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" " " " 13	" " " " 8
" " " " 27	" " " " 23

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1916	1916
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" " " " 27	" " " " 5
" " " " 10	" " " " 19
" " " " 24	" " " " 3
" " " " 7	" " " " 17

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" " " " " "	22. " "
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DEPTH OF WATER ON THE
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FOR AUG., 1916.

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

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	H. W.	Ft. & in.		
16	8 00	14 2	1 2	6 0
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18	8 30	14 0	1 2	6 0
19	8 30	13 9	1 2	7 0
20	8 30	13 7	2 1	7 0
21	8 30	12 11
22	8 30	12 10
23	7 15	13 0
24	5 30	13 9	...	...
25	5 30	13 10	...	...
26	6 00	14 2	...	...
27	6 00	14 4	...	...
28	6 30	14 4	...	...
29	7 00	14 8	...	...
30	7 30	14 10	1 0	6 0
31	7 30	14 1	1 0	6 0
Sept. 1	7 30	14 5	1 2	7 0
2	7 30	14 8	1 2	7 0
3	8 00	14 3	...	...
4	8 00	14 0	...	...
5	8 00	13 8	...	...
6	3 30	13 5	...	...
7	3 30	13 10	...	...
8	5 00	14 2	...	...
9	5 00	14 5	...	...
10	5 30	14 8	...	...
11	6 00	14 8	...	...
12	6 00	14 11	...	...
13	6 30	14 10	...	...
14	6 30	14 6	1 0	7 0
15	7 00	14 1	1 0	7 0

PHASES OF THE MOON.

Sept. 5th) First Quarter 11 0 a.m.
" 12th) Full Moon 3 15 a.m.
" 19th) Last Quarter 0 17 p.m.
" 27th) New Moon 2 16 p.m.

Kedah.

One Hundred and Eighty Years Old.

Says the "Piang Gazette" Kedah Correspondent: There passed away in Kurung Hiten recently an old woman named Toh S-lama, who was reputed to be 180 years old at the time of her death. Old men of 60 and 70 years of age now residing in the same kampung had never remembered her to look any younger when they were boys, a fact which inclines one to allow her the longevity she claimed, though 120 years would be a safer guess since she distinctly remembered the first Siamese invasion which took place about 100 years ago. There are not many left in this world who could bridge the gulf between Waterloo and Verdun and still have a score of years to spare. In the course of my wanderings it has been my good fortune to come across three persons who could recollect the first Siamese invasion. One was Toh Wan Aroon, who died at the ripe age of a good many years ago at the ripe age of 110, this old lady Toh S-lama, and an old man still living in Padang Trap, who claims to be 180 years of age.

Early Days in Kedah.

No written record of the atrocities committed by the Siamese seems to exist and, as one has only to rely for the oral transmission of the history of these troublous times on these ancient patriarchs it seems a great pity that some able pen like Mr. Wilkinson or Winsted could not be enlisted to write down this most interesting period in the history of the Peninsula before the last link is snapped by death. The northern part of Kedah bore the brunt of the onslaught of the Siamese hordes as they surged over the land right down to Perak and completely did their work that the population was reduced from 200,000 to under 10,000. Large tracts of country in the Ulu, over which the gloom of desolation seems to hang, are still to this day uninhabited, with nothing but durian bushes and ruined stockades to tell the tale and mark the sites of once prosperous and populous villages. The terror of the time may well be imagined when it is recalled that mothers had been known to kill their babies in sheer desperation and fear that their cries would betray their hiding places.

An Old Ally.

As a curious, if not somewhat amusing, commentary of the relations that have existed between England and Kedah for over a century it is interesting to recall the historic fact—not generally known to the British public—owing to its obscurity and remoteness—that next to Portugal, Kedah is perhaps the oldest Ally of England by virtue of a defensive alliance entered into between the old John Company and Kedah, by which the latter was guaranteed protection against Siamese, her ancient enemy. By some mistake or misunderstanding which has never to this day been explained away, however when the Siamese, after being driven to Singora by the Malays under Tunku Mah Shah returned again to the attack in 1838, the promised British aid did not only fail, but was given instead to the Siamese, when an English frigate bombarded Kuala Kedah and Prai and decided the war in favour of the Siamese. Tunku Mah Shah was afterwards tried in Penang for piracy and acquitted, while the Sultan, Ahmad Tajuddin, retired first to Kelawei in Penang and

then went to Malacca, where he resided for several years before returning to Kuala Muda, the temporary capital, and later to Alor Star, which had by that time lapsed into jungle. The State of Kedah in those days extended from across the Krian river, in Perak, to Mergui on the west coast, and right up to Hutjai or Ootapa, in Singgora, on the east coast. The old boundary mark near Hutjai is still standing to this day.

Air And Sea Raids.

London, Aug. 12.—Official:—Two hostile seaplanes flew over Dover at noon. Four bombs were dropped causing no material damage. Anti-aircraft guns bombarded and aeroplanes pursued the raiders, who made off seaward. One officer and six men were wounded.

