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Aug. 7th) First Quarter 3.48 a.m.

" 13th O Full Moon 6.42 p.m.

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Prince Oscar's Aide in

Athens.

Athens, June 28.—That the Germans

continue to follow events in Greece

with deep interest is proved by the

arrival of secret German emissaries in

the form of military officers headed by

Major Wilhelm von Schweinitz, aide-

de-camp to Prince Oscar of Prussia.

He arrived on the very evening of the

presentation of the Powers' Note, carrying

several bags of correspondence and

sealed despatch boxes of such importance

that he would not allow anyone else to

carry them. These Germans came into

Greece by the Epirus route (through

Albania) with the idea of escaping the

Allies' surveillance.

The German Professor Kero, the chief

instrument of Baron Schenk, the German

spies' master here, is probably leaving

Athens on the return of the German

emissaries or on a mission connected with

their visit. The professor's journey is

supposed to be to Olympia "for

archaeological research." It will be

wise for us, therefore, in no wise to

relax our vigilant attention from the

course of Greek affairs.

It has become obvious that the

Anti-Government Party will do all in

their power to delay the elections as

much as possible. The Neon Asy

threw out a hint yesterday by saying

that the elections could not be held

before the end of September. M. Romanos, the

Greek Minister in Paris, is here on leave but

is returning to his post immediately, and

is also to visit London. This journey

will probably take the place of the

special mission which had been expected

to take place.

It is, of course, understood that Major

von Schweinitz and his companions are

on no sort of mission to the Zaimis

Government, which is firmly determined

to maintain independence of action

between all parties and would not

tolerate any such mission.

King Constantine this evening signed

the general demobilisation decree, which

takes effect on July 1. Only half the

1915 class are to remain under arms in

order to complete the peace footing of

the army.

King Constantine was the primary

factor in determining the acceptance of

the Powers' Note. (By J. M. N. Jeffries).

A Woman's Word.

If you do not know what "all-overish-

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all events, if you do not know the

sensations which it describes you are

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and a fortunate one.

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it when they get up feeling that the

world is all grey. They feel a little

too hot in their skin and flesh. They

have the peculiar sensation called

"gooseflesh." The back and loins feel

weak and there is a pain somewhere in

that region. The head feels too full

and the mouth too dry. Food is not

desired. They would like to lie down

and rest instead of working. Any

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sets up a headache.

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Special War Edition

Brussiloff and Hindenburg.

Berlin (via Amsterdam), June 23.—The twentieth day in the series of terrific battles on the south-eastern Russian front finds the Russians, Austro-Hungarians and the Germans still locked in a deadly clench, with no actual decision either way. Field Marshal Hindenburg's counter offensive with the German and Austro-Hungarian armies is continuing to develop. He is making attacks at various points which for fierceness and desperate fighting have not been surpassed during the campaign against Russia. Hindenburg appears determined not only to stop the advance of the Russians but to do what his iron will and strategy have repeatedly accomplished—that is to turn the Russian advance into a retrograde movement.

Brussiloff Sparing No One.

Fearfully outnumbered as Hindenburg is, he has none the less succeeded in checking General Brussiloff at a number of strategical points and has even forced the Russian masses back.

Brussiloff, according to reports from the front, is constantly bringing up reinforcements and throwing fresh troops against the German and Austro-Hungarian lines. Brussiloff is the first Russian General whose tactics and strategy have commanded German respect, even admiration. He is sparing neither men nor ammunition. He is sacrificing one and using the other with extravagance.

Such tactics in the Russian theatre of war have not been seen before, and it is as if he had unlimited resources of both.

The carnage on Russian soil is frightful. Wave after wave, following closely upon one another, storms into the teeth of the German concentric artillery and machine gun fire. The heaviest fighting in the last two days appears to be centring in the crescent-like front from Chortkovo to Sapanov, just below Dubno, in the centre of which is Ruzek, captured by the Russians.

Like Two Great Lions.

On this semi-circular sector thrust and counter thrust are following in quick succession between Brussiloff's northern army and Linsingen's Germans and Bothmer's Bavarians. Like two lions, the armies along this front are throwing themselves at one another.

Brussiloff appears determined to move in the direction of Kovel, northwest of Lutsk and toward Brody, on the road to Lemberg. In both directions he has come to a standstill. Despite concentrated artillery attack after attack, Brussiloff has not been able to advance further towards Brody, which was for a time the general headquarters of the Russians during their retreat from Przemyśl and Lemberg last June. Whether the Russians have come to a permanent standstill in that direction the next few days should develop.

The German counter-offensive at first centred its main attack upon the narrow front of twenty-two miles between the Kovel-Lutsk railroad line and Vladimir-Volynski, taking the Russian position at Sokul and Liniewka, while Linsingen's south wing has advanced in the direction of Lokacz to

Mesopotamia Supplies Now Plentiful.

London, Aug. 9.—Justice Pickford has been added to the Dardanelles commission.

London, Aug. 9.—In the House of Commons, Sir J. Jardine asked: Will the report of the commission on medical supplies and transport in Mesopotamia be laid on the table before the House rises?

Mr. Roberts pointed out that Mr. Chamberlain had promised to expedite the report.

Sir H. O'Grady and Sir E. Carson strongly protested against delay.

