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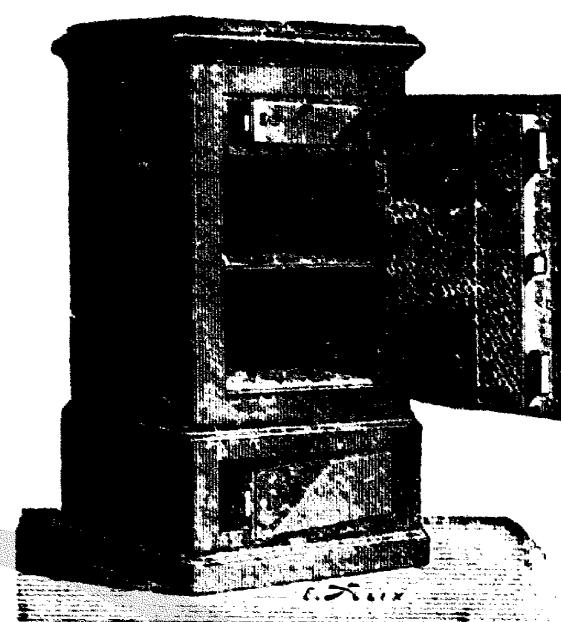
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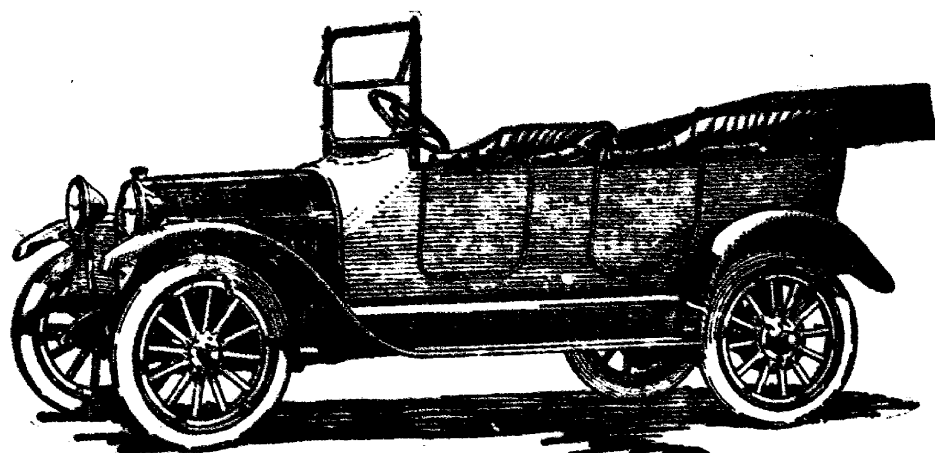
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Jan.	A.M.			L. W. (Approx.)
	H. W.	Ft. & in.		
1	11 00	14 0
2	4 00	13 9
3	4 30	14 0
4	5 00	14 6
5	6 00	14 11
6	6 30	15 8
7	7 00	16 0	...	...
8	7 30	15 8	...	...
9	8 30	15 2	...	...
10	9 00	15 0	1-0	6-0
11	9 00	14 7	2-0	7-0
12	9 30	14 6	3-0	7-0
13	10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

Jan.	P.M.			L. W. (Approx.)
	H. W.	Ft. & in.		
1	...	...	9-10	7-8
2	...	...	10-11	7-8
3	...	...	10-11	6-7
4	...	...	10-11	6-0
5	2 30	12 3	11-12	6-0
6	2 30	12 6	11-12	6-0
7	3 00	12 8	11-12	6-0
8	4 00	13 2	12-0	6-0
9	5 00	13 0	...	...
10	6 30	12 10	...	...
11	7 00	12 6	...	...
12	8 00	11 10	...	...
13	8 30	11 4	...	...
14	9 30	11 0	...	...
15	...	...	...	...
16	...	...	9-10	7-6
17	...	...	9-10	-07
18	...	...	10-11	7-0
19	2 00	12 0	10-11	7-0
20	3 00	12 3	...	7-0
21	3 00	12 3	...	...
22	4 30	12 3	...	...
23	5 00	13 0
24	6 00	13 3
25	6 30	13 0
26	8 00	12 7
27	9 00	12 5
28	10 00	12 0	5-6	8-0
29	7-8	7-6
30	8-9	7-0
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PHASES OF THE MOON.

Jan.	5th	New Moon	11.33	a.m.
	12th	First Quarter	10.16	a.m.
	20th	Full Moon	3.11	p.m.
	27th	Last Quarter	7.17	a.m.

Items of Interest.

Centinje, Jan. 4.—The Montenegrins have recaptured Dechaniplava, inflicting heavy losses on the Austrians.

New York, Jan. 5.—Much comment is made in banking circles on the decline of Exchange on Germany to seventy-five one-eighth, the lowest since war began and probably unparalleled. In contradistinction sterling exchange rose four points to seventy-four, the highest since August.

Amsterdam, Jan. 6.—A Berlin telegram says that the German Government have given permission to the Ferdites to travel to the Hague via Germany.

London, Jan. 5.—The Chief officer of the Persia reports that the wake of the torpedo was observed one second before its impact. The forward port boiler exploded, accelerating the disaster.

Marseilles, Jan. 6.—The Messageries liner "Karnak" when returning with survivors of the sunken steamer Abelia was chased for several hours by a submarine in the Mediterranean. The Karnak zigzagged and escaped.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Mr. Lansing has cabled to the American Consulate at Alexandria, Malta and Cairo to gather immediately all available information from the survivors of the Persia, the idea being to obtain definite information speedily.

London, Jan. 6.—Official: The naval expedition to Tanganyika attacked the German armed steamer Kingani and forced her to surrender after ten minutes action. All the German officers were killed. The steamer, though sinking, was brought into port.

London, Jan. 4.—Matured shipping opinion hold that the submarine activity in the Mediterranean will not continue, especially in view of what has been overcome in home waters. Lines with mail contracts will not change their route.

