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DEPTH OF WATER ON THE
BANGKOK BAR.
FOR NOVEMBER 1917.

Nov.	A.M.			L.W.
	H. W.	Ft. & in.	(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	4.0	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.			L. W.
	H. W.	Ft. & in.	(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	3 00	14 2	...	...
11	3 00	14 4	...	...
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	2 30	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 8	12.0	7.0
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PHASES OF THE MOON.

Nov. 6th (Last Quarter) 11 h 46 p.m.
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29th (Full Moon) 1 h 23 a.m.

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London, Nov. 2.—A French communiqué says: There was a somewhat violent artillery duel north of the Aisne in the region of Maisons de Charnage and on the right of the Meuse to the north of Bezonvaux.

London, Nov. 2.—A French communiqué says: Three enemy aeroplanes were brought down and seven forced down damaged. As reprisal for the bombing of Dunkirk seventeen of our aeroplanes dropped 2,500 kilograms on the town of Offenbourg in the Grandduchy of Baden. Railway stations, ammunition dumps and an aerodrome were also heavily bombed.

London, Nov. 3.—A French communiqué says: The results of the victory at Malmaison have not been slow in showing themselves. Threatened on the right, pressed by our infantry, crushed by our artillery, which unceasingly bombarded his organisations south of the Ailette from our new positions, the enemy has been compelled to abandon the Chemin des Dames to which he has been clinging for the past six months on a front of twenty kilometres from Froidmont to a point east of Craonne. Our troops, descending the northern slopes of Chemin des Dames, occupied the German position to a depth exceeding a kilometre in certain places. The villages of Courtecon, Cerny en Laonnois, Ailles and Chevreaux are in our hands. Patrols are keeping contact with the enemy and have reached the Ailette between Bray en Laonnois and Cerny.

On the right of the Meuse there were violent artillery actions on the Chaulnes wood front.

Between Oct. 21 and 31 twenty-one enemy aeroplanes were brought down by our pilots, and two by anti-aircraft guns. Moreover twenty-eight enemy machines were sent down seriously damaged in their own lines.

The Advance Continued.

London, Nov. 3.—A French communiqué says: During the night we continued our advance between the Oise canal and the region of Corvany reached the southern bank of the Ailette along the entire front. The enemy fell back on the northern front, the bridges and passages to which have been cut.

The artillery struggle continued lively in the sector of Chavignon and at some points in the region of the plateaux. Among the material captured since Oct. 23 we have already captured 200 heavy and field guns, 222 trench guns, and 720 machine-guns.

London, Nov. 4.—Paris communiqué: The French are organising the new ground on the Ailette front. There is an artillery duel in various sectors of the Chemin des Dames.

In the battle of La Malmaison the French captured 16 German machines, and engaged in 611 air-fights; 50 German machines crashed in their own lines.

London, Nov. 3.—Wireless German Official: Unnoticed and undisturbed, we last night withdrew our lines from the hilly front of Chemin des Dames.

Paris, Nov. 2.—A semi-official says: The enemy's evacuation of Chemin des Dames means that they have abandoned the heights from which they viewed the French back lines and have taken up positions in the marshy region of the Ailette, which the French dominate. Moreover, any serious enemy attempt at an offensive on the Aisne front is henceforward out of the question, while the defence our positions in this region has become easier and will require very few men.

London, Nov. 3.—Reuter's correspondent at French Headquarters telegraphs on Nov. 3rd that the German retreat from the Chemin des Dames marks the end of one of the greatest battles of the war. It began on April 19, when the French reached the crest overlooking the former German position down to the banks of the Aisne

and the enemy communications in the Aisne valley. It ended yesterday after six months of almost continuous fighting. It lasted longer and cost more lives than the battle of Verdun. In the first three months of the battle, when the fighting was most persistent, the enemy divisions were relieved at a quicker rate than during the corresponding months of the battle of Verdun. No German division that was sent away from the battle was ever called on to return. The Germans will, of course, say that they abandoned the ground voluntarily in order to husband their men. The truth is that since Oct. 23, when the Zouaves stormed Malmaison Fort, the Germans had lost and abandoned twenty miles of the Hindenburg line. To retain this sector of the front, stretching from Laffaux to Craonne, the Germans provoked over twenty battles, and almost as many times they accepted battle forced upon them by the French.

Germans' Costly Nibbling.

They engaged in scores of minor operations, and suffered casualties that can be numbered by the hundred thousand. As the result of their efforts they bit, by bit won back greater part of the crest of the line, and had every intention of establishing themselves comfortably there for the winter. The French command viewed the situation with calm, since they were methodically preparing to reverse the position a blow instead of waiving men in innumerable minor attacks. When the blow fell at dawn on Oct. 23, perhaps two-thirds of the crest line was in German hands. By the evening of that day four of their best divisions were put out of action. Excepting at Les Bouvettes, they were everywhere driven from the plateau. With the fall of Bouvettes went their last foothold on the crest. Yesterday they gave up the lines which they held under the crest of the northern slopes, which were taken in rear from the new French positions in the valley. Their right dropped back noiselessly to the other side of the Aisne.

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London, Nov. 6.—Egypt Official: The Gaza operations continue. We are in contact with the enemy to the northward of Beer-sheba. The prisoners in these operations are now 207 officers and 2,429 men.

London, Nov. 5.—Reuter's correspondent at Egyptian headquarters, cabling on November 2, says that following up our success against the extreme Turkish right, we engaged the left flank on November 1, capturing all objectives, including strong trench systems and redoubts. The line was subjected to a preliminary drum fire at night time, attaining to an unprecedented intensity at Umbrella Hill, south west of Gaza, a strong position 500 yards from our lines. Consequently our troops gained the hill with few casualties. Although the enemy was not subjected to such artillery fire between Umbrella Hill and the sea-shore, the troops secured all objectives. They were assisted by several tanks, which despite shifty sand dunes, went over entanglements, parapets, and trenches in the moonlight, which exaggerated their inconspicuousness. Their fearlessness contributed greatly to the capture of the El Arish redoubt.

London, Nov. 5.—Reuter's correspondent at Egyptian Headquarters, cabling on November 3, says that yesterday's advance reached a depth of 800 yards at Umbrella Hill on the right flank and 2,000 yards at Sheikh Hassan, on the seashore west of Gaza. The Scottish and East Anglians shared the honours of the fighting. Four enemy counter-attacks yesterday were repulsed with heavy losses and all gains were maintained and the new positions consolidated.

On the right the enemy was dislodged from Abirgeig Station, eight miles northwest of Beer-sheba, and retreated precipitately. The Turkish communications in the rear of their flank suffered severely from the fire of our heavy and naval guns. Also a beach post, the latter being heaped with corpses.

