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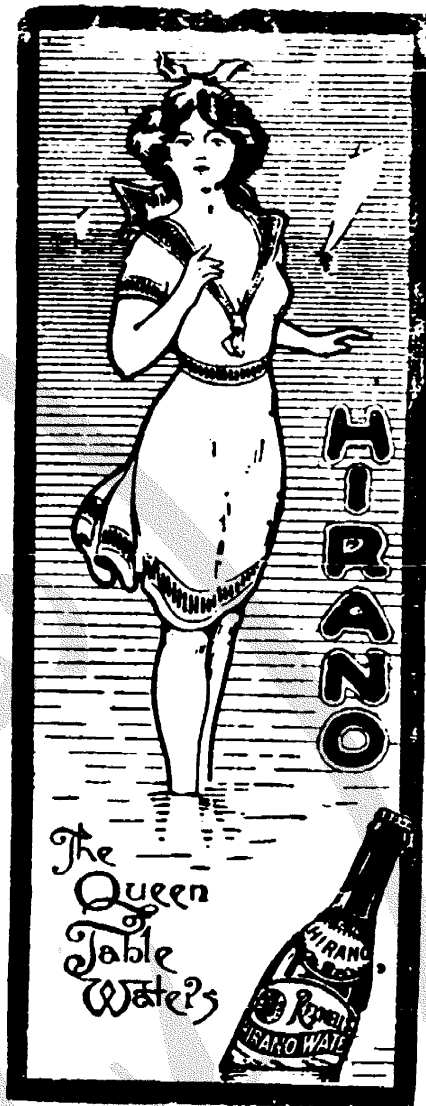
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Mar.

A.M.

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

1 7 00 14 4 Feet.

2 7 00 14 2

3 7 00 14 2

4 7 00 14 4

5 7 00 14 6

6 7 00 14 8

7 7 00 14 8

8 7 00 14 10

9 7 00 14 10

10 7 00 14 10

11 7 00 14 10

12 7 00 14 10

13 7 00 14 10

14 7 00 14 6

15 7 00 14 6

16 7 00 14 6

17 7 00 14 4

18 7 00 14 8

19 7 00 14 10

20 7 00 14 10

21 7 00 14 10

22 7 00 14 10

23 7 00 14 6

24 7 00 14 6

25 7 00 14 8

26 7 00 14 8

27 7 00 14 10

28 7 00 14 10

29 7 00 14 10

30 7 00 14 8

31 7 00 14 6

P.M.

Mar.

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

1 10 0 13 5 Feet.

2 11 0 13 3

3 ... 3 0 7 0

4 ... 4 0 7 0

5 ... 5 6 7 0

6 2 00 12 0 5 6 7 0

7 3 00 12 6 6 7 0

8 4 00 13 0 7 8 6 0

9 6 00 13 6 9 10 6 0

10 6 00 14 0 11 12 6 0

11 7 00 14 10 1 2 6 0

12 7 00 14 10 1 2 7 0

13 8 00 15 0 1 4 7 0

14 9 30 14 2 1 4 7 0

15 11 00 14 0 2 4 6 0

16 ... 3 0 6 0

17 ... 4 0 6 0

18 ... 5 0 6 0

19 2 00 11 0 5 6 7 0

20 3 00 11 6 5 6 7 0

21 4 00 12 6 7 8 7 0

22 4 30 13 0 8 9 7 0

23 6 00 14 0 9 10 7 0

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26 7 00 15 0 11 12 6 0

27 8 00 15 0 12 0 7 0

28 9 00 15 0 ... 7 0

29 9 00 14 2 1 0 7 0

30 10 00 14 0 1 0 7 0

31 11 00 14 0 1 2 6 0

PHASES OF THE MOON.

Mar. 9th O Full Moon 4 h 40 m a.m.

16th (Last Quarter) 7 h 15 m p.m.

23rd O New Moon 10 h 47 m a.m.

28th) First Quarter 5 h 18 m p.m.

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Air Raids.

London, Mar. 16.—The Press Bureau
says a hostile aeroplane at 5.30 this
morning dropped bombs on Westgate.
There were no casualties and only
slight damage was done.

London, Mar. 18.—The French com-
munique says that at 5.30 this morning,
Zeppelin L. 29 which had flown over
the region of Paris was hit at a height
of 3,500 metres, when just above Com-
piègne by our anti-aircraft guns, and fell
afire in some town gardens. All the
crew perished. Neither the fall of the
airship nor the explosion of her bombs
did any damage.

Paris, March 18.—The Zeppelin fell
on a wall separating two gardens in a
mass of formless debris.

London, March 18.—Master's French
Headquarters says the Zeppelin L. 29
was staggering homeward wings by a
French aeroplane which was over-
coming it just on daybreak. An in-
cendiary shell from an anti-aircraft
battery hit the starboard of the airship,
which in a few seconds was a blazing
torch. The cargo of bombs exploded
before she reached the ground.

Russian Fighting.

London, March 18.—Wireless Rus-
sian official: The enemy attacked in
the region of Stanislavov; counter at-
tacks drove them out.

We dislodged the Turks from a forti-
fied summit westward of Kermanshab.

China and Germany.

The following official telegram from
the Foreign Office, Peking, has been
courteously forwarded to the Singapore
papers by the Chinese Consul Gen-
eral.

China has been maintaining strict
neutrality since the outbreak of the
war. Chinese citizens serving on board
foreign merchantmen have lost their
lives through submarine warfare. Since
February, Germany has conducted
submarine warfare and prescribed ex-
tensive war zones, thus disturbing the
world's commerce and imperilling neu-
tral lives and property, to which
Chinese lives and property will be
exposed to an even greater extent.
Government in the interests of peace,
international law and humanity, regis-
tered its protest on February 9th, hop-
ing that Germany would abandon her
blockade policy, thereby enabling Chi-
nese citizens to travel to or from
Europe with safety. But contrary to
expectations Germany has ruthlessly
conducted her submarine warfare,
whereby about one thousand Chinese
have lost their lives when travelling on
European steamers.

On the tenth instant a Note was re-
ceived from the German Minister,
saying that the blockade policy cannot
be abandoned. Government after full
consultation and obtaining the views
of Parliament, considered the German
action as highhanded and ignoring
Chinese friendship, which, if viewed
with indifference, will undermine its
position among nations and [China]
should therefore sever relations.

On the 14th instant the German
Minister was notified of the breach of

existing diplomatic relations and was
given his passport assigning a time
limit in which to leave Chinese terri-
tory.

