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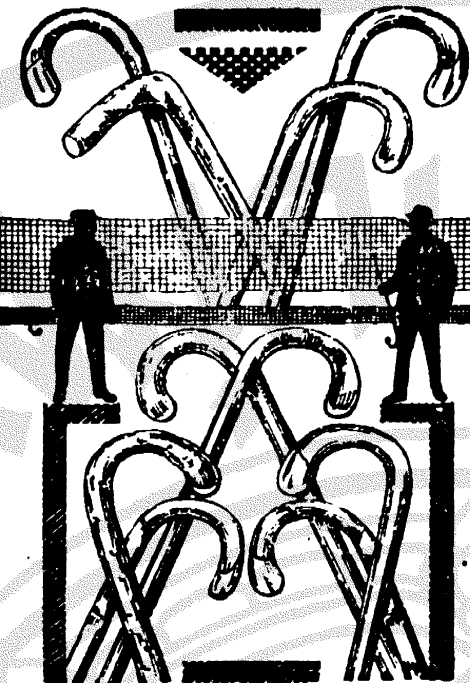
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why you should not be very comfortable and have a lot of money saved by the time the war is over. You will only be required to work six days a week, but if at any time you work on Sundays you will receive double pay."

A very alluring prospect," I remarked, and then asked if I could have the remainder of the week to myself (two days), and also go into the furnace to become accustomed to the German method of work, which I thought might be different from ours. The interpreter readily complied with the request, and asked me to sign a paper. This I received rather diplomatically, saying I'd sign it on completion of the first week's work.

Well, my next two days were spent in looking around the shops. The only peculiarity I noticed was the truth of the interpreter's remarks concerning women. In every branch of the works where a prisoner was employed he had women and girls as neighbours. The drilling, boring, slotting, and turning machines had, without exception, if operated by a prisoner, a machine on the immediate right and left operated by a woman or a girl. I questioned different Frenchmen concerning what I'd been told about the women, and learnt that it was quite true. As many as 500 prisoners of war were living with women, and were allowed as much freedom of movement after working hours as the Germans themselves.

Mark you, don't censure these men; they didn't voluntarily go to this work of painting guns: they were forced, and are not to be blamed, but pitied. And I do hope that some day they will receive recognition for the hopeless and futile resistance they put up before they finally succumbed to the gentle persuasive methods employed by those blasted German slave traders.

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I think I have stated all the outstanding features of interest at such a factory. Before concluding let me impress upon anyone who may read this story that

it is absolutely true, with this exception, that I'm doubtful whether the name of the firm is Henschell's or Henschell's, but it was an ammunition factory in Garmel.

"My informant (states The Times Amsterdam correspondent) adds that he managed to get out but how is another story."

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"Five people actually contrived to force their way from one compartment into the sacred presence of this exclusive personality. And, lo and behold, the gentleman who gazed with such lofty indifference on the crowd while he was in possession of three or four empty plush covered seats, this pitiless fellow passenger, was recognized at close quarters to be none other than Herr von Tirpitz! He removed his hat, evidently in order that we might the more easily recognize the distinguished bald head; then he slowly caressed his bushy grey beard. A stream of poignant remarks burst forth: 'That's just like the Fatherland people, they reserve comfortable compartments for themselves, while the general public get crushed to death outside.' I shall never forget the expression of supreme indifference and curiosity with which this pensioned Lord High Admiral gazed through his carriage window on the seething masses outside. The philosophy of the Fatherland party was unmistakably displayed in this heartless bloated case."

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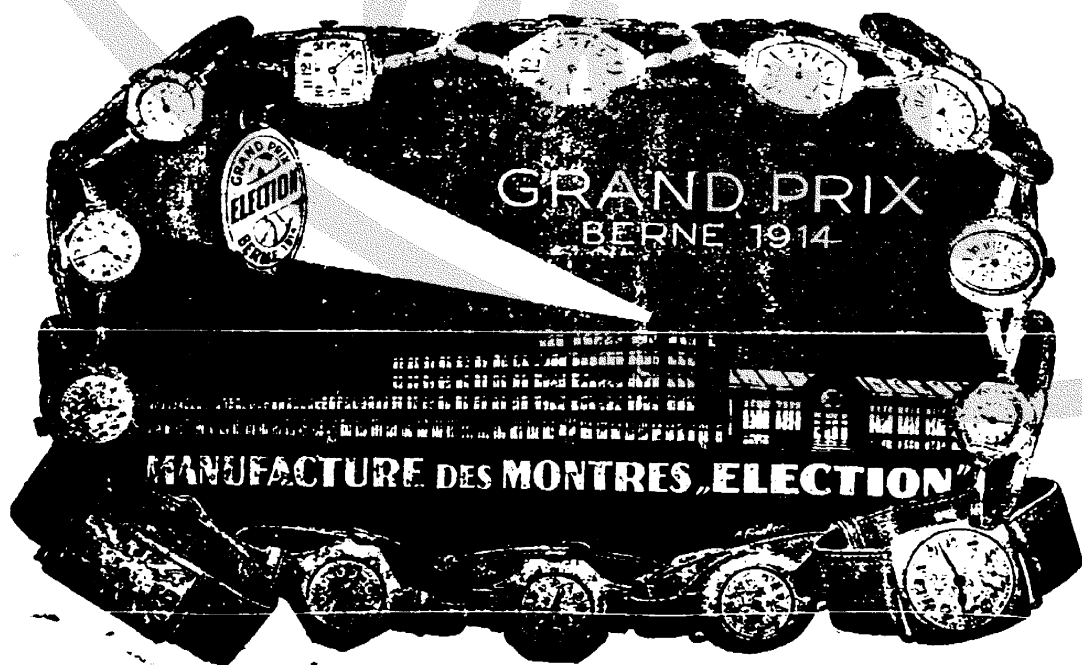
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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 1918.

