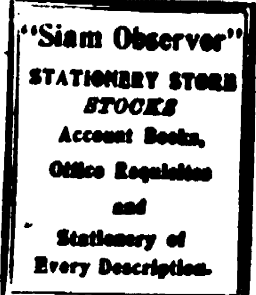


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" " " " 1	" " " " " "	" 25
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" " " " 13	" " " " " "	Nov. 5
" " " " 27	" " " " " "	" 19
" " " " 10	" " " " " "	Dec. 3

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

P. M.

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

PHASES OF THE MOON.

Sept. 5th) First Quarter 11.9 a.m.
12th) Full Moon 3.13 a.m.
19th) Last Quarter 0.17 p.m.
27th) New Moon 2.16 p.m.

Dress Reform in Tokyo.

A movement has been started among
a number of Japanese ladies in Tokyo
to discover whether or not the Japanese
kimono may be changed to suit the
convenience and needs of modern
Japan. Many people have made
designs for improved kimonos. But
there has been no concerted action,
and no substitute has been adopted. It
is claimed that the Japanese kimono
is not suited for practical purposes. It
is very inconvenient when at work,
and it is rather unnecessarily expen-
sive. The people of the middle class
and below have to spend one-third of
their income on clothes, and the lowest
class of people spend nearly all of their
money on clothes. It is said that the
number of rolls of cloth needed for a
set of suits for a man or woman is on
the average about eight: the length of
thread needed to sew them about
3000 ft., and the number of stitches
about 30,000. These have to be made
by the women of the family by hand,
not by machines, and it requires days
to do the work. The womenfolk have
to devote much of their time to it all
the year round. For educated women,
those responsible for the movement
declare, to devote their time to such
service is not economical from the
point of view of the conservation of
human energy.

Meiji Jinju, the Great
Shrine.

A shrine to perpetuate the memory
of the late Emperor Meiji, called the
Meiji Jinju, is to be erected at Yoyogi,
on the outskirts of Tokyo. Work on
this elaborate undertaking was started
in April, 1915, and the whole will be
completed by the year 1920. The Im-
perial Household, the Government,
and the people are contributing to the
huge fund of many million yen to be
spent on this memorial. Centuries
have passed since a shrine was built
for the dedication of an Emperor, and
the zeal that has been shown in the
desire to honour the beloved Emperor
Meiji, whose posthumous name is as-
sociated with the 45 years of Meiji
which constituted his reign, a period
of the greatest significance to the na-
tion, recalls the activity of other cen-
turies when shrines and temples that
are now the historic spots of the coun-
try came into being.

Not the least attraction of the shrine
will be the splendid grounds stretching
about it, where the flowers of all Japan
are to be cultivated to perfection. The
cultivated areas are to consist of an in-

ner garden about the shrine and an
outer garden for the recreation of the
people of Tokyo, the two to be connec-
ted by a fine high road and to cover
400,000 tsubo (tsubo=6 square feet)
of land. It will thus become not
only a centre for worshippers from the
entire country, but also a sight for
world travellers.

Mr. Pemberton-Billing, M.P.

A good deal of comment has been
heard in political circles about the
action of the Government in calling up
Mr. Pemberton-Billing, M.P., to the
Colours before his work on the Air In-
quiry is completed. It is quite right,
no doubt, that no exceptions should be
made in regard to any particular in-
dividual, who is liable for service. What
people are asking is why it is that Mr.
Billing is the only member of Parlia-
ment of military age who has been
called up under the Military Service
Act. The exceptional treatment ac-
cording to him will be the subject of
discussion in the House of Commons
very shortly.—Reynold's Newspaper.

Germany's Big Ships.

In an interview with the "Berliner
Tidende," Herr Ballin said that as a
proof that Germany was not inactive
regarding her trade after the war, he
might instance that the Hamburg-
Amerika Line is at present building a
ship, the Pismarck, the largest ship in
the world, of 56,000 tons; further, the
Tirpitz, of 32,000 tons, and three other
ships of each 22,000 tons, at the Vulkan
Works. The Norddeutsche-Lloyd is
building at Danzig two big fast steam-
ers, the Columbus and Hindenburg, of
each 35,000 tons, and twelve further
ships of each 12,000 tons. The Bremen
Africa Line is building six, the Hansa
Line eight, and the Kosmos Line ten
ships, the size of which varies between
9,000 and 13,000 tons.—Reuter.

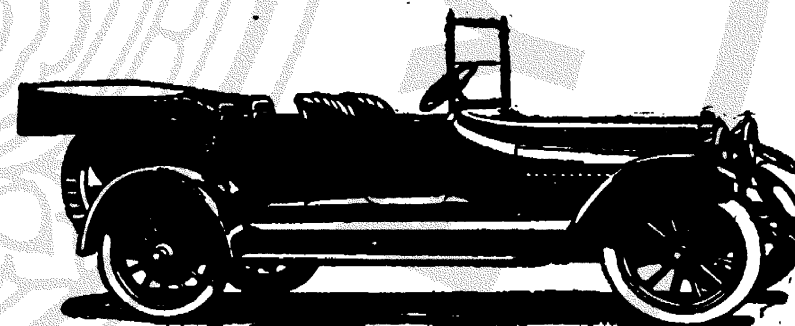
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The Greeks.

Athens, Aug. 22.—News that the Bulgarian advance was resisted by the Greek garrison at fort Rhaupetra, the commander of which was killed, and at Serres where the reserves were called out to protect the town is exciting the public who sympathise with the resisters. There are signs of increasing irritation with the Gounarist policy. The elections will now inevitably be postponed. All securities on the bourse have fallen.

