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DEPTH OF WATER ON THE
BANGKOK BAR.
FOR OCTOBER 1917.

Oct.	A.M.			
	H. W.	Ft. & in.	L. W.	(Approx.)
1	5 00	12 6	11-12	6-0
2	5 00	13 0	11-12	6-0
3	6 00	13 3	...	...
4	6 30	13 2	1-0	7-0
5	7 30	13 2	1-2	7-0
6	8 30	13 2	1-2	7-0
7	9 00	13 0	2-3	6-0
8	10 00	12 10	3-4	6-0
9	11 00	12 2	4-5	6-0
10	...	...	5-6	6-0
11	...	...	6-7	6-0
12	...	...	6-7	6-7
13	...	...	6-7	6-7
14	3 00	12 0	8-9	6-7
15	3 30	12 0	10-11	6-7
16	4 00	12 6	11-12	6-7
17	5 00	13 0	11-12	6-7
18	6 00	13 0	12 0	6-0
19	6 30	14 4	12 0	7-0
20	7 00	14 4	1-0	7-0
21	8 00	14 5	1-2	6-7
22	9 00	14 0	2-3	6-7
23	10 00	13 9	3-4	6-7
24	11 00	12 8	4-5	6-7
25	...	...	6-7	6-7
26	...	...	7-8	6-7
27	...	...	8-9	6-7
28	2 00	10 9	9-10	6-7
29	3 00	12 6	9-10	6-7
30	4 00	13 0	10-11	7-0
31	5 00	13 9	11-12	7-0

Oct.	P.M.			
	H. W.	Ft. & in.	L. W.	(Approx.)
1	6 00	15 0	...	...
2	6 30	15 0	...	...
3	7 00	14 9	1-0	7-0
4	7 00	14 3	1-0	7-0
5	7 00	14 1	1-2	7-0
6	7 00	13 10	...	...
7	7 00	13 4	...	...
8	7 30	13 4	...	...
9	7 30	13 0	...	...
10	6 00	13 2	...	...
11	4 00	13 10	...	...
12	4 00	14 4	...	...
13	5 00	14 6	...	...
14	5 00	14 8	...	...
15	5 30	14 9	...	...
16	6 00	14 9	...	...
17	6 00	14 9	...	...
18	6 30	14 10	12-0	7-0
19	6 30	14 7	...	...
20	7 00	14 4	...	...
21	7 00	14 0	...	...
22	7 00	13 10	...	...
23	7 30	13 6	...	...
24	8 00	13 0	...	...
25	3 00	14 0	...	...
26	3 00	14 4	...	...
27	4 00	14 6	...	...
28	4 30	14 8	...	...
29	4 30	14 10	...	...
30	5 00	14 10	...	...
31	6 00	14 10	...	...

PHASES OF THE MOON.

Oct. 1st	Full Moon	3.13 a.m.
" 8th	Last Quarter	4.56 a.m.
" 16th	New Moon	9.23 a.m.
" 23rd	First Quarter	2.19 p.m.
" 31st	Full Moon	1.1 p.m.

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3rd " " " 5 " "	5
5 Prizes to divide 5 " "	5
50 " " " 10 " "	10
100 " " " 10 " "	10
200 " " " 15 " "	15

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2nd " "	" 25,000
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50 " "	" 500
100 " "	" 250
200 " "	" 125

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The Irish Debate.

Secretary Duke's Statement.

London, Oct. 23. —In the House of Commons replying to the motion of Mr. Redmond Mr. Duke defended his Irish policy and emphasised that Sinn Feiners who endeavoured to stir up revolt had been treated with unprecedented magnanimity. Dealing with Irish volunteers he described them as a rebel force which had been steadily organising throughout Ireland for months, and quoted a speech of the Sinn Fein leader De Valera, the new member for East Clare, who said 'we have arms and shall use them when the time comes. Be ready and you will be more successful than last time. If anybody offers us a helping hand from France, America or Germany we shall take it.'

Mr. Duke continued that the helping hand held at the time of the Irish rebellion was Germany's. The deportations from Ireland in February were necessary because the Government knew the helping hand was being held out again. There were still men who persevered in their avowed determination to bring out the population of Ireland in such numbers and under such circumstances as to make the government of Ireland impossible. They were determined to create terrorism in the country in order to achieve their object.

This is being done regardless of the public interest of Ireland, with pecuniary resources characteristics of the rebel organisation both prior to the rebellion and to-day. The Irish administration was not more prodigal of expenses than the pursuers of this mischievous object. Many Irishmen had represented to him that the Government should show reasonable risk rather than do anything which would cause controversy which might have an ill-effect on the Convention. On the other hand, men from various parts of Ireland were threatened at the present time and in the future by the rebel movement.

There was the greatest alarm that now, when it was hoped that the Convention would devise a solution, the Government of Ireland might be made actually impossible. Some desired passivity in the face of most illegal and dangerous action. Others believed that unless freedom from disturbance was maintained the Convention must thereby be defeated. The defeat of the Convention was the declared object of the agitators. The troubles in Ireland in recent weeks arose because the Convention was doing well. The design of the Sinn Fein leaders required the failure of the Convention, and they are at present manoeuvring with the object of creating a situation wherein the Convention would appear hopeless.