The Turks have shown a most stubborn spirit in clinging to their positions to the last. An example is related of a single machine-gunner, surrounded but refusing to yield, and when last reported he was still hanging on.

The airmen have been a conspicuous success in silencing guns with bombs, co-operating with the artillery most satisfactorily. Two enemy guns were caught in the open yesterday by our heavy guns and demolished, with their crews.

Naval co-operation was likewise most helpful. Several monitors and destroyers are before Gaza. Their accurate fire enfiladed a good part of the enemy lines. They successfully bombarded the Turkish communications,

severely damaging the bridge over Wady Heel.

The participation of a detachment of Italians in yesterday's fighting is worthy of mention for the great gallantry that they displayed.

Land for Soldiers.

A suggestion has been made to the Australian Premier by an officer in the Labour Department that in the acquisition of land for returned soldiers farms now held by Germans should be considered. Sir Alexander Peacock said the question would have to be carefully considered, but the suggestion appeared to be a good one. Australian boys at the front really defending the farms held by Germans, and it would be of benefit if men who would not fight, and would not send their sons to fight for Australia or contribute to the cost of Australia's share in the war, were supplanted by our own men. Naturally no property would be compulsorily acquired with compensation.

Rainfall.

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

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" Chaxoeng Sao " 6 11.8 "
" Prachin " 6 15.3 "
" Jolburi " 6 15.5 "

MONDOL NAGOR SVARGA.

At Tak Nov. 4 27.2 "

It is reported from Amsterdam that the Kaiser, Kaiserine and all the German Princes have taken up large shares in the seventh German war loan. The amount of their subscriptions has not been disclosed. The royalties have again offered the imperial banks large quantities of jewellery. The Government is arranging to sell private treasure abroad with the view of improving Germany's financial outlook.

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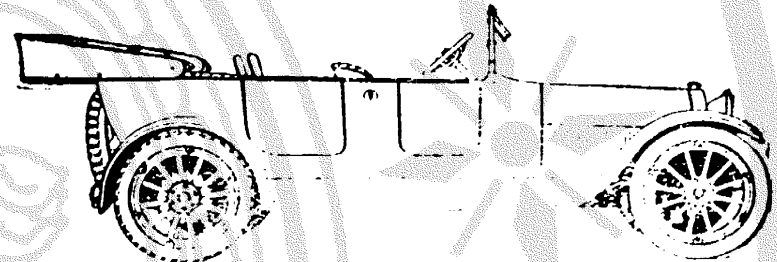
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Notification by the Liquidator of the business of Enemy Subjects.

By a Notification of the Minister of Finance dated the 9th day of November, B.E. 2460, the business of Behn Meyer and Co., Ltd. carried on at Bush Lane, Bangkok, under the name of Engler and Menzi, was ordered to be attached and wound up, and undersigned Liquidator appointed Liquidator thereof.

Notice is hereby given that all persons who are creditors or debtors, or otherwise interested in any manner in the above-mentioned business, must present written claims or demands or pay their debts to the Liquidator at the Sheriff's Department, Ministry of Justice, within one month from the date of this Notification. If this provision is not complied with, the Liquidator will not accept responsibility for any loss occasioned thereby.

Dated, 9th November, B. E. 2460.

(Signed) Pra Karani Sri Samruat.

Liquidator.

9-16



Notification of the Minister of Finance appointing a Liquidator for winding up an Enemy Business under the Law Forbidding Trade with the Subjects of Enemy Countries.

Whereas the business of Behn Meyer and Co., Ltd. carried on at Bush Lane, Bangkok, under the name of Engler and Menzi, appears to be carried on wholly or mainly for the benefit of and under the control of persons of enemy nationality.

Therefore the said business is, in pursuance of Article 8 of the Law Forbidding Trade with the Subjects of Enemy Countries, ordered to be attached and wound up, and Pra Karani Sri Samruat is appointed liquidator thereof.

Notification issued on the 9th day of November, B. E. 2460.

(Signed) Kitiyakara,
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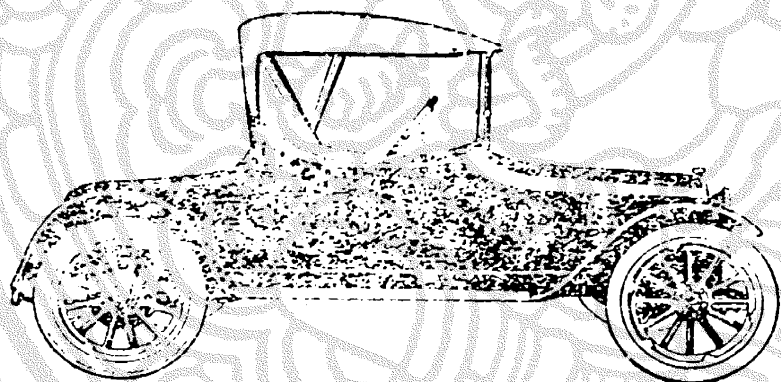
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The Siam Observer

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1917.

THE PRICE OF SILVER.

The scarcity prevailing in the silver market and the consequent steady advance in the price of that metal is causing no little anxiety to those who control the currency. In June of last year the price per standard ounce of silver was 30d. from which figure it has steadily risen until at the end of last month a price of 46d. per ounce was reached. This unprecedented rise is to be accounted for by scarcity of supplies coupled with a big demand that has arisen from causes owing directly or indirectly to the war. There has been an increase in silver coinage in the United Kingdom, France, Russia and Italy and thus the absorption has for some time been on an unusual scale. For example, silver to the value of about 6½ million pounds sterling was minted in 1914 in Great Britain but in 1916 this figure had risen to nearly 8½ millions and there is no doubt that even this will be largely surpassed this year. Silver has also gone in large quantities to India where much of it has disappeared through being hoarded by the natives. To cope with this scarcity many unusual sources of supply have been tapped. Pesos have been bought up from the Philippines and sycee from China but these supplies have become almost exhausted. There are no more pesos to be had and the Chinese have permitted the export of so much sycee that the general scarcity is making itself felt in that country. Speculators are now saying that, with the high price per ounce prevailing on the London market, it would be worth while to buy up and export Indian rupees for the purpose of melting down, but even supposing that the natives were willing to part with their coins, it is not within the bounds of possibility that the Indian authorities would allow the rupees to leave the country. A trade journal writes as follows as to what is likely to happen:—"India wants silver: China would take it if she could get it: all European countries are eager for it to meet heavy currency requirements, and America, the principal supplier, now wants more of the metal for her own use. Spain holds a considerable amount but is, we believe, precluded from parting with it under the terms of her currency laws. There remains, then, the United States, which we suppose has still in its treasury the accumulation of the metal held against the silver certificates issued years ago against deposits of silver coins. These silver certificates are redeemable only in silver dollars." From this extract it would appear that the United States Government has in its possession a vast amount of silver in coin and bullion and some way out of the coming impasse may be found by agreement with the United States to free this metal for coinage and circulation in Europe.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

THE Trautensfels has been renamed *Prachin Samudh* and the *Chiangmai*, *Don Samudh*.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Tayoi line is still in good order as far as Kanchanaburi. Malay Peninsular main line is good as far as Jumbor.

