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BANGKOK BAR.  
FOR NOVEMBER 1917.

Nov. H. W. Ft. & in. L. W. (Approx.)

1	6 00	14 4	...	...
2	7 00	14 5	1.0	6.0
3	7 00	14 10	1.0	6.0
4	8 00	14 8	1.2	6.0
5	9 00	14 7	2.3	6.7
6	10 00	14 5	2.3	6.7
7	10 00	14 1	3.4	6.7
8	11 00	14 0	4.4	7.0
9	...	...	5.0	7.0
10	...	...	5.0	7.0
11	...	...	5.0	7.8
12	2 00	11 8	7.9	7.8
13	3 00	12 2	9.10	7.8
14	4 00	13 6	9.10	7.8
15	4 30	14 4	10.12	7.8
16	6 00	15 0	...	...
17	7 00	15 6	1.0	7.0
18	7 30	15 7	1.0	7.0
19	8 30	15 4	1.2	6.7
20	9 00	15 4	2.3	6.7
21	10 00	14 9	3.4	6.7
22	...	...	4.5	6.7
23	...	...	4.5	6.7
24	...	...	5.6	6.7
25	1 00	11 0	7.8	7.8
26	2 00	12 3	...	...
27	3 00	12 11	...	...
28	4 00	13 8	...	...
29	5 00	14 7	...	...
30	6 00	15 2	...	...
31	...	...	...	...

Nov. P. M. H. W. Ft. & in. L. W. (Approx.)

1	6 00	14 7	...	...
2	6 00	14 2	1.0	7.0
3	6 30	13 11	...	...
4	7 00	13 8	...	...
5	7 00	13 4	...	...
6	7 00	13 4	...	...
7	7 00	13 4	...	...
8	...	...	...	...
9	2 00	14 2	...	...
10	2 30	14 2	...	...
11	3 00	14 1	...	...
12	3 00	14 7	...	...
13	3 30	14 11	...	...
14	4 00	14 6	11.12	7.8
15	4 00	14 6	11.12	7.8
16	4 30	14 5	12.0	7.0
17	5 30	14 4	...	...
18	5 30	14 1	...	...
19	6 00	13 11	...	...
20	6 00	13 7	...	...
21	6 00	13 0	...	...
22	1 00	14 4	...	...
23	2 00	14 6	...	...
24	2 30	14 6	...	...
25	3 00	14 5	...	...
26	3 00	14 4	9.10	7.8
27	3 30	14 3	10.11	7.0
28	4 00	14 3	11.12	7.0
29	4 00	13 10	12.0	7.0
30	5 00	13 3	12.0	7.0
31	...	...	...	...

## PHASES OF THE MOON.

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

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

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

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the Lottery Sub-Committee.

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first time brought us clear evidence  
that the numbers of the German army  
are dwindling at such a rate as to affect  
the strategy of its leaders. The German  
army in the field is perhaps as numer-  
ous as it ever was. The reserves in the  
depots available for drafts are still very  
large. But the army in the field has  
to meet greater demands upon its  
energies than ever before, and the  
forces in the depots are composed of  
boys, of whom a large proportion are  
too young to send to the front. The  
enormous capital of un-uniformed re-  
serves which Germany possessed before  
the war has melted. The Germans' per-  
manent loss up to the end of August  
totals in round figures four millions of  
men. That is what the war has cost  
Germany up to now in killed, dead of  
disease, incapacitated by wounds or  
sickness, prisoners and deserters.

Germany began the war with a total  
mobilisable strength of 14,000,000 men,  
counting the annual classes of recruits  
reaching military age up to and in-  
cluding the class of 1920. They have  
been utilised as follows:—

The regular army on mo- bilisation	4,500,000
Ersatz Reserve	800,000
Class of 1914	450,000
Landsturm, First Ban	1,100,000
Class of 1915	450,000
Second Contingent of Landsturm, First Ban...	150,000
Class of 1916	450,000
Men exempted on medi- cal grounds before the war taken after re-ex- amination	950,000
Remainder of Landsturm, First Ban	450,000
Class of 1917	450,000
Class of 1918	450,000
Class of 1919 (partially called up)	300,000
Fit men of military age retained as "indispens- able" in civilian occu- pation in Germany	500,000
Men of military age abroad, unable to re- turn	200,000
Remainder of Class 1919 and Class 1920, about...	700,000
Physically unfit of mili- tary age, about	2,100,000
Total	14,000,000

Over a third of this mass of  
14,000,000 were untrained men. Ger-

many began to look for recruits among  
the men legally exempted from ser-  
vice on medical grounds before the  
end of 1915. Early in 1917 the Ger-  
mans incorporated a further army of  
exempted men, and called out the class  
of 1919. It is estimated that 300,000  
youths of this class have joined the  
colours up to the date of writing. A  
total of 10,500,000 men have been mo-  
bilised by Germany since the begin-  
ning of the war. This means that Ger-  
many has put into the field 15 per  
cent. of her population, one in seven of  
the whole people, one in three of the  
males of all ages.

What Resources Remain.  
What of the remaining three and a  
half millions of mobilisable men? It is  
calculated that 500,000 classed as in-  
dispensable are retained in Germany in  
various employments. The irreduc-  
ible total of physically unfit is about  
2,100,000. There are 200,000 Germans  
of military age abroad who are pre-  
vented by the Allied fleets from returning  
to their country. There remain to be  
accounted for the rest of the class of  
1919 and the class of 1920, in all about  
700,000 men. This gives us our total  
of fourteen millions.

What remain of the 10,500,000 men  
mobilised? On the fronts, on the lines  
of communication, and in Germany  
there are 5,500,000 soldiers. In addi-  
tion, in the depots in Germany there  
are some 600,000. To these must be  
added the number in hospital, about  
500,000. We have thus a total of  
6,600,000. The difference, in round  
numbers four millions, represents the  
permanent losses of the German army.  
It should be noted that all the totals  
given in this article are given in round  
figures, and many of them are based  
upon estimates in respect of which a  
margin of error must always be reckon-  
ed with. But in these calculations no  
account is taken of the men absorbed  
by the navy or of the men required to  
keep the navy in repair and to attend  
to new construction. We are dealing  
with the army alone.

