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"Nankin" Aug. 3	"Malwa"	

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	do	Sept. 29

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"Nagoya"	" 28	" Medina"	29
"Somali"	June 11	" Mongolia"	May 13
"Nankin"	" 25	" Malwa"	27
"Nellore"	" 30	" "	27
"Novara"	July 13	" Kaiser-i-hind"	June 10
"Nore"	" 23	" London"	24
"Malta"	Aug. 6	" Kashgar"	8
"Nankin"	" 20	" Karmala"	22
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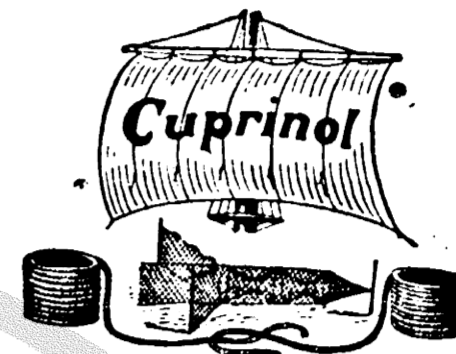
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FOR JULY, 1916.

June	A.M.			L. W. (Approx.)
	H. W.	Ft. & in.		
16	3 30	12 5	11-12	5.0
17	4 30	12 4	12	5.0
18	5 00	12 3		
19	6 00	12 1		
20	7 00	11 6		
21	7 30	11 4		
22	8 30	10 8		
23	10 30	10 1		
24	12 00	9 9		
25			8-9	6.7
26	1 00	13 6	9	6.7
27	1 00	12 6	9-10	6.7
28	1 30	11 10	9-10	6.7
29	2 00	11 10	11-12	5.6
30	3 00	11 00	11-12	5.6
July 1	3 00	11 0	11-12	5.6
2	4 00	11 11		
3	5 00	11 11		
4	6 00	12 0		
5	6 30	11 11		
6	7 30	11 10		
7	8 00	11 7		
8	9 30	11 1		
9	10 30	11 0		
10	11 30	10 6	6-7	7.0
11			7-8	6.0
12			8-9	6.0
13			8-9	6.0
14	1 00	12 4	9-10	6.0
15	2 30	12 0	10-11	5.0

June	P.M.			L. W. (Approx.)
	H. W.	Ft. & in.		
16	8 00	15 7		
17	8 30	15 3		
18	9 30	15 2	1.0	5.0
19	10 00	14 9	1.2	5.0
20	10 00	14 4	2.3	5.0
21	10 30	14 3	2.3	5.6
22	11 00	14 0	3.4	5.6
23	11 00	13 6	3.4	6.7
24	11 30	13 5	4.5	7.8
25	12 30	12 7		
26	1 30	12 0		
27	2 30	13 5		
28	3 00	14 3		
29	3 30	14 5		
30	7 00	14 8		
July 1	7 00	14 10		
2	7 30	15 0	1.0	5.0
3	8 00	14 10	1.2	5.0
4	8 30	14 7	2.3	5.0
5	9 00	14 6	2.3	5.6
6	9 30	14 5	2.3	5.6
7	10 00	14 1	3.4	6.7
8	10 30	13 11	4.0	7.0
9	10 30	13 11	4.0	7.0
10	11 00	13 0	4.5	7.8
11	11 00	12 10		
12	5 30	13 10		
13	6 00	14 7		
14	6 30	14 9		
15	7 30	15 1		

PHASES OF THE MOON.
June 30th O New Moon 5.25 p.m.
July 1st 1st Quarter 6.37 p.m.
" 15th O Full Moon 11.22 a.m.
" 22nd Last Quarter 6.15 a.m.
" 30th O New Moon 8.57 a.m.

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The Irish Settlement.

London, June 23.—The Ulster Nationalist held a private conference at Belfast to consider Mr. Lloyd George's proposals. Seven hundred delegates attended, Mr. Redmond presiding. It is stated that Mr. Redmond declared that he would resign the leadership of the Irish Party if the exclusion of the six Ulster counties was not accepted by the Convention.

Later.—The conference of Ulster Nationalists voted acceptance Lloyd George's proposals by 475 votes to 265.

London, June 24.—The decision of the Belfast Conference has been received in London with relief and satisfaction. No further difficulties are anticipated. The issue at Belfast was doubtful till Mr. Devlin made an eloquent appeal. The intimation that he and his colleagues would support Mr. Redmond in resigning carried the day.

A meeting of four thousand people at Cork, convened by Mr. William O'Brien, passed a resolution protesting against a settlement involving the partition of Ulster.

Lords Balfour of Burleigh, Cromer, Halsbury, Middleton and Salisbury, in a statement, declare that Irish proposals are most dangerous to the Empire and the Allies. It is impossible for Mr. Redmond to govern with the firmness at present requisite, and there is no prospect of the maintenance of order from a Government pledged to a trial in July, under which convictions for treason will not be procurable. The question is not local, but Imperial, and should be dealt with after the war.

School of Oriental Studies.

London, June 23.—Presiding over the first meeting of the governors of the School of Oriental Studies, Mr. Henderson (Minister for Education) emphasised that the School would play an important part in the reconstruction of commerce and industry, by assisting Britain to secure and control the sources of raw material, and open new markets in Africa and the East. He hoped that the School would become a chief centre of research, to which learned Indians and Egyptians could turn for guidance in their studies.

Mr. S. J. Harton is appointed Honorary Secretary of the School. It is understood that a further appeal for funds will shortly be made.

Items of Interest.

London, June 24.—Sixteen Salvationists have left for Java, to assist in stamping out plague.

London, June 22.—The engagement is announced of Irene Curzon to Guy Benson, eldest son of R. H. Benson.

Rome, June 23.—Count Sforza, Minister to Peking, has been appointed Minister to Serbia.

Lourenco Marques, June 24.—Official: The Germans suffered many casualties in an attack on the Portuguese post at Unde.

London, June 23.—Lord Hardinge was received in audience.
London, June 22.—Lord Hardinge was present at the War Council.

London, June 23.—The Gazette announces that Major General W. Fry is appointed temporarily in charge of the administration, vice Major General Friend. The latter was commander of the forces in Ireland at the time of the rising.

