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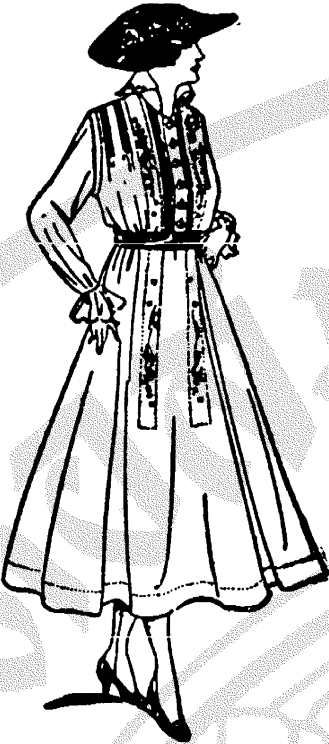
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BANGKOK BAR.  
FOR NOVEMBER 1917.

Nov.	A.M.			L.W.
	H. W.	Ft. in.	(Approx.)	
1	6 00	14 4	...	...
2	7 00	14 5	1-0	6-0
3	7 00	14 10	1-0	6-0
4	8 00	14 8	1-2	6-0
5	9 00	14 7	2-3	6-7
6	10 00	14 5	2-3	6-7
7	10 00	14 1	3-4	6-7
8	11 00	14 0	4-0	7-0
9	...	...	5-0	7-0
10	...	...	5-0	7-0
11	...	...	5-0	7-8
12	2 00	11 8	7-9	7-8
13	3 00	12 2	9-10	7-8
14	4 00	13 6	9-10	7-8
15	4 30	14 4	10-12	7-8
16	6 00	15 0	...	...
17	7 00	15 6	1-0	7-0
18	7 30	15 7	1-0	7-0
19	8 30	15 4	1-2	6-7
20	9 00	15 4	2-3	6-7
21	10 00	14 9	3-4	6-7
22	...	...	4-5	6-7
23	...	...	4-5	6-7
24	...	...	5-6	6-7
25	1 00	11 0	7-8	7-8
26	2 00	12 3	...	...
27	3 00	12 11	...	...
28	4 00	13 8	...	...
29	5 00	14 7	...	...
30	6 00	15 2	...	...
31	...	...	...	...

Nov.	P.M.			L.W.
	H. W.	Ft. in.	(Approx.)	
1	6 00	14 7	...	...
2	6 00	14 2	1-0	7-0
3	6 30	13 11	...	...
4	7 00	13 8	...	...
5	7 00	13 4	...	...
6	7 00	13 4	...	...
7	7 00	13 4	...	...
8	...	...	...	...
9	2 00	14 2	...	...
10	2 30	14 2	...	...
11	3 00	14 4	...	...
12	3 00	14 7	...	...
13	3 30	14 11	...	...
14	4 00	14 6	11-12	7-8
15	4 00	14 6	11-12	7-8
16	4 30	14 5	12-0	7-0
17	5 30	14 4	...	...
18	5 30	14 1	...	...
19	6 00	13 11	...	...
20	6 00	13 7	...	...
21	6 00	13 0	...	...
22	1 00	14 4	...	...
23	2 00	14 6	...	...
24	2 30	14 6	...	...
25	3 00	14 4	9-10	7-8
26	3 30	14 3	10-11	7-0
27	4 00	14 3	11-12	7-0
28	4 00	13 10	12-0	7-0
29	5 00	13 8	12-0	7-0
30	...	...	...	...
31	...	...	...	...

## PHASES OF THE MOON.

Nov. 6th (Last Quarter) 11 h 46 p.m.

.. 15th New Moon 1 h 11 a.m.

.. 22nd First Quarter 5 h 11 a.m.

.. 9 Full Moon 1 h 23 a.m.

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## Paddy Crop Report for the Mondol Channai.

For October 21-31, 2460.

## Krong Deb.

Nondaburi:—The area planted up to date is about 587,100 rai, the paddy is doing fairly well, and heading, but inferior to that of last year. The crop to the extent of about 293,500 rai has been damaged by flood.

The price of paddy is 60 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 2 bahts per tang.

Minburi:—The area planted up to date is 210,000 rai, about 28,900 rai less than at this time last year. The paddy to the extent of about 11,360 rai has been damaged by flood, the remainder is at most 3 sok high, inferior to that of last year.

The price of paddy is 65 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 2 bahts per tang.

Samudaparak:—The area planted up to date is 143,100 rai, about 114,900 rai less than at this time last year. The paddy to the extent of about 1,300 rai has been damaged by flood, the remainder is in better condition than last year and is heading. Harvesting begins.

The price of paddy is 58 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.68 baht per tang.

## Mondol Krong Kao.

Dhanyaburi:—The area planted up to date is about 327,200 rai, the paddy is heading and harvesting is being done in some places. The condition is inferior to that of last year. The crop to the extent of about 21,500 rai has been damaged by flood.

The price of paddy is 45 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 2 bahts per tang.

Pradum Dhani:—The area planted up to date is 129,600 rai, about 9,780 rai less than at this time last year. The paddy to the extent of about 117,700 rai has been damaged by flood, the remainder is at most 5 sok high, doing fairly well. Kao Bao is being harvested in some places.

The price of paddy is 40 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 2 bahts per tang.

Ayudhya:—The area planted up to date is 1,203,300 rai, about 4,800 rai more than at this time last year. The paddy to the extent of about 210,300 rai has been damaged by flood, the remainder is at most 5 sok high, inferior to that of last year. Kao Bao is heading.

The price of paddy is 35 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.75 baht per tang.

Anthong:—The area planted up to date is about 337,900 rai, the paddy is over 4 sok high and is partly heading. About 34,200 rai have been damaged by flood.

The price of paddy is 35 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.75 bahts per tang.

Singhaburi:—The area planted up

to date is about 195,100 rai, the paddy is inferior to that of last year, about 5 sok in height. The crop to the extent of about 26,200 rai has been damaged by flood.

The price of paddy is 35 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.25 baht per tang.

Saraburi:—The area planted up to date is 395,500 rai, about 33,600 rai more than at this time last year. The paddy to the extent of about 94,500 rai has been damaged by flood, the remainder is doing fairly well, and heading. Harvesting begins.

The price of paddy is 40 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.50 baht per tang.

Loburi:—The area planted up to date is 417,400 rai, about 11,000 rai more than at this time last year. The paddy to the extent of about 159,000 rai has been damaged by flood, the remainder is heading and harvesting is being done in some places. The condition is inferior to that of last year.

The price of paddy is 37 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.25 baht per tang.

## Mondol Nagar Jaysri.

Nagar Pathom:—The area planted up to date is about 507,000 rai, the paddy is beginning to head, but not doing very well on account of too much water. About 2,000 rai have been damaged by crabs.

The price of paddy is 55 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.75 baht per tang.

Samudra Sagor:—The area planted up to date is 99,000 rai, about 11,900 rai more than at this time last year. Slight damage has been caused by flood. The crop is doing fairly well, and beginning to head.

The price of paddy is 50 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.50 baht per tang.

