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" "Namur" " 21	" " " " " "	" 18
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	H. W.	Ft. in.	L. W.			
1	7.00	12.10	2.3	7.0	7.0	7.0
2	7.00	13.1	3.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
3	7.00	13.0	4.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
4	10.00	13.0	5.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
5	11.00	12.7	6.7	7.0	7.0	7.0
6	12.00	12.11	7.8	7.0	7.0	7.0
7	...	...	8.9	7.0	7.0	7.0
8	...	...	9.10	7.0	7.0	7.0
9	...	...	9.10	7.0	7.0	7.0
10	1.30	11.2	10.11	7.0	7.0	7.0
11	3.30	11.6	11.12	6.0	6.0	6.0
12	4.30	12.5	11.12	6.0	6.0	6.0
13	5.30	13.0	11.12	6.0	6.0	6.0
14	6.00	13.1	...	...	...	...
15	6.30	13.1	1.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
16	7.30	13.2	1.2	7.0	7.0	7.0
17	8.30	13.3	1.2	7.0	7.0	7.0
18	9.00	13.0	2.3	6.0	6.0	6.0
19	9.30	12.10	3.4	6.0	6.0	6.0
20	10.30	12.7	4.5	6.0	6.0	6.0
21	12.00	12.7	4.5	6.0	6.0	6.0
22	...	...	3.6	6.0	6.0	6.0
23	...	...	6.7	6.0	6.0	6.0
24	...	...	6.7	6.0	6.0	6.0
25	2.30	11.3	8.9	6.0	6.0	6.0
26	3.00	12.0	10.11	6.0	6.0	6.0
27	4.00	12.7	11.12	6.0	6.0	6.0
28	5.00	13.3	11.12	6.0	6.0	6.0
29	6.00	13.11	12.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
30	6.30	14.5	12.0	7.0	7.0	7.0

Sept.	P.M.			Ft. in.	L. W. (Approx.)	Feet
	H. W.	Ft. in.	L. W.			
1	7.30	14.5	1.2	7.0	7.0	7.0
2	7.30	14.8	1.2	7.0	7.0	7.0
3	8.00	14.3	...	...	...	...
4	8.00	14.0	...	...	...	...
5	8.00	13.8	...	...	...	...
6	3.30	13.5	...	...	...	...
7	3.30	13.10	...	...	...	...
8	5.00	14.2	...	...	...	...
9	5.00	14.5	...	...	...	...
10	5.30	14.8	...	...	...	...
11	6.00	14.11	...	...	...	...
12	6.00	14.10	...	...	...	...
13	6.30	14.6	1.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
14	6.30	14.1	1.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
15	7.00	13.10	1.2	7.0	7.0	7.0
16	7.00	13.8	...	...	...	...
17	7.00	13.1	...	...	...	...
18	7.00	13.1	...	...	...	...
19	7.00	13.1	...	...	...	...
20	7.00	13.1	...	...	...	...
21	6.00	13.0	...	...	...	...
22	4.00	13.8	...	...	...	...
23	4.30	14.3	...	...	...	...
24	4.30	14.5
25	5.00	14.4
26	5.00	14.4
27	5.30	14.4
28	6.00	14.7
29	6.00	14.9	12.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
30	6.00	14.6

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Sept. 5th) First Quarter 11.9 a.m.
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" 27th) New Moon 2.16 p.m.

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way of heavy artillery. One of the
dominating facts in this connection is
the intimate collaboration between the
French and British gunners.

"Sir Douglas Haig," he says, "show-
ed me on a map the emplacements
where the French batteries are coupled
with the English batteries and vice
versa. In one of the valleys which
hide our steel monsters I saw with my
own eyes a formidable British howit-
zer surrounded by twelve French 75's
(3in. field guns), like an enormous
building accompanied by crouching grey-
hounds. Elsewhere on the British
front four of our biggest French can-
non were making good play with the
enemy quarters ten miles away.

"The Allied Commanders-in-Chief
both impressed on me the importance
of this constantly growing collabora-
tion of the two armies for the com-
mon victory. Their work in common
is not only a unity, also a reality of
the mind. It is to-day, perhaps, its per-
fect completion will lead our armies
forward to the lines of the Meuse and
the Rhine. For four days I have
watched firing before many big Eng-
lish guns, notably the 15in. howitzers
and I can affirm emphatically the ex-
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pieces but also of the officers and non-
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M. Bérenger's conclusion is: "The
problem of moving powerful artillery
by rail is to-day victoriously solved on
the horizon of the battle."

Armoured Fort Wiped
Out.

General Dall'Olio, the Italian Muni-
tions Minister, who has returned to
Paris after visiting the Somme, is en-
thusiastic over the achievements of the
French gunners. These, he says, sur-
passed all belief. Where for months the
Germans had multiplied their formi-
dable entrenchments nothing remains.
Another testimony to the effective
work of the French "heavies" comes

from an artillery officer, who made the
following statement to the correspon-
dent of the "Liberté":—"The objec-
tive of my battery was a small but
redoubtable fort. Everything possible
had been done to make it proof against
attack, including the use of armour
plating and concrete-shelters 40ft. deep.
We had orders, cost, what it might, to
take the fort. More than 2,500 large
shells were rained upon it in less than
six hours, and one after another its de-
fence works disappeared in a cloud of
smoke.

"Some hours later the officers of the
battery went to see what was left of
the fort. Under a mass of ruins and
debris of various sorts they came upon
a dying non-commissioned officer—a
Bavarian. As we knelt beside him he
told us his tragic story: 'Thirty-two
men held the fort, commanded by a
lieutenant. After ten hours bombard-
ment half the men had disappeared, the
victims of a terrible death. Two were
decapitated, and of three others among
whom a shell fell we never found the
slightest trace. The survivors, huddled
together at the bottom of the under-
ground shelters, awaited the end. A
new explosion shook the cavern, throw-
ing us one against the other.

"Suddenly a bright flame sprang
up in the far corner of our shelter and
we knew it was our fire. We were seiz-
ed with terror, immediately intensified
by the sight of our lieutenant, who had
gone mad and was firing his revolver
at an imaginary enemy. In the midst
of the flickering flames an indescrib-
able massacre took place. The officer,
his frenzy increasing every moment,
killed all his men one after another.
He perished himself in the flames.'

"As for the Bavarian, he escaped by
climbing over the mass of debris and
reaching the open air. There he was
knocked over by a bursting shell and
almost buried under a block of stone.
He died the same night in a French
ambulance."—Ex.

