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FOR SEPTEMBER 1918.

Sept.	A.M.			
	H.	W.	Ft. & in.	L. W.
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 30	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

Sept.	P.M.			
	H.	W.	Ft. & in.	L. W.
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	6 00	14 6	1-0	6-0
7	7 00	14 8	1-0	6-0
8	7 00	14 7	1-2	6-0
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 0	...	...
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 6	...	...
22	6 00	14 4	1-0	7-0
23	6 00	14 0	1-0	7-0
24	7 00	13 10	1-2	7-0
25	7 00	13 8	...	...
26	7 00	13 5	...	...
27	7 00	13 2	...	...
28	7 00	13 0	...	...
29	6 00	13 0	...	...
30	4 00	13 6	...	...

## PHASES OF THE MOON.

Sept. 5th O New Moon 5 h 26 m p.m.  
" 13th First Quarter 9 h 44 m p.m.  
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## In Turkish Hands.

The Treatment of British  
Prisoners.

The number of British and Indian  
prisoners in the hands of the Turks is  
comparatively small, and their ranks  
have been enormously diminished by  
deaths in captivity. But the officers  
and men who survive deserve as much  
sympathy as, and are not less in need  
of succour than the far larger body of  
prisoners in Germany. The Turks do  
not attempt to imitate the German  
policy of systematic cruelty. But our  
men in Turkey suffer much from the  
incapacity and carelessness of their  
captors and the economic condition of  
the country. In many ways they are  
worse off than captives in Germany.  
Through the climate of Asia Minor is  
good, Turkish ideas of sanitation are  
rudimentary, and our men suffer much  
from cold in winter. The cost of  
living is almost fabulous, and parcels,  
which would provide a remedy, cannot  
be relied upon to arrive. It can never  
be forgotten, too, that the majority of  
our prisoners in Turkey went through  
the siege of Kut, which must have  
handicapped them severely for a long  
imprisonment.

From obvious motives, the Turks  
have treated officers much better than  
our men. According to a statement  
made by Mr. Hope in the House of  
Commons on April 23, 458 British  
officers have been taken prisoner, and  
of these three have escaped, 29 have  
been repatriated, none are untraced,  
and only 14 have died. A still more  
favourable statement was made with  
regard to Indian native officers. The  
figures for the rank and file tell a very  
different story. Of the 4,051 British  
N.C.O.'s and men captured by the  
Turks, 274 have escaped or been re-  
patriated, leaving 3,777 in the hands of  
the enemy. Of these 3,777, 1,497 are  
known to have died, and 596 have not  
been heard of. As our men are  
allowed to write letters, there can be  
little doubt that nearly all of these 596  
are also dead. It is safe to assume that  
of the 3,777 British rank and file, only  
about 1,700 or 45 per cent. are still  
alive, and probably even this total has  
been reduced by subsequent deaths.  
As to Indian N.C.O.'s and men, the  
Turks have captured 7,390, of whom  
1,152 have escaped or been repatriated.  
Of the 6,238 thus left in captivity,  
1,346 are known to have died, and  
2,600 have not been heard of since  
they were taken prisoner. It is to be  
feared that little short of half the  
6,238 Indian rank and file in Turkish  
hands have perished.

## The March from Kut.

Many deaths have occurred in the  
prisoner camps from typhus and other  
diseases, but a large proportion of the  
enormous mortality seems to have  
been due to the long march from Kut  
to the railroad east of Aleppo. The men,  
who were already weak from the  
effects of the siege, had to walk many  
hundreds of miles under a Mesopo-  
tamtan hot weather sun, with trans-  
port, with miserably insufficient food,  
and with no British doctors or officers  
of any sort to look after them. Officers  
who were exchanged from Kut state  
that the Turkish commander in Mes-  
opotamia realised what would happen,  
and recommended the exchange of all  
the prisoners, but the reply wired from  
Constantinople, no doubt on German  
inspiration, was that "the garrison of  
Kut are prisoners of war and must be  
treated as such."

