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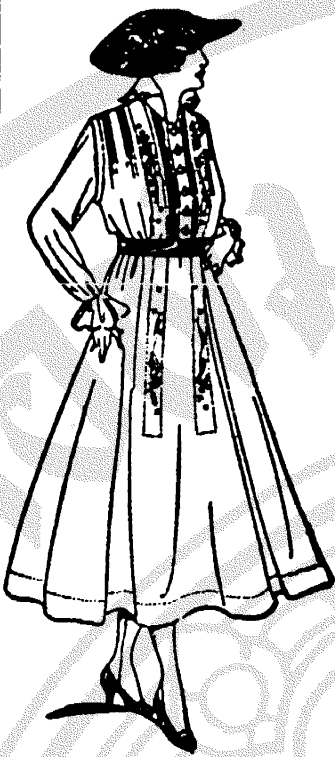
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FOR NOVEMBER 1917.

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

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

Nov. 6th (Last Quarter) 11 h 46 p.m.
" 15th New Moon 1 h 11 a.m.
" 22nd First Quarter 5 h 11 a.m.
" 29th Full Moon 1 h 23 a.m.

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

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3rd " " "	"	12,500
5 Prizes each	"	2,500
50 " " "	"	500
100 " " "	"	250
200 " " "	"	125

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London, Nov. 16.—Field Marshal
Haig reports intense artillery fire on
both sides on the battlefront particu-
larly in the neighbourhood of Passchen-
dale. Patrols brought in a few pris-
oners.

London, Nov. 16.—Field Marshal
Haig says: We successfully raided last
night northeast of Fampoux and re-
pulsed an attempt to approach our lines
north of Poelcapelle.

London, Nov. 16.—Field Marshal
Haig's report says that the aviation ser-
vice and the artillery with aerial obser-
vation, successfully engaged many
targets on Thursday. Aeroplanes car-
ried out a number of reconnaissances.
Low flying machines on the battle-
front machine-gunned several ground
targets. The enemy dropped a few
bombs on our side of the line. We
brought down six machines and
drove down one. Four of ours did not
return.

The Highland, Berkshire and Lan-
cashire detachments last evening car-
ried out a successful operation in the
neighbourhood of Passchendaele and
captured further portions of the de-
tachment of the main ridge north of the
village, including a strongly fortified
farm, and took prisoners. We slightly
advanced our line at certain points
west of this locality. The enemy's
artillery was active all night long on the
battlefront, particularly in the Pas-
chendaele sector.

London, Nov. 17.—Field Marshal
Haig says: We consolidated the ground
captured last night north and north-
west of Passchendaele. There was
hostile artillery fire east and northeast
of Ypres.

London, Nov. 16.—A French com-
munique says: There are active artil-
lery struggles from Belgium to Cham-
pagne, also in the Mount Teton region
and on the right of the Meuse.

London, Nov. 16.—A French com-
munique says: A German attack on a
point d'appui north of Veldok in Bel-
gium completely failed, the enemy
suffering appreciable losses. The artil-
lery duel continued lively on the right
of the Meuse. German aeroplanes
bombed the region south of Nancy.
There were no victims.

London, Nov. 17.—French commu-
nique: Both artillery forces were active.
North of Courtenay we repulsed enemy
detachments endeavouring to approach
thereabouts. There was a fairly lively
artillery duel at Schoenholz in Upper
Alsace.

Paris, Nov. 17.—A communique says
there was lively artillery fire on the
right of the Meuse. In Upper Alsace
an enemy attack on Altkirch was
frustrated.

German Attacks Wiped Out.

London, Nov. 17.—Reuter's special
correspondent at the British front
reviewing the week's operations (tele-
graphs that throughout the week the
artillery has been active when it was
evident the Germans were preparing a
serious effort to recover some of the
lost positions from which we have now
direct observation over all the plains of
Belgium. Shelling frequently rose to
intense drumfire bombardments and
the crisis came on Tuesday evening
when the German infantry was seen to
be massing in formidable numbers for
an attack due north of Passchendaele.
The attack however never developed
despite all its preparation and was
powerless when our guns shut down
on the massing troops. The men in
the front lines say they have
never seen anything finer or more
annihilating than our barrage. Under
it the German troops assembling simply
melted. Very few of our men even
in the advanced posts had an oppor-
tunity to fire a shot. The great Ger-
man effort failed before it fairly began.
Then taking advantage of the failure
we thrust forward some isolated posts
further out into the swamp and wilder-
ness on our left and the net result of
the German effort was that with our
main line unshaken we had gained a
little on our flank. Exhausted or dis-
couraged by his failure the enemy made
no further offer to attack. The British
last night carried out a neat operation
on the slope of the ridge surprising the
Germans while their relief was pro-
gressing. There was sharp and con-
fused fighting at some points but the
resistance was not formidable and we
firmly established our new positions.

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London, Nov. 16.—Egyptian Headquarters: A feature of the fighting on the 13 was a brilliant charge of South Midland Yeomanry. The enemy supported by field guns and numerous machine guns was tenaciously holding a position beyond Wadi Lubin. The Yeomen charged straight across the upland despite heavy fire and cut right through the Turks sabring right and left. The enemy when they found themselves cut off threw down their arms. The Yeomen had the glory of making one of the biggest bags by any single unit namely 1,100 prisoners 2 guns and 14 machine guns.

London, Nov. 16.—Egypt Official: Yesterday we reached the line Ramleh-Ludd to three miles south of Jaffa. New Zealand mounted troops drove back a Turkish attack by a bayonet charge inflicting heavy losses. Total taken prisoner since Oct. 31 now exceeds 9,000.

London, Nov. 16.—Reuter's correspondent at Egyptian Headquarters says the capture of the junction of the Beersheba railway with the Jaffa-Jerusalem line cuts off the enemy's railway communications with Jerusalem. The enemy's last hope of holding us at Wadi Surar has gone. There may still be a certain amount of fighting and small bodies are likely to put up rear-guard fighting, but any organised resistance on a large scale is unlikely. Within a fortnight from the beginning of the offensive the army, occupying an apparently impregnable line strongly fortified and abundantly provided with guns, ammunition and supplies, has been driven headlong from its defences and chased across country. Its losses have been enormous.

Cairo, Nov. 16.—Despite heavy opposition the Westcountrymen and Indians captured the railway junction at Wadi Surar. The Scottish reached Mansura. The Yeomanry captured Naaneh, north of Mansura, taking prisoner sixty. The Australians reached Kezazeh and made progress towards Ramleh. The New Zealanders with the bayonet repulsed a strong counter-attack, inflicting heavy losses.