Subarn:—Planting has been completed. The total area under cultivation is 660,600 rai, about 109,900 rai more than at this time last year. The total extent of the damage caused by drought in the beginning of the season and by the present flood was about 42,500 rai. The standing crop is heading, but inferior to that of last year.

The price of paddy is 40 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.37 baht per tang.

## Mondol Rajaburi.

Rajaburi:—The area planted up to date is about 287,800 rai, the paddy is at most 4 sok high, in better condition than last year with the exception of about 5,800 rai, which has been damaged by flood and crabs.

The price of paddy is 50 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.68 baht per tang.

Bejraburi:—The area planted up to date is 131,000 rai, about 53,800 rai more than at this time last year. The paddy to the extent of about 1,070 rai has been damaged by flood, the remainder is doing well, over 3 sok in height.

The price of paddy is 60 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.50 baht per tang.

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**Chhaxong Bao:**—The area planted up to date is 651,800 rai, about 155,800 rai more than at this time last year. The paddy to the extent of about 281,000 rai has been damaged by flood, the remainder is in the same condition as last year and is heading.

The price of paddy is 45 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.50 baht per tang.

**Prachin:**—The area planted up to date is 243,800 rai, about 22,800 rai more than at this time last year. The paddy to the extent of about 6,300 rai has been damaged by flood, the remainder is doing well, and heading, but not as good as last year.

The price of paddy is 47 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.50 baht per tang.

**Nagor Nayok:**—The area planted up to date is 267,500 rai, about 19,900 rai more than at this time last year. The paddy is heading and is in good condition with the exception of about 2,000 rai, which has been damaged by flood.

The price of paddy is 42 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.37 baht per tang.

**Jolburi:**—The area planted up to date is 148,300 rai, about 14,400 rai more than at this time last year. The paddy is doing well and heading. The crop in the low-lying districts to the extent of about 2,450 rai has been damaged by flood and other causes. Harvesting is being done in some places.

The price of paddy is 60 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.50 baht per tang.

**Krabindra:**—The area planted up to date is 55,100 rai, about 5,400 rai more than at this time last year. The paddy is about 4 sok high, doing fairly well, but inferior to that of last year.

The price of paddy is 45 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.75 baht per tang.

**Mondol Nagor Svarga.**

**Udya:**—The area planted up to date is 137,000 rai, about 21,300 rai less than at this time last year. The paddy to the extent of about 6,300 rai has been damaged by flood, the remainder is in fair condition and is beginning to head.

The price of paddy is 38 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.25 baht per tang.

**Jaymad:**—The area planted up to date is 265,800 rai, about 45,600 rai more than at this time last year. The paddy to the extent of about 104,000 rai has been damaged by flood, the remainder is over 4 sok high, doing fairly well, but inferior to that of last year.

The price of paddy is 45 bahts per

kwien and that of rice is 1.37 baht per tang.

**Kambang Beja:**—The area planted up to date is 31,900 rai, about 900 rai less than at this time last year. The paddy to the extent of about 10,750 rai has been damaged by flood, the remainder is doing well, and heading. Harvesting begins.

The price of paddy is 34 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.25 baht per tang.

**Tak:**—The area planted up to date is 36,300 rai, about 4,800 rai more than at this time last year. The paddy to the extent of about 11,300 rai has been damaged by flood, the remainder is over 4 sok high, in better condition than last year.

The price of paddy is 55 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.50 baht per tang.

**Remarks:**—Reports have not yet been received from Changvada Fura Pradaeng, Samuda Songram, Kanchanaburi, Prachin and Nagor Svarga.

**Summary:**—The area under cultivation in the Mondol Channai is approximately 7,850,000 rai, about 200,000 rai more than last year. The flood has caused great damage to the paddy and the loss is estimated at about 30 per cent. at least. The standing crops are mostly inferior to those of last year. Harvesting of Kao Bao and Kao Klang Pi is being conducted in places.

The paddy cultivation for this year may be said to be unprecedentedly bad for never before has it suffered such a series of misfortunes. Scarcity of rain in the beginning of the season caused much damage to the young plants and sowing and transplanting were hampered and delayed. Now, in the middle of the season, great loss has occurred through flood. The yield in the Mondol Channai may be expected to be about 50 per cent. less than last year.

Between the 24th and the 31st inst. the Krung Deh rice mills bought about 13,226 kwien of paddy which came in by river and about 60 kwien by rail, making a total of about 13,286 kwien (rice mill size). The prices at the mills of Kao Na-suan were from 74 to 92 bahts per kwien, Kao Na-muang from 52 to 60 bahts, Kao Samruang from 52 to 58 bahts and Kao Bao from 54 to 72 bahts (rice millers' kwien).

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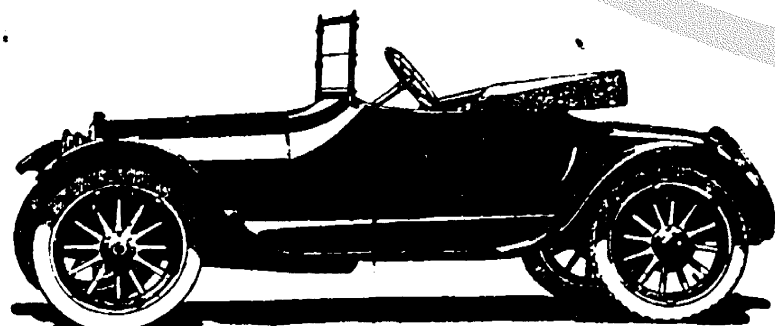
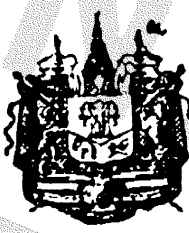
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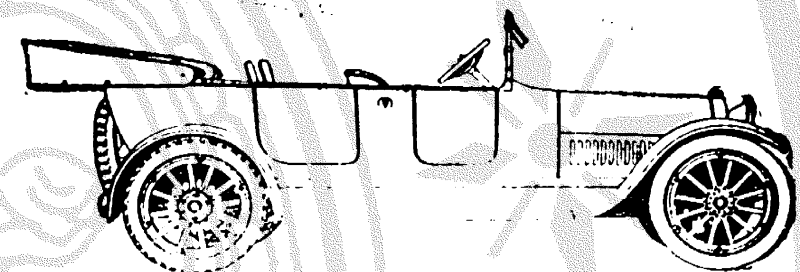
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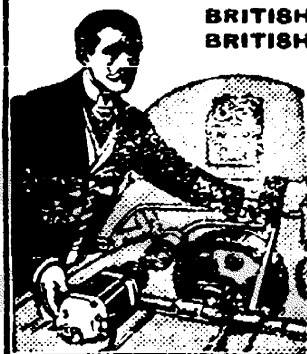
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## The Siam Observer

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1917.