Mr. Lloyd George stated that he was satisfied that there were now sufficient medical supplies in Mesopotamia.

Gurochow, forcing the Russians back on the entire line.

With strong pressure from the north and south threatening both flanks, Brussiloff has been unable to drive his wedge any further. At Czernowitz the Russians are advancing parallel with the Romanian border. Austrian reports declare the Russian advance to have been checked sixty miles south of Czernowitz.

In Berlin supreme confidence reigns that Hindenburg and his Generals on the east front will not let the Russians get far. This confidence is so great that comparatively few people are giving much thought to the great battle raging there. Whether this confidence is justified the next two weeks should decide.

There is little doubt of the thoroughness of the Russian preparations. The vast masses of troops that were assembled and the immense quantities of munitions and cannon that were got together was somewhat of a surprise in some quarters. At that there is no present indication, so far as can be judged from Berlin, that the hopes Italy and France placed upon the Russian offensive will be fulfilled.

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Arrangements will be made to receive at the I. & R. Legation the cards of those persons of other nationality who may desire to leave them.

The I. & R. Austro-Hungarian Chargé d'Affaires.
15-17



Harbour Notification.

Notice to Mariners.

Notice is hereby given that the coasting steam launch "RAHENG" has sunk outside the Bar.

The position of the wreck is as follows:—

Bearing from wreck to the Outer Red Lightship: N 10° W.
Distance from wreck to Outer Red Lightship about 1500 metres.

By order of H. E. the Minister of Local Government.

Phya Chasanya Bodi.

Harbour Master General.
Bangkok 14th August 1916. (s. n.)



Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given that the bridge over Klong Wat San Ngam in Pratoomwan Road will be closed to traffic on the 13th August 1916 owing to re-construction. The said bridge will remain closed to traffic until the bridge is completed.

The Local Sanitary Department.

11th. August 1916.

11-18

Notice.

Consignees are hereby notified that goods per our m/s "Pagan" direct from Copenhagen, Gothenburg, and Christiania have arrived here in Bangkok on the 16.8.16 and will be landed at our wharves on the risk, expense and responsibility of Consignees.

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The Siam Observer

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 1916.

THE USEFULNESS OF THE HORSE.

The usefulness of the horse more than that of an ordinary beast of burden is a matter which has years ago received the attention of various governments, inasmuch that government or subsidized studs have been established and racing encouraged in a practical way in order to develop a breed of horses with considerable stamina and staying power. The arrival of the sixth or seventh batch of Australian griffins is perhaps an opportune moment to return to the absolute necessity of improving our breed of horses, a necessity which the Powers in the land are quite alive to. The statistics collected by the Ministry of the Interior and published in the Government Gazette show that in March this year there were 108,508 of these animals in the Kingdom. The Circle of Ayudhya leading with 24,000, Udorn being next with 14,000 and Prachin a good third with 11,000. From these statistics it can easily be conjectured that Siam contains fairly good breeding grounds and all that is required is good management and selection in the methods of breeding. The Siamese horse is a small animal and even for ordinary military purposes is of little value. It has been necessary for the military authorities to import mules from Burma or China and ponies from Australia. At all events with regard to the latter it has been found that their life has not been of sufficiently long duration, exposed as they are to all the hardships of military duties. A pony of about 14 hands, well set up and compact is quite sufficient to carry the ordinary Siamese cavalryman who with accoutrements, ought not to ride over 10 stone on an average, and therefore not susceptible to the ill effects of a torrid climate such an animal ought to be easily bred in this country provided the establishment is properly equipped and the initial expenditure voted in a liberal spirit. Even our neighbour India, which hitherto has been chiefly dependent on Australia for cavalry remounts, has now gone in for practical horse-breeding with very satisfactory results. Of course horse-breeding will excel in a cold climate and a limestone country producing good high class grasses and yet countries without these natural advantages like India or Burma have been able in the past few years to improve on their breed of horses and why should we not be able to do likewise.

Decorations.

At the general audience on Monday, His Majesty the King was pleased to bestow a number of decorations to officials in H. M. S. Service, among which we note the following:—

The 2nd class of the Order of the Crown of Siam to Third Grand Commander Phya Srasul Varavithi, Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Communications.

The 3rd class of the Order of the White Elephant to Third Grand Commander Phya Achirak Prasadhi, Director-General of Post and Telegraphs.

The 4th class of the Order of the White Elephant to Lieutenant Colonel Phra Chalam Akas.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The s.s. "Katong" will leave from the Borneo Company's Wharf at 4 p.m. sharp, on Friday the 18th inst., and should arrive in Singapore on Tuesday morning.

QUARANTINE decreed as against vessels arriving from Hongkong on account of small-pox which had been prevalent in that city some time ago, has by a Local Government Notification from this day been withdrawn as it has been reported that small-pox is no longer epidemic at Hongkong.

NEW ADS.—Whiteaway, Laidlaw and Co. have bargains in ladies shoes etc. E. M. Pereira and Co. will sell by auction a lot of plants etc. on Saturday next. The Pathamkorn Cinematograph has a new programme for tonight. The East Asiatic Co. and the Borneo Co. have new notices to consignees.

