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PHASES OF THE MOON.

Aug. 7th O New Moon 3 h 12 m a.m.

15th First Quarter 5 h 58 m a.m.

22nd Full Moon 11 h 44 m a.m.

29th Last Quarter 2 h 9 m a.m.

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Torpedoed Seventeen Times.

The proposed new badges, as Sir A. Stanley announced, are for men of the Mercantile Marine who, after being torpedoed or mined, have "gone to sea again."

"How many men, do you think, after being torpedoed or mined, refrain from going to sea again?" This question was put by a "Daily Chronicle" representative to a gentleman with unique qualifications for answering it, namely, Mr. G. Hobden, the superintendent of "Jack's Palace"—London's superb rendezvous for seamen.

"None," Mr. Hobden promptly replied. "At least, I never heard of such a case." Then he added, thoughtfully: "Rather on the contrary."

"But how can that be?"

"I mean," he explained, "that after being torpedoed or mined they are more eager to be at sea again than under other circumstances. They will often express themselves as eager to help bring more food into the country—sometimes it is an impatient exclamation to have another go at those Hun."

"In the case of officers, this is often accompanied by the enthusiastic buying of powerful revolvers. Only last week the master of a merchantman, coming in here immediately after being torpedoed, went off and bought himself a beautiful seven-chambered revolver and a fine lot of ammunition."

"And does the fear of being torpedoed deter youngsters from joining the Mercantile Marine?"

"Deter them!" laughed Mr. Hobden. "No, indeed—it is the other way round. Nearly all vessel-carry boys—as deck hands, galley boys, assistant storekeeper, stewards, and so on—but everybody is fairly inundated with applications from boys who are eager to join, but for whom there are no openings. Also, if any day you go to the shipping offices, you will find hundreds of men waiting to sign on."

"Do you get many men here who have been torpedoed more than once?"

By way of answering Mr. Hobden took me into a lounge for personal investigations. Of three men spoken to, the first had been torpedoed only once, the second three times, the third also three times.

"I have known a good many cases," said Mr. Hobden, of a dozen immersions, with a sprinkling of 13's, and one case of 14. But our port missionary, Mr. S. T. Jarvis, has just officially reported that he has discovered a naval gunner who has been torpedoed or mined 17 times, on 15 of the occasions the ship being lost. This, we believe, is the record."

Later, our representative considerably interested an official of the Board of Trade by mentioning that apparently there would be an applicant for 16 bars to his badge.

"We have heard of cases of numerous immersions," said the official, "though 17 is rather higher than was reckoned for. It bears upon matters now under consideration—as to the position on the left cuff, and so on. The position must clearly allow of 17 bars, and even more, being added."

Apparently the available supply will not allow of the badge being in gold. It has practically been decided on, and the torpedo will be, I should say, two and a half inches in length, and the bar, which must be

narrow, may be rather shorter. It is impossible to say when the new badges will be issued, but no doubt in the course of a week or so—certainly under a month I should say."

Rainfall.

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

KRUNG DEB.

At Samudprakar Aug. 9 21.2 mm.
" Min. of L. & A. " 9 2.6
" Min. of L. & A. " 10 16.5
" Min. of L. & A. " 11 19.0
" Samudprakar " 11 3.1
" Minburi " 8 10.4
" Minburi " 9 8.4
" Samudprakar " 12 4.2

MONDOL KRUNG KAO.

At Saraburi Aug. 7 34.8
" Pradum Dhani " 8 4.0
" Singhaburi " 8 2.6
" Lobburi " 8 17.8
" Angthong " 9 15.9
" Angthong " 10 14.4
" Singhaburi " 10 9.3
" Singhaburi " 11 11.5
" Lobburi " 11 11.2
" Saraburi " 11 15.3

MONDOL NAGOR JAYSRI.

At Samudprakar Aug. 9 3.9
" Nagor Pathom " 11 16.7
" Nagor Pathom " 12 1.4

MONDOL RAJABURI.

At Rajaburi Aug. 9 12.7
" Bejaburi " 9 3.2
" Samudra Songram " 9 28.3

MONDOL PRACHIN.

At Chhaxong Sao Aug. 8 7.6
" Nagor Nayok " 8 38.5
" Prachin " 9 13.3
" Nagor Nayok " 9 25.0
" Chhaxong Sao " 10 7.8
" Nagor Nayok " 11 33.0
" Jolburi " 11 13.0
" Krabindra " 11 68.0

MONDOL NAGOR SYARGA.

At Udaya Aug. 7 12.9
" Jaynadi " 8 18.2
" Kanhaeng Bejra " 8 6.2
" Udaya " 8 2.4

SOME people think that they are not taking medicine unless it has a bad taste. Otherwise nobody would dream of taking croton oil or salts to move the bowels. They belong to the past. Harsh cathartics, except in extreme emergencies, never were advisable.

