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

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

## PHASES OF THE MOON.

Jan. 8th	0 Full Moon	2 24 p.m.
18th	(Last Quarter)	6 24 p.m.
22nd	0 New Moon	2 22 p.m.
30th	1st Quarter	7 44 a.m.

## A Berlin Banquet.

Ambassador's Speech Resented.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Government (?) has cabled to Mr. Gerard requesting a statement of his utterances at the banquet of the American Chamber of Commerce in Berlin, at which he is reported to have said: "Never since the beginning of the war have the relations between the United States and Germany been more cordial."

Amsterdam, Jan. 9.—Count Reventlow, writing in the Tages Zeitung, is infuriated by Mr. Gerard's remarks at the American banquet in Berlin, in which he said that he was confident that the best relations between the United States and Germany would continue while each excellent leaders as Dr. Bethmann Hollweg, Marshal Hindenburg, General Lindendorff and Admirals Capelle and Holtzendorff remained at their posts. Count Reventlow declares that it is unprecedented for a neutral ambassador in war time to single out names, and he says that there is an unmistakable menace in the implication as to what might happen in the event of other men coming into power whom the United States does not like. The Count concludes by saying that the banquet was equivalent to a demonstration in honour of the United States attaining her political aim as regards Germany.

The banquet was attended by Helfferich, Hoff, Dernburg and other prominent Germans.

## China Protests to Tsar.

The Government is reported to have lodged a strong protest with the Russian authorities in connection with the shooting of three German officers named Capt. Max Graeff, First Lieut. Ludwig von Werner and Lieut. Hans von Hoffmeister, who escaped from a prison camp in Siberia. It appears that the three German officers succeeded in escaping from Russia and found their way to Urga, where they were placed under arrest by the Chinese Resident Commissioner and were being sent to Peking under Chinese escort. At a point on the border between Outer and Inner Mongolia the party met a patrol of Cossacks. The three Germans were taken away from the Chinese escort by force and shot by the Russians. The Chinese Government is protesting against this grave violation of China's neutrality.—Peking Gazette.

## Austro-Germans Losses in Rumania.



The estimated German casualties since June are about 1½ millions. The enemy loss against Rumania is put at 300,000 but on this secondary success they have based a great proclamation of victory. Manifestoes have been issued to all the German local governing bodies and to neutral countries announcing the final triumph of the German armies. These manifestoes are causing great joy in Germany and fortifying the civilian population for the continuance of the war when the peace attempts break down.

Neutral ambassadors have informed Berlin that no peace overtures can be carried through in face of the unvanquished condition of all the Entente Powers and their manifest strength. Every month now increases the enemy's disadvantage. The summer will see the Allies at the fullest height of their power and the Germans are moving every influence to end the war before March and secure a victorious peace on the assumption that the occupation of territory, not the defeat of armies, is the crucial test.

## A New Transmission.

New York, Nov. 20.—A new automobile transmission, designed to do away with gear-shifting, will be on exhibition at the National Automobile Show in January. It is the invention of Carlton R. Riddell of this city. The driving and the driven members of the device are enclosed in a fluid-tight case and the hydraulic principle is employed for the transference of power. The driving member of the mechanism is rotated by the engine of the automobile. When this member's rotations reach a sufficient speed the force of liquid against the driven member impels it to revolve, transmitting the power to the rear wheels. There are two driven members, one for the forward speeds of the car and the other for the reverse. Control of the speed of the cars is obtained by the shifting of the members of the device.

London, Jan. 8.—Obituary: Vice Admiral Sir George Warrender.

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**Major Morah's Lecture**

Major Morah, the military expert of the "Berliner Tageblatt" has not been much in evidence lately. Several months ago he declared that the possession of Verdun was a life and death affair for the German armies in the West. Nearly two years ago he said the same thing about Calais. Once a fortnight since the Somme offensive began he declared that the British and French advances had fizzled out. He has prophesied about Egypt, about the Caucasus, about Salonika, and none of his prophecies has been fulfilled. Merely as a prophet, he is not worth his wages.

He has now taken to lecturing, after excursions to the Eastern and Western fronts, and the first fruits of his tour he presented to Hamburg in the shape of a lecture on "Our Victorious War of Defence." He spoke of the aims and objects of Germany's enemies, pointing out that these aims and objects have never varied from the beginning of the war. He expressed astonishment at this, "for these aims have not yet been attained, nor are they likely to be." It is the evident impossibility of Germany's enemies realising their aims which has filled the German nation with a healthy feeling that their enemies really desire peace.

