verdun itself, suppose the 35 divisions of the German army attacking it represent 600,000 men. Take away 200 rifles from each battallion and between 70,000 and 80,000 men are at the disposal of the depots at home. From this it is easy to understand the busy appearance of the home depots and the instruction units. But the front is prejudiced thereby. Suppose the 40 Austrian divisions in Poland and Galicia have been treated in this manner to the profit of the 18 divisions attacking in the Trentino. There will be plenty of fine troops to be seen in the Tyrolese barracks, but the Galician front has

most which the Allies can reasonably look forward to is that the final defeat of Germany will come some time next year, after a winter of discontent such as Germany has never known, and after a naval battle which even the enemy will not be able to claim as a

Professor Pollard spoke at University College, London, on the progress of the war. As Russia, he said, had benefitted by the Austrian mistake of sending troops to meet the Italians, one hoped that the Allies would be able to benefit by the Germans' mistake in sending so large a proportion of their forces to Yerdun.

The fact that Russia had completely reen the Austrian line to a depth of 40 miles showed that that line, in spite from victory will demand in every of six months' fortification, was not domain fresh conceptions and me unbreakable. That was another warn I thods adapted to the circumstances ing against dogma in the art of war. It i created by the great changes seemed probable that the Russian offen- | now in preparation. The war has sive would be directed mainly towards awakened us to the peril. It has Austria, with considerable prospects of 1 superabundantly demonstrated the

There were grounds for the belief

"You must not expect the offensive would affect all the area of war-would have the effect of practically knocking out Austria, practically settling the Balkan difficulties, and driving the Germans a considerable way back from the territory which they now hold .--

Paris, June 15. - The keynote of the programme before the International Economic Conference, whose first offi-cial sitting took place this morning at the Foreign Ministry, was struck by M. Briand, the French Premier, in a remarkable opening speech.

To Conquer Not Enough.

The deliberations which are about to begin," he said, 'must be animated by the ardent breath of war and the firm determination to conquer. The valour and sufferings of our heroic soldiers, the mourning which death sows so freely, the certain hope inspired by so many sublime sterifices, will preside over your labours and give them force

"It is to ransom so many cruel relats and to assure a worthier and freer life to the new generations that you are assembled here. You will not for an instant forget that for these who have been deprived of the glorious privilege of bearing arms and making the sacri-

thole who have fallen as well as those who will bring back our flags victorious -is to prepare the morrow of repara-

O her striking passages in M. Briand's eloquent and practical address are: " It is not sufficient to conquer. To the military union which will secure the success of our arms and to the diplomatic union which will establish inutual penetration and the pooling of our political interests, we must add an economic union which will guarantee the intensive, development of our material resources in fruitful harmony-the exchange of Allied products and their distribution in the markets of the world.

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"It is now time for you to pay to end the war at onc.," he added. less attention to conventional and The utmost we could hope for was theoretic doctrines and traditional that the offensive--which be believed customs than to the new realities which impose themselves upon us. In face of the common danger there are no conflicting interests, only a unique and firm resolution to guard against it for the good of all, and the strong light of facts will show us the way. If it be proved that our former errors almost allowed our enamies to exercise an irreparable tyranny over the productive forces of the world, you will resolutely abandon them and take a new direction.

"In collaboration with our gallant armies we have known and will know better every day by the unification and co-ordination of our various energies how to strike at the production and commerce of our enemies in their vitals, deprive them of their indispensable resources, and so diminish their power of action and force of resistance in the military-struggle."

At the close of the morning sitting M. Briand invited the delegates to lancheon. In the atternoon, under the presidency of M. Clementel, the Minister of Commerce, the representatives of the eight Allied Powers reassembled, and the practical work of the Conference was entered upon.

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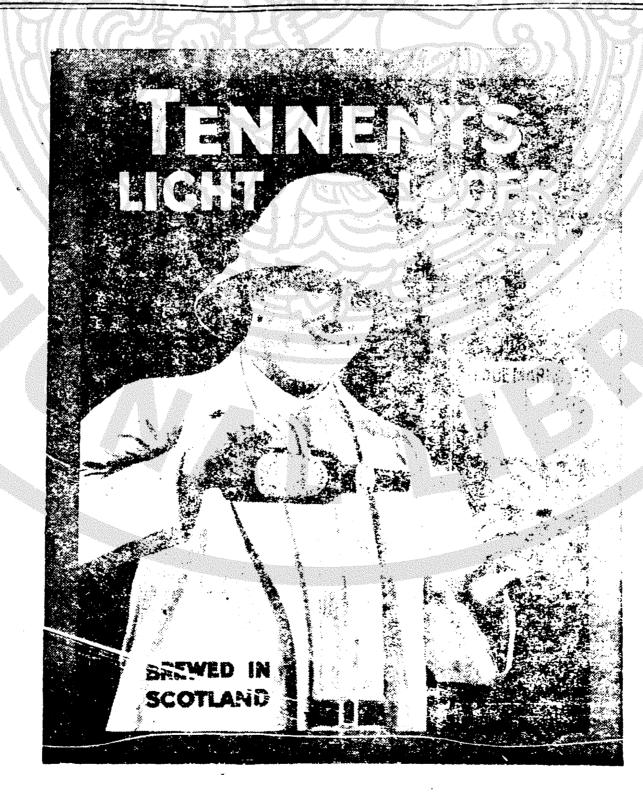
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