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Stations.	Train No.				Stations.	Train No.			
	1	2	3	4		1	2	3	4
	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.		a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.
Paknam Dep.	6.30	9.30	12.45	3.45	Bangkok Dep.	7.45	10.45	2.00	5.00
Maha Wong "	6.35	9.35	12.50	3.50	Sala Deng "	7.52	10.52	2.07	5.07
*Ban Nang Greng "	6.40	9.40	12.55	3.55	Klong Toi "	8.00	11.00	2.15	5.15
Chorakhe "	6.45	9.45	1.00	4.00	*Ban Kluei "	8.05	11.05	2.20	5.20
*Samrong "	6.50	9.50	1.05	4.05	Prakonong "	8.10	11.10	2.25	5.25
Bangna "	6.55	9.55	1.10	4.10	Bangdjak "	8.15	11.15	2.30	5.30
Bangdjak "	7.00	10.00	1.15	4.15	*Bangna "	8.20	11.20	2.35	5.35
Prakonong "	7.05	10.05	1.20	4.20	Samrong "	8.25	11.25	2.40	5.40
*Ban Kluei "	7.10	10.10	1.25	4.25	Chorakhe "	8.30	11.30	2.45	5.45
Klong Toi "	7.15	10.15	1.30	4.30	*Ban Nang Greng "	8.35	11.35	2.50	6.00
Sala Deng "	7.23	10.23	1.38	4.38	Maha Wong "	8.40	11.40	2.55	5.50
Bangkok Arr.	7.30	10.30	1.45	4.45	Paknam Arr.	8.45	11.45	3.00	5.55

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evening.

THE s.s. *Mata Hari* leaves for Singa-
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permitting.

THE following passengers left en
route for Saigon per s.s. *Bontle* to-day:
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Nahas.

THE following vessels are in from
Singapore:—*Kuala*, *Mata Hari*, *Mahidol*,
Maur. The *Kuala* brought 17 bags of
mail.

THE *Borneo* Co. Ltd. have fresh
notices to consignees. The *Bombay* Bur-
mah Trading Co. have a notice to con-
signees.

AN Auction Sale of Teak wood will
be held at the East Asiatic Co. Ltd's
saw mills on the 17th inst. by E. M.
Pereira and Co.

PARTICULARS of a special display
of Paris Hats and Frocks at the Ori-
ental Hotel will be found in our adver-
tising columns.

THE following passengers arrived by
the s.s. *Kuala*:—Mrs. E. C. Jelstrup,
Mrs. D. G. Biber, Messrs. Hodson,
Smith, Walker, and Gerripen.

THE s.s. *Kuala* will leave from the
Borneo Company's wharf at 5 p.m.
-harp, on Friday, the 16th inst., and
should arrive in Singapore on Tuesday
morning.

THIS week-end (June 2) marks the
disappearance from the London Fire
Brigade Service of the last horse-drawn
fire engine. There are still left a few
horse-drawn escapes and ladder vans in
use, but these will probably soon dis-
appear also.—E.

THE Post and Telegraph Department
reports that Chinengma line is imper-
fectly working between Paknamphol
and Bangkok. Roi Eteh and Nongkhay
lines are not properly working between
Nagorajasing and Bangkok. Other
lines are in good order.

A RETURN showing the number of
cases of communicable diseases which
have been notified as occurring in the
City of Bangkok during the week
ended 10th August gives five cases
of bubonic plague, all of which were
fatal and one case of small-pox.

To-morrow being the Feast of the
Assumption there will be special ser-
vices at the Holy Cathedral of the As-
sumption. Mass will be said at 5.30,
at 6 and Pontifical High Mass will be
celebrated at 8 a.m. At 5 p.m. there
will be Pontifical Vespers, Rosary and
Benediction.

A CHINESE was sentenced to four
months' imprisonment by the Borispah
Court for the theft of electric con-
ductors from the Paknam railway
line. The arrest was made by a ticket
inspector of the Paknam Railway Co.,
who becomes entitled to a reward of
Tcs. 250 which the company in view
of the frequency of thefts of this kind
had offered for the arrest of a culprit.

THE efforts of the Germans to popu-
larize standard blouses—dignified with
the name "Empire blouses"—seem to
have had little success. According to
the Munich papers German women
object to the loud colours and bad cut
of the standard article, and the Im-
perial Clothing Office have had to issue
a reminder that it is concerned "not
with luxury but with necessity and not
elegance and fashion." The Cloth-
ing Office says that its business is to
produce something that will wear well
and will suit women of all classes and
ages, and claims that it has accomplish-
ed its task to perfection.

The Court.

We understand that His Majesty the
King will go into residence at
Bangpa-in Palace on the 18th instant.
It is probable that His Majesty will
later proceed to Ban Lanthé where a
temporary residence is already in pro-
cess of erection.

The Samudasar.

We have received from H. E. Phya
Buri Navarath the 44th number of
the Samudasar, the journal of the
Royal Navy League. The number
opens with His Majesty's Proclamation
to His subjects on the first anniversary
of Siam's entry into the War. This is
followed by an article on the newly-
instituted Honourable Order of Rama,
in which is included the rules and
regulations thereon and beautifully
coloured plates of the various insignia
of the Order.

