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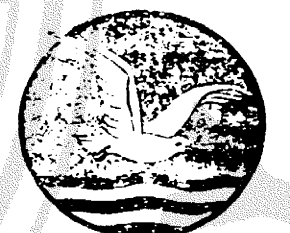
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Aug.	A.M.		L.W.	(Approx.)
	H. W.	Ft. & in.		
1	4 30	12 2
2	5 30	12 4
3	6 30	12 6
4	7 30	12 7
5	8 30	12 6
6	9 30	12 0	4.0	7.0
7	10 00	11 9	4.5	7.0
8	11 00	11 0	5.6	7.0
9	...	...	6.7	7.0
10	...	...	7.8	7.0
11	...	...	9.0	7.0
12	...	...	10.11	7.0
13	3 00	12 0	10.11	6.0
14	3 30	12 0	12.0	6.0
15	4 30	12 0	...	...
16	5 30	12 0	...	...
17	6 30	12 0	...	...
18	7 30	12 0	...	...
19	8 00	11 9	...	...
20	9 00	11 8	3.4	7.0
21	10 00	11 5	4.0	7.0
22	10 30	11 2	4.0	7.0
23	11 00	11 0	4.5	7.0
24	...	...	5.6	7.0
25	...	...	6.7	7.0
26	...	...	7.8	7.0
27	...	...	8.9	6.0
28	2 00	12 0	10.11	6.0
29	3 30	12 0	12.0	6.0
30	5 00	12 7	...	...
31	6 00	12 9	...	...

Aug.	P.M.		L.W.	(Approx.)
	H. W.	Ft. & in.		
1	8 00	15 1	1.0	5.0
2	8 30	14 8	12.0	5.0
3	8 30	14 8	1.2	5.0
4	8 30	14 8	1.2	6.0
5	9 00	14 7	2.0	6.0
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10	4 30	13 11
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12	6 30	14 7
13	7 00	14 7
14	7 30	14 8
15	7 00	14 8	1.0	6.0
16	8 00	14 2	1.2	6.0
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24	5 30	13 9
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26	6 00	14 2
27	6 00	14 4
28	6 30	14 4
29	7 00	14 8
30	7 30	14 10	1.0	6.0
31	7 30	14 1	1.0	6.0

PHASES OF THE MOON.
Aug. 7th) First Quarter 3.48 a.m.
" 13th) Full Moon 6.42 p.m.
" 20th) Last Quarter 7.35 p.m.
" 27th) New Moon 0.7 a.m.

German Paper Asserts
End of War is Near.

London, June 22.—A remarkable prediction of early peace is contained in an article in Vorwaerts, the official organ of the German Socialist party. The greatest importance is attached to the article in view of the fact that it passed the German censor despite the fact that it contains a prophecy couched in a scathing denunciation of the spirit of militarism and imperialism which Vorwaerts charges led to the war. The article reads in part as follows:

"The Nationalists and Socialists are indeed right when they assert that the deeply rooted system of capitalism and imperialistic nationalism has embittered the industrial relations between the nations and the national groups to the utmost degree and finally led to the catastrophe of this world war."

"Experience of the past can afford us little hope of a peaceful development in the future, but what if this world catastrophe—to quote a striking phrase used by the Imperial Chancellor—should once more supply proof, unanswerable, serious proof, that imperialism, with its last word, war—world war—and with its militarist and imperialist methods, has failed and should compel us not to further the development of these methods, but to find a new solution?"

Resort to Arbitration.
"What if the cannon stroke as ultima ratio were in this case set aside and the sword no longer drawn to cut the Gordian knot? What if statesmanship were relied upon to settle the problem for the neighbouring nations of Europe?"

"What if the pens of the diplomats were used, not to destroy, but to place the sword which so vainly sought to achieve their end back to its sheath?"

"The idea of disarmament and of an international court of arbitration is necessarily a Utopia, an ideal thing for the philosophers so long as imperialism and militarism are the used tools of the nationalism and capitalist interest and are calculated to obtain a clear cut decision."

"But the moment these realistic methods fail and the might of the bayonet no longer turns the scales, the idea of arbitration will be seen to have real value. Military methods will be relegated to their side in their proper realm. The result of a long and indecisive conflict is to give real and striking importance to the idea of disarmament and arbitration, and it appears to be the last and only method of solving the conflict of interests."