### THE SPIRIT OF CHARITY.

The large sums of money that have been subscribed to the Flood Relief Fund make it clear that all sections of the community living in Bangkok have been touched by the spirit of charity. Charity, or love as the word means, represents the principle of the good life. It stands for a mood or habit of mind and an endeavour. From it, as a habit of mind, springs the social and personal endeavour which in the widest sense we may call charity. The two correspond. Where the habit of mind has not been gained, the endeavour fluctuates and is relatively purposeless. In so far as it has been gained, the endeavour is founded on an intelligent scrutiny of social conditions and guided by a definite purpose. In the one case it is realised that some social theory must be found by us, if our action is to be right and consistent; in the other case no need of such a theory is felt. There are principles in charity and charitable work, and these can be ascertained by a study of the development of social conditions, and their relation to prevalent social aims and religious or philosophic conceptions and it is to be understood that the charity of the religious life cannot be inconsistent with that of the social life. The history of charity is a history of many social and religious theories, influences and endeavours that have left their mark alike upon the popular and cultivated thought of the present day. The inconsistencies of charitable work and argument may thus in part be accounted for. To understand the problem of charity we have therefore to consider the stages of charitable thought, the primitive, pagan, Greek, Roman, Jewish and Christian elements that make up the modern consciousness in regard to charity. We need also to consider in their relation to charity the results of recent investigations of the conditions of social life and at the present day we have to consider practical suggestions in regard to such subjects as charity and economic thought, charity organisation, friendly visiting and almonership, parochial management, hospitals and medical relief, exceptional distress and the utilisation of endowments and their adaptation to new needs and emergencies. First in the series come the charities of the family and of hospitality; then the wider charities of religion, the charities of the community and those of individual donors and of mutual help. These gradually assumed importance in communities which consisted originally of self-supporting classes, within which widows and orphans, for instance, would be rather provided for, in accordance with recognised class obligations, than relieved. Then come habitual almsgiving, the charitable endowment, and the modern charitable institution and association but throughout, the test of progress or decadence appears to be the condition of the family for the family is the source, the home and the heartstone of charity. In the word charity religious and

social associations meet and, thus regarded, the word means a disciplined and habitual mood in which the mind is considerate of the welfare of others, individually and generally. Though charity largely concerns itself with problems of distress and relief, the latter is but one of many means at its disposal. Were the world so poor that no one could make a gift, or so wealthy that no one needed it, charity—the charity of life and of deeds—would remain.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL

Mr. Norman Wall left this afternoon by the s.s. *Taming* for England via Hongkong and America.

THE steam tug *Aldebaran* has been renamed *Aditi* and not *Bhutan* as stated in a recent issue.

Mr. and Mrs. Webster who have been to Japan for a trip are expected back within the next few days.

We are glad to hear that Mr. F.H.L. Perl, of the Siam Forest Co. is making good progress toward recovery.

THE monthly meeting of the S. P. O. Committee will be held this evening at 6.30 p.m. at St. Mary's Mission.

LATEST advts.—The Borneo Co. Ltd. have a new notice to consignees. The Pathanakorn and Pathanarom advertise their changes of programme.

THE s.s. *Katong* will leave from the Borneo Company's wharf at 4 a.m. sharp, on Saturday the 1st prox., and should arrive in Singapore on Tuesday daylight.

WE hear that Mr. Gibb of the Royal State Railways, who has been unwell for some time past, left for a health trip to Hongkong this afternoon by the s.s. *Taming*.

THE Return showing the number of cases of communicable diseases which have been reported as occurring in the City of Bangkok during the week ended the 24th November, gives two cases of bubonic plague one of which ended fatally.

MR. W. Nunn and Mr. J. W. Margrett arrived by the s.s. *Katong* this morning. The following gentlemen were also passengers by this boat and are staying at the Oriental Hotel:—Messrs. A. Raun, S. R. Kirkness, J. H. Evans, L. Beckingsale, J. J. Welsenback, M. Nishida.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Malay Peninsular main line is not properly working between Nagor Sridhamaraj and Bangkok. Roi Etch line is in good order as far as Surindra. Samudasongram line is interrupted between Samudasongram and Bangkok. Other lines are in good order.

THE Kaiser, whilst in Sofia recently, in replying to the welcome of the city burgomaster, referred to Sofia as "the centre of a great, prosperous and united Bulgaria." In a speech at a dinner given by King Ferdinand, the Kaiser said he hoped peace would bring to Bulgaria the realisation of her ideal that all Bulgars should be united under one sovereign.

ISEN, a German lawyer, has informed the New York police that he has learned that bombs were placed aboard the "Lusitania" timed to go off near the Irish coast, but the vessel was torpedoed before the bombs exploded. Isen says that he was in the office of Schimmel, a German lawyer now in Germany, when the "Lusitania" was torpedoed. Schimmel shouted, "The fools have ruined my work. The bombs would have destroyed her." Officials are trying to establish whether Bernstorff knew of the bombs when he published the "Lusitania" warning.

THE Minister of the Interior (says the Peking Daily News) has submitted a lengthy memorial to the President giving a detailed report of the cause of the present floods in Tientsin, and suggesting means for the future prevention of similar disasters. In the course of his memorial, he says that "the places which have suffered most are Nankai, Nenshib, Haikangshib, and the Japanese and French Settlements. About 100,000 persons have been rendered homeless, and with the exception of 60 per cent. of the number who have found shelter in the houses of their friends and relatives, 43,300 persons have been housed in temples, mat sheds and public buildings."

### China's Position.

London, Nov. 21.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Balfour stated that China had communicated to Britain the text of China's declaration to Japan and the United States regarding the Japan-American agreement. He did not understand that the declaration meant that China did not recognise the agreement. The Government had no reason to anticipate that it would cause any difficulties between China and her other Allies.



## Letter To The Editor.

## "Our Day" Lottery.

To the Editor of the "Siam Observer."

Dear Sir,  
Several enquiries have reached me with reference to the system my Committee will adopt for drawing the Lottery. I should feel much obliged therefore if you would find space in your esteemed paper for the following explanation.

My Committee propose that for the numbers, three boxes be used. Numbers are from 10,000 to 59,999.

First box contains numbers 10 to 59, second box numbers 0 to 9, third box numbers 00 to 99. A number from each box will be drawn simultaneously and the 3 numbers together represent the winning number. A fourth box will contain numbers 1 to 358 representing the prizes and a number from this box will also be drawn simultaneously with the numbers representing the tickets. I give you a sketch to make it clearer.

Box 1      Box 2      Box 3

Nos. 10 to 59   Nos. 0 to 9   Nos. 00 to 99  
Suppose the number drawn from Box No. 1 is 26, Box No. 2 is 5, Box No. 3 is 09 the ticket number would read No. 26509. At the same time No. 143 say, is drawn from the prize box, therefore Ticket No. 26509 would receive prize No. 143.

Yours faithfully,

ANDREW CARSON,

Hon : Secretary,

P. L. B. O. Bangkok Branch.

## Portuguese Flood Relief Fund.

Mr. Alfredo Casanova, Portuguese Minister in Siam, informs all Portuguese subjects and proteges that a subscription list has been opened at the Portuguese Legation to collect any donations in aid of the people who have suffered from the floods, thereby giving a proof of gratitude to this hospitable country.

All the subscriptions will be received at the Chancery from 9 to 12 a.m. and from 2 to 4 p.m. and daily a list of subscribers will be published in the local newspapers.