Amsterdam, June 24.—The Great Eastern Railway liner Brussels bound for Harwich, has been taken into Zeebrugge by four German destroyers.

London, June 21.—The German capture of the liner Brussels is confirmed. It is stated that she was taken to Zeebrugge by a German submarine.

Cartagena, June 22.—The German submarine U 35, it is stated, carried an autograph letter from the Kaiser to King Alfonso, thanking him for the welcome given by Spain to the Germans from the Cameroons, for whom the submarine discharged hospital stores. The commander boasts that he destroyed fifty ships, including the French liner Provence.

The War Ministry.

London, June 23.—It is stated that the real cause of the delay in appointing a successor to Lord Kitchener is the statutory prohibition of the presence in the House of Commons of more than four principal Secretaries of State. There must be a reshuffling of offices or an amendment of the prohibitory act before Mr. Lloyd George can be appointed.

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TIME TABLE.

PAKNAM-BANGKOK.					BANGKOK-PAKNAM				
Stations.		Train No.			Stations.		Train No.		
		1	2	3 4			1	2	3 4
		a.m.	a.m.	p.m. p.m.			a.m.	a.m.	p.m. p.m.
Paknam	Dep.	6.30	9.30	12.45 3.45	Bangkok	Dep.	7.45	10.45	2.00 5.00
*Maha Wong	"	6.35	9.35	12.50 3.50	Sala Deng	"	* 7.52	10.52	2.07 5.07
*Ban Nang	"	6.40	9.40	12.55 3.55	Klong Toi	"	8.00	11.00	2.15 5.15
Chorakhe	"	6.45	9.45	1.00 4.00	*Ban Kluai	"	8.05	11.05	2.20 5.20
*Samrong	"	6.50	9.50	1.05 4.05	Prakonong	"	8.10	11.10	2.25 5.25
Bangna	"	6.55	9.55	1.10 4.10	Bangjak	"	8.15	11.15	2.30 5.30
Bangjak	"	7.00	10.00	1.15 4.15	*Bangna	"	8.20	11.20	2.35 5.35
*Prakonong	"	7.05	10.05	1.20 4.20	Samrong	"	8.25	11.25	2.40 5.40
*Ban Kluai	"	7.10	10.10	1.25 4.25	Chorakhe	"	8.30	11.30	2.45 5.45
Klong Toi	"	7.15	10.15	1.30 4.30	*Ban Nang	"	8.35	11.35	2.50 5.50
Sala Deng	"	7.23	10.23	1.38 4.38	*Maha Wong	"	8.40	11.40	2.55 5.55
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Russia's Come-Back.

The vast campaign which Russia has successfully launched against the Austro-Germans in the Bukovina has served somewhat to divert attention from the victorious march of the Grand Duke Nicholas in Asia Minor. A recent issue of *The New York Times*, to hand contains a review of these operations and a tribute to the foresight and strategy of the Russian General Staff as follows:

When at the high tide of the German invasion of Russia, last September, Grand Duke Nicholas was relieved from command of the Tsar's defense and sent to the Caucasus, the assumption was that he had been sacrificed to royal displeasure. Some military experts thought his strategy had been brilliant in retreat, and yet it was easy to understand that in Russian eyes failure to stop the invader might have outweighed the intrinsic merits of his performance. He had baffled the Germans, he had saved the Russian Army from capture or destruction, but he had lost Poland and the greater part of rich Lithuania.

The Caucasus was far away and seemed then an unimportant theater. Developments have changed the aspect of affairs. The Germans went hardly any further into Russia. The "eastern front" is almost the same as when the Grand Duke left it. The fighting has diminished to a minimum. But in Asia Minor large events are taking place.

From his Caucasian bases the Grand Duke is driving a pronged fork into Turkey. One prong, sliding along the edge of the Black Sea, is aimed at Constantinople; another is penetrating a very mountainous country in a central southerly direction and is intended to cut Turkey's transverse communications. And another, pointed straight at Baghdad from the north-east, has already pierced the Turco-Persian mountain barrier almost to Khanikin, 110 miles from the Holy City, on the plains of Mesopotamia. The operation is somewhat like driving a fork into a mole hill. The Turk may either be impaled or trapped between two prongs. In the case of being trapped he might escape by several ways, in a westerly direction, across the desert, but that would mean to abandon Baghdad and all of Mesopotamia. It would establish contact at once between the Russians and the British coming up the Euphrates River from the Persian Gulf.

The character of the Grand Duke's operations is determined by the extreme difficulties of the country, which is very mountainous in all approaches to Mesopotamia, with few and wretched roads and scanty sustenance. The invading force have to go in thin columns and rely entirely upon their distant bases for supplies. The difficulties of transportation must be en-

ormous. There are military experts who think that when the history of the war is written in perspective, this Caucasian campaign will be one of its most interesting and important chapters, provided it succeeds.

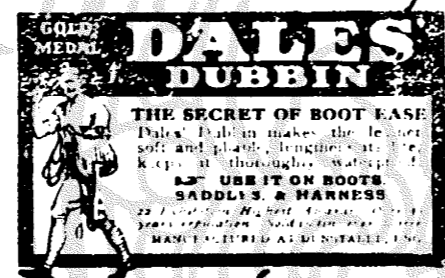
It is now possible to believe that when the Grand Duke Nicholas was relieved from command on the eastern front it was done with a view to the importance of Asia Minor as a theater of war and his special ability to perform there a task of prodigious proportions. If that is true, then Russian foresight and strategy deserve to be very highly thought of, for undoubtedly the Germans were unprepared in Asia Minor and taken off their guard.

Farewell to the Stage.

The New York World of April 27, has the following from Cambridge, Mass. April 26:—Sir Johnston Forbes Robertson, the English actor, made his farewell appearance on any stage this evening in Sander's Theatre, where he presented his third and last performance of the Harvard Tercentenary production of "Hamlet." At the end he was cheered for ten minutes, and in a speech said:—

"My wife, Gertrude Elliott, will not retire from the stage, but I trust will have the honour of appearing in America many, many times. As for myself I am proud that I have had the honour of presenting here "Hamlet" within a few hours of the tercentenary of Shakespeare's death. In a few hours I shall be returning to a stricken country. I think it right to say that we in England have been lax in our duty. We have been living in a fool's paradise, and now you see my stricken country.

