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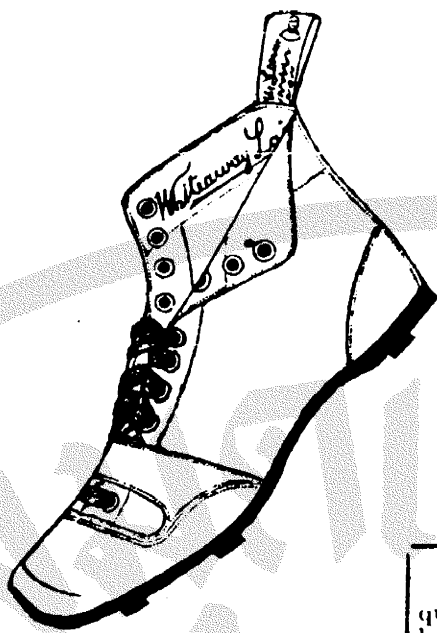
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1916

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"Novara" June 9	"Kashgar" July 10	
"Nagoya" June 23	"Kashgar" July 24	
"Malta" July 6	"Medina" Aug. 7	
"Somali" July 20	"Mongolia" Aug. 21	
"Nankin" Aug. 3	"Malwa" Sept. 4	

Intermediate Direct Sailings.

s/s "Nyanza" leaves Singapore about July 10	due London	1916
"Novara" do do	Aug. 21	do Sept. 29

OUTWARD—1916.

For China.

Due Singapore	Connection with	Leaving London
s/s "Novara" April 30	s/s "Morea" April 1	
"Malta" May 13	"Khyber" May 15	
"Nyanza" May 19	"Kashgar" May 29	
"Nagoya" May 28	"Medina" May 29	
"Somali" June 11	"Mongolia" May 13	
"Nankin" June 25	"Malwa" May 27	
"Nellore" June 30	"Kaiser-i-hind" June 10	
"Novara" July 9	"Mooltan" June 24	
"Nore" July 23	"Kashgar" July 8	
"Malta" Aug. 6	"Kashgar" July 22	
"Namur" Aug. 20	"Kashgar" Aug. 5	
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s.s. Mishima Maru July 19	s.s. Miyazaki Maru Sept. 27
s.s. Suwa Maru Aug. 2	s.s. Kitano Maru Oct. 11

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s.s. Hatachi Maru July 2	s.s. Hirano Maru Sept. 10
s.s. Iyo Maru July 16	s.s. Kaga Maru Oct. 24

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1916	1916
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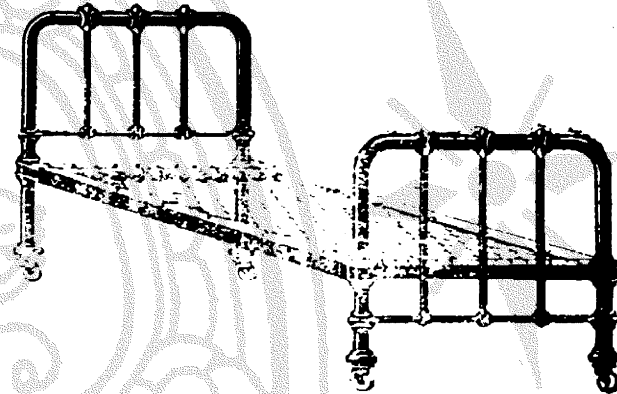
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List of Departures from Bangkok.

s.s. "Prachatiok" ...	22nd July 1916.
s.s. "Mahidol" ...	25th " "
s.s. "Asiang" ...	29th " "
s.s. "Yugala" ...	1st Aug. "
s.s. "Boribai" ...	5th " "
No departure ...	8th " "
s.s. "Prachatiok" ...	12th " "
s.s. "Mahidol" ...	15th " "
s.s. "Asiang" ...	19th " "
s.s. "Yugala" ...	22nd " "
s.s. "Boribai" ...	26th " "
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ments on Pages 2, 3, 6 and 7, must be
sent to the Office not later than 10 a.m.
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before noon.

General Cadorna's Work.

A war correspondent of the "Giornale
d'Italia" says that Hungarian regiments
in the Trentino have revolted.

Signor Boselli, the new Italian Pre-
mier, made a speech at the opening of
the Chamber, which was well received.
He said the new Cabinet intended
greatly to intensify military operations.
The Berne correspondent of the
"Central News" learns that the Chief
of the Austrian General Staff has been
dismissed in consequence of the Trentino
failure.

The "Lokal Anzeiger" (Berlin)
states that Italy will shortly denounce
the Italo-German commercial treaties.

Fresh arrival of

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Dutch

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MARTIN, Chemist, SOUTHAMPTON, ENGLAND.

TIDE TABLE.

DEPTH OF WATER ON THE
BANGKOK BAR.

FOR JULY, 1916.

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

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

PHASES OF THE MOON.

June 30th O New Moon 5.25 p.m.
July 8th First Quarter 6.37 p.m.
15th O Full Moon 11.22 a.m.
22nd Last Quarter 6.15 a.m.
30th O New Moon 8.57 a.m.

British Prisoners in
Germany.

A Dutchman's Evidence.

The Morning Post has received from
a correspondent the following extract
from the letter of a highly-placed
Dutchman, who has recently returned
from Germany, and who has enjoyed
exceptional opportunities of knowing
the truth about the position of prisoners
of war in Germany:

There is no doubt that the British
prisoners of war are going to be in a
very bad way. Undoubtedly, Germany
is suffering from want of food of all
kinds, and when the Germans face ac-
tual famine the prisoners' parcels will
no longer be given to them—certainly
not to the British prisoners. In my
opinion, and in that of most other peo-
ple who know Germany, this is the most
serious problem of the war at the mo-
ment. Can we neutrals watch the starva-
tion of these prisoners and do nothing?
I am racked with anxiety and fear for
the future of the prisoners, especially
of the British; but why, in the name
of Heaven, did the English War
Minister, Tennant, make the grievous
statement that he did? All over Ger-
many now his words are quoted: "See
what the English War Minister has
said: The English have more than
have the brave sons of the
Fatherland in cursed England! But he
will not say again that the prisoners
who are with us get better food. Soon
there will be none for them to get."

Why does England allow it to hap-
pen that it is left to every neutral nation
to give to the prisoners? The French
and the Russians know better. Eng-
land's Government shut their eyes,
and the War Minister, Tennant, says
things that are quite untrue.

East African Progress.