## Danish Flood Relief Fund.

His Danish Majesty's Chargé d'Affaires acknowledges with many thanks the following contributions in aid of the sufferers by the flood:

The East Asiatic Co., Ltd.  
Danish Staff ... Tcs. 1,600.00  
which amount will be transmitted to the Minister for Foreign Affairs to be forwarded to the proper authorities.

Previously the following amounts have been contributed directly or in other lists:

The Siam Electricity Co., Ltd. ... Tcs. 5,000.00  
The East Asiatic Co., Ltd. ... " 5,000.00  
Hakon de Holck ... " 50.00  
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All contributions for the Relief Fund will be gratefully received by the Legation.

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Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation ... " 1,250.00

Total Tcs. 1,450.00

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Grand Total Tcs. 31,078.09

## THE Great War.

## King George's Congratulations.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM)

London, Nov. 27.

King George has telegraphed to General Haig: "I congratulate you, General Byng and the troops on the successful operations in the neighbourhood of Cambrai. The complete surprise effected by such novel methods of warfare has been received with the utmost satisfaction throughout the Empire holding out great hopes for the future. It is gratifying that the tanks, a purely British invention, have played such an important part."

## The Western Front.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM)

London, Nov. 27.

Field-Marshal Haig reports:—There has been severe fighting to-day westward of Cambrai. The enemy at mid-day strongly attacked in the neighbourhood of Bourlon and pressed us back from portions of the village. Our positions in Bourlon wood and on the high ground are intact.

## Italy's Resistance.

Enemy Progress Checked.

London, Nov. 21.—Wireless Italian Official: There was intense artillery fire on the whole front yesterday. Italian and British monitors are co-operating in the coastal zone. We repulsed three violent attacks on Monte Pertica. Infantry actions were not renewed on Monte Tomba or Monte Monfenera.

London, Nov. 22.—Italian Official: Between the Brenta and the Piave we sanguinarily repulsed the enemy at San Martino, Monte Pertica and Monte Monfenera. The enemy reached a few advanced elements at Monte Fontana but we drove back the enemy in a mass attack at Caserna Meletta d'Avanti on the Asiago plateau.

London, Nov. 22.—Wireless German Official: The Austro-Germans stormed Monte Fontana and Monte Spinuccia between the Brenta and the Piave.

## Lenin Offers Armistice.

Petrograd, Nov. 20.—Troops advancing against the Maximalists remain at Luga where apparently many were won over to the Maximalists. There is no further news of Kaledin's force in the south. Prince Yusupoff, the killer of Rasputin, has been arrested in Petrograd for corresponding with Kaledin. The majority of the ministerial staffs are still not working, refusing to recognise the Maximalist administration. The latter have warned them they will be the first to suffer in the coming famine. A private soldier has been appointed Commander-in-Chief in Moscow.

London, Nov. 21.—Wireless Russian Official: The All-Russian Congress of Workmen and Soldier's Delegates has ordered a council of the people's commissaries to assume power and offer all belligerents an immediate armistice for the purpose of opening negotiations for a democratic peace. This offer to be made when the council's power is firmly established in all important districts of the country. A draft message to this effect has already been communicated to the Allied plenipotentiaries in Russia. Meanwhile the Council has ordered the Commander-in-Chief forthwith to offer the enemy commanders an armistice for the purpose of peace negotiations and to keep the council informed telegraphically of the progress of the negotiations, and to sign the preliminary act only after council approves. The above communique is signed Lenin, President of Council, Strotzky, Minister for Foreign Affairs and three others.

Petrograd.—Reuter's correspondent, wiring on November 21, says that the Maximalists' commissioner with the commander of the garrison, accompanied by troops and a band playing, marched to the State Bank and demanded ten million roubles. The bank officials conferred with the delegates of the Town Council and Peasants' Union and it was unanimously decided to refuse the demand. Eventually the commander of the garrison withdrew the troops and visited the council of Maximalist commissioners, who decided that the demand was not in accordance with the law, whereupon the commander apologised to the bank officials.

Brusiloff has been knocked down by a motor-lorry at Moscow and has a leg broken. Fighting between the Red and White Guards near Inborg has begun and the railway has been torn up.

## The Tank's Battle.

## Our Troops Nearer Cambrai.

London, Nov. 22.—Field Marshal Haig says: Advancing yesterday evening northward of Canting we attacked and captured Fontaine Notre Dame with a number of prisoners.

London, Nov. 22.—Mr. Philip Gibbs at Headquarters says the attack was the best kept secret of the war. Not a whisper reached the correspondents who were constantly up and down the lines. The enemy did not dream of such a blow and could not know that numerous tanks in recent nights were crawling along the roads hiding during the daytime in woods. When the tanks emerged from the mist the Germans were aghast and dazed. Many hid in dug-outs and then surrendered. Behind the tanks marched platoons of British infantry cheering and shouting while thousands of British shells poured on the Hindenburg line. Hardly a single shell burst came from the enemy's side. It was clear at a glance that the enemy was weak in artillery. A battalion of the Royal Fusiliers gained its objective without a single casualty. Other English battalions have the highest losses and these mostly from machine-guns. Only two hundred walking wounded had been received at one dressing station five hours after the battle began.

London, Nov. 22.—Field Marshal Haig's brilliant surprise victory is the engrossing topic and the tactical possibilities are exhaustively discussed. Satisfaction is expressed that a complete answer has been found to Hindenburg's so-called "elastic defence." Tributes are paid to the gallantry of the troops advancing into unknown ground, Haig for shouldering the responsibility of a remarkable innovation, and the skill of General Byng and his able staff in executing a most successful operation, which has changed the whole face of the war on the western front at a stroke. It is believed the tanks advanced in masses probably hundreds together. Their assemblage unknown to the enemy was a miracle of secrecy, and their success may be revolutionary tactically as the British soldiers and engineers who invented the tanks have now proved their possibilities.

The tank is certainly established as a definitely new and important military arm. Hitherto artillery preparation had made ground impassable to the assaulting and enabled the enemy to prepare new defences. The success of the tank now opens up a prospect of open warfare. At least the first result will be that the Germans must man the western front more heavily than recently, thus the victory will be found immediately to affect the Italian situation. An important result of the victory is that the great Cambrai junction of railways and roads which is the chief factor of enemy main communications is now exposed to shell-fire.

## Still Moving On.

London, Nov. 22.—Reuter's Correspondent at British headquarters wiring in the evening says: We have not yet reached the limit of victory. Success grows hourly. The total of prisoners is approaching 9,000. Great stretches of new country and fresh villages are being captured. Besides increasing in depth the wedge is spreading at the base. The weather continues most unfavourable, a heavy mist preventing all aeroplane observations. Nevertheless the airmen continue to fly over the battle-ground, penetrating far into the enemy territory at the level of the tree tops. The latest village captured is Canting, and the troops are now in the neighbourhood of Bourlon and Moeuvre while fighting is progressing in the region of Romilly.

The enemy attempted only a few small counter-attacks between Romilly and Noyelles with a troop hurried up for the purpose but all were easily repulsed.

At Canting and beyond Masnières we have broken into sections of the last line of defence and hold the Hindenburg line with a famous tunnel. Here the counter-attacks have been heavy and pressed with great determination, but we hold everything taken. The casualties are almost incredibly small. The troops are very cheerful and are roaming over the new unspoiled country where the villages are not destroyed and where tilled fields abound.