The 700,000 men of the 1919 and  
1920 classes who have not yet been  
called up will certainly be called up  
before the end of the year. There are  
no more "exempted" or other re-  
sources to be drawn upon in Germany.  
It is a miracle—only to be explained  
by the enormous number of prisoners  
of war and of Belgian and French civil-  
ians whom he puts to enforced labour  
—that the enemy is able to keep his  
war industries going with half a mil-  
lion Germans of military age. Here-  
after the armies on the front can only  
be reinforced by the annually matur-  
ing, or more properly immaturing,  
classes. The eldest of the 1920 class  
will be 18 on January 1 next; the  
youngest will complete his seventeenth  
year on the last day of 1918.

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**How the Kaiser Rules.****Why a General Was Dismissed.**

Amsterdam, Aug 29.—Yet another delightful instance is provided as to the inability of the new German Chancellor to fulfil his boast on taking office, that he would not let the reins of leadership slip lightly from his hands. Incidentally the story shows, too, how powerful in Governmental affairs in Germany is the hidden hand of the great industrial magnates. Herr Scheidemann himself vouches for the truth of the story.

General Groener was till a few days ago chief of the War Office, and in that position had to deal with questions affecting all war workers. There recently has been much dissatisfaction expressed regarding the National Service law, and General Groener decided to introduce reforming amendments into it, chiefly with a view to improving the wages of war workers and regulating contractor's profits.

When it was known he had decided on that policy, the greedy industrial magnates, seeing decreased profits inevitable, immediately set to work. One day recently General Groener went to the Imperial Army Headquarters with regard to the suggested reforms. He was received with every mark of Kaiserly favour, discussed the matter in question, and returned to Berlin quite convinced he enjoyed his monarch's full confidence, and that his position was assured.

That same day, however, he read in the semi-official "Lokalanzeiger" that his retirement was imminent. He had a talk with the War Minister Von Stein, the day afterwards, and found that there really was no other course open for him but to hand in his resignation, which he did. Von Stein declared officially that the resignation was voluntary, which, says Scheidemann, is "absolutely false."

There are two curious points about the matter. The week before Groener visited headquarters and received what he believed to be satisfactory assurances of the Kaiser's confidence, a certain powerful industrial magnate had unboomed himself to the War Office officials of the statement that Groener's days were numbered. His retirement, too, came as a matter of complete surprise to the Chancellor.

Socialists, of course, are highly in-

dignant at this attempt to keep down war workers' wages for the benefit of industrial kings and sweating contractors, and Michaelis is thus provided with yet one more knotty problem to solve.

**SANUKS.**

Owing to high tides which may be expected during the next few days and the probability that it will be difficult, if not impossible, to get to the Sports Club on 3rd November, the Sanuks have decided to postpone their performance until the following

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## The Siam Observer

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1917.

### THE ECONOMIC FACTOR.

A letter written by a German deserter and published in *The Times* affords a somewhat sensational glimpse of Germany from within. According to this letter the economic crisis and traffic crisis are approaching the catastrophic climax in Germany. Nothing can be hoped for from the initiative of individuals for, without Government political guardianship the people of Germany are like sheep without a shepherd. The decisive factor is the progressive, irresistible ruin of economic life. Large towns are visited by devastating epidemics and it is not difficult to understand that favourable preliminary conditions of these epidemics are present in the malnutrition of the people. Berlin for two months was without potatoes because the crop was a failure. The condition of the bread sold in the country is so bad that it has been found necessary to issue instructions as to its keeping. The result of the harvest is calculated to be "below the average" and in the very fertile province of Posen the harvest was almost a complete failure owing to the drought experienced in June. The greatest difficulties are experienced in the domain of traffic. To quote from the letter mentioned above: "The lack of labour asserts itself in increasing degree in spite of the law relating to civil service. The rolling stock is in the most defective condition. The lack of good lubricating oil for the engines and the overburdening of these lead to a steady increase of completely unserviceable material. So it comes about that almost all the larger concerns are equipped for the production of war necessities, and there is now a deficiency in works where labourers of other kinds can be employed. At the great electrical works of the city of Düsseldorf, for example, there is now working only one large dynamo, as the turbines of the others are destroyed and there is no possibility of repairing them. With all this goes the increase in the difficulties in the provision of raw materials. The South-West German Union of the iron industries, which mainly comprises the Lorraine and Saar coalfields, stated in its last circular that in consequence of air attacks and strikes 160,000 tons of ore less were available for delivery during the last eight weeks than were contracted for. Many works are obliged to discontinue night shifts in consequence of lack of material, while others are obliged to stop work for some days in each week. All these difficulties are not momentary and passing phenomena, but are the signs of a slow but irresistible collapse." From this it is evident that the rapidity with which the complete economic collapse of Germany will occur depends in no small measure on preventing the import of raw material from neutral countries. The complete isolation of Germany is essential in the interests of a genuine peace and the conclusion of the fearful loss of human life at present proceeding.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL

OWING to the floods the King's College at Bang Quing has been closed till further notice.

THE auction sale at the late residence of Mr. Nordmann has been indefinitely postponed owing to the flood.

THE Ministry of Public Instruction notifies that jaijit-su will in future be taught in schools and in December of each year there will be exhibitions of skill and prizes awarded.

THE peppermint stalk, from which menthol is made, is largely cultivated in Japan, principally in the Hokkaido district. Japan's principal customer for menthol crystals at present is America. The state of Michigan grows most of the peppermint for the menthol produced in America.

A PEKING telegram to the Hongkong "Chinese Mail" states that a Manifesto will be issued shortly depriving the Ex-Emperor, Hsuen Tung, of his title and ordering the removal of his family from their present location as a punishment for their compliance with the Restoration scheme of Chang Hsun. The amount of the yearly allowance will remain as before.

TOKIO will soon have its own municipal office building, to be built at a cost of Yen 4,500,000. This project has been made as one of the achievements which the municipality is going to carry out in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the removal of the seat of Imperial government from Kioto to Tokio, which the people of Tokio will celebrate in November.