Rainfall.

We have received the following
telegraphic reports of rainfall from
the Department of Agriculture, Minis-
try of Lands and Agriculture:

MONDOL KRUNG KAO.	
At Krung Kao Aug. 31 0.4 mm.	
MONDOL NAGOR JAINRI.	
At Sularburi Aug. 31 50.0 "	
MONDOL RAJBURI.	
At Rajburi Aug. 31 3.5 "	
" Rajburi " 31 4.0 "	
" Kanchanaburi " 31 37.5 "	
MONDOL PRACHIN.	
At Prachinburi Aug. 31 34.8 "	
" Nagor Nayok " 31 31.5 "	
" Krabindraburi " 31 24.0 "	
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" Jainad " 31 15.0 "	



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Fight For The Ridge.**German Fire Much Stronger.**

Paris, July 22.—This morning and this afternoon I spent the noisiest hours I can remember says the "Daily Mail" correspondent in watching and listening to the enemy's artillery in its struggle to resist our attack on the crowning ridge of Picardy. His batteries are many and his ammunition various.

I wrote two days ago of the stale smell of gas shells which pervaded Montauban. Since I wrote, between one and two thousand gas shells have been rained on that ill-smelling neighbourhood. The smell must be quite fresh to-day in places, but my desire to push through it was arrested more by noise and cascades of earth and poisonous, if beautiful, clouds than by those quieter, "dud-like" cylinders from which the travelling gas is now released. The base of Trones Wood was patrolled by various shells which moved up and down like sentries. Bernafay Wood might have contained a steamy lake.

A generous largess was scattered across the country from Delville to Bazentin Wood when our infantry were advancing. Two heavy howitzers were delivering shells with the regularity of a tolling bell on selected spots behind Montauban. Others barked gruffly near Maricourt. A few seemed to have been given a roving commission. Shells arrived anywhere.

The total sum was large, but each arriving shell met a large company passing it on the road. The northerly and easterly migration was the greater and the louder. The batteries barked more, sturdily than the explosions, and overhead the shells honked like migrant geese and swished like duck on the wing. They seemed from my angle to settle with especial fuss and clamour beyond the village of Guillemont (south-east of Longueval).

The essential fact that emerged from all this tumult was that the enemy, after wrestling vainly for a fortnight to bring his artillery power within measurable reach of ours, has begun to succeed. He has been so outgunned—partly because he was disorganised and in retreat—that he has scarcely found a moment since the attack was opened to attempt counter-battery firing. Every gun he had at work was too busy with our advancing infantry to be able to spend a moment's attention on the artillery or remoter communications. That inequality no longer holds in the previous measure, though still the enemy is much outgunned.

This outgunning, if I may extend the term a little, has been abetted by the airmen. They have cleared our

side of the line of aerial bombers, and themselves done direct artillery work. I hear that in the neighbourhood of the raid in the north by Anzacs and others they dropped scores of bombs and registered two direct hits, one on a heavy howitzer and one on an anti-aircraft '77 (3-inch gun). They have done similar work here and maintain the complete mastery.

But in itself the artillery of the enemy is as formidable as ever, and he is holding desperately to the crown of this high and desirable ridge, running some eight miles from Thiepval to Morval (east-north-east of Longueval). He knows that behind him lies a long, unpleasant glacial.

While I watched the gun duel our infantry were reaching the very highest point of the ridge by High Wood (the Foursauz Wood), but to the south, near Guillemont, we were still leaving the bulk of the work to the artillery. For myself, in the place where I was, I could scarcely imagine that war was anything but artillery. I had been awakened at 3 a.m. by the ceaseless rat-tat-tat of the French guns on our right: and for the later part of the day flash and cloud and report and explosion bombarded sensation out of all shape.

It was a supreme relief to leave the noisy fields for the dusty road, where men were many and guns were few: where the manliest men a nation could wish to breed met and passed, some on the way to rest awhile in the pretty villages of Picardy, some to take their places near the enemy in the ugly relics of homes and cultivation. But they went to fight or to rest, Midlanders or Highlanders alike, with the same buoyant stride and stalwart faith.

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Notice is hereby given that the Seventh Ordinary General Meeting of the Members of the Sungei Bagan Rubber Company, Limited will be held at the Office of the Company, Chartered Bank Chambers, Singapore, on Tuesday the 12th September 1916 at 12 o'clock noon.

And Notice is hereby given that the transfer books of the Company will be closed from Thursday the 7th day of September to Tuesday the 12th day of September 1916 both days inclusive for the preparation of dividend warrants.

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28th August, 1916.

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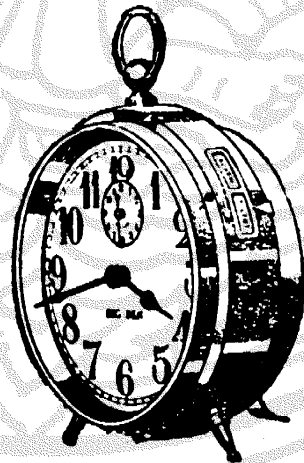
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Great War.

Russian Warships in Rumanian Port.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Sept. 2.

Petrograd. — Russian war vessels have arrived at Constanza.

The Russian official communiqué says:—We captured yesterday in regions where the battle occurred 280 officers and 15,501 men, 2,100 of whom are Germans. We also took six guns and 45 machine guns.

Serbian in Rumania.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Sept. 2.

Petrograd Official.—Serbian troops entered Rumania and are cooperating with the Russians. It is presumed that they came via Archangel.

Bulgaria Declares War on Rumania.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Sept. 2.

Official.—Bulgaria has declared war on Rumania.

Revolution in Greece.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Sept. 3.

The Cretan gendarmerie and Venetists surrounded the Greek barracks. The garrison was ultimately forced to surrender after some bloodshed and the intervention of General Sarraïl.

The garrison at Vedene joined the revolutionists.

The garrison at Little Karburun, south of Salonika was surrounded and also surrendered.

Bulgarians Secure Forts.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Sept. 3.

Reuter's special correspondent at British Headquarters in Salonika reports that the Bulgarians have secured without fighting seventeen forts in Eastern Macedonia. The forts cost four million pounds and contain large quantities of munitions, provisions and hundreds of guns.

Anglo-French Warships in Greece.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Sept. 3.

Thirty Anglo-French warships have arrived at Piræus.

Various.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Sept. 1.

Yesterday we made progress south of the Somme. To-day we brought off coups de main between the Oise and the Aisne.