One way by which the condition of  
prisoners can be alleviated without any  
reference to the Turkish Government  
is by defraying the abnormal expendi-  
ture of both officers and men. Officers  
are probably worse off financially than  
men, for they have to feed their ser-  
vants (British soldiers) as well as  
themselves, they draw no rations, and  
the pay which they receive from the  
Turks in paper money is deducted at a  
grossly unfair rate of exchange from  
the pay issued to them by the British  
or Indian Government. Recent letters  
represent the cost of the plainest mess-  
ing, which meat and butter are reckon-  
ed as rare luxuries, and from 20 to 30  
liras per month.

## Supplies Wanted.

To meet the cause of living and other  
expenses, officers receive only about six  
liras a month from the Turks, and they  
are forced to supplement this amount  
by obtaining remittance from home at  
a rate of exchange which takes little  
or no account of the depreciation of  
Turkish paper money. In February  
last the cost of remitting from England  
20 liras, which, being paid in Turkish  
paper, is actually worth only about  
three-and-half liras (£3 1/2 in gold),  
was £17. In these circumstances it is  
hardly surprising to learn that married  
officers are being put to sore straits to  
maintain themselves in Asia Minor  
and their families at home. Many  
have cut down their meals to two a  
day, and letters recently received from  
the camp at Kedes speak of officers  
hawking their clothes and boots in the  
bazaar in order to obtain money for  
food. All this is causing acute anxiety  
to the relatives of prisoners and serious  
financial embarrassment to the pri-  
soners themselves. It could be put  
right if our Government would an-  
nounce that all expenses incurred by



officers on necessary food, etc., in excess of a certain fixed sum, will be refunded to them.

One of the most serious items in the monthly messing bill of officer prisoners is bread. It appears that up to a few months ago officers received a ration from the Government bakery at moderate rates, but this arrangement has been withdrawn, because our Government is alleged to refuse Government bread to Turkish officer prisoners in India. The result is that our officers now have to buy bread in the bazaar at the enormous prices already mentioned, which absorb a large part of the pay received from the Turks. It is a fact that the Turkish Government demands the issue of bread rations in India as the price of restoring the privilege to our officers in Turkey, surely the point could be conceded by telegraph without further delay.

Those who are in touch with prisoners' camps in Turkey know what invaluable work has been done there by the British doctors who were taken prisoner at Kut. The death list, long though it is, would be longer still, but for their exertions. It is therefore astonishing to find that the Berne agreement provides for the repatriation of all of them except one for every thousand British and Indian prisoners. These few doctors are to be left in Turkey in order, according to Lord Newton, to help in the selection of the invalids to be exchanged. Whoever drafted this clause of the agreement can have very little knowledge of the conditions in Turkey or very little imagination.

#### Bread Without Flour.

In France bread has been made without flour in a machine that transforms the wheat directly into dough. This machine has a large screw turning loosely in a case, on the inner surface of which is a screw thread running in opposite direction. Between the main threads on the cylinder are smaller threads, and the depth of the groove becomes progressively smaller from one end to the other, so that it will hold the entire wheat grain as it enters the machine, at the same time accommodating only the pulverized wheat at the exit. The wheat is prepared by a thorough washing, after which operation about a pint of tepid water to a pound of grain is added, the whole mixture being allowed to stand for some six hours. Then the grains of wheat have swollen to twice their ordinary size. The mixture is then treated with yeast and salt, and is poured into the machine. It falls between the threads of the moving screw, which simultaneously crush the envelope and body of the grain, making of them a homogeneous mixture that forms a smooth paste. Bread made by this process contains a succession of holes, whose size increases as they approach the crust, which is thin. The odor given off is said to be most agreeable.

#### An Officer's Marvellous Escape.

"Brigadier" writes to the *Pioneer* the following account of the escape from death of a British Officer in Mesopotamia who was left for dead and found floating on the water 26 hours later. Having been present, he says, I can vouch for the incident which took place at Sannaiyat on April 6, 1918. A British force after night march was attacking the Turks at dawn between the marsh and the Tigris.