## Closing On Jerusalem.

London, Nov. 21.—Palestine Official: The situation northward of Jaffa is unchanged. Territorial Infantry carried Kuryit el Enab, six miles west of Jerusalem on Monday at the bayonet's point. The Scottish occupied Bertlikia, six miles northwest of Jerusalem. The Mounted troops yesterday made contact with the enemy four miles west of Bireh on the Jerusalem-Shechem road.

London, Nov. 21.—Reuter's correspondent at Egyptian headquarters (wiring on the 19th) says that welcome heavy rains are falling. The military situation is unchanged except that the mounted patrols have advanced north-easterly into the Judean hills. The town of Jaffa was intact the considerable population remaining although a portion of the better class Turks had left before on arrival.

## German Chemical Works Destroyed.

London, Nov. 22.—It is reported from Zurich that the Elektro-Chemical Works at Grischon on Main near Frankfurt, the most extensive in Germany has been totally destroyed by an explosion on Tuesday. There were many casualties and immense damage was done.

Zurich, Nov. 22.—Stock Exchange circles state that the Griesheim chemical works mentioned in the earlier telegram as destroyed, furnished one-sixth of the whole supply of saltpetre for Germany.

Washington, Nov. 21.—The Navy Department announces that the American destroyer Chauncey has been sunk in collision in the war zone yesterday morning. Probably twenty-one lives were lost.

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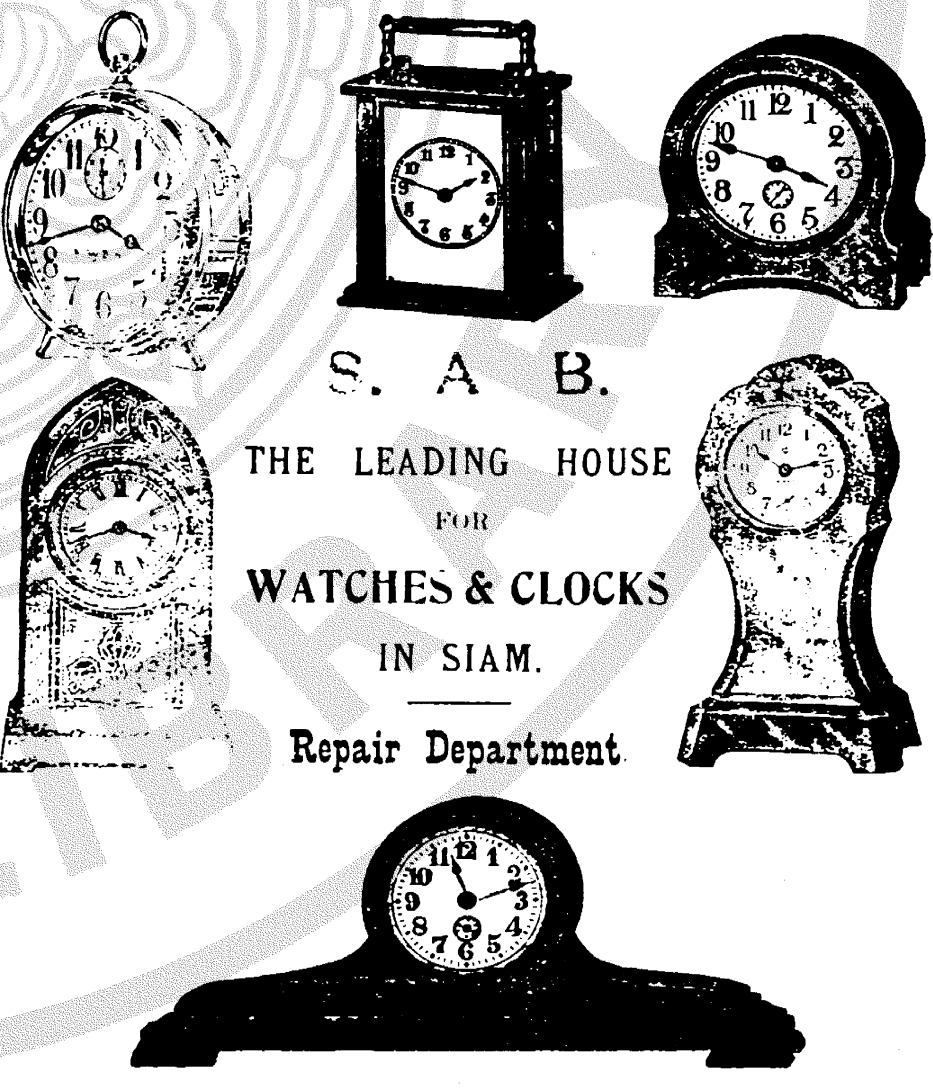
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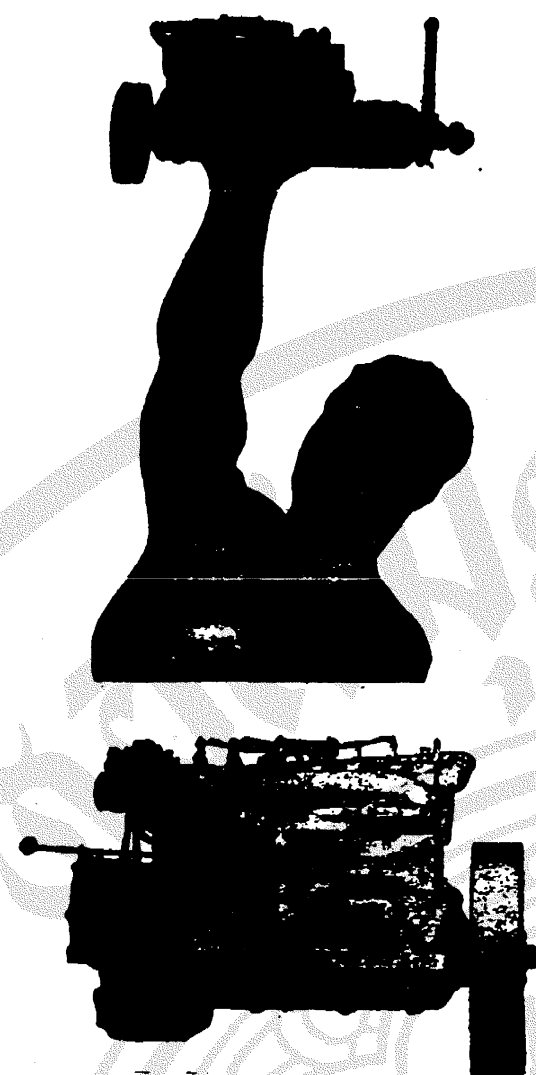
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**Maximalists On Top.**

London, Nov. 18.—Wireless Russian Official: A notification signed by General Dukhonin and issued at Petrograd states he has temporarily assumed the post of Chief Commander and orders the stoppage of further troop movements to Petrograd. Only transports connected with military operations will be permitted.