Salonika, Aug. 23.—Fighting continues on the Serbian front. All Bulgarian attacks were repulsed. The Serbians continue to progress north of Strupino. There has been a bombardment of Doiran and the slopes of Vels.

Salonika, Aug. 23.—The communiqué says: An enemy attack on the French holding Komarjan ridge was repulsed. Two battalions of the enemy were seen in the neighbourhood of the Danli and Doiran front. We drove in their advanced troops.

The enemy is entrenching on the Struma front. The Serbians are now holding a line in the neighbourhood of lake Ostrovo-Pozar.

Salonika, Aug. 23.—The calling out of demobilised reserves at Serres on Aug. 22 was the act of the gallant Commander Colonel Christodoulou who is stoutly resisting the advancing Bulgars. Volunteers are being organised at Salonika to proceed to his support. A contingent of Albanians has landed.

Paris, Aug. 21.—Tuesday's Salonika operations were entirely favourable to the Allies. In the centre the French and British maintained and consolidated all positions won between Beles mountains east of Lake Doiran and Moglenica River, parallel to and west of the Vardar.

Further to the left the Serbians increased their progress on the wooded slopes of Kukuroff, north of the Strubino, thus nearing one of the rare passes crossing the Moglena mountain chain. Finally on the extreme wings a Bulgarian double offensive towards lake Ostrovo in the west, and on the Struma river in the east is now completely mastered. We can therefore confidently await further operations.

Salonika, Aug. 21.—It is authoritatively stated that the only Austro-German troops with the Bulgarians are those in charge of motor transport, machine-guns, aircraft and some artillery.

Salonika, Aug. 21.—The Anglo-French forces easily repulsed several enemy attempts to retake positions north of Palmi in the Doiran sector.

The Serbians are developing an offensive on the whole of the mountainous

front west of the Moglenica and have occupied the lost height.

Athens, Aug. 21.—A Greek deputy explains that the Allies offered practically no resistance to the Bulgarian advance on Florina as there are only unimportant forces between Horovitch and Prespa.

London, Aug. 21.—The British commander at Salonika reports artillery activity on the Doiran front. Our guns dispersed Bulgarians entrenched on the left bank of the river Struma.

Salonika Battlefront.

Paris, Aug. 22.—Russian contingents are also arriving at Salonika.

It is now permissible to state that the first Russian contingent disembarked at Salonika on July 30 and the first Italian on Aug. 21, further allied contingents are following. All the Allies are now represented on the Salonika front where big events are expected shortly.

Salonika, Aug. 22.—Both the Italians and Russians looked hardy. Their presence at Salonika demonstrates inter alia the Allies' command of the seas, to which the big transportation of troops from Russia and Italy without mishap is a remarkable tribute.

The Russian landed in ferry boats and were received by British, French and Serbian guards of honour. Bands paraded the quay where General Serail reviewed the troops, waving his cap in response to Russian cheers. Afterwards the troops marched to quarters amidst general handclapping. It is believed the presence of the liberators of Bulgaria on the Allied front will produce an incalculable effect on the Bulgarian army of which men in dozens have been deserting daily for months past.

Rome, Aug. 22.—The *Messaggero* believes one of the results of the Italian landing at Salonika will be a declaration of war on Germany.

The General Situation.

Rewards For Brave Sailors.

London, Aug. 22.—The prize court has awarded a bounty of £12,160 to the officers and men of British warships which sank the *Scharnhorst*, *Gneisenau*, *Nürnberg* in the Falklands battle.

The prize court has also awarded £1,885 to the Australian cruiser *Sydney* for sinking the *Emden*, £1,605 to the *Alcantara* and *Andes* for destroying the raider *Greif*, £1,110 to *E19* for sinking the light cruiser *Undine* in the Baltic.

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Great War.**Rumania Declares War
on Austria.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Aug. 29.

Rumania has declared war on Austria.

(HAYES TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Aug. 28.

Rumania declared war on Austria on the 28th instant. The announcement has caused considerable public enthusiasm in all the Allied countries.

**Germany Declares War
on Rumania.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Aug. 29.

Berlin Official.—Rumania has declared war on Austria. Germany has declared war on Rumania.

The Russian Campaign.

(HAYES TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Aug. 28.

In the Carpathians we captured a position on Koverla mountain and took 146 prisoners.

In the Caucasus we reached the river Maslat.

Russian hydroplanes have bombed Varna setting on fire the ship-building yard.

**No Change in Western
Front.**

(HAYES TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Aug. 28.

Yesterday and to-day there was activity without change.

Greeks Acclaim Allies.

(HAYES TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Aug. 28.

Athens.—Italian troops descending on Valona have occupied Chimara on the Albanian coast.

There were manifestations on a grand scale yesterday when about 50,000 people acclaimed M. Venizelos and the Allies.

Tin.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
Singapore, Aug. 30.
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The Glenartney.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
Singapore, Aug. 30.

The fire on board the m.s. Glenartney was got under in the early hours of yesterday morning after burning since Friday night. The rest of the cargo is being unloaded. The cargo suffered heavily but the ship is perhaps not damaged as much as it was feared at first.

Operations to raise her will be commenced immediately.

The North Sea Affair.

London, Aug. 22.—Naval experts commenting on the North Sea affair, opine that the retreat of the Germans after an abortive raid affords an irrefutable demonstration that the Germans recognise how severely the command of the sea rests with Admiral Jellicoe. The German tactics are a futile effort to impress outsiders.

Purging the Services.

