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

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

PHASES OF THE MOON.
 Sept. 5th O New Moon 5 h 26 m p.m.
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Speculation On Foch's Aims.

London, Aug. 24.—Experts in Paris recognise that the British have the hardest task in the present battle. The enemy has evidently decided to stand at all costs against a further advance by Byng's army as the loss of Bapaume at present would be equivalent to a disaster to the Germans, whose flank between Arras and Albert would be thereby uncovered.

The contract between the British position in this region now and in the spring of 1917 is remarkable. Byng has secured more in three days than was gained then after six months of hard fighting. Rawlinson's operations admirably supplement Byng's. The conjoint movement has already reduced Albert and it is confidently anticipated that the present double turning movement by the British will compel the Germans to evacuate the old Somme battlefield by pressure on the flanks instead of by the old, costly frontal attacks.

Vossische Zeitung states that over 4,600,000 Iron-Croscos have been awarded.

London, Aug. 25.—The special ultimate aim of Foch's strategic plan which is working out in the present series of battles is the subject of much speculation, alike in London and Paris. Broadly the opinion of the experts is divided between those who believe that Foch is striking a number of hammer-blows with the object of weakening the enemy numerically and positionally and as regards moral, preparatory to a decisive blow at some absolutely vital spot; and those who think that he is at present merely endeavouring to disorganise what is really a great German retreat, or intention to retreat, on large sectors, being content to reap the rich fruits of this disorganisation in the shape of big hauls of prisoners and material, and to allow later results to guide him in the matter of more decisive action this year.

Is a Decisive Stroke Planned?

Some able French critics hold the latter view, which is based on the theory of the withdrawal gradually going on to some new Hindenburg line, which probably is of great depth. Those who argue that we are at present witnessing the preliminaries to a decisive stroke base their belief on the facts that the Allies are presumably employing very considerable forces in the aggregate in the present battles, that they are exploiting their gains to the utmost, that they are already threatening vital enemy positions, and that moreover it would be folly not to push to the last degree this year the immense advance of their regained initiative, superior moral and enthusiasm for the offensive, especially among the Americans. It is pointed out that other considerations, apart

from weighty political reasons, are that the Germans have still many divisions in Russia and possibly have still more divisions booked for a surprise enterprise this year on some other front. Hence it is not absolutely certain that a better chance will offer in 1916, for the German front is now more or less fairly "liquid."

As regards the latest developments of the battle, one of the most important is the British threat to Bapaume, the fall of which would be a disaster for the enemy. His desperate resistance at Achiet le Grand, where the main defensive positions of Bapaume are located, shows that he realises this.

Women in Russia.

Some shocking revelations concerning Bolshevik rule in Russia were brought under notice in New York last month by Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the well-known suffragette leader. The New York "Times" of 7th June states that Mrs. Pankhurst announced that she had come directly from France and had with her copy of "La Liberté" of 2nd May, giving quotations from the Bolshevik organ, the "Izvestia," upon the party's work in the "socialisation of women." This has already been carried out in Saratov and is being organised in other places. It provides, she says, that all girls of 18 and over become public property and are compelled to register in the free love department of the Bureau of Public Assistance, where the man chooses a mate from among the citizens of 19 to 50, as they themselves be chosen by men having the same privilege, regardless of previous marriage.

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Early in the war the German Governor, who had agreed that the German merchant ships at Dar-es-Salaam must be regarded as British prizes, was told that the engines of the ships must be disabled. The Germans thereupon hoisted white flags at the entrance to the harbour, and working parties were sent in boats to inspect the ships.

No sign was made from the shore until the boats were well within range, when a treacherous fire was opened upon them, the German white flag still flying, the officer in charge of one boat at once gave the order, "Lie down every one; 'hard apart.'" But steering was difficult, speed slackened, and it was found that the stoker forward was dangerously wounded. Bullets were raining over and into the boat, but Lieutenant Corson, ran forward and kept the fire going. Very soon after a seaman was hit in the head, and collapsed, and then the coxswain, with blood running from his mouth, was shot in the leg. His conduct was splendid. He never flinched, but stuck to his post. It was largely due to him that the boat emerged safely.

Commander H. P. Ritchie, who was in another steam pinnace, tried to draw all the fire and thus save the other boats. On rounding a bend into the

harbour the pinnace found herself under fire from every side. The coxswain and another man were wounded the coxswain being relieved by an A.B., who was also very soon hit. The coxswain's wound having been dressed he returned to his post, but just afterwards collapsed backwards. Commander Ritchie then took the wheel, although the coxswain refused to give in and between them they did the steering. Their condition was desperate, for a heavy fire was still being directed against them from all sides. The commander was hit several times in succession, but still stuck to the wheel. The coxswain never left his officer's side, although he collapsed several times during that terrible passage. For 20 minutes they ran the gauntlet of death; then, just as they reached the mouth of the harbour, Commander Ritchie was shot in the leg and at last had to leave the wheel. Commander Ritchie, Petty Officer Clarke (the coxswain) and Able Seaman Upton (who had "undoubtedly saved the boat" by jumping to the wheel when Clarke was first wounded) had upheld the highest traditions of the Navy.

A good instance of a successful surprise landing, well planned and brilliantly carried out was provided by the Navy in connection with the clearing of the Lindi River district. Nearly 3,000 men were landed without a mishap by the *Thistle* and *Severn*, in total darkness and in uncharted waters, the enemy being led to believe that the landing would be at another spot. Lieutenant Charlewood D.S.C., led the boats in a motor boat, and it was due to his judgment and skill that the boats reached the landing place. There was a certain amount of machine gun and rifle fire, but by 10.30 p.m. the main column had been successfully landed, and occupied their objective.

The *Thistle*, owing to the low tide, could not leave until daylight, and was hit by a shell which passed through the ship's side, and started a fire aft. Mr. Mark Methuen gunner R. N. immediately went to the after flat. The flat below which were the magazines besides being on fire, was filled with smoke and shell fumes and steam from a holed exhaust pipe. The gunner descended through flames and smoke, and was followed by leading Stoker George Pascall and Able Seaman Harry Johns, with hoses. As a result of their energies, the fire was soon extinguished and the magazine saved. Mr. Methuen and the two ratings suffered from gas poisoning.