Government would do its best to suppress such criminal acts and no criticism should prevent any Government of a civilised country using any means to prevent its citizens being led to deeds of violence and criminal misconduct. It would be Government's duty

to see that those so leading them should not overstep in that course. While we hoped that the new constitution of Ireland was in the making, and while the mass of Irishmen was satisfied that it could keep the controversy within bounds, there would be no arrests. Nothing would be more helpful to the propaganda of secession than embarkation upon the policy of arrests. There would be no needless arrests.

Mr. Asquith emphasised the importance of saying and doing nothing at present to prejudice the prospects of the reconciliation of Ireland. He thought he was not over-sanguine in hoping that within a very few months the Government would be able to present to the Commons a scheme for the Government of Ireland acquiesced in by a large majority of the Irish people.

Mr. Lloyd George said that Mr. Duke had striven to avoid endangering the usefulness of the Convention. The speeches of Mr. Valera, the Sinn Fein leader, were cold-blooded incitements to rebellion, therefore in order to save people who honestly believed were doing their best for the country, firm Government action was necessary. There were three things the Government ought to emphasise in the interests of Ireland: First, incitement to rebellion cannot be permitted. The Germans nearly landed arms eighteen months ago, we know that arrangements are again being made to land arms; we know that was done partly by Bernstorff. Secondly, no Government could permit an organisation for rebellion.

The Premier referred to the drilling, marchings and exhortations of de Valera, and the study of the mechanism of the rifle. He said that what was going on in Ireland was a deliberate attempt to enrol for drill thousands of young men, who, if they had been in this country, would be compulsorily enlisted. Thirdly, there was a lot of talk among the Sinn Fein leaders, which did not mean home rule or self Government but separation or secession. It was a demand for the sovereign independence of Ireland. We had better say at once under no conditions would Britain permit anything of that kind.

Answering Mr. Dillon the Premier said Government had given an undertaking at the formation of the Convention that if a substantial agreement were reached Government would use the whole of their power and initiative to give effect thereto in the form of an act of parliament.

Mr. Dillon: I understand the Prime Minister to pledge the Government, immediately after the agreement is reached, to put a bill before parliament and pass it.

Mr. Lloyd George: Certainly.

Mr. Redmond's motion was rejected by 211 votes to 68.

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WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1917.

JAPAN AND THE WAR.

The great aim of the Allies is to co-ordinate their fighting forces and resources so that their individual strength shall be brought to bear in the most effective measure on the task of defeating the common enemy. Japan, we all know, is far away from the scene of military operations but there are many directions as the past has shown in which she can render signal aid to the Allied cause. From the outset of hostilities to the present day the loyalty of Japan to her Allies has been thoroughly demonstrated. She has always been ready to respond to any call for assistance that has been made upon her. For example, the capture of Tsingtao in the early part of the war was a notable military event and was most valuable to the Allies not only from a practical but a moral point of view. Without the cooperation of Japan, the seizure of Germany's eastern stronghold would have necessitated an overseas expedition of men and material which in those critical times, could have been but ill-spared, to say nothing of the long delay that would have been involved. Further without the assistance of Japan in the Russian campaigns could scarcely have been carried on. Japanese war vessels have been rendering effective aid in the Mediterranean although the Anglo-Japanese Alliance scarcely contemplated the employment of Japanese armed forces in Europe. It is beside the point that Japan has made a certain amount of pecuniary gain out of the war; the fact to be borne in mind is that she has proved a most loyal Ally. At the present time Russia is a great incubus to the Allied cause. What the outcome of the present constitutional struggle in that unhappy country will be is almost beyond the bounds even of prophecy but one result of the recent Washington conversations has been to announce that the Japanese Government has informed the United States of its willingness to concentrate every available element of her economic forces upon the production of equipment for Russia. This will be rendering the greatest possible service to the Allies and humanity. There have been many unofficial suggestions that Japan should go even farther than this and send an army to Russia with a view to shorten the war. There are, however, many practical difficulties in the way of the realisation of this project. If it were a question of saving the Allied cause the Japanese armies would doubtless come to the aid of the Entente Powers but such a contingency has not yet arisen and there is every reason to hope that it never will.

THE floods are higher than ever today. The streets near Wat Lieb were entirely under water for some time and the playing field of Suan Kulab College looked like a large lake. Some of the monks of Wat Lieb were observed putting up a kind of barricade to prevent the water getting into the temple grounds.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

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

A WIRELESS station is to be erected at Sushu, in Formosa. When completed, it will be one of the biggest aerial stations in the world.

THE s.s. *Katong* will leave from the Borneo Company's Wharf at 5 p.m. sharp, on Friday the 2nd prox., and should arrive in Singapore on Tuesday afternoon.

MR. Hilaira Bulloc, English writer, estimates there have been two million war deaths in Germany. This is based on the number of admitted war widows—one million.

WE have been asked to announce that owing to high tides the Sanuks have decided to postpone their performance until the following Saturday, November 10th.

A HYLAM "boy" employed in the Chartered Bank mess was drowned while bathing in the river near Wong Lee Seng's store last evening. The body has not yet been recovered.

THERE was no football match at Dusit Park yesterday afternoon as the ground was under water. Phya Barihar informs us that the match fixed for November 2nd has also been postponed.

As an instance of rapid delivery in war time may be exemplified the fact that a consignment of books for Suan Kulab College was ordered from London on July 26th and delivered in Bangkok on Oct. 30th.

THE Phathanakorn Cinema is screening a special attraction every evening from to-night to Friday November 2nd. The film is called the "Mothers of France" and Mme. Strah Bernhard is the leading rôle.