To America I can only say do not lag behind do not live in a fool's paradise, but be armed and well prepared. I hope and believe that there will be a coming together all over the world of English-speaking people, which will last under all conditions, and will be emblematic always of liberty. I hope the Stars and Stripes and Union Jack will inseparably stand for independence, religious liberty, and the highest ideals that white men have had for generations."



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THE Great War.

The French Front.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, June 28.

Yesterday on both banks of the Meuse the bombardment was less intense, but more violent in the Woivre. We completely repulsed an attack on a part of the village of Fleury which we occupy.

To-day we repulsed a reconnaissance in Champagne.

There were artillery struggles on the left of Meuse and in the Avocourt and Chantancourt sectors.

On the right of the Meuse we repulsed counter-attacks north-east of Hill 321, at Fleury and east of Vaux wood and Chapitre.

There was a lively struggle during the night near the Thiaumont works.

Russian Report.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, June 28.

Petrograd.—We repulsed all enemy attacks.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE s.s. "Hai Man" left Singapore for Bangkok on Thursday the 29th June at 7 a.m. with the European (English) mail on board.

To the list of those entering the priesthood on the 6th and 7th prox., must be added the name of H. S. H. Prince Thavajchai Chalernwongs, a son of H. R. H. the late Prince Srithsangkas.

OUR readers had better be warned that the old suspension bridge at Hua Lamphong, near the new railway terminus, is being dismantled, but foot passengers can cross over by a narrow temporary bridge.

A DESPATCH from Bukharest to the "Petit Parisien" states that M. Take Jonescu has returned the Order of the Red Eagle to the German Minister, remarking that he had not done so before because he considered it as an act of superfluous impoliteness.

THE German authorities have made known to General Letnan that they will consent to his transfer to Switzerland, but the valiant defender of Liege has refused the offer, because his acceptance would imply in effect an engagement not to engage further in hostilities.

ACCORDING to a notice from H. B. M. Legation, Bangkok, appearing in another column, British subjects between the ages of 18 and 41 who were ordinarily resident in Great Britain on August 15th, 1915, are liable to military service under the terms of the Military Service Act.

THE report of the Medical Officer of Health for the week ended 24th June shows that the number of cases of bubonic plague that were notified to him as having occurred in Bangkok during that period was 5 all of which ended fatally. There were no cases of cholera or small-pox.

WE have received the June issue of the Echo de L'Assomption published by the Assumption College. The magazine contains some interesting news of the work of some of the teachers at the front. It also contains various contributions in three different languages and is fully up to the usual standard.

THE s.s. "Haldia" belonging to Messrs. The Indo-Siam Steam Navigation Co. Ltd. which arrived yesterday from Hongkong, brought thirteen American-made motor cars. Of this lot seven are consigned to Mr. G. Kluzer and the remaining six to Mr. E. V. Bailey. Mr. Kluzer's cars are all big ones while those consigned to Mr. Bailey are two-seaters.

A Big Land Slide.

There has occurred at Bang Na, where it will be remembered a powder magazine exploded a few months ago, another disaster in the shape of a big land slide, about 40 feet in depth and 100 feet long, which carried with it part of a new ferro-concrete embankment.

There are fears that further portions of this embankment, which is about 1,000 feet in length, may also go.

On this part of the river the banks have been subject to much washing away, and some months ago the Navy Department decided to build a ferro-concrete bunding. It was part of this bunding, which was only completed recently, that has been washed away.

The Dovre Collision Case.

The circumstances under which the arbitration in this matter, recently concluded, took place are somewhat interesting. The Chinese owners of a cargo boat by their Solicitor Mr. Wright filed a claim in the Norwegian Court against the s.s. Dovre for damages for the sinking of the boat and its cargo of rice; the claim being Tcs. 3,290. The Master of the s.s. Dovre then decided to file a counter claim in the Siamese Court against the cargo boat owners. The Consul and the Solicitors and parties met and decided that instead of having two cases tried in two different Courts that they settle the counter claims by arbitration. Capt. Borgeesen, Consul for Norway, agreed to act as arbitrator for the s.s. Dovre and Mr. Wright on behalf of his clients desired to obtain the service of a Siamese Judge as arbitrator on their side. H. R. H. Prince Svasti to whom the matter was referred by the Minister of Justice selected Phra Sukkhinn, a Judge of the International Court, as arbitrator and the Minister of Justice allowed the arbitrators the use of one of the Boriapah Courts for the proceedings. The arbitrators were assisted by two nautical experts each selected by one or other of the parties. In the end the arbitrators differed in their awards, and the arbitrators mutually agreed upon Mons. Pradere Niquet as their Umpire. Mons. Pradere Niquet on the 28th instant published his award, in which he, after reading succinctly the facts and discussing at some considerable length the arguments adduced on either side, decided as follows:—

1) no blame is to be attached to the cargo-boat when she came and tied up to the Dovre and so, Sec. 42 of the law of Navigation in Siamese waters B. S. 2456 is not to be applied in this case.

2) the Captain is at fault for not having given the necessary orders to have the boats cast off, when he saw them, before proceeding with the ship.

3) the main cause of the collision is attributable to the negligence of the Captain of the Dovre throughout the manoeuvring and that by the act of putting his engines full speed astern when there was no absolute necessity to go astern without looking or ascertaining if everything was clear ast; the Captain therefore being guilty of a breach of Sec. 29 of the Collision Regulations B. S. 130 must be considered as chiefly responsible for the collision.

4) on the other hand, the fact that the steersman of the sunken cargo-boat cast off from the Dovre with undue slowness reduces to a certain extent the responsibility of the Captain of the Dovre.

Therefore according to Sec. 304 of the Law on Navigation in Siamese waters B. S. 2456 the Captains or Owners of the Dovre should pay to Chin Sieow Boon chop King Seng Hong the total sum of Tcs. 3,290 loss and damages, less 1/5, viz. Tcs. 2,632 only.

The fees for the Umpire, Arbitrators and Assessors and Tcs. 300 counsel's fee have to be paid by both parties as follows:—

4/5 by the Captain or Owners of the s.s. Dovre.