CONTINUED SUCCESSES.

To-day's telegrams continue to be of the best. With the important junction of Terguier in French hands the enemy finds himself in a more difficult position than ever for the loss of this place deprives him of his chief means of communication between Laon and St. Quentin. The British pressure is also being relentlessly continued and its success has justified the hopes of the most sanguine. The German armies over the whole battle front are in process of defeat and consequent retreat and, despite vigorous counter-attacks and actions fought with the sole purpose of delaying the Allied advance, the Germans have had no success whatever and the stabilisation of a new line seems to be very remote. The Allied policy of reducing points of resistance by other means, than costly frontal attacks has been attended with remarkable results. The enemy's armies have been harassed day and night and severely hampered and he has been so thoroughly out-generated that, beyond shortening his line, he has been able to do nothing to ameliorate his condition. The famous Hindenburg line has been pierced and the Germans have now little chance of holding up the armies who are so relentlessly thrusting their way forward.

From all that can be gathered the German resistance, though occasionally very fierce, is by no means so powerful as it was weeks ago which seems to suggest that either the standard of efficiency of the enemy's troops has greatly deteriorated or that his heart is no longer in the struggle—that, in a word, he is war-weary. On the other hand the spirit of the Allied troops is magnificent and the astonishing smoothness with which our offensive has developed is a most encouraging feature and augurs well for the future. The Allied troops are passing from success to success with a minimum of losses in spite of the magnitude of the operations and this, in itself, is a great tribute to the soundness of Allied tactics.

The strategy of the Allied High Command has not yet been revealed but sufficient can be seen of the results to prove that the northern German positions are in danger of being overwhelmed while those in the south, while presenting greater obstacles to the Allied advance, cannot hold out much longer. If these successes can be maintained, a situation will be created that will lead to the most far-reaching results and, although undue optimism is not to be encouraged, there is no doubt that the present situation is one full of promise to the Allied Arms.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE British s.s. *Kuala* arrived from Singapore with 19 bags of mail on board.

THE to-day the body of a child about a month old was taken from the river near the Harbour Department this morning.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Chiangmai line is not properly working between Lampang and Bangkok. Other lines are all available.

THE s.s. *Kuala* will leave from the Borneo Company's wharf at 4 p.m. sharp, on Friday the 13th inst., and should arrive in Singapore on Tuesday daylight.

H. H. PRINCE Traidos Prabandh, who, until Siam declared herself on the side of the Allies, was the Siamese Minister to Germany, Austria-Hungary and Denmark, is returning to Siam. His Highness is en route to Singapore, and will travel on to Bangkok with his wife, H. H. Princess Prabandh and members of his family. Princess Pantip, Princess Chantaret, Princess Devakule, Prince Devatai and Prince Towleva, who are accompanied by their British nurse, Miss Clarke. In the Prince's party are also Mom Suvan Snidvongse and Mr. Boon, while the children have Mrs. Paaw and Mrs. Nag as servants. Mr. Aare Hvalsoe, the Danish Consul at Singapore, is also on board the vessel, together with Mr. and Mrs. Karsten, also of Singapore. [Straits Times.]

THE s.s. *Makidol* left Singapore for Bangkok on Monday the 9th Sept. 1918, at 2 p.m. with European (B. I.) Mail on board, and may be expected here on Thursday the 12th Sept. 1918.

DOGS the Kaiser remember this anecdote of Napoleon? "The British seldom win battles," said a visitor. "But they always win the last one," answered Napoleon.—Springfield Republican.

THE following passengers arrived by the *Kuala* this morning:—Mr. H. A. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Battenberg, Messrs. H. R. Andreas, W. D. Letimer, H. T. Stiven, T. C. Green, M. Mizawa, Mr. and Mrs. G. Yamaguchi and child Messrs. Wee Gin Tsee, W. K. Keng, and Mrs. C. Dialecton and child.

LATEST Advt.—The Siam Import Co., Ltd. have just received a shipment of Overland Cars.

The Borneo Co., Ltd. have a fresh notice to consignees.

The Bangkok Travelling Agency have a notification re Mr. C. D. de Witt.

The new programme of the Pathana-korn is advertised.

Dr. George Usher, for many years a resident in Germany, and whose daughters were on intimate terms with the daughters of Field Marshal von Hindenburg, has informed the U.S.A. Senate that Germany for the twenty years preceding the outbreak of war falsified vital census statistics, which led the world to believe that the Empire's population was 68,000,000 in 1914, whereas the actual number was 90,000,000. Hindenburg personally gave this information to the Misses Usher when they were on a visit to the Field Marshal's home in 1913. According to Dr. Usher, this falsification of statistics explains the unlooked for man power of Germany.

Soccer.

The Sports Club entertained the crew of H. B. M. S. *Whiting* yesterday the occasion being a Football match at soccer on the Club grounds. The Club team was not at full strength, as several well known players were left out, but it proved far too good for the naval men, who were soundly beaten in all parts of the game. Perhaps it was too much to expect the *Whiting* to provide serious opposition, against the local players, for she is such a small ship, and there are but forty men from which a Soccer XI can be chosen, and it was evident that one player at least knew little about the game. Early in the game the naval men lost Llewellyn their captain, whose knee gave out during a run. A substitute came on in his place, but the team must have missed their chosen leader.