London, Jan. 6.—Hague importers of Java tea have been asked to create a Tea Commission, with headquarters at Amsterdam to cooperate with the Dutch Oversea Trust, and to draw up a list of bona fide buyers to whom exclusively, the tea would be sold. The Oversea Trust to be authorised to inspect all tea warehouses and shops' books.

Sydney, Jan. 5.—Seismographs show a record of an earthquake, probably in the South Sea.

London, Jan. 5.—Obituary, the French writer Francis Charras.

Salonika, Jan. 5.—French aviators bombed Petrich, Strumitza and other towns where troops were observed inflicting considerable casualties, especially at Petrich, where buildings collapsed and fires broke out. The aviators were unharmed.

Paris, Jan. 5.—A communiqué says that Germans, after a violent bombardment, attacked in the Tahure region but were completely repulsed.

Mr. Tennant said that 773 officers and 10,345 men were killed, and 1,288 officers and 38,095 men were wounded at Loos.

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INDIA—	Bank Bills, demand	Rs. 114 1/2
SINGAPORE—	Bank Bills, demand	\$65 1/2
HONGKONG—	Bank Bills, demand,	\$78 1/8
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Compulsion Bill.**Mr. Asquith's Speech.**

London, Jan. 5.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Asquith, introducing the Military Service Bill, said that the measure was the result of deliberations on Lord Derby's report. The figures of that report were wonderful and encouraging, and ought to convince our enemies that the people of Britain had their hearts in the war. (Cheers.)

Speaking for himself alone, he was of opinion that no case had been made out for general compulsion, but the Bill could be supported by those who, on grounds of principle or expediency, were opposed to conscription.

His pledge was given because of the overwhelming evidence that married men who were willing to serve were holding back in large numbers if the assurance was not given, and the whole recruiting campaign was in danger of breaking down. He emphasised that after his pledge was given he received no sign of protest or remonstrance.

He considered that the number of unrecruited single men was a substantial, even a considerable amount and said that Sir John Simon thought that the figures might be reduced to an inestimable quantity, but he did not agree with Sir John Simon. The Bill would be confined to the area to which Lord Derby's scheme was applied.

The Bill provided that unmarried men and widowers without children, from eighteen to forty years of age, who had no ground for exemption should be deemed to have done their duty to the state as if they had attested. The Act would come into force fourteen days after the Royal assent was given, and the appointed date would be twenty one days after the assent. The enlistment was for the period of the war from the appointed date.

The Territorials enlisted for home service came under the bill. The exemptions included men working in the national interest, men with dependents, also conscientious objectors to the combatant service (laughter). Mr. Asquith pointed out a similar exemption by Pitt in favour of Quakers. The proposal was also modelled on the South African and New Zealand legislation. Exemption, however, would only apply to combatant duties.

The grounds of exemption had been carefully devised to meet all possible hardships and a service tribunal to hear applications for exemption with appeal to a final London tribunal. The bill did not apply to Ireland. He would have been glad, personally, to have done without the bill, but he considered it necessary. He was sanguine enough to anticipate that it would meet with general approval. The group system was to be re-opened to allow these men to attest.

Mr. Asquith's tone was most conciliatory. He concluded with the hope that compulsion would become a dead letter. "Let the men come in now of their own free-will." The military authorities would re-open the groups for that purpose.

In the Commons Sir John Simon followed Mr. Asquith. He said he thought that the bill should be resisted. None could say how many youths could be spared and how many were shirking.

The Boilermakers Society has decided to support the Government's military service proposals. It is understood that other Trade Unions are prepared to adopt the same course under certain safeguards.

London, Jan. 5.—Mr. Bonar Law replying to the criticisms of the Asquith pledge declared that without it the Derby scheme would have been an absolute failure. The Government deliberately came to the conclusion that the Bill was necessary to win the war. A responsibility as great as that of the Government rested on every member attempting to thwart its efforts.

London, Jan. 5.—In the House of Commons Sir John Simon expressed regret at the severance from Mr. Asquith but he regarded voluntarism as a vital principle of national life. He added that there were some Ministers still on the Treasury Bench whose opinions on that question were indistinguishable from his own. He contended that among single men there were large classes such as sailors of the mercantile marine who ought not to be reckoned, consequently none could be so bold as to declare that there were more than a negligible number left.

London, Jan. 5.—Generally the morning papers comment on the Derby figures can be summed up in the conclusion that Government could not come to any other decision than to bring in a measure of compulsion. An exception is the Daily Chronicle, which suggests that before compulsion is enforced, those who have not volunteered should be compelled to appear before tribunals to state their reasons.

The Daily News trusts that the measure will be restricted to the narrowest limits.

A meeting of Irish Unionist Commissioners, Sir Edward Carson presiding, has unanimously passed a resolution that the reported intention to exclude Ireland from the Compulsion Bill is an insult and humiliation to the loyal patriotic population of the country and an abandonment of the principle of equality of sacrifice on the part of the King's subjects.

