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General Wires.

London, Aug. 22.-The abandonment of a proposal that the Cabinet should be cinematographed and the proceeds devoted to charity is annonnæd

Mr. Asquith in the House of Commons said that the Lords had agreed to the Commons amendments of the Government of India Amendment Bill. Mr. Lloyd George said we had now 3,142 able-bodied war prisoners in the

United Kingdom and France. Wellington, N. Z. Aug. 22 .- The eight million loan has been over sub-

London, Aug. 23 .- The House of Commons has accepted the House of Lords amendment to the Parliament Bill limi ing to two years any Parliament elected on the old register. London, Aug. 23.—Parliament has adjourned.

Mesopotamia Commission.

London, Aug. 23. - In the House of Lords Lord Islington, replying to Lord Peel, said that General Shaw was transferred from the command at Aden because the Govt. of India was dissatisfied with his conduct of responsible duties. He was removed from the command at Karachi because of his share of the responsibility for the troop train disaster.

General Aylmer was transferred from his appointment in Mesopotamia on the military grounds that he was no longer young, and the climite and the peculiar rigours of the campaign made the post one of special difficulty to him.

Mr. Chamberlain had been in correspondence with the Government of India and was confident that officers removed from posts will not be appointed to new posts where there is a risk of a repetition of their previous fail-

London, Aug. 22.-Official: The Mesopotamia Commission has concluded the hearing of the evidence of General Barrow, who gave a general survey of the history of the expedition; and then adjourned for a fortnight in order to master a number of documents, prior to taking up the medical side of the enqui**ry**".

Honour to Roberts.

London, Aug. 22.-In a speech on the unveiling by Lady Roberts of a statue of Lord Roberts, at Kelvin Grove Park, Glasgow, Viscount French related how two nights before he died Lord in France and followed the proceedings to withdraw fifteen vivisions.

with the keenest interest. Although he did not retire till the small hours, he rose early next morning to join his

old Indian comrades. Sir Douglas Haig wrote that in the present determined attitude of the people at home we were reaping the benetits of Roberts' labours, who awoke his countrymen to the vital necessity for preparing for national defence.

The statue is a replica of that on the Maidan at Calcutta. Lord Derby and Lord Lamington were present and over a hundred veterans who were with Roberts in the Mutiny and other campaigns were

Date of Greek Elections.

drawn up in front of the statue.

A despatch from Athens states that the decree dissolving the Chamber will appear on August 1. The elections

will be held on September 17. In view of the approach of the Greek elections, M. Zaimis, Premier and Minister of the Interior, has addressed a letter to the prefects and police commissaris throughout the country ordering them to observe complete impartiality in the execution of their duty and a total abstention from all criticism or judgment of the policy of the differente parties. Any citizen requesting an audience is to be received and accorded the protection of the local authori-

ties. Functionaries who contravene this order will be severely punished. M. Zaimis' order is another proof that the Government is determined that the elections should be conducted on sincere and impartial lines, leaving the Greek people full liberty of action. · The "Embros" states that the Entente Powers view the outlook with confidence and satisfaction.

The Russian Advance.

London, Aug. 12.-A Russian official statement says that the enemy have evacuated the west bank of the Britritza which runs by Stanislau. The Russians crossed, pouring rifle and machine-gun fire into the retreating enemy. The communique does not state whether this occurred north or south of S anislan. The latter would facilitate an attack on Haliez, the capture of which would seriously threaten von Bothmer's southernmost railway. In the north, General Sakharoff is now within a couple of miles of the railway southeast of Zloczow. A Russian suc-Roberts insisted on participating in a midnight conference at head quarters two railways and one good road whereon

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German Hostility to Italy.

Germany's notification to all Italian citizens of military age to leave Belgium, and the Government's refusal to pay pensions to Italian workmen, have whom Germany paid two million provoked profound resentment in Italy. This finds expression in the Italian Press of all shades of opinion.

The Interventionist organs are de-lighted. Thus, the Radical "Messaggero" rejoices that Germany at last treats Italy as a hostile State, thereby disproving all theories about their alleged secret relations (a "Morning Post" despath from Rome states). The "Messagero" confidently awaits a dignified reply from the Italian Government. ernment.

The Interventionist Socialist organ, the •" Popolo d'Italia," publishes an article, entitled "An Eye for an Eye," in which it says that the only possible solution of the question is a formal declaration of war, coupled with con-fiscation of all German property in Italy which was in German hands at the commencement of the war and confinement of all Germans in concentration camps.

Hostile Act.

The Radical "Secolo" describes this as Germany's first overtly hostile act against Italy although the Bavarians have actually fought in the Austrian ranks against Italy, and German submarines have appeared in the Tyrrhenian Sea. Now Germany's tone is changed, and the "Secolo" ascribes the change to the recent Italian Ministerial

In view of certain erroneous statements on the subject, it is authoritatively stated that no Italo-German Convention, mutually guaranteeing their respective subjects' property, has existed since April, when the Convention was denounced.

