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Insanity From War.

Manias of the Demented.

Paris, June 8.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press).—The war has not driven mad so many persons as was expected in the early stages. Statistics thus far show that the first reports of men going crazy under the infernal fire of modern artillery were exaggerated. Dr. G. Dumas, who has treated all the cases of mental trouble in one of the French armies says that his data, covering the first ten months of 1915, agrees with the reports of German doctors concerning madness among combatants. He finds the cases of insanity caused directly or indirectly by the war in France are quite as few in proportion as those in Germany, and offers the figures as a refutation of the theory of German specialists that the Teutonic race is showing greater nervous resistance than the Latin.

Dr. Dumas's report covers 1,188 cases of derangement, of which only 31 per cent were cases of general paralysis, while in most asylums in time of peace the proportion is 15 per cent. This he takes as conclusive evidence that the fatigues and commotions of war have no influence upon the development of this form of insanity. General paralytics, however, when they become delirious, rave about the war, the same as cases in which the symptoms are quite different, and Dr. Dumas concludes that the life of the combatant often simply give a war colour to delirium that would have existed under normal circumstances, but in a different form.

Horror, inspired by battle scenes, sometimes works directly on the nervous system, developing symptoms such as hysteria, speechlessness, deafness, loss of the sense of feeling, fits of mental confusion, or paralysis, not always accompanied by hallucinations or delirium. Optimism of the most exaggerated type is the dominating note in the hallucinations of the paralytics, and Dr. Dumas considers it a wonder that officers do not, in fits of exaltation give absurd heroic orders that lead to disasters. In one case a Lieutenant who declared to the doctor that he had "cleaned out a German trench with two machine guns that he had carried on his back from a point several miles in the rear" had remained in command of his section until forty-eight hours before he was examined. A few days later a Captain was brought to Dr. Dumas, fresh from the command of his company, suffering from an equally

radical fit of "exaggerated optimism." Dr. Dumas reports seventeen cases of what he calls "reasoning madness," in which the fatigues and commotions of war have had no influence, but in which hallucinations previously existing were applied to the war. An artilleryman who before the war, imagined that he was charged with the defence of the radical and a socialist members of Parliament against what he considered the calumnies of the Royalists and Nationalists of the "right," was brought to a hospital suffering from a tumor. He immediately divided the nurses of the hospital into two parties—the left and the right—and would have nothing to do with the latter, while he began to fall in love with one after another of the nurses of the left.

The mentally debilitated are largely represented in the statistics. Of 185 cases, 110 were sent to the rear as being permanently unfit for further armed service, and 55, who presented symptoms of delirium, were interned. Several of these, Dr. Dumas says, owe their mental condition to fatigues and commotions of war, and all of them derive the themes of their delirium from their experiences at the front. There are among them Messiahs come to announce the final victory, messengers designated by Joan of Arc to show the way to success, spiritualists who have acquired occult knowledge of the plans of the enemy.

Alcoholics were numerous in the first month of the war among the deranged soldiers, but have since been remarkably low. In August, 1914, 131 cases were brought to Val de Grace of which 31 were suffering from alcoholism; in another hospital there were 38 out of 65. Of these 65 cases 18 had delirium tremens, and 11 of them died. They were all confirmed drinkers who had exaggerated their propensities during the exciting days of the mobilization. The number diminished rapidly after the first month, not a single case of alcoholism being reported during September from one of the most fortified places and only 162 developing in an entire army during the first ten months of last year. All of the 162 were reservists, and in so far as their history could be learned, were old drinkers. Nearly all of them resumed their service after taking the milk cure. The tendency of the alcoholics was to dream of battle and to see Germans everywhere. One of them took a detachment of his comrades for the enemy and charged them with fixed bayonet.

The proportion of cases of mental

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depression among the 1,188 was large. There were 224 in ten months—mostly officers with besetting notions of professional shortcomings and difficulties. The majority of these men realized fully about it, though unable to overcome it.

"I am no longer able to give an order without immediately cancelling it," said one officer. "I cannot help weighing to an exaggerated extent every eventuality and many imaginary consequences. I always foresee the worst possible issue to every movement—I am paralyzed by the anxiety to do the right thing, and have become nothing but indecision and contradiction."

A man who rose from the ranks to the grade of Captain was haunted by the thought that he was unequal to his responsibilities and pleaded to be retrograded. Among the cases of this kind was a man who reproached himself for having revealed important military secrets and who was haunted by the prospect of being court-martialed for treason.

There were 348 cases between March, 1915, and January, 1916, of mental troubles considered directly due to horror of battle scenes and connection produced by bombardment.

A considerable number of the mentally debilitated have the mania of invention. Dr. Dumas is of the opinion that the number of these cases outside the army would be found greater in proportion if the Minister of Munitions could make public the correspondence he receives from civilians. Among the debilitated were several men and officers who didn't know where and for whom they had been fighting. One declared that he was unaware that France was at war.

Russian Progress.

Petrograd, Sept. 6.—The Germans are reinforcing on the south eastern Russian front from the French front. A small body of Turks is reported on the south western line, south of Brzezani, but forty thousand have been sent to Lemberg to be armed.