London, Aug. 22.—In the House of Commons Lord R. Cecil announced that Viscount Grey had directed that no naturalised foreigner or son thereof should be appointed to the foreign, diplomatic or consular services until he had been approved by Viscount Grey or Lord R. Cecil.

Armenians in Persia.

Washington, Aug. 23.—The State Department has instructed the American Embassy at Constantinople to make representation to the Porte in the name of humanity that it will not permit the massacre of Armenians in Persia like in Asia Minor.

**Death of Mr. B. T.
Knight.**

News has been received of the death of Mr. B. T. Knight formerly of the Northern line and later a Divisional Engineer on the Southern line. Mr. Knight left Siam in August last and after a long and lingering illness passed away at his sister's residence in London on the 5th July last.

Luang Sathan Bidhaks.

The Appeal Court in an exhaustive judgment read this afternoon has confirmed the finding of the Criminal Court in the case in which Luang Sathan Bidhaks was charged (1) with aiding and abetting Ai Lye to stab and kill Amdeng Kuan and her infant daughter and (2) with aiding Ai Lye in order that he may escape due punishment for his offence. The Criminal Court had acquitted the accused and the Krom Ayakarn appealed against the judgment.

In the original case in which Ai Lye, a servant of Luang Sathan, was charged with murder, the Criminal Court dismissed the case of the Crown, but the Appeal Court found the accused guilty and passed sentence of death. This case is now before the Dika Court.

**Shipments of Siamese
Rice For Cuba.**

During the last six months of the Siamese fiscal year ended March 31, 1916, 8,070,525 lb. of "Siam Garden" otherwise known as No. 1 white rice, valued at \$146,571 gold, were, states Vice-Consul Carl C. Hanson, Bangkok, shipped from the port of Bangkok for Cuba. Siam Garden rice now forms the larger proportion of the rice exported from this country and is the best quality produced in Siam; but it is said, however, that occasionally it is mixed with a cheaper and poorer quality, called "Na Muang," the grains of which are short and cracked, and easily broken during the milling process. The Siam Garden rice derives its name from the fact that it was originally grown in the ditches of vegetable gardens, but its cultivation is now carried on on vast tracts of land. The amount of Siam rice shipped to the United States for the above period was 537,600 lb., valued at \$17,709 gold.—L. & C. Express.

Tin in South Siam.**Rich District.**

"Another Kinta Valley" is how an expert mining man describes the Ramphong district in Southern Siam, which has lately been the scene of almost feverish activity on the part of persons interested in working the valuable tin and wolfram deposits that have been prospected there. The area in question is a valley fifteen miles long and 1½ miles wide on the east of the town, with limestone pinnacles on the east and a granite range on the west. Mining rights over large blocks have been acquired by the Austral Coy., who has just taken over a concession of 3,200 acres of land prospected by Mr. Tully. The Asiatic Coy., Messrs. Berli and Co., Bangkok, some of the Penang pilots, and Mr. Tully are interested in other blocks, as well as Chinese miners who have been working in the district for many years on the open cast system. Now, we understand, it is contemplated to introduce modern methods and if schemes under consideration materialise as many as ten dredges may be installed within the next year or two. Mr. A. Tully, who has been prospecting in the district for the past 18 months, mentions properties he has prospected to 24 feet giving an average of 3½ cwt. of tin to the cubic yard. In a deep lead of 73 feet the average was 1½ cwt. He is most enthusiastic over the prospects of this district and incidentally pays a warm tribute to the kindness and help he has received from the Siamese officials.—(P. G.)

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE s.s. "Katong" will leave from the Borneo Company's wharf at 4 p.m. sharp, on Friday the 1st prox. and should arrive in Singapore on Tuesday.

THE following passengers arrived by the s.s. "Katong" which came in last evening:—Mr. and Mrs. P. Newbitt, Mr. F. W. Dickhoff (traveller) and Mr. L. T. Muller.

THE L. and C. Express says:—Rice is fully steady. Rangoon two Star on the spot 16s. to 16s. 3d., Japan 21s. and Garden Siam 17s. 3d. to 17s. 6d. Broken Rice remains steady.

WE understand that the s.s. "Kajang" has had one of her holds converted into a tank and in her last trip from Singapore brought up 400 tons of crude oil in bulk which was discharged on Sunday at the Asiatic Petroleum Co.'s godowns.

Rumania's Attitude.

Amsterdam, Aug. 24.—According to the well informed Bukharest correspondent of the Berlin Tagblatt, the temporary tranquility of Rumania does not signify that the country is not thinking of intervention. The Premier would certainly intervene on the side of the Entente, but it appears that the various Governments have not reached an understanding whether Rumania at the peace negotiations is to have a co-decise, or only an advisory voice.—(Reuter.)

The Riddle of Rumania.

The lull on the Russian front is not only normal, but necessary and good. It must not be assumed for a moment that the Russians are held and checked, or that for a long period the stalemate of trench warfare is re-established all along the line, merely because our Allies halt after their dazzling exploits of the last six weeks as all armies have to pause at intervals by the very law of the rhythmic offensive. If our Army in the West can emulate the sustained effort and success of General Brusiloff's troops by keeping up fighting and progress until near the middle of August we shall indeed do very well. Nothing, we think, is more certain than that before we come in our turn to a marked pause the Russians will resume.

The one factor that might hasten events in the Eastern campaign, and even precipitate final decisions, is still uncertain. For obvious reasons and contingencies on which we need not dwell—but they are fully apparent to the statesmen of Bucharest-Rumania's greatest value to the Allies will be in the near future. The next month or six weeks therefore will mean the greatest opportunity in the history of the Rumanian race. Whether the King and M. Bratianu will play for safety within the present limits of an incomplete realm or for an expansion which would mean a marvellous national renaissance remains to be seen. Respectful restraint on this side must leave the critical issue to be judged by those whom it most vitally concerns. Bucharest can have little doubt now, after the British bulletins of the last fortnight, that the star of Russia and the Allies will shine more and more in the ascendant.—Observer.