IN the Singapore Supreme Court, Mr. Justice Earnshaw gave judgment in favour of the plaintiff in the action brought by Mr. Isaac Aaron Elias, a broker, against Aik Sen and Co. for \$31,500, as commission due for services rendered in and about the negotiations for the charter of the steamship Singaporean.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by our Correspondents.]

Football and Religion.

To the Editor of the "Siam Observer."

Sir,
Since I wrote my last letter to you, another very regrettable incident has been brought to my knowledge.

On Monday, the football match between the teams of the Boon It Memorial Institute and the Ministry of Justice, was replayed and resulted, as I presume you know, in a win for the latter team by 3 goals to 0.

At the conclusion of the match, a "Farang" (an American?) went up to the referee and, in a loud voice, heard by several people, asked the referee how much he got for deciding against the Boon It team! Soon afterwards the person probably felt that he had gone more than a little beyond the limit, for he made his way back to the referee and offered what was apparently meant to be an apology.

I hear the Committee of the Football Association feel seriously annoyed, and it is expected that they will take some action about it.

To offer any comment on such an incident would be quite superfluous; but I cannot help remarking that some people seem to have very queer notions of what constitutes sportsmanlike and gentlemanly behaviour.

Yours &c.,
OXONIAN.

* Bangkok, 15th August.

All About Horses.

The griffins ordered by the Sports Club arrived in excellent condition by the Blue Funnel steamer Katong last evening and were landed this morning in the presence of many persons who were very interested in the state and looks of each animal as it passed down the side of the wharf.

Such remarks as "Reminds me of Dunrobin," "Another Lyndhurst," "How like Sandfly," "Looks in foal like Blind Anne" were audible. There were seven stallions landed, the eighth having received injuries at loading wharf in Australia could not be shipped. There were two geldings and twenty one mares.

The 8 stallions were subscribed for as follows:—Four by the Royal Stables, 1 Madame Bhinnuloke, 1 Nai Cha Yong, 1 Mr. V. L. and 1 Phya Arthakar Prasadhi. The two geldings were subscribed for by Mr. A. C. Warwick, but rumour says they are for H. R. H. Prince Kumbhaeng Bojra, who is now away in Ubol.

The Katong also brought five carriage horses purchased in Singapore for the Royal Stables. Nai Cha Yong and Luang Asavadee returned from Singapore by the same vessel. Their stay in Singapore lasted but 3 days. Horses are difficult to procure in Singapore. There was also a riding hack imported by Monsieur Beranger for his use. It will be remembered that this gentleman was keen on horse exercise before he went to France for military service.

Quite a number of syces of the Royal Stables were present and helped in removing the horses to the Club Stables, which was reached by noon, the actual landing operation having begun at 10.30 a.m. The horses were on their best behaviour and gave very little trouble. There was one animal with a bad hind leg, said to have been caused by a kick. With this exception the animals were practically free from the effects of a 36 days' voyage.

The horses will be vetted by Mr. Harvey, who has undertaken this onerous duty for the first time. The importer's agent, who came up with the griffins of 1914, came up in charge of the horses; the transhipment at Singapore was done with remarkable celerity from one ship to the other. I understand that the vetting will be on strict lines, owing to the last year's complaints. The drawing will take place this afternoon.

Arrivals.

The following passengers arrived yesterday by the "Katong":—

H. E. the British Minister (Mr. H. Dering), Mr. J. P. Strachan (United Engineers), Mr. F. B. Taylor (Travel), Mr. E. Jochemans (Travel), Mr. J. Stary (Travel), Mr. E. G. Gollo, Mr. and Mrs. S. Sanderson and family, Mr. M. Beranger, Mr. Y. Kimoshita (Agricultural Dept.), Nai Rnay, Nai Cha Yong and Luang Asavadee (Royal Stables).

By the "Pagan" the following arrived:—

Mr. C. L. K. Lund and Mr. P. V. Andersen (East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), Mr. V. Jacobsen (Siam Electricity Co., Ltd.), Mr. A. E. Hansen (East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), Mr. H. Dreyer (Post and Telegraph Department), and Mrs. and Miss Dreyer.

PADDY REPORT FOR AUG. 15.

Nasuan 1490 Coyans at Tos	85/104 each
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Namuang 70 " "	76/77 "
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THE Great War.

Half a Million Prisoners Since June.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Aug. 15. Russia's latest stroke brings the total number of prisoners captured since General Brussiloff opened the offensive in June to half a million.

Austrian Entrenchments Pierced.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Aug. 15. The Italian communiqué says we pierced another strong line of the enemy entrenchments east of Hill 212 on the Carso and captured eight hundred prisoners.

There have been artillery duels in Gorizia. The enemy shelled the town of Ante and the Isonzo bridges.

In France.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Aug. 14. Yesterday we made progress to the south east of Maupas and overthrew a strong attack on the left of the Meuse.

The British advanced 3/400 metres on a front of 1,600 metres north-west of Bazentin.

Today we captured elements of trenches south of the Somme and took prisoners.

The Near East.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Aug. 14. Solonika.—We occupied some villages around Doiran and brought in prisoners.

Russia's Triumphant Progress.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Aug. 14. Petrograd.—We pursued the enemy who evacuated strongly organized positions on the Strya. We occupied Zezierna and Mariupol.

