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## A.M.

Nov. H. W. Ft. & In. L. W. (Approx.)

1 6 00 14 4 ... 6 0

2 7 00 14 5 1-0 6 0

3 8 00 14 10 1-0 6 0

4 9 00 14 8 1-2 6 0

5 10 00 14 7 2-3 6 0

6 11 00 14 5 2-3 6 0

7 12 00 14 1 3-4 6 0

8 1 00 14 0 4-0 7-0

9 2 00 13 5 5-0 7-0

10 3 00 13 0 5-0 7-8

11 4 00 12 8 7-9 7-8

12 5 00 12 2 9-10 7-8

13 6 00 11 6 9-10 7-8

14 7 00 11 0 10-12 7-8

15 8 00 10 5 ... 7-8

16 9 00 10 0 ... 7-8

17 10 00 9 5 1-0 7-0

18 11 00 9 0 1-0 7-0

19 12 00 8 5 1-2 6-7

20 1 00 8 0 1-2 6-7

21 2 00 7 5 1-4 6-7

22 3 00 7 0 1-4 6-7

23 4 00 6 5 1-5 6-7

24 5 00 6 0 1-5 6-7

25 6 00 5 5 1-6 6-7

26 7 00 5 0 1-6 6-7

27 8 00 4 5 1-7 6-7

28 9 00 4 0 1-7 6-7

29 10 00 3 5 1-7 6-7

30 11 00 3 0 1-7 6-7

31 12 00 2 5 1-7 6-7

## P.M.

Nov. H. W. Ft. & In. L. W. (Approx.)

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7 12 00 12 5 ... 7-0

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17 10 00 7 5 ... 7-0

18 11 00 7 0 ... 7-0

19 12 00 6 5 ... 7-0

20 1 00 6 0 ... 7-0

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23 4 00 4 5 ... 7-0

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25 6 00 3 5 ... 7-0

26 7 00 3 0 ... 7-0

27 8 00 2 5 ... 7-0

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afraid to appear in the streets and only the extremist soldiers were seen. There is a hopeless situation in Finland. Anarchy is increasing and there are frequent assassinations by extremists in broad daylight.

#### The Food Question.

Stockholm, Nov. 12.—It is reported from Haparanda that Petrograd on Nov. 10 had only four days supply of bread, while Finland was without bread. Soldiers seized fifty-one waggons of bread bound for Finland. There is only a week's supply of corn on the north front. Reports of the German landings on the Åland Islands and Finnish coast appear to be baseless.

#### The Fighting.

Stockholm, Later.—It is reported a foreign legation has received a despatch from Petrograd to-day of a bloody struggle between Kerensky's troops and the Bolsheviks near Petrograd. Kerensky is reported to be victorious.

London, Nov. 13.—No further developments of the Kerensky situation are reported. Fighting occurred at Petrograd in the week end between members of the Officer Training Corps and the Extremist mob who besieged the barracks, one of which they stormed after a fierce struggle and bodies of the cadets were thrown from the windows. A motor-car conveying a party of cadets was held up by sailors in the street and put up a plucky fight but was finally overwhelmed and the occupants were bayoneted and trampled into a formless mass.

London, Nov. 13.—Wireless Russian communiqué (undated). After bitter fighting yesterday near Tarskoe Selo the revolutionary army completely defeated the counter-revolutionary forces of Kerensky and Korniloff.

Mouravieff commanding the anti Kerensky forces, after announcing the latter's defeat, orders measures for the capture of Petrograd and forbids similar adventures which are endangering the revolution.

#### A Proclamation.

M. Trotsky has issued a proclamation as follows: "History will record that on the night of November 12th Kerensky's attempt to move counter-revolutionary forces against the capital received a decisive reply. Kerensky is retreating and we are taking the offensive. The sailors, soldiers and workmen of Petrograd know how to impose and have the will to impose with arms the will and power of democracy on the bourgeoisie who endeavoured to separate the army from the revolution. Kerensky attempted to break it by the violence of Cossackdom but both efforts failed.

Soldiers, workmen, peasants, the great conception of the supremacy of the democracy has united the army's ranks and steered its will. The whole country will see the Soviets' authority is not a passing phase but an unchangeable fact denoting the supremacy of the workmen, soldiers and peasants. The opposition to Kerensky is the opposition to landlords, Bourgeois and Korniloff and is also an affirmation of the people's right to peace, free life, land, bread, and power. There is no return to the past. We have still to fight and conquer obstacles and sacrifice ourselves. The way is now opened and victory is certain: long live the revolutionary democracy of socialistic Russia.

#### The Parties.

London, Nov. 13.—To-day's sensational Russian wireless constitutes the only news hitherto received regarding

yesterday's fighting at Petrograd and settles all doubts regarding who controls the capital at least temporarily. There has been no news from the province. The fact that neither Korniloff nor Kerensky was captured indicates that all is not yet over. Trotsky is the president of the Soviet and was nominated Foreign Secretary by Lenin.

London, Nov. 13.—A Copenhagen wire of to-day says travellers who have arrived at Haparanda from Russia confirm the report that Kerensky has completely defeated the Maximalists, Kerensky, Kaledin and Korniloff have formed a triumvirate at Petrograd where all the troops now side with Kerensky. All Ministers of the Kerensky Cabinet except two have been liberated. Lenin is reported captured.