The "Corriere Mercantile," of Genoa, where the Germans hold much property, thinks that the German action is due to Italy's arrangement with the Allies at the Paris Economic Conference, and the impending negotiations at the forthcoming London Financial Conference, and anticipates a declara-

The Italian Government has already announced that it will compensate

The "Giornale d'Italia" considers Italians with her power at the moment when her enemies are closing around her. The journal advocates firmness

shrink from protecting the national in-

Although the Germans have withdrawn much of their capital from Italy, still they own much real property there which can be seized. It is stated that the Italian workmen in francs in pensions annually, and that the Italians in Belgium are few: consequently the actual Italian losses will be insignificant.

German Views on Rumania.

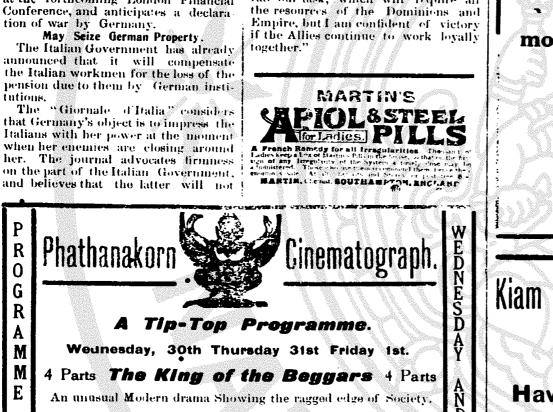
Dr. Lederer, the correspondent of the "Berliner Tageblatt" at Bucharest. says it is clear that the chief aim of the Rumanian Government is now to gain time, and to await further developments of military events before taking its final decision. By its latest measures the Government has immobilised all the corn harvest in Rumania until August 28. It is evident that political considerations influenced those measures, as the question of the export of Rumanian corn is a great factor in the

war plan of "starving" Germany.
Dr. Lederer adds that it is not easy for a German to buy even a postage stamp in Rumania if he is unable to supply satisfactory information as to the situation on the battlefields in France and Russia.

Herr Batocki, the Food Dictator, will arrive at Stuttgart to discuss questions concerning food with the Wurttemberg authorities.

The General Situ tion.

London, Aug. 23.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Lloyd George reviewing the situation, contrasted the Allies satisfactory position everywhere compared with two months ago. The initiative had been wrested from the enemy along the whole front almost for the first time with the only possible unimportant exception of Mesopotamia, where we were quiescent for climatic reasons. He concluded "I think in the dim distance the Allies can see the end. It will be a mistake to underrate our task, which will require all the resources of the Dominiens and together."





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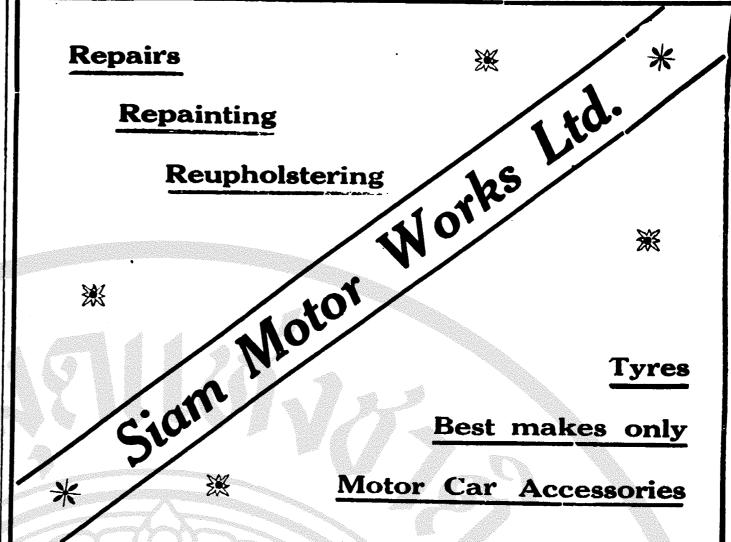
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3. One piece of land with two houses adjoining the Northern Railway Line, Tapan Yoteé.

4. One piece of land in Trank Wat Nauk leading to Bamrung Muang Road, Tapan Yotsé

On Wednesday the 6 September, 1916, at 11 a.m.

5. One piece of land with one wooden house and kitchen, Raug Muang Road.

 One piece of land adjoining San Chao Siang Kong, Talat Noi.
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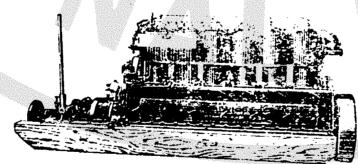
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Great War.

Kavalla Given Over to Bulgarians.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Aug. 30.
Salonika.—The Bulgarians entered Kavalla on the 25th inst. All the forts, with one exception were transferred to them, with armaments and munitions intact, in accordance with orders received by the Greek commander from Athens on the 22nd inst. The British warships immediately bombarded and it is improbable that many of the forts are left standing and their positions were known.

