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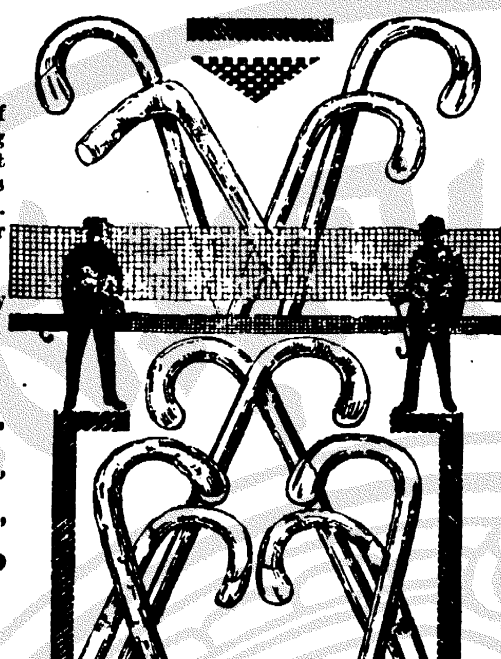
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DEPTH OF WATER ON THE BANGKOK BAR FOR SEPTEMBER 1918.

Sept.	A.M.		L.W.	
	H. W.	Ft. & in.	(Approx.)	
1	...	...	6.7	7.0
2	...	...	7.8	7.0
3	...	...	8.9	7.0
4	2.00	12.0	10.11	6.0
5	3.00	12.0	11.12	6.0
6	4.00	12.0	...	...
7	5.00	12.4	...	...
8	6.00	12.7	...	...
9	7.00	13.0	...	...
10	8.00	13.0	2.3	7.0
11	9.00	13.0	3.0	6.0
12	10.00	13.0	4.0	6.0
13	11.00	13.0	5.0	7.0
14	...	...	6.7	7.0
15	...	...	7.8	7.0
16	...	...	8.9	7.0
17	...	...	9.10	7.0
18	2.00	11.0	9.10	7.0
19	3.00	12.0	10.11	6.0
20	5.00	12.3	11.12	6.0
21	5.30	12.6	11.12	6.0
22	6.00	12.6	...	...
23	6.30	13.0	1.0	7.0
24	7.00	13.6	1.2	7.0
25	8.00	13.6	1.2	7.0
26	9.00	13.6	2.3	6.0
27	10.00	13.6	3.4	6.0
28	11.00	13.0	4.5	6.0
29	...	...	4.5	6.0
30	...	...	5.6	6.0

P.M.
Sept. H. W. Ft. & in. L. W. (Approx.)

Sept.	H. W.	Ft. & in.	L. W.	(Approx.)
1	4.30	13.11	...	...
2	5.30	14.4	...	...
3	5.30	14.5	...	...
4	6.00	14.5	...	...
5	6.00	14.6	...	...
6	7.00	14.6	1.0	6.0
7	7.00	14.7	1.0	6.0
8	7.00	14.7	1.2	7.0
9	7.00	14.5	1.2	7.0
10	8.00	14.2	...	...
11	8.00	14.0	...	...
12	8.00	13.6	...	...
13	8.00	13.6	...	...
14	8.00	13.0	...	...
15	2.00	13.6	...	...
16	3.00	14.0	...	...
17	4.00	14.6	...	...
18	5.00	14.6	...	...
19	6.00	14.6	...	...
20	6.00	14.6	...	...
21	6.00	14.4	1.0	7.0
22	6.00	14.0	1.0	7.0
23	7.00	13.10	1.2	7.0
24	7.00	13.8
25	7.00	13.5
26	7.00	13.2
27	7.00	13.0
28	7.00	13.0
29	6.00	13.0
30	4.00	13.6

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Irridentists Swear Loyalty to Italy.

The Italian Irridentists have again become subjects of Italy. They renounced fealty to the Emperor of Austria on August 15 and became Italians. They swore allegiance to the flag of Garibaldi and were enrolled in the Army of Italy. With a few weeks they will leave for Vladivostok to join the other Allied troops in Siberia where for two years they had been prisoners.

In the compound of Mr. Menga, in the Italian Concession, the Irridentists took their oath. Captain Fellet, the Italian Consul-general, and Major Manera, their recruiting officer addressed them on the significance of the act to themselves and to the world.

The same night the Italian concession celebrated the event. In the Italian park, the Irridentist band gave a concert and the Italian colony here and their friends turned out for the occasion. It was thrilling indeed to see these soldiers who had fought against their mother country in Austrian garb, standing at attention when the hymn Garibaldi was played. When the words which signify, "Get out of Italy, our oppressors," were reached the soldiers applauded.

There are now about 1,000 Irridentists in Tientsin, and about 2,500 in China, in Peking, Tongku, Chinwangtao and Shanhaikwan. They had been prisoners of war in Siberia after they surrendered to the Grand Duke Nicholas. The Italian Government sent a military mission to Russia to investigate the situation of the Irridentists and to see how many could be reclaimed for Italy. Those who proved that they were genuine Italians were mobilised. Twelve thousand left for Italy by way of Archangel. They are now fighting on the Italian front.

When it was decided to send an Allied expedition into Liberia, all the Irridentists requested to be allowed to join it. The Italian government notified the local authorities that only 1,000 could be sent and that the others would have to return to Italy.

Unmarried men between the ages of 24 and 30 were selected for the expedition after they had passed medical examination. The Irridentists it is believed are especially adapted for Siberian fighting because they have been in the country, many of them speak the Russian language well enough to get along and because they are used to the climate.

A ship is expected any day at Chinwangtao which will bring full equipment for the expedition in charge of Col. Fassini who will command the expedition to Vladivostok. The remaining 1,500 Irridentists in China will return to Italy on this ship after it has taken the expedition to Vladivostok. They will fight on the Italian front.

The Irridentists, who have been here during the past year, have been in charge of Major Manera and Lieut. Bazzani, of the Italian Military mission to Russia.—(North China Stars.)

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Belgium of To-day.

Germany's Ravages.