The officer in question, a 2nd Lieutenant who had only joined his Brigade three days before, was on the extreme right of the regiment in second line. The Brigade was held up and had to dig in on absolutely flat open ground under very heavy fire, losing nearly 40 per cent. of its strength mostly in the first hour.

This young officer fell about 600 yards from the Turks, unfortunately for him on a slight mound at the edge of the marsh, which made him conspicuous.

He told me that he received three bullets through the right leg, then two through the left and, while writhing on the ground, a 6th through the body. Soon after he was struck by a 7th over the right eye; this stunned him for a time, but he came to and later on an 8th bullet passed through both his eyes.

As soon as the shelter trench had been made deep enough, he was dragged under cover, and remained in it, until he felt warm water pouring over him. This was due to a strong north wind, which was driving the marsh water southwards towards the river and into the hastily dug trenches.

He told me he had just sense and strength enough left to drag himself out of the shallow trench, and that he remembered no more till he regained consciousness, days afterwards, in a Field Hospital down the river.

The trenches nearest the marsh were gradually flooded over and many wounded were drowned, but the Brigade hung on till ordered by the Corps Commander to fall back some 8 hours later. It brought back its wounded, but this officer was left for dead. The next day, the marsh having somewhat receded, the Brigade was ordered to re-occupy its former position and the young officer, so I heard afterwards, was as described, stranded but still alive, having floated on his back.

I met him several times in London in 1917. He had practically recovered from all his wounds but the one which had deprived him of sight.

He was wonderfully cheerful; had learned to typewrite and was learning other occupations at St. Dunstan's. The only regret he expressed was that being retired as a 2nd Lieutenant he had nothing to show that he had ever been in the Army.

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For Gout, Wounds and wounds caused by rusty nails, cuts or burns, apply the mixture, cover with cotton wool and bandage, change dressing every three hours, and take internally, as directed until relieved or healed.

For sore eyes, take internally as directed, for a few days. After taking this mixture, a little plain white sugar may be taken to remove the bitter taste but not in the case of coughs or sore throat.

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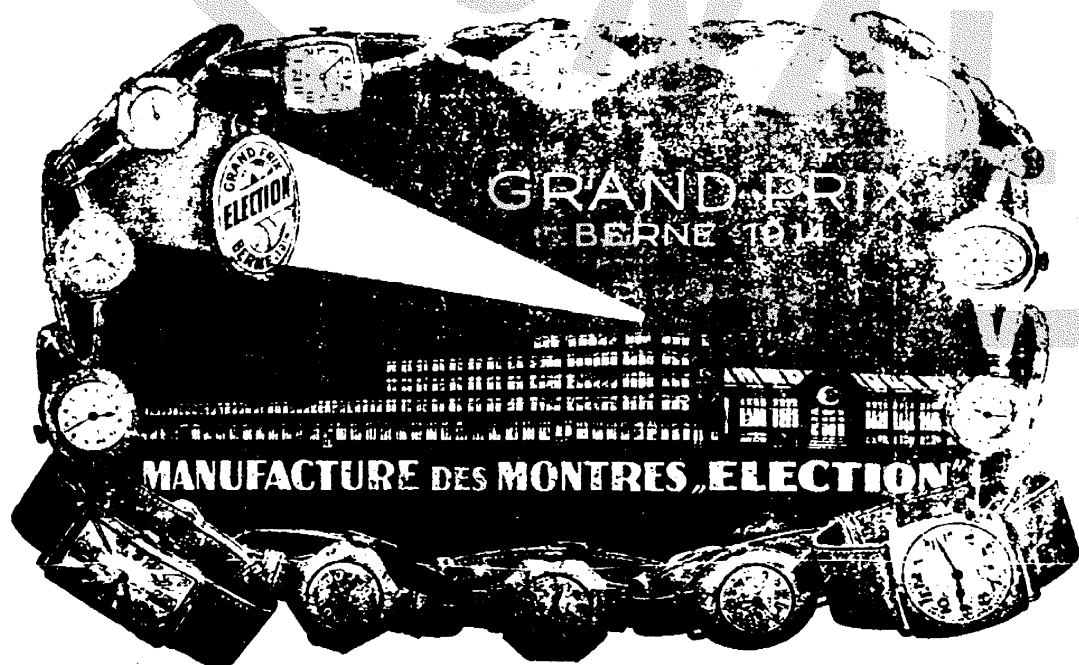
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**PRELUDE TO DEFEAT.**