Seven Greek officers escaped from Kavalla in a boat and arrived at Thasos where they joined a volunteer battalion forming against the Bulgarians.

The Franco-British Front.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Aug. 29.
Yesterday and to day we broke up enemy attacks on the right of the Meuse.

The British took 137 prisoners.

The Russian Front.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Aug. 29.
Petrograd. - We made progress in the region of the Dniester.

In the Caucasus, we captured 200 Askaris and three machine-guns on the west bank of the river Massia Darassi.

The Eastern Front.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Aug. 29.
The Serbians are pursuing a vigorous offensive. They progressed east of the Cerna and repulsed attacks between Daniga and Ostrova.

Pro-Ally Feeling in Greece.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Aug. 30.

Signs are multiplying of a profound change of opinion in Greece in favour of the Allies. Reuter's correspondent at Athens reports that Venezelos, in a speech, boldly condemned King Constantine's policy and declared that he was the victim of ill-informed military persons and also of his own admiration of Germany through whose victory be hoped to weaken the constitution and concentrate the power of the Monarchy. Thousands cheered this speech.

Three members of the General Staff have resigned, apparently owing to pro-German sympathies.

Copenhagen.—A Berlin telegram states that the changes in the Greek commands are regarded as an indication of Greece's intention of joining the Entente.

Rumanians Active.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Aug. 29.

Bucharest. — A Russian army and three divisions of Serbians have entered Rumania. The junction of the Russian and Rumanian troops was effected on Sunday.

The first engagements between the Rumanians and Bulgarians have taken place on the Trans-Sylvanian frontier.

The King of Rumania's decree for a General mobilisation was received with indescribable enthusiasm.

Chinese Lady Lawyer.

To Practise in France.

Paris, Joly 13.—A young Chinese lady, Mile, Tcheng, of Canton, where her father had long been a Minister, has, states the "Matin," passed her examination before the French Faculty of Law.

Mile. Tcheng is 24 years of age and took part in the Chinese revolution of 1911. She is the first Chinese subject who has appeared before the French Faculty.

Tin and Rubber.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.) Singapore, Aug. 31.

Tin is quoted at \$83.75.

The rubber auctions were not concluded and will be resumed to-day.

The quantity offered was 740 tons. The demand is good, but sellers are holding much back.

The Straits Income-Tax.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, Aug. 31.
The Straits Chinese British Association has passed a resolution in favour of the Government making a war levy based on profits, but without the use of inquisitorial methods.

Personal.

H. E Phya Chasaenya Bodi expects to leave for Hua Hin by the first train to morrow morning. He will return on Sunday.

Luang Viraj Vejakich (Dr. Tilaka) leaves for Hua Hin to-morrow and will be back on Sunday evening.

Some Shipping Items.

We learn that the steamer Phouc-Kien (M. F. de Cochin-Chine) which has for some time past been trading between Bangkok and Saigon will be soon placed in the East Coast trade between Bangkok and Ban-Yaw. She will also call at Chantaboon and

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the beginning of next year.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

MR. R. M. Crary from Kedah arrived by the Prachatipok.

THE Acting Modical Officer of Health reports that there were two deaths from Bubonic Plague during the week ended August 26th.

LIEUTENANT General Fukuda, of the Japanese General Staff, has been sent to E frop to watch the operations in the different theatres of war.

Sint Douglis Hair, in an interview published by the "Matin," is reported as saying:—"The supreme decisions of the War are on the battlefields in the West. There it is that we must impose a peace which is worth our while to have fought for, for we shall have

AT the recent conference between Herr Bethmann Hollweg and party leaders the Chancellor is reported to have said that it would be highly inadvisable to cancel the pledge given to President Wilson about submarines before the United States was embroiled in Mexico or elsewhere.

COUNT Julius Andrassy declares that the majority of the Opposition fully approves the aims of the Monarchy. "We Hungarians shall, and will, fight through this war to the end, and until a reasonable peace has been secured. We are confident that we shall prove to be invincible."

5,000-Ton Submarine Cruisers.

Amsterdam, July 23.—The "Frankfurter Zeitung" quotes the following from an article in the weekly technical paper Prometheus on new submarines and diving cruisers:—

Reports have been lately ever more persistent that the two foremost naval Powers have begun building regular submarine cruisers. These vessels are of 5,0%0 tons gross, are 400ft. long, and are as strongly protected and armed as medium-sized protected cruisers. They have engines of 18,000 h.p. developing a speed above water of 26 and under water of 18 knots. Their effective radius is from 18,000 to 20,000 nautical miles, and they are capable of travelling from the Baltic to Japan without replenishing their fuel. They carry 30 torpedo tubes and two reserve torpedoes for each tube (90 torpedoes in all) and several light and medium quick-firers for defence against air-

The journal says:—"The most terrible weapon, however, which the submarine cruiser will have, in addition to the torpedoes, is the apparatus already introduced with such great success in submarines for laying submerged contact mines, of which each of these strange vessels will carry from 125 to

Cocaine Traffic.