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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
*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
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	*Ban 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

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TIME TABLE

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		a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.		a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.
Bangkok Dep.	7.—	9.48	1.25	3.33		Ban Meh Chang Dep.	...	9.7
Ayuthia Arr.	9.3	11.41	3.33	5.45		Den Chai "	...	12.38
		p.m.				Tha Sao "	7.1	2.21	...	...
Ban Phaji Arr.	9.47	12.20	4.24	6.30		Utaradit "	7.18	2.40	...	...
						Ban Dara Arr.	8.16	3.26	...	...
Ban Phaji Dep.	9.57	12.37	4.30	...						
Lopburi Arr.	11.5	1.55	5.48	...		Sawa'loke Dep.	7.—	2.10	...	...
		p.m.				Ban Dara Arr.	8.1	3.11	...	...
Chengket Dep.	12.33	3.38	...	a.m.						
Pak'poh Arr.	2.17	5.40	...	9.54						
						Ban Dara Dep.	a.m.	p.m.		
Pak'poh Dep.	2.26	a.m.	6.30	...		Pitsa'loke Arr.	10.13	5.30	...	...
Pitsa'loke Arr.	6.	11.5	...	...				
						Pitsa'loke Dep.	1.45	...	...	a.m.
Pitsa'loke Dep.	...	7.4	2.2	...		Pak'poh Arr.	6.20	...	...	10.34
Ban Dara Arr.	...	9.5	4.18	...						
						Pak'poh Dep.	p.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.
Ban Dara Dep.	...	9.20	4.40	...			3.52	...	7.20	10.43
S'kaloke Arr.	...	10.21	5.41	...		Chengket Arr.	6.21	...	9.22	p.m.
						Lopburi Dep.	...	7.10	11.6	12.28
Ban Dara Dep.	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.							
Utaradit "	...	9.10	4.26	...		Ban Phaji Arr.	...	8.30	12.21	3.4
Tha Sao Arr.	...	10.6	5.29	...						
Den Chai "	...	10.15	5.38	...		Korat Dep.	...	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Ban Meh "	...	11.57	...	...		Gengkoj "	...	7.12	11.32	1.52
Chang "	...	3.8	...	...		Ban Phaji Arr.	...	8.22	12.29	2.59
Ban Phaji Dep.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.			Ban Phaji Dep.	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.
Gengkoj Arr.	10.—	12.30	4.41	...		Ayuthia "	6.27	8.37	12.44	3.14
Korat "	11.7	1.26	5.51	...		Bangkok Arr.	7.13	9.25	1.23	3.58
							9.28	11.35	3.16	6.—
Bangkok Dep.	7.45	3.50	...	...		Petrien Dep.	7.30	3.55	...	...
Petrien Arr.	9.32	5.38	...	...		Bangkok Arr.	9.38	5.43	...	...



Auction Sale of Launch.

The sea going steam launch "Yotha" will be sold by public auction on Friday, Mar. 10, 1916 at 3 p.m. at the Harbour Office, Bangkok. The vessel was built by the Bangkok Dock Company in 1904. Hull composite (steel frames; teak planking). Length O. A. 71 ft., beam 11 ft., depth 6 ft., Engines C. F. C. cyl. 7" and 14", stroke 9". Boiler, ordinary marine type, 6 ft., dia., 6 ft. 4 in. long. W. P. 120 lbs. The vessel passed Government survey in Dec. 1913, and has not been used since. She will be sold as she now lies. Further particulars can be obtained from the Chief Government Marine Surveyor, Harbour Department, Bangkok.

Bangkok 10th January 1916.
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THE Great War.

Russian Success in Persia.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 11.

Teheran.—The Russians have made another important success by defeating a rebel force at Assalabad. The prisoners captured included two German officers.

The Shah has received the General commanding the Russians most graciously.

The Arrests at Mitylene.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 11.

Athens.—The Government has protested against the arrests at Mitylene which elicited a fresh protest by the Central Powers.

Haut-Laos Campaign.

The following is a translation of a telegram from the Governor General of Indo-China to the French Legation here: "I have the satisfaction to inform you that our troops, after a rapid campaign lasting for a month, have put a successful check to the depredations of the pirates and have re-occupied the province of Muong Hou. The French flag was hoisted on 28th December. Our losses in the course of these operations, which were conducted by twelve companies assisted by artillery, were insignificant. All the pirates have been annihilated or put to flight. The population, tired of oppression, has received their liberators with enthusiasm. The results obtained so rapidly are due the splendid ardour, the spirit of offensive and the physical endurance of our indigenous troops and the science of manoeuvring of their officers."

(Signed) ROUME.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Latest telegrams will be found on page 6.

FOR prices of good official and mercantile paper please see advertisement on page 7.

THE s.s. "Drufar" brought 972 deck passengers from Swatow to-day.

M. L. R. de la Mahotiere is expected in Bangkok at the end of this month.

THE gate money collected at the Dusit Park Fair, during the five days, amounted to Tos. 4,500 odd.

A TEMPORARY edict has been issued by the Norwegian Council of State prohibiting the sale of ships to foreign countries.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Malay Peninsula main line is in order as far as Chiengmai. Local line is in good order. Other lines are in order.

THE s.s. "Katong" will leave from the Borneo Company's Wharf at 7 a.m. sharp, on Friday the 14th inst., and should arrive in Singapore on Monday afternoon.

THE German newspapers state that violent crime is now more prevalent in that country than it was before the war, and that convictions for murder have increased by nearly 30 per cent.

THE Hongkong Bank has received a wire from their Head Office stating that "Subject to audit final dividend for the year will probably be £2. three shillings bonus, in addition to dividend five shillings, subject to deduction income tax, written off Bank premises account dollars five lacs. Carried forward to next year about thirty lacs dollars."

CRPT. Bathurst having raised the question whether consumption of tobacco is a good thing in the national interest, Mr. McKenna has made the following characteristically non-committal reply: "The answer to the question depends on the particular sense in which the phrase 'National finance' is used. If it refers to yield from taxation, it is clear that an increase in the consumption of tobacco will have a beneficial effect. If, on the other hand, it refers to the general economic position, other considerations must be borne in mind, which might lead to the conclusion that increased consumption of tobacco was detrimental to the national interest."



Court Circular.

GRAND PALACE,

Tuesday, Jan. 11.

This afternoon His Majesty the King visited the Royal Bangkok Sports Club, where he witnessed a few races. When the races were over His Majesty took his departure.

Theft from R. R. D.

The Appeal Court has given judgment in the case in which Nai Sorn, head of the R.R.D., was charged with theft of Tos. 6,525.10 from the safe of the Goods Office on April 11th last.