We brought down ten aeroplanes.

Bucharest announces: On the north west fronts we advanced in all directions, and occupied notably the valley of the Narbouna and centre of Petrosem. Brătianu replying to a telegram from M. Briand declared Rumania to be united to France by sentiments of gratitude and is proud and happy to fight by her side for the common cause. The Rumanian army crossing the Carpathians sent hearty greetings to the glorious French army.

Athens:—Serbian cavalry entered Sorevicevo.

The Bulgarians have evacuated Patoh.

King Constantine received the Allied Ministers in a long audience.

Petrograd:—The General Staff announces that the Russians captured on the 31st August 280 officers and 15,000 men of whom 2,400 were Germans; 6 guns and 55 mitrailleuses.

Rumanian Advance.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Sept. 3.

Bucharest.—We occupied numerous positions in all directions taking by the fire of our artillery the Onsova-Caransolisch railway. We took 1,800 prisoners.

Salonika.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Sept. 3.

Salonika.—A committee of national defence constituted by the inhabitants of the town has ordered a general mobilisation in Macedonia in order to resist the Bulgarians. The whole of the gendarmerie and the majority of the troops are joining. A movement was made by some soldiers hesitating to participate by barricading themselves in barracks that are besieged.

Greek Elections.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Sept. 3.

The Government has decided to adjourn the elections. The King has received representatives of the Allies.

Extracts From the Government Gazette.

(Of 3rd Sept. 2459.)

On the 25th August Phya Nibadh Rajakich who returned after his service in escorting the Chao Dara Rasmui to Chiangmai was received in audience by His Majesty.

Luang Athorn Kadirad and Luang Scharit Thuraprasas, Judges of the Ministry of Justice have received the 4th Class of the Crown of Siam.

Luang Kiddy Nai Ven has been made Chao Mun Samet Pakdi and Luang Sakdi Nai Ven has been made Chao Mun Sri Saraks.

Mom Luang Pong, daughter of Chao Phya Phya Sadech has given the Wang Luang Hospital 100 ticals.

Y.M.C.A. Club Hut Fund.

The Committee wishes to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of subscriptions to the above fund from Mesdames Ford, and Law, from Messrs. Dering, Malcolm, Townsend, and Williamson, and Ties. 2/0 from an anonymous subscriber. The total amount to date is Ties. 3424. 53.

The British Red Cross Society.

The British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem Joint Committee on the 19th of October next are issuing a special Appeal, under the patronage of the King and Queen of England, in order to help the sick and the wounded at the front.

The British Minister will therefore be glad to receive any donations between the present date and the 19th of October inclusive, for transmission to England.

He hopes that British firms will assist in collecting boxes for the purpose on their premises.

A special box for donations will also be available in the compound of His Majesty's L-gation on Thursday, October 19th, between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE s.s. *Kamuning* brought 43 bags of mail this morning.

DR. Mendelsen (Sanitary Dept.) and Mrs. Mendelsen arrived by the s.s. *Kamuning* to day.

THE s.s. *Kuala* left Singapore at noon on Saturday the 2nd inst., and may be expected to arrive at the Borneo Company's wharf on Tuesday.

WE regret to have to announce the death of Mr. Yeow Eng Lock at the age of 77, which occurred at his residence in Rajawongse Road on Sunday the 3rd instant at 8 a.m.

He had been serving as Head Cashier to the firm of Messrs. Berli and Co., for about twenty years, and had always proved himself to be an honest and trustworthy man to the firm as well as to all his friends. He leaves a widow and five daughters to mourn his loss.

His remains will be removed to the Straits-Born Chinese Cemetery on Tuesday the 5th instant at 3.30 p.m.

PAIDY REPORT FOR SEPT. 3.

Nasuan 1950 coynas at Tes	81/102 each
Samruang 320 " "	76/80 " "
Namuang 160 " "	74/75 " "
Total Coynas	2630 "
28th August to 3rd September 1916.	
Nasuan	12970 Coynas.
Samruang	4560 " "
Namuang	1180 " "
Total	18,660 "

The Siam Electricity Co.

His Majesty's Reply.

We are now enabled to give the official version of His Majesty's reply to the address of the Siam Electricity Co. on the occasion of the inauguration of the new office building.

His Majesty said,—

Gentlemen,

I am pleased that I have been asked to be present on this occasion of the inauguration of the new office building of the Company. Since the formation of this Company there have always been smooth and friendly relations between my Government and the Company, and during its long period of activity the Company has made it a practice to employ Siamese employees—a fact that causes me much satisfaction. I am also aware of the well known generosity of the Company in its dealings with its old employees, who, as Mr. Grut has just said, are always entitled to their pensions in their old age. For this liberal act, which sets a worthy example, the Chairman and the Directors are to be congratulated. I, therefore, ask you to receive the expression of my thanks and goodwill. When these offices have been duly opened, may the Company enjoy still greater commercial prosperity, which, I feel, would be the means of fostering good friendship between the Siamese and the Europeans who have come to do business in my country. And now I have the pleasure of declaring the new office building of this Company open from henceforth.

British Legation Telegrams.

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

Air Raid on England.

(Official.)

London, Sept. 3.

An attack was made last night on the Eastern Counties and London by a large number of hostile aircrafts than ever previously raided England. Bombs were dropped in widely separated localities. The attack on London was beaten off and one raider was brought down in flames.

Review of War on British Front.

(Unofficial.)

London, Sept. 2.

The Western Front: The week has been one of heavy thunderstorms and a deluge of rain, which greatly hampered our aerial reconnaissance and a tiliary work, and made infantry advance almost impossible. The main theatre of the fighting has been as before on the British flanks, namely East and Northeast of Thiepval and around Guillemont. The French capture of Maurepas enabled the Allies to join hands in the Guillemont theatre. Practically each day saw ground gained in different parts of the front. In particular the ground immediately north of Devil's Wood was cleared. At the end of the week the British left was beyond Pozieres, looking down on Courcellette, the centre north-east of High Wood on Martinpuich, and the right on the village of Fiers. The long uphill fight is nearly over.

The close of the week sees the end of the second month of the battle. The German first line and second line have been taken and difficult ground behind, up to and beyond the crest of the plateau. Prisoners captured by the British from the beginning of the battle from July 1st to August 29th, reached a total of 15,463, including 266 officers, while 86 guns, 180 machine guns, and great quantities of other war material have been taken.