In conclusion it must be emphasised
that the Government in severing rela-
tions with Germany was doing so for
the protection of Chinese citizens and
for the maintenance of its position
among nations. Therefore it was con-
strained to take this measure.

The above is for the information of
Chinese abroad, who not knowing the
home situation, may misunderstand
Government action.



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Fleeing Turkish Army.

London, March 18.—Mesopotamia official: Fighting took place on the right bank of the Tigris on Wednesday. The Turkish rear-guard was driven from ridges to a position covering the railway station of Musaiidic. We captured the position early in the morning of Thursday. By Friday the whole of the enemy force, remnants of three divisions, were in full flight towards Samarra.

London, March 18.—The Press Bureau says that General Maude has issued a proclamation at Baghdad. "The British have come not as conquerors but as liberators, to relieve you of the tyranny and bondage of the Tifco-Germans who have despoiled you and made Baghdad for twenty years a centre assailing British power in Persia and Arabia. The Entente hopes that the Arab race will again rise to greatness and renown." He invites representatives to participate in the civil management and collaboration with the British political representatives accompanying the Army.

London, March 17.—The correspondent of the Times at Athens says a diplomatic source states as a result of defeats in Mesopotamia the Turks intend, if the Germans permit, to recall troops from the east fronts to deal out Ottoman territories and also to call out practically the whole male population.

London, March 17.—The King of the Hedjaz has telegraphed congratulating the British on the occupation of Baghdad and thanking God for the liberation of the city from criminal hands and praying the Almighty to grant victory to those defending justice and civilisation.

London, March 18.—Wireless Russian official: In the region of Ognot we have occupied Asarabi Village. In the direction of Sukhiz we occupied Sarana Bana under difficult conditions, passages being made through snow higher than a man on horseback, the troops sheltering at night in snow caverns.

Our cavalry forced a Turkish column retiring towards Kermanshah into the roadless mountains. We captured a bridge westward of Kermanshah.

Air and Sea Raids.

London, March 17.—Later accounts of the Zeppelin raid in Kent say it is reported people heard the first and others later, but the engines were clearly audible and flashes in the sky were visible. Some bombs were dropped and seemed to be powerful, falling with loud explosions.

The Compiègne deputy Butin says

that when the Zeppelin was falling, four of the crew threw themselves out and came crashing to the ground. The metal buttons and the clothes of the crew enabled him to identify the vessel as a naval airship of a cubic capacity of fifty thousand metres, similar to those last brought down in England.

London, Mar. 19.—The Press Bureau: Enemy destroyers approached the Kentish coast at 12.45 this morning and fired shells on coast towns. There were no casualties. Slight damage was done to three houses.

A Zeppelin made a raid south-west of Riga.

Rupert Brooke's Grave.

The following account of the burial of the body of the young poet, Rupert Brooke, on the Greek island of Skyros, was written by one of his comrades, who has since been killed in action, says the Sunday Times.

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And so we laid him to rest in that lovely valley, his head towards those mountains that he would have loved to know and his feet towards the sea. He once said in chance talk that he would like to be buried in a Greek island. He could have no lovelier one than Skyros, and no quieter resting-place.

On his grave we heaped great blocks of white marble: the men of his company made a great wooden cross for his head, with his name upon it, and his platoon put a smaller one at his feet. On the back of the large cross our interpreter wrote in Greek. "Here lies the servant of God, sub-lieutenant in the English Navy, who died for the deliverance of Constantinople from the Turks."

The next morning we sailed, and had no chance of revisiting his grave. That is the spot which is in Brooke's own words—"For ever England."

Paris, March 18.—M. Marcel Hutin calls attention to the systematic burning of all villages by the retreating Germans which in the circumstances is totally unjustifiable.

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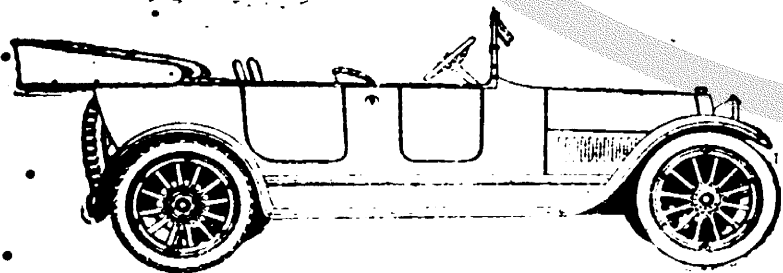
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Notice is hereby given that Monday the 2nd April 1917 will be observed as a Holiday in the Customs Service.

By order of
THE DIRECTOR GENERAL.
Custom House.
26th March 1917.

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Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the City Hotel has been sold to Mr. H. Meng as from the 24th of this month. All persons having claims against the City Hotel up to this date are hereby requested to present such claims to the undersigned not later than the 30th of April 1917. And all persons who are indebted to the City Hotel on the above date are requested to pay such debts to the undersigned not later than the 30th of April 1917.

MRS. M. PRÜFER.
26th March 1917.

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Notice

Notice is hereby given that the 21st Ordinary General Meeting of the SIAMSE TRAMWAY COMPANY, LIMITED will be held at its Office on Friday the 30th March 1917 at 4.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving and adopting the Directors' Report and Accounts for the year 1916, declaring a dividend and transacting other ordinary business.

By Order of the Board,
FRED. G. DESEUS,
Secretary.

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Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the 36th Ordinary General Meeting of the SIAM ELECTRICITY COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at its Office on Thursday, 29th March 1917 at 5.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving and adopting the Directors' Report and Accounts for 1916, declaring a dividend and transacting other ordinary business.

W. L. GRUT,
Vice-Chairman.

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Notice.

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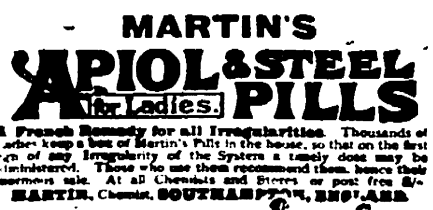
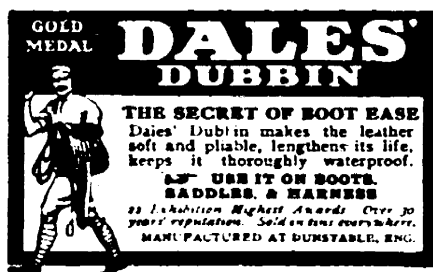
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MONDAY, MARCH 26, 1917.

THE PEACE LEAGUE.