THE s.s. *Katong* left Singapore at on Sunday morning the 11th inst., and may be expected to arrive at the Borneo Company's Wharf on Wednesday, as soon as tide permit.

ONE of the great self-abnegations of the week is surely that of "The Times" leader-writer who wrote, "Proclamations are being scattered in Petrograd as thick as autumn leaves," and omitted to add "in Vallombrosa."—Ex.

A CASE of a man being killed by a falling aeroplane was divulged at an inquest at Weybridge on air-mechanic James Fay, R. F. C. Lieutenant Miller was ascending in an Army biplane at Brookton in and when about 50 feet up the engine stopped, causing the biplane to descend helplessly. Men below scattered but Fay was hit by one of the wings, and died from a fractured skull. The biplane dashed into some shade, and was smashed. Lieutenant Miller was congratulated by the jury on his

A Generous Contribution.

We hear that Mr. W. L. G. Grant has submitted to His Majesty the King on behalf of the Siam Electricity Company an offer of a contribution of Tcs. 5,000 towards the relief of the sufferers from the inundation and also a personal contribution of Tcs. 1,000 for the same purpose. The contributions were graciously accepted and duly transmitted to the Minister of Finance who has been commanded by His Majesty to administer the fund intended for this purpose.

King Victor Emmanuel's Birthday.

On Sunday, the 11th, November, which was the anniversary of the birthday of H. M. King Victor Emmanuel III, there was no official reception at the Italian Legation but arrangements had been made to receive the cards of callers.

Besides the members of the Italian Community in Bangkok, the following were amongst those who left cards: Their Royal Highnesses Prince Narset, Prince Devawongse, Prince Damrong, Prince Srasdi, and Prince of Kampongpetich; H.S.H. Mom Chao Charasiddhi, Their Excellencies Chao Phya Wongsu, General Chao Phya Bodindhr, Col. Phya Surawongse Vivatana (A.D.C. to His Majesty the King) and Phya Horiraks Chaturong; Phra Dithakarn, Capt. S. M. Yoo, American Legation; Mr. F. D. Arnold, Belgian Legation; H.E. Mr. A. Frère, British Legation; H.E. Sir Herbert Dering, Th. Lyle, The Rev. Dr. Hill, yard, Mr. Hogg, Danish Legation; Mr. de Holck, French Legation; M. Topenot, M. Neron, M. Simon, M. Chant, Japanese Legation; H.E. Mr. G. Nishi, Mr. Takahashi, Netherlands Legation; H.E. Mr. Domela-Nieuwenhuis, Portuguese Legation; H.E. Mr. A. Casanova, Mr. De Mello Flores, Mr. A. J. Flores, Russian Legation; Baron Wrangell, Mr. de Spiganovitch, Norwegian Consulate General; Mr. Borgersen, Mr. Svendsen, The Very Rev. Moneigneur R. P. roos, Bishop of Zozra; The Reverend Father Columbet.

The following gentlemen also called: Dr. Ayer, Mr. Buzard, Mr. Beaumont, Mr. Tully Christie, Mr. Goedee, Mr. Diller, Mr. De May, Mr. Duke, Mr. Drever, Mr. Dezaunay, Mr. Gibbins, Mr. Guyon, Mr. Gittins, Mr. Ingerslev, Mr. Lauront, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Laydeker, Mr. L'Evesque, Mr. Miller, Mr. Niel, Mr. Pettinguenin, Mr. Pradore-Niquet, Dr. Polix, Dr. Robert, M. Ré, Mr. Smyth, Gen. Trotter, Dr. Thornely, Mr. Williamson, Col. Whiting.

B. B. W. N. G.

Members are reminded that the meeting to-morrow is at Mrs. Price's house at 4.45.

The following one will be held at Mrs. Hys' house on Dec. 12th, at the same hour.

Letter to the Editor.

To the Editor of the "Siam Observer."

Dear Sir,
Perhaps the following announcement might interest some of your readers:—

It has been found necessary to postpone the proposed British Red Cross Fete. The Committee had hoped originally to have held the Fete early in December, but that was in days before the flood. Now the talk is of early January or late December. The Committee, however, have decided to make no attempt, at present, to fix a date. As soon as there seems any prospect of using the Sports Club Grounds an endeavour will be made to arrange a suitable day with the Sports Club Committee, and an immediate announcement will be made to the public.

I am dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

N. MAXWELL.

Hon. Secretary.

Bangkok, 13th Nov. 1917.

Railway Notices.

Owing to floods on the Railway Line, it is found necessary to work on the Eastern Line (Petrui) the morning service of trains only, according to existing time-table, until further notice.

For the present trains will run on the Northern Line as per the following time-table, calling at all intermediate stations.

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The British Front.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
London, Nov. 12.
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—At dawn this morning we attacked positions northward and north-west of Passchendaele making good progress.
The weather is wet and stormy.

(Havas Telegram.)
Paris, Nov. 10.
The English attacked to the North West of Passchendaele and made good progress.

Russia.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
London, Nov. 12.
Petrograd.—The entire staffs of the Foreign Office and of the Ministries of Finance and Commerce have left work.

Germans in Helsingfors.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
London, Nov. 12.
Stockholm.—Newspapers report that the Germans have landed in Helsingfors.

Italian Retreat Ended.

(Havas Telegram.)
Paris, Nov. 10.
The Italians have ended their retreat. They have strengthened themselves for resistance. A higher inter-Allied Council has been created assisted by a Military Committee composed of Generals Foch, Wilson, and Cadorna. The Supreme Council will consist of the President of the Council, a delegate and the second in command of the Military Staff of each country.
It is believed that the seat of the Committee will be at Versailles. General Diaz replaces Cadorna and General Dadoqlias and Giarduno have been appointed Lieutenant-Generals.

Paris, Nov. 11.
The King of Italy has addressed to the Italian people a stirring appeal, counter-signed by all the Ministers, animating the patriotism of the Army, branding treason and asserting confidence in approaching victory.

Lloyd George in Paris.

(Havas Telegram.)
Paris, Nov. 10.
Mr. Lloyd George and M. M. Painlevé and Franklin-Bouillon having returned from Italy have arrived in Paris.

The Maximalist Ministry.

(Havas Telegram.)
Paris, Nov. 10.
Petrograd.—The Maximalists have formed a ministry and suggest a democratic peace and armistice of the belligerents.

The Russian Crisis.