Here is a tragic picture of all that is left of Belgium pathetically told by the Morning Post correspondent. Happily there is still a part of Belgium that has never been under enemy control, but the recent battle in the North has endangered what is left. "Stand" he says on one of the low hills that lie along the Belgian frontier and you will see a spectacle of systematic destruction never to be forgotten. You can watch houses crumbled before your eyes as they crumbled yesterday. An aimless shell would light squarely on the roof of a picturesque old farm cottage, shrouding it in a white cloud; then, as the air cleared, the flames would crawl along the thatch, and in a few minutes the building would be a blazing ruin, one of many fires streaking the sky with smoke. Gas drifts along the hedges nearer the front. The German gunners have sent it over in bulk wherever their guns could be brought sufficiently close. Their aeroplanes try to drop bombs on the roads, and refugees, plodding through the dust, have to face this menace with the others. They go slowly, unwillingly, taking what they can carry: they pass the red, yellow, and black post which marks the end of Belgium with set faces and quivering lips.

The Sorrows of Belgium.

The remaining fragment of free Belgium is being laid in waste by the German guns. The farms reclaimed when the armies settled into trench warfare three years ago and cultivated by the patient peasants, often under shell fire, until we gained the Passchendaele Ridge, are again disappearing as the enemy batteries, pushed northward against our lengthened salient, rip the fields with high explosive. The destruction of this corner of the little Kingdom, which has tried so bravely and persistently through long months of adversity to maintain its normal life, is even sadder than the suffering of its greater neighbor.

"Around Ypres and Poperinghe some of the people were clearing away debris with fresh hope and beginning to reconstruct their homes. It is a very fertile district, and every square foot of rich soil freed from military requirements was carefully tended by the thrifty farmers. You passed innumerable tiny gardens tucked away between neat fields, and all day long, women, children, and old men toiled in them with a pre-eminence which won the admiration of our men."

"There are strange, pathetic scenes that wrench the heart in that little corner of Belgium. Our men are not blind to them, even as they dig and serve the guns. They see shells lashing freshly ploughed fields, sowing out neat red-and-white thatched cottages. In some meadows yesterday cows, apparently forgotten by their owners in flight, still grazed calmly, pausing to look up in wonderment at the sudden crack of the high flung shrapnel. There were ploughs at corners of fields just as they were left by their owners at the end of the last hour of work, and chickens scratched complacently in stable yards behind the deserted houses, left unshattered and unlocked by the tenants in their flight."

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So far the Morning Post correspondent, Mr. Balfour has also uttered burning words against the cruel devilry which Germany is committing in Belgium.

"We have to deal, among other things, with righting a great international wrong," he said to the Belgian commercial delegates in London. "There is not a man, woman, or child in Great Britain, the Overseas Dominions, or America who does not know about the wrongs which the Belgians suffered in the early days of the war, who does not know of the infamous treatment to which she was subjected by Germany, of the gross breach of international faith which will be an indelible blot on German history so long as anyone thinks it worth while to write German history."

"The invasion of the German army, the outrages which that army committed, those things are unforgettable and horrible, and I am not sure that the slow system of torture to which Belgium has been elaborately subjected—since the German occupation is not even more horrible when you come to think of it, though it may be less dramatic in its sorrow, that those first outrages which made the blood of the civilized world run cold."

"For what is it that the Germans have set themselves to do? They have set themselves, in the first place, to ruin the trade and manufacturers and the capacity for trade and manufacture of a friendly neighbor whom they were bound by treaty to protect. They have deliberately—and this comes out from their own statement—they have deliberately rejoiced to think that if peace were declared to-morrow it would be many months—to put it at the lowest—before Belgian intelligence, Belgian capital, Belgian industry, and Belgian enterprise could again interfere with German rivals. That is the first thing they have done."

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The Siam Observer.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 1918.

ABANDONING PRETENCE.

The continued good news from the Western front is counterbalanced to some extent by the serious course events have taken in Russia. By the sacking of the British Embassy, the murder of the British Naval Attaché and by the treaty which Renter reports to-day, the Bolsheviks have apparently decided to abandon all pretence of not having been bought by Germany and to proclaim themselves publicly the Allies of the Hun.

Towards the end of last month the Bolshevik organ *Pravda* declared that the intervention of Russia in the war is necessary but the idea of Lenin (if he be still alive) and Trotsky is not to resume the alliance of Russia with the Entente but to fight on the side of Germany and thus relegate Russia into a state of vassalage to Germany. It seems that the Bolsheviks, under the guidance of their pro-German leaders are engaged in a sinister conspiracy to complete the ruin of Russia by surrendering to the Germans the resources of the country in men and materials. If this scheme is consummated it will result in Prussianism being given a new lease of life and the retardation of the establishment of democracy.

The Bolshevik leaders have fastened on the Allied landing at Vladivostok as a *casus belli* against the Allies and, having to deal with ignorant and anarchistic minds, it has not been a difficult task for such men as Lenin and Trotsky to turn the Russians against the Allies. That they have succeeded to a considerable degree is seen even in Vladivostok itself where all reports mention there exists an atmosphere of passive hostility and sullen apathy.

It may be, however, that Lenin and Trotsky, the betrayers of Russia will, in the end, prove to be the means of Russia's regeneration. By throwing Russia into the hands of Germany these traitors to their country's cause will, sooner or later, effect such a revolution of feeling in Russia that the people will turn and rend them. Already has Lenin's life been attempted; his deeds have signed his death-warrant. The unfortunate ex-Tsar is to be blamed for many things but his shortcomings pale into absolute insignificance compared with the sins of the Bolshevik leaders. Nicholas met the death of a martyr but the fate reserved for Lenin and Trotsky will be that of all tyrants for it is ever true that tyrants fall when tyranny has run its bloody course.

In the meanwhile the situation is one of great gravity and one which will tax to the utmost the statesmanship of the Entente leaders. The future is full of interesting and startling possibilities but we do not doubt for a moment the final triumph of the Allied cause which will bring with it a purified and regenerated Russia.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that all lines are all right.

Mr. Philippe Simon returned from Chantaboon this morning.

St. Mary's Mission School re-opened after the vacation to-day.

The Revd. and Mrs. Simons returned from their stay at Petchaburi on Saturday.

The s.s. *Kuala* left Singapore at noon on Saturday the 7th inst., and may be expected to arrive at the Borneo Company's wharf on Tuesday morning about 11 a.m.

THE United States Department of Justice has seized the property of the Trans-Atlantic Trust Co. and also arrested the president of the company and three leading Austro-Hungarians, pending investigation into their activities. One man arrested is Guido von Steer, a former member of the Austrian Cabinet. The company's banking deposits amount to £1,400,000 which will be safeguarded.

Mr. Patihuguenin returned on Saturday to Bangkok from his visit to the Southern Provinces.

THE usual rehearsal of *Cavalleria Rusticana* was held at the Bhutaspanata Hall yesterday morning.

