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" " " 7	" "Arabia"	July 7
" " " 21	" "Morea"	" 18
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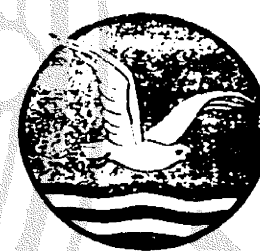
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Aug.	A.M.		P.M.	
	H. W.	Ft. & in.	L. W.	(Approx.)
1	4 30	12 2
2	5 30	12 4
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6	9 30	12 0	4 0	7 0
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22	10 30	11 2	4 0	7 0
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31	6 00	12 9

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27	6 00	14 4
28	6 30	14 4
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30	7 30	14 10	1 0	6 0
31	7 30	14 1	1 0	6 0

PHASES OF THE MOON.
Aug. 7th) First Quarter 3.48 a.m.
" 13th) Full Moon 6.42 p.m.
" 20th) Last Quarter 7.35 p.m.
" 27th) New Moon 0.7 a.m.

From Dutch Sources.

A naval attaché is to be appointed to the Dutch Legation in England.

No member of the Ministry and no private individual in Holland receives the "Batavisch Handelsblad" now that it has been placed on the black list by the British authorities.

A lengthy German communique explains that the provision of foodstuffs both for the population and the cattle has been satisfactorily arranged. The outlook in this respect may be regarded as favourable and all the reports regarding popular demonstrations due to food shortage are fabrications.

The German censorship has forbidden the publication of the resolutions passed by the congress of neutral Socialists at the Hague.

The Kaiser, who is now on the Western front, had a meeting with the Austrian Archduke Frederick at the Austrian General Headquarters.

According to the "Matin" the present Allied offensive is only preliminary to much more extensive operations.

The London correspondent of the "Allgemeine Handelsblatt" denies the German report that any Zeppelins passed over London.

A Turkish communique admits that the Turks have retreated at Ognott. The Russians occupied Kalsbournoff.

The "Novoe Vremya" says that in Petrograd, Paris and London feeling is much more optimistic regarding the possibility of an early peace. Extremely important developments are expected in the field such as will make it feasible to open peace negotiations at once.

Austro-German Losses.

The losses sustained during the past four weeks by the German and Austro-Hungarian armies on the Russian, French, and Italian fronts may safely be estimated at half-a-million men says the "New York Herald" of 6th July.

From June 5th, on which date the first results of the Russian offensive became known, up till last night, the total number of unwounded prisoners taken on the three big fronts, according to actual figures given in the official communiques, was:—

	FRONT.	Losses.
Russian front	233,300	
French-British front	16,200	
Italian front	4,700	
Or a grand total of	254,200	

At the very lowest estimate, the armies of the Central Empires have lost as many men in kill and wounded, so that the total casualties amount roughly, to fifteen army corps of 35,000 men each.

An Australian Success.

London, July 28.—Captain Bean, official press representative with the Australians in France, treats the affair south of Arrmentieres as an attack rather than a raid. He says the troops on the left seized the German front line and passed beyond, to further trenches of the first system. In the centre the Australians carried the whole of the first system and reached more or less open country beyond. On the right the troops had to cross a wider stretch of country between trenches where the Germans were ready with a number of machine-guns. Despite brave efforts our men were able to reach the German trenches only at isolated points. From these they were subsequently driven out. This enabled the Germans to concentrate their fire on the trench captured. They also turned water from its channel down the trenches on the left flank where the Australians were soon waist-high in water. The men endured a tremendous bombardment until the following morning when after eleven hours those retaining a small portion of the German position were ordered to return. By dint of brave work engineers and infantry had managed under heavy shell fire to dig communication trenches to the German trenches. The troops were thus able to fight with losses which were slight when the extraordinary difficulty of the operation is considered. The enemy's shell fire was heavier and more continuous than had ever been known at Gallipoli. Many of the men were untried but bore themselves worthy of Anzac traditions. At last 200 prisoners and several machine-guns were captured and many Germans were killed.

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The Fall of Gorizia.

Rome, Aug. 10.—The capture of Gorizia has caused renewed demonstrations of joy in Italy. The work of the Duke of Aosta's army is especially praised. It crossed the Isonzo, preceded by swarms of cavalry, inflicting heavy losses. They have taken already an additional two thousand prisoners, with much booty. The whole of the Austrian Isonzo line from south of Tolmino to the sea has been captured by the Italians.

The Victorious Rush.

London, Aug. 9.—The Italian offensive had been carefully prepared for weeks and captured at one stroke positions such as Sabotino, Podgora, San Michele and Calavia, which had been contested for a year. The Austrians were completely surprised. The summit of Sabotino is two thousand feet and dominates Gorizia. The southern slopes of the mountain were honey-combed with caverns drilled in the rock by the Italians for months past, each containing a company of infantry. Moreover a tunnel 850 feet long was recently bored to within ninety feet of the Austrian trenches.

Austrians Swept Away.

Eight hundred men from this tunnel opened the attack, supported by men pouring out of caverns. Patches of scrubby undergrowth had previously been fired to deprive the Austrian snipers of cover. The Italians swept through the howling pall of black smoke and carried three lines of trenches in twenty minutes, and a respite on the summit in an hour, and swept down the slopes to the Isonzo, collecting prisoners in droves.