Russia's Many Fronts.

Petrograd, Aug. 22.—Although the fighting on the lower Stokhod continues heavy artillery experts do not anticipate a great extension southward of the Pripiet, owing to the marshy country. Nevertheless the German attacks reveal anxiety for the left wing.

Russians in the wooded Carpathians are ready to cope with an Austrian advance from Transylvania. Despite the arrival of German reinforcements the Russians operating in the direction of Marmarasziget have reached the source of the Tisza.

London, Aug. 23.—A Russian official says: We everywhere repulsed the enemy offensive south of Brody. We captured two heights north and south of Koverla mountain on the Hungarian frontier near the source of the Pruth.

A Turkish offensive on the Caucasian front near the coast was driven back. Our offensive west of lake Van is proceeding.

Petrograd, Aug. 21.—Official. The enemy made an attack near Toboly on the west bank of the Stokhod but was repulsed. We took prisoner some Turks on the Zolotyotaya Lipa.

Petrograd, Aug. 24.—The Russians have reoccupied Mush and taken 2,300 prisoners.

Our offensive west of lake Van is developing. We captured two Turkish regiments near Mosul with guns and machine-guns.

Petrograd, Aug. 24.—It is officially believed 13 to 16 Turkish divisions are operating in the Erzincan Region. About two Corps are engaged near Lake Van and on the Bitlis Mush line; 4 to 6 divisions in Mesopotamia.

Military authorities are of opinion that the Turkish initiative on the Caucasian front, and more particularly in Persia, north-eastward of Hamadan, is on the verge of collapse. Russian successes southward of Lake Urmia are most important strategically. The Turkish object of diverting the Russians from the Erzincan-Sivas line has been signally unrealised.

The Russian plans on the Caucasian front embrace immense distances but are slowly and surely developing.

The Italian Progress.

London, Aug. 23.—The Italian communique says: We carried strong enemy positions on the western slopes of Tofana and the Travanza valley. The enemy had heavy losses.

Air Craft Activity.

Paris, Aug. 21.—Enemy aircraft which showed unwonted enterprise, were engaged in large numbers with most satisfactory results. At least four were destroyed and others were driven down out of control. Others were pursued to their aerodromes. We had no casualties.

London, Aug. 21.—The Gazette records the Military Cross to Lieutenant O. T. Boyd for conspicuous gallantry in a bombing raid. In unfavourable weather he descended to below a thousand feet and dropped bombs on, and fired his machine-gun at, a train, despite heavy rifle and machine-gun fire.

Varied Wire News.

The North Sea Battle.

London, Aug. 24.—A telegram from Rotterdam says Dutch skippers confirm the ignominious flight of the German fleet. They sighted sixty vessels at nine in the morning guided by three Zeppelins and again sighted them at six in the evening farther north steaming furiously eastwards. Other skippers an hour previously saw the British squadrons steaming northwards in the direction of the enemy. Three Zeppelins appeared from the north whereafter the German fleet was seen in mad retreat. The British squadrons were seen for hours scouring the sea.

Political Trouble in Hungary.

London, Aug. 24.—There is a grave political split in Hungary.

Count Apponyi in the Chamber announced his withdrawal from collaboration with the Government and affirmed that the moral unity of the Hungarian nation was unshaken.

Count Andrássy the Constitutional leader, and Rakovsky of the Catholic party made similar declarations.

Forest Fires.

Ottawa, Aug. 24.—There has been a recurrence of the forest fires in Northern Ontario. Twenty farmers in Hudson township perished. The Casey Cobalt Mine, near New Liskeard, was destroyed, a woman and six children being burned. Other mines are threatened. The intensity of the fire is indicated by the presence of dense smoke at Ottawa two hundred miles distant.

Munition Work.

London, Aug. 21.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Addison said the cause of the Yorkshire explosion had not been discovered.

London, Aug. 24.—The correspondent of the "Times" in Paris says the French Government has decided to employ Chinese in war factories. A trial batch of five thousand has begun to arrive in Marseilles.

Danish Island Sale.

Copenhagen, Aug. 24.—The Land-thing has rejected the proposed sale of the Danish West Indies. All efforts of the King to constitute a coalition cabinet to pass the sale have thus failed.

Commissions Work.

London, Aug. 23.—The Dardanelles Commission sat privately to examine General Monro.

London, Aug. 23.—In the House of Lords, Lord Derby said the Vincent report was communicated to the War Office last week. It had not arrived sooner, apparently because the Viceroy informed Mr. Chamberlain there was nothing in it requiring immediate action as everything pressing had been attended to. The War Office was carefully examining the report and every demand for medical stores had been met and any further demand, however large, would be quickly supplied. Orders had been given for provision of the necessary river transport but it would be impossible to remedy all the defects until at least the end of October.

Ships.

German Trader Moves.

New York, Aug. 24.—It is announced the North German Lloyd steamer Willehad sails to-day for New London, using the canal route and keeping inside the three mile limit. The alleged object of the move is better docking facilities.

London, Aug. 24.—The Furness Withy line has acquired a preponderant interest in the Prince line.

London, Aug. 24.—Sinkings. The Italian steamer Erix and several sailing ships.

A Russian Hothead.