Smart Sentences For Supplying Drug to Soldiers.

Medical testimony to the baneful effects of the cocaine habit was given in Marlborough-street police-court when Thomas James Lyons and William Mitchell were charged with selling to members of this Majesty's Forces cocaine which had not teen ordered by a medical practitioner. It was stated that the prisoners were regarded as principals in the traffic, and that they had supplied the drug to others who had been convicted on the previous

Mr. Denman said he wished it to be clearly understood that in all such cases he would send the delinquents to prison. It appearred to him that legislation was required on the subject. Each of the prisoners would be sentenced to six months' imprisonment, and would each have to pay a fine of £100, with the alternative in default of an additional three mouths' imprisonment.

A young woman named Hilda Neve, who was also charged with selling the drug, said a man called Tim had forced her to sell it, and she went in fear of her life. She was sent to prison for fourteen days.

Hindenburg's Protest.

A Zurich despatch to an Italian news agency states that General Hindenburg recently informed the Kaiser that the position of the German armies on the Eastern front had been seriously compromised by withdrawals to reinforce the West. He was willing to accept the general command on the Eastern Front, but he realised he was leading an almost desperate cause.

The "Morning Post's" Budapest correspondent writes: "Nobody seems to know what Hindenburg will be able to do. The only prediction I have heard is that he will ruin his reputation. It is said he has been promised ten divisions from Turkey shortly and another twenty a month hence, from the western front. There are no more Austro-Hungarian troops. One armed men are being trained to operate machine-gung

The position of the Austrian Army found anxiety that other experts are if the terms recently employed by Karl von Wiegand. The military correspondent of the "Frankfurter Zeitung states: "Even west of Kolomea the Austrians and Hungarians have not found sufficient strength to withstand the enemy. The interest, however, of the entire front now demands that the Austrians and Hungarians shall soon make a halt For even the most heroic courage of our troops can avail nothing if the adjoining positions are not held."

Turkey and the Central Powers.

London, August 7.—The Balkan correspondent of the "Times" wires from Constanza that the movement at Constantinople against Enver Pasha and the Committee of Union and Progress is rapidly gaining strength. The promoters, seeing the ruin of Turkey impending, desire to overthrow the present regime and immediately asking for peace, hoping to secure comparatively favourable terms. They realise, however, that owing to the rigorous; thick of the battle, one regiment adprecautions taken by the Young Turks and the Germans revolt at the present moment would be a failure. Hence many important persons who recently adhered to the movement continue to profess loyalty to the Government, while fostering discontent. Meanwhile Enver is master of the situation and spreads terror on every side. Executions open or secret are of almost daily occurrence.

How Britain Treats the Interned,

The recent painful revelations as to the wretched conditions under which the British are imprisoned in Germany have prompted the authorities to give permission for several journalists to visit two camps and three internment camps, so that the British methods may be made known to the world. The visitors report that there was not the slightest desire to hide anything, and they personally inspected every part of the camps. Each compound contains, besides living and sleeping rooms, its own kitchen, work rooms, canteen, bathroom with hot and cold shower, a bank, etc. The food is plentiful, and includes a regular supply fresh and tinned meat, milk, tea, sugar, margarine, and varions vegetables, all the bread being baked in one bakery, by 180 aliens who are paid £1 a week. Prisoners can purchase practically everything they wish for from the dry canteen, which has a turnover of nearly £2,000 a month. Last month alone the prisoners in the great Isle of Man Camp purchased 6.880 lbs. of coffee, 52 dozen jars of pickles, and 267 dozen onepound pots of jam. There are well-kept gardens, billiard rooms and concert halls, and carpentering and watchmaking are practised by many. There is also a special Kosher kitchen for the 700 Jewish liens.

Heroism of Highlanders.

London, July 23 .-- Mr. Philip Gibbs. telegraphing to the "Daily Chronicle,"

The present stage of the advance is causing us very hard fighting for important positions on high ground, which must be gained and held before new progress over open country. The enemy is gathering up his reserves and flinging them against us to check the onward movement at all costs. Apparently he brought up new batteries of heavy guns, because his fire is in-

German prisoners reveal the fact that grave anxiety is reigning behind the German lines, where they do not minimise the greatness of our menace, and are straining every nerve to formidably resist. On Thursday they lost many men and valuable ground against both French and English.