There were several hours of hand to hand fighting in the Berkah. A large proportion of Turks and also German machine gunners was killed with bayonet or butt. It was a grim and desperate encounter but both in physique and skill with the bayonet the enemy was no match for the Scots. Over 400

Turkish dead were counted on one position. Our aviators bombed two north bound trains and wrecked the engine of one and machinegunned the other to a standstill. Five German aeroplanes, three engines and a wireless set were destroyed.

London, Nov. 17.—Palestine Official: There were minor advances yesterday in certain sectors of our fronts. The Yeomanry on Thursday took Adush-shah ridge, five miles southeast of Ramleh and made prisoner 360. The Yeomanry carried the position at a gallop; 431 dead Turks were counted on the ground. The Australians in taking El Tine, captured a large number of prisoners, three aeroplanes and considerable quantities of ammunition and stores. One hostile aeroplane was brought down on Thursday. The Turks are reported to be endeavouring to prepare entrenched positions northward of Jaffa, parallel to the Anja river.

A Festive Funeral.

Even the solemn surroundings of death cannot eliminate the Hunnishness of the German. The Berlin "Zeitung am Mittag" says:—

Ten country carts filled with mourners, were following the mortal remains of the pastor of Oppeln to the cemetery. The vehicles proceeded along the country road with becoming and solemn slowness, and their occupants really appeared to be overwhelmed with grief at the loss of their beloved pastor.

Nevertheless there was that in their mein that aroused the suspicions of the police. The procession was suddenly stopped, and a search showed that the cushions of every one of the ten carts were filled with wheat and barley, while the pockets of the mourners bulged with packets of cheese and dried peas.

The faithful flock were saved the trouble of proceeding the whole distance to the cemetery, and were invited to break their journey at the police station, where formal possession was taken of the hoarded food, and the funeral guests were locked up pending their trial before the district court.

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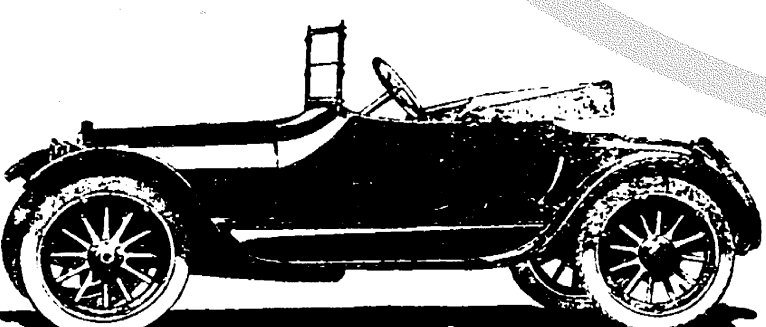
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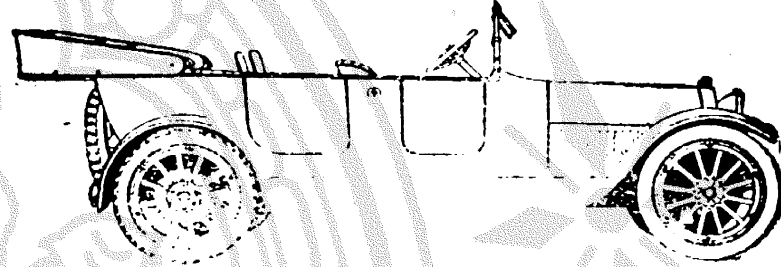
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For Earache, clean the ear first with cotton-wool, put 5 or 6 drops into ear and stuff the hole with cotton-wool—relief is certain within a few minutes.

For Gout, Wounds and wounds caused by rusty nails, cuts or burns, apply the mixture, cover with cotton-wool and bandage, change dressing every three hours, and take internally, as directed until relieved or healed.

For Sore-eyes take internally as directed, for a few days.

After taking this mixture, a little pain white sugar may be taken to remove the bitter taste but not in the case of coughs or sore throat.

For Snake, Dog or Cat bites, poisonous fish stings, etc., when applied externally with cotton-wool a few minutes after the occurrence, instant relief will be obtained. Take also internally 14 tablespoonfuls thrice a day. But when treatment is sought a few hours after the occurrence, besides using the application, take mixture internally for a fortnight. Can be given also to animals and birds for any sort of disease.

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The American Minister and Mrs. Ingersoll cordially invite all Members of the American Colony to the Legation on Thanksgiving Day, November the twenty-ninth at five o'clock, and hope all will be present.

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Court Circular.

GRAND PALACE,
Saturday, 24 November.

This afternoon, at 5 o'clock, at Chakri Palace, His Majesty the King received in audience the Honourable George Pratt Ingersoll, the newly accredited Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States of America, who presented to the King his Letter of Credence.

After the address to which His Majesty graciously replied, the American Minister presented to the King Mr. F. D. Arnold, Secretary of the Legation.

His Royal Highness Prince Devavongse Varopakar, Minister for Foreign Affairs, was in attendance.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

BRITISH Legation Telegrams will be found on page 8.

AN Ipoh Kongsee took 500 tickets in the Selangor Lottery and won—nothing.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Trai line is interrupted beyond Chhaxongsoo. Paknampa line is in good order as far as Ayuthya. Other lines are all right.

THE household furniture etc. belonging to Mr. H. Kopp will be sold by Auction on Thursday next the 29th at Suriwongse Road by the Bangkok Auctioneering Society.

THE American Minister and Mrs. Ingersoll cordially invite all Members of the American Colony to the Legation on Thanksgiving Day, November the twenty-ninth at five o'clock.

FROM the Orient Weekly (Salonika): —The Relief: "Which is the safest spot on this pitch, Bill?" The Sentry: "There ain't none." The Relief: "Good night, Bill." The Sentry: "Good night, George."

We regret to state that the death took place on Saturday of Luang Santia, one of the masters of Suan Kularb Government School. The deceased, who had been ill for several months, received his training in England and had proved himself to be an efficient and popular master.

WHEN Mark Twain pictured his young hero planing back from Africa one afternoon to fetch his forgotten corn-cob pipe, the story was written with an unmistakable wink. Captain Laureati has proved once more that many a true word is spoken in jest. This plucky man rather throws down the theory that a flying man must be a boy. Laureati plays pranks with the Austrian "Archies" at forty.