Rome, Aug. 11.—The enemy territory captured by the Italians is twenty kilometres long by five kilometres deep. The fall of Gorizia was certain when the Duke of Aosta's army had stormed the fortified heights west of Gorizia and crossed the bridgeless Isonzo. It is semi-officially emphasized in Rome that the three day's fighting ending in the capture of Gorizia was one of the most important and fiercest onslaughts on fortified positions the war has hitherto seen. The Austrians had especially strengthened Gorizia which they had made a strategic pivot. The rapidity of the Italian success was due not merely to formidable artillery and the determination of the infantry but also to the secrecy of the preparations for attack. The Austrians had exhausted their invasion of the Trentino had exhausted the Italians, but General Cadorna, while maintaining his presence in the Trentino, profited by the inner lines between the Trentino and Isonzo to rapidly transport troops and material

to the Isonzo and launched his offensive at the chosen moment with terrible and irresistible violence.

Undue Optimism Depreciated.

London, Aug. 11.—Undue optimism arising out of the Allies' successes is deprecated. Experts point out that the Italians must still conquer the bulk of the extensive natural fortress before reaching Trieste. The fall of Stanislau, which is cut off from railway communication between enemy armies north and south of the Dniester, is unlikely without severe fighting, though Austria seems reeling towards a collapse Germany not being near to help.

Indian Matters.

London, Aug. 8.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Chamberlain announced that he had suggested to the Government of India to issue rules for safeguarding the movement of troops by rail in the hot weather.

He also stated that illicit traffic in cocaine was causing the Government of India and himself grave anxiety. The drug could be smuggled in many ways, defeating the best conceived regulations.

Mr. Asquith promised to arrange a discussion on Indian affairs if it were generally desired.

The Hospital System.

London, Aug. 7.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Chamberlain stated that the report of the committee of inquiry into the station hospital system for Indian troops would be submitted to the Mesopotamia Commission if they desired.

Sir H. Clark: Did not the committee recommend certain very important additions to the medical equipment of India which have not been carried out?

Mr. Chamberlain: I do not think so. I have not read the report, but I am informed that it referred to peace conditions. Its consideration was suspended owing to the war.

The Shamai Blowing.

Simla, July 23.—The long expected "Shamai" is now blowing and has produced a considerable fall in the temperature. Near Nasiriyah on the Euphrates River, there have been skirmishes between Arab tribes friendly to us, and marauders in the pay of the Turks. Attacks by the latter were repulsed, and they were forced to flee with the loss of fifty camels.

London, Aug. 9.—The death has occurred of Colonel Maffat-Lang.

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15-17



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Phya Chasanya Bodi.

Harbour Master General.

Bangkok 14th August 1916.

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Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that the bridge over Klong Wat Sam Ngam in Pratumwan Road will be closed to traffic on the 13th August 1916 owing to reconstruction. The said bridge will remain closed to traffic until the bridge is completed.

The Local Sanitary Department.

11th August 1916.

11-18

Notice.

Consignees are hereby notified that goods per our m/s "Pangan" direct from Copenhagen, Gothenburg, and Christiania have arrived here in Bangkok on the 16th and will be landed at our wharves on the risk, expense and responsibility of Consignees.

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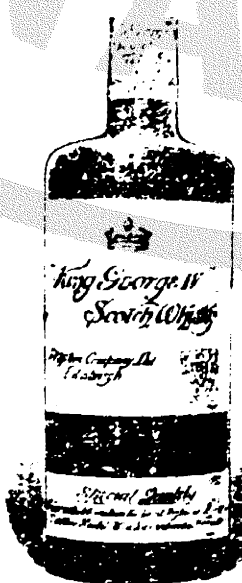
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Great War.

In the Carpathians.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Aug. 16.

Petrograd.—In the Carpathians the Russians have occupied Jablonitz and the towns to the south capturing 1,038 prisoners.

Brilliant Grenade Attacks.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Aug. 16.

Paris.—The communiqué says our artillery was very active on the Somme. We carried by brilliant grenade attacks positions of German trenches on a front of three hundred metres and to a depth of a hundred metres north of Chapellelaine. The enemy's counter-attack was smashed by our curtain of fire.

There has been a violent bombardment at Fleury, Vaux and Chapitre.

King George at the Front.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Aug. 16.

Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters says King George spent a week in France touring the war area. He visited the trenches and his presence evoked extraordinary scenes of enthusiasm. He met King Albert, President Poincaré, General Joffre and other distinguished persons.

British Destroyer Sunk.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Aug. 16.

It is officially announced that the British destroyer Lascow was torpedoed or mined and sunk on the 13th instant off the Dutch coast. Two officers and four men are missing. One officer and 1 man were slightly wounded.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Aug. 15.

London.—The British torpedo destroyer Lascow was sunk by a mine. Six are missing.

The Western Theatre.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Aug. 15.

Today we threw back a German detachment after having penetrated a salient north of the Aisne.

On the right of Meuse we captured elements of trenches on a front of 300 metres and to a depth of 100 metres. We broke down a counter-attack.

The Russian Campaign.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Aug. 15.

Petrograd.—In the region of the Sereth after having dislodged the enemy we crossed the river Thenlouve.

North-west of the Dniester we captured the village of Tumsloboada.

We overthrew the enemy on the left of the Bystritsa Solotonska and took a thousand prisoners.

Items.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Aug. 15.

Marquis de Segur, academicien, is dead.