#### Chaos Reigns.

London, Nov. 13. Later.—Telegrams from Petrograd indicate continued chaos. The principal Extremist force consists of the Red Guards and sailors supported by thousands of armed factory hands, who are committing all descriptions of atrocities and excesses. A correspondent inspected the Winter Palace which was sacked. The Bolsheviks arrested hundreds of women and soldiers preparing to defend the palace and handed them over to the licentious drunken soldiers, and then pillaged the palace and created indescribable confusion. They slashed the pictures, shattered valuable china, ripped up upholstery. Fortunately the Provisional Government had previously removed the principal art treasures. A later message from Copenhagen states that Kerensky's troops are in possession of part of Petrograd, particularly the Nevski Prospect, the Bolsheviks taking refuge in their headquarters.

Washington, Nov. 11.—The Russian Embassy announces its refusal to recognise the Maximalist Government.

The correspondent of the Weekly Despatch at Petrograd wiring on Saturday, says that Kerensky arrived on Wednesday at Luga, where the garrison went over to the Provisional Government. He came to Gatchina this morning where the same happened. Troops loyal to the Provisional Government are known to be near Petrograd and a division of Cossacks marching from Finland to garrison Petrograd is again wobbling. It is rumoured that most of the Moscow garrison has retransferred its allegiance to the Provisional Government after fighting the Extremists at the Kremlin.

Skobelev addressed the committee of Public Safety at the Town Hall and said that the railwaymen's union refused to obey the further orders of Lenin.

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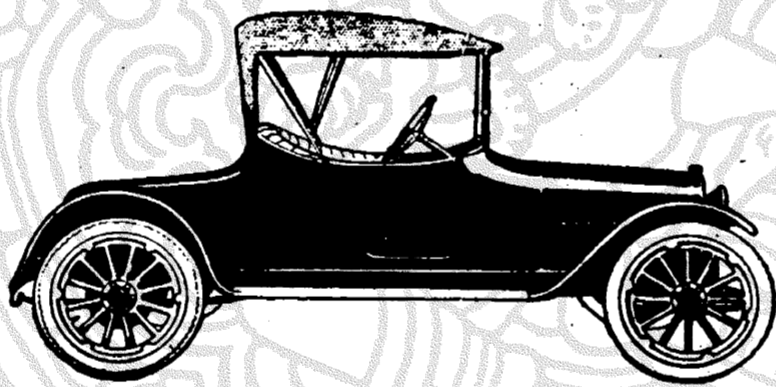
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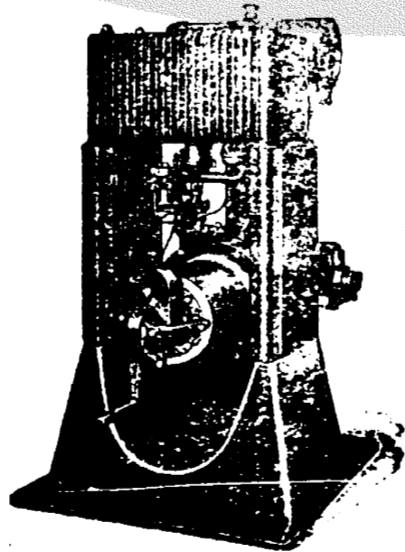
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## The Siam Observer

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1917.

### POST—WAR ECONOMICS.

Now that the United States have joined the Allies the latter are in a position to starve Germany and indeed, the whole of the peoples of Mittel-Europe, of the raw materials necessary for the revival of their industrial life. To some extent the British Empire is capable of doing this by its own unaided efforts should it choose to do so. The Paris Conference voted a resolution by which the Allied nations agree to give each other preference in the distribution of natural resources after the war and to enter into special agreements to that effect. The comments of the German press make it clear how this agreement is dreaded by our enemies. The question thus arises as to what should be the common purpose of the Allied nations. Writing on this subject the well-known French publicist, M. Philippe Malet says, "I think I may assert without hesitation that there is no wish among thinking Frenchmen, nor has there ever been, to drive Germany to despair by making the revival of her economic life impossible after the war. The idea is, on the contrary, to pave the way for an economic understanding which, after having been at first a purely inter-Allied one, may become international once the Central Powers have accepted our peace terms. In other words the object must be to lay down the first economic basis of the international organisation which we want to set up after the war and thereby compel the Central Powers not only to make peace but to join that future organisation." How this desired end is to be brought about is a matter on which there exists conflicting opinion. It seems however, that there are two solutions to the problem which may be roughly outlined as follows. The first plan would be to call together a special economic conference of the Allies having as its aim the drawing up of a new agreement on the question of raw materials. Each Allied State would then, after reserving for itself that part of its natural resources that it required for its own needs, put the residue of its raw materials at the disposal of the rest of the group allowing those States that had been grievously devastated by the war to have the preference. The second scheme, and the more practical of the two, would be to set up a general commission the duty of which would be to make preparation for a fair distribution of raw material after the war. This commission would also answer another necessity for it is vital to find out what the needs of each country in raw materials will be after the war and how these needs are to be supplied. Moreover, after dealing with the needs of the Allied nations the commission would then enquire into the requirements of the Central Powers and the Allies would thus not only be in a position to make a fair distribution of the world's chief raw products but to make the share of the Central Powers conditional on the carrying out of the peace terms imposed upon them.