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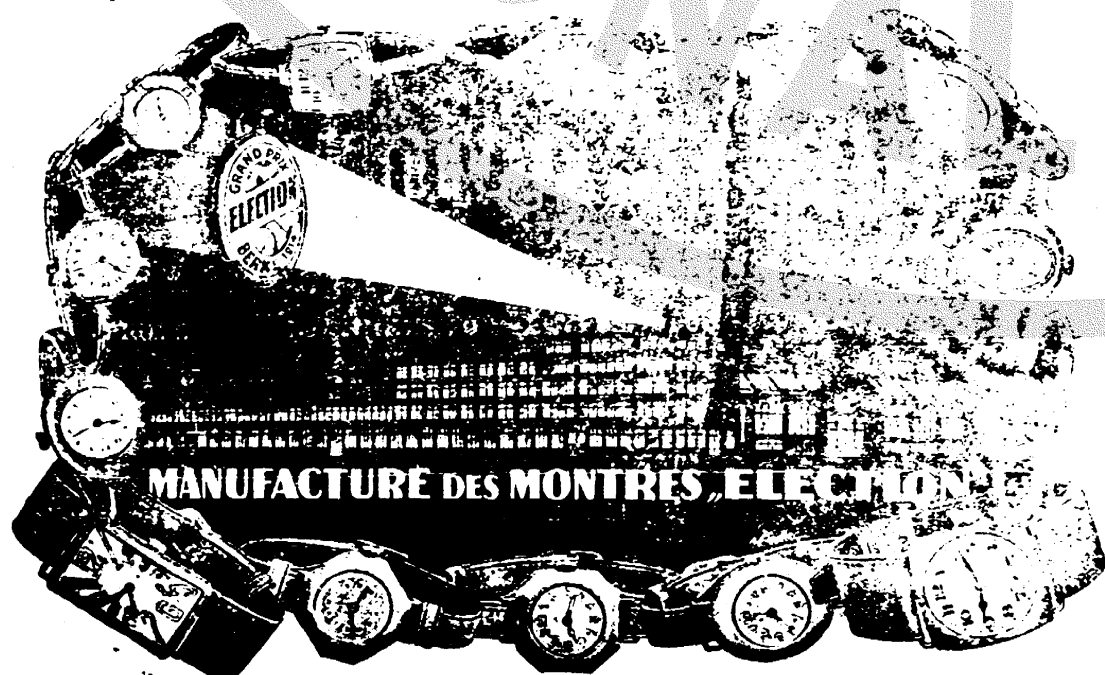
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BIRTH.

HARROP—September 1st, at the Nursing Home Bangkok, the wife of Frederick S. Harrop of a son.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

MR. G. Oswald of Nakorn Sritham-araj is in town for a few days.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that all lines are in good order.

ANOTHER successful rehearsal of *Cavalleria Rusticana* was held yesterday.

MESSRS. Baan Soon Lee and Co. are sole agents for Haig and Haig Liqueur Scots Whisky.

THE s.s. *Chitlur* arrived yesterday from Hongkong. The *Chutlur* also came into port from the coast.

THE s.s. *Katong* left Singapore at noon on Saturday the 31st ult., and may be expected to arrive at the Borneo Company's wharf on Tuesday evening about 5.30 p.m.

MR. C. H. Ramsay here has had news by last mail that his nephew 2nd Lieut. Alan Ramsay R. N. "has been having a lively time in his motor boat in the Zeebrugge Raid."

"PRUSSIA must be made to understand that hitherto she has been the course of Germany," was a loudly cheered remark by the Socialist Deputy, Herr Auer, at a meeting held at Munich to celebrate the centenary of the Bavarian Constitution.

THE Japanese naval manoeuvres will be held in the beginning of October, when the First, Second and Third Fleets and a few warships belonging to the First Reserve Squadron will be present. The manoeuvres will cover a sea area of 1,000 miles.

AFTER the departure of the 37 Germans who are booked to leave (on deportations to the United States) there will be 260 Germans left in Manila. The present intention of the Government is not to deport all the Germans from Manila, but only such as make themselves undesirable in the Philippines by their acts or speech.

PEKING.—The Cabinet discussed the question of the establishment of diplomatic relations with the Vatican, his views on the subject being expressed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Lu Tsengshiang, who returned from Peitaiho for the opening of Parliament. The Government has telegraphed to Tai-Chen lin, the Chinese Minister at Madrid, who has been appointed Minister to the Vatican, to postpone the presentation of his credentials.

AT Joplin, Missouri, the German society has been dissolved and has given all its property, valued at \$5,000, to the Red Cross. Explaining the action of the society, the officers said:—"The object of the society was to advance German customs, German habits, and the German language. This under the conditions that have arisen, is intolerable and impossible. Our countrymen cannot, will not, and should not be expected to countenance these objects now."

WENCHOW.—A gruesome tale is being told of a wealthy man in this district who was followed for some time by four evil men, who finally got into his room at a hotel one night, murdered him and put his body into a hamper. A blind man in the room underneath was awakened by the sounds above, felt something drip down onto his face which he took to be water, but smelling it found to be blood. Getting up, he quietly found the landlord, the police were sent for and caught the men in the room. It is to be hoped they will meet their deserts.

A HONOLULU message of June 19 states that the trial of "Princess" Theresa Belliveau, charged with conspiring to defraud in connection with the will of the late Queen Liliuokalani, opened on June 18. The Rev. Sam Kamagaia, and accused conspirator who was a witness to the document presented by Princess Theresa as the late Queen's will, testified for the prosecution that the will was fraudulent and was an attempt by the Princess to secure the late monarch's estate. He testified he signed the will to escape Princess Theresa's upbraiding. He declared the Princess had schooled him to testify that the purported will had been signed in his presence by the Queen.

Soccer.

In view of a possible Soccer match against H. M. S. "Whiting," there will be a practice game at the Sports Club to-morrow afternoon at 4.45 p.m. Teams have unfortunately not been made up yet, but all those who promised to play, and all those who would like to play are requested to turn up with both Blue and White jerseys.