There was a good crowd of spectators in addition to the usual Club members, and the afternoon proved fine, so that the conditions for play were excellent, the ground especially being in beautiful order. Mr. Sewell officiated as Referee and Mr. Newlands acted as Club Linesman. Play was very largely confined to the visitors' half, except for very occasional ineffective runs down towards the Club goal. All the Club players played at the top of their form, making no mistakes at all; every forward had chances of scoring and many were taken. Walsh on the extreme right was too good for Clay, and Roberts (out for the first time for two seasons past) proved that he was as fast and clever as of yore: it is a delight and an object lesson to see him dart for goal when he gets possession. Chapman was out on the left wing and in an unaccustomed position, yet he made good. Some of his tussles with Bathurst, the only capable back the sailors had, were interesting and amusing. Olsen and Fortmann combined well with their wings and with Roberts, and their footwork was very clever. At centre half Malcolm played the best game we have seen him play. The other members of the Club team worked very strenuously, and gave the naval attack no chances. Altogether the game was too one-sided to be thrilling, and one looked for the ludicrous or the amusing incidents of the game, rather than to the football. When the whistle blew for full time the score was 6-0 in the Club's favour.

Sports Club XI.

Jenkins.
Reith, Glahnson.
Preston, Malcolm, Le May.
Walsh, Olsen, Roberts, Vogtmann, Chapman.

After the game there was high tea for the guests followed by a convivial gathering and music, which all enjoyed who were present.

The last time Bangkok had the opportunity of seeing a game with British Naval men was when the H. B. M. S. *Tiger* arrived at this port over five years ago and, with a remarkably strong team, was able to tie with the Sports Club, each side scoring a goal.

Rugby Football.

The following sides turned out for Football at the Sports Club last Saturday:—

Whites.
Full Back Reith.
Three Walsh, Preston, Malcolm.
Halves Selley, Walton (Capt.).
Forwards Schneider, A. Jones, Kummer, Steen-Hansen, Hogg, McDonald.

Blues.
Full Back Couper-Johnston.
Three Olsen, Jenkins (Capt.), Keynes, Butler.
Halves Crammer, C. Martin.
Forwards Carson, Grut, King Bowden, Ramsdale, Thune.

The game was much less equal than most of those witnessed this year and resulted in a decisive win for Whites by 2 goals, 4 tries (22 points) to nil. Crammer was unavoidably detained elsewhere and his absence from the Blues' side for the first quarter of an hour of the game undoubtedly affected the scoring though not the actual result of the match. Whites' forwards scrimmaged with great determination and during the first half got possession and heeled out repeatedly with the result that Selley and Walton had many chances of opening up the game. These were for the most part taken full advantage of and Walsh, well fed by Preston, crossed the Blues' line twice in the first ten minutes, himself converting both the tries. Blues then had a turn at attacking and Olsen was several times dangerous; on one occasion it looked as if he would get clean away but he was splendidly tackled by Kummer before getting right into his stride. Reith relieved the pressure by judicious kicks to touch and another round of passing by Whites sent Walsh over for his third try which Reith failed to convert. Whites were thus leading at half time by 13 points to nil.

In the second half Blues forwards played better and were able to feed their backs. They were also more vigorous in the loose and on two occasions got very near to scoring through Carson and Bowden respectively. The team seemed however to be out of luck and none of their efforts was quite successful. Crammer, who was working very hard to retrieve the fortunes of his side, looked a certain scorer on one occasion but was overhauled and brought down by Walsh close to the goal line. The latter player shortly afterwards took advantage of a loose kick by an opponent, and scored a fine individual try, which was not converted. From a loose scrimmage near the Blues' line McDonald and Schneider went over with a rush and the former touched down. Towards the end of the game Preston got clear away down the centre of the field but was overtaken and tackled by Olsen almost on the goal line. Selley and Walton were following up however and dribbled over for a last try; the kick at goal again failed. For the winners Schneider played an admirable game both in the pack and out of touch, and he was well supported by the other forwards Hogg being particularly prominent at the line out. Preston at centre played a capital game taking and giving his passes very well indeed. Walsh had something of a day out; his fielding of the ball was very clean and the quickness with which he gets into his stride coupled with his strong running mark him out as a wing to be watched. He and Preston in combination were responsible for the prettiest football of the day.

B. B. W. N. G.

Members are reminded that the meeting to-morrow is at Mrs. Wilson's house at 4.45.

The following one will be held on Oct. 9th at Mrs. Lyle's house.

The Police Strike.

London, Sept. 1.—Mr. Lloyd George in his interview with the police said he was unable to recognise the Union, but favored machinery for ventilating complaints. The entire force returned to duty an hour after the settlement.

London, Sept. 2.—The Press Bureau states that Lieut. Gen. Sir Frederick Mearns succeeds Sir Edward Henry as Commissioner of Police of the metropolis. The King has conferred a baronetcy on Sir Edward Henry in recognition of his fifteen years distinguished services.

Paddy Crop Report Sept. 9, 1918.

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THE Great War.

The French Front.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Sept. 9.

The French have advanced on a twenty mile front to an average depth of two miles and, in places, four miles. They occupied unopposed Tergnier a very important railway junction. The enemy has ther by lost his main line of communication between Laon and St. Quentin.

French communiqué:—North of the Oise we captured Menes and reached the banks of the St. Quentin Canal. South of the Oise we progressed to the outskirts of Servais.

In the region of Laffaux, north of Celles-sur-Aisne, we maintained our position despite counter-attacks.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Sept. 9.

On the Somme front we advanced to a depth of eight kilometres. We have crossed the Canal St. Quentin. We have captured Pont-de-Tugny, Saint Simon, Mennessis and Celles-sur-Aisne. We progressed near Servais and to the north of Vauxaillon.

Pont-de-Tugny is 6½ kil. from Ham, on the right bank of the Somme and is 2 kil. to the north of St. Simon which is on the left bank of the Somme.