The next is an unsigned article deal-
ing with the law regarding hospital
ships and passengers on merchant ships.
In the course of the article the writer
refers to the seizure by the Japanese
of the Russian Red Cross ship *Oriole*
during the Russo-Japanese War. The
journal concludes with a long article
(being a translation) of the Kat opera-
tions and translations of Havas and
Renter telegrams having reference to
the war on the water.

Poison-Gas Beetles.

Agas before poison gas was used in
warfare a tiny British beetle, known
as the *Brachinus crepitans*, used a
similar device to confound its enemies.
When pursued by bigger beetles this
little creature ejects a peculiar fluid
which, on coming into contact with
the atmosphere, bursts into a pale blue-
green flame, followed by a kind of
smoke, intensely irritating and poison-
ous.

The common name of this poison
gas-emitting insect is the bombardier
beetle, and it is especially plentiful
along the shore of the Lower Thames
about Gravesend. Another species of
bombardier, the *Brachinus expulsores*,
fires tiny tearshells, filled with a
similar deadly gas, at its enemies T.B.

Western Warfare.**Reconnoitring the Aisne.**

London, Aug. 7.—The fighting in
the Marne-Aisne salient has momen-
tarily subsided. Engagements are pro-
ceeding in a new zone east of Amiens
where the French gained ground and
repulsed an attack near Montdidier
and the British strongly attacked at the
Morlaucourt sector.

London, Aug. 7.—Renter's corres-
pondent at American headquarters,
wiring on Tuesday, says: General
Mangin's patrols are busy recon-
noitring on the Aisne. The enemy's
intentions regarding the ridge between
the Vesle and the Aisne can only be
conjectured. The position is strongly
protected on the eastern flank and, if
carried from the west, we shall be un-
comfortably under the fire of the
German guns across the Aisne. Cer-
tainly delay therefore is possible, even
though the enemy possibly does not
intend to make a final stand here.

Paris, Aug. 6.—The resistance of the
Germans on the banks of the Aisne
and the Vesle is increasing. They will
fight fiercely before going back.

In the Rheims sector the heavy
artillery duel continued for hours,
with the machine-guns also very
active. In the region of St. Thierry,
near Rheims, the Germans were
caught under heavy fire from the
French guns, just when they were
concentrating, and were dispersed
rapidly.

On the Aisne, around Montdidier,
their retirement is proceeding slowly.
The French reached the line between
Montdidier and Amiens almost along
its entire length and occupy all the
hills dominating the Aisne valley.

London, Aug. 7.—A French com-
munique says: In the region of Mont-
didier we made local progress south of
Framcourt. South east of Meauil
we repulsed an enemy attempt
against La Ferre la Grange and occu-
pied the station of Ciry Salogne.
We took prisoners 100 east of Braine.
We repulsed a local attack south of
Auberive in Champagne, this morn-
ing.

London, Aug. 7.—Field Marshal
Haig reports that the English counter
attack in the morning in the sector
south westward of Morlaucourt and
regained all the more important por-
tions of ground lost yesterday. We
secured all objectives and took a num-
ber of prisoners. Patrols advanced the
line a short distance astride the Cla-
rence river and took a few prisoners
and two machine-guns. We success-
fully rushed a post northward of Vieux
Berguin. Artillery in the Meriville
eastward of Robecq and in the Meriville
and Dickebusch sectors.

THE Great War.

The Allied Drive.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, August 13.

Field Marshal Haig reports:—The enemy in the evening re-attacked positions south of Lihons, but he was repulsed.

As the result of a successful operation immediately south of the Somme we captured over two hundred prisoners and linked up the positions east of Mericourt with the line east of Etinchem on the northern bank of the river.

On the right of the fourth British army the French on the afternoon of the 11th progressed toward Roye capturing Amancourt and Tilloroy.

On the northern front we effected local improvements on the line east of Robeck and between Vieuxserquin and Meris.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Aug. 13.

We continued to progress between the Aisne and the Oise.

We occupied Marqui-Villers and Grivillers.

We progressed to the north of Roye-sur-Matz.

Between Matz and the Oise we have taken Marchemont and Cambrenne.

The journals estimate the number of prisoners taken to be 40,000 with 700 guns.

German Air-Ship Brought Down.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Aug. 13.

The Admiralty reports:—Light forces and Royal air forces aircraft reconnoitred the west Friesland coast on the morning of the 11th, and were heavily attacked by German aircraft. Six motor-boats did not return. Apart from this there was no damage and no casualties. Our aircraft attacked a German airship north of Ameland island and brought it down in flames to the sea from a great height.

Allied Consuls Released.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Aug. 13.

Stockholm:—In consequence of the efforts of the Swedish representations in Moscow the British and French Consuls have been released.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Aug. 13.

The Consuls of France and Britain at Moscow have been set at liberty.

A NOTABLE Chinese lady, Mrs. F. L. Hawke Pott, has died at Shanghai. She was the eldest daughter of the Rev. K. C. Wong, who was the first convert and the first ordained clergyman of the American Protestant Episcopal Church. In 1891 she married Principal Hawke Pott, of St. John's University, Shanghai.

