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Notice is hereby given that the bridge over Klong Prem in Sanghi Road will be closed to traffic from the 27th. October 1917, owing to repairs, and will remain closed to traffic until the repairs are completed.

(Signed) Phya Pracha Korakitircharu. Director General.

Local Sanitary Department. 26th. October 1917.

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#### On The Aisne.

London, Oct. 23 .- A French communique says : After artillery preparation for several days we attacked at 5.15 this morning powerful German operations in the region of Allemant attack taking prisoner many.

London, Oct. 23.-French communique: During the day the enemy artillery reacted feebly in Belgium. The troops consolidated on the con-quered ground north of Veldhoek. In the attack in the morning, two field guns were captured.

The artillery struggle was violent in Epine de Chevrigny and Bantheon sector and in the Cerny region. There were fairly lively artillery actions at Avocourt wood and north of Chaume

Between October 11th and 20th nineteen enemy meroplanes and three balloons were brought down and twenty-eight aeroplanes seriously dam-

Paris. Oct. 23.-- A new battle of the Aisne has developed very favourably. The French have captured all crests forming the objectives and have progressed beyond. The troops are now occupying the counter slopes. The advance is three kilometres deep on a front of eight kilometres. Fort Malmaison was captured early in the it resembles a fantastically carved club attack, also the villages of Allemant, of which the narrow irregular haft exles Vallons and Chavignon, with the Chavignon ravine. The Laon plain is now lying before the French. Three thousand were taken prisoner and nineteen guns captured. Fighting con-

London, Oct. 24.—Renter's correspondent at French Headquarters says that the ground for to day's battle of the Aisne is sown with pitfalls in the shape of quarries or underground stoneworkings, many capable of sheltering hundreds of men. These quarries are scattered along the crest and honeycomb the slopes and ravines leading to the valley of the Ailette and offer complete security from the bombardment except on the heaviest cali bres. Some, however, are considered absolutely shell proof. These subterranean strongholds have been converted into modern field fortresses and many have been linked up by underground passages, with sallyports in the German trenches, held by strong garrisons of picked troops.

The artillery preparation began at 7.15 and increased gradually to last night's paroxysm of violence, surpassing the preparations on the Somme, Verdun and Flanders battles. The roofs and exits of the underground fortresses were pounded with the months of preparation on both sides

heaviest guns with a view to smashing if and blocking the entrances. Whenever aeroplanes reported a breach, a flood of lighter shells concentrated thereon to complete the confusion. Aerial photographs demonstrated that substantial damage was done to the Boche rabbit warrens. The and Malmaison and considerably pro-gressed along the entire front of the capable of harbouring a brigade, had been pierced and likewise the big

Guillan Quarry.

The centre of the enemy resistance on the right was Fort Malmaison, on the highest point of the plateau, which the French heavy guns battered out of recognition. The front of the attack measured six miles from Vauxillon to La Royere farm. The French assaulted in the darkness, with such speed that before daybreak all the first objectives were carried and a thousand prisoners counted. Present indications give reason to believe that the whole German line on the western plateau must give way. The enemy is employing this morning in the threatened lines at least six divisions, ordered to hold on at all costs. A battle is waging for the possession of the western end of a long narrow barrier between the valleys of

the Aisne and Ailette. This barrier between the rivers bars approach from the south to Laon. It is the strongest natural fortress of Northern France and the cornerstone of the Hindenburg line. On a relief map of which the narrow irregular haft expands at Epine de Chevrigny into a head consisting of a jumble of spikes and promontories the spikes being the Asne Plateau of an average height of 650 feet and a varying width from a thousand yards to two miles. The possession of the main crest commands the Aisne Valley southward, the Ailette valley northward. Eastward from Chevrigny the enemy holds the crest and the object of to-day's battle is to deprive the G rman of it.

Everywhere along the crest the Germans face the French across the narrowest space, in places twenty yards apart. The battle must be fought out on this narrow crest of the ridge. French possession of the ridge will render the German tenancy of the Ailette valley beyond practically im-possible The French preparations were vast and included the building of emplacements for hundreds of guns. new roads and railways.

London, Oct. 23.—Wireless German Official: Bitter fighting continues on the northern slopes of Chemin des Dames. Also astride the Laon road. The French have advanced as far as Chavignon.

Yesterdays battle of the Aisne is one of the most important since 1914. Long

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realy brought France and Germany to grips in this conflict for which the Germans had massed their best troops and most powerful material. The French success was complete. They pushed beyond Fort Malmaison which is the key of the position to the Aillette valley. Numerous German natural underground fortresses were smashed by sixteen inch shells and the occupants

Reuter's correspondent at French headquarters wiring in the evening says that the enemy reserves massed in the Ailette valley are being decimated by the French shells, being unable to move to help their comrades on the plateau or retreat to safety behind the river. Many units have been foodless for twenty four hours.

The battle from the artillery view point is one of the most important of the war. Never except on certain occasions in Flanders in the summer has there been such as enormous concentration of gun-power.

The preparation lasted many days and the final hurricane between three and five in the morning was of the most terrific intensity. It was one of the rare occasions of a big infantry attack in the darkness. An hour later, at day break, the battle had already retreated beyond the ekyline and only distant smoke and shell-flashes showed the fight for Malmaison still undecided. The famous first Prussian Grenadiers defended Malmaison.