CARDINAL Hartmann's allusion in his pastoral letter to Cologne to "their monarchs, who were given to them by God," recalls, in its rash attribution of events, the story of Antoinette Sterling, who, after one performance, was asked by a foreign musician: "With whom did you study this song?" "I sing it," said Mme. Sterling, "as God taught it me." "I do not know the gentleman's name," was the reply, "but, whoever he is, he is no musician."

THE annual report issued by the Colonial Office to the Gilbert and Ellice Islands is extremely interesting. It points out that the wearing of European dress by the natives, and their consequent failure to oil their bodies as a protection against the cold westerly winds and heavy rains, have produced a deadly epidemic of tuberculosis. "Shirts and trousers for men, and the long, sweeping garments for women," says the White Paper, "are the outward signs of Christianity. It is practically only among pagans and in the Government galls that the sensible native dress may now be seen."

AGONISING details have been published regarding the situation of the Serbian population. Normally the population is 3,170,000, while now it is 2,218,000 with a reduction of the male population by 38 per cent., including practically all males from eighteen to sixty years. Thirty thousand Serbian women, children and boys from the Nish district have been deported and interned in Asia Minor. Eight thousand of them were delivered to the Turks. A great number of the women preferred to commit suicide, throwing themselves out of the trains going to Asia Minor. The people left in Serbia are continually writing to their friends in outer Europe to "send us bread or we will die." At the present time only 25,000 is being spent monthly on Serbian relief, though there are 2,000,000 sufferers, and 60,000 families are without any means of living.

The Late Mr. August Baer.

The funeral took place yesterday morning at the Protestant Cemetery of the late Mr. August Baer whose death took place at midnight on Friday. The deceased gentleman who had been more than 20 years in this country, had a large circle of friends most of whom were present at the last sad ceremony. H. B. M.'s Legation and Consulate-General were also represented.

Obituary.

We greatly regret to announce that news has reached Bangkok of the death of Mr. P. Petithuquenin's father, aged 72, at Saint Lo (Manche), after a short illness.

British Flood Relief Fund.

His Britannic Majesty's Minister regrets that by inadvertence the sum of Ticals 1,085 collected by Major Leo Day at Kohsichang for "Our Day" Red Cross Fund was credited on November 23rd to the British Flood Relief Fund. It has now been transferred to "Our Day" Fund. The grand total of the Flood Relief Fund as amended should therefore now read as Ticals 29,048.00. November 26th-1917.

The Sanuks.

The result of the "Sanuks" show was a credit of Tes. 1,647.50 which amount will be handed to the British Minister in due course.

The Sanuks desire to thank the Siam Observer, the Bangkok Times and the Daily Mail for kindly printing their advertisements free of charge. Messrs. A. E. Nana and Co. for subscribing to the cost of their curtain, the audience for sitting through the show, and any supplier of physical or moral support who may have been inadvertently omitted.

The Railways.

The gaps at Mab Prachand and Phra Keo having been repaired, Northern Trains will now go through without transfer, and normal traffic, that is to say:

Train No. 3 starting from Bangkok at 7 a.m. for Pitsanulok
Train No. 1 starting from Bangkok at 9.48 a.m. for Paknamphol
Train No. 7 starting from Bangkok at 1.25 p.m. for Lobburri
Train No. 5 starting from Bangkok at 3.33 p.m. for Ban Pua

And all Goods Trains, will be resumed from Wednesday the 28th November.

On the Korat Line a further section from Sikin to Sung Noen gap is now reopened and trains can proceed to the latter place (Sung Noen gap).

On the Petri Line trains will run as usual.

On the Southern Line one more section is now re-opened and Trains Nos. 51 and 52 will be run between Wang Phong and Petchaburi from Wednesday the 28th instant.

Bangkok.

Bank Holidays 1918.

Tuesday	January 1st	(New Year)			
Wednesday	" 2nd	(H. M. King of Siam's Birthday)			
Monday	Feb. 11th				
Tuesday	" 12th	(Chinese New Year)			
Wednesday	" 13th				
Friday	March 29th	(Easter and Siamese New Year)			
Saturday	" 30th				
Monday	April 1st	(New Year)			
Monday	May 20th	(Whit-Monday)			
Friday	May 24th	(Empire Day)			
Monday	June 3rd	(King of England's Birthday)			
Monday	July 1st	(Half-Year for 14th French National Day)			
Monday	July 15th				
Monday	August 5th	(August Bank Holiday)			
Wednesday	October 23rd	(Anniversary of the Death of his late Majesty King Chulalongkorn)			
—	November 3 days	(Accession of the King of Siam)			
Wednesday	Dec. 25th	(X'mas)			
Thursday	" 26th	(Boxing Day)			

Racing in England.

London, Nov. 17.—The result of the Manchester November Handicap was
1 Planet 4 to 1
2 Go On 10 to 1
3 Aerschot 6 to 1
Seventeen ran. Won by five lengths, six between second and third.

The Prathen Kapok Syndicate, Limited.

We have this day received a copy of the Prospectus of the above Syndicate and an English translation of the same. The Syndicate has been formed to acquire from Mr. R. H. Chubb the Vendor, a certain land situated at Tah Rua, District of Tanakab, in the Province of Rajaburi as per Title deeds Nos. 1 and 2 in the name of Mr. R. H. Chubb. The land in question has an area of about 776 acres, with a good sandy-loam soil, covered in places with bamboo and light jungle interspersed with good quality timber. There are no streams but water can be obtained at a depth of 25 ft. The object of the Syndicate is to plant and cultivate the Kapok tree on 500 rai and between the trees, quin cunx and other productive trees such as the camor oil tree, 500 rai fully planted will contain 24,500 trees, which when three years old should produce not less than 30,000 of Kapok floss and 450 piculs of seed and when four years old not less than 147,000 lbs of floss and 2,000 piculs of seed. The following extract from the "Bangkok Gazette" shows the utility of the Kapok tree:—

"Kapok realizes the highest price, ten pence per pound, in the London market. The supply at present is very limited but the tree grows so easily and yields so quick a return that Burmese are starting plantations with a view to future business."

Kapok is destined to revolutionize many forms and manners of manufacturing articles of the greatest utility and public service and in a myriad ways will be incorporated into numerous articles of common wear and service."

The extreme value of Kapok lies in its general utility for garments, apparel, bedding and everything related to clothing, and apparently its scope is unlimited. A garment lined with Kapok, whether for travelling, general wear or sports purposes, is a perfect protection against extremes of weather both hot and cold. Another prominent use to which it is being extensively put is for medicinal purposes and doctors are widely recommending it for lining orthopedic appliances and as the best preventive against abdominal troubles."