1/5 by Chin Sieow Boon chop King Seng Hong.

The Kjeld Case.

This case in which Mr. Laem, owner of the Chantaboon Firewood agency is suing the owners of the Norwegian steamship Kjeld for damages for the alleged running down and sinking of a lighter fully loaded with Chantaboon firewood, is down for adjourned hearing to-morrow. The hearing will be in the Norwegian Court, Mr. Borgeesen appearing for the plaintiff and Mr. Wright for the defendant.

Golf Notes.

The teams for Sunday, as given the other day, will not be adhered to in detail as one or two men have fallen out. The composition of the actual teams will be put up on the notice board at the Sports Club to-morrow afternoon. The Reserves are asked to note that some of them will have to play.

Two New Brigadiers.

London, June 23.—The Gazette announces that the Indian officers Lieut. Colonels L. W. Campbell and A. M. Elsmie are appointed temporary Brigadiers.

Rear Admiral's C.B.

London, June 22.—Rear Admiral Kelverton has been made a Companion of the Bath.

The Arab Revolt.

London, June 21.—Reuter learns that a contributory cause of the Arab revolt was the hanging, shooting and imprisonment of prominent Arabs following the visit of Enver Pasha to Mecca, where two Moslem deputies were executed. News has been received that the Turks shelled the sacred shrines at Kerbela and Nejeef, where the Shah Moslems have risen.

Personal.

H.R.H. the Prince of Nagor Svarga's birthday was yesterday, but we regret to learn that the Prince has been indisposed for some time. We wish His Royal Highness many happy returns of his natal day and trust the temporary indisposition will soon pass away.

Among other Princes who celebrated their birthdays this month are H.R.H. the Prince of Chandaburi on the 8th and H.R.H. Prince Damrong on the 31st.

We regret to learn that Mrs. Lyle is laid up with fever, and hope that she will be well soon.

Mr. S. H. Hendrick, the popular manager of the Bangkok branch of the Siam Forest Company, Limited, who with Mrs. Hendrick, has been on a three months' holiday in India spent chiefly in the Orissa and hills, popularly known as Ooty, has just returned. They are quite delighted with their holiday. The hotels at the port of Madras are luxuriously fitted up and the catering excellent, quite a different state of things to what prevailed twenty-five years ago. It is interesting news that the inclusive charge per day was Rupees eight only.

Mr. H. G. Monod is still interpreting with a Highland regiment somewhere in France. He has had a curious experience lately. He left on five days' leave for Paris and said good-bye to the Major. On return from leave to report himself he went to the Major. He found the Major he said good-bye to no longer there, but a new officer in his place. They eyed each other for a second and their astonishment on mutual recognition found vent in much. The new Major was no other than Mr. Thompson formerly of the Survey Department in Bangkok, and so well known in the local racing circle as a member of the Kongsi "Bidder and Thompson," the owners of that wonderful pony the Imp.

Mr. W. S. Smart, one of our older residents who has just returned from Singapore, had a curious experience which is too good not to be repeated. He went down by the Chutatch along the coast with his little son, nine years old, in order to place him in a school. This he did, and after saying good-bye to the boy returned to his ship. A short time after the good ship had weighed anchor on her return voyage imagine Mr. Smart's feelings when he saw the little fellow behind him on board. The explanation of the boy was that he could not stand the school where the boys did not understand him or speak Siamese. Smart little boy! He is back now in his old home. By the way Mr. Smart has a very good word for the accommodation and catering on board the Chutatch.

U. S. and Mexico.

Washington, June 23.—The Mexican ambassador called on Mr. Lansing and asked for an explanation of the action of American troops in approaching the town of Carrizal. He complained of the occupation of two other towns as acts of hostility.

Mr. Lansing has informed the diplomats of South and Central America that if hostilities develop with Mexico the United States will defend itself against further incursions but will not intervene in Mexican affairs.

Washington, June 22.—There is the gravest apprehension here in consequence of a Mexican fight in which General Gomez was killed by an American cavalryman. Each side accused the other of starting the firing.

New York, June 23.—Hearst's papers are clamouring for war with Mexico.

Washington, June 23.—The War Department has ordered the first five thousand militia mobilised of the central and western States to be rushed immediately to the Mexican border.

El Paso, June 23.—General Pershing reports by wireless that stragglers from Carrizal report that 65 Americans were attacked without provocation by two hundred Mexicans. The Captain and Lieutenant commanding the Negro Cavalry were killed.

Washington, June 24.—The House of Representatives unanimously passed a motion declaring that an emergency existed justifying President Wilson in transferring the State Militiamen into the army.

Mr. Mann, the Republican leader, declared that a state of war already practically existed in northern Mexico. Mr. Baker, War Secretary, conferred at length with President Wilson, whom he roused from sleep.

The Militia are being despatched to the border as speedily as possible.

New York, June 24.—It is stated that Great Britain will be asked to look after American interests in Mexico in the event of war.

Lancashire's Little Worries.

London, June 24.—The North-East Lancashire carders, who temporarily accepted the five per cent. advance, gave a month's notice to terminate the agreement whereby wages in North-East Lancashire follow those of South-East Lancashire.

Kipling's Submarine Tales.

London, June 22.—Kipling's second article tells of the exploits of E14 and E11 in the Sea of Marmora and graphically describes how E14 ran the gauntlet of forts, mines and patrol-boats in the Dardanelles and torpedoed transports and warships, but spared offensive craft, during its three weeks stay in Turkish waters. It relates an extraordinary encounter of E11 with a small steamer near Rodosto.

Silas Should Have Swung.
The steamer was held up and the crew ordered to abandon it, when an American gentleman appeared on the upper deck and stated his name as Silas Q. Swing, of the Chicago Sun. He said he was pleased to make their acquaintance. He was not sure if there were any stores on board. A lieutenant boarded the steamer and found a six-inch gun, and the hold full of shells. The submarine crew put a demolition charge in the well, in among the six-inch stuff, and she took it to the bottom in a few minutes.

An Episode with a Mine.
The article also tells how E11 was swivelled all round the compass by currents at the bottom of the Bosphorus, like a lady of the harem tied in a sack, and how a mine caught on E11's bow and she dare not come up to unhitch it owing to the batteries ashore, so pushed it ahead till she was outside Kumkale, when she went full speed astern, allowing the mine to fall clear.