Major Morah naturally devotes most of his remarks to the campaign against Rumania, and compares the number of square miles of Rumanian territory occupied by the Central Monarchies with that won from Germany on the Somme and Ancre. As to the ultimate destiny of Rumania Morah has no doubts, but with regard to the Somme he thinks that "even if Bapaume and Peronne are lost we can rest easy so long as we can maintain our front intact." He tells his Hamburg audience that they are to wait "until the time comes," and that then "the Western front will assume an entirely different shape." It is safe sooth-saying with which all of us may agree.

About Italy Major Morah is doubtful. He does not like the advance in the Carso, and asserts that "it will only continue until Austria-Hungary is able to resume the offensive." "There is no force ready to give Italy the knock-out blow."

The lecturer is very confident about the German reserves. "Our youth, which has not been put too early into service, constitutes a powerful reserve. It is important when discussing peace to show our enemies that we have a reserve army ready to strike." In conclusion, he rejoices at the failure of England's starvation war, and hopes that before long a German victory will secure what he calls a German peace. (D.C.)

**British Put Down Uprising in India.**

London, November 18.—A battle has taken place on the frontier of India, in which a British force was engaged with 6,000 Mohmand tribesmen, the War Office announced to-day. The tribesmen were defeated, and withdrew with a loss of 100 dead.

The engagement was near the boundary between India and Afghanistan. The British took the offensive and employed airplanes, which never before had been used in military operations on the Indian frontier. Only one person was killed on the British side, the statement says.

Since the proclamation of a holy war by the Sultan of Turkey, there have been various reports of uprisings in India. The Mohmands are a warlike tribe, that live along the Kabul River in North-west India. They never have been brought to acknowledge the supremacy of any leaders but their own.—Ex.

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	Millimetres.	Millimetres.	Millimetres.	Millimetres.	
Ministry of Agriculture	None	None	1140.8	1233.6	
Dhanyaburi	1.4	None	977.5	1253.3	
Samudprakar	No report	None	—	1372.6	
Krung Kao	None	None	1214.8	1072.5	
Angtong	None	None	1541.8	1450.3	
Lobbur	No report	None	—	1269.0	
Jainart	None	None	1414.6	1272.2	
Udaidhani	None	None	1475.1	1446.2	
Bienloke	None	None	1809.1	1471.4	
Xhaxerngsao	None	None	1257.8	1213.1	
Prachin	None	None	1447.9	1550.4	
Nagor Pathom	None	None	1458.9	1564.3	
Rajburi	None	None	1229.7	1256.0	
Xiaaraburi	None	None	1761.5	1722.4	
Bejngmai	23.0	None	1401.6	863.9	
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## THE Great War.

### Havas Telegrams.

Paris, Jan. 14.

Salonika.—There was violent bombardment on the Varlar and in the region of Rapes. We destroyed a munition depot south of Okrida. Indo-Chinese contingents participated in the battle. Another detachment progressed at Sveti.

At Rabat (Morocco) squadrons bombarded Trilint and the rebel contingents between Fez and Taza and the disaffected population at Guerba-Branes.

The Benigou tribe are discussing the obtaining of a general pardon.

Flushing.—The Dutch Navy captured a German submarine in territorial waters. The submarine will be interned.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The racing pony Accelerator, we are glad to know, is contrary to first belief, getting on admirably under treatment and is now able to move about freely in his stall.

Those who have contributed to the Belgian Children's Fund will be interested to hear that a draft for £170 will be sent by this mail to the National Committee of Relief in Belgium.

We understand that the Royal Siam Turf Club is arranging for a race meeting for March next. The first day will most probably be on the 3rd and there will be three days racing ending on Saturday the 10th March.

### The Late Than Puying Eam.

We regret to chronicle the death of Than Puying Eam, wife of H. E. Chao Phya Abhai Raja, Minister of Justice, which occurred this afternoon at her residence. The deceased lady who was 56 years of age had been in good health up to this year and had taken an active part in many public undertakings, notably in the Siam Navy League. She has been a great helpmate to the Minister of Justice to whom will be extended the sincerest sympathy on the sad occurrence. It was known for some days past that the end was approaching and the Minister of Justice who always accompanies His Majesty on the annual Scout manoeuvres had decided not to go this year.

The bathing ceremony will take place to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

### Cricket.

The following are the sides for the Cricket Match on Sunday 21 January at 10.30 a.m. sharp:—

#### Golfers.

R. B. Mair (Captain), S. Brighthouse, E. Wyon Smith, P. Christman, C. L. Watson, H. Chester Walsh, J. M. Sinclair, W. M. Cochrane, W. A. Graham, W. Warner Shand, H. P. Bagger, Seton Coventry.