The present market price of Kapok floss in Bangkok is about 12 satangs per lb. and of seed about 7s. 3d per picul from which it appears that when 5 years old the estate should produce gross profits amounting to Tcs. 23,000 or deducting Tcs. 15,000 for cost of management, up-keep & net profit of Tcs. 8,000 or 12 per cent. on the Capital of the Syndicate (Tcs. 65,000). The Directors of the Syndicate are, W. A. Graham, Esq.; P. Nesbitt, Esq.; J. H. Swanson, Esq.; Secretary, R. Adey Moore, Esq.

A China-Mutual Law Suit.

London, Nov. 15.—The King's Bench has granted the China Mutual Navigation Company a declaration against the Shipping Controller that the voyage of the British steamer K-emun from Liverpool eastward was at their own risk and for their profit. The Controller had informed the owners that the Government proposed to requisition their ships but ordered them to run their vessels as if they had not been taken over. The judge said if such a scheme as the Controller proposed were to be carried out the services of the owners must be obtained by negotiations not by command.

American War Work.

Washington, Nov. 17.—Mr. Daniels conferred with the shipping board with a view to adjusting the naval and merchant shipping building programmes, so as to secure the maximum results. He subsequently stated that all were working in perfect harmony, concentrating on destroyers and merchant-ships.

Mr. Henry Ford has joined the emergency fleet corporation, which is speeding up a new merchant fleet.

Buffalo, Nov. 17.—At a session of the American Federation of Labour, the President of the farmers' congress pledged the farmers to unite with labour to help to win the war. He said that the farmers realised the great responsibility resting on them. It was important that workers in cities and field should understand each other. They should join hands to put down the profiteer.

AN officer of the 25th Battalion (Frontiermen), Royal Fusiliers, which is now serving with signal gallantry in German East Africa, describing a successful night engagement with the enemy in a swamp belt, writes:—"We Frontiermen lost about twenty killed and wounded, including two officers killed and two wounded. Captain Robinson, of Harrogate, the Legion of Frontiersmen organising officer for Yorkshire, was killed while gallantly and coolly carrying out his duties. It was his first fight. During the fight the bees came for us in swarms and stung us badly. I saw some of the men running round not caring a penny for the bullets, but trying to keep off the bees."

The Wedding of a New Earth.

(Contributed.)

Wherever there is evil in the world, there is good. This gigantic struggle between the nations of the world, a deadly struggle greater by far than the campaigns of the ancient Pharaohs, and of Philip and Alexander of Macedonia and of all the wars of Greece and Rome, means however "The Wedding of a New Earth."

We no longer look upon this war as mere carnage, but we admire instead the marvellous transformation scenes it has brought about, and look into the future with great assurance.

Picture in your mind an unhealthy pallid face! Older Clerk with less ambition than a Church mouse transformed into a living man by sacrificial sacrifice. Think of the nations moulded into one. Nations linked together with unity left no underfoot.

Realize the wonders we have learnt, how that Europe is equipped with resources in knowledge, money and experience sufficient to transform the face of the world. While reaction must inevitably follow the declaration of Peace, the world has seen a vision which must alter for better the whole orders of things.

The Wedding of a New Earth—I know there are sceptics—there always have been and always will be, and I cannot agree with "The Countess of Warwick" when she says in writing to "The Bookman" New York "All the hopes and ambitions of reformers must result in an uncertain period in the land of dreams, and in place of the brotherhood of man there must be all-consuming bitterness and rancour that only the years can heal, perhaps incompletely."

I turn with much more heart to Ruskin's famous panegyric on war in his address to the students of the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, in 1865, when he says:—"When I tell you that war is the foundation of all the arts, I mean also that it is the foundation of all the high virtues and faculties of men. It is very strange for me to discover this, and very dreadful—but I saw it to be quite an undeniable fact. The common notion that peace and virtue of civil life flourish together I found to be wholly untenable."

I found, in brief, that all great nations learned their truth of word, and strength of thought in war; that they were nourished in war, and braced by peace; in a word that they were born in war, and expired in peace."

"The Wedding of a New Earth" may bring with it the introduction of Christianity. I don't think that is an unreasonable remark to make, when we see all around us the failure it has met with to-date. We have only to roam back over the events of history to prove this a fact.

Although to many has come great fascination from the forms and ceremonies of the Christian church, although I myself admit with a source of great satisfaction that the survival of the Greek chorus, lost elsewhere to art, is to be found in the survivor answering the priest at Mass, yet I agree with one of England's greatest men of literature when he says:—"There is something so unique about Christ. Of course just as there are false dawns before the dawn itself, and winter days so full of sudden sunlight that they will cheat the wise Croesus into squandering his gold before its time, and make some foolish bird call to its mate to build on barren bonfires, so there were Christians before Christ. The unfortunate thing is there have been none since."

The Wedding of a new earth may then mean the introduction of Christianity.

We shall all be starting off again. The year 1914 has marked the dawn of a new era in the world.

The Brotherhood of Mankind will be a structure of wonderful reality. No longer an airy phrase. Class Distinction will no longer be known. The new conditions brought about by war will wipe out the false methods taught by the Churches.

The living message for man's needs will be found in the general organization of things, and men will no longer be content with dogmas and creeds.

Even now while the guns still roar on many battle fronts, while human lives are being hurled into the unknown we see on every hand the advance of a respectable civilization making for public betterment and more rational living.

The plough-boy at his plough, the smith at his forge, the merchant at his counter all are forming into line to establish upon this earth a new humanity which will surely develop and grow stronger in each succeeding generation. The Great War will give us "The Wedding of a New Earth."

TREVOR CHAMBER.

Bangkok, Nov. 26th.

England's Women Workers.

London, Nov. 16.—It is officially stated there are now over 4 3/4 million women workers in Britain of whom over 1 1/2 million are employed governmentally, including 670,000 munitioners. Women workers have increased by nearly 1 1/2 millions since the war.

THE Great War.

Consolidating Ground Won.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.) London, Nov. 24.

Sir Douglas Haig reports:—"The day was spent on the southern battle front in consolidating the large area, where ever we advanced during the last two days. This was successfully carried out except at Fontaine, Notre Dame which the enemy has retaken by counter-attack."

Much credit is due to the transportation services for the rapid concentration of recent operations.

Chinese Premier Resigns.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.) London, Nov. 24.