The most satisfactory feature of the recent fighting has been the frequency of German counter-attacks and their utter failure. For example on Saturday August 26th troops of the Prussian guard after heavy bombardment attacked south of Thiepval village and were completely repulsed by the Wiltshire and Worcestershire battalions holding that front. Practically every division of German guards have now been in action in the Somme area and have suffered heavily. It is calculated that a larger total number of German divisions have been engaged since the beginning of the battle than that used in the whole Verdun offensive, and many of them were put in twice. The German use of reserves scraped up from every quarter leads to great confusion of units and much straggling. Judging by the surrenders there is declining heart for the fight and great fatigue among many of the improvised reinforcements. The Germans are now suffering for the first time what the Allies on the Eastern and Western fronts endured in the first year of war.

The Balkan Front.

The entry of Rumania on the Allies'

Cup Football.

Ministry of Justice vs. Mahadleks.

The above match in the semi-finals for the Senior Cup offered by the Football Association of Siam was played on the Suan Dusit grounds yesterday evening. The evening turned out to be very bright and there was a record gathering to witness the game. His Majesty the King was also present.

The game opened with the Ministry of Justice occupying the Club end goal. They made desperate attempts to draw first blood and the ball was kept in the Mahadleks territory and a corner kick taken. Coleby got the ball near about the back line and sent in a stinging shot which luckily for the Mahadleks went into their goal keeper's hands and was cleared. After this Nai Cha Yong, playing right extreme for the Mahadleks, took the ball up cleverly along the outside line and passed to centre where it was put in amidst loud cheers. At the end of the first half the Mahadleks were leading by 2 goals to nil, and it looked very doubtful if the Ministry of Justice were going to break their pace in the next half. During the interval of ten minutes the spectators were kept in good humour by a party of entertainers.

Early in the second half Nai Chuan took up and passed to Coleby who sent the shot wide. Immediately afterwards another chance was given him by Nai Chitr to which he did justice. After eight minutes of up and down play some excitement was caused at the Mahadleks goal when Coleby sent a volley of shots which were neatly saved by Luang Rithi. A corner was then taken by the Ministry which proved of no use. During this time many chances at scoring were missed by the Ministry. The Mahadleks' right wing took the ball up many a time and might have scored had not Nai Sithi cleared the ball again and again to midfield. The Mahadleks persistently brought up and gave long chances of showing himself off. He pluckily went for the ball and cleared in good style. About five minutes before the close of the game the Ministry of Justice were able to make things square. From a good distance a drop kick was put in which entered the goal just below the post. As the match ended in a draw the sides will play again on Wednesday on the same ground. The winners will play the Rua Kot, which is the other team of the three now playing for this Cup. Prince Sithibara was the referee in this match.

side has changed the whole position of the Salonika army. The Bulgarian offensive a fortnight ago occupied at least three-fourths of the Bulgarian army and so protected the Rumanian mobilisation. It was met by a vigorous allied counter offensive which on the left wing and centre has won considerable success. But the real battle is still only in the preliminary stages. The Bulgarian advance towards Kavalla, it should be remembered, is outside the area defended by the allied troops. It is occupation of Greek territory for political purposes and does not represent any military success.

Events of the week have shown no marked advance on any of allied fronts, but their favourable situation has been materially strengthened by dramatic adhesion of Rumania to the side of the Allies.

This adds enormous extension to the line defended by the Central Powers and apart from the influence exercised by the new factor on neighbouring powers, the strategic difficulties of the central nations are thus heavily increased, especially as the Rumanian population of Transylvania shows every inclination to welcome instead of repelling their invader cousins. Against the Rumanians Austria-Hungary has no very efficient forces or fortresses in Transylvania so that at their first movement the Rumanian Armies have advanced brilliantly into the territory of the enemy.

But no less importance must be attached to the moral effect of this news on the part of a neutral nation which has now cast in its lot with the Allies. Nothing could more clearly show a general sense of the winning side. The action of Rumania has been universally received accordingly with anger and depression in Germany and Austria. In Greece the effect has been electric and though in the absence of definite news none can be issued it is evident that the country is in the throes of intense excitement. The Bulgarian incursions into Greek territory on the north were received with suspicious acquiescence by certain circles but have provoked intense hostility among the people, which crystallised into an outbreak of the patriotic league in open defiance of the Government. The Government is meanwhile in a difficult position and the arrival of the allied fleets before Athens in command of the situation has bred a cloud of conflicting rumours as to the purposes of the King and Ministers. The German papers openly confess the belief that Greece will now follow the adhesion of Rumania as indeed appears the general wish of countries. In Germany itself the internal condition of things is growing, as reported grave, and large numbers of German children have been sent to Holland for lack of food to Amsterdam. These met with a very unfriendly reception, owing to

The Sungei Bagan Rubber Co., Ltd.

The following letter has been addressed to the shareholders of the Sungei Bagan Rubber Company, Limited, by Messrs. Barker and Co. the Secretaries.—

"We beg to call your attention to the resolutions set forth in the notice issued herewith which will be proposed at the forthcoming Annual General Meeting of the Company. Should these resolutions be passed immediate steps will be taken to form a separate Company to be called 'The Bagan River Plantation, Limited,' with a Capital of \$300,000 divided into 30,000 shares of \$10 each. Of these 30,000 shares, The Sungei Bagan Rubber Company, Limited, will receive 1,000 fully paid shares in satisfaction of the purchase consideration for 1,000 acres of its land. The balance of 29,000 shares will be offered for subscription in cash to provide the necessary Working Capital.

From Resolution No. 3 it will be seen that this Company proposes to invest \$50,000 of its reserves in the new Company and opportunity will be given to the Shareholders of the Sungei Bagan Rubber Company, Limited, to apply for the remaining shares before they are offered to the public.

Careful estimates have been prepared which show that the new Company should be able to plant up, bring into bearing and fully equip the 1,000 acre Estate for the amount of the Capital proposed. The Estate should, therefore, be brought into bearing and fully equipped at a Capital cost of \$3.00 per acre."

Resolutions to be proposed at the Ordinary General meeting of the Sungei Bagan Rubber Company, Limited, to be held on the 12th September, 1916.—

1. That this meeting approves of the promotion by the Company of a new Company to be formed and registered in Singapore to acquire an area of about 1,000 acres of the Company's uncultivated land, all details as to the proposed new Company and its formation and all proper steps in the matter of the formation to be decided upon and taken by the Directors without reference to the members of this Company.