Petrograd, Sept. 6.—It is reported from Rumania that General Justow, chief of the Bulgarian General Staff has been murdered in consequence of his efforts in the direction of the withdrawal of German influence from Bulgaria and the replacement of King Ferdinand by Prince Boris.

The first encounter with the Bulgarians took place in the Dobruja on the 4th. The enemy were sabred.

London, Sept. 6.—The Russian communiqué says: In the direction of Halicz we captured a fortified position and took 4,500 prisoners, of whom 2,000 were Germans. We captured a series of heights in the wooded Carpathians, repelling repeated counter attacks. We are inflicting heavy losses on the Turks in the region of Ognot.

The Panama's Bog.

Suggestion that the Canal is Doomed.

The "Financial Times" of Montreal states that it has received private information from London to the effect that engineering circles in Great Britain are convinced that the Panama Canal is doomed. An admission of this by the United States Government, it is declared, cannot be delayed many months.

"We are informed," says this journal, "that American emissaries have been in Great Britain for the last two months endeavouring to obtain the British engineering data on the alternative plan known as the Nicaragua route."

It will be remembered that a strong body of engineers fought the Panama project in favour of Nicaragua. Now it is claimed the Panama Canal is doomed, after the expenditure of about £100,000,000.

The trouble is in the eleven-mile long Culebra Cut and it has been demonstrated that, after the so-called landslide, the dredging operations actually took out more earth than was displaced by the landslide. In other words, the trouble is not due to the landslides themselves, but to the fact that Culebra Cut is a gigantic bog, and the more dredging there is done the more there is to do.

The canal has been closed for seven months. It should have been reopened in February. It is now estimated that it will not be opened until the autumn."

The British Blockade.

Washington, July 14.—Britain's grip upon the Central Powers through her blockade measures is vividly illustrated in statistics of exports and imports for the fiscal year. Exports to Germany dwindled from \$352,000,000 in 1913 to \$12,000,000 last year, whereas trade with the Allied nations increased enormously.

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Notice.

We beg to inform the public that Mr. JOSE TAN HEE SOON is now no longer in our service and from this date he is not empowered to sign in our behalf. Any transaction he may have in future will not be recognised by us.

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SOLE AGENTS.

THE Great War.**Mr. Asquith at British Front.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Sept. 11.

Reuter's Headquarters correspondent in a message dated the 9th says "Mr. Asquith has been spending a few days in the area of the British offensive. His visit was concluded to-day."

British Gains.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Sept. 11.

General Haig's communique says.— "The whole of Ginchy village and also the ground to Leuze wood is in our possession. East of High wood we advanced 300 yards on a front of 500 yards. Northeast of Pozieres we gained a further 600 yards."

Bulgarians Capture Rumanian Town.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Sept. 11.

Berlin announces that the Bulgarians have captured the Rumanian town of Silistria on the south bank of the Danube.

French and British Fronts.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Sept. 10.

Yesterday, on the Somme, we made progress east of Belloy.

On the Meuse, east of Fleury we captured a system of trenches, 500 prisoners and machine-guns.

To day on the Somme and on the Meuse we repulsed lively counter-attacks inflicting heavy losses.

The British have captured Ginchy and have made progress northeast of Pozieres.

In the Carpathians.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Sept. 11.

Petrograd Official.—In the Carpathians the Russians carried a series of heights. They captured 500 prisoners and five machine-guns.

The enemy threw a mountain battery and other guns down a ravine.

Russians Bombard Bulgarian Port.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Sept. 10.

Petrograd.—There were sanguinary engagements in the direction of Halez. We carried a series of heights in the Carpathians and captured 500 prisoners, cannon and machine-guns.

We bombarded the Bulgarian port of Balchik.

Russo-Rumanians and Turco-Bulgarians.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Sept. 10.

Bucharest.—The Bulgarians occupied Tourloukay.

The Rumanians are strongly holding the left bank of the Danube, the defences whereof are absolutely safe.

The Russo-Rumanians have expelled the Turco-Bulgarians from Dobritsch. The former are now continuing the advance in the Dobroudja.

The Rumanians have occupied a number of localities on the north-west front.

The Danish West Indies.

(S. O. SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, Sept. 12.

The Senate agreed to the purchase of the Danish West Indies, which the Danish Parliament has hitherto not ratified.

The U. S. A. Revenue Bill Amendments.

(S. O. SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, Sept. 11.

Mr. Lansing indicated that the amendments to the Revenue Bill will not be made effective unless diplomatic efforts to remove Allied restrictions on American trade failed.

Singapore, Sept. 12.

At a conference of both Houses the amendments in the Revenue Bill were struck out. The bill still authorizes the withholding of clearance bills to vessels belonging to nations discriminating America commercially. It empowers the President to retaliate against embargoes of American goods.

CORRESPONDENCE.**Royal Pages and Ministry of Justice Clubs.**

To the Editor "Siam Observer."

Sir,
It is with feelings of much gratification that I am able to write you this letter.