Russia's Mightiness.

London, June 23.—The battle on Brussiloff's right wing has developed into a colossal and fluctuating struggle. Three distinct groups of Austro-Germans are desperately striving to drive a wedge into the armies threatening Kovel and Vladimir Volynsk. The opinion at Petrograd is that the culmination of the struggle on this front has not yet been reached, as the Russian successes upset the German plans and caused the Germans to concentrate forces on the Russian front. It is reported that Mackensen is personally directing the operations. A repetition of the famous phalanx tactics is anticipated.

Meanwhile, Planzer's army is reported to be shut up in an angle of the frontier near Sereth, completely surrounded by Russians, while the Austrians are also hastily entrenching on Carpathian passes.

Amsterdam, June 23.—The Austrian communiqué mentions fighting with the advancing Russians at Teurahumora, in the extreme south of Bukovina, and twenty-four miles south of Radautz.

Petrograd, June 23.—There were unsuccessful German attempts at the offensive in several sectors south of Dvinsk. Heavy fighting began on the twenty-first along the Oginski Canal, and continued. Both sides made vain attempts to cross. The Russian General Stegmann has been mortally wounded. There is local fighting on the whole of Brussiloff's front. The enemy is receiving constant reinforcements from France and Italy.

The offensive in Bukovina continues. We occupied Gurahumora and Straja, to the westward of Radautz, and Veshnitz, on the north-western border of Bukovina.

The Russians have thus reached the Carpathians throughout Bukovina.

The Fight for Kovel.
Petrograd, June 24.—The fighting against the Germans in the Stry and Stokhod regions is in very savage country, marshy and roadless, and is largely in the nature of what the Russians call an "encountering action," where both sides attack simultaneously. The village of Gruziatyn, on the Stry, which is constantly changing hands, is most important because the Russian successes cut the light railway built by the Germans to Koliki.

An instance of an encountering action was at Svidniki, on the Stokhod, where an attack by the Russians advancing on Kovel was anticipated by a German advance in dense columns. The latter drove back the Russians a mile and a half from the river, but the Germans, attempting to advance farther, were caught by rifle and maxim fire. A bayonet charge completed their discomfiture, and the Russians rushed the bridge of the river at their heels, whilst an armoured car, dashing in their midst, completed the demoralisation of the enemy.

Advancing Through Bogs.
The Russians continued to advance on the other side of the Stokhod in waist deep marshes, carrying their rifles and machine guns on their shoulders. A slip meant that a man became engulfed in the bog. The final charge which captured the village was made by men dripping with mud from head to foot.

Gas Attack Falls.
The Germans started an attack against Bereghina Farm, preceded by clouds of gas, which we dispersed. Thereupon large forces of the enemy infantry attacked, but a Russian bayonet charge drove back the Germans to their trenches, leaving numerous corpses outside the wire entanglements.

Reports from other districts announce the failure of German attacks. The Russians continue to advance in Bukovina.

The Russians smashed a Turkish attack in the Trabzon district, inflicting very heavy losses.

Verdun.

Paris, June 23.—The Chamber of Deputies concluded its secret sittings relative to the Verdun operations and adopted by 444 to 89 a resolution declaring that it is resolved to continue to cooperate with Government in giving a constantly more vigorous impulse to national defence, expressing confidence that the Government will act most vigorously in strengthening the direction of the war, noting with satisfaction the results achieved by France and her allies, and proclaiming increased faith in victory.

Paris, June 24.—A semi-official communication warns against attaching undue importance to the inevitable fluctuations in the tide of Verdun, which have only a relative influence on the final result, which depends on other events which will come at their proper time, and which the German desire to forestall will not avert.

Successful Air Raids.
Paris, June 23.—The communiqué says: In reprisal for a German bombardment of the open towns of Bar-le-Duc and Lunéville, French air squadrons dropped bombs on Trier, where a great fire was observed, Karlsruhe, and Mulheim. A squadron of Fokkers pursued ten French machines returning from Mulheim but the latter fought them and felled one Fokker. French chasing aeroplanes were most active during the day and felled two German machines, whilst a third was brought down by anti-aircraft fire.

A French pilot felled two German aeroplanes, one being on fire. French airmen dropped bombs on the railway stations at Apremont, Grand-près, les Eparges, Romagne, and Brielles, bivouacs at Bois Conservoye, and military establishments north of Thionville.

Paris, June 24.—The communiqué reports a heavy gun bombardment all day on the left bank of the Meuse. The Germans on the right of the Meuse, after furious artillery preparation all night, launched a series of attacks at eight in the morning on a front of five kilometres from Hill 321 to the east of Damloup Battery. Attacks with great effect followed most desperately. Notwithstanding enormous losses inflicted by our artillery and machine-guns, the Germans between Hills 321 and 380, after several fruitless assaults, captured the first line trenches and Thiaumont work.

A powerful German attack reached the village of Henry and was driven back by a sharp counter-attack. Attacks at Vaux, Chapire, Fumin and Chenois Woods and Damloup Battery were shattered by our fire and completely failed.

London, June 23.—The French communiqué says that the Germans thrice attacked on a front of 1,200 metres in Champagne. They penetrated trenches west of Mont Tain and were driven out by the bayonet, leaving prisoners. There was artillery activity elsewhere.

On the right, our counter-attacks in the region of Hills 321 and 320 regained for us a large part of the lost ground as far as the approaches to Thiaumont, between Fumin and Chenois woods. We regained all the trenches and elements lost on the night of the 21st. The Germans are employing over six divisions on the right bank.

Paris, June 25.—A communiqué says: The day was comparatively quiet on the left of the Meuse, except at Hill 304, where our positions were slowly but continuously bombarded. Our lines on Hill 321, north-east of Froid Terre, and in Chapire and Chenois woods, on the right of the Meuse, were intensely bombarded. The struggle continued this morning on the outskirts of the village of Fleury, where the enemy occupied some houses.

There was no change in other sectors, and no infantry action occurred.