PHE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Malay Peninsula main line is not properly working between Nagorsidbanaraj and Bangkok. Saigon line is still in good order as far as Batombong, Chiengmai line is imperfectly working between Chiengmai and Bangkok. Paknam line is good as far as Ayutthya. Tral line is imperfectly working with Chandaburi. Other lines are in good order.

FIVE German boats the Rajah, Tubingen, Coblenz, Sambia and the Pri-ces Alice, which were seized by the United States, have been turned over to the Pacific Mail Steamship Company by the Federal Shipping Board for operation on the Pacific. Four of these vessels are now being repaired at Hongkong and Manila. The Tubingen, which has been renamed the Seneca, has already been placed in service.

THERE is one automobile for every twenty-nine inhabitants of the United States. Iowa, with one car for every eleven persons, leads the country in the number of machines registered in proportion to population. California, Nebraska and South Dakota rank next in order. Arkansas, with one automobile for every 116 persons, is at the foot of the list. The New England States are more uniformly supplied with motor cars than any other section of the country.

LATEST Advt:—The Siam Import Co., Ltd. have in stock Kernath Marine Motors, The Siam Motor Works Ltd., advertise Acon and Klaxon horns, Hobson plugs and Lighting sets. Kiam Hoa Heng and Co., Ltd., advertise Buick Motor cars. The Final episodes of the Adventures of Stingree, the Mothers of France and many other interesting films will be shown at the Pathanakkorn from to-night. The Jendarata Rubber Co., Ltd., notify that the 11th Extraordinary General Meeting will be held in Copenhagen on the 7th inst. Benjamin A. Pereira and P. M. Pereira and Co., advertise auction sales.

No travellers other than Russian subjects will in future be permitted to enter Russia unless their passports have been viced, not only by the Russian Consular Authority in the country of their departure but also, in the case of passengers approaching from the East, by the Russian Consulate at Hongkong or the Russian Consulate-General at Harbin, and in the case of passengers intending to enter Russia through Finland, by the Russian Consulate-General at Stockholm. All persons travelling to France, Belgium, Russia, Rumania, Persia, Colombia, Hayti, Italy, Tripoli, Eritrea, and Portugal must have their passports viced by a competent Diplomatic or Consular Officer of the country in question.

WRITING in the "Vegetarian Messenger" a correspondent says:—It is well to consider the comparative value of rice as a food. Rice has over four times the heat and fat-forming principle compared with potatoes, and its tissue-forming protein is also four times greater, while its percentage of mineral salts is only half that in potatoes. The relative cost of rice and its greater relative food value compared with potatoes should be a matter of importance to the nation at this time. Rice well deserves to be far more freely used by the masses of our land. As an article of diet it is easy of digestion and assimilation—much more so than potatoes.

London, Oct. 27.—Six inches of snow has fallen in east Scotland.

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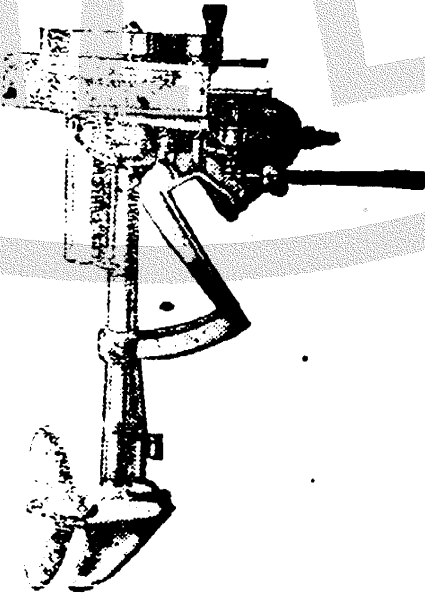
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## THE Great War.

### Italian Front.

#### British Batteries Saved but Men Suffer Much.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Nov. 2.

Paris:—The correspondent of the Associated Press on the Italian Front telegraphing yesterday night says that all the British batteries were saved, but the men suffered much from the cold, torrential rain and hunger during the retreat.

### Progress on British Front.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Nov. 2.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—A successful operation with limited objectives was carried out this morning between the Ypres-Bonlogers railway and the Poelcapelle-West-roosebeke road. Important progress was made despite the marshy ground on the bulk of the front and the heavy rain and gales, making communication with the troops extremely difficult.

### Michaelis Resigns.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Nov. 2.

Berlin confirms the report that Michaelis has resigned. The Chancellorship has now been offered to Hertling, the Bavarian premier who is considering whether he would accept.

### The Sinn-Fein Aims.

London, Oct. 26.—A Sinn-Fein Convention has opened in Dublin for the purpose of formulating an Irish Constitution. A provisional constitution declares the Sinn-Fein aims at securing international recognition of the independent republic of Ireland, this achieved the Irish people by a referendum will freely choose its own government. It is stated there are twelve hundred Sinn-Fein clubs with a membership of a quarter of a million.

London, Oct. 27.—A Sinn-Fein Convention adopted its so-called constitution and appointed an executive of twenty-four, including eleven released prisoners. Devalera was elected president. He outlined a policy of capturing the county councils and all Irish government machinery, separating the Irish banking and insurance from English finance, removing the amalgamations of Irish and English labour.

Count Plunkett failed to secure election on the executive.

### Russia's Reorganisation.

London, Oct. 26.—A congress of politicians, chiefly of the Bourgeois elements, numbering a thousand has opened at Moscow and is interesting as showing the tendency of the more stable forces to unite in view of the failure of the Soldat to meet the needs of the situation. Izvestia, the Soldats' organ, admits the power of the Soldat throughout Russia is waning chiefly owing to its technical incompetence to carry on the war and the country's requirements.

Moscow, Oct. 27.—The Congress of politicians elected M. Rodzianko, former President of the Duma as President. In the course of a speech he declared the Congress aimed at awakening the national congress, and the suppression of the existing anarchy.

Municipal employees here have decided to strike on October 28 unless their demands are accepted.