Rome.—We continued a vigorous pressure on the Carso and took 800 prisoners east of Nallogon.

German Submarine Sunk.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Aug. 15.

London.—It is announced from Copenhagen that a Swedish cruiser sank a German submarine between Stockholm and Skaragard.

PADDY REPORT FOR AUG. 16.

Nasam 1850 coynas at Ten.	86/105	each
Samruang 1050	..	78/85
Namuang 250	..	76/77
Total	Coynas	3160

The Tin Market.

(“S. O.” SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, Aug. 17.

Tin is quoted at \$82.87 1/2.

Good Week for Rubber Shares.

(“S. O.” SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, Aug. 17.

A good week for rubber shares is reported with fluctuations.

The auctions saw a decline in prices all round. Only 201 tons were sold out of 348 tons. The top rice realized was \$115 equal to 23.1 per pound. Sellers were not anxious to meet the market.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

MR. Robert Irwin (American Bible Society) arrived by the s.s. "Andang" yesterday.

THE Jensen and Campbell troupes of Cinema and Variety Artists arrived by the s.s. "Mata Hari" last evening.

It is reported that the Standard Oil Company contemplates the opening up of depots for the sale of petrol in the F. M. S.

For the first time since plague first appeared in the Punjab nineteen years ago the whole province has been declared free of the disease.

THE s.s. "Mata Hari" sails for Singapore via Patani tomorrow afternoon, 18th August, provided rain does not interfere with loading.

THE following passengers are leaving by the s.s. "Kalong" tomorrow:—Mr. G. Nesbitt, Mr. E. P. Brownlow, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Story and Mr. Jensen.

WE are informed that the two goldings that came along with the batch of griffins yesterday were not for Mr. R. Prince Kambang Bejra but for Mr. A. C. Warwick himself.

DESPATCHES from Rome state that considerable damage has been done by the eruption of Stromboli. The stream of lava following the eruption has reached an inhabited region near the volcano and has destroyed several houses.

KOERFOUDA, on the Red Sea, the port of the district of Asair, between Hadjaz and Yemen, has capitulated to a British naval force. Its garrison of 8 officers and 150 men has been evacuated by sea, and Shukh Idris, flag now flies over the port.

IN the House of Commons Mr. McKenna said that "deducting 800 millions advanced to our Allies and the Dominions, our total indebtedness in March 1917, he estimated, would be 2,640 millions which was less than a year's national income. We were able to maintain our credit, however long the war lasted."

It is understood that Dr. Sun Yat Sen has been invited by President Li Yuan hung to Peking and the former has replied that he will soon leave for the North. President Li has instructed the Ministry of Communication to prepare a special train for Dr. Sun and the Ministry of Interior has been ordered to renovate the Wa'chiaopt new reception building in expectation of Dr. Sun's arrival.

Railway Traffic Receipts.

Month of July.

Broad gauge (914 km.)

Approximate

Year 2459

Year 2458.

Passengers

165000

176321

Goods

148000

139030

Others

7050

13151

Total

320050

329002

Total from April

to July 1916.

1654109

1664846

Letters for East Africa.

Simla, July 28.—Intimation has been received that the German authorities in German East Africa have notified their willingness to receive any letters or parcels of clothing that may be sent for them. The letters will be strictly censored, and should be confined to social matters. All such letters and parcels should be addressed care of Director of Field Post Office, East African Expeditionary Force.

Suppressing Opium Smuggling.

London, Aug. 7.—A Chinese sailor has been fined fifty pounds with the alternative of three months imprisonment in Glasgow, for attempting to smuggle opium. The procurator fiscal said that the authorities regarded opium smuggling as an extremely grave matter. The shipping trade was also anxious to suppress owing to the heavy fines on ships carrying opium. Several other opium prosecutions are pending in Glasgow.

The Appeal Court.

The full Appeal Court sat this morning to hear arguments in the case in which Luang Satharn Pitaka is charged under two counts (1) with aiding and abetting Ai Lye to stab and kill Amdeng Kwan and her daughter and (2) with aiding Ai Lye in order that he may escape punishment. The Criminal Court had acquitted accused and the Krom Ayakarn appealed against this judgment. The Attorney General addressed the Court for the prosecution and Nai On replied for the accused. The Court adjourned for judgment.

News From Udaidhani.

The paddy crop appears likely to prove a bumper one. With continuous rain the young paddy is thriving well. Crime of a serious order is not known, though petty offences prevail. A case of some importance in which an Ayakarn is charged with shooting in the course of an arrest is creating some importance and Phra Athani, the Palat Krom Ayakarn from Bangkok has been up for the preliminary proceedings.

The public road about 30 sams in length is in good up keep and petty traders are doing a fair business. At night however the roads are not lighted up as the Sanitary Act is not put in force here yet. The Governor, Phya Pichai Sunthorn, is away with the Minister of the Interior on tour and Luang In Sansang is acting. The prisoners working in Public Works are well treated and it is said there are only ninety prisoners in the gaol at the present time.

Calcutta Turf Club.

Unpopular Innovations.