#### Cricketers.

L. W. Horne (Captain), H. G. Dering, G. A. C. Preston, T. Judge, T. H. Pollard, H. E. Jones, Arnold Jones, W. S. Chapman, N. Maxwell, D. B. Robertson, M. T. Cooke Collis, M. R. Ramsay. A match of more than usual interest is promised for Sunday 28 January.

### Death of a German Legation Official.

This morning, about 9 o'clock the death occurred of Mr. Peter Ulrich, Assistant Interpreter to the Imperial German Legation, after a short but serious illness. He was born on April 30, 1889 near Penang and was a son of Captain Georg Friedrich Ulrich. His father, born 29th June 1835 at Tating in Holstein, was in charge of the Siamese bark "Chamron Wattana" and died near Kohsichang on 26th Jan. 1893. His mother is still alive. On 18th June 1914 Mr. Ulrich was married to Miss Berta Gottsche, daughter of Commander T. A. Gottsche, Manager of the Paknam Railway. Deceased leaves behind two sons, Friedrich Ulrich and Peter Ulrich, two years and one year of age respectively.

Mr. Ulrich attended the Assumption College for about 13 years and on 1st April 1909 entered the Bangkok Times Press Ltd. as Assistant and Reporter. On 1st December 1909 he was nominated Assistant Interpreter to the Imperial German Legation where he stayed for more than 7 years. He was very painstaking, faithful and reliable as an official, whilst in his private life he had a great many friends on account of his kindness, cheerfulness and ever-present readiness to help others.

The funeral service will be held in the Roman Catholic Church to-morrow, Thursday, afternoon at 4.30, and the funeral will take place at the Roman Catholic Cemetery in Windmill Road at 5 p.m.

### Western Gunners.

London, Jan. 8. Marshal Haig reports: Last night we drove back three attempts to approach our line south-west of Sonchez and effectively bombarded eastward of les Boeufs, both sides of the Ancre and east of Neuve Chapelle. The Germans have heavily shelled Ypres.

London, Jan. 9.—The French communiqué says: On the right of the Meuse there was a fairly lively artillery duel at the foot of the Cotes de Meuse.

London, Jan. 9.—Correspondent at headquarters states that a daylight raid southeast of Arras was carried out by Anglo-Scottish troops on a front of 2,000 yards, after a very severe bombardment. The results were unexpected as the opposition was very slight. Especially there was a lack of machine gunning.

Describing the uneasy ease with which the troops reached the third line, a Scottish officer said that he mounted the parapets of a third line trench and smoked a cigarette. Nothing was visible, apart from a few Germans scurrying for their lives in the distance. The whole business seemed unreal.

There was much bombing of dug-outs, in which the Germans suffered considerably.

Aeroplane co-operated in this most audacious raid, flying very low over the German positions and spotting most marvellously for the guns.

### Russia's Great Design.

London, Jan. 9.—By the capture of Fochani the Germans have turned the western extremity of the so called Sereth-line, which, run forty miles eastward from Fochani, but the Russians, who have been maintaining the brunt of the fighting while the Rumanians have been retiring in their rear, have another defensive position along the river Sereth, behind which is the formidable line of the river Pruth. Both rivers must be forced before Mackensen will be able to enter Russian territory, unless he attempts the hazardous crossing of the Danube from the Dobrudja below Galatz.

The length of front on which Mackensen is operating, with three armies, exclusive of the Dobrudja, is 120 miles, between the mouth of the Sereth and Gylnos pass. Half of this front lies among mountains, where fighting has consisted of a succession of struggles for isolated heights. The enemy has still to face the main position on the heights west of the Trotus and Sereth.

Meanwhile, the Russians have achieved a heartening success twenty miles west of Riga, where a spirited advance over frozen marshes forwarded their line at one point four miles.

Despatches from Petrograd indicate that the Russians are very hopeful of making the Germans pay dearly for their Rumanian operations by shattering the whole fabric of the German defence in the north.

### Grecc's Dilemma.

London, Jan. 8.—Reuter is informed that the Greek Government has handed to the Allies a statement pointing out the difficulties of complying with certain demands. A reply to the statement is being drawn up in Rome.

London, Jan. 8.—Reuter announces that comments on the draft reply to President Wilson's Note have been received from various Allied Governments. The reply will not be despatched to Washington for several days.







## Colonel Who Served at 81.

Lieutenant-Colonel Edward J. Dolton, who has retired from active service at the age of 81, was transferred from the retired list to the active list for the Boer war, and at the beginning of the present war he came forward again and was in command of the A. S. C. Depot at Hounslow Barracks until his retirement a few months ago.