Members of the Committee and ordinary Members of the Royal Pages Football Club have received friendly visits from several members of the Ministry of Justice Football Club; while Mr. Tad Setakasikara, their Captain, personally called at our headquarters in the Royal Palace to express, on behalf of his colleagues, their sorrow at the totally unexpected result of their appeal to the Committee of the Football Association of Siam. It appears that our opponents were only waiting to hear when the match between them and ourselves should be replayed; therefore, in Mr. Setakasikara's own words, they were all greatly shocked to learn from the Secretary of the Football Association that the Pages Team had actually been adjudged lower in the match. The Ministry of Justice Football Club immediately wrote to the Secretary expressing their surprise at the severity of the Committee's judgment, and asked to be allowed to replay the match.

This sportsmanlike offer of our opponents, however, reached the Committee too late, for we had in the meantime tendered our resignation from the Football Association of Siam.

Mr. Setakasikara had seen our explanation and announcement in your paper; and remarking the fact that we had expressed the hope that we should be able to find clubs and institutions willing to play with us in spite of our having left the Football Association, he had thereupon come to see us on behalf of his fellow-members, who desired that the Ministry of Justice Club should be the first to offer to play a friendly match with us.

We have, therefore, arranged with them to play a friendly match at some future date, which shall be fixed and duly announced to the public.

Our Club has every reason to feel greatly gratified with this spontaneous demonstration of sympathy and friendliness on the part of the Ministry of Justice Club, and I beg you, Sir, to be good enough to give the matter the same publicity as has been given to our previous announcement.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

LUANG SAKDI.

Secretary, Royal Pages Football Club
Bangkok, September 11, 1916.

Ethical Queries.

[To the Editor of the "Siam Observer,"

Sir,
As one of your contemporaries has been holding forth upon the ethics of sport, I beg you to enlighten me upon the following Ethical points:—

1. Should a referee applaud, when one of the sides playing in a match in which he is in charge of the whistle scores a fine goal?
2. Should a referee give pointers to one side during an interval, and not similarly favour the other side?
Being a benighted Siamese, these Ethical questions are out of my shallow ken.

I am, Sir, Yours &c.

"QUERIOUS."

The Cotton Crisis.

London, Sept. 2.—In reply to representations regarding the effect of high freights on cotton prices, to which the example of Japan in subsidising shipping and providing war insurance at low rates was mentioned, the Board of Trade state that they are unable to take special action in the case of cotton as compared with other cargoes.

The Times emphasises the importance of the Lancashire cotton industry and urges Government to make the fullest investigation before it is too late.

PADDY REPORT FOR SEPT. 11.

Nasuan 1180 coyans at Tos.	77/99 each
Samruang 400 " "	75/80 "
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A Turf Club for Siam.**Racing on the Dusit Park Course.**

During the past century Turf Clubs innumerable have been formed in the East, all with the deservedly good object of the encouragement of horse racing and consequently of horse breeding. We are glad to learn that a Turf Club for Siam is in process of formation. It will be independent of the R. B. S. C., which after all at the present day is a Club where all sports are combined, including racing. The promoters of the scheme have for some time past considered that there is not enough scope for horse racing in Siam, with only one place for racing. In other centres much smaller than Siam there are several Race Clubs with their own race meetings where members of any one Club can compete without extra charges. The fact of the formation of the new Turf Club will not, so far as we know, affect the racing programmes of the R. B. S. C. It is said that the Master of the Horse has kindly allowed the new Club the use of the race course at Dusit Park till such time as the Club has its own course.

Dane on the Black List.

We learn from a reliable source that Mr. W. Gottsche, up till recently engineer of the Meklong Railway Company and since the departure of the permanent Manager Mr. Andersen, his locum tenens on a part of the railroad, has been placed on the British Black List. It would appear that he has been found to have become the intermediary of Messrs. Markwald and Co. (an old established German firm here) for the purpose of sending the firm's monthly reports to the head-office in Germany. Mr. Gottsche had these reports duly signed by Mr. Bullerman, Messrs. Markwald's manager here, which he enclosed in a letter to a friend in Copenhagen, who in turn had instructions to forward same to Markwald's head-office. The letter or letters were detected by the British Censor, who had them sent on to the British Legation. The Legation authorities have communicated with the Directorate of the Meklong Railway as Mr. Gottsche appears to have signed the letters adding his status as manager of the Meklong Railway. What further steps, if any, will be taken by the Directors are not yet known.

Cup Football.

We understand that the Committee of the Football Association of Siam has not accepted the resignation of the Krom Mahasab from the Association. The final match for the Cup will therefore be played at Dusit Park tomorrow afternoon at 3.30 between the teams of the Ministry of Justice and the Krom Mahasab.

B. B. W. N. G.

Members are reminded that Mrs. Mair will be hostess at the meeting tomorrow at Sathorn House. The following meeting will be held at Mrs. Miller's house on October 11th.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE "Mata Hari" is expected to sail for Singapore on Friday, September 15.

ENTRIES for squash requests are now invited for the Chiengmai Cup presented by Mr. D. F. Macfie.

MESSRS. Kiam Hoo Heng and Co. notify the public that Mr. Jos. Tan Hoo Soon is now no longer in their service.