WE are requested to mention that H. E. the Portuguese Minister in Siam will be pleased to receive at the Legation all the members of the Portuguese colony, on Saturday next, November 4th, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

ACCORDING to the Exchange correspondent at Lausanne, the "Basler Nachrichten" learns that, in spite of all medical precautions, an epidemic of dysentery has manifested itself at Berlin. At Munich, Mannheim, Strassburg and Frankfurt the death rate from the disease is terribly high.

THE Tokyo Government on Sept. 25 notified Miss J. N. Crosby, the Principal of the Yokohama Kyoritsu Jogakko at No. 219 Bluff, that a medal with Blue Ribbon will be accorded her in appreciation of services rendered by her in the cause of female education during forty-six years. She is an American lady.

THE deaths in Singapore during the week ending Oct. 20 numbered 455, giving a mortality rate of 36.98. The causes of death were malarial fever 41; phthisis 38; convulsion 27; beri beri 20; and fever 19. Deaths occurring between the age of 25 and 35 years were 57. One European and two Eurasians died.

MISS Emma S. Lansing and Miss Katherine T. Lansing, sisters of Mr. Lansing, the American Secretary of State, will sail for France in the near future to engage in a branch of Red Cross work at the canteen stations on the railroad lines running from the Western front trenches, says a recent New York wire.

FIFTY-THREE merchantment, representing a combined tonnage of 392,000, are now under construction in the twelve leading shipbuilding yards of Japan. These figures do not include the tonnage being constructed in minor yards. It is stated that Japan is now equipped to turn out 600,000 tons of new shipping annually.

LATEST Advt.:—The Portuguese Legation calls for tenders for repairs to the roof and painting the premises of the Legation. The Bangkok Manufacturing Co., Ltd., and Fraser and Neave Ltd., notify the increase of prices of their aerated waters. The Borneo Co., Ltd., have a notice to consignees. The Siam Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., notify that from Tuesday next there will be three steamers running on the Chantaboon Coast Line. Ben. A. Pereira will hold an auction sale on the 7th and 8th of next month. The Star Hotel advertises that they have a string band in attendance every night besides other attractions.

A GOOD many people seem to be a bit, or more than a bit, puzzled by the nomenclature adopted in the mention of the colossal sums of the war loans, etc. For example, take this little lot:—1,000,000,000.

This, in English, is one thousand million.

In the American tongue it is one billion.

In French, it is one billion, or one milliard.

The British billion is one million million and in America this is called a trillion. In figures it looks rather a lot, thus:—1,000,000,000,000. (Ex.)

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THE Great War.

German Gun-boat Sunk by Crew.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
London, Oct. 30.
Rio de Janeiro.—The German gun-boat *Eber* was set on fire and sunk by the crew as the Brazilians were about to seize it.

Enemy Take Gorizia.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
London, Oct. 30.
Amsterdam.—Berlin evening papers report that Michaelis has resigned.
A wireless German official report says "We entered Cividale which is burning. Austro-Germans took Gorizia early this morning. The prisoners now number eighty thousand. Six hundred guns have been captured."

Plot to Provoke Civil War in France.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
London, Oct. 30.
Paris.—A plot to provoke civil war was frustrated by the authorities who seized several stores of prohibited arms and also most important documents. An enquiry has been instituted.

Allies to Co-Operate on Italian Front.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
London, Oct. 30.
Paris.—M. Poincaré presided at a meeting of the Cabinet Council. The military situation was examined and it was decided to afford Allied co-operation on the Italian front.

Franco-Belgian Successes.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)
Paris, Oct. 29.
The Franco-Belgians have taken the village of Linghem, the peninsula of Merken and have made numerous prisoners.

Successful Operations.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)
Paris, Oct. 29.
We succeeded in operations in the regions of St. Quentin, in Argonne and on the right bank of the Meuse.

Conspiracy Against the State.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)
Paris, Oct. 29.
The Governor of Paris who ordered the searches in the "Action Française" has himself taken over the enquiry into the affair in the Court of the Seine. One information was opened and confided to the Judge of Instruction under the incrimination of conspiracy against the State and detention of prohibited arms.

The Italian Reverses.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)
Paris, Oct. 29.
The Italians were bent back on the left wing on the front of the Julian Alps. They blew up the magazines and stores in the evacuated districts. The situation of Gorizia, Udine and Cividale is extremely critical. The French War Committee has decided on the cooperation of the Allies on the Italian front.

The English Attack.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)
Paris, Oct. 30.
The English have attacked to the north of the Ypres-Roulers Railway. The advance proceeds satisfactorily.

The Italian Cabinet.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)
Paris, Oct. 30.
Signor Orlando has accepted the task of forming the Cabinet.

The Italian Situation.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)
Paris, Oct. 30.
An Italian communiqué announces the falling back of the troops on assigned positions, the destruction of the Isonzo bridge, and the slackening of the enemy advance. The Italian cavalry is in contact with the enemy advance guards. The French journals estimate that the Austro-German advance will soon be arrested thanks to the Anglo-French co-operation.

Warrior Cup Football.

Fixtures Postponed.

The match between the Royal Naval Cadets and the Wild Tiger Medical Cadets which was to have been played yesterday at Swan Dosit did not come off owing to the flooded state of the ground. Due notice of the postponement could not be given but most of those who went to Swan Dosit found amusement at the Wat Sake Fair which is on at the grounds.