Early on Thursday morning, after a long bombardment, making the night very dreadful with its noise, and the sky vivid with the light of bursting shells, we attacked between Delvide and High Woods, and west of these positions the enemy, in great strength, maintained a strong desence. He suffered severely, and was forced to retreat in disorder upon some parts of

Some of the Scottish soldiers had a bad time. They lay | under the crossfire of great British and German shells. The field batteries were rumping out shells in a great hurry before breakfast, but these were nothing compared to the work of the heavy guns. We were firing twelve 15in, gnus; the shells, rearing through the air, exploded with vast earth-shaking crashes. The enemy replied with "Jack Johnsons," which came over as thick and fast as hand grenades, making holes deep enough to bury a platoon. The shell passed over the Scotsmen, and few were hurt,

Dogged Endurance The attack was made before dawn on ground rising up towards the High Wood to Delville Wood. Now there were no roads. Our bombardment had turned up the earth in a series of deep craters. The Germans here had a line of dug-outs built. When our men came upon them the Germans hiding below the ground came up like rabbits when ferrets are at work. Most of them ran away, stumbling and falling on the broken ground. Some did not run, but came forward with their handis regarded in Germany with such pro- raised. Up to that point our casualties were very slight, but later, on the higher ground, the energy's machine

guns swept the ground. Our troops were working round High Wood, and in the centre the men were advancing in the woodlitself over fallen trees and bodies of German dead. The enemy's shells crashed above them, but our men were deber mined to get on and hold on. During the day they organised strong points ceptured on the western side, and aff those on the southern part of the position. The situation at Longueval and Delville Wood, on the north-east of that village had been very full of trouble for us ever since our Highland regiments took them on July 14. Nevertheless, the Highlanders held on with dogged endurance for nearly a week and frustrated the enemy's efforts to recover the old ground.

Highland Gallantry. The gallantry of the Highlanders was wonderful. Their first dash at Laugueval was one of the finest exploits of the war. Led by the pipers, who went with them, not only towards the German lines, but across them into the vanced to the tune of "The Campbells are coming." Then the piper screamed ont, "Charge!"—most awful music to those who have the Highlanders against them. With fixed bayonets and hand grenades they stormed the German trenches, where there were many concealed machine gun emplacements and dugouts so strong that no shell could smash them. But the Highlanders went down into them with great recklessness, flinging themselves in twos and threes into the vaults, where the enemy was

The Germans defended with the most stubborn courage. The Highlanders dug trenches across the village, and had what they call "a hell of a time." The enemy barraged the village in progressive lines with heavy shells, but, by good luck, they stopped short of where some ranks of the Highland rs were lying down in fours, using frightful words to keep their spirits up. The casualties were heavy among other officers and men, but the Highlanders beld on. Our heavy batteries firing caused terrific shocks, which made the mule teams plunge and tremble.

packed, scornful of all danger.

News From China.

Assembly Opened.

Peking, Aug. 1.-Parliament was normally opened this morning. There were about 400 Senators and Representatives present. President Li Yuanhung attended in person.

The ceremony opened at 10 o'clock, when President Li Yuan-hung, attired in a frock-coat, entered amidst the applause of the assemblage and took his reat to the left of and slightly behind the Speaker, Mr. Wang Chia-hsiang.

The Speaker of the Senate opened the proceedings, by reading an address of welcome and congraculation to the memb rs, which was received with applause. Then President Li Yuanhung read a short address of a similar

nature, which was applauded. Then everybody rose and bowed thrice in the direction of the national tlag behind the Speaker's chair, while the President's band outside played the National Anthem. President Li Yuanhung next took an eath affirming his determination to abide by the constitution. The band played an appropriate tune, concluding the simple ceremony,

which had lasted only ten minutes. The galleries of the House were packed with spectators, including a number of fereigners. After the ceremony, the President, Ministers of the Cabinet and næmbers were photographed.

It is understood that Mr. Tong Shaoyi has promised definitely to come up to Peking.

Parliamentary Procedure. According to the "Shunpae," the two Houses of Parliament, have decided to elect the Vice-President first and then to discuss about the Cabinet Min isters and the drafting of the constitu tion, but about all these questions pourparlers will first be opened and then the final discussion will fellow. The Vice President may be decided within one month and the other two

will be decided in two months. Three views are held by the members Parliament about the drafting of the Constitution, maniely, (a)—To use the draft of the consti-

fution compiled by the commission for the constitution of Parliament at the temple of Heaven in 1912. (b) To draft a quite new constitu-

(c) -To revise the constitution based on the dualt of the Temple of Haven.

President Wins Confidence. London, Aug. 2 .- President Li Yuanhung was much pleased at the cordial reception accorded to him by the memers of Parliament. He declared weild be a pleasure for him to work ogether with such a body of men. On the other hand. by his simplicity and sincerity, the President has quickly won the hearts of the Parliamentarians. Chang Kne-kan, Minister of Agriculture, has been appointed Civil Governor of Heilurgkiang. Ku Chung-hsiu, a former member of Parliament, will join

the Parliament in his stead. Bank of China's New Policy. Peking, August 3. - Reuter's Agency is reliably informed that the policy of Han Un-yuen with regard to the reorganisation of the Bank of China is, in the first place, to rehabilitate its bank notes and liquidate all the liabilities of the bank in cash, while his ultimate object is to reconstitute the bank as a commercial institution controlled by its shareholders but properly supervised by the Government, as the bank is the custodian of all Government revenues and is the national bank

Peking, August 3.-According to the "Peking Gazette," the head office of the Bank of China in Peking, will probably resume the payment of specie on the 15th inst.