2. That this meeting approves of the sale by this Company as on a date to be hereafter arranged by the Directors of an area of about 1,000 acres of the Company's uncultivated land to such new Company as is referred to in the above resolution in consideration of the allotment of 1,000 fully paid ordinary shares of \$10 each in such new Company credited as fully paid.

3. That this meeting approves of the investment of \$50,000, forming portion of the Company's Reserve fund or such less sum as the Directors may decide in the subscription for or purchase of fully paid ordinary shares in the said proposed new Company.

The following is an extract of the sixth report of the directors to the shareholders to be presented at the annual meeting of Sept. 12:

The net profit for the period after making due provision for depreciation amounts to \$134,557.40 to which has to be added the balance of \$862.29 brought forward from last Account, making a total of \$135,419.69 available as at 30th June, 1916, less two interim dividends absorbing \$15,000 paid previous to that date.

Your Directors recommend.—That a dividend of 15 per cent. be declared absorbing \$67,500. That a sum of \$15,000 be transferred to reserve. That \$1,200 be allocated to Employees Bonus Fund. That the balance of \$6,719.69 be carried forward to next account.

There has been no change in the cultivated area of the Estate which remains at 680 acres.

The cost of weeding was 85.89 cents per acre per month, against 85.55 cents during the preceding year.

Crop.—The output of dry rubber for the year amount to 190,725 lb. (sale weights) as against 108,867 lbs. (sale weights) in the previous year.

The output for the financial year 1916-17 is estimated at 250,000 lbs. which is regarded as a conservative figure.

the fact that on their caps many were wearing the number of the submarine that sank the Lusitania. When, however, similar arrangements are proposed for the relief of French children in the territory occupied by the Germans, the German Government refused to consent.

The Pope meanwhile protests that he continues working against deportations from occupied France but otherwise is unable to pronounce an open opinion and in the near East universal feeling has been stirred by the Grand Sheriff's proclamation of independence and by the revelation of the outrage perpetrated by the Turks in bombarding Karaba and Mecca and starting a conflagration in the Holy of Holies.

Bucharest, Aug. 27.—It is authoritatively announced the King has summoned representative statesmen of all parties to discuss the situation.

Athens, Aug. 29.—The King is suffering from inflammation of a wound. A small operation was performed yesterday and his Majesty was consequently unable to receive a deputation of Liberals.

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The French Players.

There was a packed house on Saturday night to witness the production by French amateurs of two plays for the benefit of French Charity funds.

His Majesty the King most graciously permitted the use of the Theatre Royal, Dusit Park, and was also pleased to honour the occasion with his presence.

The plays were performed in French but programmes containing a full synopsis of each story, both in Siamese and English, were provided, and the introduction was very much appreciated.

The curtain-raiser "Le Dieu Terme," a comic play in verse by Gabriel Nourd, showed a Roman garden in which Damon, a slave, was condemned to stand motionless through the night in imitation of the stone-god Terminus to whom he had appealed and whose sanctity he had defended. Eglic, the sweetheart of Damon's master Lycas, tries every means to induce him to move, and at last, having confessed his love for her, he does so and they are about to elope together when Lycas and his friends intercept them. Eventually all ends happily and Damon and Eglic are left thanking the God for their good fortune. Naturally the chief work fell to Damon (Monsieur Pradere-Niquet) and Eglic (Madame L. Guyon), and since Damon was forbidden to stir—he might not even unclasp his hands—Eglic was left to give all the movement she could to the scene. The scene itself too was a moonlight one and therefore the actors could not rely much upon their facial expression being visible to the audience, however, both acted very well indeed and carried this somewhat difficult passage through most creditably. Madame Guyon made a graceful and very attractive Roman lady and Monsieur Pradere-Niquet was convincing as the slave. The other two ladies, Fortunata (Madame Laurent) and Chrysis (Madame Ingessels) played their parts well and Gallus (Monsieur de Berg) and Marcus (Monsieur Armand) friends to Lycas (Monsieur Henry Laurent) made the most of their opportunities.

The mounting of this play was distinctly good: the scenery was well painted and set, and the dresses were all of good design and colour. The second play "Le Duc d'Erret-chagay" by Sri Ayudhya, originally written and produced in Siamese under the title of "Nai Indasen," and again in English under the title of "The Earl of Claverhouse," has already been reviewed in these columns and it only remains to say that in its second translation it appeared as popular and as sparkling as in the original.

The parts were all given out with care. Monsieur Paul Petithuguenin was excellent as Simon Bonrdont, the notary: he was steady and convincing throughout—the sort of man that a stage-manager likes to have in his cast. Monsieur Xavier de Laforecade as Monsieur Duval was also very good and Monsieur Laurent most successfully represented the notary's clerk Martin. Monsieur René Pradere-Niquet as Guy de Balibache worked most energetically in his long and rather trying part: there was much speculation as to his supposed age however, his back view, especially that of

his hair, giving the impression of a somewhat aged lady-killer, whilst his agility and tone of voice suggested the younger variety of silly ass. It was really in the first play that Monsieur Pradere-Niquet had, and took, his opportunity as a good actor.

In the small part of Comte de Rocamadour Monsieur René Guyon shone. Nobody could for a moment doubt his statement that Martin was the real duke after all.

Finally amongst the men was Monsieur Niel as Adhemar Duval, the schoolboy. His agility in running about the stage and throwing himself over the arms of chairs brought down the house. His performance was a revelation and he received much deserved applause. If he would be less modest concerning his fund of humour in everyday life he might rival Gilbert's famous judge of the Supreme Court of Appeal who thrilled upon the Bench like a thing of song and gladness and whose series of judgments in French, given audaciously in six eight time, received the honour of a double encore. Incidentally we trust that Adhemar is not setting too high hopes on good results from his photography, the camera was lame, notably on one side and we did not see the shutter withdrawn from the plate-holder.

Of the two ladies in the cast Madame de Laforecade was dignified and pleasing as Madame Melisande Duval and Madame Petithuguenin played the daughter's part with grace and charm. Both ladies deserve sincere congratulations. Finally the useful gardener (in impressive sabots) and Tweedledum and Tweedledee, the footmen (we have forgotten their real names) must be mentioned.

The mounting of this play also was very good, the scenery being practically the same as in the English production, but with regard to this, there being no special difficulties (as there sometimes are with new scenery), it was felt that the intervals were quite unduly prolonged. In one instance the interval was a quarter of an hour longer than the act which it preceded—still these long intervals enabled Madame Petithuguenin to make a good deal of money for the funds by the sale of small medals which before the end of the evening everybody was wearing.