THE B.M.C. delivers free at Railway Station or any Bangkok landing picnic cases containing ice, aerated waters and well-water for travellers.

MR. Arthur Elliot and Miss Luba Engel left by the s.s. *Yagala* for Singapore to-day. Miss Engel who has been ill for several weeks, has left on medical advice.

A SLIP of the pen has occurred in the list of firms to which the French Colony have voted thanks. Messrs. Barrow, Brown and Co. and The Oriental Store were mentioned amongst the kind supporters.

The Rumanians.

Bukharest, Sept. 3.—An official message of Aug. 31 says that the advance continues successfully everywhere. The Rumanian authorities are now installed in Brasso. Artillery is shelling the railway station of Orsova. So far we have captured 1,800 prisoners. Enemy infantry and cavalry which crossed the frontier near Salvia were immediately repulsed.

London, Sept. 6.—The Trade Union Congress, meeting in Birmingham, rejected by a majority of two to one a recommendation by the Parliamentary Committee to accept the invitation of the American Federation of Labour to participate in an International Labour Congress, to be held at the same time and place as the Peace Conference.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by our Correspondents.)

Siam.

To the Editor of the "Siam Observer."

Dear Sir,

I was interested to read the criticisms, if one can call them criticisms, of the "Bangkok Times" and another of the non-de-plume fraternity this time styled "A Resident of the Month of Nakhon Sri-Tammarat" and purporting to emanate from that Month on the 23rd August, and published in the "Pinnang Gazette" of the 25th of the same month. As they both appeared in the same issue and in the same column I propose to deal with them together. The "Bangkok Times" in journalistic badinage says "we do not think that Siam stands in need of any defence" and suggests that Siam needs no champion. Why? because the "Bangkok Times" is *the* champion. The "Bangkok Times" had itself reproduced and commented on the letter signed by "Progress" as long ago as June 14th. "The oracle had spoken: 'Progress' was vanquished, and the world, probably represented by every reader of the 'Bangkok Times' who knows the country, stood aghast at the magnificence of the annihilating broadside of the 'Bangkok Times'. The 'Bangkok Times' sheathed its journalistic sword, and a cowed world crawled about its business. One cannot help being reminded of a famous or notorious contemporary of the 'Bangkok Times' the 'Watertown Gazette' of U. S. A. I use the term contemporary advisedly for I have no evidence that the 'Watertown Gazette' has ceased publication. In 'Martin Chuzzlewit' Dickens writes of one Mr. La Fayette. Kettle of this famous or notorious organ. He is speaking to Martin Chuzzlewit and says "Queen Victoria won't shake in her royal shoes when she hears tomorrow named" to-morrow being the date of the publication of the double-extra edition of the 'Watertown Gazette.' 'Well sir,' he goes on 'I tell you this—there ain't a engine with its boiler burst in God Almighty's free United States, so fixed, and nipped, and frizzled to a most eternal smash, as that young critter (Queen Victoria) in her luxurious location in the Tower of London, will be, when she reads the next double-extra Watertown Gazette.' I have carefully read the home papers and I have not seen any account of excitement at either Buckingham Palace or the Tower of London following the arrival of the 'Bangkok Times' broadside. It is of course unlikely but possible, that the King, poor critter in his luxurious location in the Tower of London is still in blissful ignorance of the gigantic journalistic effort of the 'Bangkok Times' of June 14th (shades of the hundred days). Perhaps it reached the Kaiser by mistake and the drooping of the once-famous upturned moustache: the success of the Western push, and the cause of the Kaiser's aimless wanderings between the Eastern and Western fronts is directly attributable to this journalistic 'pill' of June 14th. I regret to be compelled to acknowledge that I have no idea myself what the 'pill' contained. I have made inquiries in Puket, and in Penang and nobody appears to remember it. It may be that the action of the 'pill' was strong and sudden, like a memory of childhood's days one would forget, or it may be that the action of the 'pill' spent itself in Siam in the little world of its own, and only an emasculated version reached these parts, or it may be that the King, 'poor critter' in his Tower of London, wishes to understand the ingredients of the 'pill' before he swallows it. With the statement 'but every reader who knows the country can correct the inaccuracies for himself' I am in accord, for it was one of the points made by me that only people outside Siam would be misled by the misstatements of 'Progress'. I accept the criticisms of the 'Bangkok Times' in the true sporting spirit, but in the case of the anonymous communication under the assumed designation 'A Resident of the Month of Nakhon Sri-Tammarat' there is an undercurrent of venom, and the letter is neither amusing, instructive, or even accurate. I object to be dubbed by him a 'brother Caucasian.' The term is ill-applied. The Caucasians according to Blumenbach's ethnological system represent the highest type of the human race. Huxley and others divide the Caucasians into the Xanthochroi, or blond type of whom the Teutons or Germans are an example; and the Melanchroi or brunette type either with dark hair and eyes and light skin, as the Iberians or inhabitants of Southern Europe, North Africa, and Southwest Asia; or modestly decline the soft impeachment that with the anonymous writer I share the honour of representing the highest type of the human race, and I indignantly repudiate the suggestion that I am a brother to a German, or in any way associated with the enemies of the human race. That the anonymous correspondent has German tendencies is evidenced by the fact that in his letter he tries to make a lawyer of 'Uriah Heap.' I assume the same 'high type' of reasoning caused the Germans to make a German of Shakespeare. If he has tried to apply facts, maybe the fact that Dickens the creator