The present trend of events in all theatres of war cannot but rouse a sense of elation in the minds of the Allies. With the great victories on the Western front, with the success of the Franco-Serbian operations on the Bulgarian front must now be ranked the success of the Japanese in Siberia. The town that has fallen into their hands is highly important for, standing at the confluence of the Amur and Ussuri rivers, it has a great strategic value which will doubtless be used in full measure by our Allies. All these are events that will administer serious blows to German military prestige and do much to lower the morale of the German Army as well as undermine the faith of neutral countries in the theory of German military invincibility.

The loss of initiative has been a very serious blow to the enemy and the Allies are pushing to the very last degree the advantage which the acquisition of initiative, superior morale and enthusiasm gives them. The enemy has to be constantly on the alert to guard against surprises and the adoption of defensive tactics is all that he can do.

Everywhere there are signs of an approaching collapse in Germany. The Kaiser's speech and those of his ministers seem to be but preparing the people for the inevitable and there is nothing more significant than the very outspoken comments that have appeared recently in certain enemy journals. German plans by land and sea have utterly failed. The U-boat campaign that was to given have given Britain her deathblow has been quite unable to achieve its object. Nothing marks the failure of the submarine so much as the presence of the hundreds of thousands of American soldiers on the western front every one of whom has crossed the Atlantic in spite of all the enemy boasts that not a transport would be allowed to accomplish the journey.

In the air the Germans have been equally lacking in success. Under pressure of events on the western front air raids on England have almost entirely ceased while the British aerial attacks on German towns are daily growing in power and destructiveness. Germany has an immensely long air frontier to which she can no longer give adequate protection.

The loss of initiative is to Germany the preliminary to defeat—a defeat that is made certain by the Allies' superior resources and superior morale. This defeat may not come this year or even next but it can no more be avoided than can the sun be turned from its course. This the Germans know and hence the peace moves. The Allies, however, will not be hoodwinked. They have set themselves the task of crushing once and for all Prussian militarism and never will they pause in their end-avours till that end be attained.

**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that the lines are all available.

H. E. CHAO Phya Bhaskarawongse has postponed his trip to Sriracha for the 24th inst.

THE death occurred on the 15th inst. of Lieut. H.S.H. Prince Sudharos at the age of 34 years.

A FULL rehearsal of the musical items of to-morrow's Fête was held last evening at the Sports Club.

THE Revd. Pere Romien arrived from Swatow by the *Dufar*. This vessel brought 1272 coolies from Swatow.

IN reference to the letter signed "Fairplay" appearing in last night's edition, we would point out that the article in question was an exchange and is not to be taken as setting forth our views in relation to the Holy See.

TO-MORROW being the Festival of St. Mathew there will be a Celebration of Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m. at St. Mary's Mission.

THE s.s. *Krian* arrived from Singapore last evening with 73 bags of mail—mostly newspapers. The s.s. *Dufar* also arrived from Swatow.

THE following passengers arrived last evening by the s.s. *Krian*:—Mr. and Mrs. Esche, Messrs. O. E. H. Browne, F. J. Blyth, C. Kuo Hsien.

THE Hon. Sec. of the B.B.W.N.G. asks us to state that those who have not bought tickets and yet wish to attend to-morrow's Fête, may pay at the door.