British Airmen Active.
London, June 24.—Sir Douglas Haig's communiqué says: There was considerable air activity in the fine weather yesterday. There were twenty-two combats in the air, mostly indecisive. Two British machines were brought down. The enemy yesterday night emitted gas on a small front south-west of Meuse, but the infantry did not attack.

London, June 25.—General Haig, in a communiqué, states: Hostile aircraft were active yesterday. Our scouts attacked and drove back a reconnaissance of six machines which was attempting to cross our lines. Our artillery to-day was more active on the whole front.

Lord Curzon for Canada?

London, June 23.—Official: The Duke of Connaught is returning to England in October. Prince Alexander of Teck is unable to succeed him as he is on active service. Ottawa: Lord Curzon's name is mentioned as successor to the Duke of Connaught.

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The Late Yuan Shih-ka'i.

The following is a letter sent to a friend in Shanghai by Yuan Mung-jer who was a secretary to Yuan Shih-ka'i. Palace, Peking, June 11.—Yuan Shih-ka'i has passed away for ever. Reports regarding his death are various, both in the foreign and Chinese papers. Until to-day, I have not been able to spare the time to write you concerning Yuan's demise. My letter however may throw some light on the whole affair as I have personally seen and heard what I write.

Yuan Shih-ka'i had always been healthy until recent years, when at times he was troubled by coughing in the early morning. By the advice of foreign doctors he took eggs, very day, and, in fact, he liked this sort of food for his breakfast. For the last three years he took every morning 6 eggs, a big cup of coffee or tea and some biscuits. At noon, he took 4 more eggs and in the evening just before he went to bed, he again took 4, the total being 14 eggs a day. This he had done for the last three years, and his health seemed to improve.

During the last Winter, when the outbreak started out in Yunnan, he worked from morning to evening. He was always to be found either in his private study or in the sitting room in conversation with high officials. He often went to bed at 2 o'clock in the morning. This he continued until March of this year. March 27, was the first day of this year that he failed to attend office. From that day, however, Yuan was often unable to attend to his work. It was very often heard that Ta-Huang-Ti (the Great Emperor), as was still called by the office servants even after having cancelled the monarchy, was ill.

From the end of April to the middle of May, President Yuan was very sick. Still he worked, reading the telegrams from the provinces or elsewhere and meeting important officials in discussion of the situation. After the middle of May, his condition became worse. On the 25th of May, it was said that he fainted twice, but on the 26th his condition improved and he could take his eggs. Also he got up to meet Mr. Liang Shih-yi in the hall attached to his sleeping apartment. But in the evening, he again fainted, suddenly. Just why was not known, but it is now admitted that he had received (to him) terrible news from Szechuen and other provinces.

From the 1st of June to the 4th the President was almost continuously unconscious. His family did not know whether to follow the advice of foreign or Chinese doctors. Koting,

his eldest son was in favor of a foreign doctor, while the younger brothers and Madame Yuan and the concubines all favored the Chinese doctors. The Chinese doctors Lea Han-chen and Pu Chang-wu, and other 6 doctors were invited to give advice, but it was not known which Chinese doctor's advice they followed. His illness became still more serious when he realized the failure of the Nanking Conference and heard of the declaration of the independence of Yunnan and Szechuen. Tang Hsiung-min in Hunan and Chen Yi in Szechuen were never suspected by the President of disloyalty to him.

On the morning of the 5th day of June, Hsu Shih-chang called at his bedside and asked "Are you better?" "No, I am dying," answered the President. The President paused a moment, breathing heavily, and said again: "It was true as the old saying has it that when a bird is dying, it cries and laments and when a man is dying, he talks sincerely. I have been deceived by the monarchists and have offended the people. But here is my family." Madame Yuan, the concubines and the children all surrounded him then, and he quietly closed his eyes. Hsu Shih-chang wept bitterly.

I am informed that Yuan passed away on that very night but owing to the fear that Kun Wei chung (the bodyguard of Yuan Shih-ka'i) might start trouble, the death was not announced until the morning of the 6th when Premier Tuan called all the military officers to the palace and put the question to them that in case Yuan should die, would they welcome Vice-President Li as President? This they agreed to do and so the death was announced at 10 o'clock on the morning of June 6.

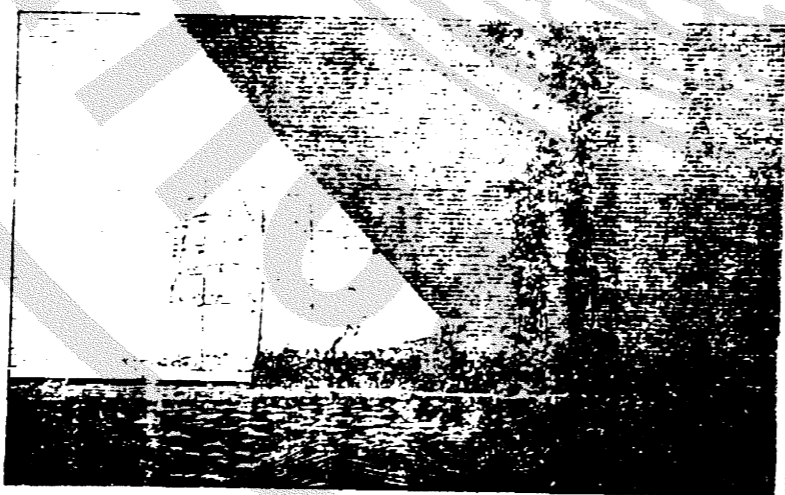
Yuan Koting is reported to have fainted when he saw that his father had passed away. But Kow-an, the second son, complains that his father was killed by Liang Shih-yi and Yang Tu who had promoted the monarchy and caused the national trouble and thus killed his father. It is said too that Kow-an has addressed an earnest letter to President Li asking that his father's enemies should be punished; he mentioned particularly the names of the promoters of the Chou-An-Hui.

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Kut.

Besorged, May 9.—The first four British officers from Kut (where General Townshend was besieged and surrendered through hunger) arrived here to-day. They are Captain Maclean (78th Punjab), Lieut. Bullock and Portsmouth (2nd Norfolk), and Hinds (103rd Mahrattas). All have been in hospital at Kut for periods varying from December 25 to the beginning of April.