London, Aug. 11.—Sinkings: One British, one Spanish, two French, one Norwegian, and one Japanese steamer, three of which were in the Channel. The Japanese steamer was sunk in the Mediterranean. The submarine fired on the crew.

London, Aug. 12. Eleven sinkings are reported, including the steamers San Bernardo (British), Sebastiano (Italian), Henrie Lisa Marie (French), Danevang (Danish) and Sora (Norwegian).

Daily Mail Report.

London, Aug. 12.—The "Daily Mail" Copenhagen correspondent wires that a large German fleet, including Dreadnoughts, emerged from the Kiel Canal on Thursday and was sighted from Tranderup making at full-speed for the Little Belt.

An Unsolicited Testimonial.

London, Aug. 11.—The tribal chiefs of Aden have written to the Anti-Slavery Society highly appreciating the help of a British naval force in repelling the Mad Mullah's attack at Lascoray, which assistance has created in the minds of the tribesmen "a wonderful faith in and loyalty to British rule."

Egypt.

London, August 11.—An official report from Egypt states that the Turks have made further retreat under the pressure of our mounted troops. Turkish counterattacks were repulsed. The enemy casualties were very heavy. Our cavalry remained for observation of the enemy who retired to their entrenchments.

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On the Stokhod.

London, July 15.—The "Daily Telegraph's" Petrograd correspondent reports that the Russian General Staff in an explanatory statement on the situation on the Stokhod states that the battle stretches for 100 miles mostly coinciding with the valley of the Stokhod. Both Banks of the river between the two railways converging on Kovel are in Russian hands, but farther north the Germans at some places still retain the bank. There are indications that five additional German corps are deployed on the Stokhod of which three came from France while the remainder are from other parts of the Russian front. The fight for Baranovitchi covers a front of from 30 to 40 miles. The Russians are firmly established on their newly-won ground, but their progress is retarded by the strength of the enemy's line and the obstinacy of the defence. The Russians hold a position within six miles of the railway junction which strategically is almost equal to that of Kovel.

Russia's Successes.

Mr. Stanley Washburn telegraphs to the "Times" that since the 17th July when the German plans for a counter-offensive were overthrown, German formations have been rapidly disappearing from the Austrian front. He does not mention their reappearance farther north or offer any opinion as to where they have been sent, but makes the deduction that the Germans have probably abandoned any intention of risking their remaining strength in support of their collapsing ally.

The view that has always been accepted here is that Germany could not afford to allow Austria to collapse. Moreover, she would gain nothing thereby, as a front from Momi by way of Cracow to Switzerland would be longer than a straight line from Libau to Rumania.

Ghastly Losses.

The German suffered ghastly losses at the village of Kiazhi where they attacked repeatedly in dense formation. A withering fire from the Russian guns destroyed their gas containers, losing the gas among the Germans who fell back in piteous disorder. The slopes were carpeted by German corpses. The Austrians attempted to destroy the roads as they retreated, forcing the Russians to advance over quagmires. The Germans added to the dangers of the ghastly swamps by corralling sunken carcasses of barbed wire in the

quagmires from which the trapped men were unable to tear themselves. The Germans also placed mines in muddy channels. They even covered miles of ooze in a way that promised a firm foothold in the hope that it would prove a man trap to the Russian pursuers. The tactics were unwise. They resulted in unimportant losses which exasperated the army that had hitherto been in the habit of taking prisoners.

An American Opinion.

New York, July 16.—The "New York Times" in a striking article states that Germany can no longer live in a fool's paradise and she must realise that there is no hope that she will be able to dictate terms. Germany wants peace for the retention of Alsace Lorraine and Poland cannot be suggested to the men who surround the German armies with a ring of fire and force them to fight not for victory but for life.

German Prisoners in England.

London, July 16.—There are 20,000 German soldiers and sailors in Britain, and half of these are unemployed besides 150 employed by the Home-Grown Timber Committee, and 1,600 on the roads and water works and in camp making mailbags and doing camp duties. A new camp is being formed for engineering of a technical character. Some prisoners have been sent to France to unload ships and for this the Germans retaliated by sending prisoners to work at Lhasan and Windan.

A Mine Explosion.

London, July 11.—A wounded surgeon in a graphic description of a monster-mine exploded at Beaumont says that it took crack Lancashire miners seven months to excavate the exploding chamber. Fatigue parties were always being wanted to carry the earth out and to carry the explosives in and they used to ask miners "Ain't your damned 'grotty' ever going up?" "But my Lord it went up all right on the 1st July and half a village got a rise. The air was full of wagons, wheels, horses and Germans."

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THE Great War.

Important French Gains.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Aug. 18. Paris.—The communiqué says the French resumed the offensive on the Somme in the afternoon after an intense cannonade making important gains. They captured to the north of the Somme in conjunction with the British the whole line of German trenches on a mile of front. Simultaneously the French south of the Somme captured in one rush a system of powerfully fortified German trenches on a front of twelve hundred metres south of Belloy en Santerre.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Aug. 17. Yesterday on the Somme front we resumed the offensive making important gains north of Maurepas. We took, in conjunction with the British army, an entire line of German trenches on a front of 1,500 metres and all enemy positions east of the Maurepas-Cléry route.