THE s.s. *Krian* will leave from the Borneo Company's Wharf at 2 p.m. sharp, on Saturday the 21st inst., and should arrive in Singapore on Wednesday daylight.

THE notice of members of the R.B.S.C. is called to an error in the Balance Sheet under assets. Cash in Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Tcs. 1706.83 should read "Cash in hand Tcs. 1706.83."

AN official Swiss despatch of Aug. 22nd says that attempts on the lives of officers in Austria are increasing. It is reported that several Commandants of Austrian corps have advised officers behind the front to have their revolvers always with them.

A CURIOUS fatal accident has occurred at Hyderabad. The wife of an actor of a Gujarati theatrical company while performing there was cutting up onions with a sharp knife when she was seized with an epileptic fit and fell, cutting her throat with the knife.

OWING to the growing high cost of labour and materials, the price of new steamers is said to be accordingly increasing. It is reported that the current price of new ships in Kobe, fully equipped, is between ¥1,000 and ¥13,000 per ton. This is about 40 per cent higher than the price in America.

It is reported that German prisoners in Japan complain that after such a long period of detention they are suffering from "nerves," and have asked the authorities to lower the high obstructing fence about the prison so that they may "enjoy the view," which would probably tend to restore their "nerves."

LATEST ADVICE:—The Borneo Co., Ltd. have a new notice to consignees. "Stenographer" c/o the Commercial Hotel wants position.

The week-end programme of the Pathankorn and Sathorn Picture Halls is advertised. "The Secret Kingdom," a super serial of romantic adventure is the chief attraction at both Halls.

A FRIESIAN cow, Eke Hetty, which has yielded the British record of 2,410 gallons of milk in a year and is now giving 10 gallons a day, was sold for £3,675, a record price for a Friesian, at Salcote Hall, Haverbridge, Essex. Other high prices were £1,785 for a heifer, Routh Blossom III. and £682 and £630 for two other heifers.

THE town Khabarovsk mentioned in to-day's telegrams is the capital of the Amur region and of the Maritime Province. It had before the war a population of about 20,000. It is situated on the Amur at the point of its confluence with the Ussuri and is a little under 500 miles from Vladivostok. It is an important entrepôt for goods coming down the Ussuri and does a large trade in furs, especially sable. The town is quiet modern having been founded in 1858 and is built entirely of wood.

**Export by Parcel Post.**

We have received the following from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs:—

With reference to the rumour some time ago that it was prohibited to send tea, sugar, coffee by Parcel Post to Great Britain, inquiries were made in this matter to the Postmaster General in Singapore and a reply has now been received that the latest telegraphic instructions received from London by Singapore were dated May last and were to the effect that there was "no prohibition against the importation of tea, coffee, sweets, butter, to the United Kingdom sent by parcel post as a present to addressees."

From newspaper reports it would appear that the importation of tea from Ceylon has since been prohibited, but Singapore is not in receipt of any later information from London than that conveyed in the foregoing telegram.

**Paddy Crop Report Sept. 19, 1918.**

Nasuan	1,000 Coyans at Ts	97-173 each
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The following match will take place at the Sports Club to-morrow afternoon, kick-off at 4.45 p.m.

Whites.	
Three	Olsen, Robertson, Butler,
Halves	Cranmer, Steen-Hansen.
Forwards	Bamsdale, Jackson, Jones, Fogtman, Sutton, Grut
Blues.	
Three	Walsh, Reith, Keynes, Thune.
Halves	Selley (Capt.) Chapman.
Forwards	Kummer, Hogg, Rasmussen, Schneider, Carson.
Referee	Mr. Hamilton Price.

## B.B.W.N.G. Fete.

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2. Song...Herdling Song, MR. ARDRON.
3. Film...Affectionate Pets (Max Lader).
4. Violin Solos... (a) Serenata (Braga) (b) Moto Perpetuo, MR. OSBORNE.
5. Song...Cradle Song 1915, MRS. JONES.
6. Film...The Scarlet Runner—2 parts.
7. Song...The Mountain Lover, MR. BEAMAN.
8. Song...Until, MR. TYRER.
9. Film...Easy Street (Charlie Chaplin)—2 parts.
10. Song...When I bring to you coloured toys, MRS. JAMES.
11. Song...There's a Land, MR. HARROP.
12. Glee...The Long Day Closes, BANGKOK GLEE SOCIETY.