of 'Uriah Heap' was himself a one-time student at the Middle Temple has caused him to flounder, or to imagine that all created things must be the same as the creator. Assuming it to be a fact that the anonymous correspondent is the resident in the Month he names, does it not follow that he is a guest in the house (country); that he is making his living out of the land or the people or both. Then how does he reward their hospitality—by covert sneers, and a statement that the Siamese 'simply smile with Oriental cunning.' Not coming into the light of day with his gibes, but sheltering himself behind the admission that he is a guest in the country. Adopting in fact the greasy, oily, underhanded, stabbing-in-the-back attitude of the real 'Uriah Heap.' To quote the words of 'David Copperfield' 'Let us have no meandering.' 'Yes, Mr. Copperfield, we are so very humble, we are not the same as the people who smile with Oriental cunning, we are straightforward, and do everything in the light of day, because we are so humble, Mr. Copperfield,' and as Mr. Copperfield leaves—'Curse him!' And finally our anonymous correspondent says 'The rest of his letter requires no answer.' Sixteen lines precede this declaration but I have been unable to find in any of the sixteen lines any answer to any of the statements which were made in an honest endeavour, without flattery, and under my own name to tell your readers what I had seen. If he wants more let him come out into the light of day under his true name and true Month, when I will reply to him. None of the statements made by me have been answered or even criticised. It is not my intention to be drawn into a long correspondence by irresponsible persons of doubtful bona-fides, therefore, as far as I am concerned the matter is at an end, for I will treat any more anonymous communications with the contempt they deserve. The only question asked by the alleged 'Resident' may arise out of my article, but it is supplementary to, and not a correction. He wants to know why an exclusive prospecting licence costs so much more on the East Coast of this Peninsula than on the West Coast. If there was any difference the question would have been a legitimate one, but as there is no difference it makes the whole of the letter signed by so-called 'Resident of the Month of Nakhon Sri-Tammarat' ridiculous, puerile, and nonsensical from start to finish. In the article as published on the 8th August there were one or two errors in the figures, but these were the only corrections made, and were published in your issue of the 10th August. As 'Resident' states that I have started correcting some errors he has knowledge of the only corrections that have been made at any time. The price for an exclusive prospecting licence throughout the whole of Siam is fixed by Ministerial Order at 50 Ticals with an additional charge of one Tical for every 20 rat of land prospecting as given in your issue of the 10th. I would commend 'Resident' to study the elementary principles of evidence when he would learn that a mere general statement that things are inaccurate not backed up by a single attempt to show where the inaccuracies exist is not evidence; and when he models himself upon the notorious 'Uriah Heap' to remember that one who comes out into the open in fair controversy is neither like him nor his model; and finally to see his Local Mines Department either in Puket, Tammarat or Patani, and be quite sure of his figures, instead of making himself ridiculous in print. Not a single statement made by me has been answered or even challenged, and so far as I am concerned the matter is at an end leaving your readers to estimate the value of the so-called attacks made by irresponsible persons upon Siam and its Administration.

Yours faithfully,

A. J. SHELLEY THOMPSON, F.R.G.S.

General Joffre Optimistic.

New York, Aug. 6.—General Joffre, in an interview granted to an American correspondent in Paris yesterday, said:—'The victory of the Allies is now certain, for Germany has her back to the wall, and she begins to reveal her weakness. The tide turned when the French made their wonderful stand at Verdun. The Allies are strengthening on every front, and the Germans are fighting desperately, but they are drawing upon their last reserves, and two-thirds of Germany's best fighting forces, comprising 122 divisions, are ranged against the French and British armies. I will not say when our enemies' final break will come, but that it is coming is absolutely certain.'

The correspondent states that General Joffre's hair is white, and that his face is deeply lined, but he has a strong compelling personality.

Telegraph Lines.

The Post and Telegraph Department reports that Chiengmai line is imperfect working between Paknampho and Chiengmai. Other lines are all right.