Court Circular.

BANG-PA-IR,
Friday, August 30.

This afternoon, at Vahs Hall, His Majesty the King was pleased to receive Senior Page Nai Lehavudh, of the Lord Chamberlain's Department, and his wife on the occasion of their marriage.

His Majesty was graciously pleased to bestow on them a monetary present and blessing.

Important Appointments by His Majesty The King.

In view of the time and circumstances of the country, His Majesty the King considers that the functions of the Commission charged with the Codification of the laws of the Kingdom have acquired a character of greater significance to the State. The responsibility thus imposed upon the President of the Code Commission for the due and successful completion of its functions is, therefore, a heavy one.

The duties of the President of the Code Commission have hitherto been entrusted to His Royal Highness Prince Svasti, Lord Chief Justice of the Dika Court. But now His Majesty, being desirous that special attention should be given to the work of Codification so as to ensure its timely and successful completion, has been pleased to command that Prince Svasti should devote his whole and undivided attention to the work of Codification and is, in addition, to act as Special Legislative Councillor to His Majesty's Government.

The post of Lord Chief Justice of the Dika Court being thus consequently rendered vacant, His Majesty has been pleased to appoint His Excellency Phya Chakrapani Srisilavandhi, His Majesty's Principal Legal Councillor, Lord Chief Justice of the Dika Court in the place of Prince Svasti, while Phya Manopakorn Nitdhada, Under-Secretary of State for Agriculture, who had formerly held the position of Assistant Legal Councillor, has been appointed Principal Legal Councillor to His Majesty the King.

Cup Football.

A very enthusiastic gathering of spectators, the majority of whom were Tiger Scouts, was present to witness the football match played at Suan Dosit between the Chulalongkorn University and Central Bangkok Teachers. Both teams had played four games, the former gaining four points and the latter seven points. Everyone who followed the results of these matches so far were under the impression that it would be an easy victory for the Teachers. But it looked as if the tables were turned when the University drew first blood within a couple of minutes after the start. The Teachers, however, with their usual dexterity came up to expectations and came out victors by the narrow margin of one goal.

The Teachers winning the toss selected the Club end goal and everything was in their favour as the other side had to play against a glaring sun and a strong wind. The University however through the help of the left extreme was able to score after three minutes of the start. In this half the Teachers looked like scoring only once as they had to be more on the defensive. Svasti brought up cleverly and when he got to a fair distance he trampled the ball and thereby lost his shot. Half time came with the University leading by one goal to nil.

Ten minutes after resuming play a full back of the University was penalised for handling the ball and Luang Panich, the referee awarded a penalty kick which was taken cleverly by the centre half, the ball finding its way from a corner into the net. Both teams had now one goal each and, the game took a very interesting turn. A fast sprint along the line by the left extreme of the University proved futile as the forward line did not come along in time to receive the pass. From a free kick awarded to the Teachers the ball was taken up by their left wing who attempted to shoot. The goal keeper got the ball and cleared only to be netted by Svasti. No more goals were scored although the University made strenuous efforts to get the game in their favour. The Teachers are still

THE Great War.

British Operations.

Great Successes.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Aug. 31.

Field Marshal Haig reports that successful attacks since August 8th delivered by the Fourth, Third and First British Armies have rendered enemy positions on the old Somme battlefield untenable. The enemy has been forced on the whole front, from Bapaume southward to abandon with great loss in prisoners, guns, material, as well as in killed and wounded, ground which he gained at such heavy cost in March and April this year.

We have reached the right bank of the Somme opposite Brie and Peronne. We have captured Ham.

Northward of Ham we are advancing on the general line Combles—Morval—Beaulincourt—Fremincourt. Sharp fighting has occurred on this front where we have inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy who attempted to delay our progress.

The New Zealanders this morning took possession of Bapaume and are driving out the enemy rear-guard.

Field Marshal Haig announces the capture of Cléry-sur-Somme, Combles, Bullecourt, Hendecourt and Les-cagnicourt.

The Canadian attack between Hendecourt and the Arras-Cambrai Road is progressing favourably.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Aug. 30.

The British, to the south of the Somme have reached the line Fresno—Herbecourt. To the north of the Somme they have taken Corlu and Hendecourt.

Paris, Sept. 1.

The British continued to advance on all the front. They took Baillet, the station of Baillet; to the (?) and the chased the enemy to the east of Cléry.

Later.

The British reached the river west of the Somme which they crossed to the south and to the west of Peronne.

They have taken Cléry-sur-Somme, Combles, Bapaume, Bullecourt and Hendecourt and continue to advance in the valleys of the Scarpe, Lys and Sensée.

The French Front.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Aug. 30.

We continued the pursuit of the enemy, who is precipitating his retreat, on a front of thirty kilometres.

We reached the heights on the left bank of the Somme from Cizancourt to the east of Nesle.

We border the river west of the Canal du Nord.

Between Nesle and Noyon our advance exceeds ten kilometres and we have taken 500 prisoners as well as much material including three loaded trains.

Paris, Sept. 1.

We crossed the Canal du Nord at two places opposite Catigny and Beaurains.

We have taken Chevilly and Genvry. Stubborn combats are proceeding north-east of Noyon. We hold Haplincourt.

To the north of Soissons we have taken Chavigny, Cuffies and the line to the south-east of the Ourcq.

Later.

We continued to advance in the region of the Canal du Nord.

We took Noyon, Landremont, Morlincourt.

We crossed the Ailette and carried Muty and Pont St. Mard.

at the top of the list having gained 9 points so far. The following fixtures will come off on the 4th inst: Military Cadets vs. 4th Steam Launch Section at Swan Kolarb and the Royal Pages vs. Chulalongkorn University at Suan Dusit Wild Tiger Club grounds. We are sorry to see that two matches come on the same day as there would be many who would like to witness both the above matches.

Havas Wires from Singapore.

The German Retreat.

Paris, Aug. 29.