After the plays an excellent supper was provided in the theatre grounds, a good band being in attendance. The whole affair went off exceedingly well from beginning to end and the promoters deserve every felicitation.

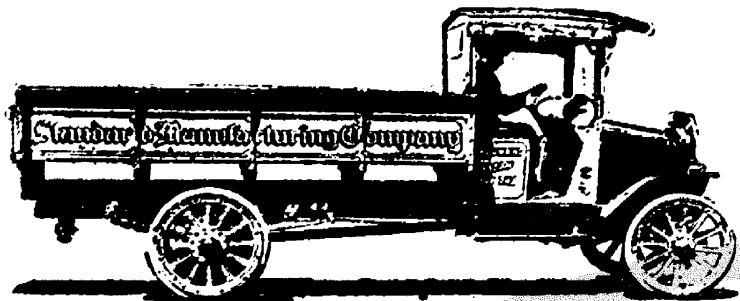
Petrograd, Aug. 28.—A delegation from the Japanese House of Peers visited the Premier and other Ministers and Presidents of the Council of empire and the Duma.

A Japanese military mission has gone to the Imperial headquarters.

London, Aug. 28.—Generals Don-smaisand Mitaxas mentioned yesterday as retired from the Greek General Staff were responsible for the surrender of the forts, including Rmel, to Bulgaria.

Paris, Aug. 28.—The newspapers regard the dismissal hopefully and say these are the first victims of the commencement of the national awakening of Greece.

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A tragedy of the war has been revealed by the death in action of two Scottish officers. They were great personal friends, and they continued such after they had both proposed to and been rejected by the same girl. They were killed on the same day fighting side by side.

It is generally believed in diplomatic circles that as the outcome of the Allies' Paris Economic Conference the Consular Services will be placed on a more satisfactory footing after the war. Great efforts are being made by the various Chambers of Commerce throughout the country to impress upon the Government the vital need for drastic changes in this most important service.

An old stage favourite who has been living in retirement in the country for some years has just set an example to some of the young starred shirkers. Although well over military age, he has been accepted for service through deducting something like a quarter of his years, and is now utilising the energy with which he formerly entertained thestrogons in the stern training of a private.

A well-known City man has had an awkward experience. Requiring some papers which he had placed in one of his coat pockets, he asked his wife to get them. She did; but to her surprise found among them an envelope addressed to a married woman at a seaside resort. The wife, becoming enraged and suspicious of her husband's fidelity, subsequently asked for an explanation. He endeavoured to persuade her that he had been asked to post the letter by a girl at a certain City cafe, who was unable at the moment to leave her work. At first the wife refused to believe the story, but was eventually pacified on the husband opening the envelope and allowing her to read the letter.

A crown which once belonged to the Empress Eugenie has been sold in New York for £40,000.

A proposal has been made for the es-

tablishment of a British Colonial Fleet for the Pacific, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand contributing the ships and personnel to the Fleet under the common flag.

Asked if she were about to remarry a lady prominent in the social world, who recently divorced her husband, replied, "Having been run over once in the matrimonial roadway, it's me for the kerb for some time."

Dr. Max Nordau, the famous scientist, calculates that after the war the European States will have to pay twenty-four billions more than before for interest on their debts not a single penny being included in this sum for sinking funds.

A gentleman visitor to one of the London parks had the foolishness of jumping to conclusions forcibly brought home to him the other day. Seeing a girl apparently plucking the blooms in the Old English garden for which the park is famous, he angrily informed her that the public were not allowed to pick flowers. But the young woman only smiled sweetly, and nonplussed him by replying that she was merely thinning out plants in the course of her duties as a lady gardener recently engaged by the authorities for the duration of the war.

What is likely to happen when two well-known Society ladies fall in love with the same wounded officer, who is an inmate of a nursing home run by a third Society lady? Wait and see.

The many friends in Parliament of Captain Craig, M.P., will be pleased to learn that the latest news in regard to him is much better than was at first reported.

A private in the South African Scottish who was wounded the other day, happened to be placed next to a stretcher with a German on it. Being able to speak the latter's language, the Scot got into conversation. The German had not heard of the Jutland sea fight, nor had he heard that we had captured German South-West Africa. He said they were not allowed to have newspapers sent them, and all references to the war were struck out of their letters from home.

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Mecca.

Mecca, the Grand Sherref of which has just proclaimed Arabian independence of Turkey, has from time immemorial been a "holy place." Long before the time of Muhammad, Mecca was well established in this capacity, and also as a great commercial center. In the heyday of the prosperity of Southern Arabia, the city, surrounded then as now by its inviolable territory, was a great place of pilgrimage, and these seasons of pilgrimage were associated with a series of annual fairs. The Meccan, through all the ages, has taken the fullest trade advantage of the sanctity of his native city. In the days before Muhammad the Meccans were the leaders of the great international trade of Arabia. Their caravans went out in all directions and many of them, especially those traveling to Syria, carried merchandise reckoned at enormous value.

The final triumph of Muhammadanism in Arabia and beyond brought great changes to Mecca. As a sanctuary it secured immensely added prestige, and pilgrimage to Mecca quickly assumed the position of the most sacred ritual observance of Muhammadanism. So great indeed did this pilgrimage become, that it rapidly overshadowed the trading aspects of the meetings and the Meccans, more and more as time went by, devoted themselves to exploiting the pilgrim in preference to any serious attempt at trade.

Mecca itself lies in a sterile valley. In the whole of the sacred territory little or nothing will grow, and not even a date palm shoots up amidst the rock and sand to break the monotony. On all sides are rough hills, intersected by narrow valleys and passes, and beyond them, to the west, is a great mountain wall separating the central plateau from the coast lands of the Red sea. East and west of the city the houses shoulder each other up the hill-sides. They are all built of stone, with terraced roofs and large, projecting windows, a style which has altered but little in a thousand years. And yet Mecca does not convey the idea of great antiquity. The Arab house, which, in any event, does not last long, suffers many things in Mecca by reason of inundations, and so the city is often rebuilding. Everything about it is devised with a view to the coming of the Hajj. No popular holiday resort was ever so crowded as Mecca at the season of pilgrimage, and almost every native Meccan looks to derive something from it. He will let rooms to the Hajj; he will act as his guide and director in the sacred ceremonies; he is a contractor for transport by land or

sea, and he will trade with the pilgrim for anything he has.