VERY large numbers of people have availed themselves of the opportunity to visit H. B. M. S. *Whiting*.

THE *Kwanglee* and *Luchow* have arrived from China ports, the *Bonite* from Saigon and the *Chulatch* from the coast.

THE s.s. *Bonite* landed the following passengers from Saigon to-day:—Rev. Père Peyrical, M.M. Halbé, Jourdan, May, Cretien.

WE are sorry to hear that Vimol the full back of the Christian College team is laid up at the Chulalongkorn Hospital suffering with some internal trouble.

To-morrow, after visiting the Hongkong Cinematograph the men of H.B.M.S. "Whiting" will be the guests of the British Club at supper. The repast will be followed by a smoker.

HIS Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to confer on Luang Indha Panya (Pland Vichien Na Songkla) the title of Phra Manava Rajasevi, and to appoint him Assistant Legal Councillor to His Majesty.

LATEST ADVTS.—The Borneo Co., Ltd. have a fresh notice to consignees. Buan Soon Lee and Co. have in stock Australia Biscuits.

The Excelsior Ice Manufactory (Nai Lert) has a notice re the price of Shell Motor Spirit.

Yong Lee Seng and Co. have rooms to let in Chartered Bank Lane.

Mr. Havelock Wilson, President of the Seamen's Union, has sent to M. Clemenceau, the French Premier, a telegram of thanks for the renunciation of the most favoured nation term for our enemies after the war, and saying, "We have decided to sail the seas with no Germans in our crews and to carry no German goods. The Germans have foully murdered 15,000 non-combatant seafaring men. Every patriotic British man and woman is with us in our firm determination to punish the Huns for their crimes against humanity. John Bull is all right. He is slowly taking off the gloves and he still has a punch in his hand. Bravo, gallant France!"

The Siamese Steamship Company, Limited.

The following is a rough translation in brief from an account of the meeting of the above company published in a Siamese newspaper:

A meeting of the Company took place on the 4th September at 4 p.m. at which Phya Ohoduk Rajasethi was the Chairman. The other directors were Phya Jayos Sombati, Phya Boriboon Rajasombati, Mom Rajawongse Savaphan, Phya Sarasin, Phya Phisarn and Phya Boriboon Kosakorn, the Secretary. Phya Ohoduk the Chairman read the report at the opening of the meeting as follows:

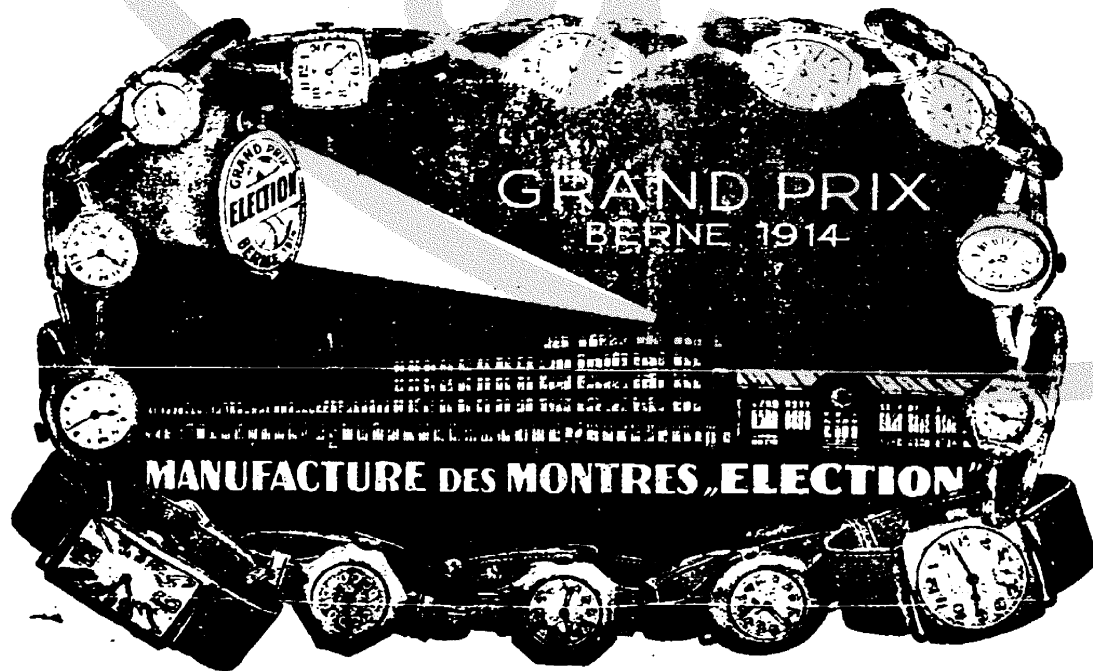
I beg to explain that the object of this meeting is to carry out a provision in accordance with the Company Act B.S. 130 Sec. 172 that a meeting should be held once in every six months from the date of registration of the Company. We have before decided to hold such meetings twice a year after the half yearly closing of accounts, which will be in November (account closed end of September) and in May (account closed end of March). This Company was registered on 21st March and will be six months in existence in a few days and this meeting is held in order to comply with the Law, and the ordinary meeting will be called for at the end of 6 months from the date of registration.

This present account has not yet thoroughly been examined by the auditor for various good reasons and it should therefore be excepted as a pro tem account. Some considerable time has been taken up in preparation and repair of ships during these four months and we have actually made only 1 trip to Hongkong and 9 trips to Singapore. The total receipts are Tcs. 276,791.88 and expenditure Tcs. 187,060.96 leaving a balance of Tcs. 89,730.92.

It is now time for three members of the Committee to resign and they offer themselves for re-election. These are Phya Jayos Sombati, Mom Rajawongse Savaphan and Phya Boriboon Kosakorn.

After the report of the account had been read and passed the retiring members were re-elected as members for the ensuing year.

After a vote of thanks to the Chairman the meeting was brought to a conclusion.



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AT THEIR AGENTS FOR SIAM

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The International Court

The International Court this morning heard the case in which Nang Choi was charged with stealing a five tical note from Mrs. Hamilton Price on July 23rd last. The accused pleaded not guilty. Mrs. Hamilton Price gave evidence that the accused had been her maid for about six years. For some time past there had been frequent thefts of small sums of money from her room. On the 23rd July Mrs. Price left the house at 8 a.m. leaving some marked notes in a suit case and locking it. On her return home at about eleven o'clock she found on unlocking the suit-case that one of the marked notes was missing. When the theft was discovered the accused had gone to her house. All the other servants in the house were immediately confined to the dining room and the police were called, who when they arrived searched the servants in the dining room and their belongings without finding the marked note. The police then went to accused's house and a search resulted in the finding of Tcs. 4.80 and a key which was found to easily open the lock of the suit-case.