London, Oct. 24.—French communique: North of the Aisne the attack of the morning developed most brilliantly, despite fog and rain, against formidable defences garisoned by Germany's best troops. The first rush captured the line marked by the Fruty Bohery quarries. Then Fort Mal-maison in the centre fell. The French pashing forward expelled the enemy from Mont Parnasse quarries. Progress on the left was equally successful. The villages of Allemant and Vanderson were taken. Our right carried the lin to the heights command ing Pargny Filain. The troops in the centre, hustling the fresh enemy reserves, stormed the village of Chairgeton. The advance, here reached a depth of 21 miles. The enemy losses were most heavy. 7,500 prisoners have been hitherto counted. The enormous booty includes twenty-five guns. The aviators were most admirable in the

#### Indian Emigration.

bad weather, keeping 160 feet above

the lines.

The Inter-Departmental Conference which was presided over by Lord Islington, Parliamentary Under-Secredia, and at which Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland, M.P., was the principal representative of the Colonial Office. has drawn up a scheme of assisted colonisation for Indians in British Guiana, Trinidad, Jamaica, and Fiji, to replace the indentured system of emigration, which is being abolished in response to the strong objections entertained by educated Indian opinion. Indentured coolies left India up to February last; but in the middle of March it was announced that, in order to conserve the manpower of India for the purpose of labour in connection with the war, the Government had temporarily prohibited all emigration of labour except to the extent necessary for Ceylon and the Malay States. Now that in-dentured emigration ceases to the West Indies it will only be a question arrived per s. s. "Mata Hari" on 28th of time when this method will be inst., and will be landed and stored at of time when this method will be abolished for the Straits Settlements | Messrs. The East Asiatic Co's Wharf, and Federated Malay States, says the London and China Express.

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One-fifth of the entire flood water in Tientsin was pumped out. Four hundred pumps are now installed in the Japanese Settlement for the work and a regiment of engineers stationed in Manchuria arrived at the city to re-inforce the labourers. It is expected that unless something extraordinary happens the water will be pumped out before the ice comes.

Two thousand and five hundred feet of the dykes of the Yellow River were rammed down at Fanchwang and

Abundance of rain has caused the inundation of two of the cities in the district of Hsuchowfu, Kiangeu. They are Peihsien and Tunghsien.

A fete was inaugurated yesterday at the Central Park by the Peking residents to raise funds for relief in Tientsin and its suburbs. President Feng and Premier Tuan have contributed an automobile each and several curios for sale. the preceeds to go to the fund. The affair will last for three days .- Ex.

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To celebrate the Birthday of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan, the Japanese Minister will be At Home on Wednesday, the 31st October, from 10 a. m. to 12 noon.

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#### Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Ltd.

Notice is hereby given that we have removed our Bangkok Office from New Road to the premises formerly occupied by the Siam Forest Co., Ltd. in Hongkong Bank Lane.

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# Notice.

The twenty-second General Meeting of the Shareholders of the Siam Commercial Bank, Ltd., will be held at its Offices on Wednesday the 31st October 1917, at 4.30 p. m. for the purpose of receiving and adopting the Directors' Report and Accounts, declaring a dividend, and transacting other ordin-

ary business. The Transfer Register of Shares will be closed from 24th to 31st inst. in

By order of the Board of Directors, G. H. ARDRON,

> Secretary. 17. 24, 30.

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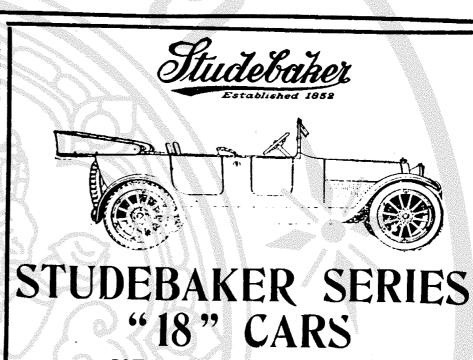
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Lottery will close on Saturday, 15th December, 1917, and will be drawn, by the kind permission of H. E. The British Minister, at the old Court House, British Legation, on Saturday, 29th December, 1917, at 4 o'clock in the

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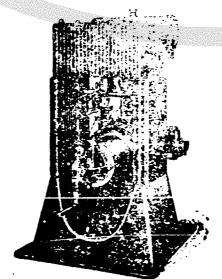
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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1917.