Mennessis is 4 kil. to the north of Tergnier.

Celles-sur-Aisne is 1,500 metres to the north-east of Condé-sur-Aisne and is 2½ kil. to the west of Vailly.

Villeveuve is 2½ kil. west of Vermand and 12 kil. west of St. Quentin.

Ste. Enille is 14½ kil. to the north of Peronne and 5 kil. to the north of Roisel.

Havrincourt Wood is between Bertincourt and Marconing, 15 kil. to the south-west of Cambrai.

The British Front.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Sept. 9.

Field Marshal Haig reports:—By nightfall yesterday we had taken Villeveuve and Ste. Enille and gained possession of the greater part of Havrincourt Wood.

Local fighting yesterday evening and night towards Hernies and in the sector westward of Armentières was without material change in the situation.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Sept. 9.

The British have captured Villeveuve, Sainte Enille and the greater part of Havrincourt Wood.

American Operations.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Sept. 9.

The Americans have captured Binscourt.

German Items.

Hague, Sept. 5.—Les Nouvelles states that the German Main Headquarters have been transferred from Spa to Verviers in the province of Liege.

London, September 4.—The German Crown Prince, interviewed, said: "The enemy onset continues. We are withdrawing in accordance with the system of elastic defence. The withdrawals are being misinterpreted in Germany owing to our numerous successes, but it must not be forgotten that we are waging a war of defence. We do not want to annihilate our enemies, but only to hold our own."

London, Sept. 4.—The Times expert suggests the possibility of Germany evacuating France as a preliminary to a peace offer as regards the west front, conditionally on the recognition of eastern claims.

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Havas Wires from Singapore.

Chemin Des Dames Threatened.

Paris, Sept. 6.

Yesterday witnessed four French operations. General Debeney's army pushed forward on the Somme to within four kilometres of Ham. General Humbert's troops reached the Oise the same distance south-west of Chauny; while General Mangin's army, capturing most of the forest of Concy, advanced to within four kilometres south of the same town. Ham and Chauny are actually ripe fruits.

From that point General Mangin widened his positions eastward, clearly launching an off-nurse from west to east against the crest of the Chemin des Dames.

These operations forced the Crown Prince to abandon the hills between the Aisne and the Vesle, and to sacrifice several divisions in order to avoid disaster.

Paris, Sept. 7.

Owing to their progress eastward, the Allies have come to almost immediate contact with the Crozat Canal in its whole length between the Somme and the Oise. Between the Oise and the Ailette, the centre of the Hindenburg line has been reached at the outskirts of the St. Gobain wooded hills.

Since they have captured the plateau and fort at Condé-sur-Aisne, the Allies will soon threaten, from the south, the Chemin des Dames, already menaced in its western extremity near Laffaux.

The Sacred Union.

Paris, Sept. 6.

Replying to a congratulatory message from the Paris Municipality, Marshal Foch writes:—The German rush has been shattered, and we shall continue our task of relentlessly pursuing the enemy.

At the reopening of the French Chamber of Deputies yesterday, great manifestations of the sacred union occurred. At the opening sitting the President of the Chamber, M. Doumergue, conveyed the homage, the admiration and the gratitude of the nation to the armies, which, he said, are saving the honour of the human family. The president went on to predict that the friendship of the Allies would be as everlasting in peace as in war, because the free peoples are founding together a new order of things. Owing to the sublime valour of those who are giving their lives, by the immolation of the dead who are fighting with the living, man during these sacred hours is overtopping the longest stage he ever effected on the blood path of justice.

M. Clemenceau associated the Government with that homage to the Allies, promising them the immortal remembrance of their fellow soldiers and of the latter's children. Our soldiers, he proceeded, are those of civilisation; they are victoriously driving back the hordes of barbarism. We shall fight till the end to build a new monument of justice. We want the security of France and the Entente to be that of humanity. It is a beautiful task. The continuation of that work belongs to our survivors.

The whole Chamber, including the Socialists, cheered frantically. A motion was made for the placarding of the two speeches as rendering the unanimous sentiments of the country. This was voted by a show of hands.

British Pressure Increases.

More Prisoners Captured.

London, Sept. 5.—Field Marshal Haig announces the capture of Ploegsteert and also hill 63 southwest of Messines. We took prisoner in four days 16,000 with over 100 guns.

London, Sept. 5.—Field Marshal Haig says Anglo-Welsh troops forced the passage of the Tortille-river and the Canal du Nord on a wide front north of Moislains. During the early part of the day the enemy held the east banks of the river and canal and endeavoured to arrest our advance at this line with artillery and machine-gun fire. Despite the natural strength of the enemy's positions we advanced with great dash and courage and carried the villages of Menancourt and Hircourt. Overcoming the obstacles of the canal and river we substantially progressed on the rising ground eastwards. Further north English and New Zealanders took Ruyancourt and reached the northern outskirts of Havrincourt wood, eastwards of the canal. Other English divisions gained the west bank of the canal opposite Demicourt and Bourisies, beating off counter-attacks.

The English entered Moeuvree from the north and fighting is still going on

among the old Hindenburg line defences. We captured further prisoners and material, including two of the three German tanks used in an unsuccessful counter-attack on Aug. 31. We progressed at different points on the Lys front.

Aviation: Aeroplanes and balloons co-operated effectively in the advance on Sept. 3.

We dropped twenty-one tons in day time and twenty-one tons at night time. We destroyed nineteen hostile machines and drove down seven uncontrollable. Ten British machines are missing.