Renong Tin Dredging.

The report of the Renong Tin Dredging Company for the year ended 30th June last gives the following details of the working of the three dredges:—
No. 1 dredge, 519,577 cubic yards; output of tin ore, 221.88 tons; value per cubic yard, 15.51 ozs. No. 2, 800,970 cubic yards; output of tin ore, 270.20 tons; value per cubic yard, 12.12 ozs. No. 3, 849,630 cubic yards; output of tin ore, 474.63 tons; value per cubic yard, 29.02 ozs. Total, 2,170,177 cubic yards; output of tin ore, 970.11 tons; average value per cubic yard, 16.03 ozs.

Racing News.

London, Oct. 24.—The result of the Cesarewitch was:—
(1) *Europe* 100 to 7.
(2) *Ivanhoe* 100 to 6.
(3) *Race Rock* 100 to 12.
Seventeen ran. Won by three lengths with one length between second and third.

German Official Changes.

Amsterdam, Oct. 24th.—It is reported from Berlin that Dr. Helfferich has been relieved of the post of Ministry of the Interior and Under Secretary Schwaner has been appointed Secretary of State of a new Imperial Department of Economics, created to deal with social, economic and political questions formerly handled by the Ministry of the Interior.

Holland and the Cables.

Hague, Oct. 24.—In the Chamber the Foreign Minister said the Government had strongly protested against Great Britain's scarcely friendly attempt to exercise pressure regarding the transit of sand and gravel from Germany to Belgium but without result. The Government had not received proofs from Britain that the sand and gravel was destined for military purposes. Government declined through pressure from any belligerent to neglect treaty obligations to another party.

Sir Edward Carson.

London, Oct. 25.—Sir Edward Carson, speaking on the war aims at Portsmouth, said that we had entered on a phase of the war which none could contemplate without grave anxiety. Although trained since the commencement of the struggle, our soldiers were vastly superior to the trained forces of the Prussian autocracy. He emphasised that despite peace talk, the Reichstag and flowing peace notes from German emissaries, we had never had up till today any offer of peace whatsoever. He wished the Germans to remember that we cannot and will not make any peace without the concurrence and assent of the dominions, who had come to help us in our great trouble; and we would not enter into negotiations for peace behind the backs of our Allies. In addition to pooling our material and men with the Allies, we had pooled our honour.

In making peace we must remember that the German Chancellor said that international law did not exist. He solemnly declared he knew that Austria and Turkey did not want to continue fighting. Germany's victories in Russia would not add anything to the result of the war. We ought at present to be destroying every German business and operation, taking care that we got the business for ourselves. We must show Germany that war on German methods did not pay.

Aluminium.

How France Unwittingly Provided Germany's War Needs.

The discovery of aluminium in the form in which it existed when separated from the chloride dates back about 90 years (says "The System and Shipping"), but it was not until 30 years later that the method of production had been so far improved that it could be manufactured on a commercial basis. There was a time when its principal use was for parts of scientific and mathematical instruments. At present it is used in connection with the surgical appliances, machinery, bearings, cooking and brewing utensils, and also in the preparation of many foodstuffs and chemicals. It is also used as casing for explosives and for the vessels in which certain explosives are prepared. Its lightness and toughness, too, render it a basic metal for the purposes of the manufacturers of aeroplanes; while, judging from the anatomy of the Zeppelins we have had the pleasure of descending, the Germans found it very suitable for the framework of their monstrous airships. It is, in fact, this extraordinary metal by the Huns that constitutes one of the most romantic pages in the history of aluminium. For years past the output of the rock known as bauxite, and containing about 40 per cent. of aluminium, has not been satisfactorily accounted for.

Sources of Supply.

In other words, the bauxite mined has not been converted into aluminium traceable in the world's metal markets. France, whose chemists were the first to exploit the electrolytic method of separating the metal from the matrix, has the richest bauxite mines in the world. But though perhaps the largest producer, our Ally has nothing like a monopoly. Other sources of supply are:—United States, 210,318 tons in 1914; United Kingdom (Australia), 11,723 tons in 1915; and Italy, 7,000 tons annually. India also possesses extensive deposits. Bauxite has also been discovered in Australia and British Guiana; but though Canada exports aluminium ore the metal is extracted from imported ore. France's annual production of bauxite is estimated at 250,000 tons, which would represent 100,000 tons of aluminium. But in 1914 France herself turned out only 15,000 tons of the metal, which leaves no fewer than 85,000 tons to be accounted for! To what country or countries did France export the ore from which these 85,000 tons of aluminium were made? This is the very pertinent query raised by the British Chamber of Commerce for the French Riviera and Monaco, within which district are very rich deposits of desirable bauxite. In 1914 the United States produced 210,000 tons of bauxite, but only 35,000 tons of aluminium, instead of 86,700, as she should have done on the present basis. Where did the balance of the ore—the quantity of ore represented by the 51,700 tons of metal unaccounted for—go? Austria-Hungary, Canada and Norway imported ore, but their importations do not account for the quantity missing from the world's production of bauxite.

Germany's War Requirements.

In 1914 the world's production of aluminium was 43,500 tons, and in 1915 it was probably twice that amount. The suggestion is that the increase was largely due to the demand fostered by Germany's war preparation, and it is equally understandable that the missing bauxite has been converted in one form or other into German munitions.