South of the Somme we captured a system of German trenches which were strongly fortified on a length of 1,700 metres to the south of Belloy en Santerre.

To-day we are organising the positions conquered.

New French Attack.

Paris, Aug. 11.—French air-squadrons dropped bombs on the railway station and barracks at Vouziers and the railway station of Bazancourt.

Paris, Aug. 12.—A communiqué says: North of the Somme, several German trenches were brilliantly stormed in the afternoon. A fortified quarry and two small woods north of Hem wood were also captured by the French, who established a new line on the saddle south of Maurepas and along the Maurepas-Hem road.

Our reconnaissances penetrated Hem wood and east of the station of Hem, where we discovered a great many German corpses.

Paris, Aug. 13.—The afternoon communiqué says: The French north of the Somme attacked the third German position from east of Hardecourt to the Somme opposite Buscourt, and captured all trenches and fortified works on a front of 6½ kilometres to a depth of six hundred to a thousand metres and took a thousand prisoners and thirty machine-guns.

The French captured the southern part of the village of Maurepas and the cemetery. A German counter-attack between Maurepas and Cléry broke down under our fire.

Besides numerous daily raids, the Royal Flying Corps have recently made successful long distance raids on Zeppelin sheds at Brussels, railway sidings at Mons, railway sidings and airship sheds at Namur, and the railway stations of Busigny and Courtrai, both of which were twice attacked.

Only two out of sixty-eight raiding machines have failed to return.

London, Aug. 12.—The following is the full text of Sir Douglas Haig's communiqué:—The enemy renewed his efforts to recapture the trenches lately wrested from him on the high ground north of Pozieres, delivering a strong infantry attack yesterday evening, supported by heavy artillery. This was repulsed with heavy enemy loss. He succeeded nowhere in piercing our positions.

French air-squadrons dropped a hundred and twenty large bombs on Metz (Sablons) station and the railway workshops and barracks at Metz.

It was an aeroplane that detected the enemy concentration north of Pozieres. Our airmen yesterday carried out another long distance raid. Great damage was done to railway works and sidings. There were also several successful short raids and reconnaissances. Hostile aircraft were fairly active but avoided combat. An enemy machine was felled and a British machine is missing.

Items of Interest.

London, Aug. 10.—Wounded: Lieut Colonel Lewin, husband of the late Lord Roberts' daughter Edwina.

Paris, Aug. 12.—The Duke of Westminster has arrived from Egypt. He has recovered from the congestion of the lungs, but is still suffering from fever, and remains in hospital.

Shanghai, Aug. 10.—A great scandal has been caused by the arrest of four Yunnanese members of parliament on a charge of smuggling opium, of which seven thousand pounds, valued at a million taels, were found in their luggage, which, in view of their official position, was allowed to pass the Customs unexamined. There is reason to believe that this is less than half what they brought.

In Other Days.

Glimpses of Bangkok Twenty-Two Years Ago.

(Week Ending Sunday Aug. 19, 1894.)

The Assumption Church.—Yesterday (Wednesday) being the feast of the Resurrection of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a High Mass was celebrated by Bishop Vey, at 8 o'clock in the morning at which a large number of people were present. The service was choral and very effectively rendered, and the Church was prettily decorated. An afternoon service was also held at 3 p.m.

Arrivals.—Mr. J. S. Black, Registrar of H.B.M. Consular Court, arrived yesterday by the *Hecate*, having enjoyed his month's holiday immensely. Mr. Black stopped only 5 days at Sunang-laya, and during the rest of the time travelled nearly over 600 miles of Java. He was at Tosari, about 6,000 feet over the sea level where the thermometer registers 50 degrees. We hope shortly to publish an interesting account of all he saw.

The Cholera.—We understand that the Local Government with commendable activity has taken steps to investigate into the reported outbreak of cholera. One of our oldest physicians has been requested to furnish a report on those cases that have so far come to light. It would appear these were not of the true Asiatic type, but more cases of acute diarrhoea, induced by the consumption of fish, crabs and oysters that were not fit for human food. In any case the fact remains that after 24 and 48 hours of diarrhoea a number of deaths have occurred.

The Foot and Mouth Disease.—It appears that this disease is confined to the cattle from the Lophburi district. A dealer brought down 300 head from Prachin district on Friday last, not one of which has had any vestige of the disease. It is a pity the authorities do not take steps to prevent the spread of the murrain. Why should not Mr. Wittekind, who is a qualified Veterinary Surgeon, be even temporarily engaged to look after the cattle. There is a great trade in Bangkok cattle and their export brings in a fair sum to the revenue. A very small part of this sum spent on a Vet. will save the Government a lot of money for each animal dying in Bangkok means a loss of two ticals to the revenue.

British Activity in Sinai.

London, Aug. 11.—An official despatch from Egypt reports that the Turks have made a further retreat under the pressure of our mounted troops. Turkish counter-attacks were repulsed. The enemy casualties were most heavy. Our cavalry remained in observation of the enemy, who retired to their entrenchments.

Cairo, Aug. 12.—The latest news from Sinai is that the British are continually harassing the Turks, inflicting the heaviest casualties and taking prisoners.