Mr. Hamilton Price, the police and other witnesses were called and the case for the prosecution was closed.

The Court dismissed the case without calling upon the witnesses for the defence holding that the case against the accused was one of suspicion only and did not warrant a conviction.

Cup Football.

Won by the Royal Pages.

The final game played on Saturday between the Royal Pages and Central Bangkok at Suan Dusit ended disastrously for the latter who were beaten by five goals to one. Everyone expected it to be a very close game with a final win for the Central as they had done splendidly in the previous matches and had gained nine points while the Royal Pages had eight. The ground was in a very muddy state and this in a way proved of great advantage to the heavier team. The Centrals have a light team and with their clever footwork might have done better if the ground was dry.

At 4.30 Mr. R. D. Craig blew the whistle for the start and it was found that Svasdi was absent. This made his side very uneasy as he is the best forward in the team. A minute later, however, he turned up and loud cheers were given by his supporters. During the first half of play the ball was for the most part in the Centrals' territory and splendid advances were made by the Royal Pages. Coleby started scoring after ten minutes play and Arn scored another for the same side soon afterwards. The Centrals were outclassed and the attempts made by the right extreme, who was well supplied with passes, were cleverly frustrated. The left wing of the Centrals put in a shot but Norahat, the goalkeeper, kicked it out splendidly into midfield. Svasdi and Hok made a combined effort and took the ball up between the two up to near the goal but a faulty kick lost a goal for them (half time).

After five minutes of resuming play Siri, playing at inner left for the Centrals, scored the first goal for his side. From the centre kick the ball was taken up and shot but Sutton cleared only to be netted in by Coleby. Two more goals were scored by the Royal Pages and at the conclusion the game stood at 5-1. The Royal Pages gain 10 points and the Centrals 9 points. The much coveted Cup was then presented to the winning team by H. E. Phya Bhisal Silpasatra, who handed it with a few words of appreciation. Each member of the winning team was also garlanded by His Excellency.

The following are the teams playing to-day at the Sports Club:—
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Reith, Glahnson.
Preston, Malcolm, Le May.
Walsh, Olsen, Roberts, Fogtman, Chapman.
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Paddy Crop Report Sept. 8, 1918.

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N. nungang 60 " " "	95. " "
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THE Great War.

The French Front.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Sept. 7.

French communiqué.—During the day the French continued to pursue the retreating enemy on the Canal du Nord-Vesle front and made important advance despite local resistance. We hold Falvy, Offy and the north bank of the S. m. Canal. To the south our line approaches the Ham road which borders between Plessis, Pate d'Oie and Berlanecourt. South-east of the latter our front passes through the outskirts of Guivry, Caillonel, Orepigny, north Mareat, Dampecourt and the southern outskirts of Abbecourt.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Sept. 8.

French communiqué.—On the whole front between the Somme and the Aisne the thrust of our troops is unslackened to-day despite the German efforts to stem the advance.

We captured Ham and Chauny. East of the Canal du Nord we reached the line of Lauchy, Nillers Forest and St. Christophe; eastwards, Ouilly, Bronchy, Villerselve, Igny-le-Gay, Viry-Moreuil.

Since yesterday our troops advanced in places to a depth of over ten kilometres.

We occupied the lower forest of Concy as far as Petit Barisis where the enemy abandoned considerable war material and munition depots.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Sept. 8.

We reached the Ham Perronne road and passed through Caillonel, Crépigny, Abbecourt. We occupied Plessis, Pate d'Oie, Berlanecourt.

On the Ailette front we occupied a great part of the lower forest of Concy, Polembray, Conchy Chateau, Conchy Ville, Neuville-sous-Margival. We reached Sinceny, the ravine of Vaux-aillon and the plateau to the north of Landricourt.

North of the Vesle we border the Aisne between Condé and Vieilarcy.

Later. We continued the pursuit of the enemy. We held Ham, Chauny and Tergnier. The lower Oisney Forest is entirely taken and passed. We took Barisis, Ouliers, Bassoles, Nanteuil, La Fosse, Condé-sur-Aisne, Laflaux.

In certain points we advanced to a depth exceeding 15 kilometres.

Bolshevist Ambassador As Hostage.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Sept. 7.

The Bolshevist Ambassador Litvinoff has been arrested as a hostage until the British representatives detained by the Bolsheviks are freed and allowed to proceed to the Finnish frontier unmolested.

British Operations.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Sept. 8.

The British have captured Neuve Chapelle.

Reuter learns that on September 6th since the morning we advanced on a front of twelve miles to a depth of three miles astride the Amiens, St. Quentin Road.

The present line runs west of Templenx, Tincourt, Bonely, Bovincourt; thence to Astainde, Estrees, Monchy, Lagache and Quivieres.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Sept. 8.

The British forced the passage of the Somme to the south of the Somme and reached Athies, Mons-en-Chaussee, Muflu, Templenx, La Fosse.

They advanced to the north-west of Armentieres.

Later. The British progressed to the north-east of Perronne. They took Sorel, Lancourt, Metz-en-Couture.

They penetrated the Bovincourt Wood and advanced in the direction of Messines and Ypres.

The Americans.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Sept. 8.

The Americans have skirted Villers-en-Prayeras and Revillon. They have occupied Glennes

Germany and Russia.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Sept. 7.

A Wireless Russian message says that agreements have been signed between Germany and Russia regarding territorial changes and the latter's financial obligations. They include an undertaking that Russia will fight against the Entente troops in northern Russia, Germany promising that Finland will not attack Russia.

Havas Wires from Singapore.

Political.

Paris, September 5.

The Chamber of Deputies resumed work to-day, supported by the unanimous approbation of the Councils General about the course of the Government's policy, and the military successes still in progress. There are important financial matters to be discussed, but no political difficulty is within view.

"Most Satisfactory."

On the French front the German retreat began yesterday morning. The Germans are especially being pushed back by the armies of Generals Mangin and Humbert. The Allied line is now several kilometres west of the canal running from the Somme to the Oise north of the Ailette, and north of the Vesle. The immediate prospects are most satisfactory.