### H. M. The King.

His Majesty the King returned to Bangkok this afternoon after spending a week in the Rajaburi Mondhol visiting various districts affected by the floods.

### Flood Relief.

The American Legation acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following sums to be turned over to the Siam Government Authorities for Relief of the Flood Sufferers. All contributions for this purpose will be gratefully received at the Legation.

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## LOCAL AND GENERAL

THE s.s. *Mata Hari* is expected to arrive on Thursday the 22nd inst.

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

THE celebrated poet, Gabriele D'Annunzio, who has had a very active part in the military operations of the Italians, has been promoted to the rank of major.

THE s.s. *Kasala* will leave from the Borneo Company's wharf at 11 a.m. sharp, on Friday the 23rd inst., and should arrive in Singapore on Monday about 8 o'clock, a.m.

IT is estimated that this year's crops in Western Canada will reach a total value of 575,000,000 dollars, which would be in excess of that received for the famous 1915 output.

THE head of the Swiss Department of Justice has just signed an order of expulsion against Ruelens Marlier, who founded the "Paris-Geneve" about a month ago. This journal, under Ententeophile appearance, carried on an enterprise of German commercial espionage. (Matin)

A FISHERMAN of Hirado, Nagasaki prefecture, has reported to the prefectural authorities the discovery of a warship at the bottom of the sea about five miles off Toyookimura, Tsushima. It is believed to be the Russian armoured cruiser *Nadimir Monomoff*, which was among the ships sunk in the battle of the Japan Sea.

LATEST advts.—The Bangkok Dock Co., Ltd. advertise Ford Cars. Ford spare parts are always kept in stock by them. The International Store has just opened out a new shipment of assorted vegetables from George Dalidet and Co., Bordeaux. Hong Bee Chan Rice Mill situated at Samray is advertised for sale. The new programme of the Pathanarom is announced.

IN the Supreme Court at Shanghai on October 30, the Assistant Judge (Mr. Skinner Turner) gave judgment in favour of the defendants in the action brought by Mr. I. R. Michael against the Shanghai Stock Exchange, claiming a declaration that he was still a member of the Shanghai Stock Exchange and entitled to enjoy and exercise the privileges of such membership. The action was dismissed.

It is reported from Honolulu that Mr. Negishi, of the Yokohama Specie Bank, had not been allowed to land there on the ground that he is a "contract labourer." An appeal was immediately made to the judicial authorities. Recently five school teachers were prevented from landing on the same ground. This appears to be enforcing the immigration law very strictly and very unjustly, says the "Japan Chronicle."

### Netherlands East Indies.

The following extract is from a Report on the Netherlands East Indies to the Parliament of the Commonwealth of Australia by the Hon. Stanforth Smith:—

To those who are interested in the administration and development of tropical countries, the Netherlands East Indies presents a rich field for investigation and study. Holland has ruled these vast and fertile islands for many years, and amongst the European nations was one of the first to successfully initiate agricultural development in the great Heat Belt, that embraces such a large proportion of the land surface of the earth.

I have, during the last nine years, paid three official visits to Java to study its economic conditions, and on each visit I have become more fully confirmed in the conviction that no European nation has employed more scientific methods, or achieved more successful results in the great industries comprised under tropical agriculture, than the Hollanders.

They have, however, not only shown great ability in economic development, but great ability and humanity in governing native and subject races. The first and highest aim of the people of Holland has been to uplift and benefit the millions of natives that are under their charge and control. They have always been prepared to sacrifice revenue and material interests for the true welfare of the natives. They have confirmed the natives in the perpetual possession of the richest and best lands in Java. The taxation imposed is not burdensome, and large sums of money have been spent in the creation of native hospitals, Pasteur, and vaccine institutes, to prevent the spread of infectious and contagious diseases; in the training of the native doctors; and in the erection of thousands of schools for the scholastic and technical education of the native races.

No greater eulogy can be paid to the rule of Holland, in Java, than the simple statement that when they first assumed control the native population was about four millions—desolated by internecine strife, and impoverished by the rapacious rule of sultans and rajahs; to-day Java contains 35 millions of prosperous and contented natives. I believe in the whole annals of tropical government it would be difficult to discover an achievement more worthy of praise and emulation.

## THE Great War.

### Situation in Russia.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)

London, Nov. 20. Reuter's Correspondent at Petrograd Telegraphs:—Kerensky's forces have retired in the direction of Pavlovsk and Gatchina. The Maximalists announce their occupation of Tsarskoe Selo and claim fifteen hundred Cossack casualties in the fighting near Alexandrovsk station. There are twenty Maximalist casualties.

### Fight off Heligoland.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)

London, Nov. 20. The Admiralty announces:—Our light forces while operating off Heligoland engaged enemy light cruisers this morning. The latter retired at high speed. We are pursuing.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)

London, Nov. 19. Admiralty announces:—There is no further information regarding the Heligoland fight operations, beyond the fact that we pursued the enemy to within thirty miles of Heligoland until he was under the protection of his battle fleet and minefields when we retired.