According to evidence given in the Criminal Court it appeared that on the evening of the 10th April Khun Chane Rothrat, who had charge of the Goods Office, put the day's collections into the safe and locked it up in the presence of the accused. The next morning the money was missing. The first person to enter the office that morning was the accused. Suspicion fell on the accused and on his house being searched Tos. 500 in hundred tical notes was found hidden in a wooden bench.

The Criminal Court dismissed the case and the Ayakarn appealed. The Appeal Court found the accused guilty on the evidence of the prosecution as produced in the lower Court and sentenced the accused to five years' imprisonment, this term being increased by a further term of one year and eight months on account of the accused having had a previous conviction against him for theft. The Tos. 500 found in the accused's house was ordered to be paid back to the Railway Department, and if the accused is unable to make good the balance of the money stolen, he will have to serve an extra year in prison.

The Races.

The following are the results of the last two events in yesterday's races:—

(4) Ex Griffins Race.

6 Fur. H'cap. Value Tos. 250. Presented by R. B. S. C.
Luang Sunthorn Kosa's Blind Annie 1
Phya Gadadharabadi's Thong Dee 2
Mr. V. K.'s Isabella 3
Others that ran were Ninn, Sally, Phuang Phet, Aminta, Sunflower, Old Mel and Pom. Won by a neck, a length separating 2nd from 3rd.

Time: 1 min. 27 2/5 secs. Tote: Tos. 8.

(5) Australian Griffin's Race.

UNITED CLUB PURSE.
6 Fur. H'cap. Value Tos. 250. Presented by the Members of the United Club.
Top Notch Kongs's Varo 1
Mr. A. R. Malcolm's Hope 2
Phya Arthakara Prasiddhi's Angsilah 3
Why Not, White Hope and Jacobin also ran. Varo won easily by 4 lengths. Angsilah was 6 lengths behind Hope.
Time: 1 min. 25 2/5 secs. Tote: Tos. 11.

Handicaps.

The following are the handicaps for to-morrow's races:—

1ST RACE.

Why Not 6.2, Lomluk 9.4, Vittoria 7.10, Seabreeze 6.11, Maha Chai 7.12, Jacobin 7.7, Hoppa 7.3, Vaneela 7.7.

2ND RACE.

Sorn Chai 6.0, Thai Laow 7.8, Krat 7.10, Motteng 6.8, Klong Taan 7.0, Nilaraja 7.9.

3RD RACE.

Ninn 6.12, Sally 6.10, Phuang Phet 6.7, Slipaway 8.0, Aminta 7.12, Old Mel 6.10, Sunflower 8.2, Blind Annie 9.4, Isabella 7.6, Pom 7.6.

4TH RACE.

Nai Pradist 8.4, Lady A 7.13, Nai Chan 8.4, Nancy 5.7, Warah 6.12, Mad Meg 10.7, Irony 7.2, Flirt 7.7, Kop 7.13, Vanni 7.12.

5TH RACE.

Why Not 6.2, Teh Keng 7.8, Angsilah 7.5, White Hope 6.5, Vittoria 7.10, Maharatt 7.4, Jacobin 7.7, Varo 9.4.

Should Mad Meg be scratched in the 4th race the other horses will carry 5 lb. extra.

The s.s. 'Britannic.'

The largest British-built steamer, the White Star liner Britannic, has just been completed, and placed in dry dock at Belfast preparatory to starting on a few days' trial trip.

The Britannic, although only one foot shorter than her Cunard rival Aquitania, is 3,000 tons heavier in her gross register. She is a great improvement on her predecessors. She carries forty-eight lifeboats, which can be lowered on an even keel, even though the ship be down by head or stern. There is also a device for transferring the boats across the deck so that all can be lowered on either side.

The new leviathan has a gross tonnage of 5,900. She has nine decks, and is 900 feet long. Accommodation is provided for 2,600 passengers, and the crew will number about 1,000. She has sixteen transverse bulkheads and a double skin. Her rudder weighs over 100 tons, while her furnaces number 150. The equipment includes wireless telegraphy with a range of 2,000 miles.

Fire Near Wat Saket.**Saw-Mill Burnt Down.**

The saw-mill belonging to Eng Yeng Long was burnt down to the ground last evening as a result of a fire that broke out in a small room adjoining the mill. The mill is situated just behind Wat Saket and at about 6.30 p.m. flames were seen rising from it. The military, Siam Electricity Co.'s, the Police and Chinese fire brigades were soon on the spot and rendered valuable service. Fortunately the klong running in front of the mill afforded ample water and the fire was got under control by about 8 o'clock. The fire is said to have originated by the upsetting of a kerosene-oil lamp in the room of a Chinaman while another rumour gives it that the son of the engineer who was occupying the room while killing mosquitos with a lighted candle inside his mosquito net accidentally set fire to the net and caused the conflagration. There was every possibility of the fire being extinguished at the very outset but it is said that the Chinaman and the other inmates of the room feared meddling with it and gathered all their clothes and ran away. The flames quickly reached the mill and attempts were made to keep them down by throwing water but without any success. The fire had taken a good hold on the wood with which the mill was packed and in quite a short time the whole mill was ablaze. Crowds of people gathered to see the blaze and hundreds ran up to the summit of Wat Saket to witness it from there. As is usual at incidents of this nature people were running in all directions and what with the motor-cars, traps, fire-engines etc. all converging to the same place, the Police had a fairly hard time to keep order. Adjoining Eng Yeng Long's saw-mill is another saw-mill owned by Joo Seng Loong. There was no doubt that if the fire was to be quickly put down it had to be dealt with from the latter building and a good part of the fire brigade was removed to this side. Wood was all that was burning and the men at the pumps had a big job before them. Mr. W. L. Grut, spared no pains to give every assistance and a great deal of the success of the fire-brigade was due to his directions. With the pumps working at full steam the fire was checked from attacking the other saw-mill. Eng Yeng Long's mill was however completely burnt. The only things that are left are parts of the machinery, which, it is said, are so badly damaged that it may not be possible to use them again, some chimney stacks and a mass of crumpled up corrugated iron sheeting which made up the roof of the mill. Some consternation prevailed among the crowd when the tallest chimney which had become red hot began to sway from side to side but a visit to the spot this morning showed that it is still standing there along with the others. The surrounding heaps of wood and machinery were still smouldering.