(Havas Telegram.)
Paris, Nov. 11.
The Maximalist movement appears to be growing weaker. Kerensky at the head of the loyal troops is marching on Petrograd. The Berlin papers publish a despatch from Petrograd announcing the conditions of the *sortet* for the peace propositions, comprising immediate parleys for a just and democratic peace without annexations or indemnities. The *sortet* demands of all the belligerents the immediate conclusion of an armistice of three months to undertake the negotiations.

Turkish Retreat in Palestine.

(Havas Telegram.)
Paris, Nov. 10.
The Turkish army in Palestine is in retreat towards the north. The English have taken Taktit and more than 40 cannon.
Paris, Nov. 11.
The English have taken Ascalon. The Turks have lost 10,000 men and 70 cannon.

Venizelos in Paris.

(Havas Telegram.)
Paris, Nov. 11.
M. Venizelos and Mr. Lloyd George have arrived in Paris.

Objectives Attained.

(Havas Telegram.)
Paris, Nov. 11.
The English attained all their objectives in the region of Passchendaele.

British Legation Telegrams.

London, Nov. 9.
British arms have signified the week by three victories, in Flanders where they captured Passchendaele, in Palestine where they capture Gaza and in Mesopotamia by their advance and capture of Tektit. Continuous attacks in the direction of Passchendaele, each with a limited objective, ended with the capture of the village so that now two-thirds of the main ridge including the most important positions are in British hands. To the Canadians falls the honour of taking the strong hold most stubbornly defended by the Germans' finest troops. The Germans have been pushed off the ridge in this sector and their gun positions are over-looked. Possibly the reason why there have been no counterattacks is that the German heavy guns are moving rearwards. The effect of this retreat after the Germans had held these positions for six months at enormous cost is already seen in the moral of the German troops who realise despite official statements that their retreat is involuntary and that they are withdrawn because they have been driven back. Fighting for the heights now occupied continued since July 31st and troops from the Dominions as well as the British Isles participated in proportions of eighty-two per cent. British, nine Australian, seven Canadian, and two New Zealanders. The capture of Beersheba was quickly followed by the fall of the strong Turkish fortress Gaza. The attack was carried out directly by artillery fire and assaults indirectly by movement of troops advancing from Beersheba north-eastwards, tanks operating between Gaza and the sea and the Navy supplying the left wing. From Beersheba forces simultaneously advanced eleven miles, capturing the line Telkhalawieh-Telshishier and threatening the Turkish rear, whereafter on November 7th Gaza fell. The British advanced eight miles beyond Gaza to Dabiehassi joining the Beersheba advance. The whole Turkish army is retreating northward, bombed by British aeroplanes. Over forty guns were captured. In Mesopotamia General Maude advanced up to the Tigris and routed the Turks by a sudden thrust at Tektit where the Turks, outflanked by cavalry, blew up their ammunition and burnt their stores, thus losing in another case where the attack had been planned.
The French after forcing the enemy from Chemin des Dunes held the positions against counter-attacks, meanwhile delivering successful local attacks at various points, notably at Alsace.

German reports pretend that the successes of the Allies are tactical only and not comparable with the German knockout blow to Italy. That a hard blow struck Italy is beyond question, but it is not what the enemy claims.
The Italian retreat proceeds in orderly manner to a selected line where the Allies are taking necessary measures to strengthen the Italian resistance. Meanwhile Italian units are covering the retreat with the most gallant self sacrifice, while at many points large units have retired unmolested. While the enemy forces are becoming expended, the latest news indicates that the moral of the Italians is rapidly recovering in a wave of patriotism which is infusing new spirit in the whole army.

Pending the settlement of political disturbances the Russians had two successful minor attacks on the Turks in the Kalkit Chiflik sector near the Black Sea and the Kemakh sector near Erzingjan.

East Africa. In the western area German covering detachments are being driven eastward by British and Belgian columns. In the Lakeledi valley the British are in touch with the main enemy force.

Aerial activity has been continued by the flying corps in Flanders despite adverse conditions. Our superiority is well established, nearly all encounters being over the German lines. The results of one week's activity in doubtful weather are that three hundred and thirty-seven enemy batteries were ranged, whereof two hundred and eighty-six were engaged for destruction successfully. Fifty-one were silenced and seventy-eight engaged for destruction by kite balloons. Thirty-eight long reconnaissance took place over three hundred miles. Four thousand and two hundred and seventy-two successful photographs were taken in the enemy area. Several deliberate attacks were carried out on concentrated enemy formations by squadrons flying low and firing machine-guns when billets, ammunition dumps and communications were constantly attacked. Two troop trains were hit; in one case two hundred casualties were caused, in the other only twenty were uninjured. Donai arsenal exploded, the aerodrome was attacked and ten hangars with ten aeroplanes were destroyed.

London, Nov. 9.
The Allied Conference on the conduct of the war meets in mid-November. Colonel House, head of the American Mission which includes Admiral Benson and General Bliss, have arrived in London. Colonel House stated it was thought there would be better co-ordination if America were represented. Behind American resources was the indomitable spirit of

America which sees the issue clearly and intends to fight until it is certain that no group of selfish men again bring such disaster. At Washington an agreement is published between the United States and Japan wherein the United States recognises Japan's special interests in China; both Governments recognise the open door. Mr. Lansing issued a statement indicating that Japan agreed to complete co-operation of her Navy with the American in the Pacific for the purpose of a common object against the Central Powers.

The King has appointed January sixth as a day of thanksgiving and prayer throughout the Empire regarding the struggle for the triumph of right and liberty which is entering the last and most difficult phase.

The King and Queen at Bristol visited factories and met employers and employed. They issued a message hoping that industrial harmony and efficiency would prevail to face the common foe.
Mr. Lloyd George, General Smuts, General Robertson and M. Painlevé conferred with Sir Orlando and General Cadorna at Rapallo as to measures for allied assistance.

In the House of Commons on November 6, B. E. Smith on behalf of the Pacifist group moved to negotiate a peace which provided guarantees of independence, the restoration of Belgium and evacuation of occupied territory, also embodying a solution for Alsace Lorraine and avoidance of future wars. Mr. Balfour said that the Pacifists implied that the Allies had changed their war aims, but it was the central Powers who declined to declare their aims in either of their replies to the Pope and Mr. Wilson. He ridiculed the idea that Allied aims were impractical. The Pacifist motion overlooked the questions of Poland, Armenia and Arabia. No satisfactory conference was possible until a large measure of agreement had been previously reached whereof there was no sign at present. The House of Commons refused to listen to further debate and defeated the motion by 283 to 33. Mr. Bonar Law on Nov. 8th said that the last two years we had taken seventy-six thousand more prisoners than the enemy had taken from us in the same period. We had taken five hundred and forty-nine guns but lost none we had attained an artillery service better than that of any other belligerent.