London, Aug. 12.—The Commander in Chief in Egypt reports that cavalry are in contact with the Turkish rearguard at Hod el Hisha, northward of Bir el Abd. The British are threatening the enemy's line at various points. The enemy is constantly employed in removing his dead, of which there is a number before the Turkish position at Bir el Abd.

London, Aug. 13.—Sir Archibald Murray reports that our cavalry has driven back the Turks east of Bir el Abd and the pursuit continues. There are no material or stores at Bir el Abd.

Cairo, Aug. 13.—The situation in the Sinai peninsula is very satisfactory. Since Aug. 4 the Turks have been driven out of positions and pursued for fifty miles from the Suez Canal. The total enemy losses recently are estimated at seven thousand, of whom 3,534 are prisoners, four guns and huge quantity of war material.

British Help For Italy.

Milan, Aug. 13.—Mr. Runciman was well received on his arrival here after a two days' economic conference at Pallaanza with the Italian ministers of railways and commerce. Mr. Runciman in a speech said the conference had settled a number of difficulties and the supply of coal and other necessities to Italy would probably shortly be assured with a reduction in the price of coal. France had intimated her willingness to facilitate the transit of Italian produce to England. Britain was prepared to support efforts to develop the Italian mercantile marine. Minister Deneva said the conference had been most cordial and was a further step in the development of Anglo-Italian relations.

Mesopotamia.

London, Aug. 12.—The Times says it believes that the Government is doing its best to improve the position in Mesopotamia, but calls for more candour, instancing the withholding of the report of the Vincent Committee. It also urges the purging of the army headquarters at Simla and the removal of control of the campaign to Bombay.

Italy's Great Thrust.

Rome, Aug. 11.—Official: We occupied the whole of the Doberdo plateau and reached the line of the Vallone, eastward of which the enemy was completely routed, and retired after having been driven out of their strongest defences, in the San Michele San Martino sector.

Milan, Aug. 12.—While the Italian advance guards forded the Isonzo and engaged the enemy in the outskirts of Gorizia, bombing and machine gunning the enemy out of the houses, the main body crossed the bridges, which were repaired in a few hours, as the Austrians in their desperate haste had ineffectually fired the mines. The Italian artillery crossed in a tornado of shell fire in most important style.

The Austrians have driven the civilian population towards Ljubach, but the non-combatants were caught in the curtainfire and had to return. Tragic scenes were enacted as the women and children took refuge in ruins and dug-outs, shrieking for help, and finally regained the town, where they hid in cellars awaiting deliverance. Seven thousand were thus found by the Italians, and joined the soldiery in exultant hurrahs, many weeping for joy.

Prominent residents of Gorizia had long been exiled or imprisoned, but the Italian spirit was undiminished. Two ladies climbed the castle in the darkness and hoisted the Italian flag before the Austrian commander fled.

Rome, Aug. 12.—The communiqué says that the Italians have crossed the Vallone, capturing two strongly defended heights. The occupied Oppidina Sella at dawn capturing 270 prisoners and three field guns. The Austrians are holding out on the hills to the eastward of Gorizia supported by artillery from the Bainsizza (Bainizza) plateau.

The capture of the entire fortified zone of the Carso west of Vallone was an official description of a battle of importance to the fall of Gorizia. Both positions were parts of the Austrian Isonzo defence. The walls of the Carso zone has been transformed in a year's work to a vast formidable fortress. Trenches are sunk deep in the rocks, armour plated, and defended by entanglements and mine fields, connected by an immense system of communication trenches. Natural caves sheltered swarms of troops who could use the most murderous fire. Perfect telephone and telegraph installations enabled the command to regulate the fire of hundreds of guns in the rear. The Austrians considered the position impregnable.

Air-Raid on Venice.—London, Aug. 11.—The Italian communiqué says: Two persons were killed and some damage done by a hostile air-raid on Venice.

The Austrian communiqué says: Twenty aeroplanes dropped 3½ tons of bombs on Venice with very destructive effect and caused a dozen fires, one of which, in cotton mills, was visible for twenty five miles.

Rome, Aug. 12.—Official: The Austrian air raid on Venice on Tuesday night caused only negligible damage to railway and military establishments, but completely destroyed the church of Santa Maria Formosa.

Bucharest, Aug. 12.—There were 115 killed and 130 injured in an explosion in a powder factory at Duleschti.

Church Services.

Assumption Church.

August the 20th, 10th Sunday after Pentecost.
5.20 a.m. 1st Mass.
6.10 a.m. 2nd Mass for the Native Community.
8 a.m. 3rd and last Mass for the Foreign Community.
4 p.m. Rosary, Instruction, Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament.
WEEK DAYS.
5.30 a.m. 1st Mass.
6 a.m. 2nd and last Mass.
Devotion of the Month: The Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Christ Church.

Service for 9th Sunday after Trinity. Evensong and Celebration of Holy Communion at 6 p.m.
Processional: *Rejoice, the Lord is King.*
Psalm: 103 Chant C. H. Lloyd in A flat.
Magnificat: From *Reed's Service in C.*
Hymns: The Heavenly Word proceeding forth. Author of life Divine.
Kyrie: Cakim in A flat.
Final Amen: Threefold.