No Encores, by request. As seats are not booked, please arrive punctually.

## Decorations Returned.

The Norwegian "Emperor Pilot" Hans Olsen who piloted the *Hohenkoller* along the Norwegian coast for the Kaiser and had received various decorations in appreciation of his work for that monarch has returned all his German decorations to the German Minister at Christiania stating that he felt ashamed to wear the decorations of a country which was murdering Norwegian sailors many of whom were his comrades.

## Daring Piracy Near Hongkong.

According to the Hongkong Daily Press a particularly daring piracy took place on board the steamer *Wo Kwai* while on her way to the Colony from Wuchow with a general cargo. Fortunately no lives were lost. About 300 pirates, armed with automatic pistols, boarded the vessel. Believing that the safest course was to allow the pirates to seize whatever they wanted, the Chinese captain and the crew let them take complete possession of the ship. The pirates stayed on board for half an hour, during which time they helped themselves to practically everything of value, except the cargo. In order to ensure that they would not be chased by the *Wo Kwai*, the pirates disabled the engines before they left. Repair work occupied some time, and it was not till the morning of September 2 that the steamer reached Hongkong and the remainder of the crew, the pirates having taken away the captain, the accountant, the cook and one of the pilots related their strange story.

## The Near East.

London, Sept. 15.—The Daily Telegraph, referring to the presentation of addresses from the Armenian, Syrian and Zionist communities in Manchester to Mr. Lloyd George, says that the situation in which Great Britain stands towards these national elements in the Near East, and the Turkish question as a whole, is one of the cardinal issues of the war. In insisting upon accomplished facts in Palestine and Mesopotamia, and in proclaiming other objects of Near Eastern policy, such as securing liberty and justice for the Armenian race, we are taking up an attitude from which it is morally impossible to depart. After speaking of the benefits which British rule has conferred upon Palestine and Mesopotamia, the Daily Telegraph declares that Germany's demand that these countries should return beneath the rule of the Turk is a demand which no man of the Allied nations can tolerate.

## THE Great War.

## Japanese Success in Siberia.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

Tokio, War Office, Sept. 19.—The Japanese have captured the enemy naval base at Kharbarovsk with seventeen gun-boats and four vessels, the wireless station, one hundred and twenty guns and great quantities of ammunition and material.

## Belgium Rejects Germany's Offer.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Sept. 19. Paris.—The *Petit Parisien* learns that Belgium after consultation with the Allies decided absolutely to reject the German proposal for a separate peace.

## Holnon Village Taken.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Sept. 19. Field Marshal Haig reports:—As a result of yesterday's operations we took possession of Holnon Village and made several prisoners.

This morning we attacked north-westward of St. Quentin. Yesterday the enemy attacked at Moeuvres under cover of a heavy barrage and pressed us back to the western outskirts of the village. By successful local operations in the night-time we slightly advanced the line immediately south of La Bassee Canal.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Sept. 19. The British have taken Holnon.

## Smuts On The Colonies.

London, Sept. 14.—General Smuts was presented with the Freedom of Newcastle to day. In the course of his speech, he said they were meeting under the happiest auspices. There would be a hard effort ahead but we knew that the tide had turned. He was glad to know that his own countrymen from South Africa had borne their share in the great work. If there was one country on which Germany had its eye it was South Africa. Amidst cheers, he declared that the Government of all the Dominions must be consulted and participate in the making of peace. The Dominions could never agree, and he hoped that the people of Great Britain would never agree, to handing back her Colonies to Germany until a complete change of the German system had occurred—until Germany was run on the same lines as the British Empire. Then he hoped that the people of the Dominions and Great Britain would be prepared to examine her claims to Colonies fairly and squarely and justly. He declared that Germany would never get better peace terms than she could have been on the 5th of January last. The only way to get peace was to accept them as a basis. Then a conference could be called. There was no alternative.