The proposed formation of an international league for the preservation of peace, and the initial steps which have already been taken in that direction, give an augury that the idea of the community of nations may eventually be brought down from the nebulous regions of philosophy into the sphere of practical politics. The movement originated in the United States, but we have been assured by its promoters that the organisation did not seek to attempt any sort of interference between the present belligerents, its sole object being to establish and maintain peace after the close of the war. At the time the league was founded America was in a detached position, and could view the struggle with dispassionate eyes. Since then, however, America has been drawn nearer and nearer to the vortex of warfare, and he would be a bold man who would venture to predict that she will not eventually find herself, not a victim, plunged into the swirling eddies of the conflict. Should this happen and she be forced to adopt the attitude of a partisan, we shall doubtless observe a marked change of tone in her expressions of opinion, whether official or individual. But whether or not America is dragged into the war, it is certain that the Peace League will not cease its efforts, and it will have an ardent supporter in President Wilson himself. There is no doubt that, outside of America, Mr. Wilson has been misjudged to no small extent. This is due mostly, perhaps, to his intense desire to preserve the strictest official neutrality—a desire which has frequently led him to make an unfortunate choice of words in his diplomatic notes. Paradoxically enough, his phrases lent themselves to ambiguity and misinterpretation by the very reason of their coldly-exact precision, and instead of acting in any degree like oil upon troubled waters they wounded the susceptibilities and aroused the ire of each side in the great conflict. But the intelligent minority held a different opinion, realising that Mr. Wilson's position was an extremely difficult and delicate one. His first duty is to his own country, and he has been called upon to steer the ship of state along a perilous and deviating course. In him the American nation has been fortunate in possessing exactly the cool, level-headed and sagacious leader that she needed in a period of storm and stress. It is to be hoped that America will not be forced to fight, but should it come to that her President may be relied upon to handle the situation with vigour and firmness once he is committed to action. But America's influence is likely to have most scope for exertion in the preparations for a comity of nations that will ensue after the war. No nation nowadays can desire or afford to hold itself aloof from the rest of the world, and consequently every nation has a vital interest in the maintenance of future peace. There has been much speculation amongst the curious as to whether America, in the new international relations which she contemplates, will not find herself obliged to relinquish the principles of the Monroe Doctrine to which she has up to now so stoutly adhered. It is highly probable that, in order to consolidate a League of Peace that shall have real and permanent strength, the famous Doctrine will be permitted to lapse into desuetude.

German Red Cross Fete

It was fortunate that this Fete had been arranged to occupy two days, as the gathering on Saturday was to a large extent spoiled by unfavourable weather. To make up for this in some measure, however, on Sunday there was a large attendance, including many Siamese and Chinese, and, of course, the bulk of the members of the German and Austrian communities here. The ground was not muddy as the organisers had, with happy forethought, strewn a plentiful supply of pebbly husk over the surface, so that walking was rendered a dry and comfortable process. The stalls, of which there was a large number, were well patronised, and we have no doubt that the financial result was satisfactory, but up to the time of going to press we have had no particulars in this connection.



Court Circular.

DUSIT PALACE.

Saturday, March 24

This evening His Majesty the King paid a visit to the Rajini School on the occasion of the annual distribution of prizes.

On arriving at the school His Majesty was received by Her Serene Highness Princess Bichitra Chirabha Head Mistress of the School, and His Excellency Phya Dharmasakdi, Minister for Religious Affairs and Education.

At the end of the programme of entertainments given by the students, which His Majesty witnessed with appreciation, the King was pleased to present certificates and prizes to the students. After the distribution of prizes His Majesty the King took his departure.

Extracts From the Government Gazette.

(Of the 25th March 1917.)

The Minister of Finance issues an order with regard to the importation of spirits into Siam requiring importers to fill in a certain form when taking delivery of consignments and to keep books in a certain form.

His Majesty the King has conferred the third class of the Order of the White Elephant on Mr. F. Didier of the Ministry of Local Government.

H. E. Phya Nandisen and Phra Sundara Likit have received the Dusiti Mala Medal.

Luang Chalun Pisaiseni, of the Navy, has received His Majesty's permission to wear the 4th class of the Order of the Legion d'Honneur which has been conferred on him by the French Republic.

The Changvads of Nongkai and Nagon Panon having increased in prosperity, His Majesty the King has sanctioned the opening of post offices in those districts.

Phya Yanaprasak, Vice-Minister of Justice, has been appointed a judge of the Provincial Appeal Court and Phya Traju Jadisara has been made acting Vice-Minister of Justice.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A NOTICE appears in another column to the effect that the City Hotel has been sold to Mr. H. Meng as from the 24th of this month.

THE Director-General of Customs gives public notice that Monday, April 2nd, will be observed as a holiday in the Customs Department.

WE learn that there will be Siamese pony races on a big scale at Ban Hantra, near Ayudhya, during the forthcoming Songkran holidays. Notices have been issued to the seven changvads in the Mondhol calling for entries, and the races are to commence on the 29th inst.

IT is said that scene-painting and rehearsals are proceeding most satisfactorily for the new and original musical play which Bangkok is to see produced in a few months' time. It is to be quite a big affair with full chorus, dances, etc. The proceeds are, we understand, to be divided between the St. Mary's Mission and a War Charity.

ON Wednesday next seekers after amusement in Bangkok will have an opportunity of witnessing the performance of Dr. Rowe and Mystic Mora of the "Mahatma Company" at the Phathanakorn Cinema. Dr. Rowe is an amazement provoking exponent of magic and hypnotism, and Mystic Mora as a clairvoyante fortune-teller and thought-reader is little less marvellous. The show deserves to be well patronised.

THE Concert on Saturday night last at the Royal Bangkok Sports Club was a great success, as it deserved to be, for the large audience was treated to a display of no mean talent. Especially good was the performance of Mr. H. Tyrer as James John Cox in the old familiar "Cox and Box," but indeed, all who took part deserve warm commendation for the very obvious amount of time and trouble they had devoted towards making the affair a success. The first piece, "How He Lied to Her Husband," went off very well also, as was to be expected, for however opinions may differ in regard to "G. B. S." as a personality there can be no question as to his gift for brilliant dialogue and a caustic humour that is peculiarly his own. The entertainment should result in a handsome donation to the Allied Red Cross Funds, of which it was in aid.

Royal Turf Club of Siam.

Last Day's Racing.