Petrograd, Aug. 23.—The Government are being urged to prosecute the Extreme Right leader Bulatzev who, regarding Mr. Asquith's declaration of punishment of those responsible for international crimes as directed against the Kaiser, wrote an article scurrilously attributing Britain who was planning a tribunal such as sentenced to death Mary Queen of Scots and Louis of Artois. He said the British Army had advanced a few hundred yards in two years and the task of taking the Kaiser prisoner was presumably imposed on Russia. The war would not end when Russia was able to conclude an honourable peace, but when Russia had laid low the Hohenzollern dynasty. Bulatzev practically advocated a separate Russo-German peace.

An Apology.

Petrograd, Aug. 24.—M. Bulatzev went to the British embassy and formally apologised for yesterday's scurrilous article and withdrew all allegations against Britain.

Sir George Buchanan accepted the apology.

Casualties Decreasing.

London, Aug. 21.—It is noteworthy that the casualties arriving in England from France are not a quarter of what they were at the opening of the British offensive.

Items of Interest.

London, Aug. 21.—The British steamer Swedish Prince has been sunk.

London, Aug. 21.—The death is announced of the banker Sir Richard Martin.

Montreal, Aug. 21.—The death has occurred of Major General Frederick Henson.

London, Aug. 21.—The House of Lords has passed the second reading of the Parliament Bill.

London, Aug. 21.—Official. The whole of the Jamaica banana crop has been destroyed by the hurricane. Twelve persons were killed.

London, Aug. 21.—Reuter's correspondent with General Van de Venster's headquarters, says that the South Africa Horse have entered Klesla.

London, Aug. 24.—Official. British subjects of all races in Siam have given the Imperial Government £2,250 to purchase a fighting aeroplane and hope to provide another later.

London, Aug. 24.—An Italian communique says: "We occupied a position at the head of the Fosservica valley. The enemy violently counter-attacked it and re-took it but were finally driven off. We carried enemy trenches at the head of the Cia Valley."

Amsterdam, Aug. 21.—A supreme court martial at Berlin has dismissed Liebknecht's appeal against the sentence of 21 years penal servitude for war treason and has increased the sentence to four years and a month, and has deprived the appellant of his civil rights for six years.

Salonika.

London, Aug. 22.—British Official. The Salonika situation is unchanged on the Doiran front. We destroyed a railway bridge on the Struma front.

Anglo-French cavalry located the enemy on the Serris-Avleik front. Artillery fire stopped enemy skirmishers and working parties were dispersed.

Purpose of the Attack.

Salonika, Aug. 23.—The Bulgarian attack is intended to restore the moral of the Bulgarian army and stave off the intervention of Rumania. The Bulgarian occupation of Florina is absolutely unimportant, as the heights dominating the town are securely held by the Allies.

Super Zeppelins.

London, Aug. 24.—Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, speaking at Bury St Edmunds, said he had information that the new German super Zeppelins were 780 feet long, had a maximum speed of sixty five miles an hour, a radius of three thousand miles and a bomb-carrying capacity of five tons. They would be available in October.

The Wounded.

London, Aug. 21.—The Commandant of the London Hospital states that seventy five per centum of the wounded treated in the United Kingdom would be able to return to service.

Mr Hughes Return.

Melbourne, Aug. 24.—Mr. Hughes is returning, after three days' speeches at Sydney, urging the Australians to prepare for greater sacrifices. His position is regarded as immensely strengthened. He received numerous expressions of trust in his leadership. Although he did not mention the word "conscription," there is not the slightest doubt of his intentions. The Federal labour party is discussing the matter.

The Federal Parliament meets on Aug. 30.

India's Commercial Men.

London, Aug. 24.—Commenting on the speech of Mr. Birkett, at the annual meeting of the Bombay Chamber of Commerce, the Times believes that the declaration that Germany must be treated as a pariah and on cast until she has won again the right of recognition as a civilised nation, expresses well the view which is firmly adopted by representative business bodies throughout Britain, and certainly strongly held in the City of London.

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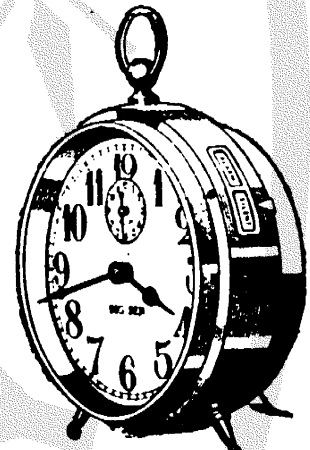
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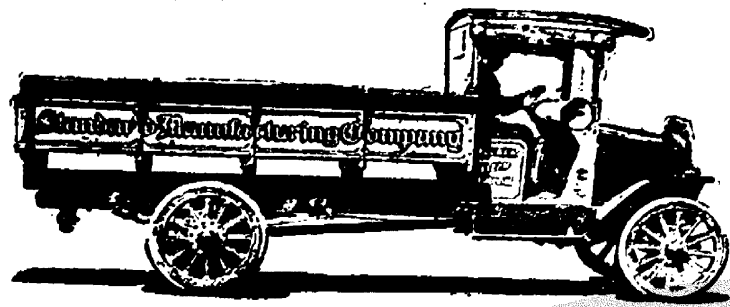
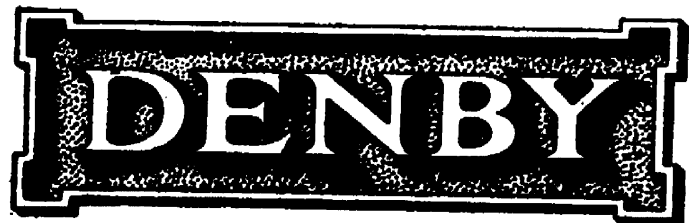
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Mesopotamia Commission.