German East Africa, June 28.—
Union Day has been the accomplish-
ment of another task. The Parce
Mountains are now clear of the enemy.
We now lie below the Usambara
Mountains, and the lights of Wilhelmstal
are clearly visible. The celerity
of our movements, despite the density
of the jungle, has again disconcerted
the enemy, who left undestroyed a
stout pile bridge over the Pangani. On
May 29 he endeavored to check our
advance by shelling our transport at
long range with a naval gun. There
were only two casualties, although sixty
shells were fired. Our advance suffered
no check, and on May 30 the Belgians

field Scouts and the 2nd Rhodesians
smashingly attacked the enemy's pre-
pared positions which commanded the
bridge. After offering some resistance
the enemy retired, and as they did so
were fired upon by the mountain guns
accompanying a force sent by us to
make a flank movement with the ob-
ject of detaching the enemy from the
foothills of the southernmost part of
the Parce chain.

The attempt to hold the neck of the
bottle formed by the Pangani closing
in on the Parce Mountains failed en-
tirely despite the favourable nature of
the ground. On May 31 many bodies
of askaris were found in the bush, the
density of which, however, prevents an
accurate estimate of the enemy losses.
The captured camp revealed interesting
devices to conceal it from aeroplane
observation. There were no tents, only
grass huts of irregular outline scattered
under the trees.

The health of our troops on the march
is good, and the condition of the
animals is fair. Motor transport has
proved a success. There have been
several animal casualties through the
attacks of crocodiles, and pickets have
reported the presence of lions prowling
about. The Indian Regiments, the
King's African Rifles, and indeed, the
whole force have shown a fine and
cheery endurance under difficulties.

Muscular Backache.

The muscles of the back do the hea-
vy work of the body. When they are
overworked or ill-nourished they ache
and people begin to worry needlessly
about their kidneys.

Backache may be due to lumbago,
which is rheumatism of the muscles of
the back, but more backaches are caused
by overstrain, overwork, and muscle
starvation due to thin blood than by
anything else.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills build up
the blood, and sufferers from backache
would do well to try this treatment
before giving way to worry over a fan-
cied organic disease. Rest and the
tonic treatment with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills will correct most forms of
backache.

For people who work too hard and
sleep too little a short course of treat-
ment with these pills is all that is need-
ed to drive away the pain and aches
that are warnings of a coming break-
down.

Begin to renew your strength to-day
by starting Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.
Most dealers sell them, but you should
make sure to ask for Dr. Williams'.
Also obtainable from the British Dis-
pensary, Bangkok, sole wholesale
agents for Siam. 1 bottle Tcs. 2.25, 6
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Bear Brand Milk.

This popular and reliable brand is sold by all the leading
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rates.

No Increased Prices.

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TIME TABLE.

PAKNAM—BANGKOK.						BANGKOK—PAKNAM					
Stations.		Train No.				Stations.		Train No.			
		1	2	3	4			1	2	3	4
		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
*Pan 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
Bangdjak	..	7.00	10.00	1.15	4.15	*Bangna	..	8.20	11.20	2.35	5.35
Prakonong	..	7.05	10.05	1.20	4.20	Samrong	..	8.25	11.25	2.40	5.40
*Ban Kluei	..	7.10	10.10	1.25	4.25	Chorakhe	..	8.30	11.30	2.45	5.45
Klong Toi	..	7.15	10.15	1.30	4.30	*Pan Nang Greng	..	8.35	11.35	2.50	5.50
Sala Deng	..	7.23	10.23	1.38	4.38	*Maha Wong	..	8.40	11.40	2.55	5.55
Bangkok	Arr.	7.30	10.30	1.45	4.45	Paknam	Arr.	8.45	11.45	3.00	6.00

"Greece at the Cross Roads."

Why She Hesitates.

Greece has so much to gain from participation with the Entente, and the risks thereof are now so comparatively small, that it is a matter of surprise to most people that she still continues to sit on the fence of neutrality. Nor can it be denied that there is a considerable—perhaps overwhelming—body of public opinion in the country itself which is convinced that further delay may prove to be disastrous. Briefly put, it may be said that Greece offered to join forces with the Grand Alliance in August, 1914, April and May 1915. On these occasions her assistance was refused for reasons into which we need not enter here.

On the other hand, she was herself invited by the Entente to take up arms in November, 1914, January, March, and September, 1915. On the two former occasions a Venizelist Government declined the invitation, while in March and September of last year the decision of M. Venizelos was opposed by King Constantine and the General Staff and precipitated the resignation of the Government of the day.

Now in each of these four cases the decision of the State to remain neutral was based upon military grounds. On the first three occasions the motive was a fear of Bulgaria, concerning whose attitude the Entente could give no satisfactory assurances or guarantees. In the last event the even more imposing terror of German bayonets was introduced, and a double-barrelled theory was advanced: (1) That it was impossible to save Serbia, and (2) that armed action would result in the devastation of Greece.

THE KING'S ATTITUDE.

Whether these hypotheses would have been justified by events or not, it is yet too early to say. Military experts differ thereupon, and we have not yet sufficient data to give reason either to one side or the other. Such, however, was undoubtedly the opinion of the Greek General Staff, and in default of proof to the contrary, the assurances given to the writer that Greece would have gone to the aid of Serbia had the 150,000 Allied troops demanded by M. Venizelos been at hand in time, may best be accepted at its face value.

Indeed from first to last, the claim to justification advanced, not only by the King and the Staff, but by those who have endeavoured, amidst much discouragement, to explain the Greek point of view to the outside public, has been based exclusively upon the fear of attack by Bulgaria (firstly alone, and secondly with the co-operation of Austro-German forces), and the unwillingness or inability of the Entente to lend the necessary military assistance.

If a pro-German party (in the real sense of the word) exists in the State, it has never had the courage to so declare itself, and the suspicion with which the King himself has been regarded in some quarters has, so far as the writer's investigations have carried him, been built up on somewhat unconvincing circumstantial evidence.

A TRANSFORMATION SCENE.

We are brought, therefore, to the conclusion that the Greeks are not unmindful of their obligations to posterity, that they are desirous of seizing the opportunity of realising their national aspirations, but that their military advisers have, up to the present, been restrained by the dangers arising from hostile neighbours. To such a state of mind the existing position in the Peninsula must be bristling with possibilities. The Salonika theatre has treated its Balkan audience to an instructive transformation scene.

To-day the Allies are so near the necessary half-million of men that none but those who expect them to place all their cards on the table for the benefit of the German General Staff can doubt their ability to complete the total at very short notice.

We have been assured that the British and French would be forced to quit Salonika, told that they had not the instruments for Balkan warfare (as if their manufacture presented any secret), impressed with the difficulties of commissariat and communications, and threatened with the opposition of Turkish legions in addition to the entire Bulgarian forces and a large part

of the German and Austrian armies. And yet the Allies are still at Salonika, with the men and the equipment mostly there, and the rest at hand, with the difficulties of commissariat and communications thought out and provided for, and we find the Germans from Macedonia busy at Verdun, the Turks struggling against the Muscovite grig on their own hearth, the Austrians more concerned with the defence of their own threatened frontiers, and the Bulgars left almost unaided, to stem the avalanche of Britons, French, Serbians, and perhaps Russians which will shortly be launched against them.