The rain fell so heavily on Saturday from about 1 p.m. right up to and past the hour for racing blowing down temporary sheds and tents for the weighing room and other adjuncts, that the Committee decided to postpone the Races till Monday afternoon, and notices were immediately sent to the newspapers. It appears that a later meeting of some of the members of the Committee overruled the postponement already decided upon and fixed the races to take place on Sunday afternoon. The whole of Sunday morning the sun shone brightly and with the use of numerous rollers the course was got into a fine condition, at least as far as the surface was concerned.

The general attendance was fairly good and both the totalizer and the bookmaker did fairly good business.

First Race.

Value Tcs. 150. For Siamese ponies being subscription griffins. Distance 6 furlongs. Handicap weights.

Phya Prasiddhi's Sib Hok (7.3) 1

Phya Anirudh's Sanardh (6.7) 2

Won by three lengths.

Time 1 min. 56 secs. Tote paid Tcs. 9.

Second Race.

Value Tcs. 150. For Siamese Ponies being subscription griffins. Distance 6 furlongs. Handicap weights.

Mr. V. L.'s Ling Dum (6.0) 1

Chao Phya Dharma's Yamino (5.4) 2

Phya Pradibaddha's Phra Rot (6.0) 3

Won by 20 lengths.

Also ran Morakot (8.0) and Little Imp (5.6).

Time 1 min. 56 secs. Tote paid Tcs. 27.

Third Race.

Value Tcs. 250. For Australian ponies being R. B. S. C. Griffins. Distance 1 mile. Handicap weights.

Nai Riem's Kanda (7.9) 1

Phya Arthakara's Say When (8.7) 2

Phya Pradibaddha's Red Star (5.7) 3

Won by 5 lengths; a neck between 2nd and 3rd.

Also ran Lily E. (8.2), Silver Cross (8.0), Yot Rak (7.2), Molly (5.7).

Time 2 min. 7 secs. Tote paid Tcs. 19.

Fourth Race.

Value Tcs. 250. For Australian ponies 14.2 and under. Open class. Distance 6 furlongs. Handicap weights.

Phya Gadadhar's Thong Doe (6.10) 1

Phya Pradibaddha's Kop (7.8) 2

Phya Arthakara's Icaro II (7.7) 3

Won by two lengths; one length between second and third.

Also ran Sandfly (7.7), Marie L. (7.0), Aminta (6.10), Vanita (5.0).

Time 1 min. 30 secs. Tote paid Tcs. 34.

An objection was raised by Phya Pradibaddha to the rider of Thong Doe for getting off after passing the post and before reaching the weighing room, but this was not upheld.

Fifth Race.

Value Tcs. 250. For Australian ponies 14.2 and under. Open class. Distance 6 furlongs. Handicap weights.

Phya Arthakara's Buffalo Bill (7.7) 1

Phya Prasiddhi's Phung Boon (6.0) 2

Phya Prasiddhi's Royal Page (9.3) 3

Won by 14 lengths; 3 lengths between second and third.

Time 1 min. 27 secs. Tote paid Tcs. 15.

Also ran Moment (8.3).

Sixth Race.

Value Tcs. 200 and a Silver Cup to the winner. Tcs. 100 to the second horse. For Australian ponies 14.2 and under. Open class. Distance 1 mile 1 furlong. Handicap weights.

Phya Prab's Mars (5.12) 1

Phya Pradibaddha's Sunflower (6.5) 2

Mr. A. C. Warwick's Lady de Melba (8.7) 3

Won by 5 lengths; same distance between second and third.

Time 2 min. 13 secs. Tote paid Tcs. 20.

Also ran, Gladys C. (9.0) Nai Pradidh (6.0) Mad Meg (8.0).

Seventh Race.

Value Tcs. 200 and a Silver Cup to the winner. Tcs. 100 to the second and Tcs. 50 to the third. Siamese ponies. Distance 1 mile. Handicap weights.

Mr. V. L.'s Ling Deng (4.7) 1

His Majesty's Un Chon (8.0) 2

Kana Raja Damern's Sang Chan (5.0) 3

Won by 1 length, 15 lengths between 2nd and 3rd.

Time 1 min. 22 secs. Tote paid Tcs. 21.

Also ran Son Chai (6.7) Neuter (5.0) Ottappa (6.7) Nilanon (5.0) Thong Chai (7.4).

Eighth Race.

For a Cup presented by H. E. Phya Prasiddhi Subhakar. For Siamese ponies. Distance 1 mile. Handicap weights.

Phya Prab's Poo Thalay (6.0) 1

Mr. V. L.'s Ling Dom (6.2) 2

Phya Kraset's Morakot (7.2) 3

Time 2 min. 32 secs. Tote paid Tcs. 12.

Also ran Kit (6.7) Pin Hiran (6.3) Phya Rot (5.12) Yammo (5.10) Ma Prik (7.2) Samardh (6.5).

Ninth Race.

Value Tcs. 200. Consolation for Siamese Ponies. Open class. Distance 4 furlongs. Handicap weights.

His Majesty's Un Chon 1

Kana Raja Damern's Sang Chan 2

Hiran Batana 3

Won by 3 lengths, 5 lengths between 2nd and 3rd.

Time 1 min. 11 secs. Tote paid Tcs. 30.

Also ran Nilanon, Hiri and Dao.

THE Great War.

Western Front.

(S. O.) SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

Singapore, March 22.

Events on the Western front are moving with bewildering rapidity. Lines and maps are changing hourly. The Germans still cling to some positions, but are being withdrawn according to plan, and it is obvious that a serious breach has been made in their famous wall of steel.

Russia.

(S. O.) SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

Singapore, March 22.

The prayers for the Tsar and the Imperial family in the Russian churches are replaced by prayers for Russia and her rulers. Order is gradually arising out of the food chaos.

Fighting in France.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, March 24.

Yesterday we passed beyond Ham and Chancy, and occupied numerous localities. The cavalry spread out N. of Ham and captured an enemy convoy. Our advance attained a depth of 35 kilometres. Soissons is completely cut off. The retreating enemy devastated the country side, cutting down fruit-trees, setting fire to villages, and leaving the inhabitants without shelter and without provisions. To-day we progressed slowly, preserving contact with the enemy. The advance became difficult by reason of the destruction of means of communication, and owing to bad weather. We repulsed attacks at Bois d'Avocourt and Hill 304, inflicting severe losses.

The British progressed 12 kilometres, and occupied 40 villages.

Salonika.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, March 24.

After a stubborn fight we captured Hill 1243 Suez Restani, taking 1200 prisoners.

French Government.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, March 21.