London, Aug. 21.—The Mesopotamia Commission held a formal sitting in the House of Lords to-day.

London, Aug. 21.—The Times says: General Monro has won great distinction in the present war and his sound soldierly qualities have placed him among the foremost of our generals. He can perhaps ill be spared from the front but there are strong reasons why the Imperial Government should send to India at this juncture the ablest man at their disposal. General Monro deservedly enjoys the full confidence of the Imperial Government. We believe this appointment will give great satisfaction in India.

The Daily Chronicle says Sir Beauchamp Duff is not retiring from India. It was open to the Imperial Government to nominate a locum tenens but they decided instead to appoint a successor. General Monro is a soldier of great distinction and has won new laurels in this war in France and the eastern Mediterranean. He was responsible for the successful withdrawal from Gallipoli, a most difficult operation performed with the utmost skill and judgment.

London, Aug. 21.—Official: The Mesopotamia Commission has decided, in view of the extremely confidential nature of the documents upon which the earlier oral evidence will be based that the meetings would be private. Sir Edmund Barlow gave evidence. The Commission meets again to-morrow.

London, Aug. 21.—In the House of Commons Mr. Lloyd George said that such measures as were practicable had been and were being taken with a view to relieving the units which have suffered from climatic and other causes in Mesopotamia.

African Troops.

London, Aug. 21.—In the House of Commons replying to Sir Josiah Wedgwood, Mr. Lloyd George expressed his willingness to privately convey the results of communications with the military authorities in Africa on the subject of the employment of native troops for garrison purposes in Egypt and Aden and active service in Mesopotamia.

School of Oriental Studies.

London, Aug. 21.—Mr. George Jamieson, ex-consul-general Shanghai, has been appointed Governor of the School of Oriental Studies on the nomination of the China Association.

German Staff Design.

Latest estimates of the German Army of the Somme is that it comprises 270 Battalions. The German General Staff is making desperate efforts to ward off a decisive engagement before winter, in order to obtain breathing space and prepare for the further campaign in spring.

Meanwhile Hungary is increasingly restive. There were stormy scenes in Parliament, the deputies demanding news of the Russian advances and denouncing Germans.

The Munitions Explosion.

Mr. Addison stated that twenty tons had been recovered in the Yorkshire explosion. There was considerable destruction but the casualties were not as heavy as had been anticipated.

The Paris View.

Paris, Aug. 22.—The fact that the tricolor still flies over Verdun after six months of terrific onslaught shows that the spirit of self sacrifice and resolution of the French soldier is more powerful than high explosives. It is not yet realised the enormous part Verdun has played in the war as a whole. Regarding the Balkans it is pointed out the Bulgarians are attacking only on the extreme left while the Allies are attacking on the right, left and centre. Moreover the present actions are only a prelude to operations on a greater scale.

Indian Affairs.

Mr. Chamberlain said that discretionary powers were being given to the authorities at Bombay to act without reference to Simla in urgent cases of officers invalided home.

The Government of India was arranging to start again the old Commissariat Garden at Sheikh Osman.

The question of a supply of ice to the troops at Aden was being investigated.

In Africa.

London, Aug. 21.—The representative of Reuter at General van der Venster's headquarters says: We occupied Kidele near Kilossa after a determined stand by the enemy.

London, Aug. 21.—General Smuts in an official despatch says: We are moving on Dar es Salaam, supported by naval operations on the coast. An engagement began at nightfall on Aug. 16 against strong enemy forces holding the crossings of the river towards Nrogoro. Fighting continued till the next evening when the enemy retreated.

Van der Venster has inflicted heavy losses on the enemy near Kidele.

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Somme Offensive.**Slow and Sure Progress.**

London, Aug. 24.—The correspondent of Reuters at Headquarters says a quantity of unposted letters of officers and men found in the German trenches continue to testify to the devastating effect of the British fire. One officer writes, "There is nothing to eat or drink and the ceaseless din of the guns is driving us mad." Others describe the losses instancing that one company was reduced to four and the casualties in one regiment were 1,800.

The correspondent narrates the fighting of Friday and Saturday wherein the Warwickshires were conspicuous. It began on Friday with a hurricane bombardment, compared with which all previous attacks were mere whippers. When the advance began a section was held up by a strong machine gun post. An attack on it was organized when the Germans suddenly put up the white flag and 242 men, six officers and three machine guns belonging to a corps d'elite surrendered.

One prisoner, a former waiter at the Savoy, was amazed to hear the hotel had not been wrecked by Zeppelins. He remarked there would be trouble when the Germans found how they had been misled.

The Warwickshires after capturing two machine gun posts enjoyed a good hot meal which was all ready spread in a deep dugout.

A terrified Boche hidden behind a curtain which was being boycotted yelled "No shoot, I most quietly go."

General Birdwood warmly thanked the Warwickshires for the support they gave the Avon.

London, Aug. 23.—Reuters representative at headquarters says that owing to the comparative shortage of reserves the German infantry is unquestionably very jaded. There has never been a period when their counter-attacks have so systematically failed. After a fifty day's offensive we have nowhere retired and captured letters show there is much depression, of which the steady stream of deserters is an even more significant indication.

On the Left Wing.

London, Aug. 23.—General Haig's communique says: Two enemy attacks south of Thiepval were repulsed.

The text of Haig's message is as follows: The enemy twice determinedly attacked our new trenches south of Thiepval last evening. He first obtained a temporary footing but was immediately driven out. The second attack was completely repulsed. The enemy suffered heavily both times.