Petrograd, Oct. 26.—A special committee of representatives of the Soldat, the Baltic fleet, the Committee of Professional Organisations and others have undertaken the internal and external defence of Petrograd.

Petrograd, Oct. 27.—Preparations for the evacuation of Helsingfors are proceeding. Advice from Stockholm show the Germans are sanguine of easily landing in Finland and capturing the Russians without resistance and cutting railway communications with Sweden.

Petrograd, Oct. 27.—At the preliminary parliament, M. Kerensky said that there is no question of surrendering the capital to the enemy. On the contrary the strengthening of its defence to the uttermost is engaging consideration. Any evacuation would be due to food and fuel supply difficulties. Parliament approved of government's declaration.

Amsterdam, Oct. 27.—Harden has been prohibited from delivering lectures in Berlin.

### The Seeadler's Claim.

(“S. O.” SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, Nov. 2.

The crew of the captured German launch from the *Seeadler* was landed at Suva. The commander claims to have sunk 23 ships without taking any lives.

### Allies To Help Italy.

(“S. O.” SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, Nov. 2.

Reuter learns that steps have already been taken for rendering the Italians the fullest assistance.

### Spanish Political Crisis.

(“S. O.” SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, Nov. 2.

The political crisis in Spain has been precipitated by military committees in Barcelona sending a peremptory demand direct to the King asking for satisfaction of their military aspirations.

### General Wire News.

London, Oct. 28.—Field Marshal Haig says: Operations with the French this morning northward of St. Jans beek continued with success. The French advancing astride the Bixchoote-Dixmude road despite difficulties of floods and heavy ground captured the villages of Aschoop, Kippe and Mercken with many farms and strong points taking a number of prisoners.

There was great reciprocal artillery fire on the British battle front but no infantry actions. The number of prisoners since yesterday morning exceeds 1,100 of whom 300 were taken by the French.

Despite the rain our aeroplanes yesterday performed valuable work in locating our attacking infantry and reporting suitable targets to our artillery. Aeroplanes flying low fired ten thousand rounds into the enemy's troops and transport. Two of our machines flew down the main street of a town level with the houses firing into bodies of enemy troops. Three German aeroplanes were brought down and one driven down. Two of ours are missing.

London, Oct. 27.—It is announced that American troops are now in the front line in France and their artillery have fired their first shot.

Paris, Oct. 26.—In the Chamber M. Barthou in a statement on foreign policy reaffirmed the French solidarity with the Russian army. The enemy's military offensive having broken he was now pursuing an intense diplomatic offensive with the object of disuniting the Allies. The approaching Allied conference would meet this peril. He reaffirmed the necessity for the return of Alsace-Lorraine. French would never make any concessions to Germany on the point.

M. Albert Thomas approved of M. Barthou's statement and the Chamber by 288 to 137 voted confidence that the Government will secure victory.

Christiania, Oct. 26.—The famous Arctic explorer Sverdrup has followed Amundsen's example in handing back his German decorations for the same reason.

London, Oct. 26.—A select committee on national expenditure reports the gross war expenditure to Sept. 30 was approximately five thousand million sterling against which 1,321 millions will be owing by the Allies, Dominions or India. The debt weight of national debt has increased by 3,000 millions. If the present daily expenditure does not increase each six months of war will add 1,000 millions gross to the debt. Despite large advances from the United States our own advances do not show any tendency to diminish and further economies are necessary.

The Imperial General Staff should be required to closely and constantly consider the comparative cost of alternative proposals before reaching conclusions. Referring to the Wheat Commission the Committee state that the Commission's operations were not limited or financially controlled by the Treasury from which the Commission had drawn 67 millions sterling. The great bulk of the fourteen million quarters of wheat bought by the Commission from the Australian Government was still in Australia and it is feared that much thereof must be wasted if ships are not soon provided. The Commission have largely increased the reserve of wheat in the United Kingdom but owing to the lack of suitable storage it is estimated there will be a loss of at least two millions sterling on the year's working.

London, Oct. 26.—Montagu's silver report says the market is nevertheless owing to the accession of supplies satisfying orders and the difficulty of shipping to neutral countries, the stronger position of Indian currency silver reserves and freer sales from Mexico. The rise of a halfpenny on Shanghai exchange yesterday imparted steadiness.

London, Oct. 26.—Silver is at 42½d. with higher eastern exchange. The market closed steady.

New York, Oct. 26.—Cotton is at 2.14; silver at 83½ cts.

### The Attack on Italy.

#### Mackensen's Great Effort.

London, Oct. 26.—Italian Official: Powerful enemy forces continued their offensive on our left wing on the Julian front. We have withdrawn to our boundary line between Mont Magiore and westward of Auzza and provided for the evacuation of the Bainsizza plateau.

London, Oct. 26.—Wireless German Official: The northern wing of the second Italian army is retreating. We are advancing beyond Karfett and Ronzina and already fighting in many places in Italian territory. The prisoners now number 30,000 of whom 700 are officers. The booty includes 300 guns.

London, Oct. 26.—Wireless German Official: We are rapidly progressing on the Italian front and prisoners and booty are increasing hourly.

London, Oct. 27.—An Italian semi-official statement says it is at present impossible to give all the details of the position at the front, where the struggle continues bitter and undecided. The statement admits the situation is grave but if the Italian troops fight as previously the enemy is not likely to tread on Italian soil for long.

London, Oct. 27.—Italian Official: After crossing the boundary line between Monte Canin and the head of the Judrio valley the enemy attempted to reach an opening on the plain. The hostile effort on the Carso is increasing. We repulsed strong offensive thrusts.

London, Oct. 27.—Wireless German Official: The Austro-Germans captured the Mountain ridge of Stel and Mount Matajur and are pressing on through the Julian Alps towards the Italian plain. The prisoners are now sixty thousand and guns 450. The Italian Isonzo front is shaking as far as Wipac, but the enemy is maintaining his positions on the Carso.