Military Expenses. A Peking despatch to the Eastern News Agency says that the amount demanded of the Central Government as the military expense of the Hukuochun since the first rising at Yunnan has reached about \$20,000,000, as follows:-Yunnan \$7,000,000, Chunwuyuan \$3,000,000, Tsai Ao \$3,000,000, Li Liehchun \$2,000,000. Lin Hsein-shi and others \$5,000,000. There is no bill sent

from Kwangsi as yet and it is outside

the above total.

Purchase of Horses in the U.S. The Allies are still buying large numbers of American horses. In two weeks contracts for 10,000 horses have been placed in the West. Omaha is

the concentration point for shipment and £33 is the contract price per head. The horses are drawn from Kansas, Iowa and South Dakota, as well as Nebraska. Since the beginning of the war, many thousands of horses have been drawn from these districts for the war zone.

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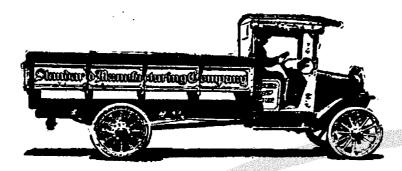
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Dutch War News.

So great is the dearth of rubber in Germany that anyone found riding a bicycle is hable to a penalty not exceeding 10,000 marks or one year's imprisonment.

Heer Tegelberg has been nominated director of the Nederland Steamship

Company. The Dutch Government, having concluded that the s.s. Ryndijk was sunk by a German submarine Germany has

offered to pay compensation. The Dutch fishery committee has returned from England. The question of liberating the Dutch trawlers detain-

ed at Kirkwall, Lerwick and other British ports may shortly be settled.
South of Lake Pripa and Baniko and North of Lake Ostroco the Bulgarians have occupied the hills in the Governments of Dzesmajers, Weteric and Ti-

The Turks have assumed the offensive near Kirlibaba from whence the Russians have had to retire. Fierce fighting is raging around Diarbekir.

Bulgaria. The Bulgarian National debt is now 3 milliards of marks, an enormous sum for such a small State. With Macedonia conquered, the Bulgarian populace cannot understand why the war is being prolonged. The army is exhausted, and desertions, which are now large, are daily increasing. The present situation of Bulgaria's allies is also causing uneasiness.

Albania. According to a Constanz' message the Albanians are rising against the Austrians. Many Albanian young men i minor successes of the Germans on this taken for forced service in the Austrian army have deserted and have the regarded as the herald of operations taken to the mountains, where they have established themselves as brigands and attack Austrian store centres and food conveys. The Austrian troops show themselves utterly without feeling or sympathy for the populace, who are starving. The President of the American Relief Committee states that upwards of 150,000 Albanians have died from starvation. A relief ship sent to Durazzo by American philanthrophists laden with stores has been detained there by the Austrians and distribution of relief refused.

A Young Turks' organ states that in German circles the belief helds that M. Venizelos will certainly be re-elected. The article prophecies early war between Greece and Turkey and a Greek occupation of Smyrna.

On the Belgian frontier eleven Ger man describes while trying to escap-

A ministerial crisis has arisen in by the British Dispensary. Denmark. The sale of the Danish

West Indies to America will in consequence have to be postponed.

The situation between Bulgaria and Rumania has improved greatly.

All German, Austrian, Bulgarian and Jewish work people in Rumania muni-tion factories have been dismissed.

The Rumanian Moratorium will be lengthened by a period of four months. A Bucharest message states that the Rumanian Minister of War has had conferences with the Premier, the Secretary General, the Commandant of the 3rd Army Corps and the Russian Military Attache.

A frontier incident took place in which soldiers of the German Landsturm fired three shors at Dutch officers who were conducting an investigation regarding the smuggling of bread from Holland into Germany. All the shots went wide.

The head of the British censorship has informed the London correspondent of the Amsterdam "Handelsblade" that negotiations are proceeding between the British Government and the Dutch Postal authorities for the acceleration of the transmission of the Dutch mails and the reduction of the time they are held up by the British censor.

According to a Hague report the German losses now total 3,135,177 including 122,540 in July. These figures do not include the naval or colonial e sualities.

The "Tijd" learns from Paris that a large portion of the German heavy artiflery at Verdon has already been silenced and that other measures have been taken as a result of which the offensive is now on the side of the French and a term has been put to the on a much more extensive scale.

The Kaiser has proceeded to the Eastern front.

The Berlin communique states that the British destroyer "Lassoo" was sunk by a German submarine. According to the Dutch papers, however, she was sunk by German destroyers. Dutch torpedo-boats brought in the "Las-soo's" boats. They saw nothing of the

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A Portcullis of Fire.