A "GOVERNMENT Gazette Extraordinary" notices that as from July 1, 1918 the allowance to importers of Wolfram ore from the Malay Peninsula as compensation for increased freight and war risk will be— for shipments via Suez Canal 4s. 5d.; for shipments via the Cape of Good Hope, 2s. 8d. per unit on a basis of 65 per cent of W. O. 3 delivered ex warehouse in the United Kingdom, less one per cent brokerage.

M. CAMILLE Mauchair, a French writer of high reputation, vouches (says the Paris correspondent of the Daily Mail) for the authenticity of the following story:—A lady in an invalided town was attended in child birth by a German army doctor who volunteered his services and showed the mother and child every attention. "I don't know how to thank you," said the mother. "Please fix your fee." Smiling, the doctor replied—"Don't mention it, I am already paid. As your child is a boy I have taken care that he shall never be a French soldier, and have blinded him. That satisfaction is enough for me." Although there may be reasons for withholding the name of the victim it is suggested that M. Mauchair should deliver to public infamy that of the German soundrel.

British Legation Telegrams.

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

Operations for the week ending August 8.

The German retirement in Champagne has continued. On Aug 1 the French assisted by a British division captured the important plateau of Rozoy which out flanked the whole German line to the north. This success hastened the German retirement and they withdrew along the front between Plesier-Hulon and Soissons along the whole line. By the evening of August 4 the French had established themselves along the southern bank of the Aisne and Vesle Rivers. On August 5, 6 and 7 heavy fighting took place along this line the French threw detachments across at various points which generally speaking held their ground against determined enemy counter-attacks, through at 8 two points they were withdrawn to the southern bank. The enemy is holding the northern bank of the Aisne in considerable strength and although he has no previously prepared lines of defence, the country is naturally favourable to defence and affords a series of formidable positions. Large numbers of guns are in position on this front and the enemy has apparently made no extensive preparations for retirement. It is probable, therefore, that his intention is hold this line for the present, though he will probably withdraw behind the Aisne in case of serious attack.

The Franco-British Front.

On the Franco-British front between Montdidier and the Lys the enemy made a number of slight withdrawals. He has withdrawn to the eastern bank of the Aisne between Montdidier and Moreuil, also from positions west of the Aisne on the British front, though he still retains a footing in Albert. On the Lys front he made a slight withdrawal immediately north of La Bassée Canal and the region of Pacant Wood, where our posts advanced some one thousand yards on a front of nearly five miles.

The enemy's position west of the Aisne and Aves rivers was unfavourable as he was holding narrow strips on our side of these rivers which were commanded from the Allied positions.

He greatly improves his line therefore from a defensive point of view by this retirement. His withdrawal in the region of Pacant Wood in the Lys salient may be explained by the desire to shorten his front and withdraw from a very marshy area. His withdrawal east of Givenchy is not easy to explain as he was on high ground in this area and the retirement does not seem to improve his position.

It is possible that the enemy's retirement in the Lys valley may be preliminary to an extended withdrawal on this front. The retention of any line in this marshy valley presents considerable difficulties and imposes hardships on troops in winter, and it may be the enemy's intention to evacuate the salient between Bailloul and Givenchy and thus straighten his line on the Flanders front. However there is no definite indication of this. Retirement from the western flanks of the Aisne and Aves will increase the difficulty of a future German advance in the direction of Amiens aiming at separation of the British and French armies, for which purpose his foothold on our side of these streams was important.

In this connection a successful offensive was begun by the British and French armies on the front Moreuil-Morlancourt on the morning of August 8 which is reported to be progressing satisfactorily. The latest reports show an advance in some cases of seven to nine miles, one hundred guns and fourteen thousand prisoners having been captured. The number of German divisions engaged on the Champagne battle front since July 15 is now seventy-four.

Northern Russia.

The Allies campaign in northern Russia opened with considerable success. Archangel was occupied practically without opposition on August 2nd following a successful anti-Bolshevik rising. Large quantities of rolling stock and stores, and two heavy batteries were captured.

Foch's Generalship.

The great success of the second battle of the Marne was due firstly to Foch's leadership. He met one German blow after another without any attempt to retaliate and refused to be deterred from his purpose despite the critical nature of the situation. He displayed no less remarkable foresight in the preparation of his counterstroke. The true front selected was obviously the one to select as the Germans presented

their flank to their opponent and a comparatively small advance rendered their whole position within the Soissons salient almost untenable, but it required remarkable foresight in staking everything on the preparation of this attack and accurately estimating its effect, in choosing the psychological moment for launching it. Thirdly he has shown the greatest determination in carrying through an attack which involved incurring the gravest risks. These results have also been made possible by the tenacity of the Allied troops and the magnificent resistance of the British Army during March and April, and that of the French Army during May and June in operations which, being purely defensive and involving extensive retirement involved the severest strain. The last but not least important factor in our success has been the magnificent response of America.

The British Navy.

In the House of Commons on Aug 7th, Mr. Lloyd George, reviewing the war situation said that one hundred and fifty enemy submarines had been destroyed, more than half of these in last year. The number of men required to man and maintain the British navy and more than 100,000 men at least one and a half million. When the war began the British navy represented a tonnage of two and a half million; now it was eight million.