Peking:—"The Premier again resigned owing to the complete revolt of the Hunanese who have driven out the northern troops from the province and also owing to the governors of the central provinces defying the Government's orders to suppress rebellion."

British Army Commands.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.) London, Nov. 25.

It is Officially Announced that General Plumer has been appointed to command the British forces in Italy and Lieutenant-General W. R. Marshall to command the forces in Mesopotamia. Lieutenant-General Byng has been promoted General.

Guns Captured.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.) London, Nov. 25.

Field-Marshal Haig reports:—"We captured over a hundred guns on the Somme front since November 20."

Reducing the Russian Army.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.) London, Nov. 25.

Wireless Russian Official:—"A decree signed by Lenin states that it is decided to reduce the armies, releasing immediately the citizen soldiers conscripted for 1918. Instructions concerning other classes are issuing later."

British Troops Wonderfully Inspired.

(S. O. SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.) Singapore, Nov. 26.

The British troops after the last successful advance were wonderfully inspired by the feel of the firm earth and the sight of the open country as well as by the consciousness that they had penetrated the Germans' strongest line. A correspondent says that the finest war picture seen was the sight of a steady stream of cavalry pouring across the battered Hindenburg line and six miles beyond it.

Italians Stand Firm.

(Havas Telegram.) Paris, Nov. 24.

In spite of stubborn attacks the enemy is not able to cause the resumption of the Italians to water. The Italians have made prisoners.

English Success.

(Havas Telegram.) Paris, Nov. 24.

The English have resumed the offensive to the east of Cambrai: they have taken the ridges in the region of Bois-Bourlon and have progressed to the environs of Fontaine, Notre-Dame and to the east of Moendree, Guéant and Bullincourt. They have taken since November 20th more than a hundred cannon of all calibres.

French Government Changes.

(Havas Telegram.) Paris, Nov. 23.

M. Jonnart has resigned for reasons of health. M. Lohun is considered likely to be his successor. M. Roux, Prefect of the Oise, replaces M. Huddot as Prefect of Police. M. Marinier, State Councillor, has been appointed Director of the Surety Generale in place of Banjo.

Continuous Active Artillery.

(Havas Telegram.) Paris, Nov. 23.

Artillery is continuously active in the Cerny sector, Juvincourt, and on the right bank of the Meuse. We have taken prisoners in the Aillencourt region.

M. Malvy.

(Havas Telegram.) Paris, Nov. 23.

M. Malvy, having demanded of the Chamber to be cited before the High Court, a commission of 33 members will enquire into the question.

Positions Consolidated.

(Havas Telegram.) Paris, Nov. 23.

The English are consolidating the conquered positions. They have liberated 1,500 civilians.

Russian Famine Imminent.

(Havas Telegram.) Paris, Nov. 23.

An account of the interruption of traffic to the country is on the eve of famine.

A Russian Success.

(Havas Telegram.) Paris, Nov. 23.

Caucasus:—"The Russians have gained a successful Djala and have taken prisoner 1,600 Turks."

The 1919 Class.

(Havas Telegram.) Paris, Nov. 24.

M. Lebrun has accepted the Ministry of Blockade. The Government has laid down a project for numbering the 1919 class.

Prisoners Taken.

(Havas Telegram.) Paris, Nov. 24.

We brought off coups de main at various points and took prisoners.

The Russian Situation.

(Havas Telegram.) Paris, Nov. 24.

Paragraf:—"Generalissimo, Donkhouine, has refused a proposed of the enemy for an armistice. Luit(?) has been dismissed and replaced by the aspirant Kilenko."

Dunkerque Bombarded.

(Havas Telegram.) Paris, Nov. 24.

Enemy aeroplanes bombarded Dunkerque. There were no victims.

For Sale.

London, Nov. 15. Amongst those reported killed is the famous Kent bowler Blythe.

New York, Nov. 16.—Mike O'Driscoll knocked out Al McCoy in the sixth round, winning the world's middle-weight championship.

Zurich, Nov. 17.—A mob of pacifists, singing the Internationale, attacked two munition factories here which had to be closed. The police were powerless.


Return of Flood Gauge Readings.

DATE 25th NOVEMBER, 1917.

Station	Highest level this year		Gauge reading at this date	Difference of level during preceding 48 hours in centimetres.		Remarks.
	Date	Level		Rise	Fall	
Wat Dhad	Oct. 14th	0.24	2.90	50 c.m.		Total fall from highest 275 metres.
Sinphan	Nov. 1st	1.31	1.19	2 c.m.		Reading for Nov. 22nd
Krung Kao	Nov. 1st	0.15 a.z.	.59	8 c.m.		Total fall from highest 74 c.m.
Baraburi	Oct. 23rd	6.83	13.32	13 c.m.		Total fall from highest 8.69 metres.
Rang Sit	Nov. 5th	0.08 a.z.	.83	9 c.m.		Total fall from highest 41 c.m.
Bang Nok Kwak	Nov. 17th	0.00	.57	15 c.m.		
Petrow	Nov. 18th	0.15	.48	2 c.m.		


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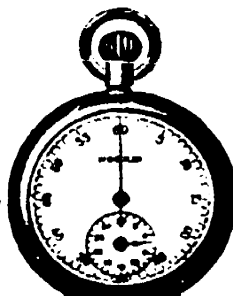


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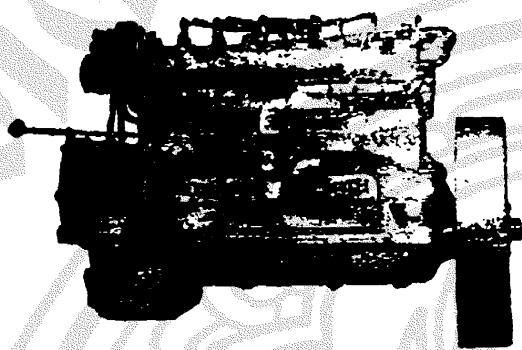
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London, Nov. 17.—Sir George Buchanan telegraphs that the Russian Government on Oct. 24, on the ground of economic conditions arising from the war, denounced the Anglo-Russian Commercial Treaty of Jan. 12 1914, which accordingly will terminate on Oct. 24th 1917.

Petrograd, Nov. 18.—Reuter's correspondent telegraphs that the Kerensky forces retired in the direction of Pavlovsk and Gatchina. The Maximalists announce their occupation of Tsarskoe Selo and claim 1,500 casualties in the fighting near Alexandrovsky station, to twenty Maximalist casualties.