Subsequently, the degree of Honorary D.C.L. of Durham University was conferred on General Smuts by the Earl of Durham.

## Burian Misses Fire.

Paris, Sept. 12.—The whole French press, commenting on the last proposal of Baron Burian, calls it a camouflaged enterprise for weakening the Allied power by stopping military progress. Nothing truly liberal is to be found in such enterprise. It is only a peace manoeuvre, such as is started every time when the German power is in danger, as on the occasion of the political and internal incidents in Germany in July 1917. Thus the German defeat is most apparent. To such a peace offensive the Entente remains firmly opposing it with the common programme, the intangibility of which is not to be influenced.

## A GOOD SUGGESTION.

Try Chamberlain's Tablets when bilious or constipated. You are certain to be much pleased with them. They are easy to take and pleasant in effect. For sale by the British Dispensary.

## Fine Speech by M. Clemenceau.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Sept. 19. The Senate resumed its sittings yesterday. M. Clemenceau made a speech the publication of which was voted unanimously. He glorified the heroism of our soldiers and drew a striking picture of the savagery of Germany in reducing to slavery the inhabitants of invaded districts, and in the destruction of towns and villages. He added that all these acts must be repaired.

He concluded amidst applause by saying that between crime and right there could be no compromise.

## Franco-Serbian Operations.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Sept. 19. In the east we have taken Gradaz, nika and Stolina.

## The Czecho-Slovaks.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Sept. 19. The Czecho-Slovaks have taken Perm. [Perm is a Russian city and capital of a government of the same name. It stands on the great highway to Siberia and is 1130 miles N. E. of Moscow. It is a busy trading town and possesses extensive munition works.]

## General Wire News.

London, Sept. 15.—The Air Ministry announces that in conjunction with the American attack, we on the night of the 12th heavily bombed the railways at Metz Sablon and Courcelles with good results. We machine gunned Metz Sablon and search-lights, and bombed Metz Sablon and other railway junctions and transport on Sept. 13, dropping 74 tons of bombs with good results. We destroyed one hostile machine. Two British machines are missing.

London, Sept. 14.—The Air Ministry states: Despite the wind, we bombed the railway at Courcelles, directly hitting the track. We also bombed the village of Verno and the railway west thereof, with good results.

Paris, Sept. 12.—Germany accepts the proposal of Spain, claiming compensation for damages inflicted by submarines. For every unredacted Spanish ship, Spain will claim the possession of equivalent German tonnage.

The same political result in the same case has been obtained by Holland.

Paris, Sept. 15.—A submarine has shelled and torpedoed another Spanish steamer off the Canaries.

London, Sept. 15.—French Eastern communiqué: There was lively artillery and patrol activity at numerous points. The enemy west of the Vardar, after a violent bombardment, attacked the new British positions but was repulsed with heavy losses, leaving prisoners.

London, Sept. 15.—The Gazette announces that the Victoria Cross has been awarded to Lieutenant Harold Austen, R.N.R., for unstated services in action with an enemy submarine.

London, Sept. 15.—Silver is steady. Montagu's report says that again there is nothing fresh to report. The tone of the market remains firm at the maximum price. The British trade demand is fairly large but not being considered unreasonable is met at 49½d. The official Shanghai exchange did not vary during the week and remains at 5s.

Washington, Sept. 15.—President Wilson announces that the War Industries Board committee will recommend basic prices for standard grades of raw cotton only if investigation convinces it that fixing prices is necessary.

London, Sept. 14.—The decrease in exports for August was £6,281,478, the increase in imports £9,577,523, compared with last year.