"It is true that to many military

States such an end of the greatest historical struggle between the strongest military Powers in history goes against the grain. Russia, with her inexhaustible supply of men and her means of industrial development, would regard the limitation of her armaments with eyes as unfavorable as England would look upon a diminution of her fleet, which would make an end of her absolute mastery of the sea."

"But the force of the industrial necessity and a new grouping of the Powers should bring concessions in this direction just as it is likely to place a damper upon the fantastic plans of other nations to rule the world."

"We need not trouble too much about the feasibility of such international arrangements. Trustworthy means of control would easily be created, for if the condition of military preparation in every State were an open secret the apparatus devised for international control would work all the more easily and securely, because all States, even the small neutral countries, would have the liveliest interest in the matter."

"Any disloyal attempt to break the peace would be revolted against and the offender at once be brought before an international tribunal set up for dealing with such cases. Though the proverb 'Where there's a will there's a way' may be thought a trifle (Continued on page 3.)

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The whole performance was a most successful surprise. The operations occurred at a moment when the Germans were relieving, some packing up and others taking off their equipment. All of them bolted to their dug outs, wherein many were bombed. The German artillery opened, killing numerous Germans who had been taken prisoners.

Their heavy night counter-attacks were heavily punished by barrage. The men are elated at securing a commanding position enabling them to see "the promised land."

Paris, Aug. 6.—The communique says: An air squadron dropped numerous bombs in the Comble region and on Noyon, Stenay, Sedan, Conflans and Metz stations; also on the military establishments of Rombach. Two German captive balloons on the Somme front were set on fire.

Paris, Aug. 7.—A French aviator brought down two Germans in the region of Verdun, one falling in the French lines, the other in No-Man's-Land. Another was brought down at Estrees, after a fight the aviators captured the machine, which was of the newest type, intact.

Paris, Aug. 7.—The evening communique says: Three German aeroplanes were felled in the Somme region and three others were forced to land in their own lines. Our air squadron dropped bombs on Metz (Sablons) and Thionville railway stations, factories at Rombach and bivouacs at Etain.

An Italian Blow.

Rome, Aug. 6.—A communique says: A heavy Austrian attack between the Adige and the Upper Isongo, also in the Sugana and Cordevole Valleys, was repulsed. The artillery on both sides was very active. The Austrians are employing a new type of explosive gas bomb.

Rome, Aug. 7.—The communique says: Artillery activity continued between the Adige and the upper Isongo. In the Montefalco area we captured three guns, several dozen machine-guns, a quantity of rifles and ammunition, and 1,600 prisoners, including a hundred officers. Bersaglieri and cyclists after fierce hand to hand fighting took a hill and repulsed violent counter-attacks.

German Paper Asserts End of War is Near.

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banal, it has the greatest possible value for international agreements.

"If a fundamental understanding could be arrived at detailed arrangements need not offer the slightest difficulty. The socialists, who are regarded with such distrust by the capitalists with their tendency to divide the nations into hostile camps, would find a rich field for work in this matter. All the strength of the Social Democrats would rally to the maintenance of these international agreements.

"We earnestly trust that our politicians and parliamentaries will devote their attention to these ideas which have for a long time been discussed in neutral and enemy countries by those who have a right understanding of this world war. A way would then be found out of this world catastrophe more quickly than by fixing a fatalistic glance at the events.

"It is certain that many will urge the old objection against us that 'the year is full of sweet wine.' But we answer with Peter: 'Behold these are not as drunk as ye suppose,' for unless we are very much deceived, this is the eleventh hour of this world catastrophe."

Grey Urges World Unity.

New York, June 23.—Herman Bernstein, editor of the American Hebrew, gave out yesterday a letter he received from Sir Edward Grey, the British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, in reply to an enquiry regarding the views as to the prospects of peace. Sir Edward answers the question as follows:

"I believe the best work neutrals can do for the moment is to work up opinion for such an agreement between nations as will prevent a war like this from happening again.

"If nations had been united in such an agreement and prompt and resolute to insist in July, 1914, that the dispute must be referred to conference or to The Hague and that the Belgian treaty must be observed, there would have been no war."