HER LOST OPPORTUNITY.

In short, there has been a kaleidoscopic change in Macedonia wholly in favour of the Allies, and it is precisely this change which has brought Greece to the cross-roads. As far as man can foretell, some day or other in the not distant future Greece must again fight Bulgaria, and the question is whether she is going to do it by the side of an Allied force which is capable of registering the victory without her, or whether she will wait and be forced into a lone and perhaps disastrous combat later on. The dangers which threatened before are no longer existent, and the way is now open for the Hellenes to repeat their triumph of 1913 and settle the Balkan question in their own favour for generations.

This is her opportunity, and it will probably be the last. If King Constantine's army stands aside until Bulgaria has been brought to her knees—that which may very speedily happen—the Allies will not willingly admit a new ally whose demands will merely serve to render more difficult the final capitulation of the enemy. They would then have no interest in stiffening Bulgaria's determination to resist by introducing Greek requirements into the conditions of the Balkan peace.—Ex.

First Degree Congregation of Hongkong University.

Professor Middleton Smith M. Sc. writes in the Hongkong Daily Press:—Unless something quite unexpected happens, the First Degree Congregation of the University of Hongkong will take place in November of this year. It was in October, 1912, that the first undergraduates in the Faculties of Medicine, Engineering and Arts entered the University. There were fifty-six of them. The permanent staff of the University then consisted of the Vice-Chancellor (Sir Charles Eliot), a professor of engineering, a lecturer in physics and a registrar. The present writer has had a few unique experiences in the course of a lifetime, but he can frankly say that they fade into insignificance as compared with that of being the only professor in a British University for a whole year. The students have increased and so have the staff. There are now the Vice-Chancellor, nine Professors, ten full-time lecturers, and numerous part-time lecturers in the University.

The ceremony to be held in November should be of considerable local interest. There will be somewhere about twenty graduates. There are five or six in Medicine, and twelve in Engineering, while the number in Arts is uncertain, as one of the examiners is in India. These young men will appear in the academic costume of their alma mater. The gown is of a soft grey colour, while the different hoods of the three Faculties, contain red for medicine, orange for engineering, and blue for arts. The robes of the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor will be distinctive. Most of the members of the staff will wear the academic costume of the Universities of which they are graduates, but the Wardens of the Hostels and the Registrar will have gowns of grey. The mace will be a prominent feature of the procession, for it will be carried at the head of it. A prominent local citizen, and member of the Council of the University, Mr. Ho Fook has presented this interesting symbol of authority. As its name implies, it was originally a weapon, and we may assume that in the first degree ceremonies it was used to keep in order the unruly undergraduates. As the heavy end of this particular mace is of silver, engraved with the coat of arms of the University and with other embellishments, it is to be hoped that it will be used only as a symbol.

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At Min. of L. & A. July 15	11.2	mm.
.. Min. of L. & A. ..	16	1.0 ..
.. Min. of L. & A. ..	17	3.0 ..
MONDOL KRUNG KAO.		
At Anglong July	14	6.0 ..
.. Lobburri ..	14	32.0 ..
.. Singhhuri ..	14	15.7 ..
.. Anglong ..	17	36.4 ..
.. Singhhuri ..	17	16.0 ..
MONDOL NAGOR JAISRI.		
At Nagor Pathom July 17	58.5	..
MONDOL RAJBURI.		
At Bejraburi July	15	4.7 ..
.. Bejraburi ..	17	7.1 ..
.. Kanchanaburi ..	17	46.5 ..
MONDOL NAGOR SVARGA.		
At Nagor Svarga July	14	20.1 ..
.. Udaithani ..	14	11.1 ..
.. Jainad ..	14	37.5 ..
.. Nagor Svarga ..	17	27.0 ..
.. Udaithani ..	17	14.9 ..
.. Tak ..	17	4.7 ..

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Great War.

German Gains.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, July 20.

General Sir Douglas Haig's communiqué says that the Germans succeeded in recapturing a portion of Deville wood, and also obtained a footing in the northern outskirts of Longueval.

Russians Occupy Ten Miles of Defences.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, July 20.

Petrograd.—The Russians are driving the enemy across the Lower Lipa and have occupied ten miles of strong defences on the north bank from the junction of the Styr and the Lipa westwards. This is ominous for General von Bohm-Ermoli's army defending the Lipa.

Military experts estimate that now there are only two hundred thousand Austrians on the Russian southern front.

Russian Reports.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, July 19.

Petrograd.—On the Riga front we repulsed German attacks and preserved our gains.

In the Caucasus at Plastony we made a forcible advance and took prisoner 34 Turkish officers and 608 Askaris.

The Italian Front.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, July 19.

Rome.—We repulsed attacks at Sopiano, and continue to advance on Pasubio in spite of resistance.

The Western Theatre.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, July 19.

Yesterday we chased the Germans from some houses that they held in Biaches.

Today on the right bank of the Meuse artillery fighting was very lively in the Fleury sector. We made progress near Chapelle Saint Finc.

London.—We progressed north of Oviliers on a front of one kilometre and took several points which were strongly held.

LOCAL AND-GENERAL.

All the destroyer Onslaught's officers were killed in the Battle of Jutland, and the conning towers were wrecked, while the charts were destroyed. A midshipman, 17 years of age, piloted the vessel out of action and took her into port.

Two more beds in Netley Hospital have been subscribed for by the Up-country Branch of the Patriotic League of British Overseas, to be named "Chingmai" and "Lakon" respectively makes a total of 4 beds donated by this Branch: "Up-country," "T. B. Chatteris," "Chingmai" and "Lakon" Beds.

In consequence of representations which have from time to time been made to H.B.M. Consulate General in regard to the censoring of Telegrams at Rangoon and elsewhere H.B.M. Consul General has obtained from a responsible source the following information which may be of interest to the mercantile community here:—
An authorised Code is only available for telegrams passing between Siam and British or allied territory. An abbreviated address cannot be used in telegrams from Siam.

Austria.

Possibility of Separate Peace.

London, July 14.—The Morning Post correspondent at Petrograd says the departure of the Council of Ministers of the Empire for the Imperial headquarters is much commented on. There is a strong feeling in influential quarters that when Austria again issues feelers for a separate peace they should be welcomed by the Allies, and also that the time has come for the Allies to agree on the basis of future peace terms.

Personal.

H.R.H. Prince of Kambaseng Bejra will be proceeding to Ubon next week.

Mr. W. J. F. Williamson who had been away from Bangkok during the holidays in search of sea-birds for his extensive collection of Birds of Siam returned on Wednesday afternoon having been successful in securing many specimens of sea-birds from islands on the East Coast.