London, Nov. 18.—Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd wiring on Nov. 14 says Kerensky's failure was due to indecision and reliance chiefly on words. He is constitutionally unable to face facts, preferring to pander to the weaknesses of the mob whose blatancy he only realised at the eleventh hour, when he apparently hoped to restore order out of chaos with a handful of Cossacks and dragoons and a few guns. The Maximalists completely controlled Petrograd by Monday. The military academies held out to the last and the cadets resisted pluckily but were mercilessly slain and their bodies thrown into the canal.

Indications point to the formation of a composite Socialist cabinet with a peace platform. The Maximalists claim predominance therein. Other socialist parties are most anxious to avoid domestic bloodshed but the Maximalist extremists openly advocate an internal fight to a finish. Sir George Buchanan and other allied representatives are remaining in Petrograd. The British colony has hitherto not been endangered.

London, Nov. 18.—Reuter's correspondent at Petrograd, wiring on Nov. 18, reports that a Maximalist split has occurred. Four members of the Maximalist administration styled commissioners of the interior, commerce, agriculture and supplies respectively, resigned on the ground that the formation of a coalition socialist government is essential. Several other commissioners side with them. Five members of the Maximalist Central Committee of the Petrograd Soviet have also resigned for the same reason.

Stockholm, Nov. 18.—The Politiken prints a telegram from Haparanda which confirms the Copenhagen message of Nov. 16 and states that the proclamation of an independent Finnish republic is expected.

CAPTAIN Takichi Wakazawa, of the Kohinamaru, which was sunk by an enemy submarine off Alexandria on Aug. 2 last year, is expected to return to Tokyo. He was taken prisoner by the crew of the under sea craft, and held at a detention camp at Heidelberg till Sept. 29, when he was suddenly liberated. He returned via Holland, Sweden and Russia.

**America Joins War Council.**

London, Nov. 18.—Reuter learns that President Wilson has cabled to Colonel House, chief of the American Mission in Europe, that the United States considers unity of plan and control between all the Allies and the United States is essential in order to secure a permanent peace and to use to the best advantage the great resources of the United States. President Wilson requested Col. House to confer with the Allies with a view to achieving the closest co-operation.

Washington, Nov. 18.—The Shipping Board approve of France building a score of 4,000 tons unsinkable ships in the United States. It is said that the only effect of the explosion of four torpedoes in the hull of a ship, in a test, was to destroy the cargo in the area of the explosion.

Tokio, Nov. 18.—Official: The Japan-American provisional agreement to exchange 175,000 tons of American steel for 250,000 tons of Japanese shipping, has been upset owing to the inacceptability of America's further conditions regarding the age limit of ships and the price per ton.

**Death Of General Maude.**

London, Nov. 19.—The War Office announces that General Maude died in Mesopotamia yesterday evening after a brief illness.

London, Nov. 19.—The Press-Bureau says the King in a message to the Commander-in-Chief in Mesopotamia expresses the deepest regret at the death in sad and tragic circumstances of General Maude, who had rendered incalculable services to India the Empire and the Allies. "I am confident his memory will be an incentive to the completion of the work for which he laboured and died."

London, Nov. 19.—In the House of Commons Mr. Lloyd George announcing General Maude's death at Bagdad, paid a tribute to his valuable services in Mesopotamia where he took over supreme command when we were still under the stigma of the Kut failure. He overcame all difficulties hitherto paralysing our efforts and raised the men's enthusiasm to the highest pitch and achieved a series of victories and safeguarded our position in the east and in securing Bagdad after capturing it displayed qualities of resource, decision and enterprise which marked him out as a great leader of men and a commander of the first rank. The country mourns the loss of one of her most valiant sons.

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## Silver and Cotton.

London, Nov. 15.—Silver is at 43½d. The market is dull.

London, Nov. 16.—Silver market is featureless.

London, Nov. 16.—Montagu's silver report is that the market is lifeless. Shanghai exchange is dull and little disposed to change though there has been a slight recovery.

London, Nov. 16.—The Cotton Control Board announces that there are 852,000 bales of cotton in the United Kingdom and on the sea, equivalent to twelve weeks supply. Of this 573,000 are American; 94,138 East Indian; 137,109 Egyptian and Peruvian. The quantity of American is short and the position is much accentuated by the fact that the November shipments will amount to only about ten days consumption.

Washington, Nov. 17.—Representatives of the American and British Governments are conferring with leading silver producers regarding proposed contracts by which the Governments will virtually control the silver market for a year the price to be somewhat below the prevailing rate of 86 cents for ounces. One of the chief results would be to place restrictions.

London, Nov. 17.—Silver is at 43 3/8d. The market is dull.

## Dickens in Braille.

Lieut. Ian Frazer, late of the King's Own Shropshire Light Infantry, who lost his sight in the first month of the Battle of the Somme, and who has since learnt something of what St. Dunstan's is prepared to do for blinded officers and men, made a moving speech at the Guildhall in support of the Dickens Fellowship's scheme for placing Dickens's novels at the disposal of blinded fighters.

The Lord Mayor announced that Sir Arthur Pearson was unable to be present because he had been called to the bedside of two newly blinded officers. "If you knew as I do," said Lieut. Frazer, "what that first talk with Sir Arthur is going to mean to those two officers, you would forgive him for sending me instead of coming to speak to you himself."

Lieutenant Frazer mentioned that the cost of producing a Braille stereotype of "Oliver Twist" had been over £100, and it would be realised that the scheme for placing all Dickens's novels before those who could not see was a large order. "From Sir Arthur Pearson," concluded the young officer, "and from the world of which he is the chief, and from the men who have recently joined that world, I bring thanks to-day to those who are helping on this scheme."

Provincial mayors are assisting by bringing the scheme to the notice of the people of their boroughs, and Professor Miles, F. R. S. L., is to stimulate interest by a series of Dickens recitals up and down England.

## French Chivalry.

A great deal is now being written on the subject of Germany's methods in sinking ships whose helpless passengers have no chance of escape, and of bombarding cities from the air whose citizens are equally helpless. An anecdote of French gallantry towards a defenceless foe will show up, by contrast, the difference between the two nations. As the battle of Victoria, Sir Felton Hervey, A.D.C. to the Duke of Wellington, and the misfortune to lose his right arm. In a later fight, against the French, the Duke sent him to a distant part of the field, and he rode off without his sword, only to encounter a French officer, Sir Felton, unarmed, prepared to meet his fate bravely; the Frenchman, standing up in his stirrups, was about to strike, when he caught sight of the empty sleeve fastened across his enemy's breast. Immediately he lowered his sword to the salute, and rode away. Thus is this unknown officer immortalised by an act of chivalry: it needs hardly to be said that most of our enemies to-day have gained notoriety by the opposite attributes of savagery and cruelty to the unarmed citizen.

## The Air Service.

## Raids in Gallipoli and Flanders.

London, Nov. 16.—The Press Bureau states that during recent air raids at Gallipoli and Constantinople the naval air service had the assistance of a Greek naval unit. Gallipoli was bombed day and night. The objectives were warehouses, aerodromes, seaplane base at Nagara, Turkish camp at Bulair. One Greek machine was lost. We attacked the Goeben, causing an explosion and fire and hit submarines and destroyers and also hit General (?) on which German Headquarters were reported to be situated. We also twice hit the war office.