We made progress in the Carpathians. Between the 4th and 8th instant we captured 85,000 prisoners, 70 guns, 270 machine-guns and a considerable amount of material.

Church Destroyed by Aeroplanes.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Aug. 14. Rome.—We conquered the heights in the Mofalons sector, north of the Carso and east of Gorizia. Enemy aeroplanes have destroyed the Church of St. Peter at Venice.

The Fight in Galicia.

Petrograd, Aug. 8.—Official: A great Russian victory is announced south of the Dniester, where we broke the enemy front for over sixteen miles and got astride of the Kolomea-Stanislav railway, capturing the heights beyond. The prisoners include two thousand Germans. We are pursuing the enemy.

The despatch recounts the treachery of a party of Austrians, who put their hands up to a Russian battalion commander and shot him down as he approached to take their surrender, whereupon the whole party was slain. The enemy rout south of the Dniester has developed into a disorderly flight. Several cannon are among the booty and prisoners continue to flow in big batches and the total is not yet ascertainable.

Petrograd, Aug. 9.—The communiqué says: Pursuing the enemy south of the Dniester, the Russians stormed the town of Nizhny, and six villages. The enemy blew up bridges and magazines. Altogether the Russians have captured a hundred and ten square miles of territory.

Petrograd, Aug. 9.—The communiqué dwells on the military importance of Tysmenica, which is regarded as the key of Stanislav and Halicz. The fact that this was the flood season of the Dniester apparently led the enemy not to expect a decisive move by Lechitzky, whose operations were in conjunction with Sakharoff's advance from Brody, and gravely imperiled Bothmer's command. It seems inevitable that he will have to retreat westward hastily.

Sungei Bagan Rubber Company.

Messrs. Barker and Co., Singapore, wire us under date 15th instant that the Sungei Bagan Rubber Company will hold its annual meeting on the 12th September when the Directors will recommend a final dividend of fifteen per cent. making twenty-five per cent. for the year.

Items of Interest.

London, Aug. 9.—Official: Missing, believed to be killed: Major Leslie Cheape.

London, Aug. 11.—In the House of Commons the Government of India Bill has been seconded.

London, Aug. 9.—Lient-Gen. R. Pole Carew, M. P. for Bodmin, is retiring from Parliament owing to illhealth.

Washington, Aug. 9.—Carranza's suggestion for a joint commission to settle American Mexican differences has been accepted.

Tokio, Aug. 8.—The death is announced of Admiral Kamimura, Supreme Councillor of the Admiralty, who was prominent in the Russo-Japanese war.

London, Aug. 9.—The House of Commons has read a third time the Army Act Amendment Bill enabling civilians to sit on a special court-martial for the trial of a high military official.

Salonika, Aug. 9.—A British patrol surprised and dispersed a Bulgarian detachment in a village south of Doiran, with bombs and the bayonet.

Copenhagen, Aug. 9.—A German official statement says that the artillery depot of Rotherstien was destroyed by an explosion; 50 men were killed and 72 injured.

London, Aug. 9.—The Belgian General Tombeur reports that the north-west portion of German East Africa is entirely free from the enemy, who are retreating towards Tabora, the Belgians following closely.

Amsterdam, Aug. 9.—German newspapers state that the French artillery has set fire to the Peronne Library and Museum, with the famous picture gallery, English and French masters being destroyed.

London, Aug. 9.—Official: Naval aeroplanes dropped bombs from two hundred feet altitude on the airship shed at Evere, near Brussels, and returned safely. Eight bombs were observed to hit the shed, from which heavy smoke columns issued.

London, Aug. 8.—The Admiralty announces that Anglo-French naval aeroplanes raided Mulheim on July 30 successfully and bombed benzol stores and barracks. Despite very heavy anti-aircraft fire all returned.

London, Aug. 9.—In the House of Lords, Lord Lansdowne said that the Government were conferring with the highest commercial and banking authorities on the question of the confiscation of German property in retaliation for outrages.

London, Aug. 10.—In the House of Commons Lord Robert Cecil said that the government had agreed to exchange British and German interned, over forty-five years of age, on condition that the remaining interned were exchanged in equal numbers.

London, Aug. 9.—Viscount Grey, through the United States Embassy at Berlin, has protested in the strongest manner against the shooting of Capt. Fryatt, which he says is only describable as a judicial murder. He denounces the circumstances in connection with the trial as unparalleled.

London, Aug. 9.—The following sinkings are announced: Steamers Trident (British) and Achilleus (Greek), and the schooner Romarie, the last named in the Channel. The Danish steamer Ydun was seized by German torpedo boats in the Kattegat and taken into Swinemunde.

Petrograd, Aug. 11.—The communiqué says heavy fighting is taking place in the regions of Mush, Bitlis and Van, also between Kermanshah and Hamadan. The Russians in the region of Mush and Bitlis have retired northwards under enemy pressure.

London, Aug. 8.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law expressed the opinion that it was impracticable that the Crown Colonies should be given individual opportunity of expressing their views at the Paris Economic Conference resolutions at the coming Imperial Conference.

London, Aug. 8.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Asquith promised to introduce a Bill on Aug. 14 prolonging Parliament, and to announce the proposals with regard to registration.