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*Ban Nang Greng "	6.40	9.40	12.55	3.55	Klong Toi "	8.00	11.00	2.15	5.15
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*Samrong "	6.50	9.50	1.05	4.05	Prakonong "	8.10	11.10	2.25	5.25
Bangna "	6.55	9.55	1.10	4.10	Bangjak "	8.15	11.15	2.30	5.30
Bangjak "	7.00	10.00	1.15	4.15	*Bangna "	8.20	11.20	2.35	5.35
Prakonong "	7.05	10.05	1.20	4.20	Samrong "	8.25	11.25	2.40	5.40
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Klong Toi "	7.15	10.15	1.30	4.30	*Ban Nang Greng "	8.35	11.35	2.50	5.50
Sala Deng "	7.23	10.23	1.38	4.38	*Maha Wong "	8.40	11.40	2.55	5.55
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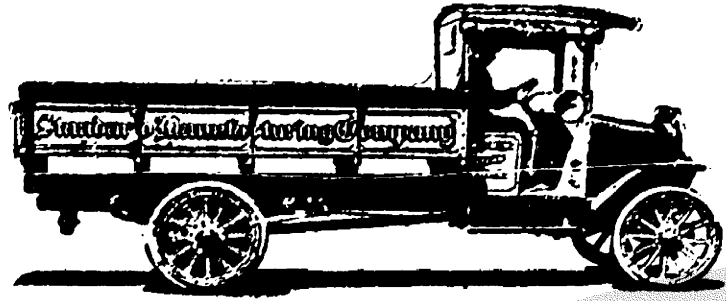
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London, Aug. 6.—General Sir Archibald Murray reports: We defeated the enemy with heavy losses at Romani on August 4 and 5, capturing 2,500 wounded prisoners, including some Germans, four mountain guns and a number of machine-guns. Our casualties were not heavy. The Australian and New Zealand mounted troops displayed steadiness in holding a strong flank attack and their energy and initiative were worthy of the highest praise in pursuit.

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Enemy Vigorously Pursued.

On Aug. 4 the enemy made a frontal attack on the British entrenchments in conjunction with the attack round our southern flank, employing 14,000 men with heavy howitzers. The frontal attack was repulsed. Our mounted troops retired slowly before the flank attack until the evening. They became involved in sand dunes late in the evening. Then a counter-attack was made by all arms which was completely successful. The pursuit of the retreating enemy was taken up vigorously and still continues. The Territorials have done exceedingly well, especially in manœuvring in the heavy sand, despite the great heat.

A Hopeless Venture.

London, Aug. 6.—The number of the enemy is increasing for unquestionably 14,000 men cannot invade Egypt in the face of General Murray's powerful army. There are probably 1,000 to 2,000 Austrian and German infantry, besides a large number of Bedouin horse, with the Turks.

The Penalty of Rashness.

Cairo, Aug. 7.—General Murray reports with reference to the fighting in the Katia district that our fire was most effective. The Turkish losses in killed and wounded appear to have been very heavy. The pursuit continued for eighteen miles. The Turks are now well clear of the Katia-Tamasha basin. We took prisoner 45 officers and 3,100 men unwounded.

Cairo, Aug. 7.—The Egyptians are most elated at the Turkish rout. Hundreds of prisoners, most dirty and disreputable, have been brought in, suffering from thirst, and more are expected including Germans and officers.

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Weapons For America's New Warships.

Washington, July 3.—After a discussion lasting more than a year, and closely watching the work of the British and German battleships, the General Board of the Navy has recommended, and the Secretary of the Navy has approved, the arming of the new battleships California and Tennessee with 16 inch guns in place of the 14-inch guns carried by the "Pennsylvania" class. These vessels carry twelve 14 inch guns. The new ships will have eight 16 inch guns; and naval experts who advocate the larger calibre say the additional range of 2,000 yards will make them more efficient and give them advantage over ships with smaller guns.