# THE POLITICAL GAME IN CHINA

The latest advices from China state that fighting has begun between the

Northern and Southern troops in the Hunan province and it would appear that the Northerners have, up to the present, been successful. A battle has been fought at Hengchowfu south of Changeha and another at a place some fifty miles further west. Whether these engagements portend the opening of an extensive campaign is at present too early to judge. The Inspector General of the two Kwangs, Lu Ying ting, has at last definitely thrown in his lot with the Southern faction and is preparing to put up a stiff fight. Although the fortune of war has so far been with the Northern forces the Peking Government is seriously perturbed over the hostilities that have broken out. The situation in the South is very grave for there is an utter lack of constructive policy for its pacification. There is much talk of conciliation but the true spirit of compromise does not exist. To begin with, the Peking Cabinet is disagreed over the subject as to whether there shall be a compromise or not. The faction headed by the Premier, Tuan Chi jui, would, if he had his will, ride roughshod over the revolted provinces of the South and reduce them to subjection to Peking even at the risk of civil war. On the other hand, President Feng is in favour of a compromise provided that such leaves the control of affairs in the hands of the Northern party. Faction politics is playing an important part in this. The President is for compromise because the element headed by Lu Ying-ting is, and always has been, in his favour. Moreover the President does not look with an eye of favour upon the undue trengthening of the military party. They are many influential men in China who are at one with him in this for the contempt for the soldier is by no means yet eradiated in the Flowery Land. There is also a presidential election next year and President Feng, if he is to retain his office, must play his cards warily. The Premier, Tuan Chi-jui, is primarily a military man and he has declared his sentiments in the following terms:-"If Kwangtung and Kwang-si troops move into Hunan I will send a force sufficient to crush the whole Southern movement." He has already sent strong detachments to Yochow the chief strategical point in Hunan and it is unlikely that the northern troops would have joined issue with the Southerners at Heng chowfu without his direct sanction. It is thus evident that between the President and the Premier there exists a serious difference of opinion and upon whether these differences can be patched up the future peace of China appears to depend. The dominant factor in this political game is Lu Ying ting for Lu and Feng are much closer together than Feng and Tuan. The attitude of the Japanese Government is another element in the crisis. This Government is accused by certain papers, Chinese and Japanese, of backing the Northern party. In support of this it is certain that, while loan negotiations between Peking and Tokio have been successful, the emissaries of the Southern faction have been unable to find any financial aid from Japan. Thus the sorry game goes on affording to the world the spectacle of a great nation divided against itself and consequently unable to take the part in the world's affairs that is its due. Happy is Siam that, strong in her love of native land and loyal to her benign monarch and his enlightened Government, has won, in this great world crisis, the respect and admiration of all peoples.

LATEST Advts :- C. T. Bowring and Co., Ltd., London desire to appoint Local Representatives in Siam in connection with their Import and Export Dept. Whiteaway Laidlaw and Co., Ltd., advertise Rugs and Blankets for the cold season. From to day until further notice there will be Leekay performances in addition to the Cinema show at the Pathanarom.



Court Circular.

GRAND PALACE, Monday, October 29.

This afternoon His Majesty the King received His Serene Highness Prince Charoen Sukha (son of His Royal Highness Prince Brahma) on the occason of his marriage.

His Majesty poured lustral water upon the heads of the couple and was pleased to make a present of a pair of gold shirt-links with His Majesty's cypher set in brilliants to the bride-

#### LOCAL AND GENERAL

"WE are asked to state that all bookings for the Sanuks Performance on Saturday the 3rd prox. should now be made at the Sports Club only,'

H. E. PHYA Buri Navarasth, Assistant Secretary to the Royal Navy League of Siam, has forward us a copy of the 34th No. of the League's Journal, Samudasár."

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Nongkhay and Roi Etch lines are still interrupted between Kaengkhoi and Nagorraj sima. Other lines are in good order.

PHRA Nadh Vidura, Chief Judge of the Mondhol Court of Nagor Svarga, who had been down in Bangkok for two months past undergoing medical treatment has sufficiently recovered to return to resume his duties.

THE high tides are causing a great deal of inconvenience to those living in the Surawongse and Windmill Roads. This morning many compounds of houses were covered with water and the Klong in Windmill Road had in some places overflowed its banks.

"I SAY, Arnold, I want to apologize for the nasty temper I displayed last night. Your wife and sister must have thought I was crazy.

"Oh, no they didn't. I fixed that all "Mighty good of you, old man.

Thanks, "Yes. I told them you were drunk."

--:0: ---THE following vessels have arrived in port. Yesterday:-The s.s. Hupch with 9 bags of mail from Hongkong; s.s. Kumakata Maru from Singapore; 8.8. Heinler from Singapore with 2 bags of mail. To-day: - The s.s. Hellas from Singapore; s.s. Dovre from Singapore; s.s. Jade from Saigon with 10 bags of mail. The latter vessel also brought as passengers M. and Mme. Le Terre. and M. Blanc.

EDUCATION engages a good deal of our thought just now, yet we have in our midst a wonderful little old manhe is 92 to-morrow—to prove that one can rise to be Lord Chancellor without ever having been to school! "I owe to my father," Lord Halsbury told the Authors' Club some years ago, "all the education I ever received Speaking quite confidentially here, I never went to school at all." (D. C.)

THE Japanese took their first lesson in the use of gunpowder from a shipwrecked Portuguese traveller Diego Zeimoto. This "expert with the arquebus," having brought down a kite and two turtledoves with three successive shots, in the presence of the Japanese governor of Tanega Shima, was employed to teach Japan's young ideas how to do likewise. That was nearly four centuries ago. (D. C.)

"CONSIDERABLE progress made in difficult circumstances during the past year" is the phrase in which Earl Curzon of Kedleston sums up the work during the past 12 months of the Privy Council Committee for Scientific and Industrial Research It is the Committee's second report, and they state that they have approved of recommendations of aid to 44 scientific investigations of industrial importance.

WITH the object of compelling masters and officers of the Mercantile Marine to give up their duties affoat it has been the practice of German submarine commanders to exact from their victims as a condition of release the giving of their parole. Thus a number of British captains and officers have been debarred from following their profession during the remainder of the war. The Mercantile Marine Service Association is endeavouring to find employment ashore for officers so strand-

Mr. D. Newbronner of Messrs. Barrow, Brown Co. Ltd. has been elected a Fellow of the Royal Horticultural Society, upon the nomination of Mr. H. M. Ridley, C. M. G., F. R. H. S., formerly of the Botanical Gardens Singapore. Mr. Newbronner is by profession an Accountant. He is also a fellow of the Incorporated Institute of Commerce, and Institute of Accountants, Birmingham. Some years back he took up the study of Bacteria and the science of Plant Life and recently discovered a new Hybrid Phalaenopeis, which has been registered at Kew and is on exhibition there,

### The R. B. S. C. Griffins,

We are informed that the R. B. S. C. Griffins will arrive this afternoon by the s a. Katong. They will spend the night on board ship and owners are requested to send their syces, with headstalls, to the Borneo Company's wharf before 8 a.m. to-morrow in order to take delivery.