The facts of the case, which throw a striking light upon German enterprise and duplicity, and incidentally the Teutonic proclivities of certain "neutrals," have been investigated by our Marseilles contemporary "Soleil du Midi" with very interesting results. The Modus operandi by which these mines were acquired was to negotiate with the mine owners, and with managers of companies, through persons of neutral nationality, who always offered a comparatively fabulous price. The situation is illustrated by an example:—In 1914 the director of a French bauxite company was approached by a Swede who appeared to know everything "from A to Z" concerning the Provencal bauxite mines. He said to the director:—"You paid 75,000fr. for your mines; sell them to me; here's

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SANUKS.

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Saturday, 10th November.

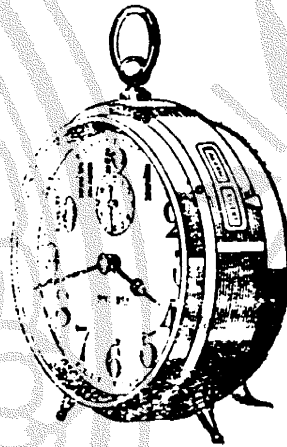
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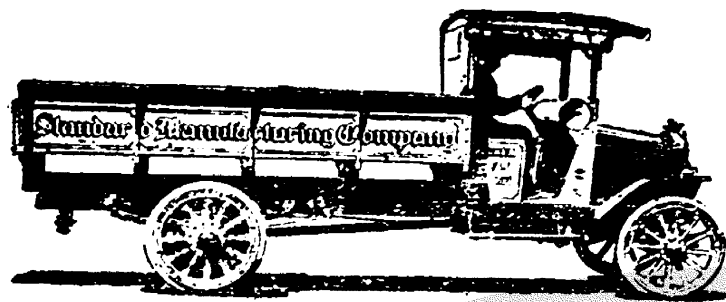
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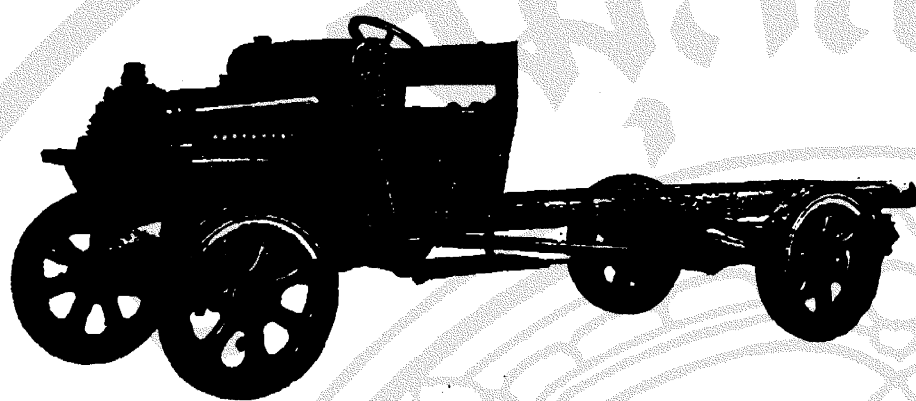
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The French Victory.

London, Oct. 24.—French Communiqué. The night was generally calm on the whole front of the attack north of the Aisne but the enemy did not counter-attack. They merely bombarded our new lines especially in the region of Vaudesson. We are organising our gains. We up to now took prisoner 8,000 including 160 officers belonging to eight different divisions, including two Guards also the staff of three regiments, including three colonels. It is confirmed that two enemy divisions which were placed in reserve behind the front participated in yesterday's fighting, and were severely handled. A violent enemy attack to the north-east of hill 344 on the right of the Meuse was repelled after a desperate fight. The enemy gained a footing in a work in our advanced line but a vigorous counterattack completely drove him out and our line was entirely restored. A German attempt at Caucieres-Crest failed with heavy enemy losses.

London, Oct. 24.—Reuter's correspondent at French headquarters says the success of the new advance has exceeded all expectations and fresh captures are being signalled hourly. The attack is comparable to the brilliant operations at Verdun in October and December of last year. The victory is due equally to the wonderful preparatory work of the artillery and the gallantry of the infantry. The latter often fought their hardest before reaching their objectives, for resistance in places was desperate, especially on the right. The French advanced at great speed, following their barrage of seventy-five which was extremely deep in order to give the most effective support. They simply swept over every kind of obstacle with innumerable feats of individual courage, as an officer of the high command remarked to me, "one could kneel before some of these men."

London, Oct. 25.—Reuter's correspondent at French Headquarters says the strategic intention of the High Command in the Aisne battle was finally and completely to thrust the enemy off the crest line. We now hold practically the entire line of the crest between Craonne and Vauxaillon and have in addition got a commanding view over the Ailette valley from end to end and also a view up the Ardon valley at the head of which stands Laon, and a view northward across the plain over the enemy communication to Anizy in the upper Coucy forest. It will be long before the full strategic fruits of the victory are garnered. A fleet of seventy tanks cooperated very effectively despite the breakneck ascents, accom-

plishing all that was required of them. General Pershing of the American Army witnessed the battle and inspected the conquered ground.

The enemy losses were extremely heavy. Reserves were crowded in the subterranean quarries and practically all the roofs of these were smashed in causing the fall of immense masses of stones on the heads of the enemy troops.

Our aeroplanes machine-gunned groups of infantry in line and also reserves. They bombed trains at the lowest altitude in Laon station.