The opponents of big guns say that very few actions will be fought at the extreme range of 17,000 yards; that at 15,000 yards, which is the extreme range of the 14-inch gun, its penetrative power is equal to that of the 16 inch gun, and that at that range and closer the 12-inch and 14 inch guns can concentrate a heavier volume of fire than eight guns of larger calibre. The fear, however, of the American Navy being outgunned was the decisive factor, and as the British Navy has 15-inch guns it was decided to arm the new vessels with the still larger weapon. The Naval Bureau of Ordnance has already built and tested a 16-inch gun at the naval proving grounds.

From Dutch Sources.

The Hague, July 31.—The reports in British industrial circles are generally that the war will last one more year.

The "Vossische Zeitung" says that Germany has still enormous reserves of men to call upon.

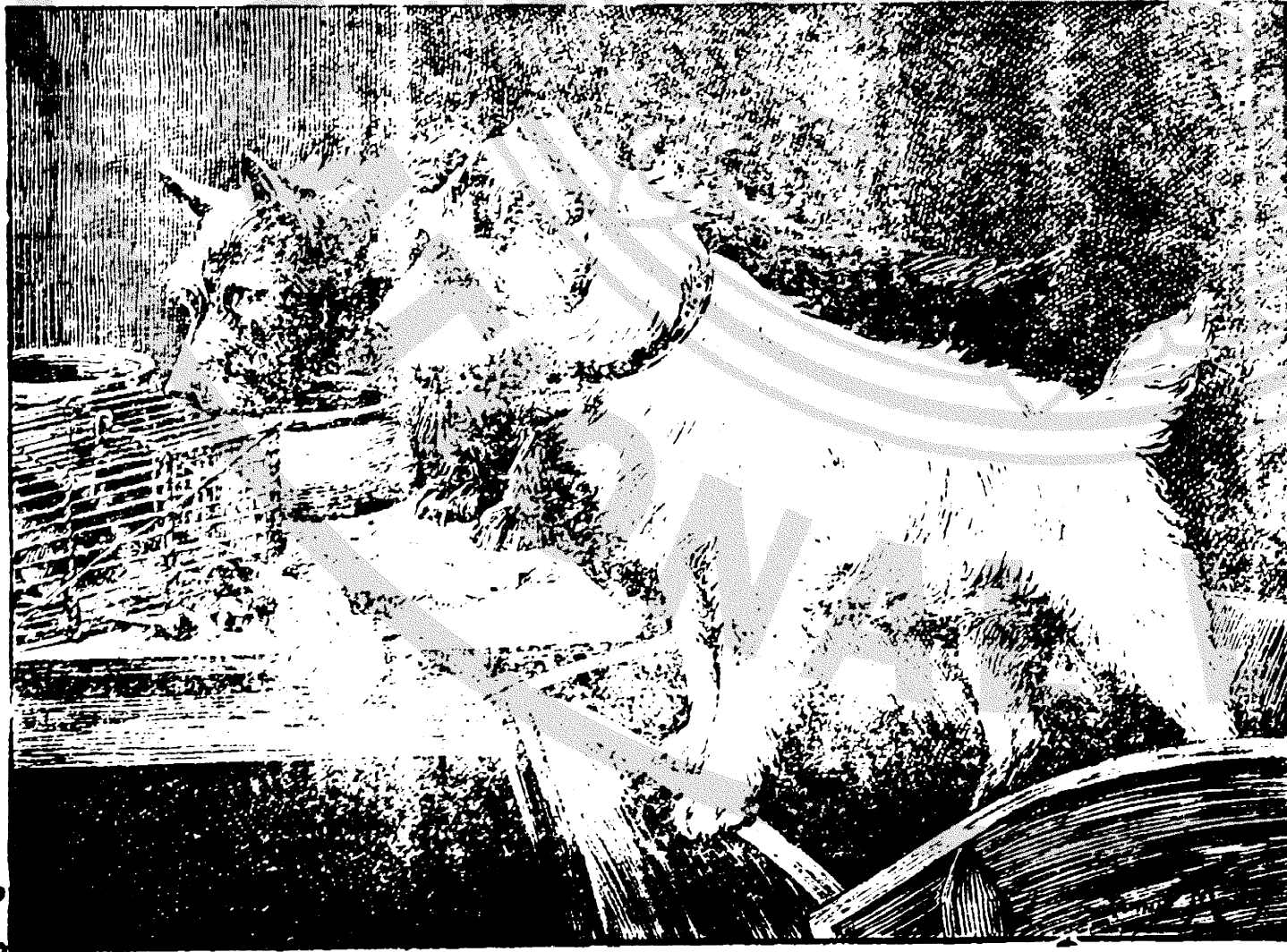
The Dutch Government has decided to attend to the distribution of provisions in Holland and voted 20 million guilders towards keeping down the prices.