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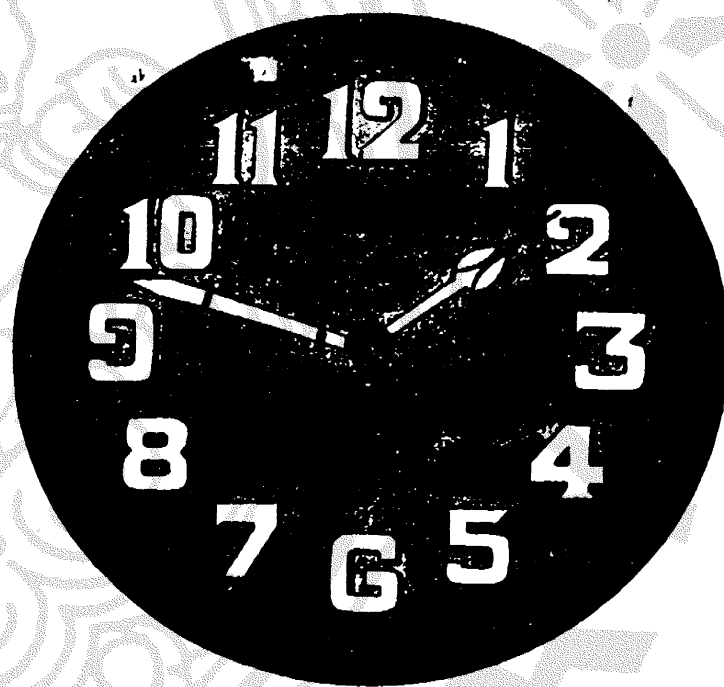
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Sixty more prisoners were taken. Notwithstanding the unfavorable weather our aeroplanes successfully co-operated with the artillery.

Up to yesterday evening the prisoners exceeded a thousand.

During Sept. 3 hostile aircraft showed great activity and air fighting was continuous. The enemy aircraft were forced to remain miles in the rear of the enemy lines and entirely failed to interrupt the work of our machines. On two separate occasions ours fired on the troops. Three hostile machines were brought down and were seemingly wrecked. Many others driven down damaged. One of ours destroyed a kite balloon.

Two of our machines are missing. London, Sept. 5.—Reuter's special, describing the opening of the latest offensive, says that four times as many men as were concentrated at Waterloo participated. The infantry attacked along the two slopes of the Ancre. The troops north soon rushed their objective but progress south was slower, despite British doggedness. Then the Germans furiously counter-attacked but were finally driven to their own trenches with tremendous losses.

The battles of Ginchy and Guillemont were of a most determined character. We made up our minds to take Guillemont; the Germans were equally determined to prevent us. Machine gunners lay in the shell holes, snipers lurked in every furrow, the German artillery formed barrages without ceasing, but we rattled our mailed fist with even more thunderous effect. Exactly what happened in the maelstrom of fire is unknown. We scored the gains already reported. The enemy had a terrible hammering.

Paris, Sept. 6.—In a diary captured from a German officer it states that a squad refused to advance in the face of the terrible Allies fire. The diary adds:—"No need to state what happened." In the same diary in notes under date Aug. 8 it is stated that the number of men deserting from their posts is increasing enormously. One regiment declared that it positively would not return to the trenches. The flimsiest of excuses are being found to go on the sick list.

6,000 Prisoners in Two Days.

Paris, Sept. 6.—Our battle front is now forty kilometres to the town of Combes which the Germans have transformed into a regular fortress now

invested by the French from the south and the British from the north. All the objectives have been carried against the enemy's most obstinate resistance, and our gains have been entirely maintained despite furious counter-attacks, wherein the enemy lost heavily. Hitherto fourteen guns, and sixty machine-guns have been captured on the French front alone. Prisoners are pouring in, at least six thousand have been taken by the Allies in the last two days.

London, Sept. 6.—Official: The guns captured by the British in the Somme battle will not be exhibited, but will be used against the Germans, because it is not wished to parley with our enemies.

Substantial Proofs of Victory.

Six thousand six hundred and fifty prisoners, and thirty six guns, including twenty-eight heavies, have been captured on the French front since Sept. 3.

An amplification of the Paris communique says that north of the Somme after a series of brilliant actions the French pushed on east of Le Forest and reached the western border of Anderlu Wood. They carried by assault Hospital Farm, Rainette Wood, and part of Marincere Wood, and occupied north east of Clerly the extremity of the ridge over which runs the Bonchavesnes Clerly road. The French likewise joined up their positions north and south of the river, capturing Ornécourt.

The French booty includes, besides the guns, a big depot of six inch shells, a captive balloon and numerous machine-guns. To-day's fighting south of the Somme was particularly violent, the enemy increasing his massed counter-attacks at many points, notably at Barleux and Belloy, but all were repulsed with bloody losses. A hundred machine guns were captured in a single day.

Items of Interest.

Ottawa, Sept. 2.—The Duke of Connaught has relaid the corner-stone of Parliament House.

London, Sept. 4.—Sir E. Shackleton has saved the men of his expedition who were marooned on Elephant Island.

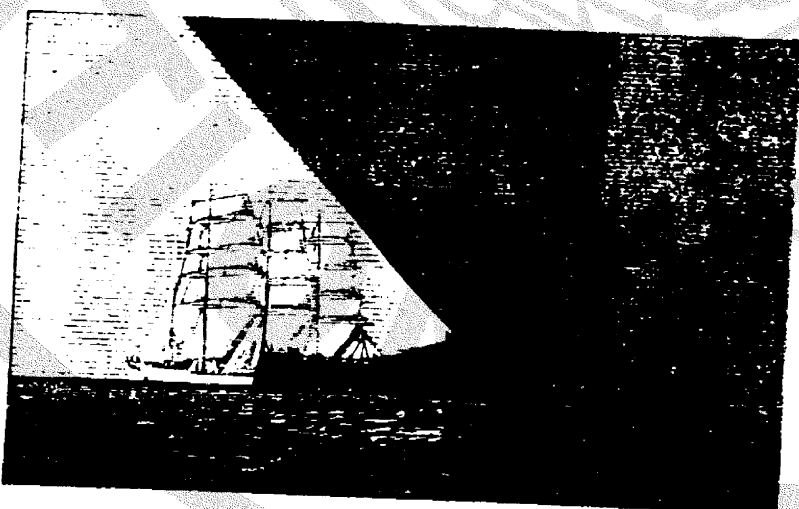
Havre, Sept. 4.—The Belgian Government has notified the French Government of its adhesion to the resolutions of the Economic Conference.