The capture of Roye, Chaulnes and Nesle by the French made the Germans unable to hold their positions any longer. They are loosing grip and retreating to the rear of the Somme and the unfinished North Canal running southward from the Somme past Nesle to Noyon. This was in no way an escape. Every minute of the night and the day General Debeney's troops were hot on their heels. Farther south General Humbert's troops advanced quickly north of the Oise, taking part in the battle and practically making themselves masters of Noyon, in which the Zouaves and Algerians are now fighting, and which appears already like ripe fruit.

With the advance of General Debeney, the British troops south of the Somme also pushed forward their outposts on the river.

In all the freed districts the harvests are beautiful, and will be reaped by the French inhabitants, already recalled by headquarters.

The Hun!

But the towns and villages are entirely demolished. Even the cemeteries have been upheaved: the tombstones have been smashed, and the graves lie open.

The battlefield abandoned by the German barbarians [the word received is "barbarians"] presents a picture of devastation and desolation not surpassed in this war.

Up to Spain.

Madrid:—The Spanish steamer *Caraca* is reported torpedoed, six men being drowned. The question is whether Germany will compensate with her own tonnage, according to the Spanish demand, the loss she has just caused; or whether in the event of a refusal Spain is determined to put an end to the tyranny of the submarines.

Allies' Peace Terms.

What Germany Must Concede.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Senator Lodge, speaking in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in support of the Man power Bill, sounded a warning against insidious, poisonous German peace propaganda, declaring that peace must be dictated to, not negotiated with Germany, in order to place her in a position where she could never again disturb the world's peace.

He specifically detailed the peace terms which must be forced on Germany, including the complete restoration of Belgium, the unconditional return of Alsace-Lorraine, Italia Irredenta, the safety of Greece, the independence of Serbia, Rumania, Poland and the Slavs, and the freedom of Russia from German domination, including the return of the Russian territory wrested by the Great-Litovsk treaty. Furthermore, Constantinople must be made a free port, and Palestine must never be returned to Turkish rule, and most important of all the great Slav populations under Austria, namely, the Jugo-Slavs and the Czechoslovaks, must be established as independent States. These, with Poland, would stand across the pathway of Germany to the east.

Senator Lodge added that nobody dreamt of annihilating the German people. "We are not engaged in this war to try and arrange a government for Germany. The German people must do that themselves."

Hopeful Hints.

Amsterdam, Aug. 22.—Marshal Hindenburg, reviewing the 3rd Guards Regiment on the anniversary of the storming of St Privat in 1870, said: "Although we may frankly admit that we have had a setback, our position is favourable. We must not be influenced by what has happened. Success is with us. The enemy begins to show weariness. So long as we do not relax our efforts, we shall obtain an honourable, strong, German peace."

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British Legation Telegrams.

(British Legation telegrams are not to be regarded as official communications from His Britannic Majesty's Representative, unless they are marked "official.")

Military Operations for the Week Ended August 29th.

During the week the Allied armies continued their advance, making important progress. British troops on August 23rd forced the passage of the Ancre and reached the slope of Thiepval Ridge. On the following day the whole ridge was captured and our line carried forward to the outskirts of Bapaume. On August 26th the battlefront was extended north where the British attacked astride of the Scarpe and reached the outskirts of Ronx, this reaching the original line as it was on March 21st.

Cherisy and Fontaine-les-Croiselles which have never yet been in British hands were captured and an advance in this direction carried the British to about two miles east of the furthest line reached last year. The latest news is that the British have crossed the Somme west and north of Peronne capturing Cadery and Combles.

North of Bapaume the British made important progress east of the Sensée river, taking Bullecourt and Hindecourt with powerful German trench systems protecting these villages.

Bapaume was in British hands on Aug. 29th.

French Progress.

Most important progress was made by the French during the week. Between Roye and the Oise, on Aug. 27th they advanced between two to three miles on a ten miles front in the Roye region, capturing Roye, Liancourt, Hallau, and other places. Noyon is in French possession. The total captures by the British since Aug 8th now exceed forty-seven thousand and captured guns amount to five to six hundred. The French captures since August 18th exceed one hundred thousand and about two thousand guns.

It is sufficiently clear that the enemy intends to retire to shorten his line where he can obtain a better defensive position and economise his troops. It is not improbable that he will retire to the Hindenburg line, but it is believed he will try to postpone this course as long as possible and hope to put it off until the weather renders active operations impracticable. The moral effect of such retirement in Germany and on the German Army will no doubt be very great.

The enemy's present intention is probably to make a stand on some line west of the Hindenburg line. Already the British advance on either side of the Scarpe is a serious threat to this line as the British are already almost in contact with the Hindenburg line by Drocourt, Queant and (?) Switch.

Though some German divisions fought well, others are surrendering very freely, fighting in the past month having given evidence of notable deterioration in the German morale. A proof is the increasing indiscipline, insubordination and disobedience to orders.

The Ukraine.

In the Ukraine, the peasant rising continues. Serious conflicts with German and Austrian troops have taken place.

The railway strike has been in progress for some time and much damage has been done to permanent ways.

The Position in Siberia.

In Western Siberia the Czechs progressing eastward, captured Verkhnekemsk sixty miles east of Lake Baikal. On the Manchurian front fighting is proceeding between the Bolsheviks and Czechs.

The Japanese have arrived on this front.

The Japanese staff announces that the Allies are advancing uninteruptedly.

An official statement at Tokio states that the Allies drove the enemy northward and captured one gun and two armed locomotives.

A Tientsin telegram states on Aug. 26 that the enemy were retiring and the Allies pursuing and that the enemy left many dead. The Allies captured considerable booty.

Paddy Crop Report Sept. 1, 1918.

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Siam's Railways.

"Loyal Ally of Great Britain."