The volcanoes Vesuvius and Stromboli are active.

The deputation has returned from London. No decision was arrived at over the fishing question, but the delegates are returning to London and hope to be able to place new propositions before the authorities.

The Dutch steamer "Ida" has been released.

It is reported in high French military circles that the big offensive has not begun.



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Mr. Sidney Low, the special representative of the British Press, writing from Italian headquarters, says:—

Highly to appreciate the military task which Italy has undertaken, one must study it at close quarters. Only when you survey the Italian front, with such opportunities as General Cadorna and his staff have courteously placed at my disposal, can you understand and properly estimate this unique campaign on the fringes of the great mountain mass of Europe.

When you have done that you will lose all disposition, if you ever had it, to undervalue Italy's share in the world war. The reader at a distance finds it difficult to seize the full meaning of these movements and manoeuvres, in a country so torn and twisted, so channelled by rivers, valleys and sinuous passes, so crumpled into layer upon layer of folded hills, so overlooked and dominated by that colossal background of the Alpine ranges.

450 MILES OF FRONT.

You will find that the line measures out at over 450 miles, which is not very far short of the length of that ribbon of trench and earthwork that is drawn across Western Europe. Here, as there, every yard is held and guarded. It is true there is not a continuous row of sentries; for on the Austro-Italian front there are places where the natural barriers are impassable even for the Alpine troops, who will climb to the eyrie of the eagles. But whatever Nature has not barred the way against both sides alike, the trenches and fortified galleries run, stretching across the saddle between two inaccessible peaks, ringing round the shoulder of a mountain, dipping into the valley, and then rising again to the very summit, or passing over it.

GEOGRAPHY FAVOURS ENEMY.

Such is the Italian battle line. When you know what it is you are not surprised that here and there, and now and again, it should bend and give a little before an enemy better supplied with heavy artillery and much favoured by the topographical conditions for he has the higher mountain masses behind him instead of in front, and is coming down the great Alpine stairway while Italians are going up. That is the salient feature of the campaign. It is a great achievement in strategy and military engineering that the Italians are attempting. But it is also something more. It is the reversal of an historic process that has gone on at intervals for over 15 centuries. Down that mountain stairway to the fertile fields and wealthy cities of the plain, have the invaders of Italy tramped. Hun and Goth and Lombard, Frank, German and Austrian flung themselves from the heights upon that low-lying, defensible land of sunshine and verdure.

As it was before, so it might have been again. It was commonly expected outside Italy, and I believe by most people in Italy itself, that the story of

the former campaigns would be repeated. The Austrian armies, with all their advantages of position accentuated by their superiority in heavy artillery, would have forced their way down the valleys of the Brenta and the Adige, and the Italians would have been compelled to retire behind the Lombard fortresses, and then, since fortresses are no more than temporary barriers in modern warfare, they might have had to effect a further withdrawal beyond the Po. Italy would have seen her most productive industrial districts raided and occupied. With Venice, Mantua, Brescia, Milan, perhaps even Turin, in Austrian hands she would have carried on the campaign under financial and industrial difficulties that cannot well be exaggerated. The Italian general staff must have considered this disastrous contingency and determined to counter it by striking first. Instead of waiting for the enemy to come down the passages from the Trentino they rushed the stairway themselves.

A BOLD STROKE.

General Cadorna had rightly read the lesson of this war, the lesson of all wars; which is that a passive defence is not the road to victory. And so, with forces not yet completely embodied, and with a conspicuous inferiority of artillery and munitions, he boldly forced the game, and placed his scaling ladders against the bastions of the enemy. It is true that the position has changed during the past few weeks, since the Austrians, by a tremendous concentration of heavy cannon like that of the Germans before Verdun, have thrust the Italians back in the Trentino, and are occupying a small sector of territory south of the frontier. But this Austrian offensive is no longer the ruinous affair it might have been if it had come a year ago. There is the best reason for believing that it has been attempted too late.