London, Oct. 25.—French communiqué: North of the Aisne the German artillery was particularly active in the sectors la Royere, les Bovelles and the region of the Malmaison front, which runs from Mont Desingies, the whole of which is in our possession, to Chavignoul. The enemy did not attempt any infantry action. Patrols were sent out in the region of Chavignoul and Vaudesson and brought back a large number of prisoners.

It is confirmed that the tanks played an important part in yesterday's attack. The number of prisoners exceeds eight thousand. The booty counted includes seventy guns, thirty mine throwers, eighty machine guns.

On the right of the Meuse there were brisk artillery actions in the region of Samogneux, Vacherauville, Chaume and west Donauumont.

London, Oct. 25.—A French communiqué says: The situation north of the Aisne in the sector of Braye on Laonais and Chavignoul is unchanged. At night we again advanced on the Chavignoul front and reached Nozay farm. We have taken prisoner over five hundred here since yesterday evening. An enemy surprise attack on Saignoul bridgehead preceded by a violent bombardment failed. German airmen dropped two bombs on Nancy. There were no victims. Twenty-five enemy aeroplanes were brought down or fell in their own lines out of control.

Paris, Oct. 25.—Semi-official: The two French attacks at Chemin des Dames mentioned in the German communiqué are entirely imaginary.

Paris, Oct. 25.—In to-day's attack on the Aisne front the prisoners have now reached 1,000. Altogether a hundred guns have been captured.

French communiqué: (Oct. 26.) There was a general advance this morning beyond the positions reached yesterday evening bordering the Oise-Aisne Canal, the village and forest of Pinon, also the village of Parry and Filain are in our hands. South of Filain, which our patrols penetrated, we occupy the farms of St. Martine, Chapelle St. Berthe. The enemy under our pressure were compelled to abandon much material, including

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twenty guns of which several are six inch mortars. Altogether 120 guns captured since Oct. 23 have been counted in addition to several hundred mine throwers and machine-guns. We took over 2,000 prisoners during the day and over 11,000 prisoners, including 200 officers since the beginning of the operations.

The Germans on the right of the Meuse followed up the morning bombardment of Bois le Chaume with an attack which our fire stopped.

German Account.

London, Oct. 25.—Wireless German Official: Our advanced troops in the Pinon, Chavignon and Ailette region have withdrawn behind the Oise-Aisne canal owing to French pressure. There have been further successes near Fitch and Tolmino and prisoners and booty are increasing.

London, Oct. 23.—Wireless German Official: The attack in Flanders failed with the exception of a small gain near Veldhoek north of Langemarck. Strong British attacks on the Menin-Ypres road broke down completely.

London, Oct. 23.—Wireless German Official: The Anglo-French forces penetrated deeply into the defences on the southern edge of Houthulst wood. Counter-attacks repulsed the enemy, whose gains are only three hundred metres deep and twelve hundred wide. The enemy's assault at Poelkapelle and astride Gheluvelt failed.

The enemy's artillery fire between the Ailette and Braye increased to continuous drumfire this morning and the French attacked at daybreak.

We took prisoner a hundred south-west of Beaumont.

London, Oct. 24.—Wireless German Official: Our counterattacks almost completely ejected the enemy from our defences on the southern edge of Houthulst wood. The French between the Ailette and Oisel heights encountered a strong resistance and did not advance, owing to heavy losses. Reinforcements supported by armoured cars broke in our positions reaching Ailette and Chavignon. We withdrew from untenable positions blowing up advanced batteries. Simultaneously repeated assaults southward of Filain and also between Braye and Ailette failed.

Between the Riga gulf and the Dvina we withdrew on Sunday without interruption on a wide front. The Austro-Germans this morning captured the fore-most Italian positions near Fitch Tolmino, and also the northern portion of Bainsizza.

London, Oct. 24.—Wireless German Official: The French did not continue

their attack on Chemin des Dames. Our combined attack on the Italian front is progressing. Some thousands have been taken prisoner.

Rainfall.

We have received the following telegraphic reports of rainfall from the Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Lands and Agriculture.

KRUNG DEB.

At Minburi	Oct. 25	68.3 mm.
" Phra Pradaeng	" 25	62.4 "
" Minburi	" 26	10.1 "
" Phra Pradaeng	" 26	3.1 "
" Samudprakar	" 27	1.3 "

MONDOL KRUNG KAO.

At Ayudhya	Oct. 26	35.3 "
" Anghong	" 26	2.1 "
" Singhaburi	" 26	2.3 "
" Saraburi	" 26	47.5 "
" Lobburi	" 26	4.0 "
" Ayudhya	" 27	3.4 "
" Lobburi	" 27	8.0 "
" Singhaburi	" 28	5.7 "
" Saraburi	" 28	32.3 "

MONDOL NAGOR JAYRI.

At Subarn	Oct. 25	43.5 "
" Subarn	" 26	9.1 "

MONDOL RAJABURI.

At Rajaburi	Oct. 27	4.3 "
" Rajaburi	" 28	23.8 "

MONDOL PRACHIN.