## Crucifixion Punishment.

Mr. Lloyd George in the British House of Commons said that he could not accept the suggestion that in all cases crucifixion punishment in the Army meant torture. The whole question was being gone into most carefully, special inquiries being made from the French and Italian armies to find out what discipline was inflicted in similar cases. There must be some methods of insisting on discipline, or an army became a mere mob.

## Science Now Knows.

It has been discovered that gray horses are usually the longest lived and that roans come next in order. Blacks seldom live to be over twenty years old and cream-coloured horses rarely exceed ten of fifteen years.

Experiments in the laboratories of the University of Pennsylvania establish the fact that postage stamps do carry germs, and may therefore be classed as a disease spreading danger. In forty-eight tests out of a total of fifty, bacteria were found. The fact that in only two cases were the germs of a malignant type does not lessen in any degree the danger that lurks in wetting the gum with the tongue.

## Shipping After the War.

The executive of the British Imperial Council of Commerce have forwarded to the Prime Minister a long resolution on the shipping problem, in which they ask the Government not to leave enemy ships free after the war to extend their share of the world's carrying trade until the enemy has replaced in kind all ships which have been lost by the Allies owing to the enemy's piratical methods, and that no peace terms be considered which do not provide for such replacement.

They also request that privileges in British ports should be accorded to Allied and neutral shipping equivalent only to the corresponding privileges accorded to British shipping by Allied and neutral countries, and that enemy shipping should pay to British ports at least double the dues paid by any other shipping.

## Invalid Officer's Wife.

An inspiring story of a woman's devotion to her husband—an Army captain invalided out of the Forces with heart disease—was told at Bow-street.

Mrs. Katherine Moule, a good-looking young woman, attired in a neat navy-blue costume, with peaked motor cap, was summoned for plying for hire with an unlicensed carriage.

It was stated that Mrs. Moule had come from the Portsmouth district to gain a livelihood for herself and her husband, and that their sole means of support was what she earned with her car. She had told a policeman that her earnings came to about £5 a night.

Mrs. Moule said she owned and drove the car, but received orders over the telephone and did not ply for hire. She had got together a good collection of customers since she came to London, and been encouraged by policemen to ply for hire, and even hailed by them.

Fines and costs amounting to £11 16s. were imposed.

## Airship Bluster.

One of the Berlin "imprisoned neutral correspondents" whom Mr. Curtin has told of has been visiting the Schutte-Lanz airship works near Mannheim (Baden) for advertising purposes. "If the prevailing activity here is any indication," he writes, "the coming winter, with its long, dark nights, will be a historic period for England. Both the Zeppelin and the Schutte-Lanz works are working in friendly rivalry in the service of the Fatherland. The accidents which have befallen the Zeppelins in the previous stages of the war have shown the Schutte-Lanz engineers the right way."

The article alleges that plans for building Schutte-Lanz airships were submitted in vain to the United States Government in 1912. Japan was negotiating for them at the same time, but the German Government forbade any transactions with Japan, England, and France.

The correspondent was shown the bomb throwing apparatus in the newest type of Schutte-Lanz vessels, and thinks that "the devastation caused by the last airship attacks on England must have been terrible." He states that the dominating ambition of Professor Schutte, the scientific leader of the concern, is to build an airship capable of crossing the Atlantic. He has already chosen the captain and the crew for the first journey.

## Salonica Campaign Under Criticism.

## Military "Experts" Opinions.

London, Jan. 8.—The conclusion of the Allied conference at Rome coincides with a revival of the controversy between the so-called Eastern and Western schools. The view that Allied action in the East ought to be restricted at present, pending the breaking of the German power in the West, where the main enemy forces are concentrated, is strongly supported.

On the other hand it is maintained that it is as vitally important now as ever to sever the connection of the Central Powers with Turkey. There is much speculation, especially in Paris, as to whether there was any decision on this question in Rome.

## Swallowing Up Tonnage.

The Daily Mail condemns the Allies' occupation of Macedonia and contends that while it may be desirable to hold Salonika itself, anything beyond that is doubtful. It points out the danger of a treacherous Greek attack. The expedition is absorbing enormous tonnage and making serious demands on the navy. The Daily Mail declares that Anglo-French military opinion is strongly opposed to the expedition and advocates concentration in the west.

## Living On Shadows.

A pathetically realistic story of personal experiences with "scientific" substitutes for food is told by the editor of the "Bergische Arbeiterstimme" of Essen.