Wellington, N. Z., Aug. 8.—Both Houses of Parliament have passed a Bill extending the life of Parliament for one year.

Siam.

A Reply to Some Criticisms.

By A. J. Shelley-Thompson, F.R.G.S., Barrister-at-Law, Assistant Legal Adviser to the Siamese Government, in the *Pinang Gazette*.

In the "Pinang Gazette" under date of June 8th, 1916, there appeared an extraordinary letter, written over the nom-de-plume of "Progress," professing to deal with the present position of affairs in the Kingdom of Siam.

The writer was away in a distant part of Siam on the above date, and did not see the letter at the time, in fact, it was only brought to his notice a few days ago, but, being attached to the Siamese Ministry of Justice, he has been able, as an official of the Government, to see at first hand, the workings of the various Departments in many of the Mouths or Provinces of the State, and to estimate and appreciate their administration.

The many statements made by "Progress" are in every instance so manifestly absurd and untrue, that they have evidently been worked up from some second-hand information, for I am convinced that if "Progress" knew the country surrounding Renong, Kopah, Paket and Traig, even "reasonably well," as he says he does, the letter signed by him would never have been written.

Mineral Wealth.

Siam is rich in minerals, and this fact has attracted many sound business people to invest their money in the various companies formed to work them. Many of these companies pay large dividends to their shareholders, through which we are forced to the direct logical conclusion that in order to pay these dividends the country must be rich in minerals, and that the executive officers and workmen on the spot must be men of integrity, enterprise, and fond of hard work. On the other hand, the wealth of minerals has attracted another type of person, and the country has become the "Happy hunting ground" of the speculator of the "Get rich quick type" for it is difficult even for a Government to distinguish, except by bitter experience, between the men of "Bounce and blunkum" and the respectable capitalists. The mining industry is principally in the hands of European and Chinese, and in my opinion their system of internal administration, so far as it relates to coöperation, calls for comment, and is in some cases an offence to the nation where the work is conducted, and an offence to the nations of which the offenders are, in the great majority, members.

Knowing how widely read your valuable organ is, in many parts of the world, although "prima facie" it may appear unnecessary to reply to the false statements, on matters of deliberation, it appears highly necessary to point out the actual facts to your world readers, so that a mistaken idea of Siam will not remain in the minds of the peoples of other countries. For this purpose the writer asks permission to state the facts, and in doing so to take space beyond the confines of a mere reply to a correspondent's criticism.

The Fertile Field of Delusion.

Your correspondent, "Progress," poses, namely it is true, as a Dialectician, or Metaphysician, Logician, and an alleged Purveyor of Facts. The first, in the case of "Progress," is a dangerous pose, for, while it must be admitted that metaphysics, properly handled, leads to reliable results; it may become on occasion, in the words of John Stuart Mill, "That fertile field of delusion, propagated by language," or in the language of Kant, "To signify the theory of fallacies." As a Logician he has not yet crossed the Ass's Bridge; and as an alleged Purveyor of Facts he shows wildly grotesque Rabelaisian licence, and in his alleged adventure proves himself a fervent disciple of one Baron von Munchausen, at the feet of his great prototype, Ananias. The principal complaint is, that the King of Siam has locked up his country, and then he goes on to say that "Chinese and Europeans have developed the mining industry extensively," and "Progress" is sure that if statistics were available, as to the revenue paid to the Crown, it would be found that these foreigners are responsible for

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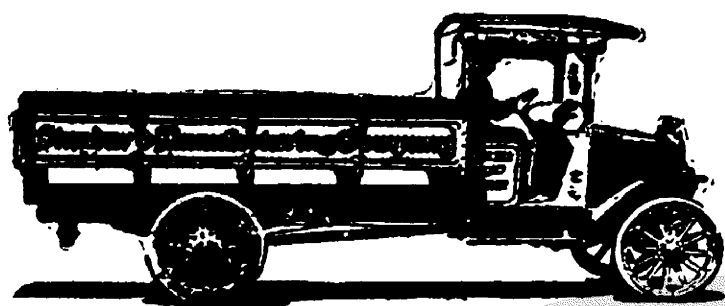
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The Franco-British Line.

Paris, Aug. 8.—The importance the enemy attached to the recapture of the plateau of Pozieres may be gauged by the army order circulated on the eve of the furious counter-attack made on Aug. 6. It is said that the position must be regained at whatever price. Details of the futile attack show that it was to be in successive waves at intervals of a hundred yards, and any individual or detachment not resisting to the death would be immediately court-martialled.

A Useful Advance.

London, Aug. 9.—General Haig's communiqué says: South-west of Guillemont our line advanced four hundred yards. The enemy made four attacks north-west of Pozieres. Three failed; the other enabled him to occupy fifty yards of trench.

The Germans in the attacks north-west of Pozieres used flammeurwerfer. The enemy shelled Longueval, High Wood and Pozieres heavily; also the vicinity of Mametz. The day was quiet elsewhere.

Paris, Aug. 9.—We increased our gains north of the Somme, capturing a fortified wood and trench north of Hem Wood all of which we hold. Altogether in two days we captured north of the Somme the whole line of German trenches on a front of six kilometres to a depth of from three hundred to 300 metres. Strong enemy detachments attacking north-west of Tahure in Champagne yesterday were dispersed by shell fire.