The prosperity of Mecca throughout its long history has depended very much on the prosperity or otherwise of the controlling powers of the Muhammadan world. In the days of the Kalifs its wealth knew no bounds. Immense sums of money were spent on the pilgrimage, and on the holy city itself. Thereafter it fell on less prosperous times. The tenth century was one of factions and wars, and in subsequent centuries the struggle between the kings of Egypt, the sultans of the Yemen and other native princes for overlordship of the city awayed back and forth. Supremacy finally rested with Egypt, but in 1517, with the conquest of Egypt by the Turks, this supremacy was transferred to them.

The Ottoman sultans treated Mecca with much favor, and expended much treasure on its adornment, but as their power decayed, the actual power in Mecca tended to vest more and more in the Sherref. During the last quarter of the nineteenth century, the influence of the Sultan of Turkey showed signs of increasing. The completion of a railway from Syria to Hejaz helped largely to this end, and Turkish influence tended to become preponderant in western Arabia. Recent wars, however, have weakened Turkey's hold on her outlying territory and so the Grand Sherref of Mecca, head of a princely house tracing descent from the Prophet, proclaimed the independence of Arabia.—Ex.

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Balkan Turmoil.

Paris, Aug. 28.—An official despatch from Salonika says: Two British monitors and one cruiser on the 25th bombarded Kavalla forts, which have been occupied by the Bulgarians with one exception.

Athens, Aug. 28.—An unconfirmed report has been received that the Bulgarians are operating in the Kavalla region seventy thousand strong, treating the Greek population in a most shameful manner, installing Bulgarian authorities. There are no Germans with the Bulgarians.

Five fierce Bulgarian attacks against Viteron, north-west of Kukurus, were shattered by the Serbian artillery.

Athens, Aug. 28.—The British, French and Russian ministers visited the Premier and enquired how long Greece would passively countenance the Bulgarian advance? They added that the Entente had no military interest to defend Central Thessaly against invaders, as there was no risk of cutting off Salonika, which was supplied from the sea.

Athens, Aug. 27.—General Moschopoulos has been appointed Chief of the General Staff replacing Dousmanis who has been given leave. Colonel Metavas has been given leave. Colonel Metavas has been relieved from his post of Assistant Chief of the General Staff. The changes are highly important.

London, Aug. 27.—A Bulgarian official statement admits three Russian seaplanes dropped bombs on the town and harbour of Varna.

Copenhagen, Aug. 29.—A Berlin telegram says the changes in the Greek commands are regarded as an indication of Greece's intention to join the Entente.

London, Aug. 29.—Signs are multiplying of a profound change of opinion in Greece in favour of the Allies. At Athens M. Venizelos in a speech boldly condemned King Constantine's policy and declared he was the victim of ill informed military authorities and also his own admiration for Germany, through whose victory he hoped for a weaker constitution so as to concentrate power in the monarchy. Thousands were present and cheered.

Copenhagen, Aug. 29.—A Berlin telegram says Rumania's war declaration has come like a thunderbolt, and has caused indescribable consternation and indignation, as the Teuto-Rumanian commercial agreements were signed only a few days previously and lulled everyone into the belief that the storm had blown over and "great quantities of ammunition which the Germans have delivered to Rumania in exchange for grain will now be hurled back at our own heads."

London, Aug. 29.—The Times Bucharest correspondent says that a German division was called out to suppress pro-Rumanian movements in Philippopolis, Yamboli and Stara Zagora. The population attacked the soldiers, who fired killing and wounding many. The position of the Radoslavoff cabinet is critical.

[Philippopolis on the main railway from Sofia to Adrianople; Stara Zagora and Yamboli important towns on the Bulgarian East Railway.]

London, Aug. 30.—The correspondent of the Times at Bucharest says Austrian monitors and batteries bombarded the towns of Verciorova, Turnu-Severing and Ghrzevo. It is rumoured that a coalition ministry will be formed at Bucharest. Vintila Bratiano has been appointed Minister for War succeeding his brother who remains Premier.

London, Aug. 29.—Congratulations have been telegraphed by Viscount Grey to the Italian Foreign Minister on Italy's latest step, and by Mr. Asquith to the Rumanian Premier, saying that Rumania's decision recalls a long standing mutual national friendship.

London, Aug. 29.—The King has telegraphed to the King of Rumania the satisfaction with which the news of the entry into the war of Rumania had been received by himself and the whole nation. He rejoices that the Rumanian army, alongside the Allies, will bring still nearer the approaching triumph of our great cause.

Amsterdam, Aug. 28.—An official issued at Berlin says Rumania's declaration of war was made last evening. The Federal Council was immediately summoned.

Hague, Aug. 28.—A message from Berlin states that the German Ambassador will hand his passports to the Rumanian minister to-day.

London, Aug. 28.—The German official statement prefacing the declaration of war against Rumania states that the latter has declared war against our ally, after disgracefully breaking treaties concluded with Germany and Austria-Hungary.

The declaration has evoked the most jubilant comments in Paris and Rome, where it is described as an historic stroke of justice marking the beginning phase of great tribulation for the enemy.

One of the most important consequences will be the final enclosure of Germany in a most formidable blockade, supplemented by concentric advances on all military fronts. It is pointed out in Rome that the war has returned to its greatest intensity in the Balkans, where it originated and where perhaps it will find a solution. The wisdom of the Allies in holding Salonika is now recognised as a stroke of genius. It is indubitable that Greece is

also bound to come in.

Bucharest, Aug. 28.—The Austro-German legations supported by some prominent pro-Germans, finding pressure on Premier Bratiano futile, tried to provoke dissension between Bratiano and the King but the latter did not respond to this unconstitutional procedure. The concentration of troops was almost completed before the decree announcing mobilisation was issued. The authorities are dismissing alien employees, including many Germans of whom there were a number in the technical services.

London, Aug. 29.—Wheat fell four shillings a quarter in Liverpool on Rumania's declaration of war and closed slightly above the lowest.

Excited Anticipations.
London, Aug. 29.—Rumania's intervention is regarded by the papers as the greatest bull point for the Allies since the beginning of the war. Apart from the military consequences which will probably mean the shortening of the war by many months the moral effect is tremendous. The intervention has fallen on Europe with the force of a final verdict on the war. The fact that Germany is beaten has probably long since been known in Germany to the higher command, but the opinion of the most astute and interested neutral that the German doom is sealed now reveals the facts to the German nation.