After all, the science of substitutions is not so very intricate. Every genuine product may be imitated. An egg, for example, is yellow within. There are many other yellow things which, though they are not made by the hen, none the less truly are yellow. Therefore some such mysterious yellowish article is provided with a plausible title, and presto we have a substitute for eggs, and so right along the whole line of victuals.

Yesterday our spouse hit on the idea of preparing a dinner wholly and solely from such substitutes, a project for which she may be forgiven in view of the maddening and saddening daily hunt after food.

The banquet was opened with a spicy soup concocted from a mysterious orange-coloured powder. Then came a pasty compound from "Chanticleer" the latest egg substitute mixed with imitation pea flour and "artificial sausage." The party was fried in the "Hindenburg" fat substitute, and finally we enjoyed a salad well soaked with the oil substitute known as "Salatfix."

After dinner we set to calculating its cost, and we arrived at a total which was about threefold more than if we had eaten real eggs, real fat, real sausage, real flour and real oil.

We should like to know to what branch of economy this substitute regime may be said to belong.

## Items of Interest.

London, Jan. 8.—Sinkings: Steamers Allie (British); Elder and Fama (Norwegian); Noesberg, Ebre and Viving (Danish).

London, Jan. 8.—The Times shipping correspondent calls attention to the use of British tonnage to convey motorcars. It urges that all parts of the Empire ought to consider whether the imports of motor cars are essential in wartime.

London, Jan. 8.—Wireless. Italian Official. There has been vigorous artillery work on the whole front. An aeroplane flew over Trieste and dropped two hundred kilograms of explosives on Nabersina station, in the region of Mont Querceto.

The Hague, Jan. 9.—The naval minister has announced that in view of the delays in obtaining war material, negotiations have been concluded whereby he is taking over one of the British and one of the German interned submarines. He is also expecting to acquire a German mine layer.

Melbourne, Jan. 9.—It is now certain that Mr. Hughes will not attend the Imperial Conference. Mr. Andrew Fisher will probably be asked to represent the Commonwealth. It is reported that Mr. Hughes has communicated with the Imperial Government fully setting out the Australian position regarding the Conference. It is expected that the Federal elections will be held in April with a view to ending the unsatisfactory political situation of Mr. Hughes.

London, Jan. 8.—Lecturing in London on a wire from Berlin, a correspondent of the Daily Mail declared that the Germans had filled many appointments in the Chinese customs vacated by Britons who had enlisted. German capital is flowing freely into China in order to obtain concessions. Germans have acquired many newspapers in China. The correspondent urged immediate joint Allied action about these.

## Humanities of the War.

One of the most amusing episodes in connection with the recent Presidential election in America was the bet made by a prominent admirer of Hughes that if the latter did not secure election he would wheel a Wilson supporter through the streets clad only in a bathing costume. Hughes lost, and bet was duly paid. Unfortunately, the day for fulfilling the undertaking was one of the coldest experienced this year, and what added to the loser's discomfort was the fact that his "bare" was clad in a heavy fur overcoat.

The Army authorities are understood to be taking action in regard to the close imitations of Service decorations which are now being offered for sale. A representation of the Military Cross, which, with ribbon of mauve and white, can be obtained for a few shillings, and which at not too great a distance resembles the genuine article, is one that will have to be stopped.

There is more behind the arrest of Dr. Karl Armgard Graves on a charge of attempted blackmail of Baroness von Bernstorff than has been allowed to leak out. A member of Pinkerton's staff, now in this country, in the course of conversation the other evening, hinted that it is not the Countess that is involved but the German Ambassador himself.

Graves, indeed, asserts that he has deciphered a code message addressed to the Count which reads as follows: "Be prepared to leave America at any time. Von Tirpitz has returned from his exile at the frontier and is again in control. Unrestricted submarine warfare will soon be resumed. This will probably lead to war between the United States and Germany."

As showing the desperate position of Germany in regard to copper, all the German one-pennig copper coins are being called in, and are being replaced by aluminium pieces. The copper is to be used in the manufacture of munitions.

The staff of one of our leading insurance companies have had a very pleasant surprise this week. Without any previous intimation a notice was posted throughout the various departments and when, in consequence of it, the clerks visited the cashier, each received a substantial bonus, varying in amount according to his salary. This is quite independent of the usual annual bonus, and it is understood that the directors have adopted this desirable method of dealing with the commission received of connection with anti-aircraft insurance business under the Government scheme.

## Opium Crusade in China.

The opium curse which has brought poverty and degradation to our people since foreigners first began the forcible importation of the drug is to be suppressed and the Shanghai Opium Combine will be granted no extension of time to dispose of their stock. On March 31 of next year their traffic must stop; and on that day the contract made with England some ten years ago will also expire. China will then be practically free from opium.