London, Sept. 7.—Field Marshal Haig:—There was a sharp fighting on the 4th north-west of the Lys. We captured Hill 63 southwest of Messines, making prisoner over 100. We captured in the afternoon Ploegsteert village, taking another hundred prisoners and a number of machine guns. Northward of Hill 63 we were continuously engaged in the Wytschaete sector, where the enemy's repeated attacks were unsuccessful. We held on the Lys front a general line Voor-mezel—Waterghem—Ploegsteert—Nieppe—Laventie—Giverny.

South of Neuve Chapelle as far as Giverny we regained the old line we held prior to April 9 and eastward of Giverny we occupied portions of the old German positions.

The enemy strongly attacked our new positions at Inchy en Artois in the evening, but were repulsed after sharp fighting. We improved our positions southward of Moeuvres and eastward of Hernies and captured Neuville-Bourignon. An enemy's counter-attack in the evening eastward of Manancourt was repulsed. Fighting occurred in the neighbourhood of Peronne and our line was slightly improved. The British in the past four days have taken prisoner over 16,000 and captured over a hundred guns.

London, Sept. 4.—Reuter's correspondent wiring on Wednesday afternoon from British Headquarters says the British advance on Cambrai has lulled into a series of patrol fights.

The main line of our advance continues widely across the Bapaume-Cambrai road. The Canadian are on the Nord Canal along practically their whole front, while the Britishers to the south of the Cambrai road have also reached the canal in many places. South of the Moeuvres the situation is very liquid and there is considerable fighting in this region, chiefly between small bodies of infantry in rearguard actions.

Prisoners have been taken from a

fresh division at least two whereof have been brought direct from the shortened Flanders front. There is considerable artillery fire from the direction of Cambrai, but the resistance is principally by machine-gun. We took prisoner many more dismounted cavalry. They state that their division is now practically wiped out. Among the latest prisoners are men of the foot artillery regiment, also wiring groups. We captured a 10.5 gun at Pronville. The Naval men took three field batteries complete in Queant. The warmest praise is being bestowed on the tanks for the great part they played in the battle. Also in routing out machine gun nests and rounding up prisoners.

London, Sept. 5. Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters wires: Since Sunday, General Horn's army has captured 6,285 prisoners, 23 heavy howitzers, two high velocity guns, 31 field guns, 30 trench mortars, six anti tank guns and 475 machine guns.

Since Saturday, General Byng's army has taken 5,781 prisoners and a considerable number of uncounted guns.

Since Saturday, General Rawlinson's army has taken 4,467 prisoners and a considerable number of uncounted guns.

The Flanders front is becoming increasingly active, the series of tactical successes being daily recorded between Ypres and Lens assuming a real strategic significance.

Notice.

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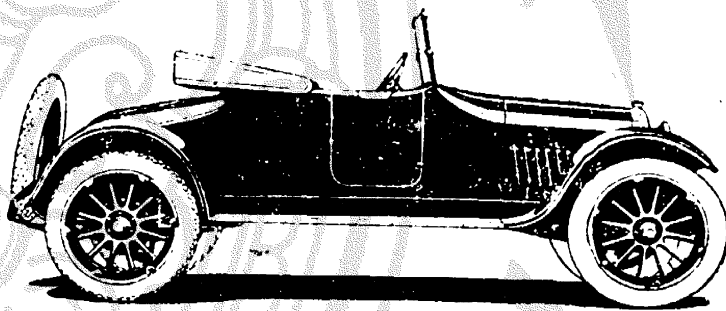
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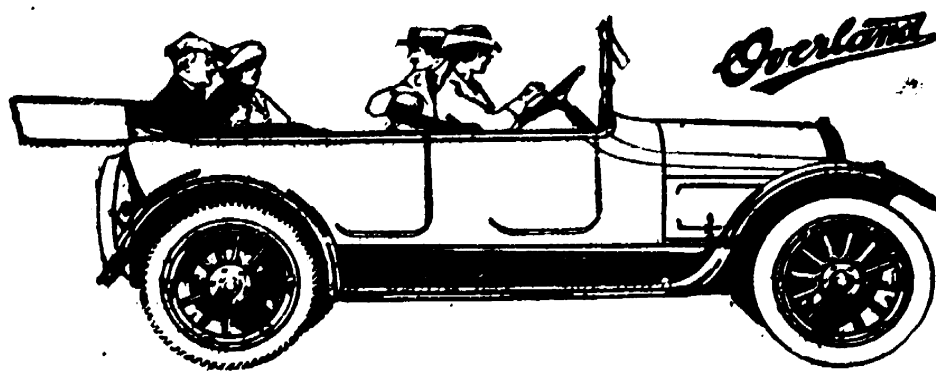
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The position in Finland grows steadily worse, for to the horrors of civil war is added an ever-increasing shortage of food. Even in normal times the country can raise only one half of the breadstuffs needed, and owing to the conditions existing for at least two years this capacity has almost vanished. In 1915 breadstuffs were imported heavily, some half million tons, an increase of about 40 per cent over the usual import. But as in 1916 this fell to about 70,000 tons and in 1917 to 11,500 tons, and at present nothing apparently finds its way into the country, the food situation is becoming desperate. South Finland, which is in the hands of the "Reds," is in the worse case. In its western part the seed corn has been eaten, and the same is likely to occur further north, in Wasa; while a report had it that Helsinki is in imminent danger of starvation.

It is true that in the summer of 1917 60,000 tons of corn were bought in Russia, but of this only 11,000 tons have been received, and there does not seem any likelihood of the remainder ever reaching Finland. And a further purchase in America of 60,000 tons has not been delivered owing to the difficulties raised by the conditions imposed by the Allies on the importation of foodstuffs. Finnish officials say that they are willing to consent to control by the Allies at the port of entry and at the frontier, but that they cannot consent to the demand for control of the Finnish trade with Germany. They say: "Germany has been our best friend. To close our doors to Germany is to isolate Finland entirely, without any reliable guarantee that our needs will be supplied by the Allies."