It was stated the other day in one of the telegrams you published, writes "An Old Resident of Burma" to the *Rangoon Gazette*, that the extension of Siam's railway to Penang in the Straits Settlements saved three days in the time necessary to travel between Bangkok and Europe. It is only 25 years ago since Siam's first railway between Bangkok and Paknam at the mouth of the Menam river was laid. It was only 16 miles in length, but sufficient to show the advantages of this description of opening out a country to her enlightened rulers. At the close of the 19th century a railway to Korat, 170 miles in length, had been laid, and was opened for traffic. The first year's receipts showed conclusively that the line would pay, and since then railway extension in Siam has progressed amazingly. This is shown by the latest addition which shortens the time between Siam and Europe, and when it is considered that all German railway employees in Siam have been interned as hostile enemies, and there were nearly a hundred of them, we understand, the fact is all the more creditable as pointing out the efficiency of Siam's railway administration, and her preparedness for an emergency which could hardly have been foreseen a few years ago. No one for instance in 1911 could have foretold the present scarcity of shipping, and had the Siam railway people not kept large stocks of all their requirements in hand, they would naturally have had to postpone construction as we have had to do in India and Burma. Siam for the larger portion of a century has always been a loyal friend to Great Britain, and we have a direct interest in her prosperity and good government.

Help to England.

When the present war broke out numbers of misguided Indians influenced by Germany, thought Siam would have been a good place from whence to introduce arms and disloyal literature to Burma and India. And it undoubtedly would have been had the Siamese Government not been wholeheartedly loyal to the British alliance. Our police were kept well informed of all that was taking place in Siam, and enabled to arrest and bring to trial and conviction those who had conspired against the British Government in the territory of our ally. Siam acted similarly when overtures were made to her in 1857 by the mutineers in Delhi. Hence we have good reason for viewing Siam's independence and prosperity with satisfaction, as one of our most friendly and loyal allies.

If we look back some fifty-six years Siam was then governed by a King who was the first of his race who took the trouble to learn to read and write English. He wrote a letter to President Lincoln suggesting that the introduction of elephants into America would be a good thing, and offering if the President cared to accept them to provide him with a sufficient number to start breeding them in the United States. President Lincoln had his hands pretty full at the time, for the Confederate rebellion kept him fully employed, devising ways and means for upholding the Union. But busy as he was he found time for answering the King's letter at length, pointing out the difference in climate which probably would prevent elephant breeding in America being a practical proposition, whilst railways which were every year being extended afforded cheaper and quicker means for transporting passengers and goods, especially over long distances, in all countries in which they had been laid.

Linking Siam with Burma. He therefore, whilst declining the King's offer of elephants, thanked him for making it, and also took the opportunity of gratefully acknowledging the courtesy, kindness and consideration the King and his officials had always displayed in their treatment of American travellers in the King's dominions as well as to the American missionaries who had settled in Siam. This letter from the American President perhaps had something to do with the introduction of railways in the country; though they were not commenced till some years afterwards. But Lincoln's tragic end and courteous words no doubt gave his letter an importance and consideration at the hands of Siam's future rulers it might not otherwise have received, whilst the experience gained after the laying of their first railways has conclusively proved the advantages they possess as against elephants as modes of conveyance. The latter, however, are still used in many places for inland trade, and in tropical countries and for dragging timber from the forest are still found most useful, as their increased value conclusively proves. Our inland trade with Siam has been as high in a single year as 130 lakhs of rupees. It has been much lower in the last three years of war, but doubtless revive again. When the line spoken of by Sir Reginald Cradock the other day is laid between Moulmein and Tavoy it is quite probable that the Siamese railway administration may lay a line between Bangkok and Tavoy, which would bring the Siamese capital within little over a day's journey from Moulmein.

Germany's Colonies.

Replies to Her Self.

London, Aug. 23.—In an interview with *Reuter's* correspondent Lord Robert Cecil, Under Foreign Secretary, referring to Solf's observations regarding the German Colonies, said that Solf was indignant at the suggestion that German rule was inhumane. "I don't believe anyone knowing the facts will accept Solf's view. The British Government will shortly publish a Blue Book about German rule in the Colonies. Some of the evidence is a fearful record of brutality. I cannot accept Solf's doctrine that the Germans wanted a peaceful African Empire."

"On the contrary we know that one important German section advocated a German African empire, to dominate Africa militarily and furnish a great store for military purposes. Moreover, the possession of coastal ports would be a very great danger to the Empire and of importance to Germany. Solf's allegation that Mr. Balfour proposes the annexation of the African Colonies by the British Empire is inaccurate. Such a proposal has never been made. Mr. Balfour and others have said that it is impossible for Germany to resume control of her Colonies. Beyond that neither Mr. Balfour nor Mr. Lloyd George has gone."

Prussian Hypocrisy.

"The Prime Minister has said that the future of the German Colonies will be decided at the Peace Conference. Clearly a great world issue cannot be settled by this country alone. It has to be settled in concert with the Allies. Solf's peroration comprises remarks about common-sense and the horrors of war, etc. These are general propositions with which everyone in this country has always agreed. Their force is entirely destroyed by the fact that until the tide of war appeared to change, we heard nothing about such doctrines."

"We all remember the stuff about the glories of war, its educative effects and such diabolical trash, and just after the beginning of the German offensive we remember the outbreak throughout Germany of the old demand for world domination. This sudden anxiety for peace, if sincere, shows that Solf is either subject to sudden conversion or is almost alone among the Germans. I am profoundly convinced that peace is only obtainable by victory, and acknowledgment by Germany of her defeat."

Pacific Peoples' Views.

London, Aug. 22.—Interviewed by *Reuter*, Mr. Massey, Premier of New Zealand, replying to Herr Solf's demand that German Colonial possessions should correspond with the measure of protection which the Germans had accorded to the coloured race, said that he had no personal knowledge of Africa, but as regards the Pacific islands, he was able to say that Germany was hated and detested by the native races, who on the other hand had shown in the most practical form their sympathy with Britain. Natives of New Zealand, Fiji, Niue, Rarotonga, the Gilbert Islands and other places had made the supreme sacrifice for the Allied cause. On the contrary, Mr. Massey had never heard of any native of any island occupied by Germany before the war who wanted to fight for Germany.

One Way with "German East."

London, Aug. 2.—Sir Theodore Morison, Member of the Council of India, interviewed by *Reuter*, advocated making German East Africa an Indian Colony. He dwelt on the advantages that German East Africa offers for hundreds of thousands of small cultivators, also for the investment of capital. He suggests that the administration and public development work be wholly entrusted to Indians and believes that Indians are capable of thinking out and applying a policy for a firm, sympathetic government for the German East African nations.