Thiaumont Lost Again.

Paris, Aug. 9.—The evening communiqué says: After the failure of numerous attacks the enemy regained a footing in the Thiaumont work. Violent enemy counter-attacks north of Hem wood were repulsed with heavy losses but he succeeded in reoccupying a trench most of which was soon recovered.

We are on the immediate outskirts of Thiaumont work which we are energetically bombarding. We progressed at Fleury by means of grenades. An enemy attack on Vaux wood was repulsed. The enemy heavily bombarded our new positions between Hem wood and the river. An enemy attack penetrated our positions between the Lihons and Chaulnes railway but was immediately driven out by the bayonet.

The Irrepressible Airmen.

An enemy aeroplane was destroyed at Luneville and six were driven down on the Somme. A French aeroplane crossed the Vosges and Black Forest in the darkness and dropped bombs on the powder-factory of Rottwell, causing great fires and explosions. Our air-

squadrons dropped bombs on several railway stations.

Paris, Aug. 10.—The communiqué says that north of the Somme we entirely re-occupied a trench north of Hem Wood, wherein the enemy had gained a footing during the night. We continued to progress north of Hem Wood.

An Australian Advance.

London, Aug. 9.—General Haig's communiqué says: There is no change at Guillemont, but north of Pozieres we further advanced by bombing.

The situation in the vicinity of Guillemont is unchanged. The enemy heavily bombarded trenches in the Ypres salient between Belleward lake and the Yser canal for two hours, discharging gas on a broad front the effect of which was small. Some partial enemy attacks were made but were unable to enter our trenches.

London, Aug. 10.—Sir Douglas Haig's communiqué says: North-west of Pozieres the Australians advanced their lines two hundred yards on a frontage of six hundred yards.

Otherwise the situation is unchanged. As a result of the operation of aeroplanes and artillery, several enemy guns were destroyed. Magazines were exploded, and a train set afire by aeroplane bombs. The hostile aircraft were more active, but trying to avoid combats: several were damaged by aeroplanes and rifle-fire.

Situation In Persia.

London, Aug. 11.—In the House of Commons Lord Cecil said the situation in Persia had recently decidedly improved since the arrest or dispersal of German agents, and there was good reason for hoping that the improvement would be maintained. He hoped that an Anglo-Persian arrangement with regard to financial and other questions would shortly be made. The Persian Government had shown a sincere desire to work with the Allies, (cheers). Anglo-Indian officers would be employed in officiating the gendarmerie in Southern Persia.

London, Aug. 11.—In the House of Commons Mr. Forster said he feared that he could not say that the general health of the troops in Mesopotamia had been good, but every effort was being made to combat disease. The Sanitary Commission in the Mediterranean has been sent toward Mesopotamia to assist the local medical authority.

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Portugal's Part in the War.

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time now, and have pretty well shown what we intend to do. Not only have we dispatched column after column to Africa, there to co-operate with the Allied troops, but we have also furnished much material of war. Our ports everywhere have been open to the Entente fleets; we have, too, very often supplied those fleets, just as we are supplying Gibraltar. The pecuniary sacrifices for the common cause to which we have consented up to now are considerable. And our army, reorganised and reinforced, will soon be ready for any sacrifice that may be demanded of it anywhere."

I next asked the President for his view of the domestic situation of the country.

"In Portugal, too," he said, and his voice had an accent of absolute conviction, "we have established the truce of parties. One of the three great Republican parties has declined to associate itself with the new Governmental combination, but it has promised us its patriotic support. All the Republicans at the present moment are animated with the same confidence and the same hope for the very life and future of the country are at stake. But we are all of us persuaded in our hearts that it will come out of the ordeal regenerated and nobler."

"As for the Monarchist danger, it no longer exists. There is no longer a Monarchist party, but only a few isolated individuals, who for the most part wish only for a chance of rallying to the new regime. The people, well, it is with us to a man; and it will be so the more we give it that education of which hitherto it has been deprived."

"The present Government's line of conduct is straightforward and clear. We have just simply gone back to those old traditions of the national life which the Monarchy, in its decadence, had forsaken and disowned—namely, in our foreign relations, our age-long alliance with England as the basic principle; in domestic politics, Liberalism."

"And that is why, fatally and logically, despite all the advantages we might have drawn from good relations with Germany, the rupture was not only inevitable, but necessary."

Relations with Spain.

Then suddenly the conversation turned, we began to talk about Spain and her notions of neutrality, and about Iberian problems generally.

"On Spain's side," the President declared, "we have nothing to fear. Our Republican Government and the Liberal Government of Spain pursue parallel policies. The rapprochement between the two countries has just received a new sanction with the arrival in Lisbon of a new Spanish Minister inspired with the best intentions towards us. For it must not be forgotten that at this moment the situation is very different from what it was at the time of the Monarchy, which maintained with the neighbour-

ring Court relations built only upon dynastic interest. Spain has never meddled in our domestic questions so long as we have respected her affairs."

"Some dreamers have talked of a union of the whole peninsula. But that is an absurdity and an illusion. Spain and Portugal have differing missions. Spain is a Continental power, and will be still more so after the war, while our existence is to be played for not on land but on sea. Hence our alliance with England. Was it not we Portuguese who opened up the world for Europe? What is needed and what we all desire, Spaniards and Portuguese alike, is the establishment of ever more cordial relations, to be followed by an economic rapprochement, each of the two countries furnishing to the other what it is in need of."