H. E. Phya Chasaanya Bodi, our Harbour Master General, who had been away at Nagor Svarga as the guest of H. E. Phya Ronasaj, H.M.'s Lord Lieutenant of the Nagor Svarga Circle, returned to Bangkok yesterday, and owns to having spent a perfect holiday chiefly through having taken his Norwegian skiff with him. There is a beautiful and somewhat extensive stretch of fresh water at Nagor Svarga and the skiff enabled him to satisfy to his heart's content his great partiality for rowing and sailing.

H. E. Phya Pracha Sri Suradej, Governor of Changwad Bangplaoi, is up in Bangkok on a month's leave. He is suffering from some throat trouble and has come to Bangkok to take European medical treatment at the Chulalongkorn Memorial Hospital.

Monsieur Praders Niquet of the Appeal Court has been at Hua Hin where H.R.H. the Prince of Bhisnuloke is still residing.

Mom Chow Thasanopasa, the Ayakarn of Mondhol Bhisnuloke, was down at Hua Hin visiting his father H.R.H. Prince Prom. He returned to his station to-day.

Phra Chammuan Vinichai, the Chief Judge of Mondhol Patani, who arrived here on the 13th instant is returning to his duties to-morrow.

A Change of Profession.

Nai Choey Isarapakdi, one of the successful candidates at the last law examination has been attached by orders of the Ministry of Justice to the Attorney General's Department. He is the former banker Phra Sanpakara and deserves credit for entering upon the study of the law and beginning life again in another profession.

Rugger.

There will be a game of Rugger at the R.B.S.C. on Saturday. The following are the teams:—

Colours.

Forrest, J., Robertson, Fitzgerald, Ferdinands,
Atkins, Keynes, Howatson, McCormack, Bowdon, Voirol, Sutton, Jackson, Carson, McDonald.

Whites.

Reis, Schneider, Rasmussen, Dalsgaard, Reith, Gilmore, Johnson, Selley, Preston,
Edgar, Cranmer, Malcolm, Croucher, Duke.

K. O. 5.15 p.m. Ref. Mr. R. B. Mair.

There will be a General meeting of the Football Section after the game at 6.30 p.m.

Lord Lansdowne's Letter.

London, July 14.—Mr Redmond, replying to Lord Lansdowne's letter of yesterday, says the matter can only be cleared up by the production of the Government's amending bill. He is loth to believe that the Cabinet favours naked coercion.

London, July 14.—Lord Lansdowne's letter is regarded as showing that the difference between him and Mr Redmond is due to a misunderstanding but reports from Ireland indicate that the position is regarded as critical there. An appeal of the Catholic Bishop Berry at the convocation of the National Convention, independent of Mr Redmond, caused a further complication as regarded the incitement of the opponents of exclusion of Ulster.

Concerning Mesopotamia.

London, July 15.—The Times thinks that the inquiry about Mesopotamia should be directed firstly to the Imperial Government's share in the decision to advance on Bagdad, secondly to errors of judgment by the generals on the spot and the Indian army department. When every allowance is made for the Indian military system it has failed to stand the test of war. The evils of overconcentration were accentuated by the most unwise destruction of the supply department.

Defects of the Declaration.

London, July 15.—A Government memorandum to neutrals states that the Declaration of London has been abandoned because it was impossible for it to stand the strain of changed conditions of war. But the Allied nations continue to conform to the principles of international law.

British Subjects in Siam.

The First Fighter Promised.

The meeting which took place on the evening of the 20th instant, at the British Court House was very largely attended by every branch of European and Asiatic British subjects in Bangkok. The British Minister was voted into the chair. It was unanimously decided to form a Committee consisting of representatives of all British nationalities resident in Siam, for the purpose of collecting funds in order to present H.M. Government with fighting aeroplanes, a movement which has already met with enthusiastic response in various parts of the universe.

The Chairman announced that the promoters of the scheme had already received the promise of over 18,000 ticals before the meeting, after which Mr. Adam addressed those present and explained in detail what had been carried out in a similar respect in other parts of the world. Subscriptions were thereafter rapidly announced, some being for very large amounts. One prominent and respected member of the British-Chinese community alone signed for 6,000 ticals, while various wellknown Sikh residents and other Indians of the different races represented made donations of conspicuous sums individually, ranging from 2,000 ticals downwards. Thus the initial success of the movement was fully assured, for before the close of the meeting it was ascertained that close upon 50,000 ticals had been already given or promised, i.e. more than enough for the first fighter.

One of the most eminent members of the English community present suggested that some of the subscribers might prefer to spread their contributions over a period of time and recommended this method to the attention of the Committee as an additional means of securing funds for the purposes of the meeting. The Committee will give due prominence to this proposal, and it is expected that, thanks to the generous initiative of these present, the contributions of British subjects of all races throughout Siam will total a most substantial amount. A feature of this loyal meeting was the large number of British Indians of all races, British Chinese, Burmese, Shans, Malays and others present, all of whom subscribed according to their means. It is estimated that some three hundred persons were present.

Items of Interest.

London, July 14.—The death has occurred of the painter James Sant.

London, July 15.—A railway strike in Spain has resulted in martial law being proclaimed.

London, July 14.—The famous English international rugger player Pihman has died of wounds.

London, July 15.—It is reported at Stockholm that a naval battle was fought north of Gothland on July 12.

London, July 14.—Mr. Chamberlain has accepted a motor office (?) presented to the Indian army by Sir A. Mond.

Washington, July 15.—The State department has formally ruled that the German submarine Deutschland is a merchantman.

London, July 14.—Government has issued regulation requiring the County Councils to organise schemes for the diagnosis and treatment of venereal diseases.

London, July 16.—Sir Edward Grey in a letter bidding farewell to his constituents, says: "Things are going so favourably for the Allies as to justify the fairest expectation of satisfactory final success."

Hague, July 14.—The Chamber has adopted a bill extending the Landstrum. The Minister of War said that the more the idea of peace was penetrating the belligerents the more careful must the Dutch be to defeat attempts on their integrity.

London, July 15.—Mr. Ginnell, M.P., has been arrested at Knutsford under the Defence of the Realm Act.

He was charged at Bow street and remanded till July 28. He had asked to see some Irish prisoners confined at Knutsford and gave the name of McFingle.

Manila, July 14.—The owners of the British steamer Chinese Prince are appealing against a fine of fifty thousand pesos imposed on the ground that two thousand parcels consigned to merchants in Manila are missing from the steamer. It is alleged that these were confiscated by the British authorities at Penang on the ground that the consignees were black-listed.

London, July 15.—The correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at New York says that in a debate on the Naval Bill in the Senate, Mr. Lodge admitted that the navigation of the Panama Canal was so unreliable that the transference of the fleet was uncertain. Therefore a Pacific Fleet must be built in addition to one on the Atlantic.