An enemy light cruiser was seen on fire and the machinery of another appeared to have been damaged. An enemy minesweeper was sunk.

We sustained no losses and but slight damage to our ships. Casualties were slight.

### Palestine.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)

London, Nov. 19. Palestine Official:—Australian and New Zealand Mounted troops on Saturday occupied Jaffa without meeting any opposition. The enemy appears to be continuing his retirement northward.

### Russia.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)

London, Nov. 19. Reuter's correspondent in Petrograd telegraphing on Friday says that the the Maximalist troops have occupied Gatchina.

Kerensky's staff has been arrested. Kerensky fled. Orders for his arrest have been sent by wireless telegraph.

### The French Cabinet.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Nov. 18. The following have been appointed Under-secretaries of State:—Finance: M. Sergent; Control of Effectives, M. Abranie.

### Italian Successes.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Nov. 18. The Italians are resisting everywhere. They have annihilated the enemy troops that have crossed the Piave and they have taken upwards of a thousand prisoners.

### The Russian Chaos.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Nov. 18. Petrograd:—Kerensky's forces have laid down their arms. Kerensky's staff has been arrested and Kerensky has fled. The fighting continues in Petrograd, Moscow and Odessa where the Maximalists have caused great ravage and have made many victims.

### Troubles in Switzerland.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Nov. 18. Zurich:—Following on pacifist manifestations provoked by German agents the troops fired on the crowd. There were numerous victims and many arrests.

### British Flood Relief Fund.

H. B. M. Minister is in receipt of an acknowledgment of the receipt of fifteen thousand ticals sent to the Royal Siamese Government as a first instalment of the British Flood Relief Fund. The Siamese Government beg that their grateful thanks may be conveyed to all the subscribers, British, Allied, and neutral, for the generous manner in which they have manifested their sympathy for the suffering inhabitants of this Kingdom.

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J. H. Sedgwick	50.00	
R. Halloran Brown	50.00	
Total Ticals	10,54.00	
Grand Total	25,392.84	

### The Gravel Question.

London, Nov. 12.—A White Paper on the Anglo-Dutch correspondence on the gravel question, shows that the Dutch Government not only contended that the gravel transmitted is not intended for military purposes, but the Rhine Convention and other agreements imposed on Holland an obligation to guarantee free navigation of the waters lying between the Rhine and Belgium.

Mr. Balfour disputes the applicability of the agreements quoted and asks, if Holland regards the agreements as preventing the enforcement of her obligations as a neutral, on what ground she claimed to prevent the departure of German ship-captured at Antwerp by the Belgians?

### The French Position.

Paris, Nov. 14.—M. Painleve has issued a statement to both Chambers covering the present situation. He said how the Italian north-eastern front had been broken in was still obscure. British contingents are now spreading beyond the Alps. He confirmed the statement that there was no doubt that the United States would join the Supreme War Council. Negotiations as regards the other fronts would be conducted with Russia and Japan. The purpose of the council was to shape a general war policy for the Allies, adapting plans to the resources available in order to ensure the most powerful results. The permanent general staff would be the council's central intelligence organ and technical adviser. Decisions of the council will embrace all fields of battle as a whole and will be subject to ratification of the respective governments.

The scheme was not necessarily a final step. Critics were already demanding a single command. He was of opinion that the war council might lead to that. The British and Italian Governments regarded the council as an immense step forward, whereupon others may follow. A preliminary agreement has just been reached between the two Commanders-in-Chief for an extension of the British front which will be carried out on an early date. Britain and France have just concluded a very important economic agreement aiming at the fullest cooperation as regards provisioning of the allied countries, which in future will constitute a single country as regards foodstuffs and indispensable imports.

Provided we discipline ourselves and are ready to impose upon ourselves sacrifices and restrictions similar to what Britain is going to impose upon herself, all fear of sudden crises will be averted, for the moment. The country must be prepared for these further restrictions in order to release tonnage for transport of the Americans.

M. Painleve concluded by referring to the immense American resources and said that the allied nations would soon be able to complete the armament of the new armies and simultaneously develop the aerial services. The German dream of defeating the Allies by the destruction of tonnage had vanished. There were difficult months ahead but, asked M. Painleve, who feared to face them now?

The Chamber then voted confidence on a motion, relying on the Government to assure complete unity of Allied diplomatic and military action on all fronts.

M. Painleve's subsequent demand for the postponement of the debate on interpellations on judicial affairs till after the Inter-Allied Conference led to great excitement and was defeated, although M. Painleve made it a question of confidence.

Paris, Nov. 14.—The Government has resigned.

London, Nov. 14.—The Chamber's vote of confidence related to the diplomatic and military policy, but when Government requested the postponement of interpellations on the various scandals now before the law, the Chamber rejected the request by 277 votes to 186.

The Chamber voted confidence in the Government by 250 to 192, after a speech by M. Painleve explaining the purpose of the Supreme Allied War Council.

He said that the council would shape the general war policy of the Allies, embracing the fields of battle as a whole. The decisions would be subject to ratification by the respective Governments.

The council would be advised technically by a permanent Allied General Staff. The co-operation of America was expected.