S. Mary's Mission.

Sunday, Aug. 20.—9th Sunday after Trinity.
9 a.m.—Matins and sermon.
Hymns: This is the day the Lord hath made. Come to our poor nature's night. Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven.
4 p.m.—Sunday School.
Wednesday, Aug. 23.
6.30 p.m.—Short Service of Prayer for those engaged in the War.

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Russian Strategy.

London, July 14.—An analysis of the recent Russian strategy and tactics show that General Brussiloff's is to attack with great vigour at a particular point until the enemy strength thins in the threatened sectors. The Russians then fall back on the defensive but make a violent thrust elsewhere against the sectors where the Austrians and Germans have thinned the lines in order to re-inforce the more critical points of the battlefield. The Germans have thus found their old system of quickly entraining reinforcements to different points of the line quite useless. A Hungarian staff officer, who was recently at the Russian front, states that General Brussiloff's strategy is a strange mixture of the light Gallic spirit and slow, heavy, forceful Slav method. The preparation for an attack is carried out on the German system of employing most formidable artillery concentrated at a given point. Heavy and machine guns with unlimited ammunition commence a twenty hours gunfire. Meanwhile the attacking columns are concentrated, blessed by a priest and marched past with a picture of Saint Mary of Moscow. The bombardment commences at dawn and ends at nightfall. The defenders are then utterly exhausted but they expect a night attack and everybody is awake and ready to fire. Nerves are shattered and eyes are burning with fatigue and excitement but nothing occurs until dawn when the bombardment recommences. The defenders pass another day, sleepless and nerve racked, until they feel that an attack would be a welcome relief. Perhaps an attack will be finally launched at noon, the bombardment only stopping when the attackers have reached the German position. In most cases the defenders are so exhausted that they are unable to fight amid the debris in the trenches. Having ample reserves, General Brussiloff sends a fresh Regiment into the fight daily while the Austrians and Germans are obliged to keep every man in the fighting line. The fact that the Austrians and Germans have used explosive bullets freely has infuriated the Russians.

Kovel's Defences.

Petrograd, July 14.—The furious struggle along the whole length of both banks of the Stockhod is assuming the character of trench warfare. The Germans are massing all their available reserves to defend Kovel to the last gasp since its fall would give the Russians the key to Brest, Litovsk and thence to Poland.

A correspondent of the "Russkoe" states that Generals von Linsingen, Mackensen and Hindenburg, in a Military Council at Kovel yesterday, elaborated plans to attack General Keledine on two sides from the north and west. Powerful offensive groups have been concentrated, each of five divisions strong and the Kovel group has been concentrated almost openly in order to rivet the Russians' attention. During the preparation for the Vladimir Volynsk attacks ceaseless German demonstrative attacks between the Stockhod and the Styr have been supported by a terrible fire from hundreds of guns while only unimportant skirmishes have been made in the Vladimir Volynsk region to the westward in order further to mask the westward concentration. The Germans massed troops beyond the Bug until on the eve of their advance they suddenly hurled them against Zaturty on the Lusk-road by means of light railways and motor lorries. A storm broke upon Zaturty in the middle of the fight and the Russian first line of trenches soon resembled a ploughed field. The defenders were obliged to take refuge in shell pits.

German Reserves.

Mr. Percival Gibbon, the English novelist, who is at the Eastern front, says that through trains are running from Brussels to Kovel, pouring along the lines as fast as possible and bringing ever more from Germany's great reservoirs of flesh and blood. The Russians' latest prisoners include men utterly inexperienced in fighting. They were whirled eastward, detained in a vast primeval forest and tumbled headlong into one of the most desperate battles in history.

The latest and most significant reinforcement is General von Hindenburg whom the prisoners report to be at Kovel with General von Linsingen and Galaxi and other generals.

The Russians recently captured some Bulgarians sent to the eastern front against their will and compelled to advance by the German threat that they would be fired on by machine-guns if they refused.

Swiss Independence.

Berne, July 16.—Germany's attempt to bully Switzerland to sell her vast stores of cotton seems to have definitely failed. The semi-official "Journal de Geneve" declares that further German menaces will be regarded as unfriendly acts and it reminds Germany that the Swiss army consists of 500,000 men in splendid condition and ready for war.

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Protest from Austria.

The Deutsche Ueberseedienst reports: Berlin, July 27.—The Austro-Hungarian Government has protested to neutrals on account of renewed criminal attacks of the enemy submarines against the Blokovo, an Austro-Hungarian trading vessel. The unarmed steamer, of 223 tons, with a female passenger on board, was attacked off Capalananka without any warning, two torpedoes being fired against her. Further, the unarmed steamer Albanian, 1,100 tons, off the Island of Dofin, was sunk, without any warning by two torpedoes, probably fired by an Italian submarine. Three sailors were drowned.

Rumania Suspected.

Bukharest, Aug. 13.—Three German seaplanes flew over Constanza and the adjacent coast carefully inspecting the ground.

Portuguese Joining.