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The German Retreat.

London, Aug. 23.—Field Marshal Haig: Fighting is proceeding on practically the whole front between Tahons and the Cojeul river. We are progressing at a number of points. We repulsed two attacks at night time in the neighbourhood of Baillécourt farm, eastward of Beaumont. We slightly advanced our line eastward of Le Tourlet, north-west of Neuf Berquin and east of Ottersteene. A local hostile attack north west of Baillécourt broke down before our positions.

London, Aug. 24.—Field Marshal Haig reports: During the day we pressed our attacks vigorously and successfully on a front of more than 30 miles, from Libons to Mercatel. English Scottish and Australians attacked south of the Somme at 4.45 a.m. and captured Herleville, Chuignee and Chuignolles, also the woods between the villages and the river. During the advance of over two miles, we killed great numbers and took many prisoners. Ten minutes later the English and Scottish Guards attacked on the left of the battle front and stormed Gouicourt, Ervillers (Arras-Bapaume road), Hamelincourt, Boyelles and Boiry Becquerelle and took prisoner many, and during the remainder of the day we progressed east of these villages.

Meanwhile, on the right centre of the battle-front, English and Welsh attacked positions on the east bank of the Ancre from south-east of Albert to the neighbourhood of Grandcourt, gaining ground after heavy fighting. We beat off a counter attack south of Grandcourt. At about eleven in the morning the English attacked on the left centre of the battle front, along the railway north of Grandcourt, and captured Achiet le Grand, Bihancourt and the ridge overlooking Iries. We continued our attacks during the afternoon. Several thousand have been taken prisoner during the day, and heavy casualties inflicted on the enemy.

14,000 Prisoners in 3 Days.
Since the morning of August 21, in three days' fighting, we have taken prisoner 14,000 and a number of guns. We carried out a successful local operation in the evening northwest of Neuf Berquin, and repulsed, after sharp fighting, local attacks at night time north of Baillécourt, south of Loos and north of Kemmel.

Fighting took place to our advantage in the morning north of La Bassée Canal and in the Givenchy sector.

London, Aug. 23.—French communiqué: During the night, there were violent bombardments between Beauvraignes and the Oise, notably at Le Piemont, Passeleclure and Ourscauds. We held the southern banks of the Oise and Ailette from Semipigny as far as the railway from Coucy to Chateau to eastward of Solons. We carried our line forward in the outskirts of Guzy and Pont Saint Marc. The night elsewhere was calm.

French Over the Divette.
During the day we continued to progress on the whole battlefield. Between the Matz and Oise we are skirting the Divette from its mouth to Evricourt. East of the Oise we carried our lines to the outskirts of Quierzy. Between the Ailette and the Aisne we captured St. Aubin, Salons, Bagueux, Epigny, Bieuxy, Vaurezeles and Pommiers. The enemy abandoned great material between the Aisne and Oise. Over two hundred guns have been counted since Aug. 20.

London, Aug. 24.—French communiqué: Between the Matz and Oise there were violent artillery actions. We crossed the Divette during the day in the Evricourt region and progress between the Ailette and Aisne. We continued east of Bagnaux and west of Crecy au Mont. There was quiet elsewhere.

London, Aug. 24.—French communiqué: In the region of Lessigny and between the Oise and the Aisne the night was marked by fairly lively artillery work. Our detachments penetrated at several points the enemy's trenches in Lorraine and brought back prisoners. The night was quiet on the rest of the front.

London, Aug. 23.—English, East County, London and Australian troops holding the sector between the Somme and the Ancre attacked with the object of carrying the positions on the high ground traversed by the Bray sur Somme Albert road. The attack was completely successful. We captured the whole of our objectives at an early hour. We advanced two miles on a front of over six miles. We retook Albert. The enemy strongly resisted at certain points, particularly on the slopes north of Bray, which itself did not form part of our objective. In this latter sector, a counter-attack pressed us back 500 yards. Fighting continued for some time in Albert until the town was finally cleared by our troops. In this successful operation we took 1,400 prisoners and a few guns. We also progressed on the left bank of the Ancre south of Beaumont.

Heavy Counter Attacks.
North of the Ancre, the enemy counter-attacked heavily at a number

of points. After the repulse of one hostile assault in the early morning in the Miraumont sector, the enemy again attacked in this sector and entered our positions. Our counter-attack immediately drove him out. The enemy also succeeded north-east of Achiet le Grand in pressing back our forward posts but again our counter-attack re-established the position and secured 200 prisoners. We repulsed other attacks east of Courcelles and east of Moyenneville.

We took a total of over 5,000 prisoners yesterday and to-day between the Somme and Moyenneville.

On the Lys front, we progressed east of Merville and in the direction of Neuf Berquin, taking prisoners and machine-guns. We also advanced our line north of Bailloul on a front of 14 miles, taking prisoners. We repulsed a raid in the neighbourhood of Dickebusch.

London, Aug. 23.—General Rawlinson re-attacked to-day south of the Somme on a front of seven miles and penetrated two miles. Up to now he has 1,500 prisoners.

General Byng also re-attacked to-day towards Bapaume and captured Gomiecourt.

Byng's advance is progressing in a south easterly direction from Gomiecourt and is now fronting the Albert Bapaume-Cambrai road. The Australians and New Zealanders are participating in Byng's operations. The Canadians are with Rawlinson's Army.

Mangin and the 10th French Army are also progressing. His patrols to-day crossed the Aisne at several places northwards of Soissons but the German line is here strongly held. The Germans since Aug. 8 have launched 55 divisions against the Allied battle line.

Getting Near Bapaume.

London, Aug. 24.—The British are within two miles of Bapaume.

London, Aug. 25.—Information available in London at 3 p.m. today was that Rawlinson's 4th Army had gained all their objectives. They have captured the high ground southwest of Cappy. They have also captured Chuignes and Herleville. There is an unconfirmed report that Usna hill, north-east of Albert, has been captured.