The real privations of the garrison began in the middle of February, especially in the hospital. When the milk gave out the hospital diet was confined to cornflour or rice water for the sick and ordinary rations for the wounded. On April 21, the 40z. grain ration gave out. From the 22nd to the 25th the garrison subsisted on the two days' reserve ration issued in January; and from the 25th to the 29th (the day of the garrison's fall) on supplies dropped by aeroplane.

The troops were so exhausted when Kut capitulated that the regiments who were holding the front line had remained there a fortnight without being relieved. They were too weak to carry back their kit. During the last days of the siege the daily death-rate averaged 8 British and 21 Indians.

All the artillery, cavalry, and transport animals had been consumed before the garrison fell. When the artillery horses had gone the drivers of the field batteries formed a new unit styled "Kut Foot."

One of the last mules to be slaughtered had been on three Indian frontier campaigns and wore the ribbons round its neck. The supply and transport butcher had sent it back twice, refusing to kill it, but in the end it had to go with the machine-gun mules. Mule flesh was generally preferred to horse, and mule fat supplied good dripping; also an improvised substitute for lamp oil. The fuel of crude oil used for cooking lasted the whole of the siege. This gave out rank fumes, and the regimental cooks were easily distinguishable, being as black as chimney-sweep through the smoke and fumes of the oil ranges.

The tobacco famine was a great privation, but the garrison did not find that the enforced abstinence cured their craving, as every kind of substitute was there. An Arab brand, a species similar to that smoked in Indian hookahs, was exhausted early in April. After that time leaves were smoked or ginger or baked tea dregs. In January English "baccy" fetched £3 4s. a half-pound (4s. an ounce). In an auction of a dead officer's effects a box of cheap Indian cheroots fetched £13 12s., a box of Egyptian cigarettes £6 12s. 6d., and a tin of condensed milk £2 5s. 7d.

Different units saw very little of each other during the siege. At the beginning indirect machine-gun and

rifle fire, in addition to shells, swept the whole area day and night. The troops left the dug-outs only for important defence work. During the late phase, when the fire slackened, officers and men had little strength for unnecessary walking. Thus there was very little to break the monotony of the siege in the way of games, exercises, or amusements, but on the south bank of the Tigris two battalions in the liquorice factory, the 110th Mahrattas and the 120th Infantry, were better off, and there was dead ground here—a pitch of about 50 by 20 yards—where they could play hockey and cricket with pick-handles and a rag ball. Two companies of Norfolk joined them in turn, crossing by ferry at night, and they appreciated the relief.

Turkish officers gave every British soldier a handful of cigarettes as he left Kut.

Famous Motor Racer.

The French sporting world to-day mourns another of its incomparable heroes. Georges Boillot, only thirty-one years of age, was one of the most famous racing motorists. He was a familiar figure on the tracks at Brooklands and Atlantic City, and his two most notable successes were the Blue Ribbon of the French Motor Derby, which he won in 1912 and 1913.

Boillot is officially reported as missing, and the French Press gives the following details of his end.—On morning, while flying at the front, he was attacked by five Fokkers. The Frenchman's machine was swifter than any enemy aeroplane, but Boillot, disdaining flight, boldly bore down on his nearest opponent. A minute later the Fokker fell to the ground and the Frenchman prepared to give battle to his four other adversaries. At that moment a bullet from one of the German airmen struck the gallant French pilot in the chest and he dropped to earth.

On the day of the mobilisation Boillot was chosen to drive General Joffre's motor-car. He held this responsible position till late in 1915, when at his own request he was transferred to the flying corps. Last March he was mentioned in the Orders of the Day and was awarded the Military Cross. On April 6 he brought down his first Aviatik and on May 15 he was given the Legion of Honour.

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London June 23.—Sidney Low (at Italian headquarters) says that there is the best reason to believe that the Austrian offensive was too late. Probably there will be a rapid transfer of men and guns to the Carpathians.

Rome, June 25.—General Cadorna, in an Order, praises the Staff for the concentration of great forces, which not merely arrested the enemy offensive on the whole front but enabled the counter-offensive now successfully begun.

London, June 22.—The Italian communiqué says: We maintained pressure against the enemy at Asiago.

Rome, June 24.—A communiqué reports successful artillery and infantry actions on the Italian front.

The Military Situation.

London, June 16.—Germany's military position strongly resembles that existing in 1914. The enemy then marched through Belgium intending to deliver a smashing blow at France before the Russian mobilisation was complete. They found Russia becoming dangerous while France was still unprepared, and were obliged to send troops eastward. Last February Russia had re-equipped her armies. The Germans attacked Verdun as a preliminary to a new march on Paris, again hoping to deliver a crushing blow and turn eastwards in time to deal with Russia. The French resistance at Verdun and the Russian success against Austria upset her programme. While news of each step in the Russian advance is eagerly awaited, experts are even more interested in the question how Germany will meet the situation whether or not the Russians be delayed on the Stokhod or west of the Strypa or south of the Pruth. It seems improbable that Austria alone even by the abandonment of the Trentino offensive can effectively resist Russia on the whole front, and as the "Morning Post's" military correspondent remarks it is not to be supposed that Germany will allow her ally to be driven across the Carpathians and the whole position on the eastern front to be imperilled without making a determined attempt to prevent it. The correspondent quoted mentions the possible abandonment of the German offensive in France. The possibility has been already discussed and it is widely believed that any appreciable withdrawal of German troops from the western front would be the signal for a great Anglo-

French attack for which it is hoped the French are quite ready, despite the sacrifices entailed in defending Verdun.

The Central News Petrograd correspondent suggests that the Germans may assist the Austrians by risking a great battle on the Dvina front, as the only alternative to retirement from there. This Petrograd correspondent states that the Russian advance has compelled Prince Leopold of Bavaria whose right rested on the Pripiet and Stokhod to bend his flank to cover his communications. The Germans are conducting demonstrative attacks from Baranovsk to Polissie to mask the re-grouping in the centre necessitated by these dispositions which have weakened the line of the Shara.

Brussiloff's Thrust.

London, June 12.—According to the "Morning Post's" Petrograd correspondent the Austrian retreat in the extreme south is already becoming a rout. The Germans north of Pinsk are being kept fully occupied and can withdraw only very inadequate forces to make good their flank laid bare by the Austrian retreat. There are signs that a general engagement is spreading northwards.