Cairo, Sept. 7.—Official: The average condition of cotton crop is 96 per cent.

London, Sept. 6.—The death is announced of the Revd Edward Moore, D. D. Hon D. Lett, Dublin, etc. Canon of Canterbury Cathedral since 1903.

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The Exploit of Robinson V. C.

London, Sept. 5.—The officer who brought down the Zeppelin on Sept. 3 was Lieutenant W. L. Robinson of the Worcesters, attached to the Flying Corps.

Robinson was scouting when the search-lights revealed the Zeppelin. He followed the invader for twenty miles and then signalled to the anti-aircraft posts to cease fire. The guns stopped within half a minute whereupon the intrepid airman accomplished his glorious exploit. He narrowly escaped the flaming debris. Robinson is only twentyone and was born at Polibetta, India.

London, Sept. 5.—Official: An important part of one of the raiders of the 3rd inst. has been picked up in the eastern counties. Undoubtedly this airship suffered heavily from gunfire. The airship which was felled near London was also heavily and accurately fired on, but it has been established beyond doubt that the main factor in its destruction was Lieut. Robinson's aeroplane, which attacked with the utmost gallantry and judgment and brought down the airship.

London, Sept. 6.—Part of a Zeppelin car with wires and telephone attached thereto, has been picked up on the east coast.

London, Sept. 6.—A comrade of Lieut. Robinson, who was likewise chasing a Zeppelin, gives a thrilling account of the duel at a height of 12,000 feet, the Zeppelin frantically trying to shake off its pursuer, emitting clouds of smoke and wildly firing its machine-guns. Lieut. Robinson, flying at a terrific speed, charged the raider. Then there was an outburst of flames, vividly colouring the clouds beneath. The second airship, seeing the fate of its companion, turned tail and fled.

Some Important Captures.

Bucharest, Sept. 6.—The communiqué of Sept. 4 says that on the northern front in small encounters we captured seven officers, 620 men, 500 wagons of food and a completely equipped hospital. On the southern front a superior force of the enemy attacked ten times the Tortucai bridge-head and was repulsed.

London, Sept. 6.—A Russian communiqué states that the Germans and Bulgarians are attacking the Rumanians in the region of Tortucai.

Copenhagen, Sept. 6.—It is reported from Vienna that the Rumanians have captured Orsova and Herculesbad.

Affairs in Greece.

Athens, Sept. 5.—The Government has undertaken to expel for the duration of the war the subjects and foreigners whom the Anglo-French ministers have indicated as German propagandists. Notwithstanding the fact that King Christino has completely recovered, M. Zaimis declined to transmit a Venzelist meeting resolution, on the ground of His Majesty's state of health.

Paris, Sept. 5.—The Salonika communiqué reports an intermittent cannonade on the whole front, without any infantry action.

London, Sept. 5.—The British official despatch from Salonika says that there is nothing important to report.

London, Sept. 6.—A British official despatch from Salonika says that patrol encounters took place on the Struma front. The enemy carried out an artillery attack on the Doiran front for three hours.

The French Salonika communiqué says that there was a violent artillery duel on the Struma, Lake Doiran and the whole of the Serbian front.

Riots in Sumatra.

Hague, Sept. 5.—The Governor General of the Dutch Indies reports that rebels have looted Muara, Tambesi, Surulangun and Muaratebo which places have been set on fire. Fifteen rebels were killed in skirmishes with Government troops. Controller Walter, his staff and party of armed police have been murdered at Surulangun. Troops have been sent towards Palembang.

A Message From Bagdad.

London, Sept. 5.—The Mesopotamia Commission has resumed its sittings, military evidence being taken.

The Kut prisoner Eight-Lieut. C. B. Gasson, writes from Bagdad on July 20: "Several of us are in the English hospital and are very comfortable. We are paid regularly and can buy most things in the shops. We are very well treated."

Bristol's Plague Scare.

London, Sept. 5.—The Medical Officer at Bristol reports that the contents of a rag factory in which bubonic plague recently broke out have been burned and all rats therein destroyed. No infected rats were found outside. There has been no fresh case of plague since Aug. 10. The patients are recovering. None of the rats in which infected rats were found were imported; they came mostly from other towns to which warnings have been sent.