Submarine returns: Arrivals two thousand three hundred and eighty-four, sinkings two thousand three hundred and seventy-nine. Sunk eight over, four under sixteen hundred tons which includes two bigger and one smaller ships sunk in previous weeks. The total sunk has fallen from an average of seventeen point two during the five weeks of October to nine last week. Though the targets have increased, British destroyers in the Kattegat at seven in the morning of November 2nd engaged the German auxiliary "Marie" of three thousand tons with four six-inch guns and also ten armed trawlers between Anholt and Kullen. After ten minutes firing the cruiser took fire and sank; all trawlers were also sunk. The British rescued sixty. Four others landed in Denmark or Sweden. No British losses. A cruiser disguised as a neutral attempted to elude for the purpose of raiding.

Admiralty announces that an electrically controlled high speed boat attacked British patrollers off the Belgian coast. The attack was defeated and the boat destroyed.

Naval airmen were continuously active and bombed aerodromes in Belgium bringing down five hostile aircraft. All British returned safely. The King congratulated Brazil on her entry into the war. The President replied he was proud to be on the side of the Allies. M. Venizelos had a conference with Signor Orlando at Rome and established an understanding on all disputed questions between Greece and Italy. Venizelos will shortly visit Paris and London.

Hertling the Bavarian Premier has accepted office as German Chancellor. The "Times" considers this appointment as a fresh move in the peace campaign. Correspondence between the German and British Governments on the alleged misuse of hospital ships now published reveals that the Germans replied on unsupported gossip and anonymous witnesses. The British Government controverts seriatim and disproves places and dates in the statements which proves that the whole allegation was based on a tissue of falsehoods.

The Belgian socialist party manifesto condemns the German Socialists for subservience to the present rulers, has refused the dangerous and illusory path of immediate negotiation and repudiates all agitation in favour of a premature peace, pointing out that no country has suffered equally as Belgium, yet the people will not listen to a lame peace.

The Petrograd extremists headed by Lenin seized the wireless telegraphs and declared against the provisional Government. They proclaimed a programme of an immediate armistice preparatory to a democratic peace and ordered the army to prevent detachments from the front leaving for Petrograd. It is believed that Kerensky has gone to the front to rally the moderates. This trial of strength is welcomed by the moderates who believe that the rest of Russia is unsympathetic to the extremists.

The Sand and Gravel Question.

(S. O. SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
Singapore, Nov. 12.

The Dutch branch of the League of Neutral countries has published a statement disapproving of the Dutch government's attitude on the sand and gravel question. Business men are petitioning the Premier to obtain the restoration of telegraph communication.

No British Guns Lost.

(S. O. SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
Singapore, Nov. 12.

Mr. Bonar Law stated that the British had not lost a single gun this year whereas they had captured 280 from the Germans.

Keener Fighting Spirit.

(S. O. SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
Singapore, Nov. 13.

It is stated that the Italian troops are showing a keener fighting spirit and are more strongly resisting the enemy's advance although the plains offer no natural assistance to the defenders.

Germany and Russia.

(S. O. SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
Singapore, Nov. 13.

The German Press is deeply interested in events in Russia. The *Vossische Zeitung* says that as the Maximalists desire peace without annexations their advent to power does not affect German policy towards Russia.

The Japanese Naval Office has included in its estimates for the next fiscal year an appropriation of Y300,000 for the working of the Aki Oil Field which is the most promising of the five of its kind known to exist in Formosa.

To accelerate production in ship-building on the Tyne, a committee of employers and men has been formed under the Admiralty Shipyard Labour Department. The principal object is to make full use of all available labour by a system of quick transfer of men from one shipyard to another.

A CORRESPONDENT of the *Japan Gazette* writes:—Quite a serious state of things has arisen in Yokohama owing to the fact that the people storing silver coins, and thus compelling persons to pay any sum in actual exact cash or failing such to visit an exchange shop. What object the Japanese people have in hoarding silver coins is inexplicable, no more than to hamper business since the great war commenced, which has been the policy of many native tradesmen in Japan. Why do not the authorities issue paper money value from 5 sen to 50 sen?



British Dealers and Importers of Beers, Wines, and Spirits, are hereby informed that H. B. M. Legation has received from the Royal Siam Government a notice of intention to introduce, as from April 1st 1918, an increased scale of Excise Duties.

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Sgt. T. H. LYLE.

H.B.M. Consul-General.

Nov. 13th 1917. 13, 15, 17.

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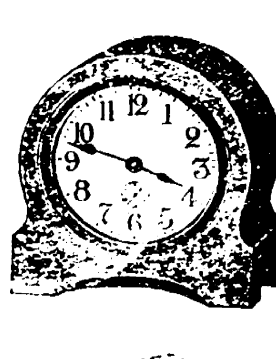
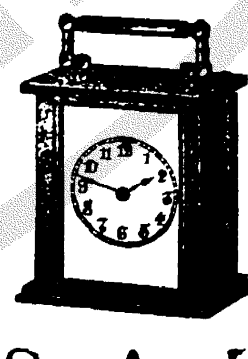
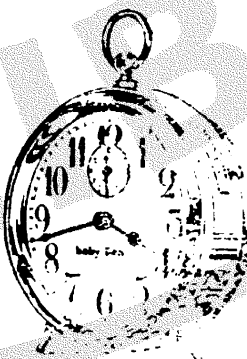
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London, Nov. 3.—Major General Salmon has been appointed a member of the Army Council.

Brisbane, Nov. 2.—This season's sugar crop will probably be a record; it is expected that the surplus will be 100,000 tons.

Washington, Nov. 4.—A picket boat from an American battleship foundered in home waters. The crew of twelve are missing, and were probably lost.

London, Nov. 1.—The Times Peking correspondent says that China has agreed to charter nine confiscated enemy ships of a tonnage of 29,984 to Britain.

Petrograd, Nov. 1.—The Minister of Finance has prepared a bill establishing a State monopoly of tea which is expected to yield a revenue of 40,000,000 roubles yearly.

Madrid, Nov. 3.—A new Cabinet has been formed under the Premiership of Sr. Garcia Prieto.

New York, Nov. 3.—August Friedrich, leader of a Socialist conspiracy to obstruct the draft for the army, has been sentenced at Sioux Falls to five years imprisonment and a thousand dollars fine. Twenty-six other Germans were sentenced from one to two years in addition to fines.

Durban, Nov. 1.—The Ungeni river has considerably subsided, revealing countless small Indian houses ruined. The police are still recovering bodies. The resumption of a partial railway service has been attempted. Considerable damage is reported from other parts of Natal. Communications are interrupted, bridges swept away and large quantities of stock drowned.