London, Oct. 27.—Mr. Ward Price at the Italian front on Oct. 24 says 300,000 Germans from Russia are concentrated on a front of twenty miles reinforced by Austrians against the Italians. More reinforcements are behind. Mackensen is directing the Austro-German offensive and von Buelow is commanding. The Germans profiting by a thick mist suddenly attacked an Italian outwork position across the Isonzo, smashing the defending brigade and reaching the banks of the Isonzo and advancing under cover of darkness and rain up the river. They seized the town of Caporetto and then divided, part attacking Mount Sturich the remainder pushing on towards Robic with a view to turning the whole Italian line of defence. Both these efforts were held up.

Meanwhile other Germans frontally attacked the main Italian Isonzo line and took Tolmino and also so that of Tolmino surprised and ejected the Italians holding the key position of Globocak bridge. The Bersaglieri recaptured Globocak by bomb and bayonet. There is very fierce fighting however on Bainsizza where the enemy made a determined effort to drive the Italians across the Isonzo. Very heavy fighting is proceeding in the triangle formed by the Isonzo with the apex at Tolmino. It is the object of the enemy to push down the valley roads into the Friulian plain. Throughout the fighting the Germans shelled the Carso front with seventeen inch guns with a view to holding the Italians there.

#### Italian Cabinet Reconstruction.

Rome, Oct. 26.—The Italian Cabinet has resigned.

Rome, Oct. 26.—The Chamber by 314 votes to 96 rejected a vote of confidence in the Government.

The fall of the Italian Cabinet has been anticipated for some time. The Premier Sr. Boselli is upwards of eighty years old and has lost his vigour, moreover dissatisfaction is connected with the food question. New party combinations in the Chamber rendered the position of the ministry precarious. The crisis does not imply any weakening concerning the war.

Rome, Oct. 27.—The resignation of the Cabinet followed on the Chamber's rejection of the vote of confidence by an overwhelming majority which was most surprising as the speeches of leading ministers during several days debate on the vote of credit had been tumultuously applauded.

Baron Sonnino especially was noteworthy as he concluded a detailed analysis of the Pope's peace note by expounding and supporting the aims of the individual allies declaring that immediate peace would be a dishonour and betrayal of Italy's allies and the ruin of Italy. The feeling in Rome is that the crisis is a wholly personal one. A smaller and more homogeneous cabinet with more driving power is desired. Probably there will be a reconstruction of the late ministry headed by Baron Sonnino or Sr. Orlando.

#### The Gravel Trouble.

The Hague, Oct. 26.—The British Minister interviewed said the Dutch statistics regarding the transit of sand and gravel were untrustworthy. The stoppage of commercial cables would not cease while the transit continues. The British Government does not contemplate arbitration which Holland has suggested. America will not export foodstuffs to Holland while the matter is unsettled.

### Church Services.

#### Christ Church.

Services for 22nd Sunday after Trinity, 4th November.

8 a.m. Celebration of Holy Communion.

6 p.m. Even song, with Sermon.

Hymns, Processional, 290, "Thro' all the changing scenes."

494, "My Lord, my Master."

276, "Oh Lord, how happy should we be."

12, "Oh, Strength and stay."

Psalm, 21 and 23, Chants, As set.

Magnificat Chant, F. Walker.

Nunc Dimittis Chant, Brooksbank.

Vesper Hymn, "With Thy Benediction."

#### S. Mary's Mission.

Sunday, November 4, Twenty Second after Trinity.

9 a.m.—Matins and Sermon.

Hymns:—

436: Hark the sound of holy voices.

538: They whose course on earth is set.

137: For all the Saints who from their labours rest.

6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

Hymns:—

439: The Son of God goes forth to war.

270: Soldiers of Christ, arise.

477: The day Thou gavest, Lord is ended.  
Wednesday, November 7.  
6.30 p.m. Service of Preparation for Holy Communion.

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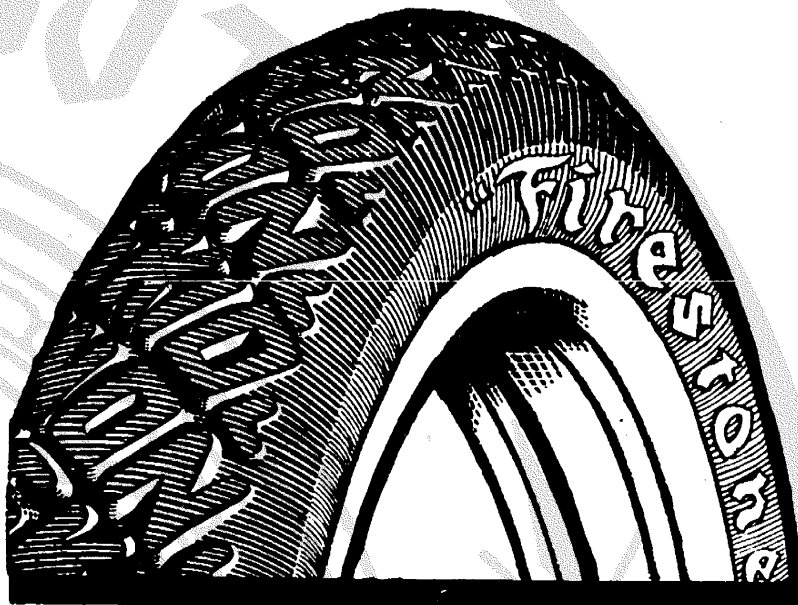
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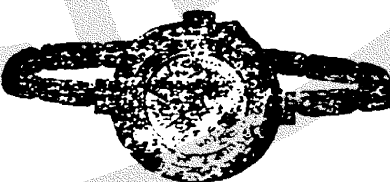
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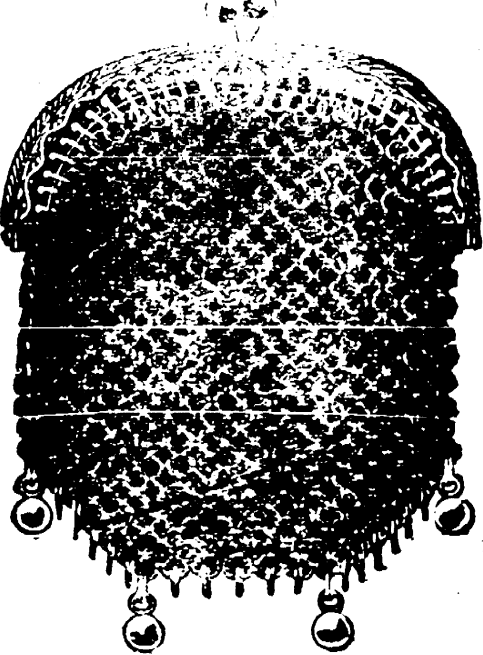