London, Aug. 23.—General Haig's communique says: South of Thiepval the British gained a further two hun-

ded yards of trench and have straightened their line.

London, Aug. 24.—General Haig's communique says: Sincere efforts of the enemy to regain lost ground between Guillemont station and the quarry were repulsed.

The attack was pressed with such determination that it reached our parapets in places. After a sharp struggle the enemy was repulsed everywhere with heavy losses. Afterwards the enemy intensely bombarded us but made no further infantry attack.

London, Aug. 25.—General Haig's communique says: South of Thiepval three hundred yards by four hundred yards deep of the enemy trench have been taken, with many prisoners.

Paris, Aug. 24.—The evening communique says: The enemy attempted a grenade attack on Soyecourt wood but was immediately checked.

The attack was preceded by the most violent bombardment.

An enemy attack preparing to the south east of the wood was caught by the barrage and was unable to leave the trenches.

There was a violent enemy bombardment of the positions captured by us between Fleury and Thiaumont. Work yesterday, when we took prisoner 250. There was also violent artillery work at Chenev.

Four German aeroplanes were brought down.

London, Aug. 24.—Amongst those killed is the actor Basil Hallam, Commander of a kite section of the Flying Corps.

Paris, Aug. 25.—The communique says: North of the Somme we attacked the German positions in the Maurepas region and captured them at a single rush. Part of the village is still held by the Germans and the adjoining trenches. We carried a line two hundred yards beyond, on a front of two kilometres and captured two hundred prisoners, and ten machine guns south of the Somme. There was an artillery duel east of the Meuse.

Several German counter attacks on our new front between Thiaumont and Fleury were repulsed. We advanced slightly beyond Fleury. Three hundred prisoners were taken yesterday and to-day in the Fleury sector.

Objectives Attained.

Paris, Aug. 24.—The continuous British progress on the Somme has now brought us close to the original objectives, namely the villages of Guillemont, Ginchy, Martinpuich, Contrelette and Thiepval. A footing is gained in the first named, where a desperate struggle has been proceeding for three days against the Brandenburgers whom we are gradually wearing down. We are only half a mile from Thiepval, where the situation of the Germans is becoming precarious.

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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	Bangjak "	8.15	11.15	2.30	5.30
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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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A careful reading of this enunciation by Baron Shibusawa will bring satisfaction to all concerned. There is nothing cryptic; there is no double meaning. The point is that the man who is known everywhere as the doyen of the Corps Commercial in Japan; the wise, sound and seasoned leader of finance, of commerce, and of great philanthropic undertakings in his country, finds nothing in the Alliance at which to cavil, but even if he did, he says this is no time for Japan to seek a change. "An obligation must be fulfilled. An agreement or a promise can in no way be evaded by a nation or by an individual. Japan is not seeking a change and is only endeavouring to find a way to help, not to hinder her ally."

The name of Baron Shibusawa calls for no special heralding or eulogy. Certain it is that at seventy-six years of age he is "The Grand Old Man" of the Japanese commercial world, occupying the same position in his own sphere that Count Okuma holds in the political world to-day.

Baron Shibusawa's first visit to the West was when he went to Europe in the year 1867, and since that time, even up to 1916, he has made occasional visits to America or Europe, in order to keep in touch with men, manners and affairs.

No man in Japan represents more, or can command a more respectful hearing, than Baron Shibusawa. It may safely be said that he represents the commercial element and that when he speaks he commands not only a hearing but an overwhelming following and support.

France and of Russia owe much. He has stood as the supporter of international good relations and good understanding for the one thing may be said with safety, that to Baron Shibusawa—the commercial men of the West—of England and America, of last half century. He has stood for what is highest in the commercial life of all countries—integrity, and "a square deal." Baron

Shibusawa spoke on the subject of the recent attempt to create a division between Japan and Great Britain with even more than customary and characteristic vehemence. He said:

"The suggestion that Japan might consider a change in the Alliance at this time is not only a suggestion of what is false, but it is particularly offensive to the element I represent in Japan, as in fact it is offensive to all self-respecting people of this country. 'Even if Japan had no further need for assistance from England,' he said, 'there would be no question of a 'cooling off' or of the making of friends with her enemies. We do not desert a friend because we have nothing further to gain from him. We are not mercenaries."

Nations, like individuals, must be guided by moral principles. Whether there were need for the Anglo-Japanese Alliance or not, we must remain true and loyal in every sense to a friend in trouble.

"We should keep on looking back, as well as forward. England was our friend when we were working our up-hill way and when we stood most in need of a friend. We do not forget."

"Even if our publicists should be able to convince us that there is no need for the Anglo-Japanese Alliance—and I think it will take a long time to bring us to this conviction—we would still remain loyal to our friendship and obligations. A selfish and self-seeking machinery is intolerable in the case of a nation as in the case of a man or a woman. We are too proud of our traditions to allow any machinery to mislead or to misrepresent us. We would sacrifice almost everything except honor—we would lose everything and bring ourselves to the close boundary of bankruptcy in the support of a friend and an ally."

"Some people say that there is no morality between nations. I do not agree with this. If morality did not guide nations in their dealings one with the other, this world would be a miserable place to live in. There could be no assurance of peace on earth, and it is for the assurance of such a peace that Japan and Great Britain stand together and will stand shoulder to shoulder while this war lasts."

"It was because Germany would not observe her moral obligations in her international dealings that this war was brought on the world, and the Allies are now fighting to force Germany to the observance of an international code."

"I am no statesman and I am content to leave the working of treaties and engagements to the statesmen of the countries making them, because they are practical and honest men, irrespective of party or of politics. Above all things, I desire to impress

upon the public that this is no time for carping, criticisms or dissensions. Let us stand by Japan's prestige for international morality."