To-day's advance of Byng's 3rd Army has so far resulted in the capture of Boiry Beaucourt, Boyelles and Hamelinourt, also Gomiecourt, where 500 prisoners were taken.

Paris, Aug. 21.—The operations directed by Marshal Foch were yesterday marked by a fresh development. General Byng's 3rd British Army attacked at dawn on a front of about ten miles between Arras and the Ancre. Their gain of ground greatly threatens Bapaume and Albert. Simultaneously General Mangin, with his French army, pressed his advance between Soissons and Noyon and reached a point only one and half miles from the latter town. Supporting him, General Humbert, with another French army, took in flank and rear the Germans who were fighting General Mangin. Las signy was captured General Mangin has now driven a dent of about ten miles deep into the German front, at a most dangerous point for the enemy. His rapid advance through difficult, wounded country is one of the most important results. Noyon, which has continuously been bombarded by the Allied heavy artillery, has now been brought under the fire of the French field guns.

All the operations of three great armies, under Generals Byng, Humbert and Mangin, have been admirably co-ordinated.

Takes Cross the Ancre.

London, Aug. 22.—Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters, wiring this evening, says: Last night we were established along nearly the whole railway between Moyenneville and Beaumont, except in the Miraumont sector. We fell back in the vicinity of Achiet le Grand, where the enemy concentrated. Sharp fighting occurred at Beaugard, between Miraumont and Puisieux, which finally remained in our possession. None of the enemy counter-attacks was pushed with great strength or determination nor caused us to give ground.

London, Aug. 23.—Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters says: The operations launched on the high ground between Albert and Bray were eminently satisfactory. More than 1,000 prisoners were taken, totalling, with yesterday's, 4,000.

There is an unconfirmed report that Albert is completely in our hands.

In Flanders, we are steadily advancing towards Bailloul.

Our successes yesterday and to-day entailed quite light casualties.

London, Aug. 24.—Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters, wiring to-day, says: Re-attacking this morning, we captured Bray, which is an important position. Also Ouilleville. We surround Thiepval. The Australians yesterday made a fine advance over the old Somme desert, taking prisoner 2,000 from ten regiments.

London, August 25.—Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters (Aug. 23) says that in the attack in the Albert sector, some tanks crossed the Ancre in the darkness and advanced under cover of the early morning mist. Opposition from the direction of Bray was strong but the enemy artillery retaliation consisted mainly of heavy

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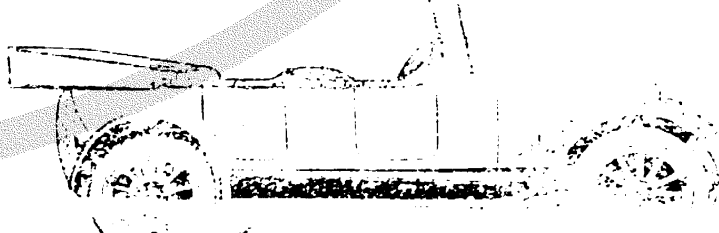
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howitzers, well back, as the bulk of the German 6-in. guns had been withdrawn. Heavy rifle fire and machine-gunning greeted the entry of our troops into Albert at ten in the morning of Thursday, and by eleven, after street fighting, we had driven the enemy out of the town and captured 1,400 including a battalion commander and his staff, and a few guns, with numerous machine-guns. The Germans had previously evacuated the stores. Although at some points northwards of the Somme we are still feeling a way through the enemy's deep outpost zone, we nevertheless made useful gains of ground with hundreds of prisoners, inflicting the heaviest casualties.

Costly Rashness Avoided.

Our own losses are relatively light, as we are guided by the doctrine not to be too ambitious, when success is likely to be too costly. For this reason we did not attempt to push through Achiet le grand on Wednesday. The enemy is here in great strength and still is counter-attacking with fresh reserves. Last night's attacks by the Third Army troops beyond the Arras Albert railway gained important positions. We have pushed south of Gomiecourt where heavy fighting continues. The weather is mercifully cooler.

London, August 24.—Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters, wiring yesterday, says: The heaviest fighting has been around Boiry Becquerelle, where enemy counter-attacks in dense formations were devastated by our machine-guns and rifles, whole battalions being reduced to skeleton strength. The enemy resistance at Chuignes ridge similarly was most costly. It is certain that in yesterday's and to-day's fighting the Germans have lost very heavily whilst our casualties have been relatively light. Tanks and whippers again wrought great havoc among the machine-gun nests. Surrey, Essex and Welsh troops and the Royal Fusiliers in today's fighting distinguished themselves. Progress to-day has been authoritatively summed up as "another good day."

London, Aug. 24.—Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters, wiring to-day says: The Germans are pushing up strong local reserves to oppose the British approach towards Bapaume. Strong opposition was encountered at Behicourt, where the enemy holds a big sugar factory redoubt. Beyond Gomiecourt, our patrols have been as far as Méry.

As illustrating the spirit and initia-

tive among our troops, one Australian division yesterday seized an opportunity and successfully advanced a third of a mile on their own responsibility.

Heavy showers in the small hours laid the dust and cooled the air.

French Pushing On.

London, Aug. 23.—Reuter's correspondent at French headquarters, wiring last evening says: The pursuit continued during the whole afternoon and evening of yesterday. We reached the Oise at Sempligny just as the bridges were blown up but the destruction was incomplete. Further south as we were occupying Petit Manpas the enemy began to retreat in disorder. Numerous trains on the other side of the Oise were seen hurrying northwards throughout the afternoon. The enemy rearguards fought very firmly to save important material but in vain. Our troops at the close of the evening advanced to St. Paul. Other regiments, following, collected a huge quantity of material, heavy guns and machine guns. Our artillery and

cavalry pushed ahead.

Later it was soon noticeable that the enemy resistance, chiefly by machine-guns, was diminishing. Nevertheless it was desperate at certain points, notably from St. Aubin to north of Hill 140, where we are fighting with bombs. Batches of prisoners were arriving all night long; it was impossible to count them, but there are at least several thousands. The enemy considers the positions of his first line divisions most precarious. He rests his hopes on the second line divisions which are echeloned in depth with the other to resist at all cost. Our advance continued this morning towards the Ailette through the enemy's broken front.