#### Straits Settlements War Loan Lottery.

The Hongkong and Shanghai Bank have been informed by their Singapore Branch under date 24th October as fol-

"Straits Settlements 6 per cent. "War Loan. Please note that it is "announced to-day in the Govern-"ment Gazette that subscriptions "for the Straits Settlements War "Loan will not be received after "Wednesday the 14th November

### A Murder Case From Bejraburi.

The preliminary investigation of the case in which the Ayakarn charges Nais Ngern, Nai Chin and Nai Chalk with the murder of Khun Bamrung, Kamnan of Ta Rab in Changwad Bejraburi and Nai Huad and Nai Lye on August 10 last came up for hearing in the Borispah Court yesterday before the Chief Judge Phya Dhamasaraneti, and Luang Soraat Amnuey

Luang Atthakonchanath appeared for the Attorney General and the Nai Oon defended the prisoners.

The first witness called was the Nai Amphur of Klong Krachaeng, Luang Anuraks Bhakdi. He deposed that he had presided at the post-mortem examination on the deceased. The men had been shot with a high velocity rifle, one bullet piercing all three of them. | gates. If the water passes away quick : Nai Lye, moreover, had a knife at his waist and the bullet had gone clean through this as well. Nai Huad and Nai Lye had died on the spor, but the Kamnan lingered unconscious for about

twenty minutes. The next witness was Nai Kia who deposed that at about 7 p.m. on Aug. 10 he was at the water's edge of the Bejraburi river. He saw the three accused in the lane opposite. They were sitting down and Nai Chin hada gun. Just then Nai Chin raised his gun and fired a shot, after which he handed the weapon to Nai Chalk who went away by the waterside. Nai Chin and Nai

Ngern ran away towards the market Two other witnesses were called and the court found that a prima facie case had been established and ordered the prosecution of the accused in the Criminal Court.

During the hearing, the Lord Lieutenant of Rajburi Circle, H.S.H. Prince Pradibaddh occupied a seat by the side of the Crown Prosecutor.

### The Siam Commercial Bank, Limited.

We take the following items from the Report of the Board of Directors which will be presented to the Shareholders of The Siam Commercial Bank Limited at the Twenty Second General meeting to be held at its office on Wednesday, 31st October, 1917. at 4.30 p.m.:-

The Directors herewith lay before you the Balance sheet for the half-

year ending 30th September, 1917.

The net profit, after making ample provision for all bad and doubtful debts, deducting rebate on Bills not due, allowing for interest accrued to date upon fixed deposits, writing down Investments, and for other contingencies, amount to Tcs. 299,569.94, including Tcs. 116,151.50 brought forward from the last account.

The Directors beg to recommend that the accrued profit be dealt with as follows :--

1. Transfer to the Ordi-

nary Reserve Fund in terms of the Statutes .Tcs. 18,341.81

2. Transfer to Extraordinary Reserve ... , 50,000.--Fund

3. Declare a dividend for the half-year at the rate of 5 per cent.

per annum 4. Apply as Statutory remuneration to the

5. Pay Bonus to the Staff 4,375.80 6. Provide for cost of

New Bunding and Office Shutters ... ,, 20,000,--7. Transfer to Officers ... ,, 5,000.— Provident Fund

8. Carry forward to

... .. 115,228.47 next account Tes. 299,569.94

Phya Jaiyos Sombati and Phya Boribun Kosakorn retire by rotation, but offer themselves for re-election.

During the past balf-year vacancies on the Board were filled by the election i of Phya Choduk Rajasethi, Phya Supan Sombati and Mr. G. H. Ardron, which requires confirmation at this meeting.

AN advertisement relating to a War Loan Lottery to be held under the auspices of the Bangkok Branch of the Patriotic League of Britons Overseas appears in another column.

#### The Rains.

In the North.

"The rain it raineth every day" may well be said of the month of October. In years past there was always a ten days spell of fair weather in the latter part of the month, but in this year of grace it has been practically one continuous downpour. The rains in the north fell in August and September and by the end of the last named month the waterways were well in

Luing Prakat Karan, public pro ecutor of Utaradit, who left there on the 26th arriving here on Saturday evening, in an interview said that the rains were abundant in the Tark and Sukodaya districts. At Utaradit on the Nan River the river was at the beginning of this month 2 soks higher. than at any previous period. The flood has been subsiding since and at the date of leaving had gone down 4 or 5 8 ks.

At Bhisnulok he found that the water had gone down some 3 soks from the highest point reached during the month. At Pakhampo it had gone down 2 soks and at Jainad a sok at least and the banks were becoming quite visible. At Muang Sin the banks were level with the river.

On arriving at Paknampo by train on the evening of the 26th he was informed that the trains were running to ber of prisoners. Lophburi without stoppages. Not wish ing to take any risks he came down by Lunch reaching Bangkok late on Saturday evening. As regards crop prospects at Utaradit the paddy had not been damaged. At Bhisnulok there was some slight damage and a little more at Paknampo. At Bangkok.

Bangkok and the water is gradually rising. At Klong Rangsit it is running strong some 10 inches above the lock ly the damage will not be very serious.