In the last seven weeks the German losses have amounted to a million and a half, of whom half a million remain totally disabled. The French and Americans hold the Aisne for thirty kilometres east of Soissons.

British Legation Telegrams.

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

Military Operations for the Week Ended Sept. 5th.

The Allies continued to press the German retreat all along the front despite heavy German counter-attacks. The British continued their advance towards the Oise and Somme Canal and the Canal du Nord. The Austrians on Aug. 30th forced crossings over the canal north of Perronne capturing Mont-Saint-Quentin which hastened the German withdrawal from the old Somme battlefield.

One of the most successful operations of the war took place on Sept. 2nd on a front of eight miles south of the Scarpe when the Canadians and British forces all a contemplated German counter-offensive and penetrated the Drocourt, Quent switchline, compelling the Germans to withdraw with heavy losses to the Canal du Nord precisely on the whole front south of the Scarpe.

Apart from the large number of prisoners and material captured the moral effect on the enemy must be considerable, for the Germans spent an enormous amount of time and labour on the switchline which is now entirely wasted, and the enemy can have no great faith in his ability to hold future positions.

The Germans continued steadily to withdraw in the Lys salient closely followed by the British and Americans.

The French Front.

On the French front the Germans continued to withdraw to the line of the Somme and Oise Canal, on the east side whereof the French obtained a footing in the neighbourhood of Noyon, while considerable Allied advance had been made north of Soissons between the Aisne and Ailette.

Possibly as a result of this the Germans commenced to withdraw from the line of the Vesle across the Aisne.

Captures and Losses.

The British since August 1st captured seventy thousand prisoners while the French and Americans believed to have been taken about forty thousand. British losses do not greatly exceed the number of prisoners captured. Though the Germans have generally maintained their front intact and withdrawn to a selected line they have lost an enormous amount of material of every description, and the task whereof the German High Command is confronted is one of great difficulty when it is considered that the whole system of supply organization, dumps, billeting, arrangements for hospitals, aerodromes

etcetera, has to be entirely reconstructed at a time when every rifle is required in the line.

Siberian Operations.

The offensive in Ussuri on Aug. 21st has driven down the enemy back to the river Bikin, south of Khabarovsk. On the Manchurian front Leuenoff's advance guard has reached Oloyyama on the Oouon river where it met the Czech advance guard from the west. It appears that the Czechs obtained control of the whole Transiberian Railway.

At Archangel.

On the Archangel front the Allied forces are pushing down the Vologda railway.

Feeling in Finland.

The feeling in Finland against fighting the Allies appears to be growing firmer. The army is in full mutiny and discontented. Also there is much bitterness against the Germans owing to their exploitation of the country.

East Africa.

The British obtained a considerable success in East Africa where Von Lettow has sustained a severe reverse and is now being pursued by British forces. His total force is now only two hundred whites and two thousand Askaris.

The Air-War.

Since the commencement of the British offensive on Aug. 8th four hundred and sixty-five enemy aeroplanes have definitely been destroyed by British airmen, also two hundred brought down whereof many most have crashed to the ground. Sixty-one German balloons were set on fire and nine hundred and eleven tons of bombs were dropped. Two hundred and sixty-two British machines failed to return. Practically the whole air-fighting has been on the enemy's side of the line.

The Labour Congress.

The British Labour congress at Derby this week was the largest ever assembled, the delegates including Mr. Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labour.

The congress reaffirmed with additional emphasis the determination of organised labour to carry the war to a satisfactory conclusion. It was unanimously resolved to congratulate the fighting forces on their magnificent devotion and courage in the struggle against Prussian militarism, expressing the belief that they would "secure a lasting and triumphant peace for the peoples of the world."

The resolution demands that the Germans Socialists should respond to the war aims memorandum of British Labour thus making the receipt thereof a condition precedent to any negotiations at Stockholm or elsewhere.

It also insisted that peace negotiations are contingent on the German evacuation of Belgium and France voluntarily or by compulsion.

A healthy national feeling was evinced in the whole proceeding and has strengthened the Government's hand. The German Socialists are not expected ever to accept the principles of Labour war aims until Germany is beaten, for among these principles is the evacuation of France and Belgium. This means war until Germany is beaten.

Submarine Atrocities.

The British Admiralty has published the names of one hundred and fifty commanders of German submarines destroyed. This does not include the commanders of Austrian submarines, whereof the number have been destroyed and does not exhaust the German list of submarines put out of action. Of the one hundred and fifty announced one hundred and sixteen are prisoners of war and interned. The dead include the men who torpedoed the *Lusitania*, *Belgian Prince* and *Arabic* which were among the worst atrocities. It is stated that the names of officers guilty of particularly despicable outrages are carefully noted and special efforts will be made to bring their career to a swift end.

Of those who have so far escaped retribution several have found refuge in shore appointments.

The Submarine Situation.

Regarding the submarine situation it is stated that Ostend and Zeebrugge are considered as no longer useful to the enemy owing to continuous bombing. The entire flotilla of submarines based on the Flanders coast has been completely disposed of.

Our great mine field in the Bight of Heligoland has proved very destructive to surface craft which it has destroyed there to the amount of three figures. The barriers between Norway and Scotland has made the escape of submarines round the north of Scotland increasingly difficult. German submarines in the Mediterranean all come in and out of the Adriatic where since December the Germans have lost a quarter of their flotilla and the sinkings of merchantmen have been fewer.

The Adriatic flotilla was one fourth of Germany's total submarine force. Their submarines are now more cautious and the service is unpopular. The losses were so great that all except officers are now detailed

for duty, and the Govt. sees that the crews and their families are better fed than any one else in Germany.

The prospective American aid against submarines will have as result that the British Navy no longer need press ahead its huge naval programme and there is prospect shortly of transferring twenty-five thousand skilled men from naval to merchant shipbuilding.

The Kaiser Changes his Tune.

There is a great change of tone in the utterances of the Kaiser and Crown Prince, of the German statesmen and newspapers. Talk of victory is now rare and boastful declarations of opening the "Kaiser battle" have given place to protestations that Germany is now only fighting a defensive war for her existence. The Kaiser sent a telegram to Dresden referring to Germany's determination to preserve the Fatherland by successful defence. The Crown Prince interviewed by a Budapest paper also also stated, "Germany is fighting for existence, the word victory means that we must hold our own and not let ourselves be vanquished." The *Forward* asks why Kuhlmann was compelled to resign for stating that war could not be ended by military decision alone, where as the Crown Prince's expectations do not include any military decision at all. "We would have rejoiced if in June we had heard words from the Crown Prince giving moral support to the Foreign Minister." The paper recalls the fact that there were statements from the Hohenzollerns in June but that the Kaiser then stated that (?) and German conceptions were wrestling "and one of them must be overcome." The words of the Crown Prince in September have not quite the same sound. The *Forward* also complains of the deceptive language of official German communiqués.