Negotiations as regards the other front would be conducted with Russia and Japan.

London, Nov. 13.—Official: Lord Bessing having completed his mission to America has arrived in England.

### American Statement.

London, Nov. 13.—Mr. Lloyd George's tribute at Paris yesterday together with other leaders' recent tributes with regard to the unique value and insight of United States views on strategic problems enhances the interest of the War Secretary's weekly review which is as follows.

Washington, Nov. 12.—The food administration board is negotiating with foreign owners of foodstuffs stored in New York with a view to purchase for the American market. The stuffs include a million bushels of oats consigned to Holland but it is suggested that they are really destined for the German cavalry.

Ottawa, Nov. 13.—The victory loan of 150 millions has been inaugurated.


### Return of Flood Gauge Readings.

DATE 18th NOVEMBER, 1917.

Station	Date	Highest level this year	Gauge reading at this date	Difference of level during preceding 48 hours in centimetres.		Remarks.
				Rise	Fall	
War Dabad	Oct. 18th	0.24	1.49		18 c.m.	Total fall from height 1.25 metres.
Suphan	Nov. 1st	1.31	1.43		1 c.m.	Total fall from height 12 c.m.
Krung Kao	5th 0.15 a.z.		3		7 c.m.	Total fall from height 54 c.m.
Saraburi	Oct. 23rd	0.83				
Banz Sit	Nov. 5th 0.08 a.z.		13		3 c.m.	Total fall from height 21 c.m.
Bang Nok Kwak	17th	0.00	24		3 c.m.	Subject to strong tidal influence.
Petr. w.	18th	0.15	15	13 c.m.		Subject to strong tidal influence.




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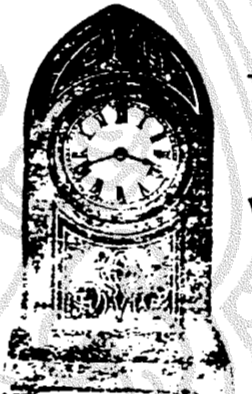
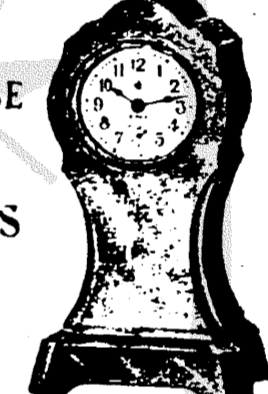
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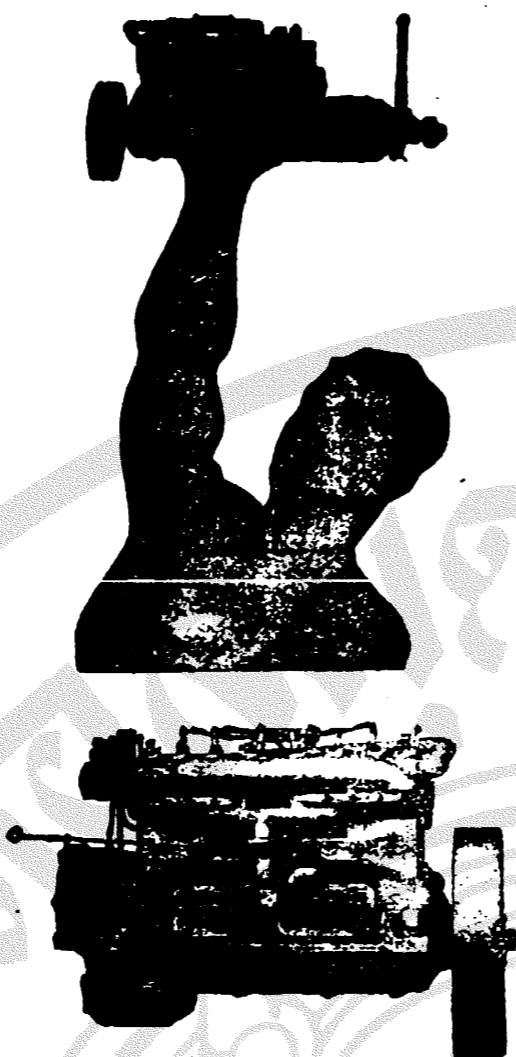
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IN STOCK.**Siam Import Co., Ltd.****Sikak Phya Sri-City.****The Italian Position.**

London, Nov. 9.—Reuter's correspondent at Italian headquarters on Nov. 8 says a dozen bridges on the Livenza river were blown up by the Italians in order to delay the enemy's advance, meanwhile the retreat has greatly shortened the fighting line which is scarcely thirty miles and this favours concentration for defence.

London, Nov. 9.—Wireless Italian Official: Our troops continue to arrive and establish themselves in positions chosen for resistance. Our rearguards still hold up the enemy.

London, Nov. 9.—Reuter's correspondent at Italian Headquarters wiring on the evening of Nov. 8 says the troops though still retreating are showing a keener fighting spirit and more strongly resisting the enemy's advance, although the plains, where the armies are now fighting offer no natural assistance to defenders, except the hills in the province of Treviso whence the Italians are raining shells on the enemy, making them pay the highest price for their advance.