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**Draining the Zuyder Zee.**

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The proposition to drain the Zuyder Zee, which was approved in principle by the Netherlands Legislature some time ago, forms the subject of a recent report to his Government by the United States Consul at Amsterdam, in which it is explained that a further Bill must be passed to authorise the construction of the works necessary to the carrying out of the project. It is estimated, writes, the United States Consul, that the full execution of the project will require fifteen years, and will cost over £18,000,000, which two-thirds would be for the dam and auxiliary works and one-third for the draining. In addition there would be works and measures of a projective nature, following the draining, the cost whereof would swell the grand total to approximately £18,000,000. Work would begin in the fourth year on dykes for the area to be reclaimed, but it is calculated that the completion of the proposed dam across the upper part of the Zuyder Zee (extending from the Province of North Holland over the Amsteldiep to the island of Wieringen, and thence to the Friesland coast at the town of Piaau) would take nine years. Including the island, the total length of the dam would be about twenty four miles; excluding the island about nineteen miles of dam actually to be constructed. A lake of 882,000 acres in area would be formed, of which, it is understood, about 500,000 acres would be drained, leaving the remainder as a lake in the midst of the reclaimed arable land.

As many important interests will be affected, including the fishing industry and the canals of Amsterdam, which are flushed and freshened by water pumped from the Zuyder Zee, long discussion and consideration is expected before the project is finally approved.

**Russian Naval Disorganisation.**

In a telegram sent to M. Kerensky, as Minister of Marine, on the subject of the sinking of the destroyer Lieutenant Bousakoff, Lieutenant Lebedeff, the Acting Minister, reports that one of the most powerful coast batteries, which was entrusted with the defence of the portion of the coast off which the destroyer sank, was found by him to be in a state of profound disorganisation. The battery was surrounded with heaps of stones and rubbish, which interfered with the fighting of the guns. There were no sentries posted. At ten o'clock in the morning, when the Acting Minister visited the spot, the gunners were still asleep. When

**Happy Faces.**

"The happy faces of the London people—that is what has most forcibly impressed me on this, my second visit to London," said an American visitor to a Daily Mail representative recently.

"When I was here before, in the early part of the war, you looked serious enough, not to say anxious. Now, when I expected to find you a bit worn and depressed by the long struggle, you are all as happy as sand-boys. The girls, in particular, are taking the war as if it were a holiday; but even old men and women are surprisingly bright and cheerful."

"Everywhere I go it is the same—in the streets, the railway carriages, up river, in the tea-rooms and restaurants—not a shade of depression is to be noted. If there is any food scarcity, you really must have been eating too much before the war. And not the least sign do I find of your having suffered from air raids. I have walked miles and miles to find a wrecked building, or even a shattered window. It is my impression that the war has done you a lot of good; taken you out of yourselves and bucked you up."

**Relics of Pompeii.**

Milan, Aug. 28.—After a lapse of close upon 2,000 years since the destruction of Pompeii, the skeletons of four of the victims have been discovered in the actual positions in which they were overtaken by the catastrophe.

Two of these victims, apparently a man and wife belonging to the upper classes, had evidently been caught by the shower of red hot stones in the cloistered garden of their villa, and while hastening to seek shelter in a corner had been suddenly buried and asphyxiated through the collapse of the roof overlaid with volcanic dust.

The husband was found in a sitting position, with his head and back bent forward and the legs wide apart. His wife was standing erect immediately behind him. Her gold earrings were found on a level with her ears, and there are two gold rings still on the fingers.

A third skeleton was that of a youth huddling with his face to a hole in the garden wall. The last of the group, a full sized man, bent almost double under the weight of the suffocating debris, had on a finger of the right hand an iron ring inset with a prettily engraved cornelian.

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### How Germany Secured Coffee.

Some idea of the magnitude of the German plan of employing neutrals to procure food supplies was provided by Sir Samuel Evans in the Prize Court on Aug. 28, when he gave his reasons for condemning as contraband 1,300 tons of coffee, valued at over £100,000.

The coffee was seized on 20 neutral steamers on voyages from Brazil to Scandinavian and Dutch ports. It was shipped by G. Trinks and Co. of Santos, the other firm operating in the transactions being G. Trinks and Co. of Hamburg. The proprietor of the Santos house was partner in the German houses.

Before the war, said the President, Brazil was the greater producer and Hamburg the greatest distributor of coffee in the whole world. After the outbreak of hostilities it was difficult to import coffee to any German port. Coffee, however, was urgently required for the German military and naval forces, of whose rations it formed an essential part.

Imports of coffee into Holland and Scandinavia for the first year of the war exceeded normal requirements by nearly 4,000,000 bags, or 233,000 tons. By far the greatest portion of the coffee seized in the present cases was in ships proceeding to Swedish ports.

#### Working of the Scheme.

Intercepted correspondence exposed the methods of the Trinks houses in Brazil and Hamburg. They were to procure persons in neutral countries to lend their names as consignees, and to act as intermediaries for getting the coffee through to Germany: to set up bogus companies for the same purpose; to suppress the names of the real consignors and consignees; to use false and misleading names; and to manufacture false documents in order to give their dealings the appearance of honest neutral business.

This was done with the object of evading capture and of deceiving the belligerent captors. In some instances, perhaps in many, they succeeded. It was found that quantities of coffee,

though consigned to Scandinavian ports in the names of neutral consignees, managed to escape or elude the Allied warships and were landed in Hamburg. An elaborate web had been spun by the two firms in neutral countries.