They Say!

What Say They?

What They Say: Let Them Say.

They say that Dr. Hays while at the sea side at Loh Lak had in view always the land side. In other words he was after land.

They say that quite a number of residents are turning their attention towards the Southern line of railway and dreaming of sea side villas.

They say that there will soon be plenty of innovations in the direction and management of the sports sections of a certain Club.

They say that fissures and cracks are appearing in the walls of quite a new public building not a hundred miles from Sapatoom.

They say that more rooms might have been placed above and less height given to ball rooms that have never been used.

They say that a sanatorium on the hills now being tapped by the Northern line is almost a *fait accompli*.

They say that a stay there will give a European as much health and new life as he would get in a Java, Ceylon or Indian sanatorium.

They say that Bangkok householders will be rejoicing when competition among ice manufacturers begins.

They say that enquiries are being made largely as to present values of ponies and carriages.

They say that this is taking time by the forelock regarding benzine prices.

The British Advance.

London, July 14.—The Frankfurter Zeitung estimates that the Allies fired a million shells on the seven days of the bombardment preceding the offensive on the Somme.

Paris, July 14.—It is stated that the Germans lost twelve thousand men in counter attack at Contal Maison, showing the importance they attached to the position. A German prisoner, an ex-waiter in London, said that German officers told the men the British were "Kitchener's conscripts" who knew nothing of soldiering and would throw down their rifles directly they came to close quarters. The Germans consequently expected a walkover, but "it was very much otherwise."

Paris, July 16.—"The magnificent success of our intrepid British Allies" is the theme of the French papers, which declare that there is something majestic and inflexible in the measured but continuous advances, giving the impression of latent power united with implacable will.

It is pointed out that the Germans are particularly in dread of a British advance north of Peronne, and made incredible efforts to prevent it, but the British front is already nearly aligned with that of the French, thus facilitating a renewal of the combined advance. Details of the Friday assault show that the British left, starting between La Boisselle and Contal Maison, swarmed over three lines of trenches. They met with a desperate resistance from two Bavarian regiments at Ovillers, while north of Contal Maison they encountered fractions of the Prussian Guard, which were driven back to the outskirts of Pozieres.

The central advance, from between Mametz and Montauban towards Bazentin, quickly took 700 prisoners, a battery of field-guns and a number of maxims. There was a succession of sharp fights, including the repulse of two counter-attacks. A Pomeranian brigade held out most fiercely at Bazentin le Petit. Twice the British emerged from the wood into the single street of the village, and twice were they compelled to withdraw. A third assault, in the afternoon, was successful.

It is stated that 1,500 German corpses were found in the village. A company was captured fleeing towards Pozieres, but the main body of the Pomeranians escaped.

The first task of the British right was to clear Trones wood after which they covered the half mile to Longueval by noon.

The Prussians defended Longueval, but the "Tommyes" blood was up, and they dashed forward with such impetuosity that they captured the whole place in less than an hour, capturing the regiment's staff and the bulk of the battalion.

A French eye-witness says that all were astounded at the dash and valour of the British infantry, sweeping everything from their path irresistibly.

The feature of the Allied advance is the work of co-operative aeroplanes flying low to signal to the rear every movement of the advancing infantry, enabling the guns to be left as successive rushes are made.

London, July 15.—A German official statement admits that the British have gained ground, piercing the German lines between Pozieres and Longueval. The British occupation of Trones wood is also admitted. The statement mentions attacks by minor British detachments in the Ancre-Neuville sector, and also near Armentieres and Arras.

London, July 14.—General Haig reports reciprocal artillery activity

throughout the day. As a result of sharp infantry fighting we not merely maintained our pressure but appreciably advanced our line at various points. We captured some German howitzers in one sector, with ammunition. These will be used against the enemy.

Later.—At dawn to-day we attacked the enemy's second line of defence and broke in the front for four miles and captured several strongly defended localities. Heavy fighting continues.

London, July 15.—July 11th and 12th were mainly spent in bombarding the enemy's formidable second positions, and other preparations. A further advance assault was launched at 3.25 this morning after an intensive bombardment. The enemy were driven down the trenches on the whole front of the attack. We took many prisoners.

We relieved in Trones Wood a party of the Royal West Kents who had been separated from their comrades in the recent fighting and were surrounded by Germans. They gallantly held out in the northern end of the wood for forty-eight hours.

The whole village of Bazentin le Petit remained in our hands after the Germans were ejected in the afternoon.

London, July 15.—The total of prisoners taken by the British is 10,000 since the beginning of the battle, including 2,000 in the last twenty-four hours. The latter include a regimental commander of a Guards division. Large quantities of war material have fallen into our hands.

London, July 16.—General Haig, at 10.50 in the evening, reports: There has been heavy fighting all day in the Pozieres-Guillemont sector of the German second line, which has resulted in further important British successes, capturing two woods and penetrating the German third line north of Bazentin le Grand, reaching the outskirts of Pozieres.

We captured the whole of Delville wood, east of Longueval, despite a desperate resistance and repulsed a strong counter-attack with severe enemy losses. We gained a lodgment in Faureux wood, where we penetrated the German third line.

A squadron of Dragoon Guards in this vicinity successfully accounted for an enemy detachment, this being the first opportunity for cavalry action since 1914.

We captured the whole of the wood of Bazentin le Petit, west of the village of that name, and repulsed two counter-attacks. The prisoners here include the commander of a Bavarian regiment and his whole staff.

Advancing east of Ovillers, we fought our way to the outskirts of Pozieres.

Our aeroplanes during the past forty-eight hours have been much hampered by unfavourable weather. The clouds during all the 14th were seldom higher than 500 feet. Nevertheless much valuable work was done. An enemy train was derailed in one of our bombing raids. We have destroyed in the past twenty-four hours three Fokkers, three biplanes and a double-engine aeroplane, and forced another Fokker to land, damaged. All our machines returned safely.

London, July 14.—Reuter's representative at the press camp says that the latest reports are that we have captured the villages of Longueval and Bazentin le Grand, and cleared Trones wood of the enemy. The weather is favourable.

Reuter's representative at headquarters says that later reports confirm the success of the morning's attack. We suffered small losses, the enemy surrendering freely. A regimental commander and staff are among the captures. Up till nine o'clock in the morning, in addition to the villages previously mentioned we had captured Bazentin le Petit, which was taken by storm. Fighting is proceeding around Ovillers practically the whole of which is in our hands. Several counter-attacks on the newly won positions were repulsed. We are now consolidating our gains. The troops are in high spirits.

The latest news from the British front is the best since the push began. Longueval is just north of Trones wood and is more than six miles north-east of Albert and nearly five miles east of our original line. Bazentin le Grand is two miles east of Longueval while Bazentin le Petit, which Reuter's representative at headquarters gives as captured, is a mile further north and nearer Bapaume.