Calcutta, July 31.—That the Turf Club has gone right against public opinion in its new betting rules was only too evident at the first day of the Monsoon meeting, when the Club came in for wholesale condemnation by all sections. As is now well-known the minimum between the bookmakers in the chief enclosure has been fixed at Rs. 30, while place bets also 16s. 30 or over, must be accompanied by a bet to win, which means a minimum "each way" investment must be Rs. 60. If the one object, as alleged, at the Calcutta Turf Club is to crush the bookmakers out of existence, it can be said to have made a very good start. Hundreds of small native punters went to the second enclosure instead, with the result that bookmakers in the main ring had the idlest afternoon they have had for many a day. The majority issued only one tenth of the number of betting tickets they are accustomed to doing. The chief grievance, however, is against the rule which enforces a win bet with a place bet. If the stewards persist in this they will be open to a charge of obstinacy, since they must by now be convinced that here a big blunder has been made. The stewards have frequently shown indifference to the criticism of those to whom racing is a profession, but the whole racing public is up in arms in this instance.

Spain and Portugal.

Badajoz, June 29.—Encouraged by their success in embroiling Mexico and the United States, the Germans are working now to make trouble between Spain and Portugal. In this they are playing for a great stake, and although they are not likely to succeed, the danger must not be entirely ignored. There is no doubt that the Spaniards are not pleased with the Portuguese.

The entry of Portugal into the war was resented by the Spaniards for several reasons, but chiefly because it brought the war zone uncomfortably near to Spanish territory. On the declaration of war some thousands of Germans were turned out of Portugal into Spain with very little ceremony, and these have been busy ever since in exciting Spanish animosity and suspicion against their neighbour.

The thing has been cleverly managed. A few weeks ago the Germanophile Press announced that 3,000 motor lorries from England and America were concentrated near the Portuguese frontier and that eight Portuguese divisions were busy preparing for war. It was then stated that England had asked permission to transport Portuguese troops across Spanish territory to France, with the design of violating Spanish neutrality. One night it was rumoured that there had been a fight on the Portuguese frontier between Spaniards and Portuguese. The rumours were officially denied, but they have occurred at frequent intervals and had been so cleverly fomented as to cause a certain feeling of nervousness even in military and official circles.

To put an end to this unnecessary alarm the Portuguese invited the Spanish Government to send a military commission to see and report upon what was actually being done. The Commission went and discovered that a single division had been mobilized and that it was training at Tancos, some 80 miles from the frontier. The alarm therefore, has subsided for the present. But it may recur, for German influence is busy both in the Press and in society in making Spaniards' flesh creep at the idea of a Portuguese invasion.

The Griffins.

The result of the vetting disqualified one stallion for unsoundness. Both the geldings for over height and over age. Three mares, one for over age and two for unsoundness. The remainder 18 mares and 5 stallions were drawn for as follows:—

Stallions.—Royal Stables three, Madame Bhianuloke one, Mr. V. L. one and Nai Cha Yong one.

Mares.—Mr. V. L. 2, Messrs. Steven and Brighouse 1, Nai Riem 1, Mrs. Graham 1, Luang Sunthorn Kow 2, Mom Chow Vibhyla 1, Mr. J. F. G. Tilaka 1, Phya Arthakara 1, Mr. W. G. Johnson 2, Royal Stables 1, Nai Dit Bunag 1, Madame Bhianuloke 1, Phya Kathathorn 1, Nai Cha Yong 1, and the Club 1. The rejected horses were sold by auction as follows:—1 mare Phya Arthakara Tcs. 210, gelding Mr. Powell Ticals 350, 1 stallion Phya Arthakara Ticals 160, 1 mare Luang Sunthorn Kow Ticals 300, 1 gelding Mr. Warwick Ticals 450, and 1 mare Ticals 210 Mr. V. L.

The Club griffin was raffled for 500 Tical (50 tickets at 10 Ticals) and was won by Mr. E. Leth, who sold it immediately by auction, realizing Ticals 380.

The "Monte de Piedad."

Mexico has in its capital city the "Monte de Piedad," one of the most unique charities of the world. It is a gigantic pawnshop founded more than a century ago by the Count of Regla with a capital of £60,000. About 75 per cent. of the value of the pledge will be loaned. For seven months the pledge is kept, when, if the interest is not paid, the article is offered for sale at a fixed price, and after another five months is sold by auction. Should the auctioneer be sufficiently successful and realise for the article a greater amount than the total of the loan and interest, the excess is credited to the owners or his heirs and is kept at their disposal for a century, after which it reverts to the institution. It has been an entire success: its capital has more than doubled, and branches are operated both in the capital and other cities in the country.

Keeping Cool at Salonika.

The daily activity of the artillery on the frontier was diversified by an attempted German aeroplane attack on the French positions south of Durrës. One of the enemy machines which came under the fire of the French anti-aircraft batteries was brought down and fell in flames near the lake, says Mr. G. Ward Price.

The rather novel idea of a summer holiday for the troops in the 6-11 is being realized by the French during the prevailing heat, which, in treeless Macedonia, is very severely felt. Officers commanding units which are away from the frontier are ordered to arrange for ten men to have ten days' suspension of work, so that, while remaining, of course, with their regiments, in turn will be allowed to knock off for that length of time and to live under conditions of agreeable repose, reading novels, smoking cigarettes, and playing cards, as if they are staying at a holiday camp in peace time. With proper organization the work of the various units will be carried on just the same, and there is no doubt that the measure will greatly benefit the health of the men.

It is an insidious characteristic of the climate of Salonika that in a hot summer like this it has most of the characteristics of the tropics, but, owing to its being situated in Europe, life is organized as if nothing more torrid were to be expected than an English June. Sun-helmets, smoked spectacles, goggles, and light drill clothes have all had to be adopted as the thermometer has climbed relentlessly higher.