London, Aug. 11.—The Portuguese President, telegraphing to the Paris Journal says: We have already sent soldiers to East Africa. Now we are going to fight also on the European front where we are proud to co-operate with the Allies.

Words of Caution.

London, Aug. 10.—Undue optimism arising from the Allies' successes is deprecated. Experts point out that the Italians must still conquer the bulk of an extensive natural fortress before reaching Trieste. The fall of Stanislau which will cut off railway communication between the enemy armies north and south of the Dniester is unlikely without severe fighting. Though Austria seems reeling, the collapse of Germany is not near.

London, August 11.—Amsterdam. While the Allies have been battering the enemy upon every side for weeks, the Germans have observed complete silence regarding their intentions and German papers have been talking of an impenetrable wall of steel on both fronts. A German evening comic unique makes the first admission that the wall has been shaken by saying that re-grouping of troops is proceeding.

Solonika.

London, August 11.—Solonika: The French have opened a bombardment on the town of Doiran.

London, August 11.—Solonika: The French have advanced and occupied the hill south, and the railway station five miles east of Doiran.

London, August 11.—Paris. General Sarrail has been formally appointed generalissimo of the Allied forces at Solonika. General Cordonier commands the French army at Solonika.

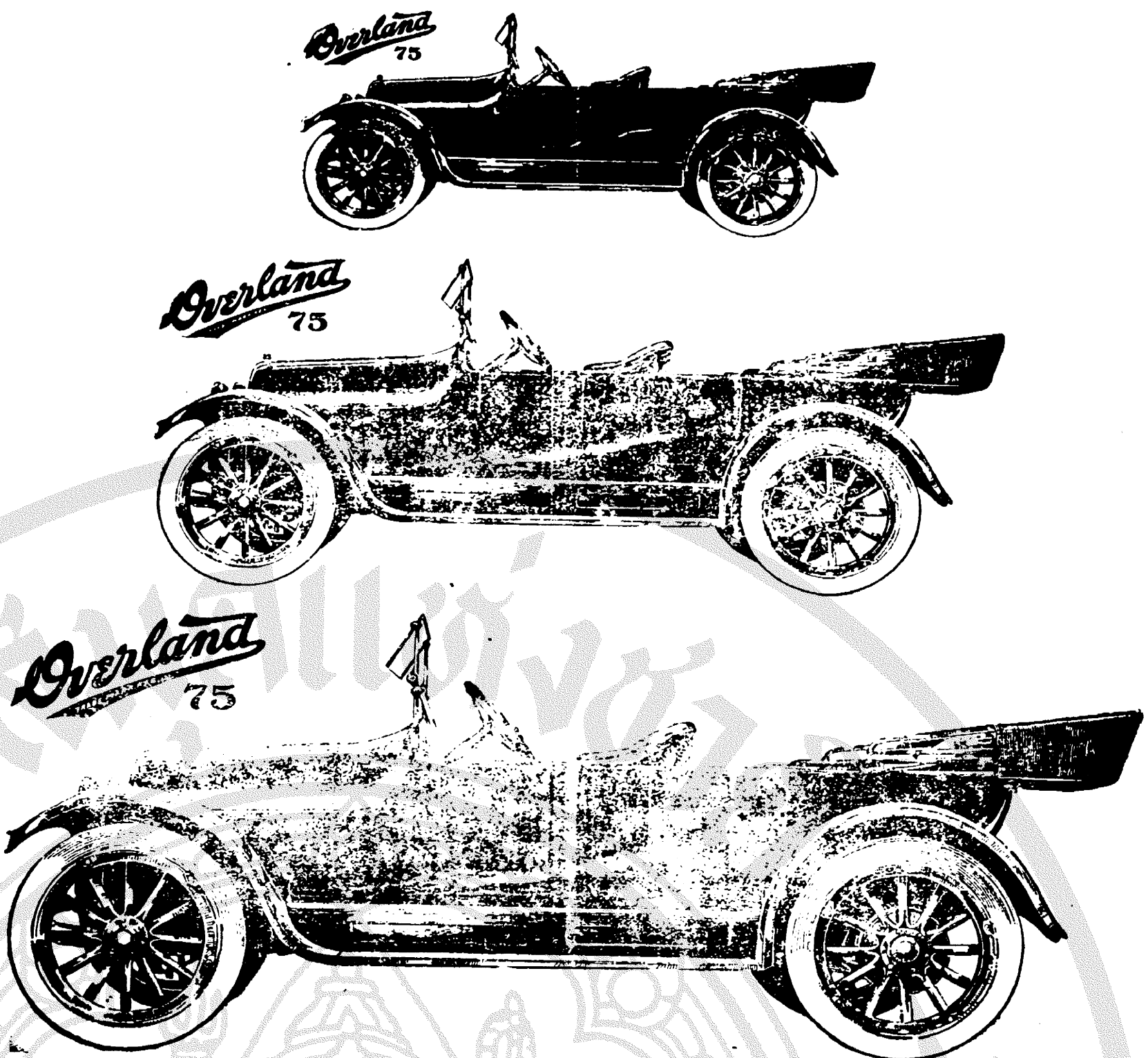
German People's Awakening.