Five years ago, as Governor of Hupoh, president Li Yuan-hung, was active in the destruction of all opium in that province; and the opium fighters are now finding him in conjunction with his prime-minister ready to co-operate with them in seeing the work through.

The Chinese Government recently communicated with the British Minister at Peking requesting that a British Envoy be deputed to China to head an investigation into the results of the opium suppression campaign in China. At the same time, circulars were sent to all the provinces preparing them for the impending complete extirpation of the opium traffic as follows: (1) All the opium plantations in the land shall be wiped out during a period of three months, from October to December of this year; (2) The trade in opium shall be entirely stopped in a period of four months, from January to April of the next year; and (3) The smoking of opium shall be entirely done away within a period of three months, from May to July of next year. During the course of the last several years large quantities of opium together with all sorts of opium-

smoking instruments were destroyed under the supervision of the National Opium Prohibition Union with Mr. An Ming, as Acting President and these typical scenes were similarly enacted in many parts of China.

The Shanghai Opium Combine is the only legal surviving distributor of opium, having secured a license to carry on their traffic until March 31, 1917, and it is trying to bribe \$16,000,000 for the privilege of an extension, in addition to their threat of withholding their export duty of \$1,750 per case; but fortunately the Chinese

Government has lent a deaf ear. The opium traffic must go, and as quickly as possible. The threat of the Combine to stop the payment of the additional duty, even if it is carried out, would only mean a small loss to the Government in comparison with the curse of opium in China. Hence President Li and his Cabinet have lost no time in declaring that there shall be no compromise, and we are quite sure the Government will make a small sacrifice for the physical and moral welfare of our Republic.—Peking Daily News.



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Largely through the interest shown in the Carrel treatment by two laymen, Paul Painlevé, Minister of Instruction in the French Cabinet, and Henry Franklin-Bouillon, Vice President of the Parliamentary Foreign Affairs Commission, there is every likelihood that the Dakin fluid will become a compulsory attribute to the healing of French wounded. Hitherto French army surgeons, either because they were too overworked to spare time for medical novelties or because of inherent conservatism, have all but refused to even consider the adoption of Dr. Carrel's method.

How amazing their attitude has been to unprejudiced persons familiar with the matter becomes evident from the fact that thousands upon thousands of lives would have been saved and an even greater percentage of amputations averted had the Dakin fluid been generally used. It is claimed that of the 45,000 arms or legs that have been cut off in France during the war fully 80 per cent. would still be attached to their owners' bodies if the wounds had been treated after Dr. Carrel's system.

As each amputation costs the French Government \$3,000 in pensions it is easy to compute the actual cash saving that would have resulted.

#### Obstacles in Its Path.

Bitter feelings have arisen under the surface among members of the medical profession in France over the controversy started by partisans of Dr. Carrel, who himself has kept rigidly aloof from all attempts to force his views upon his fellow surgeons. In the rush of cases with which they are always contending the military doctors have found themselves unable to study the results derived from the Dakin solution as thoroughly as, doubtless, they would have done in peace times. Even the learned Academy of Medicine has devoted little attention to the subject. As a result there has been much misunderstanding and bad blood and complete official apathy. Through it all Dr. Carrel has been steadfastly "on the job" at his big hospital in Compiegne, saving lives and limbs on his own account, but never seeking to impose his

methods upon practitioners elsewhere. It remained for a young South American surgeon, Dr. Shatro, to attract the attention of the French Government to the Carrel treatment. As a result of an appeal by American admirers of Dr. Carrel to M. Franklin-Bouillon, the latter persuaded the Government, in the person of M. Painlevé, to study at first hand the use of the Dakin fluid.

The World correspondent was present when the Minister of Public Instruction, who was the first member of the Cabinet to take such a step, visited the Buffon Hospital, close by the Pasteur Institute, to see for himself the miracles worked by Dr. Shatro with the treatment developed by Dr. Carrel. Dr. Shatro is perhaps the ablest of Dr. Carrel's few disciples in France.

M. Painlevé was astonished at the simplicity of the system, which is merely the washing of wounds with bleaching lime diluted in water, with a percentage of soda added to neutralise the caustic effect of the lime. At the foot of each bedstead in the Buffon Hospital is strapped a wooden post to which a bottle containing the fluid, pink in colour, is attached. From the bottle a thin rubber tube carries the solution to four small glass tubes, from which the wound is flushed every two hours. Thus the dressings are kept moist and the wound is freed from infection.

"How many amputations have been prevented in this hospital?" M. Painlevé asked.