The troops are authorized now to do all work in shirt-sleeves, and shorts, and though it seemed curious at first too see even sergeant-majors with collarless grey shirts wide open at the neck and the badges of their rank taken off their tunics and loosely tacked on to the arm, the effect on the whole is quite workmanlike.

For the troops at the base there is a great compensation in this weather in sea-bathing. The waters of this Gdless Gulf, after receiving the refuse of scores of transports and warships for eight or nine months, make the Thames of Vindwich quite pellucid in comparison, but nevertheless the sea every afternoon has a pink fringe of bathing Tommy's.

Up-country men have in many places dug small plunge baths alongside the fast-flowing streams, for the cleanliness of the English soldiers is inveterate and is the standing marvel of the native people, whose personal ablutions often cease entirely with the bath given them at baptism. Lucky are the troops stationed near fresh cool waters.

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Clever Variety Artists.

"The What Nots," a clever company of variety artists, arrived by the S. Mata Hari yesterday and are making arrangements to give a series of performances in Bangkok. According to Press notices the company includes among others a well-known magician and illusionist in the person of Mr. Renville Roberty, Miss Irene Beryl, a famous dancer, and the Warleya, sketch artists and dancers. The "Straits Times" says the entertainment was one of the best of its kind seen in Singapore. There are most clever items in the programme, which is well worth seeing, not only as to the mystery but as to several good vaudeville turns with catchy songs and dances. The Press in India say: "We have had many magicians with glaring posters and tons of property, but somehow or other they have never attained the popularity that Roberty has. Miss Irene Beryl is charming and as to versatility, she has no equal this side of the globe."

Captain Fryatt.

German Officer's Story.

The war correspondent of the Berlin "Lokalanzeiger" relates that while visiting Zebrugge he had a conversation with the naval lieutenant who brought in the Harwich liner Brussels. Questioned about the capture of the steamer, the lieutenant said:—

"We had been on patrol duty on June 23rd. The following day at 2.20 in the morning we saw a black vessel only with the apparent object of giving the appearance of being a sailing vessel. Later we asked: 'Are you the Brussels?' and soon the warning came: 'We shall board you.'"

The Brussels obeyed the summons. I and two men went on board. One of the men at once made the wireless apparatus unworkable, whereupon, after taking off my cap and disclosing my identity, I declared the vessel to be a German prize."

As many Belgians were on board, the lieutenant ordered all the men to board the German destroyer, with the exception of the engine crew. The German prize crew consisted of three non-commissioned officers, five soldiers, and six stokers. According to the lieutenant, the captain of the Brussels was determined to delay the vessel as much as possible, because, soon the report reached the lieutenant, that no stokers could be found. It was soon established that most of them had left the Brussels and had gone aboard the German destroyer.

"Time flew," said the lieutenant. "The danger was increasing that British vessels would arrive." Then the German lieutenant pointed a revolver at the captain, Charles Fryatt. "Obtain the men," he ordered. Three stokers then came forward, and the captain remarked that he had also had twenty-four Russians. These were all sent to the engine-room.

In spite of all the efforts of the German engineer the vessel did not move, until finally the lieutenant said to him through the speaking tube: "Do what you can. If the British come in sight we shall blow up the vessel."

Slowly the vessel moved. Four boilers with twelve fires were working. At last the Brussels, ran at fifteen knots an hour. Captain Fryatt appeared on the bridge and asked what course the vessel was steaming.

He suggested a course towards the Noord Hinder. Many incidents occurred during the voyage. "The electric light failed, but that was repaired. Smoke appeared on the horizon, and the course was altered. Then the machines ran full of water, but this also stopped. On reaching the Schouwen Bank the German flag was hoisted at the masthead. The captain was placed under arrest, and the Brussels passed the outgoing mailboat."

The "Telegraaf" publishes a report from Bruges giving an account of the capture of the Great Eastern steamer Brussels, by German torpedo-boats. The Germans on boarding the steamer, drew their revolvers and behaved with conspicuous brutality especially towards the women, though no opposition was offered. They put on board, amid insults, some 31 Russian prisoners of war. These were afterwards lodged in the Bruges Gaol.

The British flag was hoisted down and the German flag hoisted in its place amid shouts of applause and laughter.

Subsequently, when the Brussels was taken into Ostend Harbour, crowds of German sailors cheered the advent of the German prize, and the passengers were forced to allow themselves to be photographed. Soon after this the Brussels, steamed into Zebrugge, where she is lying up and being fitted with a machine-gun.—E.C.