In the meantime Germany has promised 60,000 tons of corn from Ukraine, though it is difficult to foresee when this promise can be made good. But with the promise of food, with actual assistance in men, rifles, ammunition, uniforms, and some guns, Germany is steadily strengthening her influence in Finland to which the irritation against Sweden on the part of the "White" Government is contributing in a negative fashion. The tie between Finland and Sweden have always been strong, and the natural course would be for Finland to turn towards her western neighbour. But the friction which began more than a year ago and grew to something like bitterness, through the refusal of Sweden to intervene in the Finnish struggle, or to assist in any way, has been intensified by her action in the Aland Islands, which has roused keen anger among the "Whites." To that action the German expedition of fifteen vessels to Aland and the landing of marines there is a definite retort, and one which is likely to cause complications of which nobody here seems able to foresee the issue.

The military situation has not changed much during the last week. The frontier at Tornio is rigidly closed, and the greatest difficulty is experienced in securing permission to cross. The only persons, apparently, who are allowed to enter Finland are returning Finns and volunteers. The body of White Guards, mostly young men, who to the number of a thousand were forced to surrender last week to the Reds at Kyrkstatt, a station on the coast line from Helsinki, to Hangö, and were taken into Helsinki, have been, it is said, taken under the protection of the Swedish consulate there. There was great anxiety about their fate among the Finns in Stockholm.

Post War Employment.

A Calcutta message of August 3 states that the Government of Bengal has issued a resolution containing instructions to the heads of departments for employment in Government service of persons now employed in connection with the war. In filling up vacancies at the end of the war, preference will be given to men who have rendered satisfactory war service, provided, they are otherwise qualified for such posts. The ordinary limit of age for admission to pensionable service will be extended in cases of persons who have been precluded from entering service before twenty-five years owing to their work in connection with the war. Persons enlisted in combatant ranks may submit applications to the head of the department in which they wish to obtain employment on return from service. A register of such men will be kept in all offices for giving preferential treatment to registered applicants. Government hopes private employers will accord similar recognition to the claims of those who have served their country.



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Public Morality In Japan.

The lack of public morality in the Japanese national character has been frequently pointed out by various writers, and we note the Hochi of Tokio is now earnestly urging the cultivation of this virtue. According to the Tokio Journal's conception of public morality, the virtue consists in abstaining from all acts which give hurt of offense to others. If one of the many excellent precepts of Confucius is acted up to—namely, that one should not do to others what one would not wish done to oneself—is acted up to, the chief object of public morality can be attained.

Public morality is a virtue essential to human existence, proceeds the Hochi, and it is indisputable that its practice makes social intercourse smooth and pleasant. If this virtue is highly developed, crime can be diminished, if not entirely eradicated. The degree of public morality possessed by nations may well be taken as a standard in judging the level of their civilisation. The conspicuous lack of public morality among the Japanese is attributed by some people to national characteristics and educational defects, or to the adoption of the harmful family system, but in our Tokio contemporary's view it is to be ascribed rather to evils arising from the feudal system which was long prevalent. Whatever may be the real cause, the necessity of cultivating this virtue among the Japanese is strongly urged by the Hochi, now that intercourse with foreigners as well as fellow-nationals has become so close.

The Tokio journal points out that extreme anti-Japanese views are often entertained by foreigners, resident in Japan, and this curious fact is ascribed by the paper to the offensive manner in which Japanese behave themselves everywhere, and thus confirm the anticipations of these foreigners formed before their visit to these shores. When it is remembered, the Hochi proceeds, that lack of public morality is thus calculated to affect international relations, the utmost care must be taken by the Japanese to check this regrettable failing. That some-ranzo, of which there has been so much complaint abroad, has much to do with lack of public morality in the Japanese character can be easily understood, and thus it will be seen that from the point of view of industrial development alone

the question ought to receive earnest attention.

The Hochi is fully aware of the difficulty of the task of cultivating public morality among the Japanese, and suggests that practice of the virtue should begin in the home, then in the training, then in parks, hotels, places of public entertainment, and places of popular resort. It is suggested that notices should be put up at these places, setting forth the various points whose strict observance is enjoined upon everyone, with the alternative of restraints, official and private. It is a matter of impossibility, says the Hochi in conclusion, for Japan to claim a place among the first-class civilised Powers while the public morality of her people is left on its present low level. —(Sz)

Rainfall.

We have received the following telegraphic reports of rainfall from the Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Lands and Agriculture.

KRUEG DEB.

At Minburi	Sept. 3	23.8 mm.
Phra Pradaeng	3	7.3 "
Samudprakar	6	38.5 "
Min. of L. & A.	6	35.0 "
Min. of L. & A.	7	4.4 "

MONDOL KRUNG KAO.

At Saraburi	Sept. 3	3.5 "
Pradum Dhani	5	5.5 "
Ayudhya	5	1.9 "
Saraburi	5	5.2 "
Dhanyaburi	6	16.0 "
Pradum Dhani	6	35.0 "
Dhanyaburi	7	5.3 "
Dhanyaburi	8	6.5 "

MONDOL NAGOR JAYSRI.

At Samudra Sagor	Sept. 3	18.0 "
Nagor Pathom	6	84.1 "
Subarn	6	3.1 "
Nagor Pathom	7	10.8 "

MONDOL RAJABURI.