London, Nov. 3.—The bye-election at North Salford resulted:

Mr. Ben Tillett (Independent) 2,822.
Sir Charles Mallet (Coalition) 1,545.

Mr. Tillett's return is surprising as the Coalitionist was much better organized and the views of both as regards a vigorous prosecution of the war were practically identical. Mr. Tillett, however, who was supported by the trades unionists, announced his intention of warring against profiteers and urged a further increase of pay to soldiers and sailors. Speaking after the poll, Mr. Tillett said the result showed that the country wanted a more strenuous parliamentary representation to give confidence to the army and navy.

London, Nov. 6.—The Times correspondent at Odessa wires: It is expected that the Russian and Rumanian troops will succeed in maintaining their positions through the winter, enabling the Rumanian Court and Government to remain in Jassy.

Serious disorders have occurred among the troops at Theodosia, in the Crimea. All the wine stores were destroyed at the demand of Ukraine troops. Rivers of wine flowed in the streets. Cellars were emptied by pumps.

Peking, Nov. 6.—Minister Hayashi has informed the Foreign Office that Baron Ishii and Mr. Lansing signed an agreement on Nov. 2 whereby the United States recognises Japan's special interests in China; also, whereby Japan and the United States reaffirm the policy of the "open door" in China.

Washington, Nov. 6.—The fuel administration requisitions ten per cent. of the output of virtually every coal mine in the country on behalf of the Government, which will distribute it to meet emergencies wherever they arise.

London, Nov. 2.—The Gazette announces the award of the Victoria Cross to the late skipper T. Grieg R. N. R. of the smack Nelson, and the Distinguished Conduct Medal to his son. The smack was towing on an August afternoon when it sighted a German submarine which immediately began shelling the smack, which returned the fire. The submarine's fourth shot struck the smack below the water line and the seventh shot mortally wounded the skipper, whose son immediately took charge of the tiller. Firing continued. Meanwhile water was pouring into the smack, which was sinking. The gunlayer went to assist the skipper, who said "It's all right, boy; do your best," and told his son to send off a message: "Nelson being attacked by submarine—skipper killed—send assistance at once."

As only five rounds of ammunition were left and the smack was fast sinking, the skipper, lying on the deck, ordered the crew to abandon the ship and throw the books overboard. Asked whether they should lift him into the boat, he replied: "I am done; throw me overboard." He was in too bad a condition to be moved and they left him on deck and took the small boat, and a quarter of an hour afterwards the Nelson went down by the head carrying the heroic skipper with her. The crew rowed for two nights and a day before being rescued.

Amongst other honours for services in action with enemy submarines are Victoria Crosses to Lieut. Charles George Bommer and petty officer Ernest Pitcher. The latter was selected by the gun crew of a warship to receive the honour. A second bar to the Distinguished Service Order goes to Captain Gordon Campbell, who already has the Victoria Cross. No details of the deeds for which Campbell was awarded the Victoria Cross or his other honours have ever been published. Remarkable stories of heroism during air-fighting are told regarding a number of naval aviators who are recipients of the Distinguished Service Order.

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London, Nov. 7.—Field Marshal Haig reports: The Canadians, in operations this morning, were completely successful against the defences in and around Passchendaele and the spur north and north-west. After a successful assembly the assault was launched at six o'clock as arranged.

The enemy had been ordered to hold this important position on the main ridge at all costs. There was hard fighting at a number of points, particularly on the high ground north of the village and for the collection of fortified buildings and strong points on Goudberg spur. Nevertheless the troops made steady progress and captured at an early hour Passchendaele village and Mosselmarkt and Goudberg hamlets.

We gain all our objectives before midday with a number of prisoners. It is raining at intervals. Our guns are dealing effectively with the enemy's batteries and concentration of infantry.

Paris, Nov. 7.—Le Temps, in the course of a grave warning, says that the Allies must abandon illusion. They must not think that because a war of movement is resuming the intervention of the Franco-British would in the twinkling of an eye change an enemy success into a rout. The positions which the Italians lost were extremely strong, and the others which will be held to-morrow, if they can be held, will be much weaker. The enemy, having shortened his front, is all the stronger.

"The French and British have faced the necessity of restoring a difficult situation. We are firmly convinced that they will succeed, but it will be a heavy task."

London, Nov. 7.—Mr. Ward Price, writing from Italian headquarters, states that a whole British hospital party which was lost during the retreat has turned up safely. Although they marched for a day and night in the rain, picking up scraps of bread from the ground, they are in good condition, though some were recovering from enteric.

It appears that two men who brought up the rear of the whole army were a British quartermaster and a corporal of the Medical Corps, who stayed at Palmanova till the afternoon of Oct. 29 trying to save the Ordnance stores. The town was afire, and the population had fled twenty-four hours previously. They found a horse, which they harnessed to a cart filled with officers' kits and proceeded some distance along the deserted road which was littered with debris. The horse became exhausted, and they finished the journey afoot.

Paris, Nov. 7.—The Petit Parisien states that M. Venizelos declared that the Greek army was only waiting for indispensable supplies. Mobilisation orders were waiting thereupon. He will visit the Western front.

London, Nov. 7.—French communiqué: There was an intermittent artillery duel in the region north of the Chemin-des-Dames. There was very violent artillery fighting in the afternoon on the whole front of Chaume wood.

Amsterdam, Nov. 7.—The Weer Zeitung states that Lauterbach, commander of the German auxiliary cruiser sunk in the Kattgat fight on the 2nd inst. was formerly aboard the Emden, when she succeeded in reaching the Malay Archipelago, where he was captured by the British and interned in Singapore. He escaped and returned home by the Philippines, Japan and America.

Washington, Nov. 7.—The transport Finland was torpedoed whilst returning to the United States. She reached a foreign port under her own steam.

Petrograd, Nov. 7.—Verkhovsky has been requested to leave the capital. The newspapers state that his resignation is entailing important changes in the high command in the district of Moscow province, where there are large textile factories, 300,000 of whose workers are striking.

Madrid, Nov. 4.—The Government has declared that it will maintain a strict neutrality.

London, Nov. 4.—Kuter's correspondent at Headquarters says it is interesting that at the present juncture Major General Koan Hung Tcheg and five Chinese Staff Officers have visited the west front to study the situation and our war methods.

Melbourne, Nov. 4.—The result of the Australian Derby was: Biplane 1, Prince Viridis 2, Broken Glass 3. Won easily in 2 min. 35½ secs. Biplane was at one to two on.

Petrograd, Nov. 4.—Twenty five were killed and 70 injured, mostly soldiers, in a collision between an express and a troop-train on the Vladikavkaz railway.

London, Nov. 3.—Silver is at 44 7/8 and the market is very quiet.

London, Nov. 3.—Killed: Brigadier General Hawling.