At Chhaxong Sao	Oct. 26	18.7 "
" Prachin	" 26	64.2 "
" Nagor Nayok	" 26	16.0 "
" Krabindra	" 26	38.0 "
" Chhaxong Sao	" 28	7.9 "
" Nagor Nayok	" 28	44.0 "
" Jolburi	" 28	24.4 "

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At Kamboeng Bejra	Oct. 26	36.5 "
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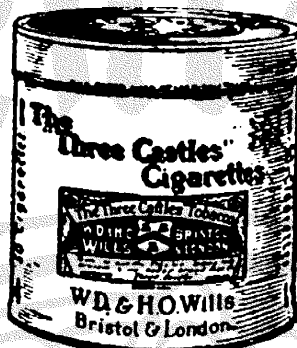
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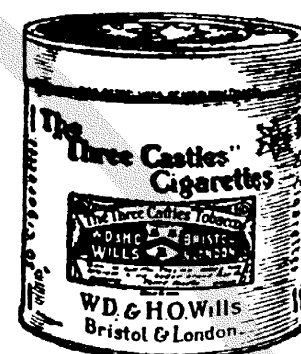
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Bainsizza Attack.**All Austria vs. Italy.**

London, Oct. 24.—Reuter's correspondent at Italian Headquarters says practically the whole of the Austrian army is now on the Italian front and also strong German reinforcements. Apparently it is intended to attack Tolmino, perhaps in order to force the Italians to abandon the Bainsizza plateau and retire to the right of the Isonzo.

London, Oct. 24.—Italian Official. The enemy have concentrated strong forces of which a large proportion is German. There was very intense artillery fire in the night on portions of the Julian front between Ronbon and the northern portion of Bainsizza. This marked the beginning of an attack but owing to the bad weather the fire decreased at dawn.

Rome, Oct. 23.—A Berne telegram says that apparently the continuance of the closing of the Austro-Hungarian frontier is due to serious internal conditions in Austria-Hungary. Grave disorders said to be of political origin, occurred at Brunn. Troops intervened and there were a number of casualties. Very serious food riots at Pressburg resulted in the destruction of property. Frequent riots have occurred at Vienna and Laibach, wherein the rioters are reported to have blown up many important munition depots.

London, Oct. 25.—Wireless German Official.—The Austro-Germans attacked on a thirty kilometre front on the Isonzo and penetrated Fitchbain and Tolmino overrunning strong positions in their first thrust. The Italians desperately resisted and fighting is proceeding. We had taken prisoner by the evening ten thousand including a divisional brigade staff and rich booty.

London, Oct. 25.—Italian Official. The enemy launched a strong attack after a very violent bombardment especially between Mount Ronbon and the northern edge of Bainsizza Plateau. We resisted at Saga but more to the south the enemy penetrated our advanced lines on the left bank of the Isonzo and crossed the river at Saint Maria and Saint Lucia. We checked powerful attacks west of Volnik and also on the western slopes of San Gabriele where our counter-attacks yielded a few hundred prisoners.

London, Oct. 26.—The situation on the Italian front is at present obscure. The War Minister to-day electrified the Italian Chamber by a strong speech, reassuring them that the Italians are fully prepared and that the enemy will never tread Italian soil.

Reuter's correspondent at Italian headquarters (Oct. 25) states that the

weather has broken with mud and slush everywhere. Nevertheless the artillery duel is ever increasing in extent and volume and is beginning to reveal the vast nature of the Austro-German movement, which stretches from Plezzo to the Carso. The second and third armies are offering most stubborn resistance and are ready to pass to the offensive directly the opportunity offers. The Italians are using machine-guns to the utmost to stem the enemy. British artillery are playing a great part in the actions.

The Scattered Convoy.

London, Oct. 22.—In the House of Commons Comdr Bellairs demanded an enquiry independently of the Admiralty into the loss of the neutral convoy cabled on October, 20. He declared that the escort was obviously inadequate.

Mr. Macnamara replied that the Government was not prepared to institute such an enquiry but a naval inquiry had already been arranged.

Stockholm, Oct. 22.—Two German cruisers and three torpedo-boats participated in the destruction of the convoy. They ruthlessly fired on the crowded life-boats. The Swedish and Norwegian papers bitterly denounce the German savagery.

It appears that the North Sea convoy was attacked at six in the morning 65 miles from the Scottish coast. The enemy came up astern as dawn was breaking and quickly sank the Mayrose. They put out of action the Strongbow which flew its flag and fired till it was crippled. A small British patrol vessel picked up thirty-nine merchant seamen under heavy German fire and four died after rescue. The bodies of four Norwegians were found in a small boat on Thursday. They had been killed by bullets proving that the Germans shelled small boats. The surgeon probationer of the Strongbow, although he had a limb shattered, insisted upon medically treating the wounded thus saving the lives of sixteen.

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Houthulst Fight.

London, Oct. 23.—Field Marshal Haig: Highly successful minor operations were carried out by us this morning in the neighbourhood of Poelcappelle and in conjunction with the French southward of Houthulst Forest. Battalions of the Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex and Berks regiments and the Northumberland Fusiliers attacked eastward of Poelcappelle on a mile and a half front and captured a number of strongly fortified buildings and concreted redoubts on a hill eastward of the village. The night's rain made the ground slippery and the task of assembly was difficult. The whole objectives, nevertheless, were captured after fighting wherein many Germans were killed.

We pressed on southeastward of Poelcappelle and carried other valuable positions beyond the line of objectives. The Gloucesters, Cheshire and Lancashire Fusiliers, the Manchester and Royal Scots battalions further north co-operating with the French attacked on a two mile front from the Ypres-Staden railway to northward of Mangelaere. We captured after severe fighting the southern defences of Houthulst Forest and a further series of fortified farms and strong points. The Allies are firmly established well beyond the southern boundary of the forest. A strong local counter-attack in the vicinity of the railway checked our advance but the enemy were unable to prevent progress elsewhere. Two hundred were taken prisoner. The enemy's casualties were heavy.