The Austro-Germans' difficulties with transport are increasing owing to lengthening communications and the Italians destroying the railways, bridges, roads and water supply. The Italians are doing their utmost to reconstitute their forces and mass their artillery in order to form a barrier. The issue of the crisis depends on whether the Austro-Germans have sufficient force to continue their advance at the present rate, or whether the long drawn out pursuit is so thinning their lines that the Italians may be able to stop and roll them back. The arrival of the fresh, gay and confident allied troops has already had an admirable effect. The Italian Staff is ready to make any sacrifices to save the situation.

**According to Plan.**

London, Nov. 10.—Reuter's correspondent at Italian Headquarters wiring on the 9th in the evening, says that the situation continues to improve. The retreat is now being carried out methodically, the divisions reforming splendidly and the rearguard heroically and effectively screening the main body. Stern and relentless measures have been taken to eliminate falterers. Seventeen German officers, speaking excellent Italian and posing as refugees, were discovered distributing large sums of money among companions endeavouring to stir up a peace agitation.

Italian Official: We repulsed an attack on our advanced positions in Cedro Valley. Local engagements took place between Val Sugana and Piave Valley. At Lorenzago one of our rearguards which was surrounded, succeeded in

pushing through an occupied village. From Sugana to the sea our rearguards were disengaged from the enemy, and crossed the river, blowing up the bridges.

**Confidence Returning.**

Rome, Nov. 8.—Mr. Lloyd George, M. Painleve and other allied ministers and generals went to the front and conferred with the King for two hours on measures with a view to allied co-operation. The party afterwards visited the Anglo-French troops going to the front.

A semi-official note says the Anglo-French ministers and generals were able fully to appreciate the high spirit of the Italian troops marching with serene confidence to meet the invaders.

Reuter's correspondent at Italian headquarters says that feverish work is going on everywhere. Venice is giving an admirable example of fortitude. The foreign consuls have decided to remain at their posts. The work of strengthening St. Marks continues as usual.

**Enemy Report.**

London, Nov. 9.—Wireless German Official: We crossed the Livenza river and continue to overcome the resistance of the Italian rearguards advancing along the mountain roads and plain in snow and rain towards the Piave.

**Changes in Italy.**

Rome, Nov. 9.—General Diaz, Chief of the General Staff, has succeeded General Cadorna.

Diaz is 56 years of age and it is said he combines the brilliant intellect of the south with the solidity of the north. He was colonel in Libya and commanded an army corps on the Carso. Under Diaz Generals Badoglio and Giardino have been appointed to assist him.

Il Giornale d'Italia on the subject states the supreme command is no longer confided to one man but is shared by three. Badoglio is aged 47 and participated in the campaigns in Africa in 1905-7 and in Libya. He commanded an army corps at Bainsizza. Giardino is aged 53 and was for some time War Minister and has been decorated for valor. He served mostly in the Bersaglieri. The War Minister in a letter to Diaz mentioning he has always recognised his very high civil and military qualities and that his army corps was always brilliantly led in good or ill fortune says "I send greeting in the name of Italy which waits and hopes."

Rome, Nov. 10.—The War Minister in a letter to General Cadorna emphasising the depth to which the army and country will feel the change, says the name of Cadorna is a symbol of skill, bravery, firmness and vigour.

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The King has decreed the sacrifice in order that Cadorna may make still greater contributions to Italy's and the Allies' task.

#### The Various Fronts.

London, Nov. 11.—Reuters correspondent at Italian headquarters says that daily the enemy strength is declining and the Italian resistance increasing. The enemy's plan to envelop the centre of the Italian rear-guard and eventually cut off the Italian right wing has up to now been frustrated by the indomitable resistance of the Italian covering troops, whose artillery and machine-guns heavily punished numerically superior enemy forces. The Italian main body owed its safety principally to the cavalry, most of whom fell splendidly charging the enemy, avalanche like from the hills, shouting the war cry Savoia.

Paris, Nov. 11.—Semi-official: As the Piave is outflanked from the north, it does not seem possible that an Italian defence line can be established thereon. Nevertheless there is every reason to hope that the enemy's plan to separate the Italian forces on the Upper Piave from the main body retiring along the sea will fail.

Paris, Nov. 12.—A semi-official on the Italian situation yesterday puts it as follows: The Italians on the lower Piave are preparing to meet fresh attacks by the Archduke Eugene, whose objective is Treviso. Von Below's army descending the Piave captured Belluno. General Krobattine's army farther to the left is following the valley of the Cor de Vole and has passed Agordo, lastly Hoeszendorf's army descending the valley Sugana reached Asiago but detachments attempting to advance eastward were repulsed. Thus the Italians are vigorously opposing the enemy attempt to take them in rear, which is the most serious menace.

#### The Asiago Defence.

London, Nov. 13.—Italian Official: The enemy renewed his attack fruitlessly on the Asiago plateau in the sectors of Gallio, Monte Longara, Melitta di Gallio. A bitter struggle occurred in the northern area of attack. We counter-attacked taking prisoners. We resisted valiantly on the remainder of the mountainous front. There is brisk firing across the Piave.