The Bangsue Cement Works have been floode land work has been temporarily closed. The Manager is however making temporary embankments to keep the water away and pumps are kept going in the compound where the rain water is accumulating capidly.

At Sapato in ome of the roads are under water specially at the Police School.

The R. B. S. C. stables floors are under water.

The river is running down very fast any serious damage. The crop reports are excellent so far in this district.

# American View of Camping.

Washington, Oct. 23.-War Secretary Baker's weekly statement says: is not expected the Allied troops will enter winter quarters or that the Flanders offensive will be abandoned through weather. Preparations have been proceeding for months with a view to enabling the Allies to overcome the natural obstacle. Mr. Faker declares the Flanders attacks are seriously weakening the morale of the German troops and the Riga attacks were ordered as an effort to bolster up the German people's morale, which threatens to result in another cabinet crisis shortly. He believes the Germans are not hopeful of stopping the Allies' offensive and the German victories against Russia do not set off the Allies' operations in France.

# Interned Ships As Raijers? Position of German Vessels in Dutch

The Indian visitor cannot help smiling when the fear is expressed that the German and Austrian ships in Netherlands Indian ports might put to sea as raiders, says a writer in the "Telegraaf."

It will not be long before these ships need no watching at all. The growth of the tropical flora is so enormous that vacant buildings are in a short time covered with a mass of vegetation. The steamers that have been forced to inactivity must by now be covered by a 20 to 30 inch crust of coral and shells.

A year ago an attempt was made by the harbour authorities to see whether the Von Kleist could be got to move. After a number of days' work no greater speed could be attained than 5 knots, whilst the ship in normal condition had a speed of 20 knots. Danger of escape as fast raiders therefore only exists in the imagination of those not conversant with the facts. The Germans may congratulate themselves if, after months of cleaning in dry-dock, the ships can be used

The lot of the crews is anything but enviable. Malaria and other diseases regularly claim their victims, whilst the deadly dullness kills all energy. The officers avoid their men as much as possible, so as not to be called to account for this unbearable posi-

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# Great War.

### American Troops in Firing Line.

(REUTER'S TELE RAM.) London, Oct. 29.

It is announced that American troops are now on the front line in France and have fired their first shot.

# French Operations.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM) London, Oct. 29

Field-Marshal Haig reports.-Operations by the French this morning northward of St. Junsbeck continued with success. The French are advancing astride the Bixschoote - Dixmunde road, despite the difficulties of floods and heavy ground. They have captured the vallages of Asch Hoop, Kippe and Mercken with many farms and strong points. They also took a num-

### Sinn Fein Convention.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.) Singapore, Oct. 30.

The Sinn Fein Convention opened The floods take some time to reach at Dublin for the purpose of formulating the Irish Constitution which was provisionally declared. Sinn Feinism aims at securing international recognition for Ireland as an independent republic. This done, the Irish people can by referendum freely choose their own Government.

# The Zeppelin Raid.

Claims Special Success.

London, Oct. 22.- A German official and perhaps there will be no fear of states: Our naval airship squadron on Friday night was especially successful in an attack on London, Manchester, Birmingham, Nottingham, Derby, Lowestoft, Hull, Grimsby, Norwich, Mappleton. When returning owing to adverse wind and dense mist four airships crossed the French battle zone and were according to the French shot down or forced down. No details of the fate of these vessels or crews is yet available.

# French Satisfaction.

London, Oct. 22 .- The rout of the Zeppelins in France is welcomed most enthusiastically as the final failure of Zeppelins but it has intensified the outery in some papers as to the silence of London's guns on Friday. Other papers however, while echoing the demand for an explanation point out the Zeppelins may have been trying to discover the strength of the new artillery, defences against Gothas and the authoriti-s perhaps wisely did not dis-close them. Moreover it is known many aeroplanes ascended, though the anthorities are silent as to the part they played in scattering the Zeppelins and deflecting them from their course. It is known that at least one Zeppelin was hit in the provinces where the gunfire was considerable, and left disabled. Three Zeppelins apparently returned across Holland where they were shelled.

Paris, Oct. 22.—A metallurgical worker who was out shooting when the L 49 descended intact at Bourbenne, graphically describes how he espied the airship surrounded by a cluster of French aeroplanes which were pelting it with machine-gun fire. The Zeppelin was flying very slowly and low when suddenly it settled above some clumps of trees. The crew of nineteen landed and were paraded by the commander and fired into the envelop of the balloon. The metallurgist was thirty yards distant and realized their destructive intention so he shouted. "Stop, or I fire." The Commander thereupon threw down his pistol and put his hands up and cried Kamerade. The metallurgist pointed his rifle until the crew were taken prisoner. Another air-ship, passing the spot, attempted to assist the prostrate Zeppelin but was driven

# British Account.

London, Oct. 22 .- In the House of Commons Sir G. Cave stated the airraid of Oct. 19 was apparently carried out by ten or more Zeppelins of which five failed entirely to reach their objectives leaving the country without causing material damage. Of the five which came near London four failed to penetrate the defences, the fifth drifted over London with engines cut off dropping three bombs. Our aeroplanes escended but the atmospheric conditions were very unfavourable and they were unable to bring the raiders to action. However four Zeppelins were accounted for by the French forces. Information regarding the others is

The greatest possible credit was due to the French airmen and the French anti-aircraft service for their splendid performance but in justice to the British anti-aircraft service it should be over France in favlight and at a lower ers for an honr and a half. altitude than they flew over England. The Government had already announced its intention of bombing German towns until an end was put to such cold blooded attempts upon the civil

population of England, Two such British attacks had already been made and the house might rest assured the process would continue until this purpose was attrined.