"I can't remember, but a good many hundreds," Dr. Shatro replied. "Most of the wounded sent to me are accompanied by instructions to amputate immediately, but in about 85 per cent of the cases I overlook the instructions and go ahead with the drainage. Dr. Carrel tells me he does just the same, and so, of course, would any other surgeon using the Dakin fluid."

Dr. Shatro showed his visitors a soldier who had been wounded over three months. He had a frightful gap in his leg, and until in the presence of the Cabinet Minister and his party, Dr. Shatro removed the dressings for the third inspection he had made in as many days, amputation had seemed inevitable.

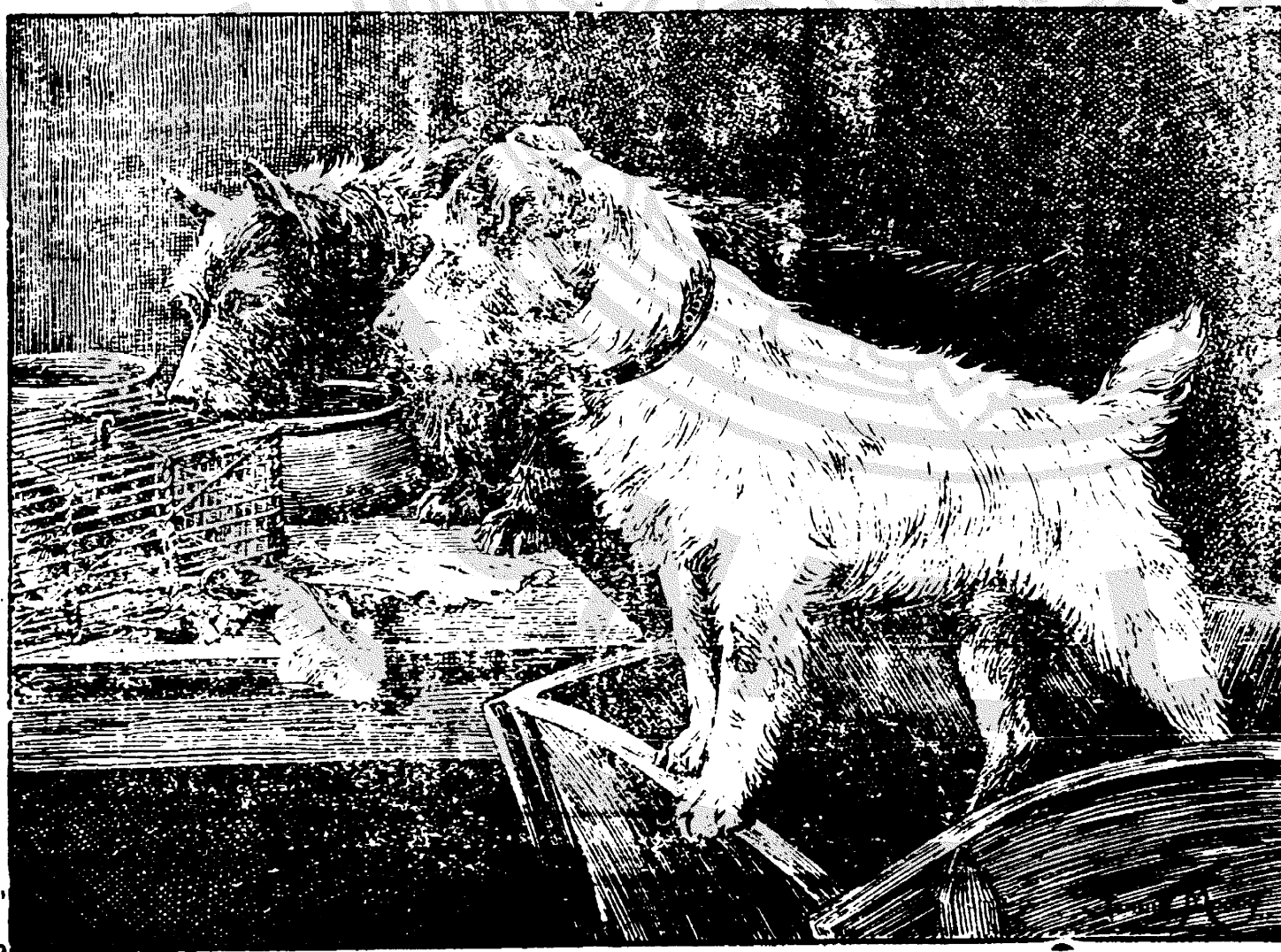
"You know I may have to cut your leg off," the surgeon said to the patient.