A number of Princes and Government officials were noticed among the crowd.

The damage done by the fire is estimated at Tcs. 53,000 i.e. Tcs. 50,000 for the building and machinery and Tcs. 3,000 for the wood. The mill was insured for Tcs. 25,000.

The Navy League.

The subscriptions to the Cruiser Fund on the 8th instant amounted to Tcs. 847. The total now amounts to Tcs. 1,815,816.

Aviator's 10,500 ft. Drop.

A daring descent by parachute was recently made over London by Lieut.-Colonel Maitland, Royal Naval Air Service.

From a height of about 10,500ft. Colonel Maitland descended in fifteen minutes, effecting a landing in Surrey. As frequently happens in such descents, the parachute fell several hundred feet before it opened.

Colonel Maitland's feat was undertaken, it is understood, for an official purpose. Though not achieving a record, its accomplishment was rendered particularly difficult by reason of the bitterly cold weather conditions which prevailed.

A New Biplane.

A test flight of a new biplane attracted much attention at Hendon recently. It is fitted with two engines and two propellers.

The machine, carrying a pilot and a passenger, rose to a great altitude within a very short space of time, and when at 6,000 ft. travelled at a tremendous speed. As it came lower it rapidly out-paced several other machines which were flying above the aerodrome.

Rumanian Mobilisation.

It is learned from Bucharest that in addition to calling to the colours classes 1917 and 1918 the Government has ordered the mobilisation of all naturalised foreigners and all foreigners enjoying Rumanian protection under forty years of age.—Ex. Tel. Co.

Extracts from Truth.

The Emperor Nicholas has returned to Tsarskoe-Selo after spending nearly a month in a series of visits to the armies in the West and South of Russia. He spent several days at Odessa, and finished his tour by visiting the army on the Danube. The Emperor was accompanied by the Tsarevitch, who is in much better health than he was a year ago. He suffers from congenital weakness of the skin, to which the late Duke of Albany was all his life subject. He has to be most carefully looked after, as a trifling fall, or an accidental blow, or any unusual exertion would usually bring on hæmorrhage, which might have most serious results.

It has been announced in the United States that the late Lord Crawford's rare and splendid collection of American stamps has been sold to Mr. J. A. Klemann, of New York, a well-known dealer. This collection was estimated to have cost £40,000, and, as it is unique, the price now paid has no doubt been a large sum. Lord Crawford's collections were in three parts, two of which were sold at high prices some years ago.

The defeat and retreat of General Townshend put the finishing touch to the misfortunes that have overtaken the cause of the Allies during this year. It is the more unpalatable because the progress of the campaign on the Tigris has hitherto been so promising. We seem to have reached the site of the Garden of Eden only to find ourselves in a fool's paradise. With every desire not to do injustice to anybody, this seems to me one of the incidents of the war that ought not to have happened. This is not to say that we ought not to have tried, or that we ought not to have failed, but only that we ought not to have advanced almost to the gates of Baghdad to find the enemy in vastly superior strength and nothing left for our force but a retreat at full speed for nearly a hundred miles. It is too much like the story of the Nile in the eighties.

The ruses employed by the British sailor during the present war, when they come to be related, will make one of the most fascinating and romantic chapters in the history of the sea. The time for relating them will not come yet, but a good sample of the sort of thing to be expected may be seen in the latest report from the Cameroons. The enemy was very anxious to board some wrecks in the river which promised to yield a good supply of useful stores. To prevent this a large number of empty petrol cans were collected on the British flagship, and in due course several pick boats were despatched to lay these out around the wreck. The crews made the utmost show of the business for the benefit of the spying eyes ashore, with exactly the result anticipated. The Germans, quite persuaded that a very dangerous minefield had been sown, gave the spot a wide berth in future.

The Kaiser's Visit to Vienna.

The Rome correspondent of the "Echo de Paris" telegraphs: I learn that the visit of the Kaiser to the Emperor of Austria was prompted by grave dissensions that have arisen between Germany and Austria, dissensions which latterly had assumed a bitter character.

The question of Poland threatens to become a source of conflict and complication between the two Empires, just as formerly when questions over the Duchies led to war in 1866.

It remains to be seen whether William's visit will restore harmony between Vienna and Berlin, and there are perhaps reasons for doubting whether that will be the case.

From Zurich I learn that William's visit to Vienna will be followed by some theatrical move designed to create an impression on the Quadruple Entente, but we are in ignorance as to the nature of the reverberating manoeuvre which the Kaiser is preparing, and which in all probability will fail of its effect.—Ex. Tel. Co.

British Prisoners in Germany.

In the House of Commons Mr. Tennant said the approximate number of British military prisoners in Germany was 32,000 and naval prisoners 1,050.

Sir E. Cassel's Loan Subscription.

In the House of Commons Sir A. Markham asked the Chancellor of the Exchequer whether Sir Ernest Cassel subscribed to the Anglo-French loan in the United States.

Mr. McKenna said Sir E. Cassel subscribed to the loan with the knowledge and full approval of the Treasury and with the object of assisting the loan. The interest would be liable to income tax.

German Paper's Courage.

The "Vorwaerts" demands from the Government that permission be given to the members of the Reichstag to hold a free public discussion of peace terms, so as to ensure that the Government secures the support of the people when peace negotiations start.—Ex. Tel. Co.

Why Tod Sloan Was Deported.

In the House of Commons Mr. King asked the Home Secretary whether Mr. Tod Sloan, an American citizen, had been deported, and, if so, whether the reasons for this action could be stated.