Copenhagen, Nov. 16.—An unconfirmed telegram from Haparanda states that the strike which began at Helsingfors on Nov. 13 spread over the whole country. The railway to Petrograd is interrupted. The socialists at Helsingfors, assisted by the Russian soldiers, seized the telegraph, dissolved the Senate and Diet, ordered the old Socialistic Diet to get together at the earliest moment a meeting of the Senate exclusive of the Bourgeoisie.

London, Nov. 18.—Reuter learns that the last official news from Russia was a message from Sir George Buchanan via Haparanda on Nov. 13 "all well." The Russian Embassy in London has received no news for several days. Telegraphic communication between Russia and Japan has been cut off.

London, Nov. 16.—Wireless Russian Official. Mouravieff, the commander of the Petrograd revolutionary district has ordered the Kishinev Soviet to liberate its comrades who were imprisoned at Kishinev for revolting against the provisional Government which Mouravieff says is now deposed.

London, Nov. 16.—To-day's Russian wireless, which is the first direct news from Russia for several days, is significant as showing that the anti-Kerensky forces control the wireless station of Tsarskoe Selo.

Reuter's correspondent telegraphed from Petrograd on Nov. 12 that the railway union had initiated negotiations with a view to the formation of a Government comprising all socialist parties, including the maximalists. A three day domestic truce was suggested. The keynote of the proclamation of all socialist parties is peace.

Wiring on the 13th, the correspondent says that Tsarskoe Selo has changed hands twice since the 11th. After a short fight Kerensky first occupied Tsarskoe Selo and reached within five miles of Petrograd. As regards the fighting at Alexandrovsky the Maximalists state that Kerensky in an armoured train vainly opened fire with guns and machine-guns. An attempted advance of the Cossacks to the

rear of Pulkova was promptly checked by armoured cars and machine-guns. Maximalist scouts reported that Kerensky's Cossacks are so few that when they went out to fight they were only able to leave small parties at Tsarskoe Selo. Pending negotiations which are proceeding, the railway strike is suspended. Much rioting and bloodshed are reported from Moscow. It is stated 2,000 were killed. The premises of the Cadet Corps were invaded and a large number of Cadets killed.

London, Nov. 18.—Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd telegraphing on Friday says: Maximalist troops have occupied Gatchina. Kerensky's staff was arrested and Kerensky fled but orders have been wireless for his arrest.

Reuter telegraphing on Saturday says hostilities ceased at Moscow on terms signed whereby Kerensky's so called white guard surrenders its arms and the committee of public safety is dissolved. The Maximalist conditions for entering a composite socialist government include the control of troops at Petrograd and Moscow, and arming workmen throughout Russia.

M. Neratoff, the Foreign Minister, is in hiding after arranging for the security of copies of the treaties with the Allies. The Maximalists have ordered his arrest and the recovery of the documents.

Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd wiring later on Saturday says: After defeating Kerensky the Maximalist council and commissioners proclaimed the right of the different peoples of Russia to decide their own form of Government including separation and formation of independent states. The Maximalists insist on the inclusion of Lenin and Trotsky in any composite socialist Government and the majority of the portfolios including foreign, interior, labour. The Maximalist Commissioners have closed the Russo-Swedish frontier at Torneo. News of the fighting at Moscow which lasted for a week is most contradictory and it is impossible to say whether the casualties numbered hundreds or thousands. The Maximalists at Petrograd sent detachments of sailors, soldiers and Red guards thither. Cannon and machineguns continually bombarded the Kremlin and townhall which were the chief strongholds of the military cadets and other Government adherents. Many shells burst in private houses starting fires. It is reported Government troops amounting to an army corps under the order of the army committee have reached Luga en route to Petrograd to end the civil war and the dictatorship of the Maximalists.

The Ukraine assembly has declared the independence of the Ukraine. It is stated Kerensky's Cossacks numbered only three hundred.

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London, Nov. 16.—Italian official: The maintenance of the front Asiago Plateau to the Piave developed and is continuing. Despite intense fire and violent attacks we resisted and counter attacked, taking prisoners, retaining all our positions. Artillery fire continues across the Piave.

London, Nov. 17.—Italian official: The enemy, not considering his losses, renewed his attacks from the Asiago Plateau to the sea. Between Sallettuel and San Andria di Barbarano the enemy forced a passage under the protection of very violent artillery fire and crossed to the right bank at Follina and Fagare. Our artillery destroyed the enemy at Follina. We took prisoner 300 survivors. We heavily attacked the greater number which crossed at Fagare taking prisoner 600. The artillery shelled the rest hindering their return to the other bank. The enemy in the Zenon loop are being closed up in a restricted zone.

London, Nov. 16.—Wireless German Official: We captured several hill positions northeast of Gallio on both sides of the Brenta valley. We captured Cison. There is more intense artillery fire on the lower Piave, where the Hungarians took prisoner 1,000 on the west bank near the sea.

London, Nov. 17.—Wireless German Official: Despite a stubborn defence, the Austro-Germans climbed Monte Prasolan between Brenta and the Piave, taking prisoner 800.

London, Nov. 17.—Reuter's correspondent at Italian headquarters (Nov. 16) says that the battle is raging in brilliant weather over seventy-five miles from the mountains to the sea. The Austro-Germans are pounding Setti Communi plateau and violent attacks similar to those at Verdun are being made at constantly shorter intervals, with evergrowing forces, preventing the Italians resting. The Italians between the Brenta and the Piave, on Mount Grappa six thousand feet high, are withstanding the enemy waves and preventing a descent on Asolo, Treviso and Vicenza. The struggle is fiercest along the Piave, where the Italians, by great sacrifices, almost reconquered Zenon bend.

Mr. Percival Gibbon wiring on Nov. 15th, says that south of Dona di Piave, where the enemy crossed, the Italians broke the irrigation canal and flooded the country to a depth of three feet. The enemy then appeared in boats and are now engaged with naval forces on the northern edge of the Venetian lagoon. The enemy has a terrible numerical superiority in aircraft. Percy Robinson, at British headquarters, says there is a noticeable increase in low flying on both sides. Troops in trenches and shellholes and marching to the rear are constantly assailed by airmen flying at a hundred feet, using machine guns. British airmen are supreme at this game, two

flying at a height of fifty feet cleared out a village full of marching troops, firing 800 rounds each.

An Italian semi-official speaks of the fine discipline and perfect order characterising the retirement of the naval garrisons on the right wing. They saved precious war material which now confronts the enemy in new positions. They repulsed an attempted crossing below Rovedale. Italian naval forces are constantly protecting this flank, repeatedly bombarding the enemy rafts, on which they are attempting to cross the Piave.