The declaration of the Government road in the Chamber was favourably received. It affirmed confidence in our heroic leaders and soldiers, the resolve to fight to a victory which shall restore the provinces wrenched from us, and will bring reparations and a lasting peace. The Government will strengthen the unity of views and action between France and her Allies, of whom the effectives are superior to those of the enemy, and will enable us to fight as long as is necessary.

During the debate of the session the Presidents of the Chamber and the Senate saluted the new Government of emancipation in Russia. M. Viviani associated himself with the applause, and the cries of "Vive Russie."

On the West.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, March 21.

Yesterday we proceeded with the organisation of the conquered zone, and progressed N. of the Somme, our cavalry pushing forward 7 miles from St. Quentin and chasing the German cavalry. We occupied Tergnier, Franchemes and the canal of St. Quentin, and during a pursuit covering several days suffered only insignificant losses. The enemy evacuated Noyon, taking with them by force 50 young girls of 15 to 25 years age.

Our aviators verified the destruction of the historical ruins of the Chateau of Concy.

The British effected a considerable advance of their main body, and occupied 40 new villages. They repulsed an enemy counter-attack N. of Arras, and to-day took by storm E. of Ham the Chateau Saviennois and the villages of Jussy, Telnagre and Viree, and despite resistance occupied the general line of trenches on the S. of Chancy. They made excellent progress N. and N. E. of Soissons on right and left of the Laon route, and took ten new villages, and repulsed a surprise attack S. E. of Tahure and Bois Dailly in the region of Limey, and took prisoners.

British Legation Telegrams.

(British Legation telegrams are not to be regarded as official communications from His Britannic Majesty's Representative, unless they are marked "Official.")

London, March 23.

Operations on British fronts to March 22: The movements of the armies in France during the past week have been of the greatest importance. Speculation is rife as to the meaning of the present German strategy. There are indications in the form of fires behind the lines that the retreat may go further than Hindenburg intends. The intention of the Germans is conjectural, but it is possible that they may pivot on Lille. The pivot of retreat is at present a point in the original line just North of Arras, and the swing of the movement naturally caused the retirement to be swifter and its depth greater at the southern than the northern end. Also it is natural that the enemy's resistance should be more vigorous and increasingly so at the northern end, and this has proved to be the case. From a military point of view the destruction of roads and railways is permissible, but nothing can justify the wholesale destruction which the Germans carried out behind the lines. If there are any objects beyond mere savagery we must look for political motives. One most evident is that the Germans intend it as a warning of what may happen to the rest of Northern France. Retirement from a trench system is a comparatively simple operation, because movement in the trenches is very difficult to observe. Very possibly the German High Command believed that the difficulties of advance in the circumstances would be so great that their troops could spread their retreat over a very considerable period of time, thus hamstringing the Franco-British offensive and enabling the Germans to regain the initiative. The delay caused by rearguard action was clearly insufficient for the purpose indicated.

The situation in Mesopotamia and Western Persia continues to develop most satisfactorily. General Maule gives the Turks no rest, but continues to sweep their broken columns before him northwards from Baghdad up the Tigris and north-eastward up the river Diarra. So far every enemy attempt to stand before him has been instantly broken. The Turkish forces which were consequently compelled to retire before the Russians in Western Persia are by no means clear of danger. A detachment of these, unable to escape in time by the road between Sinna and Kermanshah, has been broken up and driven into the mountain. The main body is retreating in the utmost haste by the main pass leading down into the Mesopotamian plain.

London, March 23.

The Imperial War Cabinet met on March 20th in Downing Street, and was attended by representatives of India and Overseas Dominions. The event is regarded as an important Constitutional change, because for the first time the representatives are invested with executive power. Advantage is being taken also to hold important conferences at the Colonial Office.

Mr. Bonar Law in the House of Commons said that the total war expenditure of the financial year to March 31st averaged six millions daily, and that the total estimated debt due from loans to Allies and the Dominions was 964 millions.

Figures relating to the Submarine Blockade, so-called, show arrivals 2528, sailings 2551. British vessels sunk of over 1600 tons number 16, under 1600 tons, 8; unsuccessfully attacked, 19. The total to dates proves that the German intention of a reign of terror on the seas has failed, and it is estimated that if it continues at the same rate for the next nine months it will cause no more than inconvenience, without impairing fighting power.

Mr. Bonar Law in the House of Commons moved resolutions of fraternal congratulation to the Duma, which were heartily supported by Mr. Asquith on behalf of the opposition and by Mr. Devlin on behalf of Labour. Mr. Lloyd George sent a telegram to the new Russian Premier, Prince Lvoff, appreciating the steadfast co-operation of the Russians and expressing the belief that the establishment of a stable constitutional government will strengthen the Russian people's resolve to prosecute the war till the last stronghold of tyranny in Europe has been destroyed. The Tsar has been arrested, and arrived at Tsarkoe Selo Palace from Petrograd in charge of four commissioners. The Tsaritsa was also arrested. Meanwhile the revolution is proceeding in an orderly manner. The report that the Grand Duke Michael is to be Generalissimo of the Russian Armies is denied, it being considered undesirable that a member of the House of Romanoff should occupy that post. Reported

riots in Berlin and elsewhere in Germany suggest that the revolution has had a reverberating effect in the Central Empires.

Owing to a difference of opinion between the French Government and General Lyautey, Minister of War, the Cabinet resigned. M. Ribot formed a Government, with M. Painlevé as War Minister. The new Government issued a declaration affirming their intention to prosecute the war with the utmost vigour.

Mr. Bonar Law in the House of Commons debate on the Irish question stated that the Government had decided to make a further attempt at settlement. This declaration was eagerly welcomed by both sides of the House, also in the Press.

Amsterdam reports it is stated that the Kaiser is suffering from a nervous breakdown, and has been ordered a rest-cure. He has gone to Homburg, where he was visited by the Chancellor.