London, July 15.—The Rotterdam correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" states:—There is a great change in the outlook of the German people. Instead of comparative confidence there is deepest anxiety. It is significant that the change has taken place during the last four days. The public were first told that the Allies' offensive had failed and now they have suddenly realized that the struggle is only beginning. Every newspaper is warning the people to expect a furious and prolonged conflict. The Government and the higher military circles in Berlin have serious forebodings and great fear seems to have suddenly entered the Germans' hearts. The communiques still say that the Allies have obtained no serious advantage, but alongside this are the Allies' official communiqués giving a list of places, prisoners and booty captured. The truth can no longer be withheld from the German people and the public are being prepared for an unfavourable development. The newspapers insist that there are immense reserves for the British army and deliberate caution is being exercised by the British generals.

Major Morait plantively admits that the Russian offensive has been more sustained than any one in the world expected and the public are openly criticizing the Austrians. They even talk of a defensive war on Germany's frontier. This is a startling change from a fortnight ago when the public believed that the German army leaders held the initiative and when every one was talking of the conquest of Verdun and von Hindenburg's new offensive.

Conditions in Germany.

London, July 16.—Mr. Philip Gibbs writing in the "Daily Chronicle" states that Germany's food policy is "soldiers first." Prisoners' letters disclose increasing hardships. One woman wrote to a German soldier: "You reproach me for not writing. If I told the truth about the conditions here at home I would be locked up. There are tickets for everything, flour, sausage, sugar and soap." Another woman wrote: England is not so wrong about starving us out. If the war lasts another three months we will be done. God is punishing us too severely. I had no meat for six weeks. We are all on the down-wards path. Riots continue in the market. Even some people with money are unable to buy anything."



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A naval Chaplain went back, brushed the burning propellant off them and pulled them out, and got badly burned about the face and hands in doing so. With every feature disfigured and almost blinded, he was left, almost by force, below. The pain must have been excruciating. But he protested he was an absolute fraud, not a bit hurt, and that they ought to be giving their attention to people who were seriously injured.

Another chaplain, hit in the spine, was told by the doctor that he only had a few hours to live. He sat in the chair, conversing cheerily with those around him till death came—by far the least concerned of all in the company.

Rainfall.

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

MONDOL KRUNG KAO.		
At Krung Kao	Aug. 11	11.5 mm.
.. Krung Kao	..	15 8.5 ..
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.. Lobburi	..	15 19.4 ..
.. Angtong	..	16 1.7 ..
.. Singhburi	..	16 1.0 ..

MONDOL NAGOR JASRI.		
At Sundagor	Aug. 14	0.5 ..
.. Subaruburi	..	15 16.1 ..

MONDOL RAJBURI.		
At Kanchanaburi	Aug. 15	7.7 ..
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At Nakhongsaeng	Aug. 15	8.0 ..
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.. Prachinburi	..	16 18.3 ..
.. Nagor Nayok	..	16 22.1 ..

MONDOL NAGOR SVARGA.		
At Kambangbejra	Aug. 14	15.1 ..
.. Nagor Svarga	..	15 9.7 ..
.. Tak	..	15 3.7 ..
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Satisfactory Results of the Year's Operations.

The ninth ordinary general meeting of the Siamese Tin Syndicate, Limited, was held on July 17, at Winchester House, Old Broad Street, E.C., Mr. Wm. H. P. Stevens presiding.

The Chairman, after having apologized for the absence of the chairman, Mr. Cyril K. Butler, through domestic anxiety, proceeded to move the adoption of the report and accounts, saying: "If you will take the balance-sheet, and, in the first place, look on the debit side, you will observe that the capital stands at the same figures as before. The item sundry creditors in London, £4,955 12s. 3d., is principally made up of the sum reserved for income tax and for the payment of the additional directors' remuneration provided under the articles of association. The £3,113 6s. 11d. shown as due to sundry creditors in Siam is for salaries and wages accrued and such ordinary trade accounts as were unpaid at the date of closing the books. On the debit side of the balance sheet you will see that the whole of the formation expenses and the registration expenses in connection with the increase of capital, £26,214 19s. 4d., have been written off. This side of the balance sheet is all the more satisfactory from the fact that the loans, which in the last accounts figured at £8,000, have been paid off and the loans account has disappeared. If you turn to the credit side you see in detail the various items written off for depreciation. These amount to £8,173 10s., and the directors believe that the amount so written off is sufficient and that the remaining values are fully represented in the assets to which they respectively refer; moreover, the properties themselves are carried in the books at values that leave altogether out of account the values of their metallic contents, which must run to many hundreds of thousands of pounds. The only other item to which I need refer is the coconut plantations, which are carried at the general manager's valuation of £10,137 16s. 2d. The expenditure upon these plantations has been charged against revenue in the trading account. In the trading account you will see that for the tin ore won in the nine months we realised the large sum of £78,136 18s. 10d., and that, after charging all working expenses and the upkeep of the coconut plantations, we were able to carry to the profit and loss account the substantial sum of £32,070 6s. 3d. The profit and loss account for the nine months shows a net profit, subject only to excess-profits duty (if any) of £30,533 17s. 8d., be-

ing equivalent to profit at the rate of only just under 23 per cent. per annum, which, having regard to the abnormally high cost of all stores, materials, repairs, renewals, freights and insurance during the period under review, must be regarded as highly satisfactory. Interim dividends of 10 per cent. each were paid out in October and March, absorbing £24,000, and there remains undivided the sum of £4,207 17s. 8d., which the directors propose to carry forward.