The striking military fact is that a large force of fresh, enthusiastic and thoroughly trained and equipped troops is thrown into the struggle at a time and strategic point where they will be very helpful to the Allies. The Austrian report of fighting shows that Hungarian Transylvania is Rumania's immediate objective. The Rumanians here are confronted by the Carpathians, a barrier a hundred miles broad and the conquest may not be rapid, but the operations will immediately improve the strategic situation as the Russian left in Bukovina is now linked up with the Rumanian right while the Entente right flank is now completely in the air. It had previously rested on the Rumanian frontier near the south-west corner of Bukovina. It must now be prolonged for four hundred miles along the Carpathians to the Danube at Verciorova. It has been reported that a large Russian force has been concentrating on the Danube close to the Rumanian frontier and the Iron gate may be again the scene of a struggle as in the time of the Romans.

It remains to be seen which front the Central Empires will denude or whether the German Staff will decide to shorten the fronts by a retreat. Apart from the prospect of the wholesale invasion of Hungary the Rumanians are now able to march to Bulgaria

through Rumania employing important railways and utilising their base at Oltenia.

In this connection an interesting statement comes from Petrograd that Russia has armed and trained very considerable forces of former Austro-Hungarian subjects for use in the Balkans, officered partly by their own and partly by Serbian officers. These have taken the oath of allegiance to the Tsar.

Fighting Begins.
Rumanian troops are already in action. The Austrian communiqué mentions an engagement at Red-tower pass southwest by south of Brasov.

It says: "On the southeastern portion of the eastern Hungarian frontier our new Rumanian enemy exchanged in treacherous surprise the first shots with our frontier posts."

Material Reasons.
Geneva, Aug. 28.—A Vienna telegram says the Rumanian minister delivered his declaration to the Foreign Minister and simultaneously presented a document of grievances such as persecution, and acts of violence against Rumanians by the Dual Monarchy. He states the agreement formerly attaching Rumania to the Triple Alliance ceased to exist from the day when Germany and Austria-Hungary broke the Alliance by forcing the withdrawal of Italy therefrom.

He proceeds to formulate the reasons dictating the entry into the war: firstly, anxiety as to the fate of the Rumanians in Austria-Hungary who are exposed to the risks of war and invasion; secondly, Rumania by intervention believes she can shorten the duration of the world war; thirdly Rumania takes her place alongside the powers which are almost effectively to assist her to realise her national ideal.

The telegram adds that the declaration, though not unexpected, came as a shock and created the most painful excitement in Vienna.

Rome, Aug. 29.—The rejoicings in honour of Rumania included a huge procession which was demonstrated in front of the Legation. The Minister and staff came on the balcony and received an ovation. There were similar demonstrations in all towns in Italy.

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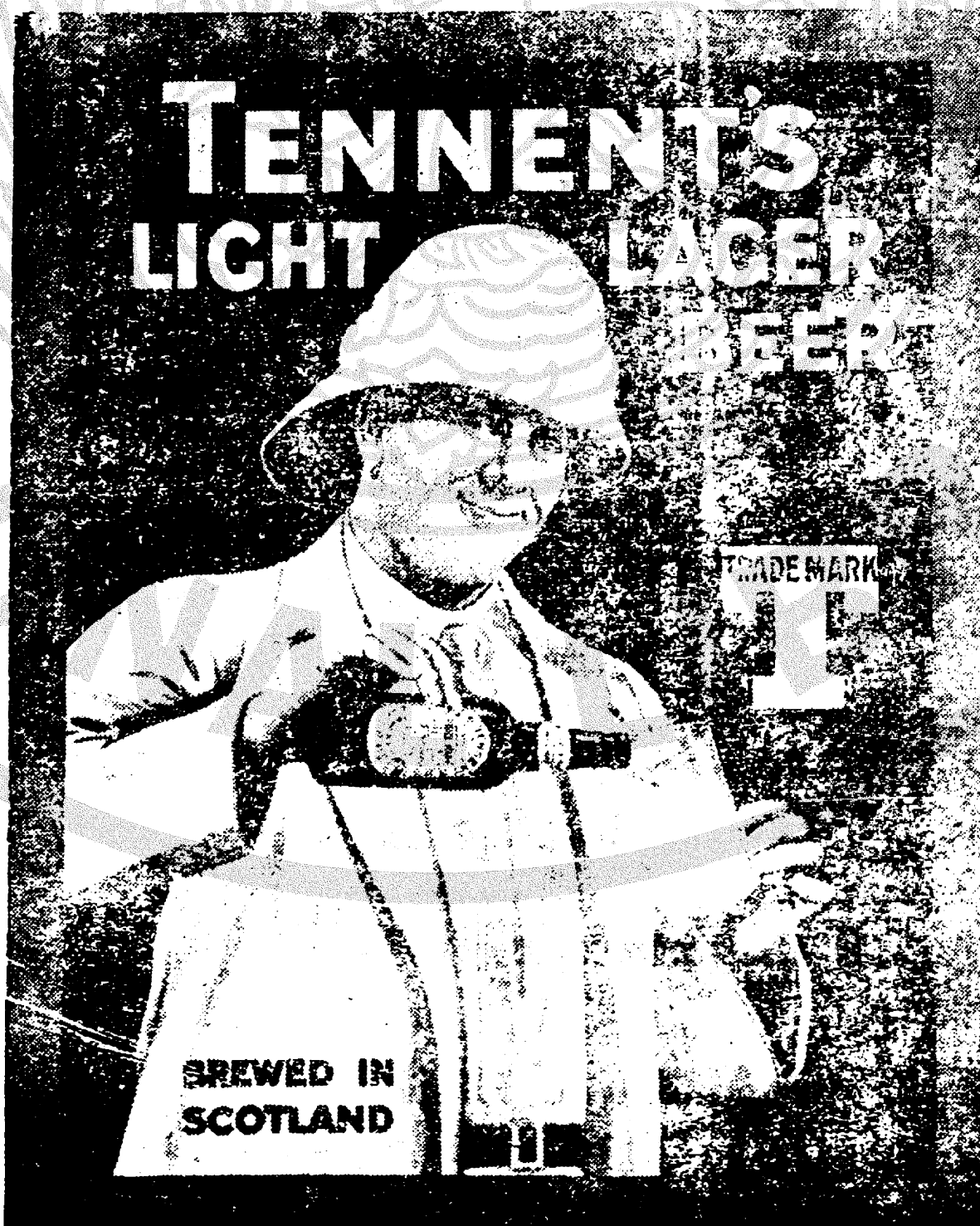
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