Sir J. Simon said that before making the deportation order he satisfied himself that it was not desirable in the public interest that this man should be allowed to remain in the United Kingdom.

Mr. King asked if a criminal charge could not have been brought against him in the usual way.

Sir J. Simon said the reasons for deporting were good reasons, and as he was an American citizen he did not see why we should be compelled to keep him in this country.

Drain on Germany's Manhood.

According to information given by a neutral officer who has just arrived from Germany, the internal situation in that country, as he describes it, is very grave. The drain on the manhood is irreparable, and the authorities are about to call up to the front the convalescents on leave. The popular discontent is evident.—Ex. Tel. Co.

Loss of a French Submarine.

The Ministry of Marine announces that, according to a German wireless message, the French submarine Fresnel was destroyed on Dec. 5 by an Austrian warship. Two officers and 26 men are said to have been taken prisoners.—Ex. Tel. Co.

Reinforcements At Salonika.

A message from Salonika to the "Matin" states that reinforcements for the Franco-British Expeditionary Force continue to be disembarked, while large quantities of war material are also being transported to the front.—Ex. Tel. Co.

German Diplomacy In Greece.

German diplomacy is exercising strong pressure upon Greece. Greece is proceeding with the movement of troops in Macedonia, and is encumbering the lines of which the Allies have the most urgent need. The state of feeling has changed since the departure of M. Coghlin and Lord Kitchener.—Ex. Tel. Co.

Germans' Eastern Plans.

The "Journal de Geneve" has had news from a private source that some 2500 wagons of war material have already arrived in Constantinople, via Bulgaria.

The Germans are about to get the Turks to make a great effort in Mesopotamia. This plan is no doubt intimately connected with events which are developing in Persia. The railway service in Anatolia is stopped for ordinary travellers and one can only travel once a week on Anatolian lines, the trains at all times being devoted to the transport of war material.

Marshal von der Goltz is taking command of the Turks in Mesopotamia, as the Germans fear a disembarkation of British troops at Adana. If the British could succeed in occupying Mount Taurus, where the projected tunnel has not yet been made, and where the line is interrupted, they could seriously hamper the operations of Von der Goltz.

Although they speak ostensibly only of Egypt, it is not impossible that the Germans are directing their main operations this winter through Baghdad towards the Persian Gulf.

The construction of a railway in the Sinai Desert is completed as far as Hafir, some 100 kilometres from the Suez Canal.—Ex. Tel. Co.

Washington's Reply to Berlin.

The State Department has now formally refused the German request for the United States Government's reasons for the recall of the German Attaches. Notes have been exchanged between Berlin and Count Bernstorff on the subject, Mr. Lansing has refused to give either a private or a public explanation, and holds that by so doing he is strictly adhering to custom. An official of the German Embassy interprets the decision as "very unfriendly."—Ex. Tel. Co.

British Companies in Germany.

In the House of Commons Mr. Butcher asked the Foreign Secretary whether he could state what was the practice in Germany with regard to the treatment of companies or firms in Germany which were wholly or mainly owned or controlled by British subjects.

Sir E. Grey replied that from information in his Majesty's Government's possession the practice of the German Government was to place under compulsory administration those undertakings wholly or mainly owned by British subjects, and administrators were appointed by the Central Authority, and in such they appeared to have discretionary powers.

London, Jan. 6.—General Townshend reports that Kut el Amara was heavily shelled for an hour on Sunday, since then all has been quiet.

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The Dardanelles.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Jan. 10.

The Allies have completely evacuated Gallipoli Peninsula without losses.

The s.s. Polynesian.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Jan. 10.

Marseilles.—The steamer Polynesian arrived this morning from the Far East.

Persia Outrage.**Survivors at Malta.**

London, Jan. 5.—Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, in an interview at Malta, confirms the previous narrative of the sinking of the "Persia": He says that three boats were smashed whilst lowering, any many were thrown into the sea. The "Persia" sank stern first. There were many severe explosions when water reached the fires. Lord Montagu was swept off the decks and sucked down.

When he came to the surface he found himself surrounded by people struggling for life. He saw three boats bottom upwards, everybody struggled to catch any floating wreckage. After being in the water several hours, during the course of which many died, he was finally rescued by the Holt liner Ningchow. The lascar crew of the Persia acted very well.

Malta, Jan. 6.—The survivors from the Persia relate a terrible experience. After the torpedoing, the Persia shivered and took a heavy list. Many boats were unable to get away and there

was no time for panic. The boat in which was Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, contained two other passengers, and eight of the crew, whereof seven were lascars. They were absolutely lacking everything, there was even no water, and the boat was oarless, and tossed helplessly for thirty one hours, the occupants being utterly exhausted when picked up. Lord Montagu is staying with the Governor.

Kitchener Speaks.

London, Jan. 6.—In the House of Lords, Lord Kitchener made a brief speech in which he affirmed that the voluntary system had given results far greater than could have been predicted. Recently, however, voluntary recruits failed to provide the necessary trained reserves. Now the pledge to the married men must be redeemed. He had hoped that the war might have finished with voluntarism, which had done so well.

Lord Kitchener concluded by stating that he did not consider the present change a derogation from the principle of voluntarism. It only affected one class of men among whom were a certain number with a poor idea of the duties of a citizen. But while some were shirkers, undoubtedly others not joining had valid reasons. The latter would be only too happy that Government should decide their doubts. He was speaking as a soldier with a single eye to the successful conduct of the war.

London, Jan. 7.—The official figures for the Persia tragedy are:—Saved, 166; drowned, 335.

Malta, Jan. 5.—Lord Montagu of Beaulieu is still ailed but is progressing favourably.

London, Jan. 7.—An interesting by-election is pending for Saint George's, owing to Sir W. Henderson's peerage. Sir George Reid, the official Unionist candidate, is opposed by Mr. Gibson Bowles, who is standing for the full exercises of our sea-power and no interference with the action of the fleet.