Paris, Nov. 4.—Mr. Lloyd George has arrived and with M. Painlevé proceeds to Italy to-day.

London, Nov. 4.—The Press Bureau announces that Mr. Lloyd George has left for Italy. General Smuts Sir William Robertson, General Wilson, Maurice and other officers are accompanying him.

London, Nov. 5.—The air service carried out numerous patrols to-day, bringing down an enemy machine in the sea, driving down and damaging another, and probably destroying a third. We raided Engel aerodrome and bombed hangars and sheds. Two of the enemy's attacking machines were driven down. All ours returned.

Rio de Janeiro, Nov. 5.—The Brazilian steamers Acary, formerly the German Eberburg, and Guaraby, were torpedoed off St. Vincent. Both were beached. Two men were killed and four injured. It is stated that the Government is demanding, as a reprisal, the confiscation of moneys held by German banks.

London, Nov. 5.—Wireless Russian Official: There was violent enemy artillery fire west of Sventen lake. We attacked the Turks in the Kalkit sector on the Black Sea, capturing their first line trenches, and in some places the third line, with great booty.

London, Nov. 5.—Wireless German Official: English battalions attacking south of Stojakovo between the Vardar and Lake Doiran heavily collapsed.

London, Nov. 5.—A Norwegian Official says that nineteen Norwegian merchantmen of a tonnage of 31,577 were lost in October, and 48 Norwegian seamen were killed.

Paris, Nov. 5.—Le Temps states: The naval expert who visited the British ship-yards says that he saw at Fairfield, Glasgow, warships far bigger than the Queen Elizabeth.

London, Nov. 5.—A Berlin Official admits that the British sank an auxiliary cruiser on Nov. 2 in the Kattegat, but denies that any patrol boats were sunk.

London, Nov. 5.—A peace meeting at Swansea was broken up by the crowd invading the platform and expelling Mr. Roden Buxton and other speakers.

London, Nov. 5.—Mr. R. T. Coryndon, resident commissioner of Basutoland, has been appointed Governor of Uganda.



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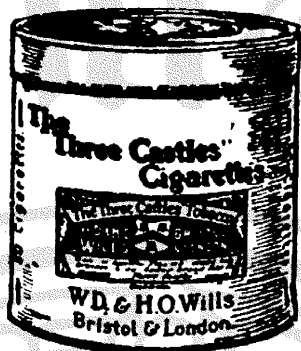
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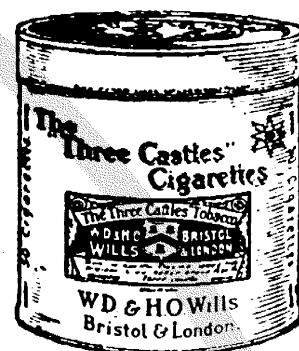
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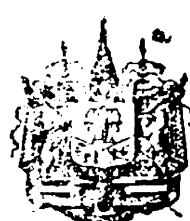
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TALAT NOI.

Stories of the Retreat.

Troops Who Performed Marvels.

London, Nov. 2.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Italian headquarters says that the retreat of the third army was a grandiose sight marked by lines of fire and smoke. The Italian guns, being withdrawn, were unable to reply to the furious enemy cannonade but the infantry repeatedly charged, saving the guns, and drove back the enemy five times into Vallone. The artillery-men were also splendid, dragging heavy guns by ropes over the mountain sides and across the Isonzo. The Germans' first break through was the outcome of devilish ingenuity. While a terrible drum fire of gas and tearshells from Plezzo and San Gabriele gave the impression of a universal bombardment, a certain sector was left unbombarded, a dense mist preventing the Italians noticing the gap in the ring of fire, through which a German army corps passed, cutting off the defenders of the adjoining positions. The Germans after two hours suspended fire, then renewed it at day-break. Two hours later masses of infantry poured through the mist but were desperately opposed, especially on the Globack ridge and at St. Lucia; the latter, at the entrance of the pass leading into Italy, changed hands eight times.

The latest haul of prisoners taken by the Germans in Italy apparently belonged to the third army from the Carso, whose rear-guard is believed to have been cut off by a surprisingly rapid march of the Germans from the north, thus isolating masses of troops. The enemy does not claim to have crossed the Tagliamento. Experts opine that the river is flooded, causing a disastrous congestion of men and material at the crossing places. This is a crucial question and it is still not clear whether Cadorna has in safety withdrawn the main body of the armies behind the river barrier.

Enemy's Great Preponderance.

London, Nov. 3.—Reuter's correspondent at Italian Headquarters, who was the last to leave Udine, says that place was evacuated on Oct. 27, the Austro-Germans having taken Caporetto and Plezzo on the right bank of the northern portion of the Isonzo, and being about to cross at Santa Lucia and Santa Maria south-west of Tolmino. The military Headquarters were stripped bare before departure. Information from the battle zone told how the Austrians had forced a way through by sheer weight of numbers. The Italians were outnumbered in men by 20 to one, in guns by 10 to one. General

Gonza reached Udine wounded eleven times and all his staff were casualties, only three of his escort of fifty being alive. The Bersaglieri fought most stubbornly without any idea of surrender. Of three regiments only one officer was alive and he was wounded.

The Staff Headquarters had worked all night on Oct. 26 packing documents, destroying correspondence, and tearing down maps from the walls. The exodus of the population, alarmed by the reports of fugitives of the previous day. People of all classes poured along the road to Treviso, some in motorcars, others in carts drawn by oxen, donkeys or mules, handcarts pushed by owners piled with baggage, women carrying babies, others weeping. Children were lost in the confusion; wounded, aged and sick were carried in the arms of relations. It was strange to see occasionally men and women in evening dress, hurrying through the mud, all jammed among the mass of infantry and artillerymen plodding wearily amid the

interminable procession of lorries, ambulances, tractors and gun carriages. These often fell in the ditches and had to be dragged out by oxen or abandoned. Heavy rain came on, adding to the misery of the scene. As the crowd increased, civilians streamed into the fields on either side, such was the jam. Pedestrians progressed more quickly than motors. It took the correspondent and his colleagues six hours to cover six miles. When they reached Pordenone they found nothing to eat and nowhere to sleep.

A Difficult Operation.

London, Nov. 3.—Mr. Ward Price, at Italian Headquarters, says: Confusion was inevitable in the retreat of a million men from positions they had held for over two years on a front of forty miles, down steep twisting roads and across several rivers to the Tagliamento, where there were only three bridges on which the vast mass of men and material had to

converge. The General Staff had reckoned to require a month to withdraw the army in normal conditions. They had to do it in three days. The principal Italian line of defence on the Isonzo was the so-called Plec line. It was the breaking of this line, owing to a want of resistance, still unexplained, that enabled the enemy to capture the whole valley between Plezzo and Tolmino, cut off and surround Monte Nero and other mountain positions, and secure a series of easy roads leading to the plain. Had Cadorna delayed for an hour ordering the retirement of the third army from the Carso on the collapse of the second army, the third army would have been captured. It was eleven at night when the infantry of the third army left the trenches, in such good heart that, facing transport, the men hauled the guns by ropes for thirty miles to the Tagliamento. Some heavy guns had to be abandoned, but they were first destroyed.