Ludendorff interviewed by the *Az Est* and Hindenburg in the Vienna *Neues Wiener Journal* also adopt a changed tone. Hindenburg has issued a proclamation in Berlin warning Germans against believing the Entente publications reaching Germany.

The German Chancellor speaking of franchise reform said "my honest conviction is that with this serious question the protective preservation of Crown and Dynasty is at stake. Every suspicion of attempt to delay the bill will nurture agitation and lead to serious convulsions."

The military critic of the Munchner *Neueste Nachrichten* says:—"The Military situation on the western front is serious and has not been so grave since the battle of the Marne in 1917." The *Cologne Gazette* complains of deceptive semi-official reports regarding military events, the harvest, Romanian supplies, the submarine war and conditions in enemy countries.

The Military critics of the *North-deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung* says, "We are confronted with an extraordinarily serious situation."

The Bolsheviks.

Russian Bolshevik troops forced an entry into the British Embassy at Petrograd and killed and mutilated the Naval Attaché. The British government demands immediate, reparation and prompt punishment otherwise they will hold the members of the Soviet Government in individually responsible.

Litvinoff the Bolshevist representative in London and his staff are under arrest pending guarantees of the safety of the British officials and subjects in Russia.

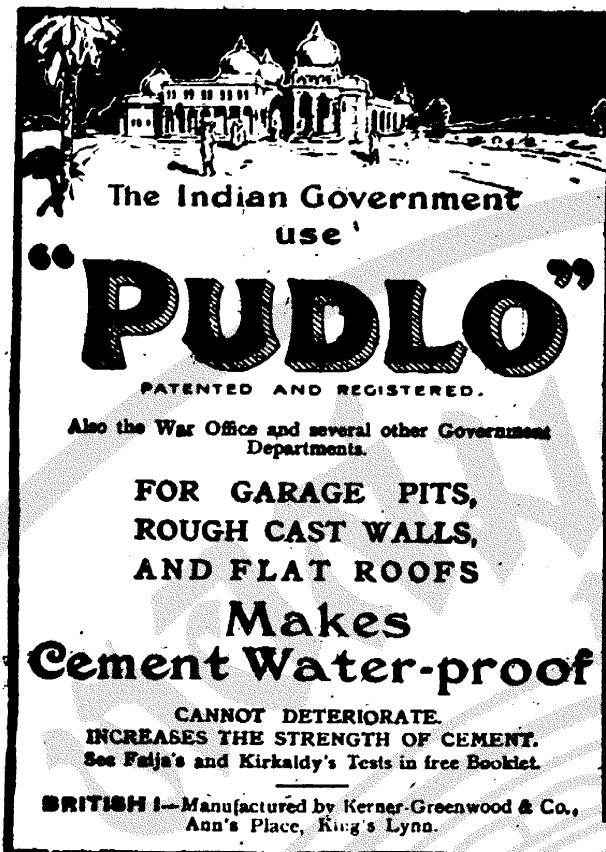
News of British Effort.

One of the reasons why the British effort in the war is inadequately appreciated in Allied countries, and little understood in neutral countries, is owing to our official reticence, says the *Globe*. A great deal of our record can be given to the public which conveys nothing whatever to the enemy, except information of an unpalatable kind. For instance, during the three and a half years of war the Admiralty has carried over 17,000,000 passengers by military transport backwards and forwards to the various theatres of war. The number of animals conveyed exceeds 2,000,000; the number of vehicles over 400,000; and the tonnage of stores, etc., exceeds 37,000,000.

The assistance given to our Allies represented in these figures should be stated publicly, and continually brought up to date. It is interesting to know, for instance, that the Admiralty has carried nearly a million tons of stores for the Italian Government, and also about three and a half million tons of coal for Italy in requisitioned steamers.

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Like the black clouds and angry rumblings that precede a storm, the manifestations that have been provided from time to time, and are in fact being provided at the moment of writing in enemy countries must be taken to be the prelude to the political storm that appears to be on the eve of bursting in Austria Hungary and Bulgaria. When the tempest reaches its full force, the alliance of the Central Powers will be blown to pieces. An alliance artificially sustained and whose basic and fundamental conception is fear of a powerful ally is of the very stuff of weakness and transience, and apt to break down before the first adverse factor that arises. Certain events that are taking place in enemy countries force upon us the conclusion that the alliance of the Central Powers is being shaken and undermined and is very probably fated to be short-lived.

Not long ago mutinies occurred in the German army and navy which were hushed up as much as possible by the German Government. Now comes the report of a serious mutiny which occurred last month in the Bulgarian Army, the troops demanding an immediate peace. There is intense dissatisfaction prevalent at the front owing to the underfeeding of the Bulgarian troops and all indications point to an impending revolution. Soldiers of the disaffected country have actually thrown missiles at the Turkish Legation and matters have assumed such an ugly aspect that the German Legation at Constantinople has been obliged to request, and has been given a special guard. There is doubtless much discouragement in Berlin more especially as the Bulgarian trouble has followed so close in the wake of the Moscow and Kieff affairs. Although the Constantinople incident is not so serious from a German standpoint as the Russian assassinations, still it reveals the fact that Bulgaria is war-weary. Straws show which way the wind blows, and the German Government naturally does not relish the idea of the world, much less the German people, knowing the precise attitude of Bulgaria after four years of war. We may rest assured that we are on the eve of interesting events in Bulgaria within the next few weeks.

A cause for equal if not greater anxiety on the part of the German Government is the state of affairs in Austria-Hungary. It is an open secret that Austria has been kept in the war by the application of German pressure. Austria is being forced to fight by sheer coercion from Germany. The latest news about Austria indicates the existence of conditions that breed revolutions. Official despatches just received in Washington state that in Austria workmen who are dying of starvation recently sent delegates to a convention at Vienna. All the delegates stated that the population is dying of hunger. The death-rate is enormous and epidemics are raging throughout the country. Delegate Schwell, from Moravia, warned the convention that there was absolutely no coal for the coming winter. The delegates from Innsbruck declared that in the face of the helplessness of the Government the workmen ought to obtain by themselves the means to relieve their hunger. Now all the world knows that hungry men stop at nothing. Frenzy is born of hunger. The German Government's much promised victory for the Central Powers over the Allies has not filled the mouths of Austria's starving masses with bread. Empty bombast cannot be discounted at the bank for money nor can it be converted into the stuff of life. Bread is what the hungry Austrian masses are clamouring for and it is bread that they are determined to get. How long does Berlin expect to cajole the Austrian dupes of Germany into submission to her will?