Saving the Art Treasures.

The correspondent of the Daily Mail Italian headquarters says that only twenty thousand inhabitants remain in Venice. Every removable work of art has gone. Workshops are shut and the shops are selling off goods. Gondoliers are transporting families with their effects to the coast towns. British monitors participated in the defence of the Piave, bombarding the enemy forces at the river's mouth.

Reuter's correspondent at Italian headquarters furnishes picturesque particulars of the evacuation of Venice by civilians and the removal of priceless belongings. He says that the Knights of Malta brought hospital trains to transport the old and infirm to southern havens. The menaced city is being reverently stripped of its wealth of classic bronzes, marbles, mosaics and ironwork, which have long been the admiration of the civilised world. These treasures are being tenderly removed to the Michel Angelo Museum in the baths of Diocletian at Rome. They include the famous gilded bronze horses which surmounted the principal portal of Saint Mark's. Each is five feet high and weighs over four tons. Also the famous equestrian statue of Bartolomeo, Colleoni, which Ruskin described as the most glorious work of sculpture extant.

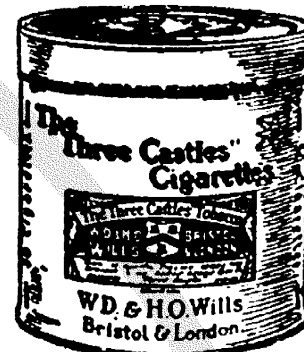
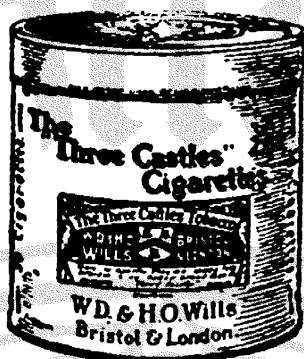
Khaki and Blue at the Front.

Mr Ward Price wiring from Italian headquarters on Nov. 15th says that the roads of northern Italy during the last two days have been crowded with British khaki and blue-clad Frenchmen, their regimental bands putting new heart into the Italian soldiers and populations. Each day allied reinforcements reach Italy in greater numbers. Some of the French to save the congested railways, crossed the Alps through snow-covered passes. All are already moving to their appointed places in the defence. I kept pace for the last two days with long columns with complete transport. The men were delighted with the change, though some had just come out of the line for rest when ordered to Italy. I saw an English troop train last night at a station. The occupants were boisterously singing choruses. Their cheerfulness was infectious and soon all Italians were smiling. The kilt was most popular. It was wonderful to see the tattered khaki kilted sightseeing in mediaeval towns.

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	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.		a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.
Paknam Dep.	6.30	9.30	12.45	3.45	Bangkok Dep.	7.45	10.45	2.00	5.00
*Maha Wong ..	6.35	9.35	12.50	3.50	Sala Deng ..	7.52	10.52	2.07	5.07
*Ban Nang Greng ..	6.40	9.40	12.55	3.55	Klong Toi ..	8.00	11.00	2.15	5.15
Chorakhe ..	6.45	9.45	1.00	4.00	*Ban Kluei ..	8.05	11.05	2.20	5.20
*Samrong ..	6.50	9.50	1.05	4.05	Prakonong ..	8.10	11.10	2.25	5.25
Bangna ..	6.55	9.55	1.10	4.10	Bangdjak ..	8.15	11.15	2.30	5.30
Bang-ljak ..	7.00	10.00	1.15	4.15	*Bangna ..	8.20	11.20	2.35	5.35
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Sala Deng ..	7.23	10.23	1.38	4.38	*Maha Wong ..	8.40	11.40	2.55	5.55
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Operations for the Week.

London, Nov. 23.

The break through on the Scarpe and Saint Quentin front revealed General Haig's strategy. The seizure of important points first in one sector then in another, thus depriving the enemy of offensive positions and reducing him to a state of almost passive defence has been the work of some months. The Germans had pretended that either from bankruptcy of strategy or from fear of heavy losses the Allies on the western front were resigned to local attacks where the German line could at will respond if the pressure was too strong and the enemy has already yielded more than he desired. To defend or retake—Passechendale he was compelled to strip other parts of his front. General Haig seized the opportunity and without warning, launched an attack on November 20th. Large numbers of tanks ploughed forward on a six miles front and made gaps for our infantry in the wire. As the advance continued it widened to ten miles and has now reached a depth of over six miles bringing the British within two miles of Cambrai. In a few hours the work of months was demolished and the so-called impregnable line was taken. Over nine thousand prisoners were counted. The outstanding features making this attack memorable, apart from its success are the absence of all artillery preparation and the co-operation of large numbers of tanks made possible by the comparatively good ground. Use was made for the first time since trench warfare began on the Western Front, of cavalry on a considerable scale. The bankruptcy of Entente strategy has been the subject of German derision but the assistance rendered to Italy by the fresh thrust, attack is in itself an answer.

The exhaustion of the Allies has proved a myth and the total collapse of Italy a delusion. She has resisted repeated attacks without breaking. While retreating slowly from Feltre and Guero her armies are holding out on Mounts Tomba, Monfenera and Cornella triangle. The northeast spur of Monfenera changed hands six times. The point where the line on the mountains and the Piave meets is still the scene of strong enemy attempts. The river is being held. Where the enemy crossed he was either repulsed or practically annihilated. Now there is all and the enemy states that his troops need rest. The Germans talk

as though their objective were attained, but the desperate fighting is proof that they have not succeeded.

The picture of operations in Palestine is anything but bright for the Central Powers. The Turks assert that nothing has occurred while the German command has been busy elsewhere. The fall of one place after another cannot be denied. The question is becoming more serious. Jaffa being taken by mounted troops has threatened the main road north of Jerusalem. Outflanking movements first by one wing, then the other, of infantry and cavalry worked to points well above Jerusalem through difficult and almost waterless country, where all conditions were in favour of the defenders.

Bagdad proved the grave of a German, now of a British General. Von der Goltz achieved no victory in the country dragged by Germany unwillingly into war. Maude entered as a conqueror into a land against which the Entente was forced reluctantly to take up arms. Von der Goltz died, the undishonoured apostle of blood and iron of contrast to our own General Maude who died in the height of his success in a difficult and straight campaign. The irony is that Turkey's

only hope of freedom lies in her conquest by her enemies. She is already enslaved by her allies. The Germans are silent regarding the progress of their campaign in East Africa. What remains of the main enemy is now in the Khatanga valley, hemmed in between the British forces in the north and Portuguese in the south. Over three thousand prisoners have been counted since Nov. 1st. Even their prisoners were abandoned in the retreat.