London, Jan. 7.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law said that it had been decided with the concurrence of the Commonwealth Government, to deport to Australia the prisoners of war, women and children, interned at Hongkong. They were expected to leave the Colony on Jan. 15.

Washington, Jan. 6.—The Government, adhering to the policy of non-intervention in the controversies of belligerents, will not permit American naval officers to investigate the Baralong incident, under Sir Edward Grey's suggestion.

British Crews in German Submarines.

Magnificent Move that Hampers the Enemy.

The following remarkable article by Mr. Robert Montgomerie appears in the "New York World":—

"Five German U boats operated by British crews and equipped with English guns and torpedoes have changed the entire naval programme of the German General Staff."

Representing only a small percentage of the submarines lost by the Germans, and carrying the submarine warfare to the very doors of Germany, under the German periscope, these five undersea boats helped to bring about the reversal in Germany's policy toward American shipping and lives, caused Admiral Tirpitz to fall "ill," and resulted in Germany's decision to send to the Mediterranean most of her remaining submarines.

Ever since the beginning of the submarine warfare the greatest secrecy has been maintained by both the German Naval Staff and the British Admiralty in regard to all submarine operations except those concerned with the sinking of ships. But information which I learned on a recent trip from Constantinople to New York by way of Sofia, Bucharest, Berlin, The Hague and London, makes up for the silence of official communiqué on the subject.

Hunting "U" Boats.

The section of the British Fleet which has been engaged in hunting German submarines since February 18 has succeeded in capturing or sinking fifty-eight submarines, and twenty more are listed as "most probably destroyed."

The five "U" boats now operating with British sailors inside were captured early in the summer. New naval guns were mounted in them, the torpedo tubes were replaced by tubes for English torpedoes, and minor alterations made to improve the boats—"made in Germany, improved in England"—I was told.

Crews from British E boats were put into these ex-"U" boats to spend first several weeks' training over certain stretches of water, on which no craft were allowed but a few old fishing vessels used as targets, and patrol vessels whose officers only were aware of what was expected of them when they sighted "German" submarines.

To this day there are British sailors who firmly believe that Admiralty officials are, on the pay-roll of the Kaiser, since they were under Admiralty orders on several beautiful summer days not under any circumstances to open fire on German submarines—and on those days they actually saw U boats manoeuvring within range.

Externally there is nothing to distinguish ex-U boats with British crews inside from the U boats that carry German sailors, torpedoes, and beer—there are always a number of bottles found in the captured submarines if they have not been away from their base of supplies for too long a time. The periscopes of the British boats remain the same and decks when awash show every characteristic of the submarines that are still a part of the German navy.

Germans Deceived.

Consequently, German U boats and patrol vessels were unable to discover the real identity of the ex-U boats when they passed through the Skager Rack and the Sound into the Baltic Sea. It is these former German submarines that have played havoc with shipping in the Baltic, demoralising Germany's trade with Sweden and have compelled the German High Seas Fleet popularly

known in England as the "High Canal Fleet," to remain closer to the Kiel Canal than during any other period since the beginning of the war.

Had it not been for them the Germans would have undoubtedly effected a landing in the Gulf of Riga, although the communiqués carefully pass over the part which the submarines from England played in sinking or disabling two of Germany's cruisers and eight of her destroyers.

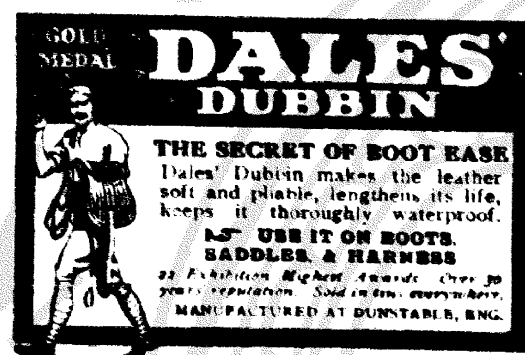
The manner in which the British Navy during the days preceding and following this battle, operated against Germany's fleet through submarines that were once effective weapons of the Kaiser remains a sealed book—a history in itself. When it is open and the full details are known there will be many a surprise for the English as well as for the Germans.

Germany in the Baltic.

London, Jan. 6.—A Foreign Office statement shows how Germany practises in the Baltic the freedom of the seas which she accuses Britain of violating. The Germans frequently send Swedish vessels with Prize crews to Swinemünde, where they are delayed at least eight hours, though the ships' papers are in perfect order, and despite official Swedish telegrams intimating the departures of the steamers and guaranteeing that they have no contraband. Already some six hundred have been detained. Swedish ship-papers consider that Germany is trying to impress the northern nations with Germany's seapower. Many claims are pending against Germany.

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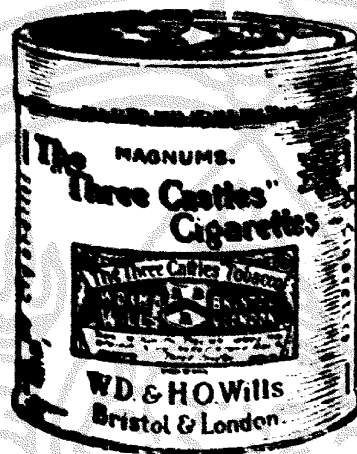
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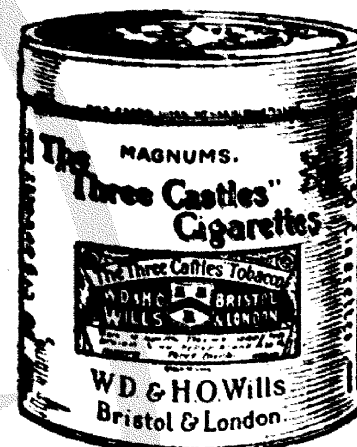
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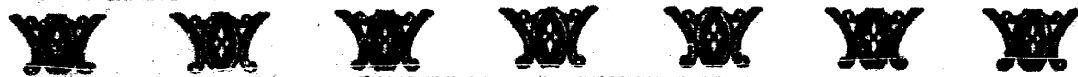
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A German Demand.