Many of the Italian officers would welcome the opportunity for a great manoeuvre battle. They are confident that the superior fighting quality of their troops, backed as it now would be by superior numbers, would render a crushing defeat of the enemy certain.

But it seems unlikely that they will be allowed the chance. For such success as the Austrians have gained they have paid an inordinate price. While they have wasted men recklessly in the Val Sugana, they have badly weakened their eastern armies by withdrawing many guns of the largest calibre, so that the Russians have been enabled to score one overwhelming success after another.

It is probable that there will be a rapid transfer of men and material from the Carnic Alps to the Carpathians, in which case the one advantage possessed by the Austrians will disappear. The Italians are holding them on the high upland of the Sette Comuni, and there they are more likely to be pressed back than to go forward.

The indications are that the Austrian stroke has spent itself, and that the "open door" of Italy is still effectively closed.

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Locality.	Rainfall recorded during the week.	Rainfall of corresponding week of last year.	Total rainfall for present year to date.	Total rainfall for last year to corresponding date	Remarks.
	Millimetres.	Millimetres.	Millimetres.	Millimetres.	
Ministry of Agriculture	47.5	14.7	493.2	419.2	
Dhanyaburi	25.2	22.4	411.7	308.1	
Samudprakar	No report	3.7	—	591.2	
Krung Kao	57.6	33.3	568.2	445.6	
Angtong	55.7	19.3	865.3	621.0	
Lobhuri	127.8	42.0	592.1	437.7	
Jainart	53.0	37.2	615.3	525.5	
Udakhani	88.0	15.9	768.3	514.5	
Banuloke	31.5	28.7	951.6	699.2	
Khaxerngao	29.3	29.3	734.1	454.7	
Prachin	55.2	65.3	722.2	487.3	
Nager Pathom	1.2	75.2	697.8	678.5	
Laiburi	51.3	13.1	415.6	600.7	
Bejaraburi	94.8	124.3	519.0	775.9	
Xiangnai	4.2	23.2	537.3	357.7	
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Ford's Plan to Aid Poor of Europe.

With the departure of the Scandinavian-American liner Frederik VIII., there begins a movement which will result within the year—regardless of the continuance or stoppage of the war—in Henry Ford investing an immense fortune in Europe, says the "New York World."

The Detroit motor manufacturer is prepared to spend, in a way which he believes will combine both good business and humanitarianism, several million dollars, perhaps eventually \$25,000,000, and to give employment at high wages to thousands of men in the various countries of the Old World. He is to start in several of the European countries, including at least three or four of those now engaged in war, his tractor plough business, which is not yet in operation here, though it probably will be by the time it gets going abroad. He is sending on the Frederik VIII. for a general tour of investigation and probably (investment, his metropolitan manager, Gaston Plaintiff.

MR. PLAINTIFF'S PLANS.

General charge of the European tractor plough business is to be vested in Mr. Plaintiff, who, when the manufacture and sale of the machines are under way, will establish permanent headquarters in one of the Old World capitals. He is going on his trip with the authority and the means of purchasing lands for factories and assembling plants, and expects to return in the fall with the preliminary plans for the business completed. With Mr. Plaintiff will be Robert S. Neely of the Long Island City plant, who accompanied him also on the peace expedition.

A general investigation of the business situation in the Scandinavian countries is the first part of Mr. Plaintiff's programme. He will probably purchase land for at least one large factory or assembly plant to supply Norway, Sweden and Denmark.

Mr. Plaintiff will also visit Holland, England, France, Germany and Russia and may get down further into the central countries. He is particularly interested in Russia and expects to make an extended tour of that country and spend a long time there.

NOT ENTIRELY A BUSINESS PROPOSITION.

"But it is not entirely a business proposition with Mr. Ford," said the manager in an interview. He thinks, and I agree with him thoroughly, that the institution of a great industry in Europe will accomplish a lot toward peace before the end of the war even, and certainly will do wonders toward

assisting material conditions in all the devastated countries after the war is over.

"The machine itself will hasten the advance of agriculture—something which will be imperative for all the nations to do—and at the same time will lighten the labours of the farmers of Europe. They will be able to do much more cultivation with much less work and expense. At the same time the tractors will give employment to thousands of men at wages they never have had before, which will enable them to support their families in decent comfort."