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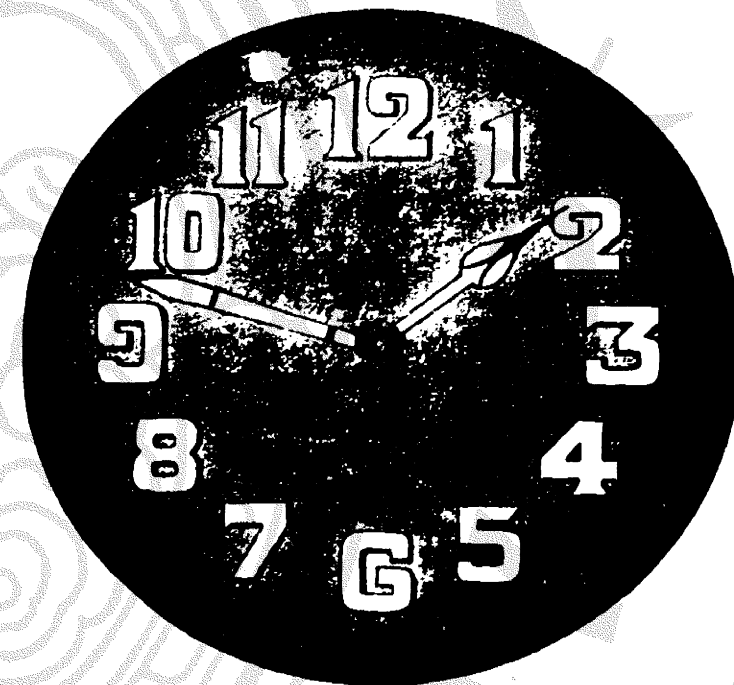
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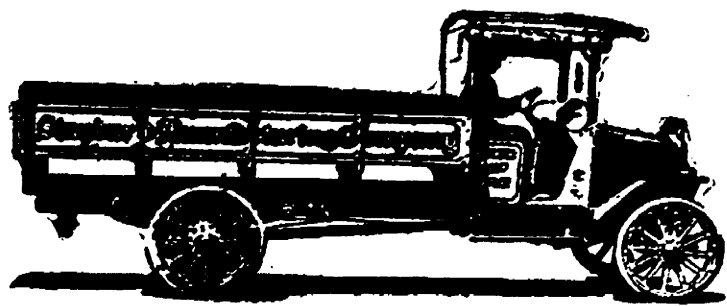
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Terrible Losses Admitted.

London, Aug. 8.—Special despatches describing the last phase of the Turkish attack on Egypt show that all German tricks failed. A Turkish officer captured admitted that our machine guns were terrible and cut down men like reaping corn. He marvelled that any escaped. The Turks scattered far and wide in small parties. The brunt of the fighting was borne by mounted Anzacs who have done splendidly.

Clearing the Battlefield.

London, Aug. 8.—General Murray reports that mounted troops are in contact with the Turkish rearguards six miles east of Katia, where the enemy was entrenched at the beginning of his advance. The work of clearing the battlefield is proceeding. A quantity of rifles and other war material has been brought in. So far two hundred enemy dead have been buried in the area over which our counter-attack passed on Aug. 4. An aeroplane bomb attack on Port Said and Suez did little damage and caused only slight casualties.

The King's Tribute.

Cairo, Aug. 9.—The Turks advanced at Romani in massed formation at some points, calling out in English to the Australians to surrender. They were met by a devastating machine gun fire. It is stated that the Turks suffered so terribly from thirst that they killed their camels and drank their blood.

Cairo, Aug. 9.—The King has telegraphed to General Murray his appreciation of the brilliant success won in the hot season in desert country.

London, Aug. 9.—Gen. Sir Archibald Murray reports that the pursuit of the enemy in the Katia district continues. The Turkish rearguard has been pressed back northward and westward, while southward a dashing attack by the Imperial Camel Corps drove them out of their entrenchments. We took more prisoners.

The enemy rearguard has now retired to a line north and south of Bir el-Abd, fifteen miles east of Katia.

Labour Minister Resigns.

London, Aug. 8.—Mr. Henderson has resigned. The resignation does not mean trouble in the Ministry. He has resigned simply because his Labour Party work prevents him devoting sufficient time to the Board of Education.

Later.—It is understood that Mr. Henderson remains in the Cabinet as Labour Adviser.

London, Aug. 9.—It is expected that Lord Crewe will be the new Minister for Education.

"Perfect Unity."

London, Aug. 8.—The French War Minister, replying to Mr. Lloyd George's messages on the occasion of the second anniversary of the war, says: The decisive battles are progressing. We are attacking the enemy in perfect unity at the moment selected by us. The enemy will soon see his dream of domination vanish and will have to fall back on every front.

Rome, Aug. 9.—Mr. Rancinan has arrived in Italy for the purpose of discussing Anglo-Italian economic questions.

London, Aug. 9.—The Anglo-Russian agreement for military organisation will be effected in Northern Persia by the development of the Persian Brigade, in Southern Persia by the formation of sufficiently strong contingents.

Portugal to Fight.

Lisbon, Aug. 8.—At an extraordinary session of Congress, Sr Costa, Minister for Finance, and Sr Soares, Minister for Foreign Affairs, narrated the results of their visit to London whence they had just returned. The Premier in an incisive speech extolled the Allies and spoke in favour of Portuguese participation in the war. A resolution was adopted approving of what the Ministers had done in London.

Later, amid cheers for Great Britain and the Allies, an extraordinary sitting of the Portuguese Congress resolved to accept the British invitation to participate in the war in Europe.

The German Losses.

London, July 21.—During the German efforts to re-take Montauban, captured by the British troops, a half division of the enemy, equal to about 6,000 men, was practically wiped out while advancing in massed formation to counter-attack.

A convoy of 3,000 German prisoners arrived at Southampton. The majority of them are either very young or elderly, and compare very unfavourably with the type of German prisoners taken during the earlier stages of the war. Most of the prisoners belong to units drafted hastily from other parts of the front to meet the Allied offensive.