London, Nov. 9.—Italian Official: In the neighbourhood of Asiago the enemy captured advanced posts at Gallio and Monteferrag. We subsequently expelled them taking prisoner a hundred. We captured enemy vanguard at Tezze in the Sugana Valley. We repulsed the enemy at Valdobbiadene heights and crossed to the right bank of the Piave and destroyed Vidor Bridge.

#### Units Needed.

London, Nov. 12.—Reuters correspondent at Italian Headquarters wiring yesterday evening emphasises that mere numbers are insufficient to stop the Austro-Germans, but adequate artillery is essential.

#### Some Enthusiasm.

Rome, Nov. 11.—The King has issued a proclamation that the nation never had to face a more difficult trial, but we shall confront adversity with a virile and intrepid soul. The soldiers will once more carry forward their tattered standards by the side of our Allies. All cowardice, discord and recrimination is treason. The enemy reckons on breaking up our spirits and solidarity even more than on a military victory. Let the unanimous reply be that we are all ready to give everything for the victory and honour of Italy.

Milan, Nov. 12.—A great pro-ally demonstration was held in the Scala theatre attended by a deputation of British officers and men who were ovated. British aviators flew over the theatre dropping messages of greeting.

#### Storm Drained Italy.

London, Nov. 13.—Reuters correspondent at Italian Headquarters wiring on Nov. 12 says: Rain is coming down like a second deluge, filling canals and ditches washing out roads, while rivers, practically non-existent a fortnight ago are now a mile wide. Snow is falling thick in the mountains accompanied by wind storms and great cold. Taking advantage of the atmospheric conditions the enemy surprised Gallio north-east of the Asiago plateau in Sette Comuni. The Austrians evidently planned from Gallio to command the region south of Asiago but Italian infantry attacked the position despite a hurricane of wind, snow and reached the village, reconquering the position, fighting from house to house in desperate hand to hand encounters covering the ground with enemy corpses. All attempts of the Austrians to debouch along the Val Sugana or through Sette Comuni and the valleys leading to Vicenza and Padua have so far been completely frustrated.

London, Nov. 13.—A high Italian military authority, interviewed by Reuters, pointed out that the Italian line is now only one third the length it was before the offensive, while the enemy communications are daily longer and more dangerous. The Italians are now holding a strong line which Cadorna meant to hold in case of retreat. The situation at Asiago is not clear. The town itself is unimportant. The Italians still hold the hills south which are a valuable defence.

#### Enemy Reports.

London, Nov. 13.—Wireless German Official: We repulsed a Russian attack south of the Riga Petrograd railway.

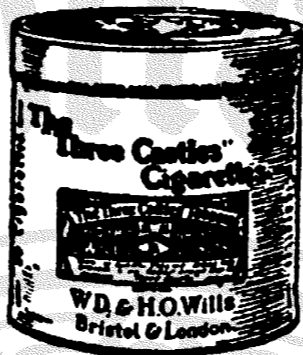
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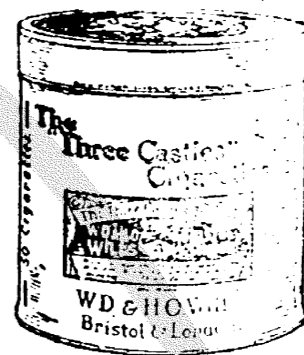
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## Allies War Council.

### The "Something" Lacking.

Paris, Nov. 12.—Speaking at a luncheon to Mr. Lloyd George, M. Painlevé declared that those who gave a thought to peace at present were betraying, whether they intended to or not, the most sacred interests of their country, civilization and humanity. Referring to the Italian position he said that at present by every railway and all other routes Anglo-French soldiers, guns and munitions were being hurried to the other side of the Alps. "Help will not fall short of the greatness of peril."

M. Painlevé said that Mr. Lloyd George's energy, eloquence and imagination had brilliantly sustained and stimulated Britain in the magnificent war effort. He also paid a tribute to General Smuts, who was present at the luncheon, remarking that they welcomed the Dutch face of General Smuts, the conqueror of German East Africa, who twenty years ago gave British troops under General Methuen and General Buller plenty to do and to-day was one of the most popular men of England. The South Africans' military effort was an admirable example of that Liberalism which was one of the forces of Britain.

Mr. Lloyd George.

Mr. Lloyd George said that he had important practical considerations to submit affecting the future of France and Britain, and even the destiny of the world. The Allied Governments meant that the supreme War Council should be a real power in co-ordinating the military effort. Unfortunately there was not time to consult America and Russia before setting up this Council, but for the success of this great experiment, on which allied victory depended, it was estimated that all the great Allies should be represented. He therefore confidently anticipated securing the agreement and co-operation of America and Russia therein.

The events of the war have demonstrated even to the most suspicious mind the need of greater allied unity in war control. Despite recent happenings the Allies still commanded the essential ingredients of victory, which our superiority ought to have carried us much farther along the road to victory than the point at present reached. The fault had not been with the navies or armies but was entirely due to absence of unity of direction of the war, about which we had never passed from rhetoric into reality, from speech into strategy. All we had hitherto done was to set up a make-believe unity which would be enough in peace but fatal in war, because the Central

Powers were acting on interior lines which is an additional argument for unification of our effort.