"Will Mr. Ford pay as he does in this country—\$5 a day?" Mr. Plaintiff was asked.

"Yes, everywhere," he replied. "That is his plan. Five dollars a day as a minimum wage. We will conduct our new European plants just as we conduct the one we now maintain in England for the manufacture of automobiles. There was a great excitement and disbelief when we announced that we are going to pay more than \$1 a day to a workman there, but we put the rate into effect several years ago and have maintained it. And we will do so in all the other countries."

"Mr. Ford feels that he wants to add all he can to the prosperity and welfare of all the nations that have suffered from the effects of the war, and for humanitarian reasons, mainly, purpose to hasten the beginning of the European business."

THE FIRST MOVE.

The first move of the Ford manager will probably be to buy land on the waterfront of whatever European seacoast cities he decides to be best adapted for the purpose of becoming receiving and shipping points. This, of course, will follow a careful investigation of the agricultural needs and facilities of the countries where it is planned to locate the factories. Then, later, inland agencies and distributing will be selected.

Already the plans for the tractor business have progressed so far that options have been secured upon vessels which will be engaged to ship the machines to Europe. Eventually, if the business meets Mr. Ford's expectations, he will purchase outright, or have built for him, vessels of his own, and will operate an exclusive freight line between here and the Old World.

Incidental to his work on behalf of the tractor business, Mr. Plaintiff intends to look in upon the Ford Peace Congress, which although the fact has been generally overlooked—is still in session in Stockholm under the title of the Conference for Continuous Mediation, Mr. Ford, and indeed by the failure of the Peace Expedition to accomplish definite results, has insisted

upon the congress keeping at its work, regardless of an expense of \$600 a day.

There are delegates in Stockholm from the United States, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland and Switzerland—five from each country. It is reported that the number of these unofficial arbitrators will be cut to two from each neutral nation and that the conference will be removed to The Hague.

TRACTOR BY NEXT FALL.

It is not known just when the Ford plants in the United States will begin to turn out the tractors for use and sale here, but it is expected that they will make their appearance some time in the fall and will be put into use both here and abroad. Work has been started upon a factory site on the Newark Meadows and land has been purchased in several other locations for plants.

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Ayuthia	Arr.	9.13	11.11	3.33	5.45	Chang	Dep.	...	9.7	...
Ban Phaji	Arr.	9.17	12.20	4.24	6.30	Don Chai	"	...	p.m.	...
						Tha Sao	"	7.1	2.21	...
						Utachit	"	7.18	2.40	...
						Ban Dara	Arr.	8.16	3.26	...
Ban Phaji	Dep.	a.m.	p.m.				a.m.	p.m.		
Lopburi	Arr.	9.57	12.37	4.30	...	Sawa'loke	Dep.	7	2.10	...
		11.5	1.55	5.48	...	Ban Dara	Arr.	3.1	3.11	...
Chengkot	Dep.	a.m.		a.m.						
Pak'pho	Arr.	12.33	3.33	...	7.2					
		2.17	5.10	...	9.5					
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Sk'loke	Arr.	...	9.20	4.40	...					10.43
			10.21	5.41	...	Chengkot	Arr.	6.21	...	9.22
						Lopburi	Dep.	...	7.10	11.6
Ban Dara	Dep.	...	a.m.	p.m.						1.56
Utachit	"	...	9.10	4.26	...	Ban Phaji	Arr.	...	8.30	12.21
Tha Sao	Arr.	...	10.6	5.29	...					3.4
Don Chai	"	...	10.15	5.38	...	Korat	Dep	...	a.m.	a.m.
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								8.22	12.20	...
Ban Phaji	Dep.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.		Ban Phaji	Dep.	6.27	8.37	12.44
Gengko	Arr.	10	12.30	4.41	...	Ayuthia	"	7.13	9.25	1.23
Korat	"	...	1.26	5.51	...	Bangkok	Arr.	9.28	11.35	3.16
			6.8					6
							a.m.	p.m.		
Bangkok	Dep.	p.m.	p.m.			Petrien	Dep.	7.30	3.55	...
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		9.33	5.38					

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