Thus talking, we issued forth on to the terrace. The weather was warm and mild. Beyond the dark lacework of the palm trees one could make out the small bluff bowed vessels swaying in the blue waters of the Tagus, and the narrow beach of yellow sand whence long ago Vasco da Gama embarked.

The President gazed long and contemplatively upon this little corner of Portugal the destiny of which had suddenly been put absolutely into his hands. Then he turned to me.

"Look!" he said, "one gets too much into the habit of saying we are a small people. On the contrary, we are a great nation! For one moment in history we brandished the torch that had once been held by Athens and Rome. And now: we have many brothers scattered and dispersed. Our task is splendid and great!"

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twenty times as much revenue as an equal number of Siamese residents.

Assuming for the sake of argument the correctness of this statement—it must mean that these people are doing very well out of Siam to enable them to pay twenty times the revenue paid by an equal number of Siamese residents; and it must follow to enable them to do so well, the country must be open to foreigners.

"Progress" in his inverted system of logic, says:—"I think the present European War should tell the King of Siam that it is a crime against civilisation, and against his own people to practically lock up that rich country."

Does "Progress" seriously mean that the countries of the Allies, or even the Central Powers locked up their countries against the foreigner? Is it not rather the fact, that taking England as an example, the country was open to the scum of Europe, without let or hindrance; that continental criminals thrived there, and that the majority of crimes against morality were committed by aliens, and that a gigantic system of espionage existed in the country on behalf of foreign powers for years prior to the war.

Surely the lesson from the present European War, if lesson there is, would be to tell the King of Siam to lock up his rich country against the foreigner, and that the "Crime against civilisation" exists in the West and not the East.

Roads and Railways.

Regarding roads, again the subject of attack, can "Progress" point out any country where the same progress in road-making has been made in the few years the Government of Siam has been opening the country up. In the capital, the roads are excellent, and in Puket the roads are in exceedingly good condition partly owing to the genius for road-making evinced by the late High Commissioner, and nobly carried on by the present Governor, Phya Suraphol Phipit, the able assistant of the present Lord Lieutenant, of whom more anon. Regarding the attack made by "Progress" on the railways:

First of all:—"The railway now being completed is a very useful innovation and already is resulting in internal development on the part of Europeans."

After this faint praise "Progress" guided by his metaphysical pit-fall says:—"At present the trains carry very little goods, and very few passengers. There seems every prospect of their being run at a heavy loss for many years." Assuming that Europeans do develop the country after the

opening of a railway, does not the fact that the Siamese Government makes a railway for little goods, and very few passengers, and a prospect of the railway being run at a heavy loss for many years prove that the Siamese Government has shown a degree of enterprise not surpassed by any Western Government? It is apparent that this form of philanthropic enterprise would not be appreciated by the "Get rich quick" type of speculator.

Then "Progress" says:—"There is a very large area of agricultural land awaiting development," and then proceeds to lay down as a maxim, "The mining industry is certainly the hope of the country."

Mining and Licences.

With the first statement I am inclined in principle to agree: the population of Siam is small, and if foreigners, say for instance, Chinese coolies, under decent conditions, were imported to work the agricultural side of the country, the country would benefit, but, to say to the Siamese, who are essentially an agricultural people, that "The mining industry is the hope of the country" is ridiculous. Possibly "Progress" really meant to say "The mining industry is certainly the hope of the foreigner." Let "Progress" study the history of any of the Mining countries, Australia, South Africa, California, and he will find black pages of moral degradation. Can "Progress" or any other thinking person say, after reading these pages of mining history, that Mining as opposed to Agriculture is the hope of any country? After comparing the minerals in Siam with that of the F.M.S. "Progress" comes to the conclusion that in Siam "there promises to be a better chance of locating large and deep deposits of alluvial suitable for dredging" than elsewhere, that "this little feature has led to the frequent visits of mining men who secure exclusive prospecting licences."

Then "Progress" says:—"I have no evidence that any local syndicate has ever tested an area properly, if they did so, and then had to make their titles good, they would find that they have to pay absurd prices for all small native holdings, and spend months of valuable time in negotiating and obtaining complete titles, and when titles are obtained, and roads have to be made, there is a vexatious delay in obtaining titles from Bangkok, and a necessity to pay at every turn." Surely it is no cause for complaint that the wealth of minerals, the "Little feature" so modestly put by "Progress" should have led to the frequent visits of mining men who secure exclusive prospecting licences. Then "Progress" goes on to say "There is evidence that any local syndicate has ever tested an area properly," and I follow with what would happen if they did so.

As "Progress" has no evidence, how can he say what would happen if something of which he has no evidence, did happen?

The charge made by the Government for a prospecting licence in Siam is five ticals-seven shillings and sixpence. This licence is obtained within six days of application, and as a rule gives the mining expert permission to prospect about 150 acres of vacant land. No prospecting licence gives permission to prospect land in private ownership, and if the mining expert happens to locate mineral wealth quite outside his licence, on land in native holding, then he must make the best arrangement possible with the native holder, and if, in spite of his practical knowledge, he pays what he calls an "absurd price" to the native holder, he shows himself a bad business man, which is sometimes the case, even amongst mining experts, and a Government cannot help him in this respect.