The German position at Pozieres, a mile and a half north of Contal Maison, must be critical owing to our recent successes. Pozieres lies athwart the main road from Albert to Bapaume. The possession of Longueval brings our advance in this sector in line with the French at Hardecourt.

London, July 16.—Reuter's correspondent at headquarters states: Our casualties in penetrating the German second line on Friday were comparatively light. The enemy surrendered freely. The villages offered sterner opposition than the trenches, but taught by the experiences of the past fortnight, the troops carefully sought and destroyed machine gun redoubts and dug-outs.

They had captured Longueval, Bazentin le Grand and other strong positions before breakfast. The mist deepened in the forenoon, and advantage was taken of it to consolidate the conquered ground.

The struggle was renewed most intensely later in the day. An important attack was delivered in the evening, in pursuance of General Haig's

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policy of heavy, rapid blows to prevent the enemy from strengthening his new defences.

A further despatch, timed 7.30 in the evening, from Reuter's representative at headquarters, says that the British progress continues most satisfactorily. We have captured a high wood and advanced towards Pozieres and Martinpuich. We have captured over 2,000 prisoners in the past twenty-four hours, and much material. Some of the South-Africans carried Delville wood.

London, July 16.—Reuter's correspondent at headquarters mentions the first employment of cavalry since early in the war, detachments of Dragoon Guards and Deccan Horse charging, and killing sixteen and capturing thirty-four of the enemy.

Shipping Notes.

The Nor. S. S. Eiger 875 tons Capt. E. Fingelsen, arrived from Singapore today with a general cargo and one bag of mail. The consignees are Messrs. Guan Long Seng and Co.

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The Stokhod Struggle.

London, July 15.—The Petrograd communique says that the enemy attempt to take the offensive on the left bank of the Stokhod was repulsed.

Fighting west of the Strypa river has slackened.

Petrograd, July 15.—A communique states: The enemy yesterday violently bombarded the Russian line east of Gorodischie, north-east of Baranovitchi, and made repeated offensives, various points in the region of the village of Skroboloff, but was repulsed with heavy losses. The Russians counter-attacked and gained ground.

London, July 15.—A German official statement claims that the Germans have recaptured ground lost at Skrobolova, on the Russian front, on July 14, taking prisoner eleven officers and 1,500 men.

Caucasus Advance Pressed.

Petrograd, July 11.—The communique says: The Turks were hurled back from heights eastwards of Baiburt and are now retreating. Our offensive west of Mamakhatum is progressing successfully. A series of heights has been occupied after a desperate night battle. An attempted Turkish offensive south-east of Mamakhatum was repulsed and we are advancing.

Petrograd, July 15.—A communique states that the Russians captured new positions west of Erzerum and are now ten miles from Baiburt. The fighting is developing favourably south-west of Mash. Despite desperate Turkish resistance.

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Important Allied Conference in London.

London, July 14.—Mr. Lloyd George presiding at a conference at the War Office attended by French, Russian and Italian representatives, emphasised the considerable change in the fortunes of the Allies since the last conference. He paid a tribute to the splendid achievements of the Allies and declared that the combined offensive east and west was due to the vast output of munitions which deprived the enemy of the initiative. We had crossed the watershed and victory was beginning to flow in our direction.

Supplies Soon Overwhelming.
He described the efforts of the Allies to increase the output of munitions. The work of supplying the navy occupies a million men, but in addition Britain has evolved out of nothing arsenals to supply a huge army. Most factories are completed and are turning out hundreds of guns. Heavy guns are rolling in at a great rate. New factories have not yet attained one third of their full capacity but the output is increasing daily. The main difficulties have been solved and our supplies will shortly be overwhelming.

Mr. Lloyd George concluded by urging a close examination of the requirements of the various armies, as with mutual help victory anywhere means victory everywhere.

Russian and Italian Needs.
London, July 14.—Official: The Allies' munitions conference reviewed the whole programme of Russian requirements at a four hours sitting and arrived at satisfactory conclusions. Subsequently it considered the Italian needs.

Turks Expelled From Mecca.

Garrison Yields to the Arabs.
Cairo, July 15.—The remaining forts at Mecca surrendered with twenty eight officers, and 950 unwounded and 150 wounded men, whilst four guns and a large quantity of war material and munitions were captured, making a total of ten field-guns, ten mountain-guns, fifteen machine-guns, a hundred officers and 2,500 soldiers; 150 officials were captured. Since the independence was proclaimed there is no longer any trace of Turks at Mecca.

Italian Successes.

Rome, July 15.—Apart from the increasing artillery activity on the whole front, the feature of the communiqué is a repetition of the Italian feat of blowing off the summit of a mountain. A mine had been long dug most arduously beneath Castelletto Peak and

was exploded on July 12, burying the garrison. The Alpini immediately scaled the debris-littered slopes and consolidated the position. They repulsed strong counter-attacks.

Rome, July 15.—A communiqué states: At the head of the Poena valley, the Italians carried very strong positions. The enemy counter-attacked violently, but unsuccessfully, losing heavily. In the Tofana region there was very marked Italian progress.

Supremacy in the Air.

Mr. E. S. Bruce, late secretary of the Aeronautical Society, gives the cheering information in the "United Service Magazine" that enough German aeroplanes have now been captured on which to form an opinion of the present state of their aeroplane industry. They show a remarkable unity of design, a careful elimination of what is not fitted to survive, and a methodical perfection of those qualities which render them efficient instruments of war, but in their essence they are devoid of originality. There is not the slightest foundation for the opinion that the German nation has made any formidable stride towards attaining supremacy in the air.

Mr. Bruce says the Fokkers cannot be described as novel or excessively terrifying. They are efficient fighting aircraft, and they have the habit of lying in wait for the Allied air scouts, but they are not invincible—far from it. They have been brought to earth even by machines not specially adapted to be equal to their manoeuvres. The exploit of one British airman, single-handed in bringing down in rapid succession three of the Fokkers should modify the utterances of those who under-estimate British aeronautical possibilities.

After the War.

Paris, June 28.—The Commonwealth Prime Minister, Mr. Hughes, was interviewed by "Le Matin" yesterday and questioned concerning some pessimists' prediction that after another decade German trade would be as flourishing as ever. He replied indignantly: "Those entertaining such a thought are traitors." He added:

"Whatever may be our business transactions with Germany they will be those we desire, not those which Germany imposes. Her pre-war activity consisted not only of sending us her products but especially in greatly disorganising our national industries and largely seizing the control of others. She acted as a vampire and it behoved us to break down her tyranny for ever."

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What is Major Churchill?