As an illustration of the work done by the navy, ships in June steamed eight million miles. If these offensive of submarines had succeeded the British army in France would have withdrawn away, no American could have come over to assist the French troops, munitions could not have been sent across, and we could not have sent coal and material to enable France and Italy to manufacture munitions. The Prime Minister said that the number of men raised for the army and navy in Great Britain alone, including those already with the colours in August 1914, was six and a quarter millions. The Dominions had raised a million. India a million and a quarter. Mr. Lloyd George added that peace would be in sight only when the military party in Germany lost their predominance. They had not yet begun to lose it, as the Brest-Litovsk Treaty, the fall of Rumania, and fall of Kuhlmann showed. Peace must be a just and durable one and there must be power behind the league of nations which would enforce its decrees.

Mr. Balfour Speaks.

In the House of Commons on Aug 8 Mr. Balfour said that the destruction of German militarism was a precedent condition for lasting peace and, in reply to arguments favouring immediate peace discussions, declared that at the moment the abyss separating the Allies from the enemy was so deep as hardly to be plumbed. Not until they could make clear to the German mind that in modern civilisation the moral will of the majority of nations could correct recalcitrant members of human society would there be any prospect of peace, which every one desired.

Merchant Tonnage.

The figures of the world's output in the merchant shipbuilding return for July show that during the first half year of 1918 there were built 2,113,591 tons or considerably more than the output of the years 1915-16 and only 824,133 tons short of the output for 1917. If the shipyards of the world continued to turn out tonnage at the rate achieved in the first two quarters of the year the total output for 1918 should approach two-thirds of the aggregated tonnage delivery for the two years 1916-17. This is a great advance in the condition between submarines and shipbuilders. Production had already beaten destruction. The world's output in tonnage exceeded the world's loss during the last quarter of this year by 296,696 tons.

It was also stated in the House of Commons on 7/8 that the figures of loss for July were lower than for June. The total output in British yards for the 8 months of 1918 was more than a quarter of a million tons a head of the output for the corresponding months of 1917.

Sir Joseph Maclay, British Shipping Controller, stated that about sixty per cent of the American soldiers were carried in British ships and the proportion was steadily rising.

Mesopotamia.

In the House of Commons on Aug 6th Mr. Montague, Secretary for India, said that 1,700 miles of railway had been constructed in Mesopotamia, and Palestine with materials from India. There had been provided quantities of rolling stock, lighting plant, and agricultural machinery. The appearance of the country was rapidly changing and the blight of Turkish misrule was being eradicated.

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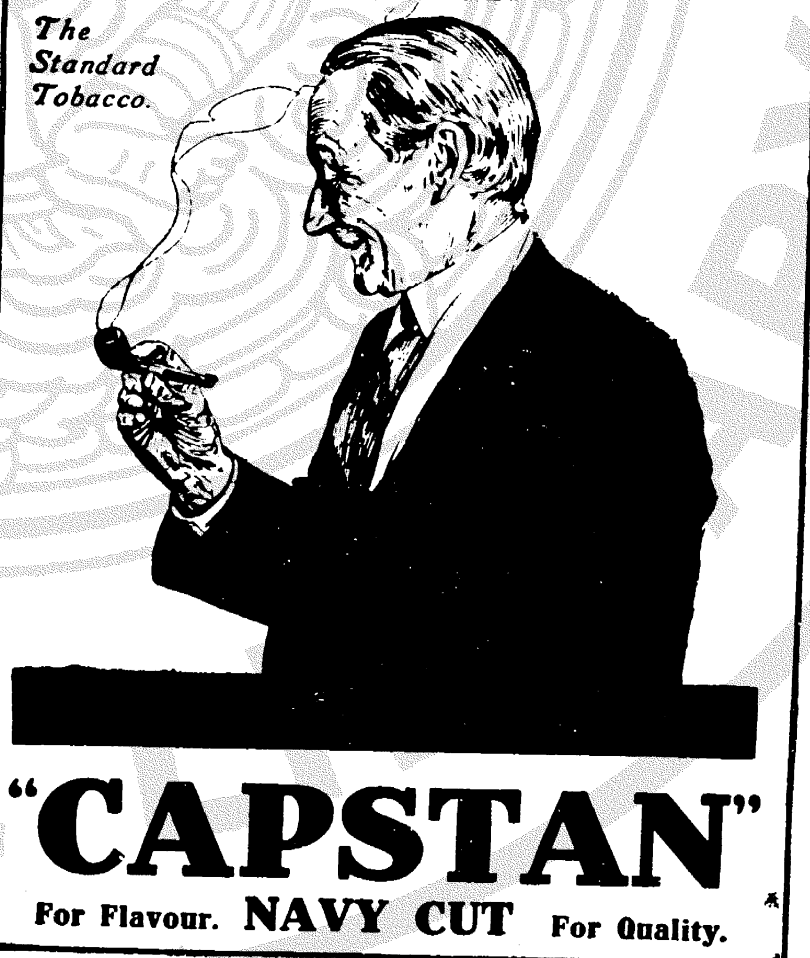
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War Taxation.