London, Oct. 23.—Field Marshal Haig says: The enemy at night attacked one of our new posts on the southern portion of Houthulst wood and forced us back a short distance. We maintained and consolidated our gains on the remainder of the front. There was rain at night and the weather was stormy and unsettled.

London, Oct. 24.—Field Marshal Haig says: We took prisoner a few last night in patrol encounters south-west of Havrincourt. The enemy artillery was active against our Houthulst forest positions. We carried out counter-battery work and destructive bombardments at different points. Our artillery caused a large explosion in the Neuport sector. The weather is wet and stormy. The aeroplane missing on Saturday has since been located. The pilot was slightly wounded.

London, Oct. 24.—Field Marshal Haig says: The enemy yesterday evening again attacked our positions in Houthulst wood against the junction of the Anglo-French armies. We completely repulsed him. Since Monday

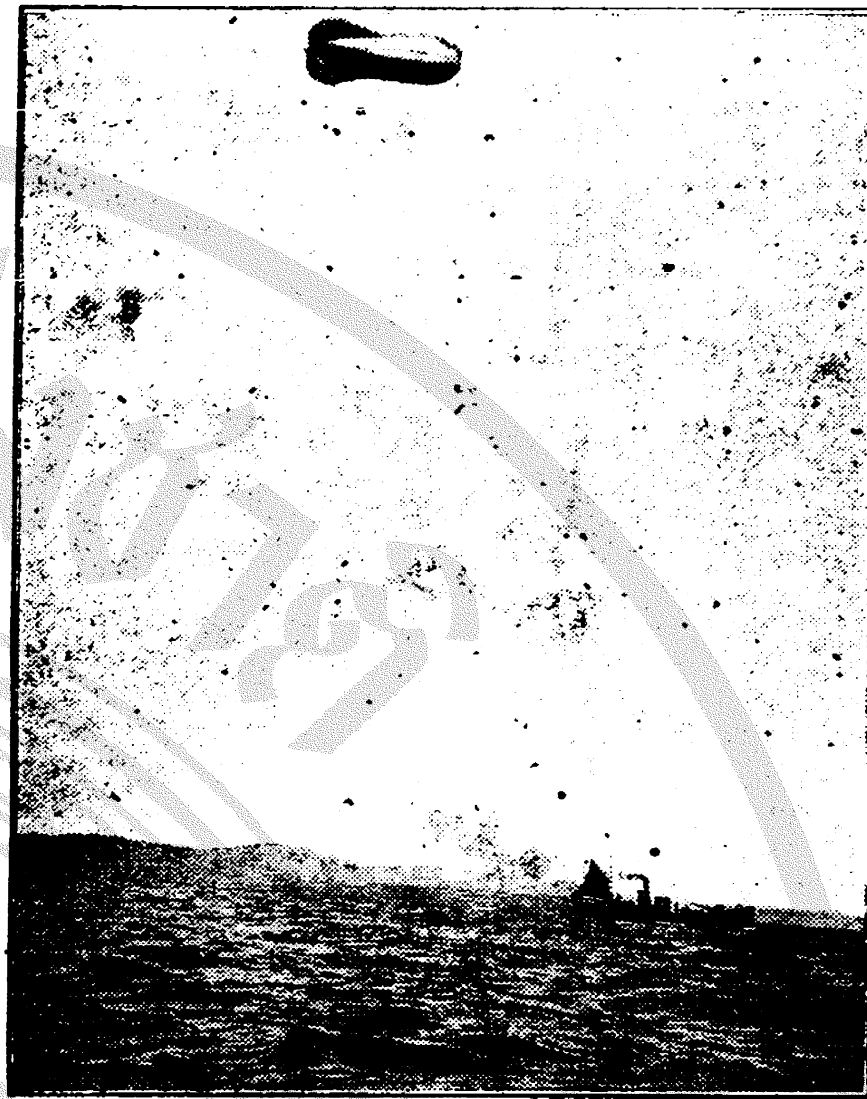
the enemy has delivered seven counter-attacks without achieving any material results at any point. The Gloucesters successfully raided southeast of Gavrelle and killed a number, blew up several dugouts and took prisoner a few.

Besides the attack reported this morning a communique says the enemy delivered two other counter-attacks yesterday evening. In one case they attempted to advance along the line of the Westroombek-Poelcappelle Road, but when two hundred yards from our new positions they were engaged by our infantry with rifle and machine-gun fire and beaten off with loss. Survivors endeavouring to withdraw were caught by our artillery barrage and again suffered heavily. A second at-

tack in considerable strength immediately northward of the Ypres-Staden railway was also met by rifle and machine gun fire and driven off.

Amsterdam, Oct. 23.—An Athens wire says that the Chamber sat all night till noon next day and agreed that the following ex-premiers and ex-ministers be tried in the High Court individually: Xkouloudis, Dragoumis, Rallis, Gouvaris, Michailidiki, Hatzacos and General Iannakias.

At the anniversary of the battle of Navarino, celebrated on Sunday for the first time on record, Anglo-French and Russian Ministers spoke at the demonstration which was attended by the King and M. Venizelos and other notabilities.



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