Expectations in the West.

The "Morning Post's" military correspondent considers that Germans are unlikely to attempt more in the Ypres neighbourhood than a strong diversion. The fragmentary way in which they have brought reinforcements to Verdun shows that they have very few reserves in hand. If they think of anything else besides Verdun it will be the new problem in the east. Should troops be hurried eastwards to arrest the débâcle this will create an opportunity for which the Allies in France have been waiting and will mark the turn of the tide.

German Naval Plans.

London, June 13.—The Amsterdam correspondent of the "Times" referring to the battle of Jutland, says the German object was not to bring on a general engagement but to convey a large number of commerce destroyers past the British fleet into the Atlantic Ocean. This plan failed completely. Many of the fast cruisers intended to be used for this purpose were sunk. Other accounts state the German object was to transfer to the Baltic battle-ships of a recent class needed for the attack on Riga but too deep to pass through the Kiel canal.

Rainfall.

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

MONDOL KRUNG DEB.		
At Simulprakar	June 27	9.2 mm.
MONDOL KRUNG KAO.		
At Krung Kao	June 27	38.0 "
" Angong	" 27	1.0 "
" Singburi	" 27	5.1 "
" Sraburi	" 27	4.0 "
MONDOL NAGOR JAISRI.		
At Smudagor	June 25	1.0 "
" Smudagor	" 26	14.0 "
MONDOL RAJBURI.		
At Rajburi	June 27	1.9 "
" Rajburi	" 27	25.6 "
MONDOL PRACHIN.		
At Jolburi	June 26	4.5 "
" Krabindraburi	" 26	18.3 "
" Prachinburi	" 27	20.5 "
" Nagor-Nayok	" 27	24.8 "
MONDOL NAGOR SVARGA.		
At Tak	June 25	14.5 "
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" Tak	" 27	3.2 "

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Lopburi Arr.	11.5	1.55	5.48	...	Ban Dara Arr.	8.16	3.26
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Gengko Arr.	11.7	1.26	5.51	...	Ban Phaji Dep.	6.27	8.27	12.44	3.14
Korat " "	...	6.8	Ayuthia " "	7.13	9.25	1.23	3.53
Bangkok Dep.	7.45	3.50	Bangkok Arr.	9.28	11.35	3.16	6.1
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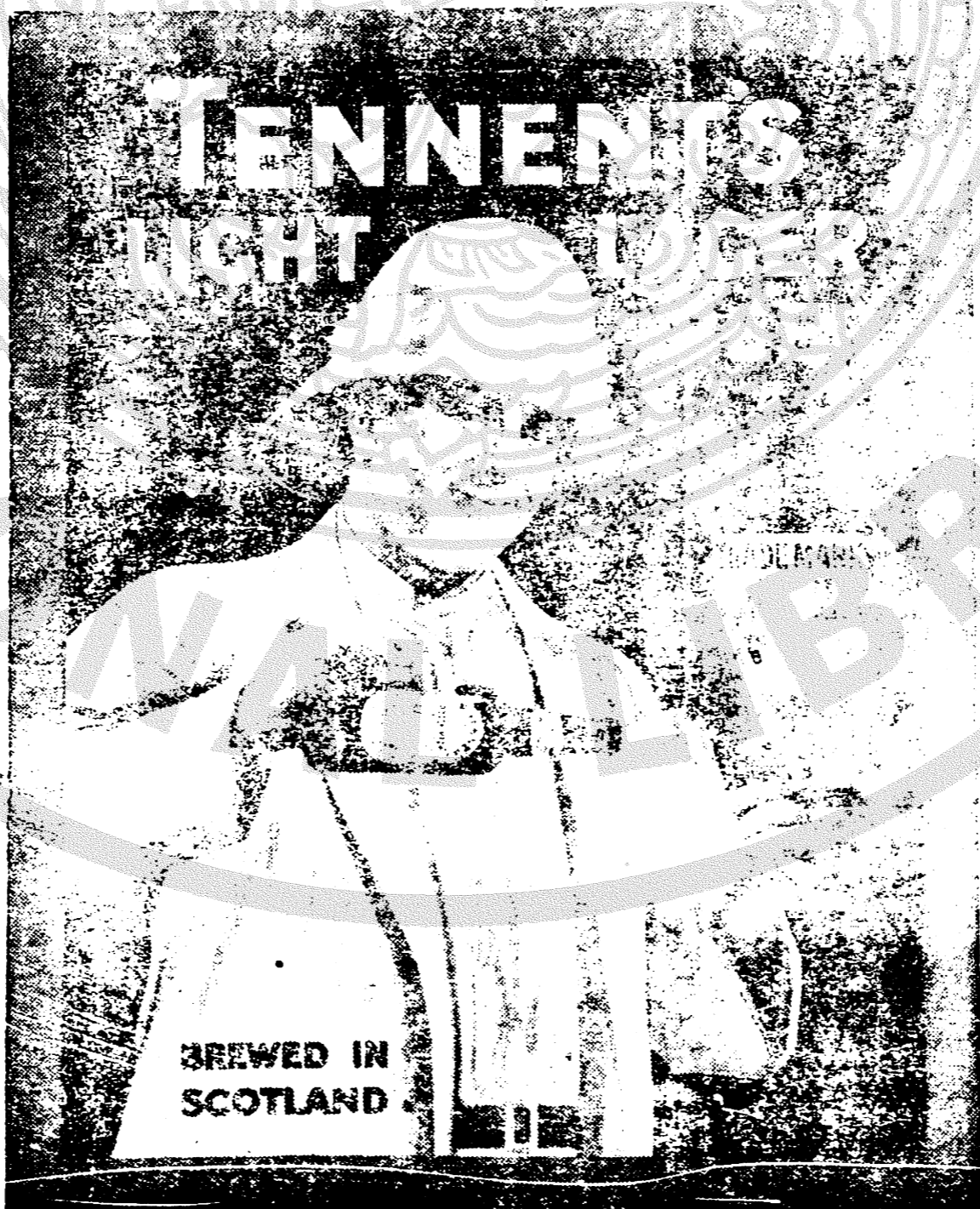
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