"It will be for France," the wounded man replied, proudly, but a bit sorrowfully too.

Dr. Shatro rapidly completed his examination, then turned with a smile to M. Painlevé.

"I'm glad to tell you that even in this desperate case the cure has been successful and this man's leg will be saved," he said.

The eyes of the Minister and the



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As he left the hospital M. Painleve assured The World correspondent he intended to bring the question of general use of the Carrel treatment before the proper authorities without delay, and M. Franklin-Bouillon was no less emphatic in his championship of the method he had seen.

### A Super-Tank for Future Wars.

#### Land Battleship With Wheels 200 Feet High.

New York, November 20.—A land battleship, with wheels 200 feet high, driven by engines of many thousand horsepower, able to cross the Hudson as if it were a mud puddle, and dwarfing the British tanks as a locomotive does a handcar, is the prediction of Frank Shuman, the Philadelphia inventor, whose concrete piling and wire glass have made him famous. Mr. Shuman believes that the next war will bring a juggernaut that could move through an army as easily as through a field of wheat. Its giant wheels would have to turn over just fifteen times to cover a mile; its giant size would send it over rivers and valleys as easily as an automobile takes a foot wide depression in the road.

Mr. Shuman says there is nothing technically impossible about such a machine, which would mean to land battles what the super-dreadnought means to war upon the seas. Guns would be the smallest part of the destroying power of such a monster, which by sheer force, would sweep away almost any obstacle the enemy could oppose. In the December issue of The Popular Science Monthly, Mr. Shuman has written a description of what he believes such an instrument of war would be.

"A club, a bow and arrow, a blunderbuss, an infantryman's rifle, a forty-two centimeter howitzer are merely instruments for delivering blows," he says. "The essential difference between battles of pre-historic times and those of to-day lies in the manner of delivering blows. Smokeless powder has merely lengthened the arm of the modern fighter. He strikes and kills at a distance of miles.

"Because armies are still composed essentially of many individuals fighting ships may be more fittingly termed 'war machines.' A battleship is a real machine. The men on board are merely so many intelligences that control the steam engines, the turbines, the great guns, and searchlights. But land warfare is still waged, not by a few machines, as on the sea, but by organised millions of men.

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#### An Engineering Possibility.

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"Undeniable as these difficulties are, it seems to me that they could be overcome by boldly designing a machine of such dimensions and of such energy that it could travel over ordinary land much as an automobile travels over a country road. A hill fifty feet high would be to that machine what a six-inch ridge of clay would be to an automobile; a swamp would be no more hinder to it than a half a foot of mud would stop a touring car. Even over rough inland country it would rush more swiftly than any touring car on a poor road. The impact of a heavy mass moving with the velocity of an express train would be irresistible. Indeed, in its speed would lie its destructive possibilities. It could now down everything before it with the relentlessness of a steam roller. Guns would not be required to rout an enemy. An army would be as helpless in offering resistance as a flock of geese in the path of an automobile.

"Picture to yourself a self-propelled machine, comprising three wheels and a heavily armoured body or car. There are two wheels, 150 to 200 feet in diameter, in front and a single smaller steering wheel to the rear. The entire structure is short so that the turning radius will be small.

"No doubt you are familiar with the military masts of our American battleships. They are latticed towers, not unlike cages. They are thus constructed so that whole sections of the lattice work may be shot away; but the remaining portions will still support the mast.

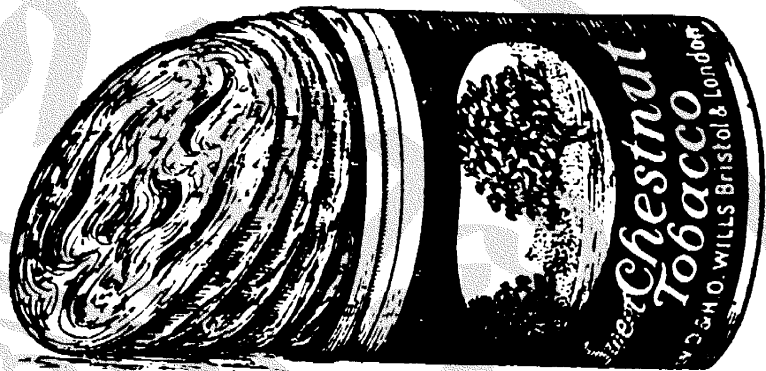
"So I would build the wheels of my war machine. Why not arm them instead? They would weigh too much—thousands of tons. But the hub I would arm, and heavily. There the spokes would be concentrated so thickly that they might be shot away in great numbers and the wheel still stand.

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