Zeppelins attempting to raid London failed to approach nearer than Kent,

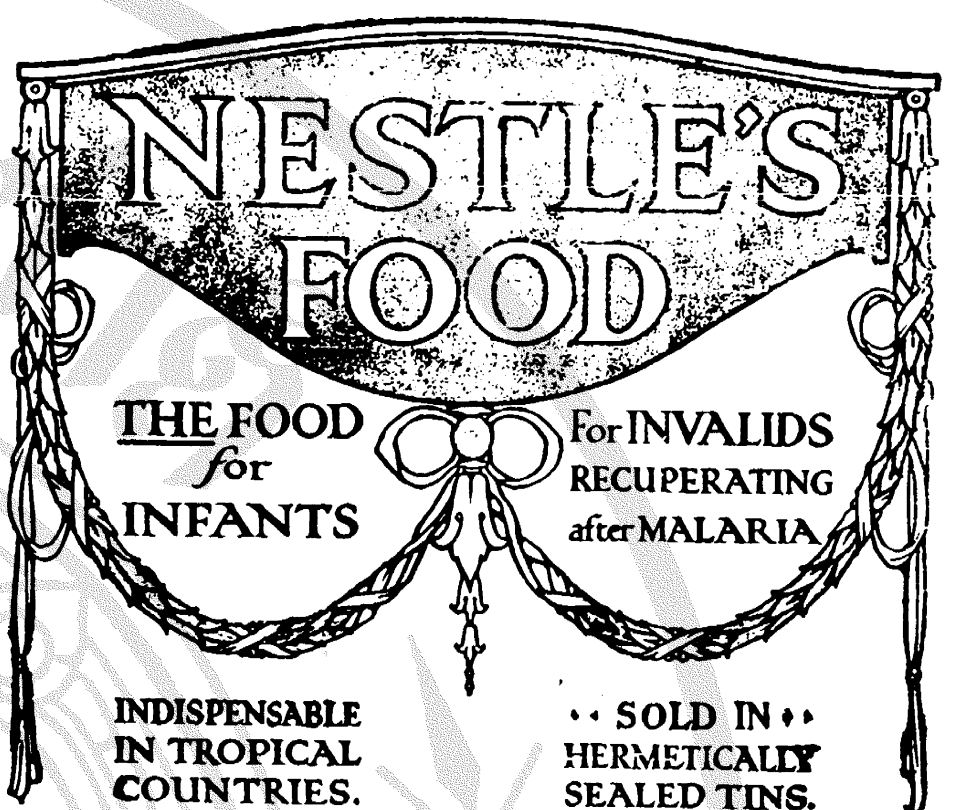
where they dropped bombs, doing no damage. L. 39, returning, crossed to France, where it was hit by anti-aircraft guns over Compiègne and fell aflame. The entire crew were burnt to death.

PADDY REPORT FOR MARCH 25.

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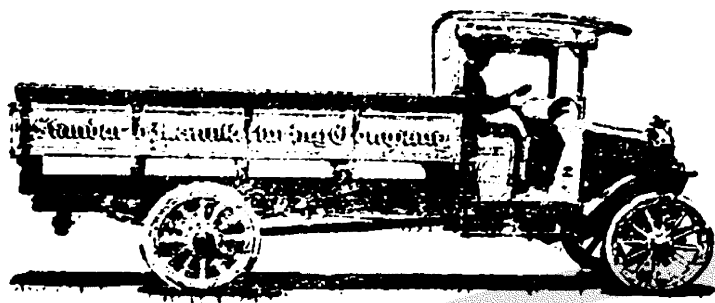
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Foreigners on Revolution in Russia.

British Statements.

London, March 16.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law said telegrams showed that Petrograd was becoming more or less under ordered rule. That rule was a rule over which the president of the Duma was exercising control (loud cheer). "We have every reason to believe that the movement is in no way devoted towards an effort to secure peace, but against the Government for not carrying on the war with the expected efficiency and energy."

London, March 16.—In the House of Commons Mr. Bonar Law regretted that his statement to the House yesterday, which was based on a message from the Duma, produced the impression that the abdication was un fait accompli, for which the Tsar's consent had been obtained. A further telegram now stated that the previous message was apparently not quite accurate. The Emperor's abdication, and the appointment of the Grand Duke Michael as regent was not yet effective, although decided upon by the Duma and Executive.

Another telegram stated that the whereabouts of the Tsar was unknown. Mr. Bonar Law added: That is all the information we have received. He pointed out that in the circumstances it was impossible to form an accurate estimate of what had happened.

London, March 16.—The Press Bureau states that the labour leaders, including Messrs Henderson, Hodge, Barnes and Bruce telegraphed to the Russian labour leaders that organized labour in Britain is watching with the deepest sympathy the efforts of the Russian people to get rid of the power of the reactionary elements impeding the advance towards victory. The labour party of Britain and France had long realised that Germany's despotism must be overthrown to open the way to a free and peaceful development of the nations. This inspired them to unprecedented efforts and sacrifices. They confidently anticipate the assistance of Russian labour, and emphasise that any remission of effort would be disastrous to their comrades in the trenches and their common hopes of social regeneration.

Petrograd, March 16.—British, French and Italian diplomats and military attaches have informed the Executive of the Duma of their readiness to recognise the executive as the sole authority in Russia and to enter into business relations with it forthwith.

Enemy Preoccupations.

Amsterdam, March 16.—Herr Hoff-

mann, member of the socialist minority, caused a great commotion in the Prussian Diet by a strong denunciation of the Government. He said that Bethmann Holwegg is merely the fig leaf of military absolutism. "The Russian revolution should be the Menshevik for our rulers." He attributed the alleged existence of 30,000 small-pox cases in North Germany to underfeeding. He was condemning submarine warfare when the closure was applied.

Prior to the revolution Berne and Vienna telegrams state that the news from Petrograd excited considerable apprehension in Austro-Hungarian political circles.

Amsterdam, March 17.—There is unanimous absence of anything approaching satisfaction in the German press over the Russian revolution in its bearing towards the war. Indeed German newspapers generally acknowledge that the new régime is likely to prosecute hostilities with greater vigour than that which has been overthrown, against which the papers comment that one of the principal charges was the taint of Germanism.

Copenhagen, March 18.—The Vorwaerts warns all Germans that the revolution in Russia is not pro-peace rioting, but the work of superpatriots, the success of which will strengthen the Anglo-Russian Alliance.

The Rheinisch Westfälische says if the revolution is the work of Milinkoff, as appears to be the case, then the career of the Grand Duke Nicholas is not yet ended, for he is said to embody the anti-German feeling, and then we shall have war to the knife.

Further Petrograd Wires.

Petrograd, March 16.—Everyone except the extremists longs for "order" which rivals "liberty" as the watchword of the revolution. Accordingly the Zemstvos and municipalities throughout the country are organizing the railwaymen, soldiers, workers and peasants. The train services were interrupted throughout the revolution and are now rushing supplies to the towns which were hitherto faced with starvation. Everywhere grain stores have been requisitioned and estates temporarily taken over by local committees representing all classes. The Government has appealed to peasants to bring in grain, citing the example of Britain, where the nation was placed on its honour. This confidence in the nation has been justified in Petrograd, where a few drunk people in the street roused popular indignation and were promptly locked up.