London, August 24.—Reuter's correspondent at French headquarters says: The accounts of the capture of Bapaume by the troops of General Humbert's army amid a terrific bombardment recall the descriptions of the Verdun fighting. A French division nicknamed La Gariboldi, of Verdun fame, were given the honourable and dangerous task of taking the place.

When the moment came for the final advance the men parched with thirst and tired with days of fighting and the pitiless heat, leapt to the assault, telling their officers that they no longer felt the weight of their pack, so eager were they to get at the Boches.

Fritz Weary and Hungry.

London, Aug. 26.—Reuter's correspondent at American headquarters, wiring yesterday, says: The enemy is feeling the effects of our prolonged bombardment. Our aeroplanes, meeting with less opposition owing to the urgent demands for enemy aircraft elsewhere, are effectively assisting the gunners in keeping the Aisne bridges and their approaches under constant fire. All supplies for the Germans south of the Aisne must daily cross the bridges on the Somme, which are always unserviceable owing to our fire. Hence they are still good targets immediately the dense morning mists are dissipated. The over-powering heat is responsible for the surrender of many Germans who are exhausted thereby. They say that they are un-

able to sleep at night owing to our artillery fire and persistent bombing, which has also reduced their supplies of food.

German War Slang.

You remember that the war had just begun and the various kinds of shells in use numbered scarcely more than a dozen when Tommy had already found nicknames for them? There were "coal-boxes," "Lizies," "grand-mothers," and what not.

We need to wonder whether the Germans, with their ponderous sense of humour, were capable of creating a war slang. Now, after nearly four years of war some of the brighter minds among them have been inspired and christened the Allied projectiles. The information has come by prisoners in our hands. Here is a short list of names now in use in the German trenches: A French 75mm. shell is a "Kettenhund" (watchdog) or a "Windhund" (greyhound). A French 75 H.E. shell has only one name: it is a "Stinkwiesel" (skunk), while a low-velocity French shell is a "Blindschleiche" (slowworm).

The common heavy shells of all the Allies are variously named, but mostly they are known as "Schwarze Biester" (blackbeasts) or "Schwarze Sauen" (black sows).

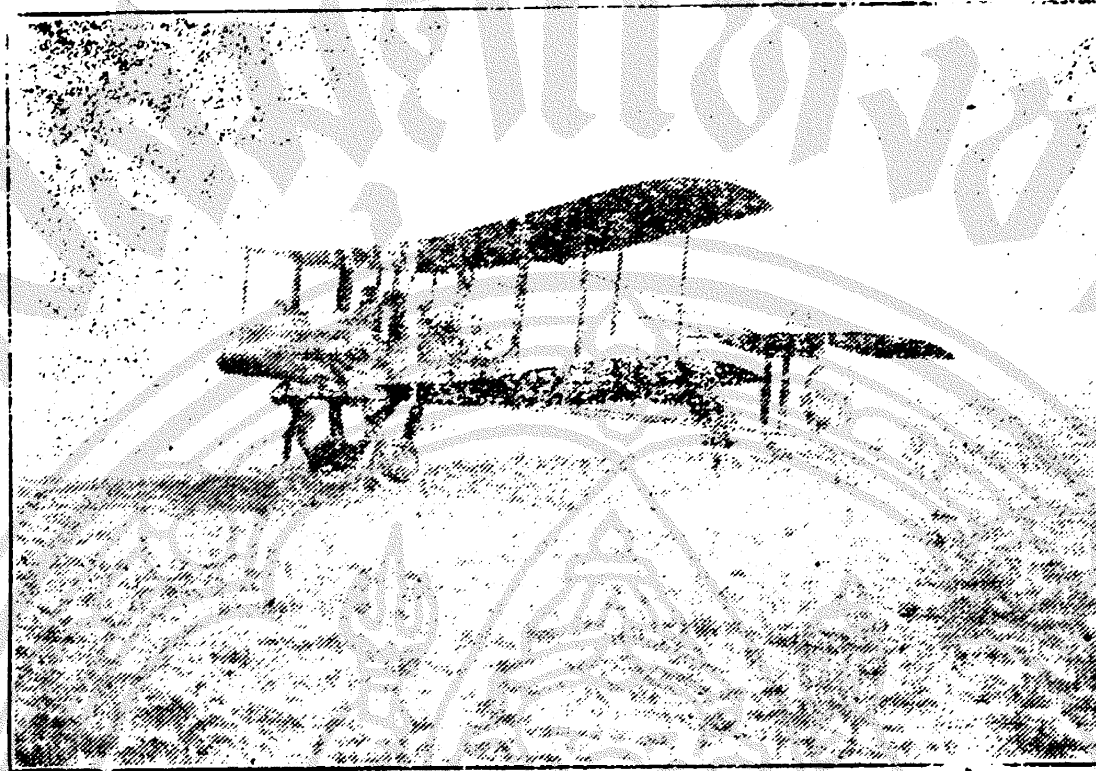
Shells flying overhead have more names than any in the German slang dictionary. They are "Hochbahnen" (elevated railways), "Luftomnibussen" (aerial omnibuses), "D Züge" (corridor trains), "Rollwagen" or "Rollwag" (push-cart).

The flat heavy trajectory British gun is called "Langer Schorsch" (Lanky George), but the heavy British shell which has been causing Fritz so much annoyance of late is hated so badly that it is emphatically spoken of as "Schwarzer Teufel" (black devil).

Machine guns are known by various designations. Among the most common are "Mahmaschine" (mowing machine), "Hackfleischmaschine" (mincing machine), "Kaffeemühle" (coffee mill), (watering can), "Steinklopfer" (stone breaker), "Drehorgel" (barrel organ), and "Stotterante" (stuttering auntie).

A machine-gun company—for which by the way, there have been few volunteers in the German ranks lately—is a "Mordgeschloßklub" (murder club), or something equivalent.

The morning and evening cannonades, which at one time were the only activity on the line, were named the "Morgensegen" (morning blessing), and "Abendsegen" (evening blessing).



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