The Hague, July 20.—In reply to questions on taxation, Heer Treub defended his proposals in a debate in the First Chamber against the criticisms of many members. He said that money had to be found in one way or another should be covered by loans. The point was raised as to whether this taxation should be permanent. The war expenditure up to 1918 amounted to 970 millions and the war revenue to 290 millions. The expenditure prior to 1918 was estimated at 675 millions from which it is evident that extraordinary taxation is necessary.

July 21st.—At the closing session of the Conference concerning prisoners of war, Heer London, the Minister, stated that the Netherlands Government was prepared to grant the assistance requested, but certain economic and financial arrangements with both belligerents would have to be made. A White Book has been published containing the correspondence as to the Indian convey. It is, to all intents and purposes, identical with the official report of the 30th of June. The British Government protected against the transport of a passenger in the "Noordam" who was suspected of pro-German propaganda and against a wireless telegraphic apparatus of German make which was to be taken out on board the vessel. The Netherlands Government would not agree to leaving the pro-German passenger behind, because he was an East Indian official. On the 4th July, H.B.M.'s Ambassador reported that the difficulties had been removed, and the convey left the same day. The expenses of the convey amount to Fl. 120,000.

During the debate in the First Chamber on the Provision of Food, Heer Vliegenhart, the Minister, in the same spirit as the Socialists in the Second Chamber had done. Heer Posthuma defended his policy. He stated inter alia, that, if the Minister for Agriculture had been a Socialist, only half of the number of Socialists would have been elected to Parliament. He expressed the opinion that the disadvantages of so many and various distribution committees would disappear. The desire for revision was expressed on various sides.

The Government is buying large quantities of potatoes from which to make meal wherewith to bake bread. The Spanish sickness is spreading everywhere. Many military manoeuvres have had to be postponed. Cholera has broken out in Stockholm.

The press report as to the death of Hindenburg has not yet been confirmed.

July 24th.—Two thousand miners are ill with Spanish sickness. The First Chamber rejected the Bill for Old Age Pensions.

The Spanish sickness has broken out in Amsterdam.

July 25th.—According to the "Tijds" Baron von Kuchlmann is shortly to visit the Netherlands, where he will take up his residence. He is about to be married.

The rationing of sugar has commenced. The amount is half a pound weekly.

All military doctors have been mobilized in connection with the Spanish sickness.

Experiments are being made with hydroplanes for a trans-marine postal service.

According to the "Telegraaf," the proposals for an economic agreement with Great Britain are ready.

Heer Hainer, the member of the Oberammergau Passion players who took the part of Judas, has turned smuggler on the company becoming dispersed by the war. He was recently arrested when attempting to smuggle a few thousand cigarettes across the Austro-Bavarian frontier. The judge sentenced him to pay a fine of 4000 Marks in cash.

The K.P.M. in 1917, earned 18½ million guilders, producing a net profit of Fl. 4,250,000.

News from the Dutch East Indies.

Batavia, July 22.—A few days ago the first meeting of the recently appointed commission of advice on Commercial matters was held under the chairmanship of the Director of the Agricultural Department at Weltevreden. The most important matter under discussion was the meaning of the prohibition of exports and the results already obtained thereby. The meaning was, in the first place, to forge a weapon by means of which it would be possible to induce countries with which the Dutch East Indies had commercial relation to assure to the Indies the despatch of absolutely essential products. That this prohibition has already had some result may be gathered from the fact that various states have commenced negotiations for a more or less permanent regulation of mutual barter. Padang Sidempoen has again been declared cholera infected. Influenza is raging in the high lands, especially in Sawah Loento, where many are

afflicted. There is an epidemic of dysentery in Palang.

Batavia, July 25.—Bandoeng reports that the Goenoeng Galunggung volcano between Tasikmalaja and Garoet, which has been dormant since 1892, has formed a new cone of eruption in the Goenoeng Walirang sea. The increased activity is visible from Tasikmalaja. Slight shocks of earthquake have been felt.

On account of the cholera, Semarang has been declared an infected port. The Java papers contain the announcement that the order forbidding officers from playing football with N.C.O.'s and privates has been cancelled.



Notice.

The sale by public auction of Machinery, tools, etc., of the Steam Rice Mill, the property of The Ministry of Finance, situated at Paknampon Mondol Nagor Sawan, will take place on the 15th August, 1918 at the office of the Inspector General of Finance, Wat Muang Kae Lane Bangkok, at 10 a.m. Full particulars can be ascertained from the above mentioned Department on any day during office hours.

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The Feudal System.

It would be a thousand pities if the *Weser Zeitung* were allowed to keep the following story, which it published in its issue of April 24th, 1918, entirely to its circle of readers, for the story certainly deserves wider publicity. A certain Squire, named Von Certzen, had a farm-hand who was called Wisniewski, and this farm-hand transgressed in the sight of his lord. The Squire, who was given a good character by the people on his estate, felt that he had to show in a practical manner that he disapproved of Wisniewski. Accordingly he took the man into the park, ordered him to undress, tied him up to a tree and thrashed him with a whip on the naked body. Wisniewski wriggled, and the Squire bound him yet more tightly and flogged more heartily. Wisniewski screamed, and the Squire flogged yet harder. At the prosecution which subsequently ensued the Court held that the fact that Wisniewski had submitted to the punishment could not be regarded as consent, but rather as obedience to his lord. Moreover the accused had acted in cold blood. What would have happened if the accused had lost his temper is a matter for speculation. The court somewhat apologetically sentenced the Squire to two months' imprisonment.