London, Oa. 22. Their Majesties visited the bombed London area yesremembered that the Zeppelins flow I terday and conversed with the suffer-

> London, Oct. 22.~-The Admiralty announces: Our ships bombarded naval works at Ostend on Sunday. Photographs show that the results were satisfactory.



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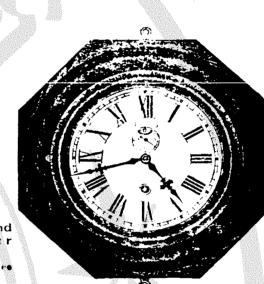


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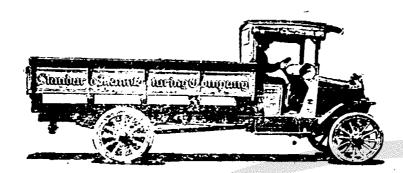
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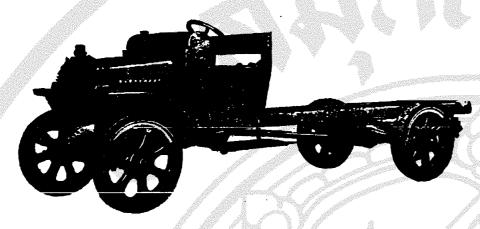
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# **Economy Meeting.**

The Premier's Great Speech.

London, Oct 22.-The Premier and Mr Bonar Law this afternoon launch ed the great autumn campaign for national economy by addressing a representative gathering at the Albert Hall.
The andience included the Primate, Lord Chancellor, General Smuts, various High Commissioners and the Chief Rabbi and nonconformist minister, also officials of the Treasury, post office, savings bank, labour organisations, and the Salvation Army. The building was packed. General Smuts had an especially hearty reception.

The Premier in appealing to everybody to assist in raising funds to finance the war, said that the cost was gigantic and the burden heavy, but Britain after the war would be a valuable asset, not because she extended her territory but because the efficiency of her people and the security of her shores would be increased. Another solacing fact was that most of our gigantic debt would be owed to ourselves, although that has not always made the difference. Still he thought it better that the debt should be in the family.

The more Britain saved the more she could least, and the more she lent, the less she would owe others, which

the less she would owe others, which was the most important factor in national wealth. After emphasising the harmfulness of individual extravagance because it absorbed money, labour, material and energy essential to the progress of the war, the Premier proceeded: "I am not going to predict when peace will come. No man in his senses would prolong the war an hour if there were opportunity of a real lasting prace. It must not be a peace which is the prelude to a more devast-

ating war.

I have been scanning the horizon anxiou-ly and I cannot see any terms in sight which would lead to an enduring peace. The only terms which are possible now are terms ending in an armed truce. I will say an armed truce ending in an even more frightful struggle. This war is terrible but terribler still are the possibilities it has reveiled of new horrors on land and sea and in the air. I ask those who are pressing, should there be any, for a premature peace to reflect for a moment what might happen if we made an unsatisfactory settlement.
All the best scientific brains of all lands stimulated by national rivalry, hatred and hopes of devoting their energies for ten, twenty or thirty years, to magnify the destructive powers of | The Premier stated that two factors only just been disclosed to belligerents advent of America and the increasing within the last two months. We must failure of submarinism. Our monthly

Air-power, which is only in its in it! stages, internal weapons of the deep tairly developed, all those chemical elements which have been utilized for the first time, if this is going to be accepted after thirty rouse scientific repeated after thirty years scientific work and adplication, believe me there are men and women in this hall now who may live to see the death of civilisation.

A conflict of this kind must be ended now. That is why it is essential for the future of the human races that a decision shall be reached now in this struggle, that brute force shall be dethroned for ever, so that our children may not be condemned to the terrors which even the most vivid imagination dare not portray. That is why we are putting all our strength irto getting the right issue in this conflict now."

In his judgment such a settlement was not within immediate reach, Germany would only make peace now on terms which would enable her to benefit by the present war. That would be an encouragement for any baccaneering Empire in the future to repeat the experiment. The failure of Napoleon taught France an unforgetable lesson. A similar lesson must be burnt into the hearts and memories of every Prussian before this war is ended.

"Amidst all the discussions about terms or concessions here or there we must fixed our eyes steadfastly on the great purpose of the war. It is not a quistion of territorial readjustment, except as far as that it is necessary for the recognition of national right. It is not a question of indemnities except as far as that it is essential in order to compensate for wrongs inflicted. It is preeminently a question of the destruction of a false idea which intimidated an enslaved Europe or would have done had it been triumphant.

The real enemy is the war spirit fos-tered in Prussia and its ideal of a world wherein force and brutality reign supreme, as against an ideal world peopled by free democracies, united in an honourable league of peace. That war spirit is enshrined in Potsdam. There would be no peace in the world nor liberty till that shrine was shattered and its priesthood dispersed, discredited for ever. "This year I had hoped we might have broken that terrible power. We had been looking for ward to a great converging movement which

would have accomplished that purpose. The temporary collapse of the Russian military power has, I won't say disappointed, but postponed our hopes, but time is on our side.'

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over a third of the losses of April last. The losses of German submarin a in 1917 were more than twice their losses during the whole of last year. Arrangements had been made whereby British shipping turned out in 1918 would be four times that of the 1916 total. America is doing the same.