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Paknam Dep.	6.30	9.30	12.45	3.45	Bangkok Dep.	7.45	10.45	2.00	5.00
*Maha Wong "	6.35	9.35	12.50	3.50	Sala Deng "	7.52	10.52	2.07	5.07
*Ban Nang Greng "	6.40	9.40	12.55	3.55	Klong Toi "	8.00	11.00	2.15	5.15
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Klong Toi "	7.15	10.15	1.30	4.30	*Ban Nang Greng "	8.35	11.35	2.50	5.50
Sala Deng "	7.23	10.23	1.38	4.38	*Maha Wong "	8.40	11.40	2.55	5.55
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Austria's War Costs.

While it is impossible to obtain precise information as to the total war expenditure of Austria-Hungary, Professor Friedrich Fellner, director of the Hungarian Agrarian Bank, estimates the amount at 1,090 millions sterling. Four War Loans have produced £580,000,000 in Austria and £254,000,000 in Hungary. The remaining 276 millions have been covered by various note issues, loans from banks, etc. On the basis of the Ausgleich quota, Austria's share of the war expenditure would amount to £750,000,000 and Hungary's to £350,000,000. The annual interest on these sums would cost Austria £34,500,000 and Hungary £7,000,000.

Taking the statistics of the Monarchy's wealth in 1913, Professor Fellner estimates the total income of the Hungarian nation at £280,000,000 and the total annual taxations including State, communal, country and municipal taxes, at some £82,000,000 or 29.25 per cent. of the national income. The war expenses, so far, will add £17,000,000, or another 6.08 per cent. to the burden of taxation.

From the national statistics of income and taxation in 1901, as compared with 1913, Professor Fellner argues that the wealth or income of the nation has increased much faster than the ratio of taxation, and that as the national income will increase even more rapidly after the war, Hungary can quite well support the additional taxation necessary to cover the interest on War Loans, etc. Austria's national income in 1913, was £253,000,000 and her total taxation £150,000,000, or 27.88 per cent. The interest on war expenditures will add 6.59 per cent., to her total taxation. Thus Austria's taxation will amount to 34.47 per cent. on her national income and Hungary, to 35.33 per cent. But as the total taxable income, including the earnings of lawyers, doctors and officials, is really greater than the so-called national income, the percentage of taxation is really somewhat less, and may be taken for Austria at 29.84 per cent. and for Hungary at 31.44 per cent.

The British Navy.

London, Sept. 6.—Mr. Balfour, speaking in Glasgow, said that since the outbreak of war the fleet had increased absolutely in numbers, power and efficiency, and to the best of his belief, compared with our opponents' capital ships it had increased relatively. We are much stronger in capital ships, cruisers, destroyers than before the war.

Questions for Greece.

Athens, July 16.—M. Venizelos's organ, the "Kiryx," today discusses and condemns the political coercion to which (timid) expired men are being subjected by the agency of the so-called "Reservists' Leagues."

The Liberal Party, it is added, does not propose to ask the selectors to choose between any political figurehead and M. Venizelos, or between war and peace. The nation knows that M. Venizelos is not mad and that he is not trying to become King; nor is King Constantine so much under the influence of evil counsellors as to be on the point of abdicating in order to become the leader of the anti-Venizelist party.

The nation may prefer King Constantine to any other Sovereign, but it is also free to prefer M. Venizelos to any other politician as head of the Government. The nation, too, knows that there is no politician who would prefer war, so long as there remains any chance of peace without prejudice to the interests of the country, and that, further, no conscientious statesman would sacrifice these interests to a temporary peace which would render war inevitable at a moment that might be little favourable for Greece.

The question which the electorate will have to answer is the constitutional one, whether the Crown has the right to select as its counsellors persons politically agreeable to it, or whether it is bound to accept the responsible advisers designated by the will of the people.

The electors will be asked to decide whether in great national issues the Crown has the right to vindicate personal opinions and to impose these views by successive dissolutions of the Chamber; and, again, whether the nation desires to relapse into the regime of corruption favoured by the old parties, as represented by politicians like M. Gonnaris.

Finally, the Greek people will have to bear in mind that the success of the two last wars in which Greece was engaged was ultimately due to the Protecting Powers; that without their aid the country cannot continue to exist; and that Greece must incline towards the Entente Powers, who command the Mediterranean.

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General Joffre Addresses Troops.

The "Bulletin des Armes" of August 2, publishes the following order of the day issued to the troops by General Joffre on the occasion of the second anniversary of the declaration of war:—

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At Sraburi	Sept.	6 166.5 mm.
" Krung Kao	"	7 24.7 "
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MONDOL NAGOR JAISRI.		
At Nagor Pathom	Sept.	7 3.6 "
" Subarnburi	"	7 12.0 "

MONDOL RAJBURI.		
At Bejaburi	Sept.	7 50.3 "
" Samudsonggram	"	7 41.6 "

MONDOL PRACHIN.		
At Khaxhengsao	Sept.	7 6.5 "
" Prachinburi	"	7 41.9 "
" Nagor Nayok	"	7 16.8 "

MONDOL NAGOR SVARGA.		
At Nagor Svarga	Sept.	7 9.2 "
" Kambaengbajra	"	7 10.5 "

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" Minburi	"	7 7.3 "
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At Rajburi	Sept.	8 1.7 "
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