From every point of view the case is an interesting one. If by a wild freak of the imagination one is at once confronted with a host of difficulties. For the sake of argument let us suppose that Squire Brown has a difference of opinion with Bill on the subject of the subtle distinction which exists between *Mum* and *Tum*. The Squire selects a houting crop from the rack in the hall and takes Bill for a walk in the park. On arriving at a spot which seems admirably suited for the purpose which he has in view he orders Bill to undress. One can see Bill doing it. Bill would probably insist on his right to know why. A fight might or might not ensue but one can safely say that not so much as a bootlace would Bill unfasten. Wisniewski, on the other hand, ever dreamt that he had any rights at all in the matter. He stripped in obedience to the order of his Squire, and no doubt if that potentate had told him to kill his grandmother he would have obeyed with equal alacrity. In his speech on the anniversary of America's entry into the war, President Wilson stated clearly that America and her Allies are fighting for the sacred rights of free men everywhere. Incidents such as the one which has been recorded show unmistakably how true those words are. The Allies are fighting not so much a nation as a system, a system which tends to put the clock of progress back several centuries.

Huns' Cold-Blooded Admission.

The Washington State Department publishes a circular which is being distributed in Spain by the Germans in a floating manner. It gives in a floating manner a list of booty seized by the Huns, of cathedrals and churches destroyed by the "good-hearted German soldiers," and of "fine" extractions, which are useful warnings to neutral countries. If there are any of them take warning from the fact of others.

But to British readers the chief interest in the document lies in a cold-blooded admission of cruelties to British prisoners. It claims (speaking of the period before the March offensive) that more than 50,000 British have been made prisoners, and adds: "Although to these figures the English oppose 124,806 German prisoners taken by them, it must be remembered that the English treat their prisoners with notable kindness, while the regime imposed on English prisoners by the Germans is one of extreme rigour, so that the Germans, with the number of prisoners they have, have secured a much superior moral effect."

"To the 2,244 officers and 51,325 soldiers must be added the several thousands of English prisoners who have died in consequence of disease, scanty food, and other accidents in German concentration camps."

M. Camille Maclair, a French writer of high reputation, vouches for the authenticity of the following story: A lady in an invaded town was attended in child birth by a German Army doctor who volunteered his services and showed the mother and child every attention. "I don't know how to thank you," said the mother. "Please fix your own fee."

Smiling, the doctor replied: "Don't mention it. I am already paid. As your child is a boy I have taken care that he shall never be a French soldier, and I have blinded him. That satisfaction is enough for me."

Although there may be reasons for withholding the name of the victim, it is suggested that M. Maclair should deliver to public infancy that of this German scoundrel—EX.

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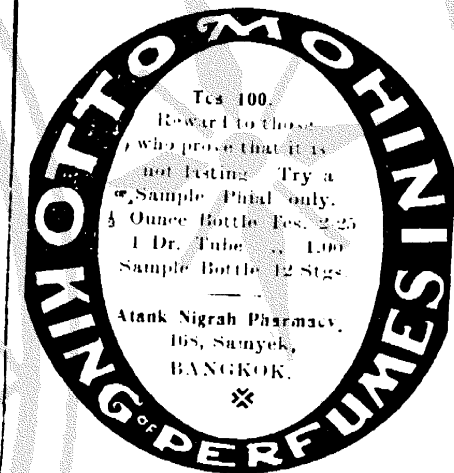
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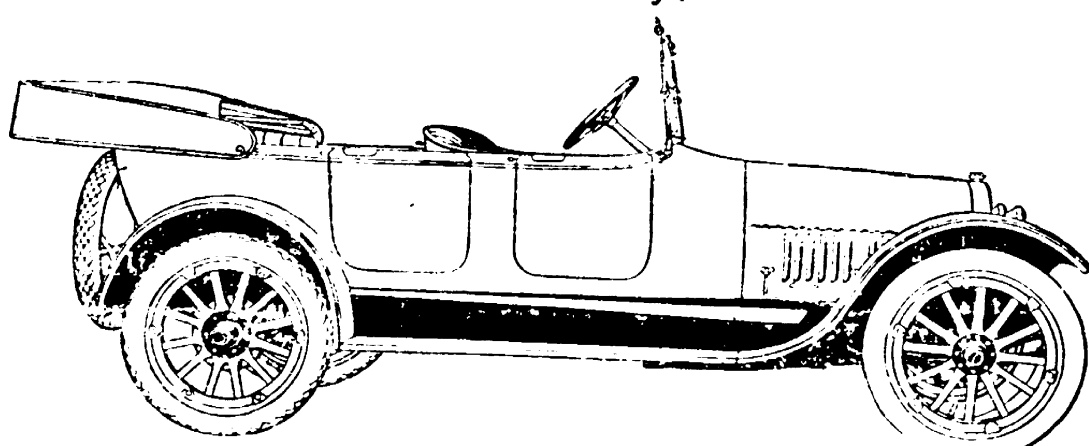
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Eye-Witness's Account.