In the evening the Minister of Justice, M. Kerenski, addressing a large assemblage of soldiers and civilians from the Duma, announced the first act of the new Government had been the publication of a decree of full amnesty. Members of previous Dumas illegally

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He stated the provisional Government took office by virtue of an agreement with the Council of Workmen and Soldiers' Delegates who approved it by several hundred votes against fifteen. "Comrades, in my jurisdiction are all the premiers and ministers of the old regime. They will answer before the law for all their crimes towards the people (voices "no mercy.")"

Mr. Kerenski replying said no one would be condemned without trial and regenerated Russia would not resort to shameful means. He appealed to the soldiers for their co-operation and urged them to listen to their officers and not listen to the promptings of agents of the old regime. The Minister was enthusiastically acclaimed.

The labour leader similarly exhorted the soldiers and subsequently officers, soldiers and workmen vied in carrying the leader above the heads of the cheering throng.

The provisional Government has issued a manifesto to Russians which refers to the triumph over the noxious forces of the old regime. It states the cabinet's policy, following an immediate general amnesty for all political and religious offences, is freedom of speech and press, association, labour organization, freedom to strike, extension of these liberties to officials and troops so far as military and technical conditions permit, abolition of all social, religious and national restrictions, immediate preparations for summoning a constituent assembly based on universal suffrage, which will establish a Governmental regime and a constitution for the country.

The programme provides for the substitution of the police by a national militia with elective heads and subject to self-governing bodies, communal elections to be based on universal suffrage, Revolutionary troops not to be disbanded but not to leave Petrograd, equalization of soldier's social rights with those of citizens. It is notified the above reforms will be instituted without delay.

Petrograd March 16.—A great parade of troops before the Ministers takes place to-morrow.

The ex-Premier Prince Goltzin and M. Goremykin and the ex-Commandant of Petrograd, General Haholoff, ex-Ministers of War General Sukhomlinoff and General Bielaieff, M. Protopopoff, M. Scheglovitoff, M. Makeakoff, M. Makaroff and M. Kurloff have been incarcerated in the fortress of Peter and Paul; other prominent men are temporarily lodged in the Duma building. The new Government has opened the bar to the Jewish lawyers, who have been hitherto excluded. The speech of M. Kerenski had a soothing effect on revolutionary extremists but it is noteworthy M. Kerenski in addressing the workmen said he remained a Republican despite his acceptance of office. The proclamation to officers and to soldiers speaks of "the accursed old regime." A meeting of officers resolved to support the executive of the Duma.

Petrograd, March 18.—A manifesto by the Grand Duke Michael issued yesterday says he had resolved only to accept supreme power provided the whole plebiscite nation declared through its constituent assembly, that it agrees. Meanwhile he exhorts all Russians to obey the Provisional Government.

Petrograd, March 18.—The Provisional Government has appointed as deputy, M. Rodicheff, Minister for Finland. Admiral Nepenne, Commander of the Baltic fleet, has arrested M. Zein, the Governor of Finland, and M. Neorovitoff, Vice President of the economic department of the Finnish senate, by order of the Provisional Government.

Petrograd, March 18.—The incongruity of the Tsar's manifesto and the actual situation in Petrograd is now

becoming manifest. Any idea of an Imperial Regency seems to be fading. The latest telegrams from Petrograd show that the popular feeling is strongly inclined to a Constitutional Republic, whereof Premier Lvoff shall momentarily be the head.

Release of Politicals.

Petrograd, March 18.—Immediately after the abolition of the Tsar had been announced, the Imperial flag was lowered on the Winter Palace, and replaced by a huge red flag. The Constituent Assembly then met at the Winter Palace. Apart from the killing of a few hated officials, including a Governor who resisted the new Government, no bloodshed is reported from the provinces. The latest arrests include the Cossack General Benenkaupf, the ruthless suppressor of the revolution of 1905, ex-Minister Krijanowski, author of the electoral law restricting suffrage, and Count Kokovtsov; the last was seized when he called at the Treasury to draw his salary as Councillor of the Empire.

M. Planyk, member of the Duma, liberated after a decade of imprisonment in the Schusselburg, was ovated on appearing at the Duma. A wonderful reception awaits the venerable Madame Breshkovsky Stoll, grandmother of the revolution and for twenty years a prisoner in Siberia. The ruins of the political prisons will be preserved as historical relics.

Tiflis, March 18.—The Grand Duke Nicholas has ordered the release of all political prisoners at Baku and has exhorted his officers to impress on soldiers and sailors that in view of the Imperial abdications they should quietly await the expression of will of the Russian people and that it is their sacred duty to continue to obey their lawful chiefs, to defend their country and support the Allies.

New Government's Message.

Petrograd, March 18.—The Government has telegraphed to its representatives abroad, stating that the Government which assumes power at the moment of the gravest external crisis in Russian history is fully conscious of the immense responsibility. It will apply itself, first to repairing the overwhelming errors of the past, ensuring order and tranquility in the country, and finally preparing the conditions necessary in order that the sovereign will of the nation may be freely pronounced on its future lot.

With regard to foreign policy, the Cabinet remains mindful of the inter-

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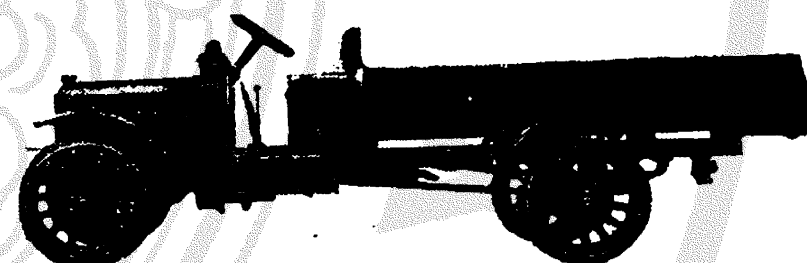
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The Government is confident that these relations will become even more intimate and more solid under the new régime of Russia, which is resolved to be guided by democratic principles, the respect due by small and great nations to liberty, their development, and the good understanding between nations. It re-emphasises that Russia did not will the war, but is the victim of premeditated aggression. She will continue to struggle against the spirit of conquest of a predatory race aiming at the subjection of Europe to the intolerable shame of domination by Prussian militarism.

Organising the State.