London, Nov. 16.—The Admiralty reports that our aircraft attempted to bomb Uykirk aerodrome yesterday but high winds prevented them reaching their objective, we thereupon bombed the aerodrome sheds at Handzaemi. During our offensive patrols we destroyed two enemies and drove down two out of control. All ours returned.

Lord Cowdray has resigned the chairmanship of the Air Board.

Lord Cowdray sent a letter to Mr. Lloyd George attributing his resignation to Northcliffe's letter, complaining that it was his first intimation that the Premier desired a change at the Air Ministry. He states that the Air Force Bill gives the nation an air service with the full powers that the country demanded. He claims the chief credit for that and concludes that during the year the effective air forces of the army had been increased threefold.

London, Nov. 16.—The House of Commons passed the third reading of the Air Force bill.

## Navy League For Japan.

The Navy League (says the "Japan Gazette") has just been set on foot by a large number of men prominent in public life. Its purpose, like the Leagues of Great Britain and France, is quite simple: it is to work for the upbuilding of the Navy.

On Oct. 25, an organising meeting was held at the Seiyoken Hotel in Tsukiji. Here the following statement summarising its creed, was given out:—

1. It is necessary to possess a powerful navy, in order to protect the country and follow a progressive national policy.

2. The upbuilding of a powerful Navy will be an aid to the development of commerce and industry.

3. Should sea-communications be interrupted commerce and industry will wither, and the protection of the land be endangered.

4. In the history of the world there is no maritime nation which waxed strong without the aid of a powerful fleet. Hence it follows that without a powerful navy a maritime nation will fall to decay.

5. The people of a maritime nation have the responsibility to maintain the navy on a basis sufficiently efficient for the needs of the country.

6. The question of naval increase should be above party politics.

NOWHERE is pro-German propaganda busier or acting in a subtler subterranean way than in Italy, says a London correspondent, writing on September 23. The efforts to stamp it out have never thoroughly succeeded, and the recent agitation against Signor Orlando, the Minister of the Interior, reflected the exasperation of the Italian public at the persistency of German inspired pacifist intrigues. The Italian authorities are understood to be making a more far reaching attempt to get to grips with ringleaders of the treason campaign, and General Cadorna's appeal to the Italian journalists to bring home still more to Italy the value of discipline and cohesion shows that in Army as in political circles opinion is alive to the necessity for grappling with pernicious influences. It would be something to the credit of Giolitti, whose boast has been that he has held Italy, politically, in pawn, if he were to help the Italian Government to track down the Hidden Hand now pulling so many wires.

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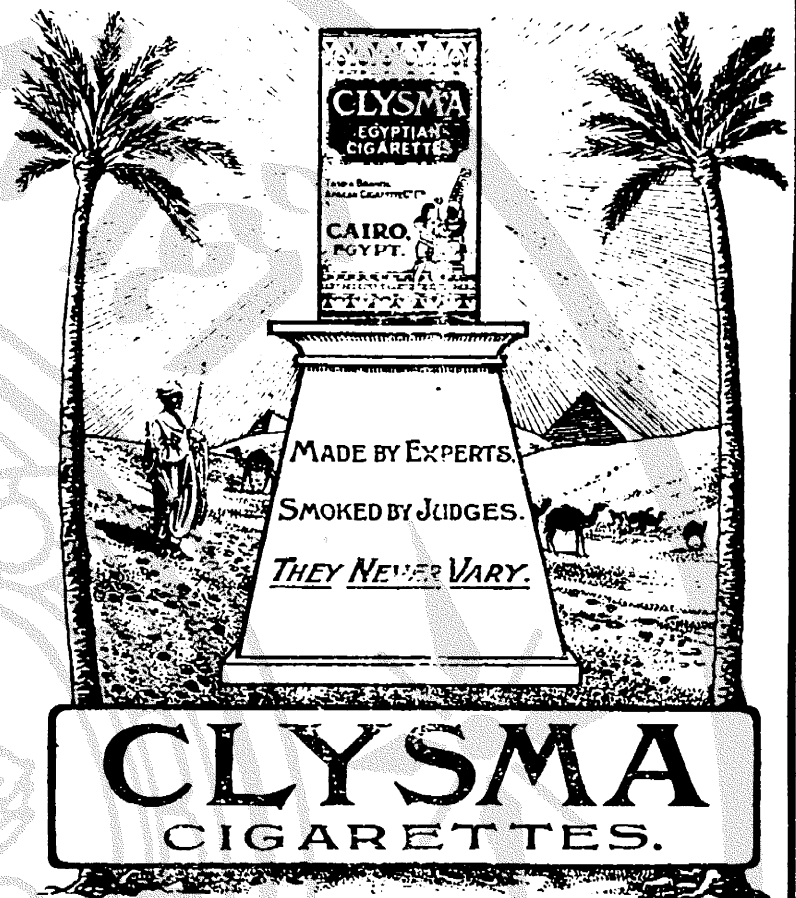
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Paknam Dep.	6.30	9.30	12.45	3.45	Bangkok Dep.	7.45	10.45	2.00	5.00
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## Through German Eyes.

## "The Next War."

General von Freytag Loringhoven, who was Quartermaster-General in the field when Falkenhayn was Chief of the General Staff, and is now stationed in Berlin as Deputy Chief of the General Staff, has published a small book called "Deductions from the World War." General von Freytag is a writer of considerable ability, who passes as a "moderate" among the Prussian militarists. In view of his position, his book is something of a sensation, especially as his main object seems to be to explain to the public, with a show of candour, why Germany has not won, and cannot win, the war outright, and quietly to call attention to the main factors necessary for German success in "the next war."

The Frankfurter Zeitung publishes an interesting review of the book, with quotations and running comments. It says:

The fundamental opinion of the general about the nature of our war, and so also about the situation and prospect, is characterized by a certain resignation in view of the experience of an unalterable reality. The power of radical decision of a world-war has slipped away from the armies; the strategic situation is conditioned by the world economic situation. Consequently, the unfavourable character of our world-economic situation "explains the facts that ever new possibilities of resistance opened themselves up to our enemies, because the sea stood open to them, and that victories which once would have been absolutely decisive, and the conquest of whole kingdoms, have not brought us nearer to peace."

Freytag says that the Germans were slow to understand "the limited effectiveness of purely military successes": if they had won the Battle of the Marne, that would have given an entirely different shape to the war, and certainly have shortened it considerably. But "the great throw" against France did not succeed. Freytag says: "The German offensive was not strong enough for the overthrow of the enemy. It was planned to effect a double encirclement. But the movement of the left wing was stopped in front of the fortifications of the Eastern frontier of France, which in view of the rapid successes achieved against the Belgian fortresses, it was hoped to overcome. The encirclement of the French left wing was successful up to in front of Paris and over the Marne, but here found itself threatened in turn by encirclement and checked in its frontal advance."