Mr. Bonar Law following Mr. Lloyd At Nondaburi George stated that the national war bonds were issued instead of a great loan, which necessarily dislocated financial arrangements. The advantage of the new system was that it is not spasmodic, but steady and persistent.

Deposits in the banks were now practically at the same figure as when the last war loan was issued. They wanted people to lend money direct to the state instead of depositing it in banks. Referring to the air service. ferring to the air service, Mr. Bonar Law said that for many months it had priority over every other arm of supply. British airmen at the west front dropped eight thousand bombs behind the German lines in September, while the Germans dropped a thousand behind our lines.

Our airmen in Flanders damaged the enemy far more in a month than he damaged us in all his raids. We could not prevent air raids but it was our business to make them as costly as possible. Germany had carried out a detestable kind of aerial warfare. We would avoid it if we could but the enemy was determined thereon. So be it. Our enemies would find that what they gave us we would return them in full measure, pressed down and over running.

General Smuts said the true battle front in this war was not on sea or land or air, but in the souls of nations. A great moral victory would be gained which would mean much for the future development of the country.

"IT is curious to reflect that most of the Epistles of St. Paul were written when a prisoner under the more benign conditions of Roman detention; that tradition would have us believe Cervantes composed parts of the immortal 'Don Quixote' in prison : Sir Walter Raleigh wrote much when in the Tower, and the world would have been without the 'Pilgrim's Progress' bad the twentieth-century penal restrictions been in force in the seventeenth century; while Silvio Pellico from his Austrian dungeon, and Kropo kin from his French gaol, have enriched the world's literature with their writings as prisoners," says Mrs. Hobbouse, in her "Appeal unto Cosar

#### Rainfall.

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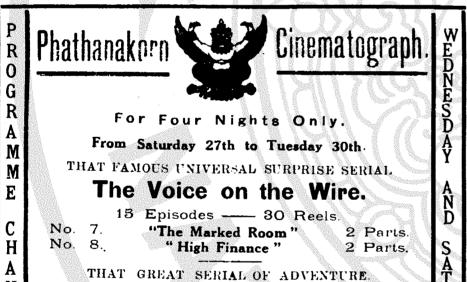
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THE Dutch journal, Nievs Van D. n Dag, finds the German press apologe-tics regarding the Kaiser's telegrams to the ex Tsar extremely unconvincing, and asks why it should be necessary, in the interests of peace, for Russia, Germany, and France to conspire against Great Britain and Japan. "That point," it says, " is not explained, and an unresults ays, "Is not explained, and an un-prejudiced observer who sees how the Kaiser in 1904 was working against Great Britain, after pursuing a directly opposite policy during the South Afri-can war, will have no high opinion of the diplomacy of Berlin statesmen, who

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#### General Wire News.

Washington, Oct. 24.—The new enemy property trustee in assuming office announced that the credits, and other property held by American firms for alien enemies, estimated of the value of hundreds of millions of dollars, would be subscribed to the Liberty loan. He denied that plans had been made to seize enemy owned real property, including stored cotton and other materials. He added that he had notified corporations and business firms working with German or Germanic allies funds that their normal business operations would be interfered with as little as possible.

Silver is at 41 7/8d and the market

London, Oct. 23.-A Russian naval communique says that enemy submarines were discovered in the Gulf of Finland.

In recent operations in the Baltic Isles the enemy through mines and submarine attacks and gunfire had two dreadnoughts, one cruiser, twelve torpedoers, transport and numerous minesweepers put out of action, though their ultimate fate is unknown. We established definitely the loss of six enemy torpedoers. We lost the battle-ship Slava, a large destroyer and the Grom. The fighting value of our other ship is unimpaired.

New York, Oct. 23.-Cottombrokesharply on a rumour that the Government contemplated seizing a million bales of German cotton stored here, this creating the impression that much cotton might be available. The rumour was discredited by trade interests. Later prices reached assisted by unfavourable

weather.
The Daily Mail correspondent at New York says that secret service agents have seized half a million sterling worth of copper, steel, oil and nickel stored on behalf of Germany. It is believed that Government will shortly release for the Allies immensationally applies of all kinds purchased in the first two years of the war by German sgents, including chemicals, steel, shells, leather, hides and a million bales of German cotton stored at various points, worth thirty million

sterling.
Zurich, Oct. 23.—The Frieburg delegate stated at Wuerzburg, at the socialist conference, that the French air raids had driven all wealthy residents from Frieburg leaving only

workers. London, Oct. 22 .- Field Marshal Haig says: Early this morning we carried out local attacks astride the Ypres-Staden railway. The French co-operated on our left. The progress reported is satisfactory.

munique says: We attacked this morning in Belgium on the left of the British acmy on a front of a kilometre and captured all our objectives. We appreciably progressed north of Voldoek and took prironers.

Our scouts penetrated the enemy line on the Aisne at various points southwest of St. Quentin, near Minnejean farm, the Pantheon, in the region of Tahure. The artillery duel continued to be very lively on the entire Aisne

London, Oct. 22.- Wireless German Official. Very intense artillery fire all night between Houthoulst wood and the Comines-Ypres canal increased to drum-fire this morning. The Franco-British force attacked between Draai-

bank and Poelkappele.

London, Oct. 23.—Reuters' correspondent at headquarters wires:—Cooperating with the French, our troops attacked enemy positions along the Passchendale Ridge and Houthulst Wood. After a brief fierce barrage in an atmosphere resembling a bad London fog, by midday it appears we had

penetrated the enemy line a thousand of Wexford, the high sheriff of Dublin yards, bringing the left flank well up | D ctor Ashe, secretary to the Redmond to the fringe of Houthulst Wood, and it memorial fund, and parties of Allied was stated that we occupied l'oelcapelle Brewery, the scene of such a fierce struggle in the last offensive, Also Mennier House and Helles house. The greatest resistance experienced was on the left centre, by machine-guns checking the advance hereabouts.