The prospect of Bulgaria and Austria-Hungary seceding from the ill starred alliance with Germany suggests interesting and startling possibilities. Once Germany is deserted by those two states, Turkey is certain to follow suit. Even now, Germany may be said to be fighting a lone hand, confronted as she is by a formidable array of Powers representing almost the whole civilised world. Those states that have elected to remain neutral have done so solely by reason of their precarious position and fear of dire consequences in the event of their belligerency owing to their dangerous contiguity to Germany. With the possible withdrawal from the conflict of two or more of Germany's allies, the latter will be completely and literally isolated. Berlin knows the game is lost, but she is trying to drag it out in the desperate hope that "something may turn up." But by keeping the game going she is only needlessly prolonging the agony of the world no less than that of her own people. The longer the war is protracted, the worse will be the final reckoning for Germany.—China Press.

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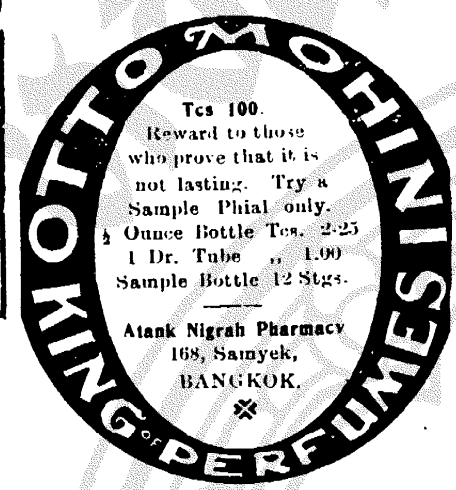
An Appeal to President Wilson.

The news appearing in the French Press that the Germans are endeavouring to raise recruits in Russia for their own Armies should suggest even to so torpid an authority as the British Foreign Office that the attitude of "masterly inactivity" in relation to that country is a perilous one for the Allies to maintain. We have indicated before what our enemy will be able to do with the Tsar's late Empire as a reservoir of food, raw materials, trade, and manpower, if he enjoys a few years of uninterrupted exploitation. It appears that the most menacing of these operations is already in progress, and that the Kaiser is already attempting to gather fresh legions of a slave soldiery to replace the depleted ranks of his Austrian and Turkish cohorts. In a country where all native authority has been destroyed, and every moral standard has been overthrown, there is little that is beyond the reach of a firm will and a strong hand. The passive Russian population will become more malleable than even after the frenzy of licence, which it mistook for liberty, has passed away. Germany's agents are on the spot busily moulding the nation to their own purpose. One portion of it is being dragged to agricultural labour for the German granaries, while another is in process of being converted into Prussian cannon-fodder. There is no reason—if the war lasts long enough, and the Allies are content to look on—why a Russo-German Army of some millions should not yet be found among our obstacles to victory.

The article we have published recently from Mr. A. F. Whyte, M.P., and from M. Nabokoff, of the Russian Diplomatic Service, have exposed the folly of letting Russia fall helplessly under the disposing hand of Berlin. That supine course would not merely be a cynical rejection of our responsibilities towards a hapless people, but must recoil to our own bitter undoing. Germany has shown already how she can intimidate the world by the coercion and military employment of undeveloped races; and she has an opportunity here of repeating it upon a scale,

beyond all precedent. Unless the Allies can help the sane responsible and self-respecting elements of Russia to assert themselves and to counteract the German usurpation, we are fated to see the most potent instrument ever forged for the world's oppression raised before long in the hand of the Hun. It is futile any longer to suppose that the leaders of the Bolshevik orgy can be diverted to fill any part in their country's regeneration. They are the submissive tools of Germany, as they have just shown afresh by their cession of the Murman coast, with the only ice-free harbour that their country possesses.

The most urgent necessity is to get in effective communication with the more wholesome factors in Russian life, to ascertain their view of the possibilities of national development, and to furnish whatever moral and material aid will further the upbuilding of self-confidence and self-defence. In that policy the American Government has opportunities of initiative which are not within the reach of the other Allies and we hope that President Wilson will realise and utilise them without unnecessary and costly delay. His means of liaison are more ample than we possess, and his resources of action are not fettered, as in our own case, by official atrophy and fossilised tradition. The saving of Russia is a task that should appeal strongly to the imagination of America, and should be peculiarly served by her susceptible and unclouded outlook upon the modern world.—Ex.