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As a civilian over the fighting age I am in matters military a child; and if I ask a silly question it is, like Rosa Dardle, only for information. Can any one tell me authoritatively what is the status of Major Winston Churchill? That he is a Privy Councillor and ex-Cabinet Minister all the world knows. But is he, or is he not, an officer in the British Army? If yes, is he not, like all other British officers at the present time, except those who are retired or cashiered, on active service? At the outbreak of the war Mr. Churchill was, unless I am mistaken, a major in the Oxfordshire Hussars, that famous regiment in which the Duke of Marlborough, the Attorney-General, and Sir Robert Hermon Hodgkiss held commission. When Mr. Churchill found himself as the result of the Coalition shuffle, transferred from the post of First Lord of the Admiralty to that of Chancellor of the Duchy, he occupied himself for a few months in landscape painting. Having quickly discovered that he was neither a Turner nor a Corot, and that consequently his brush and palette were inferior as instruments of elevation to his pen and his tongue, he flung himself dramatically out of office. He announced to the world that he could not eat the bread of idleness or rust in inglorious ease, and his consequent determination to join his regiment at the front. Mr. Churchill was, of course, under no compulsion to go, for he was over the age and a Cabinet Minister. However, he went, and the world applauded, for the spectacle of a man in the prime of life giving up £4,000 a year and a seat in the Cabinet for the very probable chance of being killed or maimed on the Western front is heroic. What followed? In a few weeks the yeomanly major is promoted to be a temporary colonel, and after seven or eight months, during which I am not aware that he did anything in particular, the Colonel's battalion is absorbed by somebody else. Whereupon the new Colonel relinquishes his temporary rank, and reverts to that of major, but instead of remaining at his post of duty he returns to the front Opposition bench in the House of Commons, whence he heaves a shower of bombs and hand-grenades upon his superior officers. Again, I ask, What is Major Churchill at the present hour? If he is an officer on active service, then I submit that it is quite incompatible with discipline, if not contrary to the King's Regulations, for him to attack publicly the Commanders-in-Chief and to criticise the disposition of forces at the front. Major Churchill really ought to choose between being an officer in the army and a leader of Opposition, just as he must choose between being a Liberal and Conservative. No man can be both, any more than he can serve God and Mammon.

It seems to me that for their own

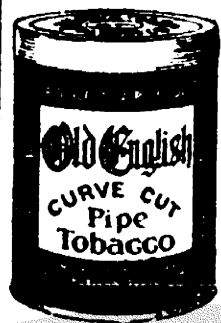
protection the Cabinet would be quite justified in pressing the military authorities to order this terrible major back to his duty. For Major Churchill is not satisfied with attacking the Secretary of State for War and the Commander-in-Chief of the Forces abroad. He has violently re-seized his former post of First Lord of the Admiralty, pushing out of doors his gentle successor, Mr. Balfour. I can see exactly what happened just as if I had been present. The moment the news of the naval battle arrived Major Churchill burst into the holy of holies, the room of the First Lord of the Admiralty, and insisted on seeing the cabled reports of the admiral. Mr. Balfour is "mildest manner'd man" that ever scuttled ship, and would be swayed by some absurd scruple of respect towards his predecessor. But Mr. Balfour knows his Winston, and it was doubtless with a clear, if dismayed, prevision of what would follow that he allowed the ex-First Lord to see these very confidential documents. Of course, as soon as Major Churchill had mastered the cables he dashed off to the Press Bureau; and, again using his authority as ex-First Lord of the Admiralty, he gave to the world on Sunday, a day before anybody else, his version of the naval battle. Who can cope with such a man? Is not a man who rushes from the Cabinet to the Camp, and then rushes back from the field to the front Opposition bench, exactly the type that Dryden drew in the immortal couplet? Restless, unfixed in principles and place,

By power displeased, impatient of disgrace.

Perhaps Bacon has painted the portrait of Major Churchill with an even sorer touch when he writes that "the corrupter sort of mere politicians, that have not their thoughts established by learning in the love and apprehension of duty, nor ever look abroad into universality, do refer all things to themselves, and thrust themselves into the centre of the world, as if all lines should meet in them and their fortunes never failing, in all tempests, what becomes of the ship of state, so they may save themselves in the cock-boat of their own fortune."

Major Churchill's feverish activities remind me sadly of his father's flinging himself in a rage out of Lord Salisbury's Cabinet in 1886, and, despite of frantic efforts to regain his position, of his steady decline into a disrepute which killed him. Before it is too late, before inherited restlessness becomes incurable, I hope that Major Churchill will realise, or that the friends will point out to him, how seriously he damages himself in the eyes of sober men by his recent running about the world in the dual capacity of a soldier and a politician. Ten years ago his performances in the way of self-advertisement were passed with a shrug and a smile; he was still a political boy. To-day he has passed the age at which Lord Randolph Churchill felt, never to rise again, the victim of his own intemperate egotism. Let the son read Ibsen's "Ghosts," and be warned in time.—Truth.

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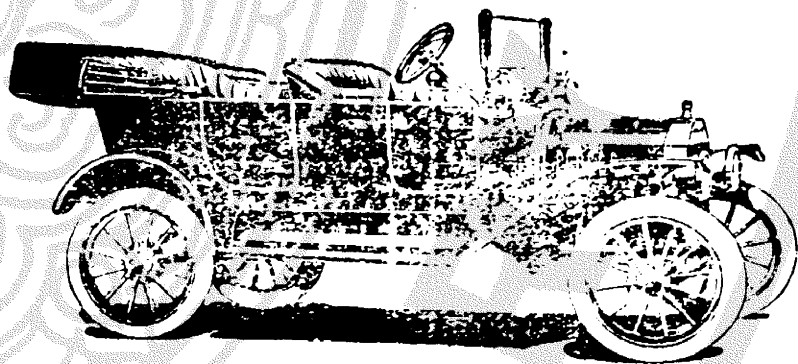
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Coming Events in the Balkans.

Berlin, May 26.—The *Vossische Zeitung* publishes a report received by the *Secolo* from Salonika to the effect that hostilities have there been resumed on both sides. Outpost engagements took place on the 24th, on the right bank of the Vardar, whilst there was a violent artillery duel on the left bank.

Berlin, May 26.—The latest Bulgarian army report is considered at Berlin as a sign that important events are imminent. Other indications point to the same conclusion. It is highly probable that important events will take place within the next few days.

Salonika, May 26.—The Prince of Hesse entered Greek territory near Pirin with German cavalry and arrested the Mother Superior of a convent.

Athens, May 26.—The Athenian Press continues to express lively indignation at the torpedoing of Greek steamers by the Germans and Austrians and demands that the Greek Government shall obtain the same rights for the Greek flag as the American Government demands for the American flag. Fifteen Greek steamers, aggregating some 40,000 tons, have been destroyed by German submarines and mines. Shipping circles are urging the Government to take energetic measures.