The failure in the West. Freytag insists that the Battle of the

Marne was not a tactical success for the enemy, but proof that the German plan was incapable of success (undurchführbar). "When the attack across the Yser had failed, and further troops had to be transferred to the East," the war in the West became solely a war of position, and Germany had to fall back upon what Clausewitz called "an offensive with limited aim." Freytag cites the German attack on Verdun, and the Austrian operations in the Alps as mere efforts "to anticipate the enemy in a particular case," while "the initiative as a whole" was bound to pass to the enemy. The Frankfurter Zeitung particularly congratulates General von Freytag on destroying German "illusions" on this point, because "to the limitation of the strategic aim corresponds also the limitation of the final political success."

Freytag carries his display of frankness so far as to say that the "occasional" failure "at the beginning" to stick rigidly to the defensive "cost

the Germans great sacrifices." He then says that Hindenburg and Ludendorff invented a defensive "which no longer clings to a particular trench or a particular height," but he declares that their scheme required adequate reserves for counter-attacks, and sufficient munitions, whereas "there was often a lack of both in the defensive battles of 1915 and 1916 in the West." In all this part of his argument Freytag seems to be at considerable pains to insist upon the "limited forces and artillery" of the Germans and he says that such deficiencies caused the German authorities to abandon any idea that they may have had of restoring "the war of movement" by allowing the enemy to break through and then "throwing him back by the use of reserves."

Freytag quotes Napoleon in support of his own doctrine that the qualities of an army cannot, in the long run, counter-balance the numerical superiority of the enemy. He observes that

victories but surely wear away armies, as well as defeats do, and so his motto is "limitation of aims for the present." But he points out that this situation does not mean that the war of position will dominate the future; on the contrary, the war of movement must always be the aim. It is for "policy," he says, "to prevent the recurrence of such a menacing situation, or, at any rate, to work with the object of securing to Germany greater freedom for violent and decisive blows in one direction." No doubt it is precisely from that point of view that General von Freytag himself examines and influences all the German peace manoeuvres.

## "Inadequate" German Armaments.

General von Freytag then discusses the future of the German Army, and to judge from the quotations in the Frankfurter Zeitung his book is equally interesting as regards the defects discovered by the war and as regards the

honesty of the new German talk about limitation of armaments. In a chapter called "Still Ready for War," Freytag calmly declares that the military demands presented to the Reichstag before the war were "a feeble minimum measure of the desirable"; that in the course of the war "German armaments have been seen to be inadequate"; and, finally, "that the Germans in future must disregard doubts expressed on the other side, and in no circumstances allow the disproportion again to become so great as it was in the world war between what is demanded and what has to be achieved in the event of war." He insists that the German reserve corps, which were formed after the beginning of the war, showed all the defects to be expected from young and freshly trained troops; and he says that "the advocates of a shorter period of service than the period of service in Germany before the war find just as little support for their views in the Kitchener division as in the German new formations during the war." In order to make his point good, Freytag has to contrast with the original "Kitchener divisions" the "great English Army, which did not appear at the front in large numbers before the spring of 1916," this "great English Army," he says is "a new creation indeed, but the very opposite of a loose improvisation."

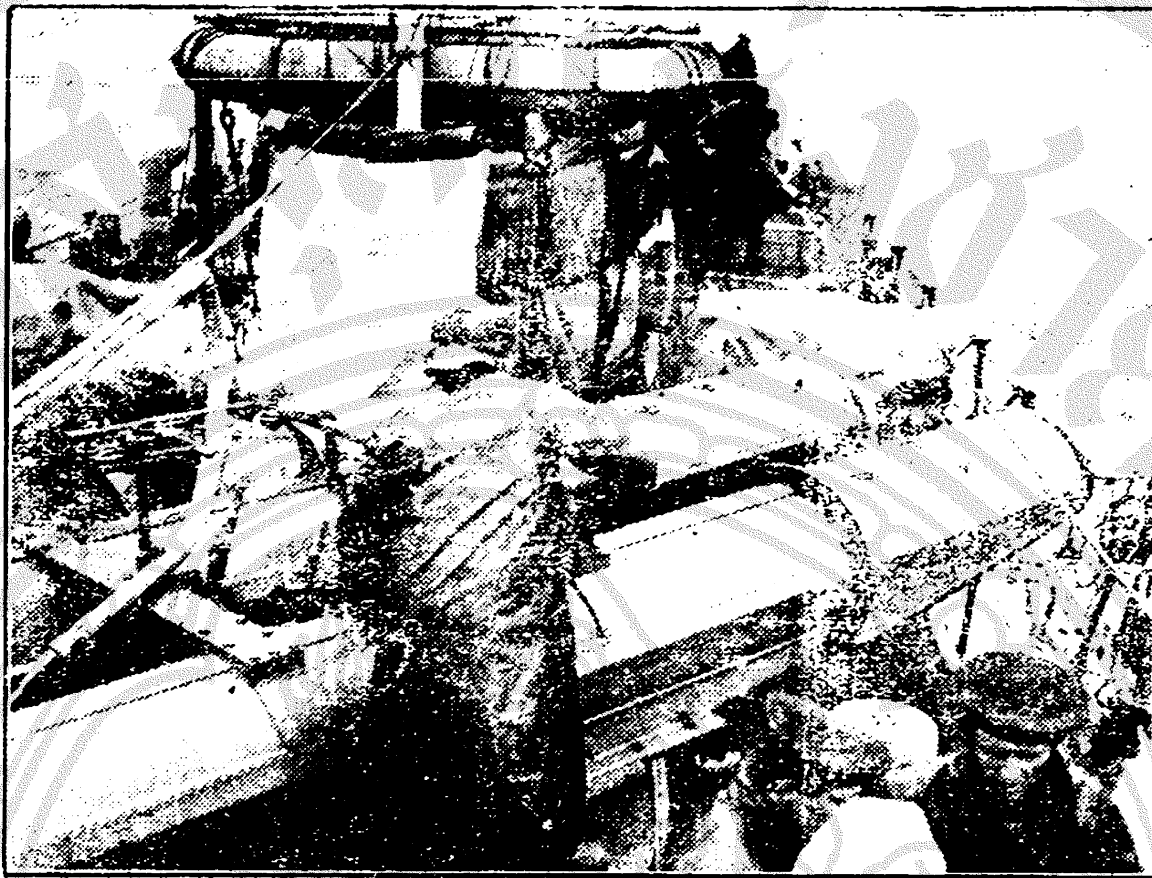
Among the reforms which Freytag proposes in Germany is the organization of training courses of about nine months for the older lieutenants. This would mean the establishment of a sort of Junior Staff College, and the most successful students would then be given a two year course—instead of the ordinary three year course—at the Staff College in Berlin.

Freytag ends with a vigorous denunciation of pacifism, which he describes as sheer folly.—(Times.)

## "German East" Open to Trade.

London, Nov. 19.—The Union Castle Company has received a cable from its South African representatives stating that all towns on the central railway of German East Africa from Dar es Salaam to Tabora inclusive will be open to trade from January 10. Firms desirous of opening should apply to the senior political officer at Dar es Salaam, making their own arrangements regarding landing and shipping cargo.

London, Nov. 19.—East Africa Official: The enemy's rearwards were expelled from defensive positions east and south-east of Obiwata. A number of Indian and African prisoners was released.



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