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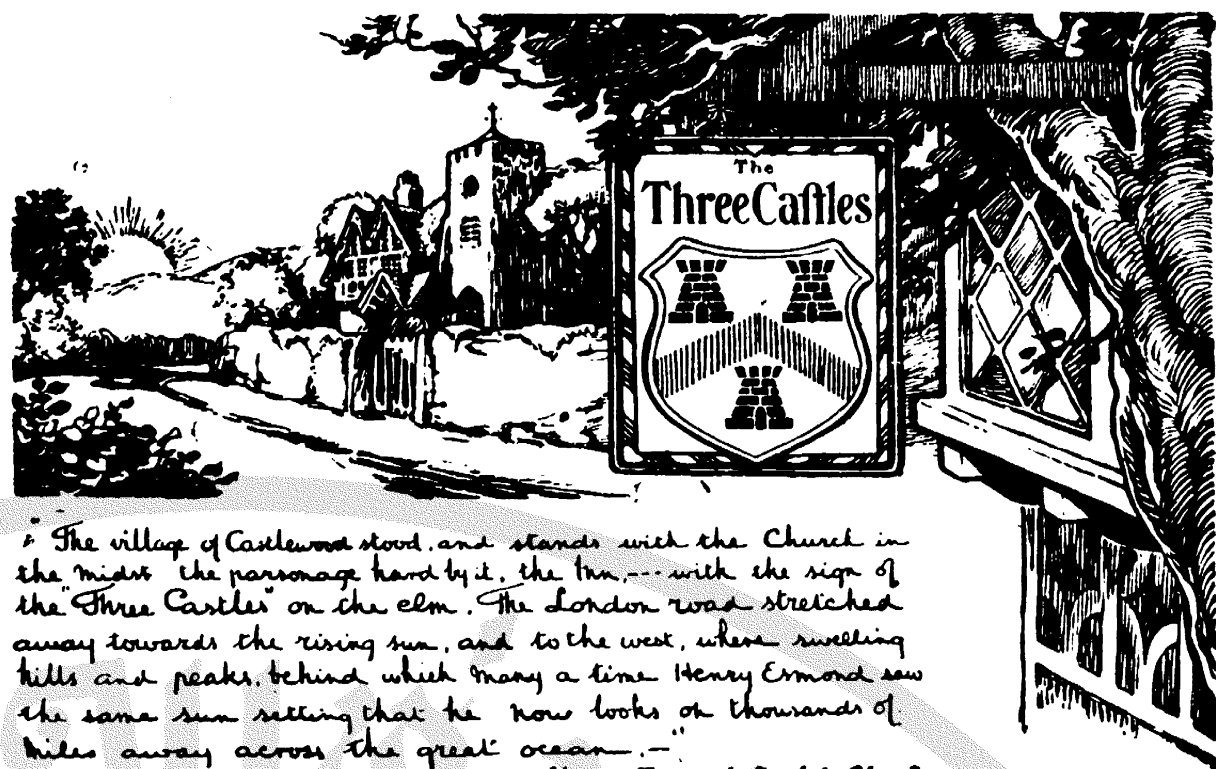
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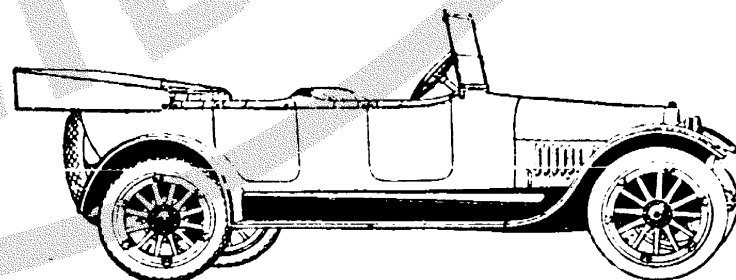
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Suggestions for Replacing Tobacco.

An interesting side-light upon conditions in Germany, as well as a suggestion of peace aroused by the Russian failure, is given in an article in the Berliner Tageblatt, by Prof. Uno Dammmer, custodian of the botanical gardens in Berlin, who writes:

The order of the Bundesrath to the effect that use must be made of the leaves of beech and chicory as a substitute in the manufacture of tobacco has raised the question why people use as a substitute for tobacco the leaves of hops, chicory, and cherry, and no other. The question misapprehends the fact, since, as a matter of fact, other leaves are used. Indeed, in a law passed as long as July 16, 1879, cherry and rose leaves are especially named. Already in use, also, are the leaves of beets, sorrel, potato rhubarb, and coltsfoot, while Orientals mix with their tobacco the leaves of henbane, thorn-apple, and deadly nightshade. It is hardly necessary to mention that in the Orient the smoking of hashish is very common. Recently the leaves of beech, birch, and linden trees have been named as substitutes for tobacco. The number of species of leaves related in character to these could be almost indefinitely extended. The leaves of the tea plant make an especially excellent substitute for tobacco, but unfortunately tea is now very rare in Germany. In Russia I learned to smoke also turf moss, but God forbid that we should be reduced to use this. Its smell, to speak euphemistically, is so frightful that the western European nose can hardly endure it.

The leaves that have been mentioned above smoke up in slow combustion, with a not unpleasant effect. But the smoker of tobacco insists upon having as odour that is pleasant to him. Really, your true smoker, who smokes not only to smoke, but also to enjoy appearance of his cigar and cigarette as a sort of smoking-machine, demands more. The cigar must burn well and evenly, develop only a little smoke, and, it must stimulate. Besides that, the taste must be agreeable.

Why Do We Smoke?

Not all of the substitutes mentioned above meet these demands, but the great mass of smokers make demands only for smell and taste. A little salt-petre helps in the matter of even burn-

ing, while the leaves in drying take more or less the colour of tobacco. In addition to this many of these leaves in drying retain the consistency of the tobacco leaf, so that, to the unsophisticated eye at a glance, the rhubarb-leaf cigar differs little or not at all from one made of tobacco. But there is a considerable difference in the matter of stimulation. It is not altogether easy to tell what is at the basis of this. It is not in the nicotine of the tobacco, at least not directly. In the burning of tobacco, which is very rich in nitrogen, have appeared to exist certain evanescent substances, which in spite of their quantity, act with great stimu-

lation. Scientists also ascribe much importance to the peculiar qualities of tobacco to the bacteria which bring about the fermentation of the tobacco leaves. It might not be impossible, through proper manipulation, to employ these bacteria to good effect upon the leaves used as substitutes.

It seems, therefore, that when we use all the means that are available we can manufacture a cigar and a cigarette that will have the stimulating effect. The practice of Orientals gives us many indications in that direction. It is, however, singular that one phenomenon seems to persist. Tobacco is a plant that grows most in

the night. To this same family belong the thorn-apple, the deadly nightshade, the henbane, and the potato. How comes it, then, men ask, that the uncivilised who know nothing of botany have sought out precisely these plants? It is the very same phenomenon which has made tea, maté, coffee, cocoa, and cola a stimulating article of diet in varied portions of the earth. For all of these belong in the caffeine group, and contain the stimulating alkaloids. Many thousands of plants have thus far been investigated, but in no others than just these are the particular alkaloids found. Neither the Chinese, the Arabs, nor

the South-American Indians, nor the negroes of West Africa have used chemical analysis, one of them could know that in once case the leaf, in another the contains the alkaloid, and now they are seizing upon hops, which is the nearest relative to this whole genus. The only thing left, apparently, is that we have recourse to the poppy.

Soon, however, we may hope that we shall again possess real tobacco. Southern Russia, Transcaucasia, as well as the Transcaucasian region can furnish us very much that is good.

Alas My Poor Brother.

The smoker is not the only sufferer from war substitution in Germany. The poor Teuton beasts would certainly envy the fodder of the famous animal of Captain Jinks of the Horse Marines, which, we have been told since the oldest resident can remember, was fed on corn and beans. The horses and cattle of Germany are doing the best they can on artificial food because of the scarcity of hay and grain. The New York Evening Sun says:

Copies of official orders and other documents found recently on the French front reveal the straits to which both the army and the civil population are being reduced in order to provide for all live stock.

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