London, Nov. 23.

There was an important war Cabinet meeting in London on Nov. 20th. The chief Minister and members of the American mission met to determine how the United States could best co-operate with the Allies. The Prime Minister said there were two matters of equal urgency, namely manpower and shipping. Other urgent matters were the supply of airmen and aeroplanes, and the tightening of the blockade. Admiral Benson replied that the United States would spare no resources of ships and men to work to win. He gave information as to what America had already done and was doing in training armies, building fleets, manu-

facture of munitions, food economy and aircraft development. Colonel House with his mission left on Nov. 22nd. The House of Commons on Nov. 19th debated as to the War Council. Mr. A. J. A. Smith condemned the idea of an allied generalissimo. Mr. Lloyd George said there would be no generalissimo. The Navy must be represented. When the staff council differed the Cabinet must decide. The council would sit continuously whereas the whole staff now met only yearly. His Paris speech was made deliberately to arouse public opinion wherein it was successful. No soldiers in any war had their strategic dispositions less interfered with by telegraph. The close unity for a plan of control between the Allies and the United States was essential to achieve a just and permanent peace.

British light forces off Heligoland on Nov. 17th. Sighted four German light cruisers with destroyers and minesweepers. One minesweeper was sunk by a British destroyer. A naval tenant and five naval ratings were rescued. The enemy ran for Heligoland, the British pursuing through the mine

field and engaging until four enemy battleships and battle cruisers were sighted where at the British advance forces turned to meet their supports. Owing to the minefield area being too restricted for supporting their ships outside, the enemy did not follow us outside. A German cruiser was seen a fire, on a second there was a heavy explosion and a third was dropping astern. British damage was slight, with some casualties among those in exposed positions.

The Germans declared on November, 22nd the extension of the barred zone around the British Isles, mainly to the westward. The new zone reaches to the Azores. Passage in the Mediterranean to Greece is prohibited. The Dutch press is indignant against its own Government's failure to protest and asserting that Holland is now isolated owing to the German Captains' announced intention to sink all Dutch fisher boats of which five were sunk on Nov. 18th.

Returns for week ending Nov. 18th. Arrivals: 2,531, sailings 2,463, sunk ten, over seven under 1,600 tons: unsuccessfully attacked two. Mr. Lloyd George in the House of Commons said that we destroyed five submarines in one day on Nov. 17th.

The French Cabinet: Clemenceau Premier and War Minister, Leygues Marine, Pichon Foreign. Their policy is prosecution of the War and redoubled effort with a view to a better result of energies.

There was great enthusiasm at the Mansion House where Balfour, Curzon and Churchill were present at a public welcome to Mons. Venizelos, who said the Greek people had been with the Entente throughout and would be to the end. The only road to peace was victory where-to Greece would yet contribute.

The Prince of Wales arrived at the Italian front and was enthusiastically welcomed. The extremists at Petrograd ordered the deposition of General Dukhonin owing to his refusal to execute an order to arrange an armistice. Second Lieutenant Krilenko, appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Russian armies, was ordered to treat direct with the enemy. The position at Petrograd is obscure. It is not believed that the army will obey the extremists. Meanwhile Kerensky is reported to have gathered a fresh army for Petrograd and Korinoff for Moscow.

British naval airmen co-operating with Greek airmen bombed Bolair, Nagara and Constantinople and hit the "Goeben." Submarines and destroyers and the Turkish Headquarters aboard. There was also a direct hit on the War Office. Three Greek officers were decorated.



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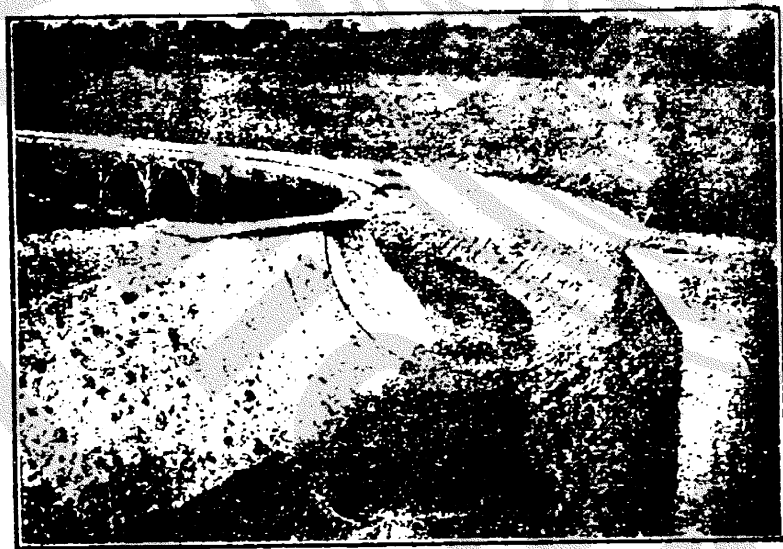
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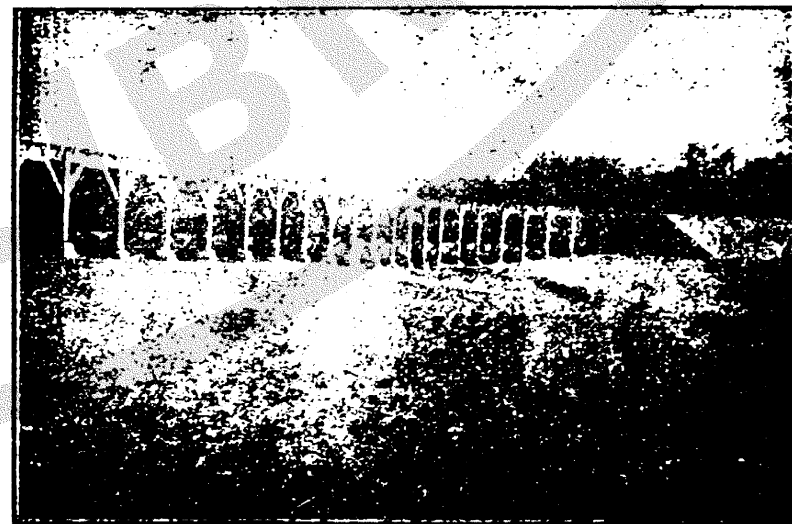
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