London, 11th August : Correspondents at the front dwell on the strength of Guillemont. One correspondent describes the struggle around there as very obstinate up to the present. The enemy laid traps there, of the existence of which we are fully aware. Another correspondent says: Those who have penetrated the village have found it somewhat of a rat-trap, so heavy is the portcullis of fire the enemy lets fall behind any advance. Nevertheless our trenches are moving forward, and the village-fortress is weakening before the siege tactics, while the enemy is concentrating more and more both in guns and men. The personal messages the Kaiser is sending to the garrisons on this front are alone sufficient proof of the intensity. of the German effort, and the fear of a break through.

The Casualties

The correspondent first quoted, referring to what he calls a grotesque German statement of the British casualties in June says: We naturally lost a good many men at the beginning of our thrust. Since then we have been gable to throw the enemy back at a much smaller sacrifice. We are improving on our experience every day, and at the same time taking a heavy toll of the Germans. I am confident that from the 1st July to the present date more Germans than British have been put out of action. Nothing is more expensive to the enemy than his endeavours to recover lost ground. He simply decimates his own ranks, and built in accordance with the Austrian facilitates the carrying o t of our inexorable advance.

America and the Advance

The "Chicago Daily News" publishes a message from its Berlin correspondent saying: "All reports here praise the heroisus of the British and French forces in the Battle raging on the Somme. The Germans realise the critical importance of these days." All the newspapers in Chicago are absorbed in the Allied advance, and all other news is subordinated to the reports of the British gains. The "New York Times," in a leading article, expressed the hope that Germans would soon see the truth of the situation, and know that she was beaten and sue for peace.

Ge man Reserves.

London, August 7.—The "Daily that the French successes north of Ver- | ship. It may save much suffering and dun were obtained by noticeably small | nconvenience if you have it handy.

inclined to believe that the German reserves really have begun to run short; hence the importance of concerted attacks at Verdun and on the Somme.

A British correspondent at the front states that the Germans were told during the lull that the British had done their worst. Our advance at Pozieres was a surprise. It is believed that our casualties were smaller than in any other important action. During the battle of Picardy the enemy's losses were heavy. The prisoners were dazed, nerve-shattered men. Some apparently belonged to Germany's last

Cadorna's Blow

London, August 9.—The correspondent of "The Times" at the Italian headquarters states that the Austrians believed that their blow in the Trentino had nipped in the bud any Italian plans for co-operating in the Allied offensive. Thus the Austrians were taken completely by surprise. Very few of the prisoners had more than a hundred cartridges. All the prisoners whom the correspondent has seen were men over ferty, or stalward youths; there were none of intermediate ages. They were in the worst possible condition with nothing resembling uni form, ill-equipped and ill-fed, a verita-blo-beggars' brigade.

The "Secolo's" correspondent at the front states that the victory was the result of long and patient preparations, made without arousing the enemy's suspicions, including the makim anew of all communications over a vast area, tillery could aweep the old roads and prevent the least movement of convoys. The new roads were laid through woods, and the exposed parts were hidden under shelters of woven rushes or high artificial hedges.

The "Central News" Milan corresondent states that the attack on Hill 85 was merely a diversion intended to delude the Austrians. It succeeded admirably, as the enemy threw masses of reserves into the Monfalcone sector.

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Paddy Crop Report for the Mondol Xannai.

For August 8-14, 2459.

Krung Deb.

Minburi:—The area planted up to date is 128,600 rai, about 12,600 rai more than last year. The paddy is at most over 11 sok high, in better condition than last year though there is not yet enough water in some places, in the high lying districts.

Phra Pradaeng:—The area planted up to date is about 11,250 rai, the paddy is over 1 sok high, in better condition than last year.

Smudprakar: - The area planted up to date is 84,200 rai, about 50,300 rai more than last year. The paddy is about 1 kub high, in better condition than last year.

Mondol Krung Kao.

Dhanyaburi:-The area planted up to date is 310,600 rai, about 9,000 rai more than last year. The paddy is over 1 sok high, in better condition than last

Pradumdhani: - The area planted up to date is 72,650 rai, about 2,000 rai less than last year. The paddy in the high-lying districts is in better condition than last year, but that in the lowlying districts to the extent of about 5,000 rai has been damaged by floods and the remainder is doing only fairly

Krung Kao: -- The area planted up to date is 842,000 rai, about 64,300 rai less than last year. The paddy to the extent or about 900 rai has been damazed by floods, the remainer is in flourishing cordition, better than last

year. The height is over 3 sok. Angtong: -The area planted up to date is 366,760 rai, about 12,830 rai less than last year. The paddy to the extent of about 3,700 rai has been damaged by floods, the remainder is in good condition, about the same as last year. The height is about 3 sok.