The present war was unique. It is a siege of nations. The Allies are blockading two huge empires. I would have been well if this had been always thoroughly grasped. In a siege every part of the besieger's line should be strong enough to resist any attack from the besieged, moreover the besieging army must be ready to strike at the weakest point. Therein, we failed. The enemy was blockaded eastwards by Russia, westwards by France and Britain and southwards by Italy but the gateway to the east was left to a country with a population of half that of Belgium its armies exhausted by three previous wars. It was owing to this inconceivable blunder that the expected happened.

The enemy crushed this little country and obtained abundant supplies to sustain the struggle. Turkey, who was nearly exhausted, was re-equipped and reconstituted and the terrible war given new life. In the following year the Serbian tragedy was repeated for Rumania, raising once again the siege

of the Central Powers and being once again due because it was nobody's business to think out war problems in terms of the whole battlefields. This year the tragedy was re-enacted with no variation. Although the Italian front is as important to the Franco-British as to Germany, the latter understood and we did not. The extent to which we can prevent the Italian defeat developing into a catastrophe depends on the promptitude and completeness of our break with the past.

I believe at last we have learned the great lesson and through the efforts of a superior war-council allied victory will follow valour. We shall then live to bless the Italian disaster, for real unity would not have been secureable without it. Whenever there has been a straight fight between the Austrians and Italians the latter have invariably won. Similarly in a straight fight between the Anglo-French and Germans the former invariably defeated the latter's most vaunted regiments. As for the difficulties of getting to the Italian front, the accomplishment of the past few days is the best answer to that.

Mr. Lloyd George proceeded to

answer the question why unity had not been secured before. He said that he and also some of his French colleagues had endeavoured for years past at committees and conferences to attain such a supreme direction of the whole war. Despite appearances, he was convinced that the tragedies of Serbia and Rumania would not be repeated in Italy "I had made up my mind that without this change we could not any longer remain responsible for a war direction doomed to disaster. It is now our business to see that unity is a fact and not a fraud. I have spoken with brutal frankness, because only an awakened public opinion can prevent old prejudices and consequent narrow vision reasserting their dominance."

The weight of men, material and moral is on our side; whatever may happen in Russia, I do not despair even of Russia but if I despair, my faith in the ultimate triumph of the Allies would be unshaken, but I want to win as soon as possible, with as little sacrifice as possible, and real unity is the only sure pathway. All personal and sectional considerations should be relentlessly suppressed. This is one of

the greatest hours in the history of mankind. Let us not dishonour greatness with pettiness.

### Constitution of Council.

London, Nov. 12.—In the House of Commons Mr. Bonar Law stated that with a view to better co-ordination of military action a War Council had been constituted. It was composed of the Prime Ministers and a member of each of the Governments of France, Italy, and Britain. The council would meet normally at Versailles at least once a month and at other places as might from time to time be arranged. The admission of other great powers of the Allies to the War Council is being discussed.

Each power appoints one permanent military representative as adviser to the War Council and these will be independent of their respective general staffs. They will have no executive function but will advise the War Council on questions of the co-ordination of the Allied strategy.

The General Staff and military commands of our armies and of each power are charged with the conduct of the military operations and remain responsible to their respective Governments. The military representatives and their staff will be permanent. In the session at Versailles the Anglo-French representatives are Sir Henry Wilson and General Foch. He was unable as yet to name Italy's representative.

Mr. Bonar Law, replying to questions, expressed the hope that the United States would join in the Council. No naval Council had been formed.

Mr. Brilling: Will there be no naval representative?

Mr. Bonar Law: The utility of the Council will not be increased by discussion of the sort. He emphasised that the authority of General Robertson will not be impinged upon by the appointment of Sir H. Wilson.

### The Meetings.

Paris, Nov. 11.—It is officially stated that the superior war council of the Entente will nominally meet at Versailles, where the inter allied general staff will also be established.

London, Nov. 12.—It is reported that the Allied War Council has already decided upon operations on a considerable scale in Italy in which an equal part will be borne by Britain and France while the United States may eventually co-operate.

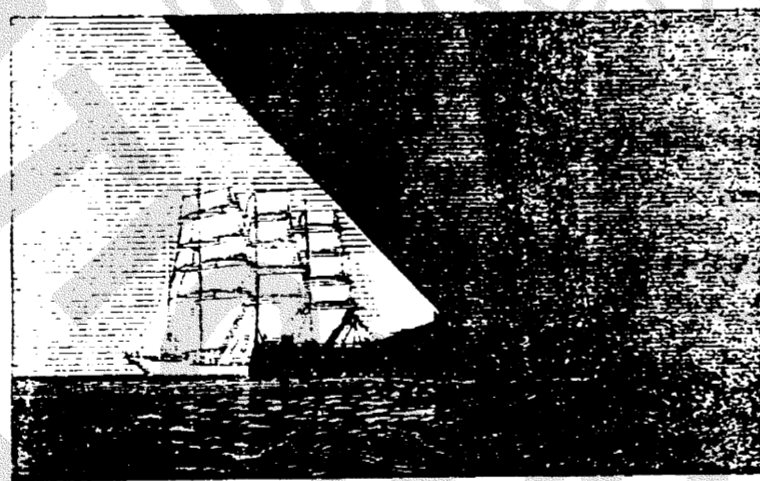


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