An Englishman who has recently returned from Finland gives in the following article a first hand account of the events in Helsinki after the arrival of the Germans, of which no description had hitherto reached this country.

The Germans, after landing at Hangö and taking the important railway junction of Kaiser, proceeded by forced marches to Helsinki, where they arrived on April 12. In the fighting on that and the three following days they lost about 100 killed and many wounded, and captured altogether about 8,000 "Red" prisoners.

In attacking "Red" strongholds in the streets, the Germans marched their prisoners in front of the attacking body, as they did in Belgium. They gave as their excuse for this brutality that they had learned this method from the British. They evidently seemed surprised at the resistance offered by the "Red" and "Red" prisoners in their usual brutal way, a fact which will never be forgotten by the Finnish working classes.

The Germans were enthusiastically received by the pro-German sympathizers among the population, who waved their handkerchiefs and small German flags and offered them refreshment. On the second day after their arrival an order was issued by the German Commander-in-Chief calling upon all foreigners to register themselves at the Governor's office, and to state the first that this order was aimed primarily at the British, and secondarily at the French, the Germans having previously remarked that the British had a particularly good counter-espionage in Finland. The British and French naturally refused to comply with this registration order, and opened negotiations with the Finnish authorities as to registration with them. These negotiations finally resulted in a new order of the Governor of the province, by which the English, Frenchmen, Italians, and Americans to register themselves at the provincial administration. Meanwhile, official statements had been issued stating that the Finnish Government guaranteed the inviolability of subjects of the countries at war with Germany. The power of the Finnish Government to carry out its guarantees is well illustrated in

After the occupation Helsingfors presented the aspect of a German garrison town. German soldiers of all classes of arms and proud monocol Boche officers could be seen walking up and down the streets as if the town belonged to them. Heavy German ammunition lorries bearing the German arms, light motor-cars, and ambulances rolled ceaselessly through the streets, and in the open squares Finns were to be seen daily being drilled by German N.C.O.s.

General von der Goltz, the Commander-in-Chief of the forces in Finland, made his formal entry into Helsingfors on Sunday, April 14, and took up his residence at Kaup's Hotel. There was a ceremonial parade of the German troops, at which General von der Goltz made a speech, saying that this was the foundation for an everlasting union and that "Germany and Finland must henceforth go arm in arm through the history of the world."

With the restoration of order, the bourgeois papers again appeared. The *Hälfvinskätsblad*, the leading Swedish newspaper in Finland, wrote that Finland could only get her freedom if Russia were defeated. "Should the Entente be victorious, Russian nationalism would triumph, and Finland's complete oppression would be the result. The Western Powers would not raise a finger for our sake."

Similar articles appeared in the Press in other Finnish cities in Finnish language. It will be seen that the Finnish Press is entirely pro-German and pro-Finnish influence. Such a Press easily seized on any pretext to implicate Britain in the Red rising. It mentioned that among the cards found on Manner's table were those of the correspondent of a London newspaper and the Director of the British Information Bureau, adding, significantly, that conclusions could be drawn. It also published reports that British sailors assisted Russian sailors in firing on the German troops from a motor-boat. This called forth a denial from the British Consulate, which was published in the papers, as all the British officers and sailors left before the arrival of the Germans. The persistent rumours of British help to the Reds were kept up by German agents and sympathizers who were more German than the Germans themselves. The fact is that all British subjects, including the Consul, observed

Very soon after their arrival the Germans began to show that they had "liberated" Finland not for the Finns, but for themselves, for not only did they not bring food to Finland, but they took away from Finland many necessary articles. They systematically burned up all the articles they required, and the supply of paper and soap was almost depleted, and one transport heavily laden was duly sent away. Crowds of German soldiers and sailors could be seen going round the shops in the principal streets, and the shopkeepers, to their great disappointment, soon found out that the German was a different purchaser from the Russian, who paid for his goods without any haggling.

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Distance from Bangkok.	Train No.	Distance from Beklong.	Train No.
	STATIONS.		STATIONS.
	I. III. V.		VI. VI.
	A.M. P.M. P.M.		A.M. P.M.
Km. Bangkok Dep.	8.30 12.30 4.30	Km. Beklong Dep.	8.35 12.35
33.1 Mahachai Terminus Arr.	9.50 1.50 5.50	33.8 Terminus Arr.	9.55 1.55

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BANGKOK-MEKLONG.				MEKLONG-BANGKOK.				
Distance from B. Hlane.	Train No.		Distance from Mahachai.	Train No.				
	STATIONS.			STATIONS.				
	I.	III.		II.	IV.			VI.
Km.	B. Hlane	A.M.	P.M.	Km.	Mahachai	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.
	Terminus Dep	10.20	2.20		Terminus Dep	6.45	10.45	2.45
33.8	Meklong Arr.	11.40	3.40	33.1	Bangkok Arr.	8.05	12.05	4.05

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