Singhburi :- The area planted up to date is 180,000 rai, about 26,400 rai more than last year. The paddy to the extent of about 900 rai has been damaged by floods, the remainder is in good condition, better than last year.

The height is over 2 sok. Lobburi:—The area planted up to date is \$53,700 rai, about 134,400 rai more than last year. The paddy is over 4 sok high, doing well and is better than last year except in Ambhur Lobburi where it is not doing very well for want of water.

Mondol Nagor Jaisri.

The area planted no to date is 29,600 rai, about 35,600 rai less from other Changvals of the Mondol than last year. The paddy to the ex. | Xannai.

tent of about 1,200 rai has been damaged by drough; and floods, the remainder is, at a beight of about 1 sok, doing only fairly well and is inferior to that of last year.

Subarnburi: - The area planted up to date is 242,300 rai, about 4,000 rai less than last year. The paddy to the extent of about 1,850 rai has been dadamaged by floods, the remainder is, at a height of about 2 sok, in better condition than last year.

Mondol Rajburi.

Rajburi:—The area planted up to date is 167,100 rai, about 6,100 rai, more than last year. The puddy to the extent of about 16,190 rai has been damaged by drought, floods, rats, crabs and insects, the remainder is doing only fairly well and is inferior to that of

last year. The height is about 2 sok. Smudsonggram:—The area planted up to date is 9,200 rai, about 1,000 rai more than last year. The paddy to the extent of about 300 rai has been damaged by drought, the remainder is, at a height of about 1 sok, in better condition than last year.

Mondol Prachin.

Xhaxoengsoo:—The area planted up to date is 305,100 rai, about 25,300 rai less than 1 st year. The paddy is at most 1 sok high, in better

condition than last year. Prachinburi :--The area planted up to date is 159,960 rai, about 4,500 rai more than last year. The paddy is about 24 sok high, doing only fairly well and is inferior to that of last year.

Nagor Nagok :- The area planted up to date is 207 800 rai, about 156,000 rai more than last year. The paddy is at most 2 sok high, in better condition then last year.

Jolburi:-The area planted up to date s 115,500 rai, about 41,100 rai more than last year. The paddy to the ex-tent of about 230 rai has been damaged by drought and crabs, the remainder

is on'y partly good, about the same as last year. The height is about 3 sok. Krabindraburi :- The area planted up to date is 32,700 rai, about 7,700 rai more than last year. The paddy is

at most 2 rok high, in good condition. Mondol Nagor Syarga

Jainad: -The area planted up to date is **19,**050 rai, about one half of last year. The paddy to the extent of about 5,400 rai has been damaged by floods, the remainder is in better condition than last year, about 15 sok in height.

Kambaengbejra:—The area planted up to date is 12,850 rai, about 3,600 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year, about 2 sok in height.

Reports have not yet been received

Tragic Fight With Giant Apes.

A vivid etory of an orang ontang hunt in Borneo, in the course of which four men were killed, one crippled for life, and another seriously injured, is related in a Sourabaya journal received at Amsterdam by a recent mail from I the Lutch Indies.

in wild animals, having recently arrived in Borneo on a collecting expedition for several European zoos, set out for the Landak River region with the object of capturing two orang outangs which had for sometime rendered the adjucent country unsafe for travellers.

Mayer caused the native beaters he had engaged to fell all the trees within a radius of about a quarter of a mile of the tree in which the apes had their abode with the exception of those immediately surrouncing it, which were only partly cut.

Mayer then began cautiously to approach the apes' tree, and after sighting the animals, which were of immose size, he gave his men a pre-arranged signal, and with a terrific crash the partly lopped trees fell to the ground.

A fire of branches was then lit unders

neath the apes' tree, and when the smoke had driven the animals to sork refuge in the topmost limbs some of the natives began felling the tree, while others held in readiness two large nets in which to catch the apes. The tree swayed and fell, and attering savage cries, the two animals their long arms tightly clasping one another's bodies, came to the ground, and the new were thrown over them.

The male orang, contriving to release one of his arms, ciutched the Australian by the leg, and dragged him towards the net. Mayer detended himself with an axe, but his leg was brok n before his men could come to his assistance and direct the attack by beiabouring the ape with a club. The animal then released his hold of Mayer, and seized one of the natives, who was killed before anyone could come to his assistance. A second native also fel! a victim to the fury of the animal, and while efforts were being made to release him the female, oring released her arms from the net, and killed fwo men and crippled a third.

Mayer was carried from the spot in a state of unconsciousness, and all a having been attended by a native medicine man in a but in the forest was conveyed to Rynbang, in Dutch North Borneo where he sailt remains under the care of two doctors,

Four days later his native servan s arrived there, bringing with them the two cantured orang outages, which have since been despatched to Singa- Landon in Siamo : Correnov :- pore for shipment to Europe.

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Singhburi	••	27	4.6	**
, Sraburi	*1	27	5.3	**
Lobburi	**	27	15.0	**
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