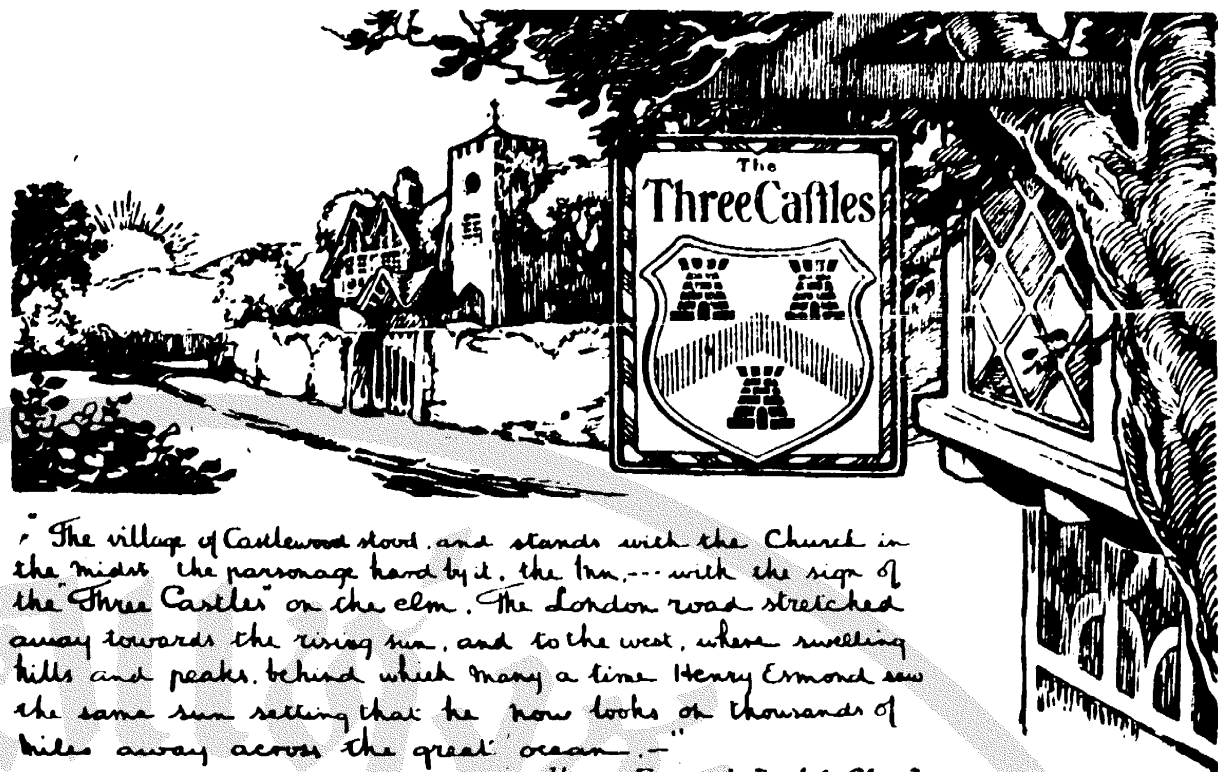
At Rajaburi	Sept. 6	21.2 "
Samudra Songram	6	16.8 "

MONDOL PRACHIN.

At Chhaxong Sao	Sept. 6	25.7 "
Prachin	6	18.9 "
Jolburi	6	23.8 "
Krabindra	6	51.0 "

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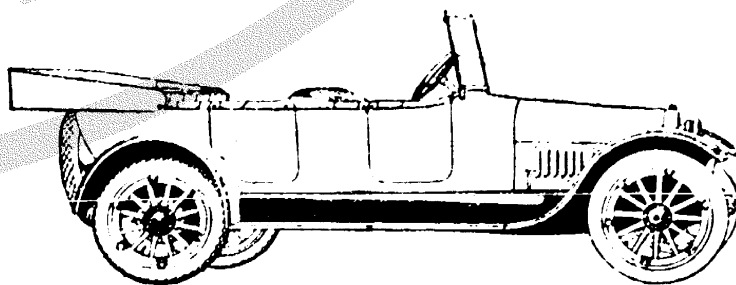
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SOLE AGENTS.

Berlin Blames England.

Amsterdam, July 9. (Despatch to The London Daily Express).—"Count Mirbach was killed by England's hands" is German Foreign Office's explanation of the murder of the German Ambassador in Moscow, which naturally is the main topic of conversation in Berlin political circles. German newspapers, which are always obedient to their master's voice, adopt the view dictated to them by the Government.

The Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, after labored efforts to prevent anything unpleasant being said against Lenin and Trotsky and their friends, strives to build up the legend that nobody was more popular in Moscow than the Kaiser's envoy. It is argued that no Russian would ever have dreamed of shooting Mirbach, and therefore only an agent of the Entente, paid with English gold, could have perpetrated the crime.

The Tageblatt reminds its readers that Mirbach represented the Kaiser in several other "friendly" capitals during the war. One was Athens, from which he was expelled as undesirable. It was a great blunder, says the Tageblatt, to send a blue-blooded aristocrat into revolutionary Russia. It forgets to mention that this appointment was made by the Kaiser behind Kuhlmann's back while the latter was at Bucharest, and very nearly brought about the Foreign Secretary's resignation in protest.

"The murder is exactly like that of Sir Roger Casement by the British Minister at Christiania," says the Lokalanzeiger, which apparently is ignorant of the fact that the Irish traitor was not killed in Norway, but hanged at Pentonville after trial.

The Rheinische Westfälische Zeitung also attributes the murder to "England's lack of scruples."

Hun Heel on Austria.

I am informed that the main principles of the extended German Austro-Hungarian alliance had already been agreed upon and initiated in the summer of 1916 during the Emperor Francis Joseph's lifetime, telegraphs the Times Amsterdam correspondent. During the Emperor Charles's stay at German Headquarters a three-fold convention, comprising the political, economic, and military relations of the two Empires, was drafted as to its general

lines, and initiated by the two Emperors on the understanding that negotiations as to details should be completed during June.