Regarding the alleged vexatious delays—six weeks is the period, at the very outside to obtain verification from Bangkok, but "Progress" should know that in every province provisional titles are granted at once, which are good until the official documents arrive from the capital. As to the "necessity to pay at every turn" only one sum is paid for a prospecting licence—5 ticals or if an exclusive prospecting licence is required over the vacant and then a sum of 20 to 33 ticals, surely not an excessive amount, and especially when the time limit of these prospecting licences is twelve months. Nothing more is required, unless the land is secured by the mining expert, or his company, when the only fees are the ordinary nominal fees for title deeds.

Instead of "Princes" visiting these outlying districts and closing the Government Offices for weeks at a time, and stopping all progress "the opposite is the case. Princes are sent by the King to the outlying districts to report to him the progress made, and whilst it is true that their arrival may be celebrated by a public holiday of one day, it is absolutely untrue that their visits cause the Government Offices to be closed for weeks at a time. As a matter of fact, if anything, the work during their presence, is carried on even more strenuously than usual, for a good report to the King is more to the officials than illness.

"Progress" has little or no knowledge of Siam when he says, "There is no banking accommodation in the country except at Puket."

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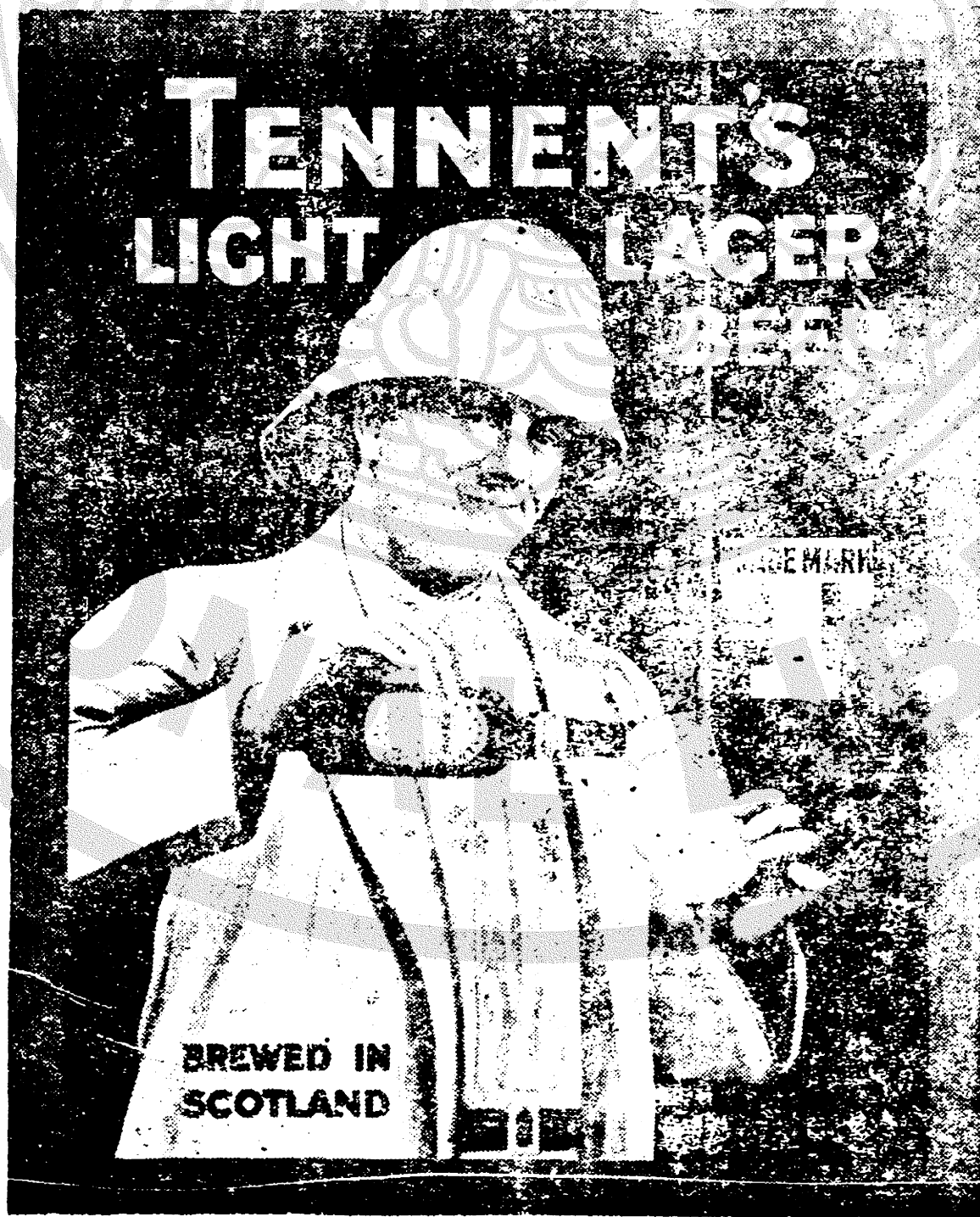
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