London, Jan. 6.—A White Paper has been issued and contains a memorandum from the German government demanding the trial for murders of the Captain and crew of the British auxiliary cruiser Baralong. The memorandum quotes the sworn statements of six American muleteers aboard the British steamer Nicosian. These Americans allege that on Aug. 19, when seventy miles south of Queenstown, the Nicosian was stopped by a German submarine which opened fire on the Nicosian. After the crew was removed they noticed a steamer which they say, was the Baralong approaching, flying the American flag with large shields on the sides whereon the American flag was painted. This vessel fired rifles and guns on the submarine until it sank, when the Germans jumped into the water. The Germans memorandum further gives the allegations of those witnesses that the Baralong continued to fire on the Germans in the water and says that two witnesses swear that orders were given to take no prisoners. Further that four Germans found aboard the Nicosian in the engine room and screw tunnel were killed.


Sir Edward Grey makes a crushing reply, affirming that the Government does not accept these allegations. He points out that Britain notes with great satisfaction, though with some surprise and anxiety to Germany, that the principles of civilised warfare should be vindicated. He

asks why single out the Baralong case. He suggests that the three naval incidents occurring in the same forty eight hours, when the Baralong sank a submarine and rescued the Nicosian, be submitted to an impartial tribunal, for example one composed of United States naval officers; firstly, the incident of the Arabic murder of forty-seven noncombatants; secondly, the German destroyer bombarding the helpless crew of the British submarine stranded on the Danish coast; thirdly, the steamer Ruel attacked by a German submarine and though she did not resist, the boats were fired on and one killed and eight severely wounded, and no reason for this cold-blooded cowardly outrage. The British Government does not think it necessary to reply to the suggestion that the British navy is guilty of inhumanity. It has rescued 1,150 German sailors, often in cases of great difficulty and peril. The German navy can show no such record.

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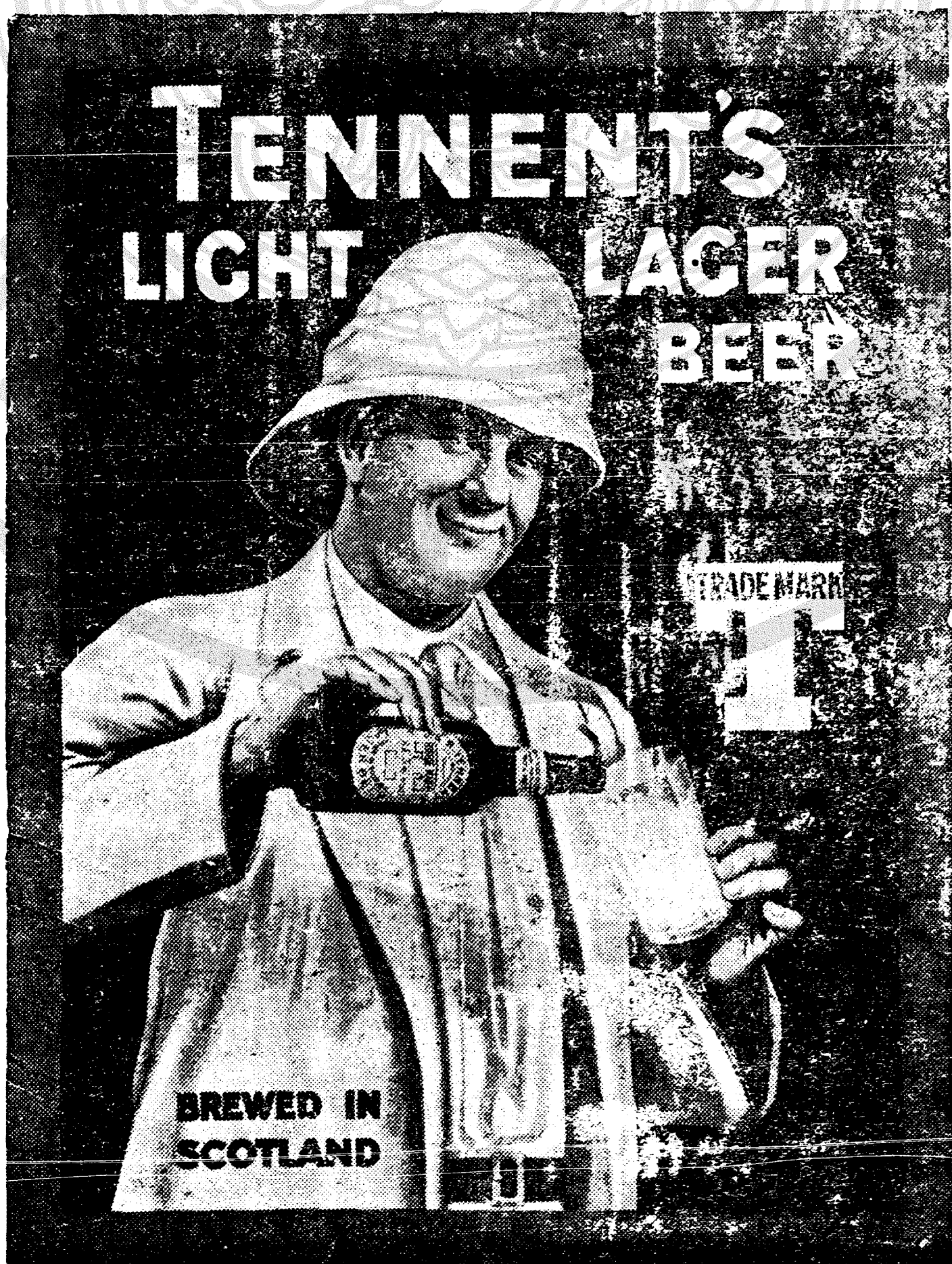
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