The general lines of this convention are complete unity of the armies, which is to be expressed by a joint Commander-in-Chief in which delegates of both Ministries of War will participate. A most important feature of this arrangement seems to be the facility for exchanging regiments so as to make it possible to garrison the Slav districts of Austria by German troops while Austrian troops will be sent to Germany. The relations between the Austrian and German armies will closely resemble those prevailing at present between Bavaria and Prussia.

With regard to the political arrangement, unity of conduct of international affairs is to be expressed by a joint council, of which the presidency is to be held by Bavaria. The economic arrangement provides for a united economic bloc of the two Empires with a solid front towards foreign countries and a protective tariff for inter-State relations.

On leaving German Headquarters the Emperor Charles undertook to obtain the adhesion of Bulgaria and Turkey to this arrangement and at the same time to try to smooth over the difficulties which of late have arisen between Sofia and Constantinople. It is stated that the Emperor has succeeded in doing so. The Bulgarians are ready to join the new treaty on the condition that Northern Dobruja, Macedonia, and the north-eastern Danube district of Serbia shall be guaranteed them so as to make the Bulgarian join the Hungarian frontier. Under these conditions Bulgaria undertakes to restore territory acquired from Turkey during the war.

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Developing Mesopotamia.

The following are extracts from a letter received from a Burma Railways Permanent Way Inspector now working in Mesopotamia.—"I took charge at the end of the rains out here, which are heavier than usual this year; consequently the line was at its worst, and with a speed restriction of 10 miles per hour throughout. With the advantage of the long days out here, and putting on full pressure, I have been able to restore the line to fairly good running order, and raised the speed to 25 miles per hour. This is a section of only 20 miles of 4 1/2 lb. rails, consequently the difficulty is in maintenance on this very funny soil, without ballast, and with the heavy traffic amounting to 24 up and down trains daily. The soil here seems to be water-proof, as the rain water never penetrates more than a few inches of the surface, consequently forming a thick layer of mire. The country up round Baghdad does not in the least look like a desert; in fact the soil is not at all sandy, but very fertile. Whatever is sown flourishes, but of course all cultivation has to be done by irrigation, and as the Arab, who is really a lazy fellow only intending to live by loot, is now realising that work is not too bad for the good profits given him by the British, and with ample encouragement, of which he never dreamt before, is hard at cultivating; and every day one sees new fields springing up. I am making culverts and pipe drains twice a week for them, as all water has to be got from Mother Tigris, as they all call it, being pumped into small channels, varying from 2 ft. to 3 ft. wide and 1 ft. deep, by oil engines and rotary pumps. I think the country will be very promising after the war, and there seems to be a great abundance of oil, judging from the soil, and considering the point that the water does not penetrate far below the surface, and the very greasy appearance of some parts, especially where the ground is rather undulating. I have seen the great arch of Ctesiphon. From the appearance of the structure it seems to be the remains of a huge hall, with a dome and must have been built before Christ. Near to the arch is the Tomb of Solomon, so the whole place is called by the Arabs "Sulaiman" Park. This place will be remembered for the great battle of Ctesiphon fought by General Townsend, after which he retired to Kut and put up that grand resistance.

MENAM MOTOR BOAT CO., LTD.**TIME TABLE.**

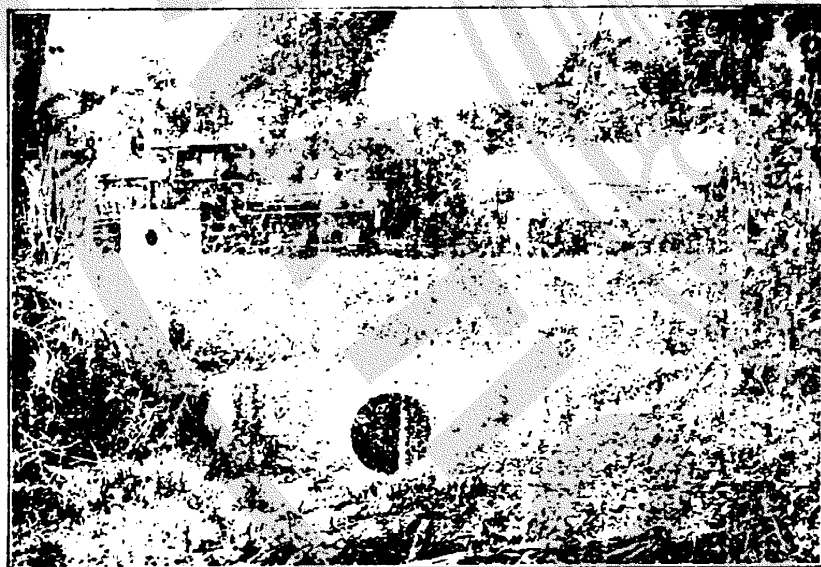
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	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.		a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.
Paknam Dep.	6.30	9.30	12.45	3.45	Bangkok Dep.	7.45	10.45	2.00	5.00
Maha Wong "	6.35	9.35	12.50	3.50	Sala Deng "	7.52	10.52	2.07	5.07
*Ban Nang Greng "	6.40	9.40	12.55	3.55	Klong Toi "	8.00	11.00	2.15	5.15
Chorakhe "	6.45	9.45	1.00	4.00	*Ban Kluei "	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	Bangdjak "	8.15	11.15	2.30	5.30
Bangdjak "	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 Kluei "	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	*Ban Nang Greng "	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	5.50
Bangkok Arr.	7.30	10.30	1.45	4.45	Paknam Arr.	8.45	11.45	3.00	5.55

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