Reason for the condemnation of the coffee in certain instances, said Sir Samuel, was that it was conditional contraband shipped by Trinks of Santos, with an undoubted destination for Trinks of Hamburg at Hamburg, which was a base of supply and a garrison town. Moreover, it was destined to become the property of enemy merchants.

In other cases his lordship held that the neutral claimants had failed to show that the goods had become their property before seizure; also that the coffee was contaminated by the presence on the same vessel of other goods of the same shippers which were unclaimed and had been condemned. Leave to appeal, asked for as regards four of the claims, was granted.

### Rainfall.

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

#### KRUNG DEB.

At Samudprakar Oct. 29 5.8 mm.  
.. Phra Pradaeng .. 30 7.9 ..  
.. Samudprakar .. 30 17.6 ..

#### MONDOL KRUNG KAO.

At Ayudhya Oct. 30 35.4 ..  
.. Singhaburi .. 30 19.5 ..

#### MONDOL NAGOR JAYSRI.

At Samud Sagor Oct. 30 15.8 ..  
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#### MONDOL RAJABURI.

At Rajaburi Oct. 30 9.6 ..

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At Prachin Oct. 30 26.6 ..

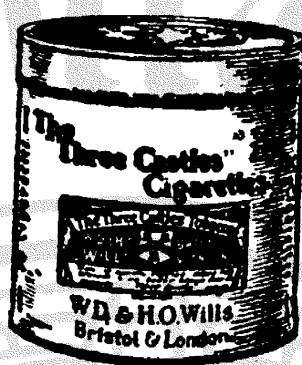
#### MONDOL NAGOR SVARGA.

At Kambaeng Bejra Oct. 29 6.8 ..  
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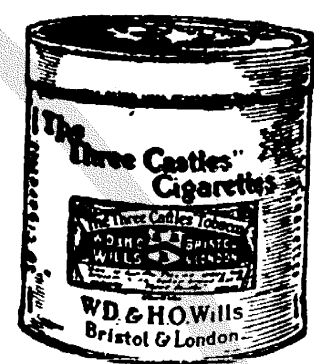
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12.27 Dep. Tung Song Arr. 2.24

p.m. 2.50

5.26 " Nakorn Junction " 1.23

6.17 " Patalung " 10.44



### After Ramadie.

#### "Eye-Witness's" Despatch.

Simla, Oct 7.—The following telegram has been received from "Eye Witness," Mesopotamia, dated Sept 30:—

When we entered Ramadie yesterday we found every sign of the confusion of retreat. A deep nullah west of the town was strewn with miscellaneous litter for half a mile, including pack saddles, furniture, books, suit cases and office paraphernalia. Forty horses and baggage animals have been collected and some thirty camels.

Further details of the Turkish attempt to break through are now to hand. The first alarm was given by a standing patrol of our cavalry. The fire from machineguns had been brought to bear on the enemy, who, finding the road impracticable, attempted to push forward through crops close under the river bank. Only small parties of Turks were able to slip through. The next morning a column of cavalry in reconnaissance in the direction of Hit caught up a few stragglers that were to be found on the road and brought them in.

It is probable that the news of the fall of Ramadie had not reached the Turks on the Tigris. Early this morning, when enemy aeroplanes flew very low over our camp, apparently an aviator was about to descend when he discovered the change in occupation and made off pursued by a volley of rifle fire and machine-gun fire. It is near Ramadie that the Habbaniyah escape takes off by which the flood water of the Euphrates could be directed into the Habbaniyah depression designed to serve as a storage reservoir. Sir John Jackson's firm were at work here in 1915. The ridge held by our cavalry on the 29th forms the west bank of the outlet between the river and the reservoir. The abandoned arms of the Turks are strewn on the neglected tramline and overturned trucks behind the third main position. We were shelling "Jackson House" when we got the enemy's message of surrender.

The occupation of Ramadie was carried up some miles upstream from Kefelja as the crow flies, nearly double that distance by the winding Euphrates. Our convoys though moving by day pass each other in the darkness of a London fog. The white dust which covers the faces of the Arabs gives them an ashen complexion. On the right bank of the Euphrates the flat alluvial soil of the delta is left behind and one comes to the first low dunes and a pebbly ridge where the going is better. It was over ground of this nature that the battle of Ramadie was fought. Our troops showed great en-

durance in the two days' manoeuvre battle after a night march, but the heat is no longer oppressive. The nights are fresh and cold and the health of force is excellent.

#### Disappearing Coppers.

Paris, Aug. 30.—The mysterious disappearance of copper coinage from circulation continues to engage the attention of the authorities. It is now quite common to be given postage stamps in change in shops, while book-keeping clerks and tramway car conductors stoutly refuse to give change, although it is they who receive the largest number of small coins.

Marseilles Municipality was long ago obliged to issue cardboard pennies plated with aluminium, and it is now announced that the grocers in the Department of Lot-et-Garonne have adopted halfpenny tickets.