Work of the Dredges.

Turning to the manager's report, it will, I think, be interesting to you if I add the following further details:—The value of the ground worked, after deducting royalty, averaged approximately 12,854 per cubic yard—of which 6,261 was absorbed in working costs and 6,593 remained as profit. The sale price of our ore averaged £196 15s. 10d. per ton, as against £241 12s. 3d. per ton in 1911. Our working costs out at £15 19s. 2d. per ton, as against £35 6s. in 1911; the royalty paid represented £12 9s. 9d., as compared with £10 2s. and £18 6s. 11d. per ton, as compared with £19 1s. 3d. in 1911, remained as profit. The working costs are undoubtedly high, but having regard to all the circumstances with which the general manager deals in his report, and to what is common knowledge to all of us—viz., the abnormally high cost in this country of everything that we send out in the nature of stores and materials, spare parts, repair parts, and, indeed, everything connected with machinery of any kind, I do not think they can be considered to have been avoidably high. The general manager, in this report, tells us of the difficulties they have experienced in connection with the suction gas plants for the operation of the dredges and of the time lost in trying to overcome them. The board, as you were told last year, felt that in the interests of the shareholders it was desirable that a representative of the makers of the plant should go out and investigate, and see what could be done to obtain more satisfactory results under the conditions under which the engines have to work. The general manager touches upon the work of overhaul done by this man, and you will have noticed that he reports that after his visit alterations were introduced by our own engineer, which have proved most successful. We hope that hereafter these engines may work satisfactorily in spite of the adverse local conditions in the matter of water and gas. With regard to our other properties the general manager's report gives you practically all the information that there is to give. It will be obvious to you all that, even if we were able to find a manufacturer able and willing to undertake to build a new dredge (and I

am certain we could not, as all such firms are to-day "controlled" establishments "under the Munitions Act, and fully employed in turning out munitions of war) the price we should have to pay for such dredges under existing war conditions would be prohibitive and quite unjustifiable.

The General Manager.

The general manager's report is so good that it seems almost impertinent for me to presume to dot any of its "i's." The Siamese Tin Syndicate is his creation, and most of us are in it because we know that he is himself very largely interested in it, that his heart and soul are in its success, and we are content to back his judgment. I do not mean to suggest that he is incapable of making mistakes, but I do say that if he does make a mistake he is quick and fearless to admit it and it is this quality in him that makes it so satisfactory to be associated with him. We have an illustration of what I mean in his report on the coconut outlay. He advised the original outlay and cheerfully shoulders the responsibility for having done so. But he owns that, in the light of further experience, he now thinks it was a mistake. The plantations that we have got will be maintained, and will, I hope, eventually do well and produce revenue. But I am bound to say that I entirely agree that, as we are a mining concern, and as his great ability and knowledge are all in the line of minerals and mining, we are stultifying ourselves if we ask him to waste his time and our money on outside ventures for which he has no special aptitude and which we should never miss if we never touched them. The chairman was able and willing last December to undertake the somewhat arduous journey, under war conditions, and to visit Mr. Scott at Ngow. I wish he were here to tell you the impressions he received. I will only say that they were in all respects most favourable, and that he formed the opinion that in the staff, whose acquaintance he made, the general manager has associated with himself a very able force, to whose keenness and untiring energy much of the company's success is due. An interim dividend of 10 per cent. in respect of the profits of the current year is to be paid on the 14th inst., and it is hoped that it may be possible to maintain such distribution at regular intervals. Ladies and gentlemen, I have finished. It only remains for me to add that I am sure you will wish me to express to the general manager and staff in Siam the thanks of the shareholders for their loyal service to the company. I now beg to move the adoption of the report and accounts.

Sir James Heath, Bart., seconded the

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the resolution, and it was carried unanimously.

The retiring director, Mr. T. Gilbert Scott, and the auditors, Messrs. McAuliffe, David and Hope, having been re-elected, the proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

War Conference in Paris.

Paris, Aug. 12.—Mr. Lloyd George, General Maurice and Colonel Buckley conferred with M. Briand (the French Premier) and the Ministers for War and Munitions, and Generals Joffre and Castellan. It is announced that the discussion showed complete harmony with reference to the progress of joint military operations.

Another Advance in East Africa.

London, Aug. 13.—Official General Smith states that various forces commenced simultaneously on Aug. 5 a forward movement against the main enemy force which since its defeat on June 24 on the Lukigira river has occupied strong positions in the fertile and well watered tract in the Nouru mountains. Stubborn actions developed resulting in the defeat of the enemy at Matamondo and Tschungo whence he was pursued. The enemy's losses were relatively severe, ours were small.

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