Prisoners of the 109th Regiment had in their possession copies of a proclamation announcing that a British attack was expected for July 1, between Roye and Lille, which shows that the plans of the Allied commanders had not leaked out to the enemy.

In the House of Commons Major Baird, representing the Air Committee, stated that some time ago a new German Fokker aeroplane grounded by error behind the British lines, the pilot having lost his way.

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"Great Doings in August."

London, July 28.—Wounded soldiers arriving at Southampton after the weekend fighting on the Pozieres-Longueval line state that it was the hottest yet experienced. A French officer from Verdun admitted this. All are confident of ultimate victory. One senior officer said: "Our men look for great doings in August. They are out for victory in real earnest. The Germans have to go back, and they have to be beaten back foot by foot. The enemy has his back to the wall, and is pouring in his resources in men, guns, and ammunition. Our casualties are a good deal less wholesale than I thought they would be. As long as things go as they have gone for the last three weeks, there is nothing to worry about in our casualties. They are all well paid for."

British Perseverance.

London, July 28.—It is officially announced in Paris that the German losses in the Somme region are known to be exceedingly heavy. A fairly large number of units were sent to the rear to be reconstituted, and were reinforced only with difficulty. Many returned far from complete, three battalions without any reinforcements. The French are taking a remarkable interest in the British fighting, recognising that the Germans are making their greatest efforts against our advance on the Somme. The Germans, they say, are beginning to appreciate our fighting keenness. They may delay us, but are powerless to hold us. The progress of the British, if slow, is constant. It is this perseverance, checked neither by losses in men nor by the terrible difficulty of advancing in the face of intense machine gun fire, that terrifies the Germans.

German Diarist's Disclosures.

The commander of the 16th Bavarian Infantry has been captured with his diary covering the first eleven days of the British offensive. Early in the movement, says the diarist, the assistant battalion commander made a statement on the situation. "After a very intense bombardment of the entire second line the expected English offensive has begun with an overwhelming superiority of artillery. The English have maintained, for eight days, an infernally violent bombardment with the heaviest guns and have set fire to the Prussian hamlets for fifteen to twenty kilometers behind our line. The Prussians holding the line south of Mametz to Montauban have, for the most part, been shot to pieces." Then follows a passage, which some papers interpret as meaning that the Germans were about to attack with 22 to 25 divisions on a narrow front, when they were anticipated by the Allied offensive. But the passage is obscure, and may mean that this was the German estimate of the British concentration. The statement goes on to describe the 6th Bavarian Reserve Regiment's loss of 3,000 out of 3,500 men. An entry, dated 3rd

The British in France.

Germans Prepared for Retreat.

London, Aug. 10.—Sir Douglas Haig's communiqué says that the British have further progressed northwest of Pozieres.

Here we gained all our local objectives which we are consolidating.

We raided a sap south of Arras. The enemy unsuccessfully attempted a raid on our trenches north-west of Halluch.

London, Aug. 11.—General Sir Douglas Haig says in his communiqué: The position is unchanged. Enemy parties advancing to the south of Martinpuich have been repelled.

French mortars and maxims repulsed the enemy raiders at Martinpuich, and no attack was developed. Our aeroplanes continued to bomb the enemy billets at other points of military importance, several enemy machines were driven down in hostile territory during the course of many aerial combats yesterday. Three of ours have not returned.

Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters says that we possess evidence that the Germans had prepared plans for a retreat in the middle of June. It is pointed out that this apparently explains the sudden military measures taken in Holland then, as the Germans would possibly have retreated the shortest way across the Dutch Province of Limburg.

Paris, Aug. 11.—The approach to the Guillemont scene marks an epic struggle. A vigorous British attack was barred by Brandenburgers for six hours. A hand to hand combat ensued at the end whereof the enemy resistance was appreciably weakened. The British advanced towards the village and reached the first house by nightfall, fighting continuously. Meanwhile the French diverted the enemy contingents adjacent to Guillemont. The progress made enabled them to menace and bombard the village from three sides. The enemy still remaining are unlikely to hold out for long.

Offensive on Isonzo.

London, Aug. 9.—There are rejoicings in Italy on the success of the Italian offensive, which began on Aug. 4 with a terrific bombardment of the whole Isonzo front, pulverising rocks and disintegrating the Austrian defences into the ravines below. The Bersaglieri opened the infantry attack, climbing the rocks and precipices, and capturing the first and second lines of the enemy, who fled panic-stricken. Fighting was fiercest in the Gorizia and Montebello sectors, where the Hungarians and Croats refused to surrender and were surrounded. The attack is progressing along a front of sixty-two miles.

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July, says that two of the diarist's battalions which were attacking complained that the artillery support was insufficient, and they were obliged to break off the attack to escape annihilation.



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Police and Crime.

(Continued from Yesterday)

The following is the rest of Mr. Shelley Thompson's reply to "Progress" in the Pinang Gazette:

Regarding police protection. In the capital there is an ample force of police, and gendarmes, together with the large towns. In the outlying districts, the country is sparsely populated, and the dwellings far apart, but in spite of this the country is well patrolled by gendarmes, who are an efficient and highly disciplined force.