An enemy counter attack in the forenoon astride the Ypres Staden railway was repulsed with severe punishment. At ten o'clock the sun broke out enabling aerial reconnaissances.

Prisoners are coming in on the Briish and French fronts. Woile the attack is not of such magnitude as the previous battles in this area, it is of the nature of a biggish bite into the German lines and as such the enterprise undoubtedly met with a good measure

An historic impressive memorial serrice was held at the grave of Major Willie Redmond yesterday in the grounds adjoining a picturesque Nunnery. The party included the Mayor

and American officers.

London, Oct. 22 .- In the House of Commons Mr. Balfour stated that there seemed no reason at present to add any thing to the British acknowledgement of the Pope's peace proposals.

Mr. King asked : Is not that a change of policy in view of the statement that the Allies are considering that they should reply jointly.

Mr. Belfour did not reply. Petrograd, Oct. 22 —All the papers with the exception of Maxim Gorky's organ ridicule Skobeleff's peace de-mands as childish prattle which might have been drawn up by Germany. Reports from the Dvina front state that German prisoners admit a mutinous movement in the Army at the prospect

are severely punished. Zurico, Oct. 22. - An interpellation in the Reicherat revealed the fact that a great explosion had occurred in Au gust in a munition works at Steinfeld.

of a winter campaign. All mutineers

owing to spontaneous combustion of me captured enemy ammunition. Immense damage was done. Twenty soldiers were killed and 360 soldiers and officers injured.

Athens, Oct. 22.—The Chamber has voted in favour of the prosecution of the members of the Skouloudis Cabinet including the ex-premier Gouns-

New York, Ost. 22.—The death has taken place of Bob Fitzsiumons the ex-heavy weight champion. Death

was due to pneumonia.

Madrid, Oct. 22.—The newspaper
Imparcial states on good authority that the Kaiser has ordered the commander of the submarine U 293 to return to Cadiz whence he escaped.

Melbourne, Oct. 22.—The naval authorities announce the rescue of 48 men of the crews of the vessels sunk by the See-Adler who had been marooned on Mopihaa.

London, Oct. 22.—Wireless German Official: We took prisoner on Dago

island twelve hundred.
London, Oct. 22.—Wireless Russian Official: The Germans after bombardment by destroyers landed on the Werder peninsula on Sunday and pressed back our advanced posts and occupied the western part of the peniusula.

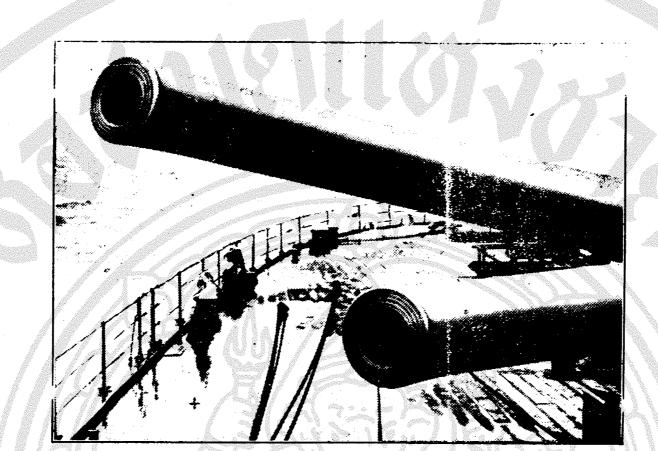
A British submarine in the Rigs gulf launched two torpedoes at a German dreadnought but did not see the result. The submarine subsequently attacked transports blowing up one.

Petrograd, Oct. 22.-A naval communique says: The abandoned base on Moon island was completely dismantled and the Russian warships are now protecting the northern entry to Moon Sound and the mouth of Finland against a fresh enemy attack. During the Gulf of Riga operations a submarine attacked the enemy fleet and fired two torpedoes at a dreaduought but was shelled and riddled by seaplanes and was compelled to submerge. On re-rising it saw clouds of smoke in the distance presumably from a dreadnought and also the fleet of transports of which it torpedoed one.

#### Red Cross Funds.

London, Oct. 22 .- Mr. Lloyd George, in a letter expressing his profoundest appreciation of the American Red Cross contribution of a million dollars to the British Red Cross, says the gift is characteristic of the generous and friendly heart of the American people and will further strengthen the real Anglo-American understanding created by the former's wholehearted entry into the war of Liberty.
London, Oct. 23. Our Day totals have

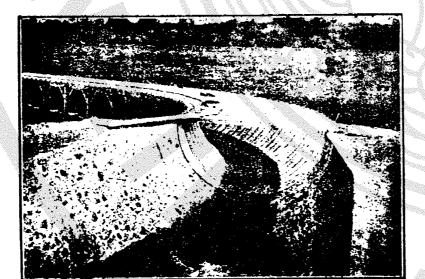
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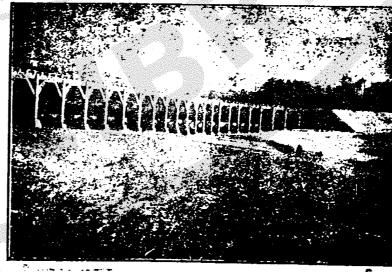
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