Pictures from Salonika. The Salonika correspondent of the "Handelsblad" writes:—The contingent of Serbians recently transported to Macedonia is still on the increase. Units arrive daily at Salonika.

This morning, on the highway leading outward from the city to various encampments, I passed a whole train of two divisions of the 3rd. Serbian army. It is, indeed, a splendid piece of work, this reconstruction by France of the Serbian army—that army which the Germans believed to have been destroyed. All vehicles are brand new, well-constructed, painted light grey. The indications as to their nature are in the French language:—3e Armée serbe, . . . division, . . . section, etc. Strong, well-fed horses in new harness drew vehicles conducted by Serbian soldiers. Not a day passes but long trains of these horses pass from the landing stages along the quays, into the country.

The Serbians do service together with the French. The vast majority are big, strong, sunburnt men, of a far more stalwart type than the Greek soldiers.

Desertion is a frequent occurrence in the Bulgarian army. Groups of Bulgarian military cross the Greek frontier daily. If in doing so they fall into the hands of the Allies, captivity

is their lot, whilst, if Greek military disarm them, they are delivered up to internment.

What a Modern Army Needs.

The storehouses and parts for all sorts of articles needed by the Allies are numerous and extensive. They extend for miles along the byways, with here and there intermittent bakeries and kitchens. Nothing is bought either on the spot or in Greece—with the exception of some fresh vegetables perhaps. On the contrary, many thousands of refugees from the territory under occupation receive sustenance from the Allies; Greece can barely supply its own needs.

Besides the provision made for what is necessary for man and beast and gun, I saw a number of other services for all sorts of necessary articles, on a vast scale and admirably arranged. Near the storehouses for lumber and timber, mills are in full working order, with numbers of lathes and the constant whirr of the circular saws. A little further is a park for the electric service. Here are kilometers of rolled up cables, motors, dynamos, searchlights and again a special factory busily at work to prepare and deliver the orders for the front. The service of roads and bridges is another important section. There are numerous repair shops, all manned with skilled labour. In one of them I saw a long row of armoured motor-cars, armed with guns. They were painted in the exact colour of the place where they were to be used. Even the service for the draining of pools and ditches and the petrolising of stagnant water—to combat malaria infection—has its own establishment. And near almost every park there is a bomb-proof shelter, an ivy-a-three to four meter cover of hard ground, to protect the workmen against the visits of hostile airmen.

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Finance Ministers Confer.

How British Gold Helps.

London, July 14.—An important conference is being held of representatives of the Allies on financial matters. London, July 15.—Official: Mr. McKenna and the Finance Ministers of France, Russia and Italy conferred in London in conjunction with the British and French Ministers of Munitions and the Chief of the Russian General Staff. They reached an agreement further co-ordinating the joint arrangements for supplies and finance.

Britain also concluded separate financial agreements with France and Italy and initiated a discussion with a view to a separate agreement with Russia.

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					Ayuthia	7.13	9.25	1.23	3.58
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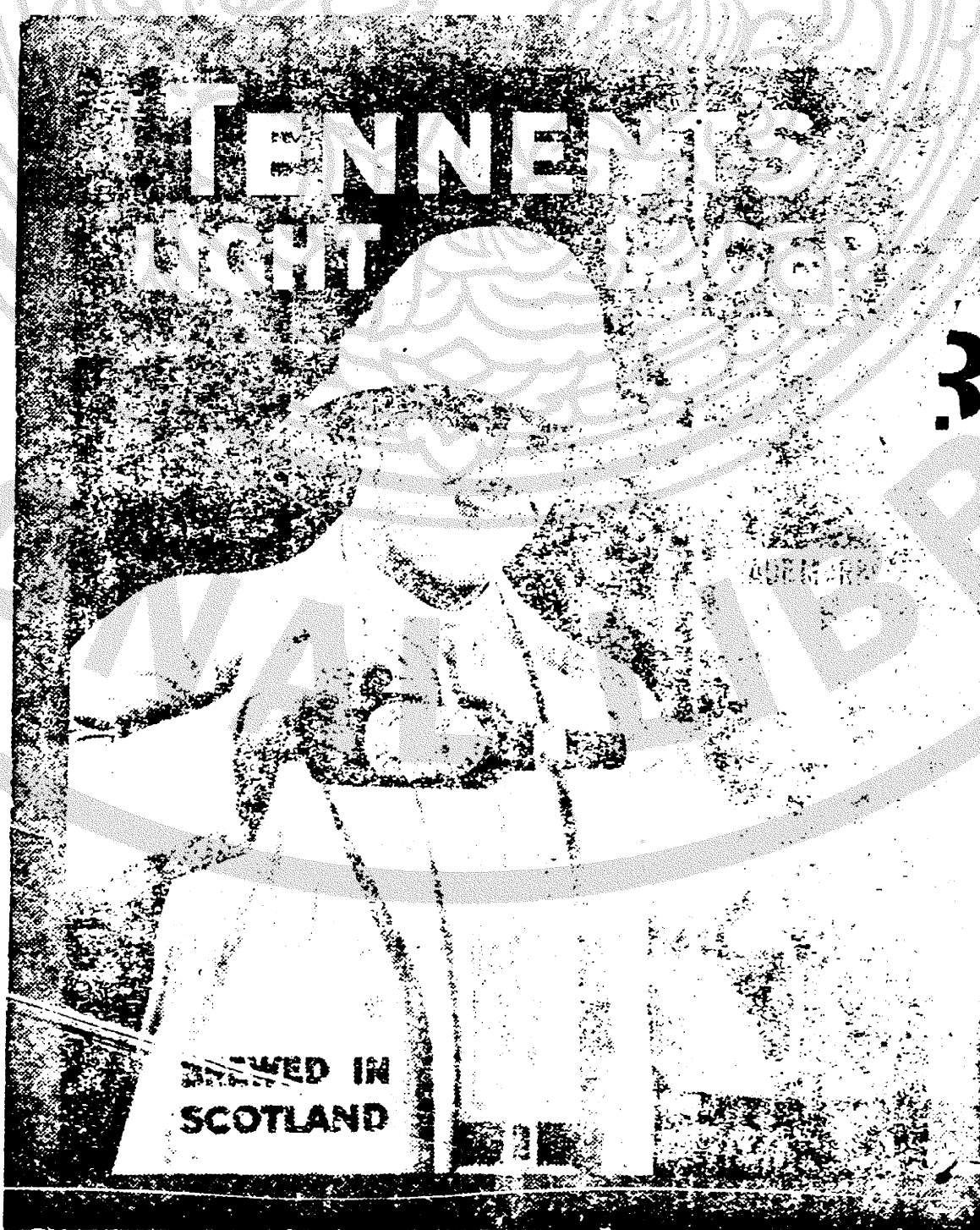
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