Estimate of Enemy.

Paris, Aug. 21.—Le Temps says the enemy has a million and a half men on the Somme front and General Mackensen is said to be in command.

German Peace Talk.

London, Aug. 21.—In the House of Commons Mr. Byles drew attention to statements by Herr Zimmermann, German under-secretary for Foreign Affairs, that Germany had often declared her readiness to negotiate for peace, but that Britain had prevented the Empire responding.

Mr. Asquith replied that Germany had not yet shown any disposition to agree to peace except on terms intolerable or humiliating to some of the Allies (cheers). The suggestion that Britain was influencing the Entente was quite untrue. He added that no peace terms had been suggested officially.

The British View.

Reuters' correspondent at Headquarters writing of the ground gained between Pozieres and Thiepval described it as a very neat of the line—dug-outs, yet encountered two strong points, teeming with machine-guns, proved troublesome but were dealt with complete success. In the first of these, instead of a handful of machine-guns expected, six officers and 170 men were impounded. The British are enormously backed up, feeling that they can now deal with the machine-gun nuisance simply and effectively. They do not trouble about the German infantry nowadays, but the machine-guns are a tough lot, all of them being sworn not to surrender.

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Zeppelin Casualties.

London, Aug. 23.—In the House of Commons, Commandant Baird representing the Air Board mentioned that seven Zeppelins had been officially reported as destroyed, and five others were believed to have been disabled irretrievably. The Allies altogether had accounted for thirty-five.

Telegraph Lines.

The Post and Telegraph Department reports that Puket Line is interrupted between Trang and Puket. Nongkai Line is interrupted between Makhong and Khat. Other lines are all right.

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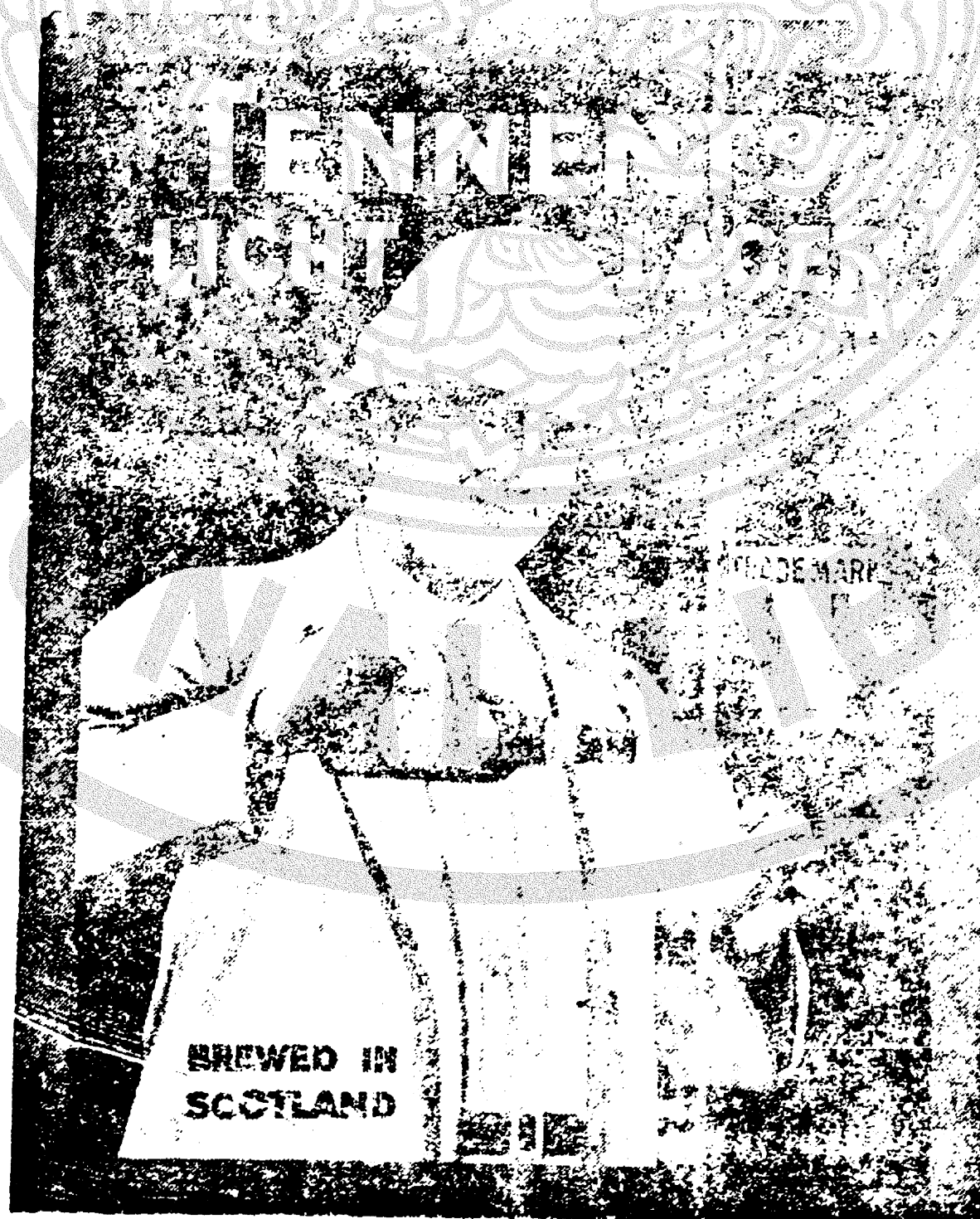
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