The following would be a scathing indictment, if true:—"Gang robbers are common, prosecutions are the exception, and if convicted punishment is not severe, consequently there is very little security for life and property." Gang robbers only become such after committing the offence; and gang robbers are still gang robbers whether they are in the inside or on the outside of a gaol; and "Progress" does not say whether the individuals he mentions are in or out. Perhaps "Progress" really meant to say "Gang robberies are common." If prosecutions are rare, then how comes "Progress" to know that gang robberies are common? Is he personally acquainted with the individuals who have, in the estimation of "Progress" deserved punishment? I challenge "Progress" to give particulars:—(1) The names of the alleged gang robbers, if he is acquainted with them, or (2) the names of the places, or dates, when these alleged robberies are said to have taken place. Then again the punishment for gang robbers is regulated by the Penal Code. Where gang robbery is committed without bodily harm, the punishment is two to seven years, and a fine of one hundred to one thousand ricals (Sec. 298). Where bodily harm is caused, and any of the party carry arms, the punishment is ten to fifteen years (Sec. 301). Where grievous bodily harm is caused then the punishment is imprisonment for life, or for a period of fifteen to twenty years (Sec. 301, s.s. b.). If death ensues then the punishment awarded is death (Sec. 301, s.s. c.) If, in the opinion of "Progress" this punishment is not severe, it would be interesting to learn what in his opinion, is a severe sentence.

Then the statement that "the Government Offices are not adequately provided with plans, and there is a shortage of surveyors." In the proper Department in every province there are plenty of good plans, and the officials are only too anxious to give every assistance in their power to intending

miners. Another thing, in every Department the principal officials speak English, that is, the Siamese have learnt a second language to assist the foreigner. There is a large and efficient body of surveyors in each province, able and willing to do their work.

Then almost the last jibe—"It is a common thing to call at a Government Office during office hours and be told that the official you want to meet is asleep, and that you must come tomorrow." I challenge "Progress" to give the name of the Government Office, Government official, place, date, in any part of Siam, where either he or any other person has at any time been told that the official he wanted to meet was asleep.

It is quite possible that some land is not open for mining, some land is marked out for other purposes, and surely the Siamese Government is to be allowed to use some of their own land for their own purposes. To say that officially the land is not open for mining, but that it practically is, is difficult to understand. Does "Progress" mean that certain individuals are secretly mining land unknown to the officials? The many complaints of "Progress" have been dealt with I trust both to his satisfaction, and your readers.

In no country in the world are the rights of aliens more closely guarded than in Siam. The Chinese have their own protectors, and they have equal rights with the Siamese. British and French subjects have lawyers of their own countries on the bench in any issue where they may be plaintiffs, prosecutors, defendants, or prisoners, who, acting under treaty, are there to see Justice administered, and one is struck with honest endeavour on the part of the Siamese Judges to give and administer Justice.

The Government.

There is no class distinction in Siam, such as we know it in Europe; the position of the highest Minister is in the reach of the peasant. The system of government is patriarchal, the King being a father to his people. His Vice-roy, Lords-Lieutenant, and Governors can be approached by the most lowly subject, and received by them in the spirit of brotherhood. The King, as the father of his people has instituted a National Propaganda, and in the Month of Paket alone, the Lord-Lieutenant, Puya Surindrajit is evincing a feverish activity in the interest of the country and his people. To talk to him is to talk to an enthusiast, and the same activity extends to the Governor, the Directors of Education, and in fact all the officials. The first care of the King's Lieutenants is the upbringing and education of the children. Most of the leading officials had been educated

in Europe, and have returned with the one desire—to apply what is good in their training towards the advancement of their country and people. In less than a generation, Siam will reap the fruits of their labours, and even now their are rumours of legislation calculated to improve the position of their alien labouring population in matters where, at the moment, the Government has practically no power, but in the interests of humanity, they will undoubtedly take powers.

In my opinion, Siam has now little more to learn from other countries. For a generation, at least, Siamese students have been sent to Europe, and on their return have divided their knowledge into two parts, viz:—the wheat and chaff. The wheat they have adopted and the chaff they discarded. Siam has had a great past, and will have a great future. The King and his officers are working in their own way, the manner best understood by themselves and their people, for the benefit of their beloved country.

Imbued with a knowledge of the history of their own country, now being taught in the schools, filled with patriotism, and National sentiment and pride, the country of Siam under its present and similar leaders will go far. The success of the present administration will be proved by its results.

What Siam needs is sympathy, and it is not to be expected that a country recently opened up should be quite as efficient as a European civilization going back for centuries. I am sure that Siam would appreciate, and does appreciate kindly criticism, in fact, asks for it, and the officials are only too anxious to add to their existing methods anything of benefit or to take away from their methods anything of detriment; but this criticism must be made in the true spirit of progress, not an uncalculated, and untrue attack similar to that made under the pseudonym of "Progress." If your correspondent "Progress" thinks he can substantiate any of the charges of incompetency, and inefficiency he has thought to level against an administration, let him come into the light of day under his true name, and repeat his charges. Packet, July 24th.

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London, Aug. 9.—In the House of Commons, Lord Robert Cecil said that notwithstanding repeated inquiries through the United States Embassy the Government was unable to ascertain the whereabouts of the Kut prisoners. The failure of the Porte to reply was most unsatisfactory and inspired considerable misgivings, as the prisoners were compelled to cross desert at this season of the year.

Mr. Chamberlain said that the wives and children of the Territorials who died in the troop train will be granted the same rates of pension as if the men had been killed in action. He had proposed to the Army Council that the cases of non Territorials should be treated similarly.

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