#### "Great" Men.

Lord Bryce, in his entertaining paper in the Fortnightly on "Great Men and

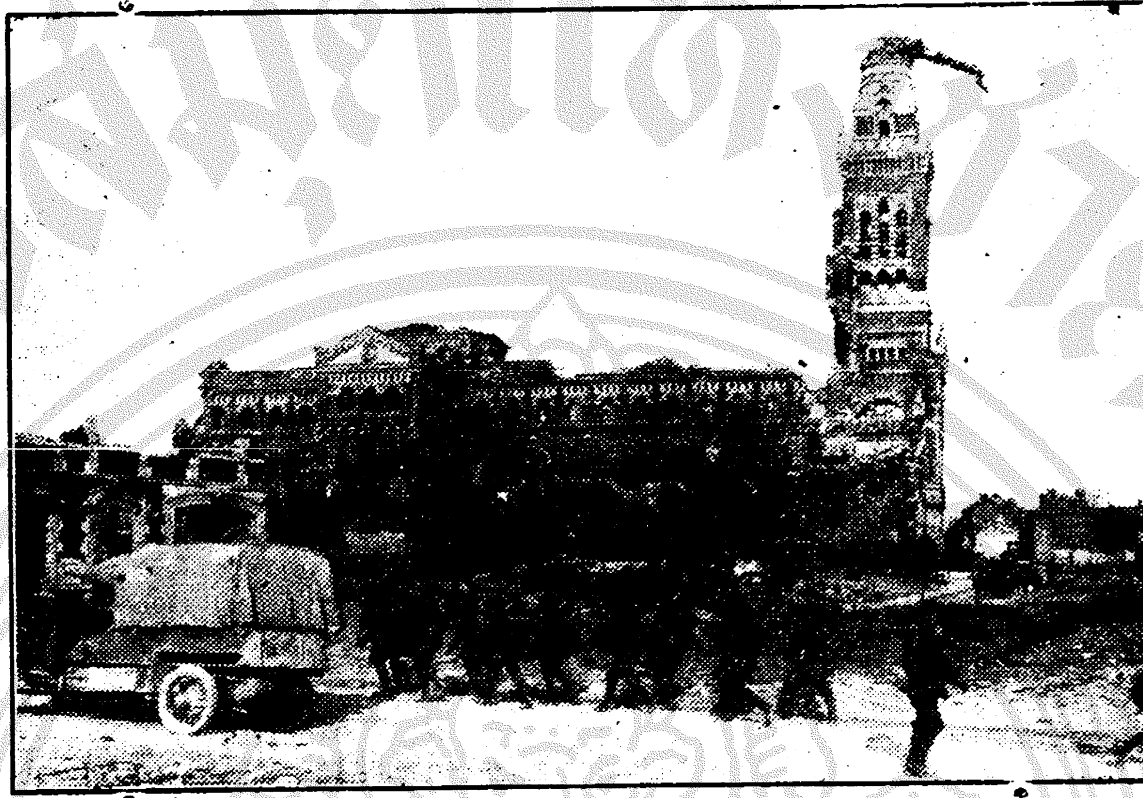
Greatness" gives a list of fourteen names to which the adjective "is invariably, or at least usually, attached by the world at large," such as Alfred the Great, Charlemagne, Peter the Great. But that is the cosmopolitan point of view. Domestic appreciation runs on much more generous lines. In one of the recognised lists of national rulers I find that Spain alone has labelled four of her kings "the Great," including, inconsistently enough, two Sanchos (II. and IV.), while France pays the same tribute to as many as six sovereigns. But nearly every country (even Hawaii, as Lord Bryce points out) has attached the epithet to one or other of its rulers. Russia, Portugal, Denmark, Austria, Sweden, and Germany have all canonised monarchs in this sense; one can only wonder at the moderation of the last in not canonising them all.

#### Effectiveness of British Gas Shells.

In a despatch from the Canadian front Mr. Stewart Lyon says:—The most notable development on this part of the front during the past few days

is the increasing use of gas shell by the enemy in retaliation for the frequent projection of gas cylinders into the German lines. Gas projectors have been one of the big mechanical successes of the campaigning season. Almost every prisoner who is brought in tells of severe losses through the use of gas against the German troops. In Lens men captured two days ago state that last week a company of the 1st Guard Reserve Regiment lost 20 dead as a result of a gas shell exploding in a cellar where they lay asleep. Before they could get their masks on the gas had overcome them. Another company of the same regiment had 17 casualties from gas in one day, of whom seven died before removal to the hospital.

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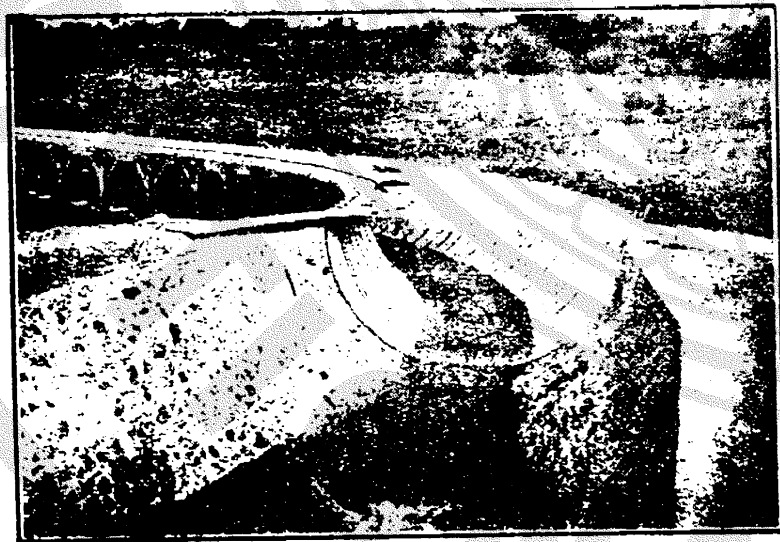
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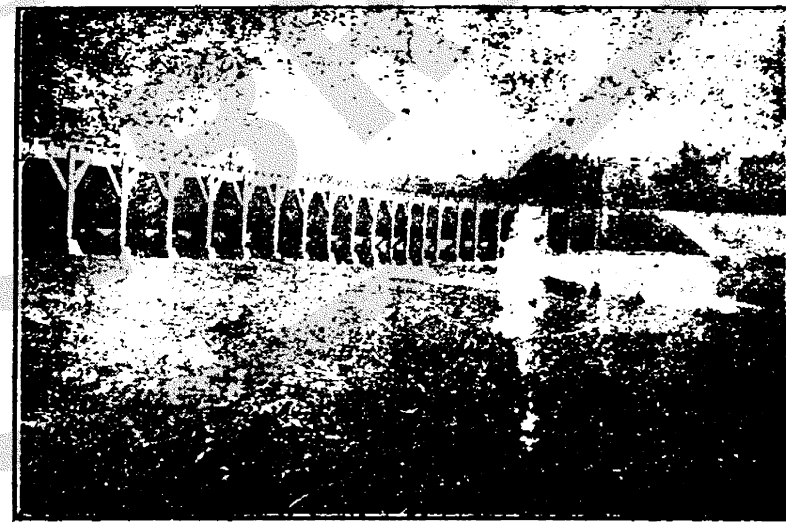
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