Petrograd, March 19.—The public is generously giving to the common weal. A group of banks has given to Kerensky a million roubles for political purposes. Prayers for the Tsar and the Imperial Family are replaced in the church services by prayers for great Russia and her rulers. Hundreds of political prisoners have been released. At Moscow seventeen hundred criminals also escaped but most of them were re-arrested. At Kieff the police unanimously supported the new government. In some of the provincial towns the Abolition manifesto was read from the stages of theatres amid tremendous enthusiasm.

An auspicious incident at Petrograd during the week end was when a procession of five thousand officers going to the Duma to declare their adherence, met a column of returning troops, who who halted and enthusiastically cheered.

Prices have been fixed for staple food stuffs.

London, March 18.—It is noteworthy that General Brusiloff himself authorised the publication of the Kieff telegrams announcing the revolution.

Petrograd, March 18.—"Nicholas Romanoff" as he is designated by one of the newspapers, has gone to Livadia. M. Kerensky has quashed the banishment sentence of the Grand Duke Dmitri and Prince Yusupoff; Rasputin was killed in the latter's garden.

Order is gradually arising out of the food chaos.

London, March 19.—Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd tells a graphic story of the fighting at the Admiralty, the last stronghold of the troops of the régime. At the first sign of the revolutionary movement in the army, General Khabaloff, commanding in Petrograd, over-riding the opposition of the naval men, ordered a strong force of all arms to occupy the Admiralty. Fourteen cannon and twelve machine guns were posted at the main

entrance. The revolutionaries began the siege on the following morning. There was a duel of machine guns and rifles throughout the day and night. The superior number of revolutionaries resulted in the gradual exhaustion of the defenders. The Minister of Marine was notified at daybreak that unless the Admiralty capitulated in twenty minutes it would be razed by the heavy guns of the Peter and Paul Fortress, across the Neva, manned by guardsmen. Khabaloff was persuaded to withdraw his troops, owing to the representations that much invaluable apparatus might be destroyed.

General Khabaloff eventually ordered the coast fire and the garrison surrendered. Khabaloff and his staff were arrested. After the evacuation the mob started pillaging, but M. Rod-

zianko sent a guard at the Admiral's request and the gates and doors were placarded "protected by the Duma." Steps have been taken to protect the royal palace at Tsarskoe Selo. When the news of the revolution was received machine-guns and armoured cars were concentrated there. The guards joined the revolutionary soldiers in due course but a few officers and soldiers were still within the palace buildings. The Tsaritsa asked these not to fire and then addressed the revolutionary officers "I am now only a sister of mercy with my children." The Tsarevitch and his sisters are ill with measles.

Moscow, March 19.—At a parade of thirty-three thousand troops many regiments gave prominence to red flags

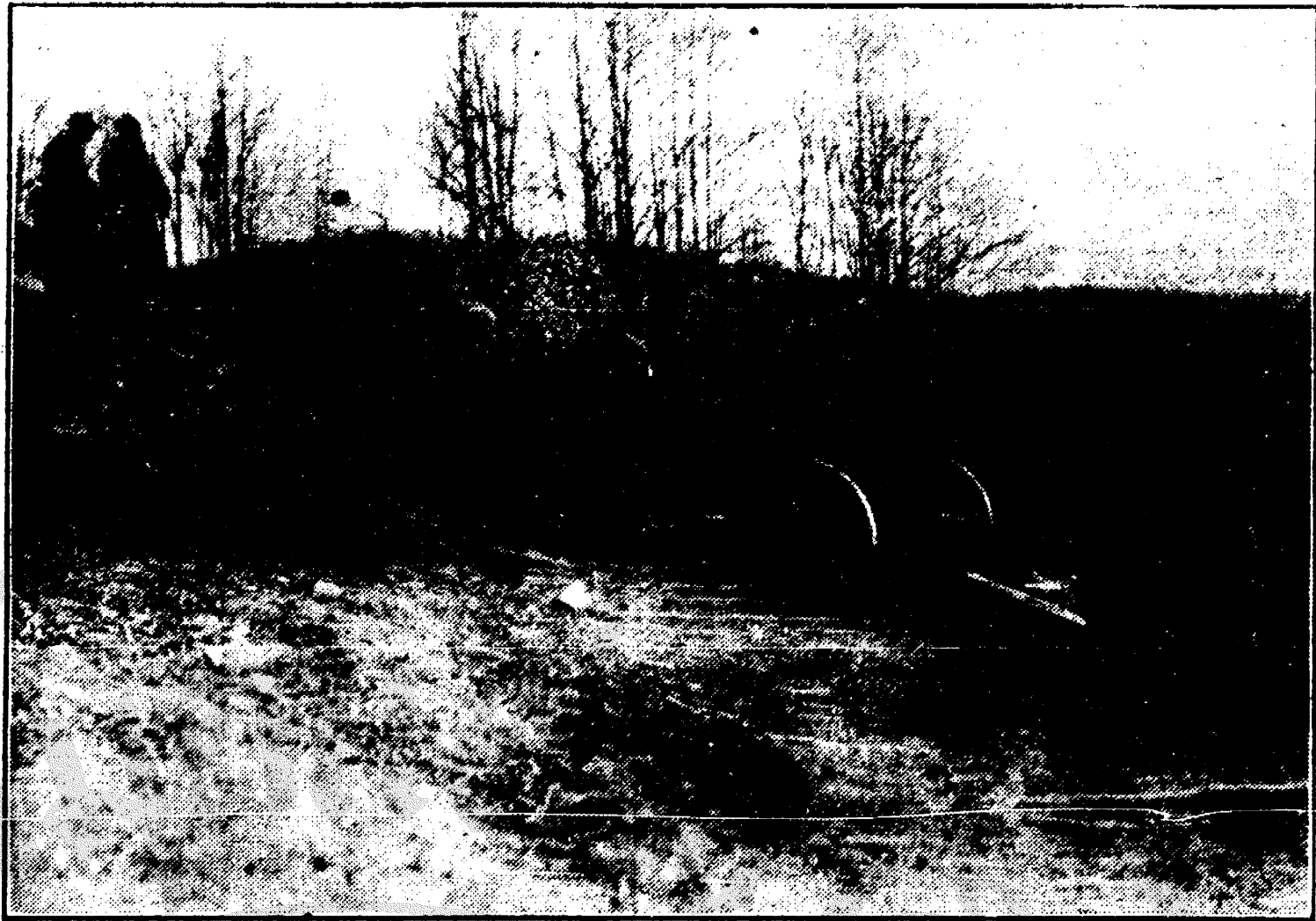
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