American Telegrams.

The following are taken from the Manila Daily Bulletin:—

German Captain's Guilt.

Washington, Oct. 5.—A dispatch from Philadelphia states that the commander of the Prinz Eitel Friedrich has been found guilty of engaging in the white slave traffic.

Japanese Shipping.

Tokyo, Oct. 5.—Japanese shipowners have been notified that they cannot charter their vessels without first securing the permission of the Government.

General Pershing Promoted.

Washington, Oct. 6.—The Department of War is planning to give the title of full General to Major General Pershing, and to the Chief of Staff of the United States Army. Brigade commanders will have the rank of lieutenant general while serving in France.

It is the consensus of opinion in local military circles that the "brigade commanders" referred to in this cable are the commanders of army corps, which will be composed of several brigades and will be identical with the same units of the French and British armies.

Women "Commercial."

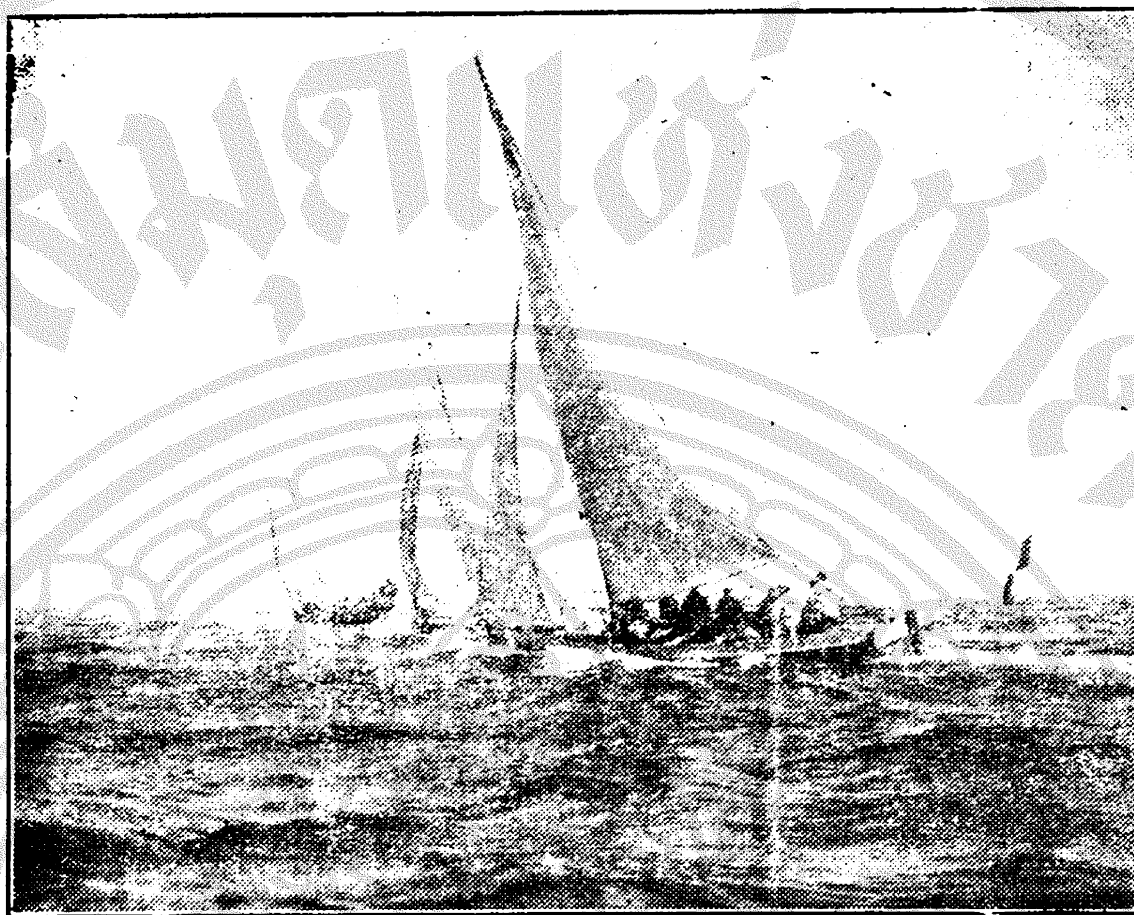
Men commercial travellers are complaining that some of the women who have recently taken "to the road" are ignoring well recognised rules and customs.

For example, says the Drapers' Record, it is an unwritten law that if a buyer is engaged with one traveller another shall not interrupt. Some women travellers seem to be flagrant offenders against this time honoured rule, and presume upon male politeness to an extent that causes much indignation.

"We are informed," adds the Record "that discussions on this subject in commercial rooms have been frequent and sometimes heated."

The number of women commercial travellers has increased considerably.

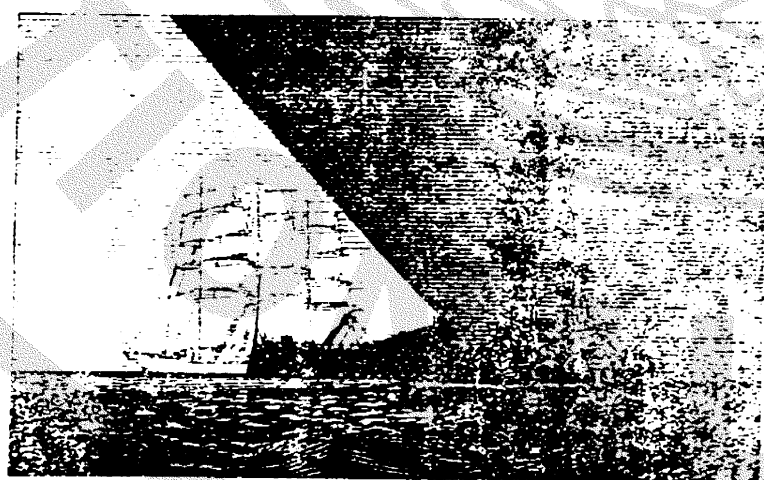
ONE of the most remarkable instances of profit earning by a cargo steamer has occurred at Liverpool. There arrived in the port a vessel which carried a cargo of 45,000 cases of onions from Valencia. The rate of freight paid on arrival was 16s. 6d. per case, which works out to the extraordinary total of over £37,000 for the nine days' voyage from Valencia to Liverpool. The vessel is not British owned, but sails under the flag of an Allied nation.



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