Amsterdam, Sept. 14.—An Entente loan in Holland is imminent as part of the general agreement being negotiated in which arrangements for an improved Dutch food supply predominate. Handelsblat states that Great Britain is mainly concerned in the reported loan and will arrange 200 million guilders on six per cent. Treasury Bills.

Amsterdam, Sept. 14.—Forty were killed and over a hundred injured near Wasp, owing to a train falling down the steep side of an embankment which collapsed, presumably owing to the recent heavy rains.

London, Sept. 13.—The death is announced of Sir Samuel Evans, the well-known Admiralty and Divorce Court Judge.

London, Sept. 15.—Obituary: Field Marshal Lord Nicholson.

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Paris, Sept. 17.

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## The Peace Offensive.

The Austro-German Note proposing a peace talk has been scorned by the Allies. It is regarded as a clumsy trick to gain time for the Central Empires to reorganise their exhausted armies. It is also believed that the Note was issued in the hope of stirring up discord among the Entente nations.

Official circles in Washington have issued a warning that there must be no losing time in discussing proposals but that we must strike harder.

Mr. Balfour replied that there are no misunderstandings to clear up. The cynical proposal is an attempt to divide the Allied nations, and the launching of the peace offensive was anticipated now that the German armies are in retreat.

The offer of peace to Belgium by Germany was a piece of hypocrisy, there being no suggestion of reparation. Belgium was to become neutral immediately only for the safeguarding of the Rhine tower. But Belgium is not to be influenced by the German dodge.

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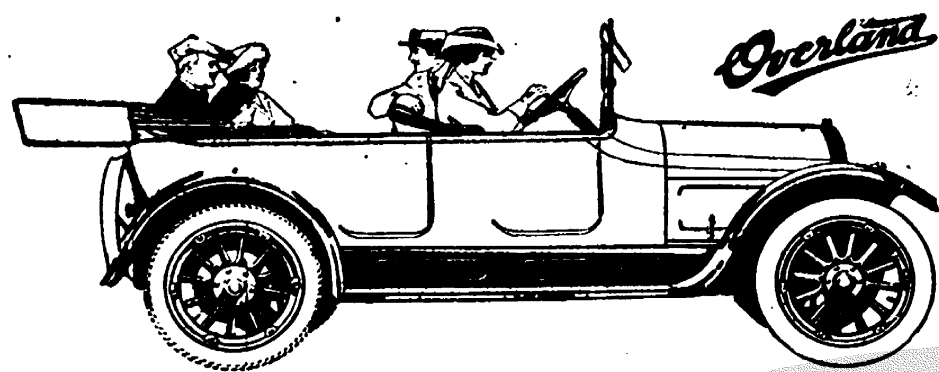
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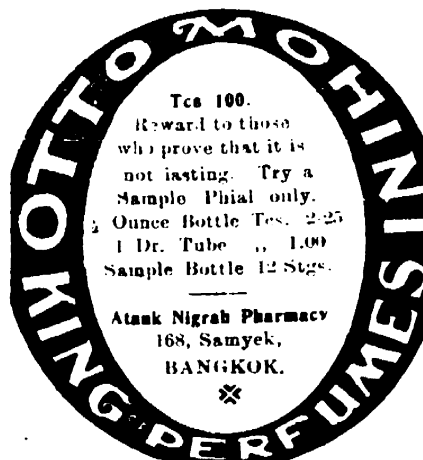
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### Germany and Peace.

#### Statement of Terms.

Amsterdam, Sept. 15.—Herr Erzberger, interviewed by Azeet, spoke optimistically of an early peace. He dwelt on the converted views of a large section of the pro-war party. As an example of the fact he said that the pawn theory recently enunciated with regard to Belgium was no longer a leading political thought. He asserted that the unreserved return of Belgium was a natural pre-requisite of peace and contended that Bolshevism would break out throughout the world if the war lasted much longer. He favoured the idea of a league of nations and disarmament after the war.

Amsterdam, Sept. 13.—The German Vice-Chancellor, von Payer, in a speech at Stuttgart, dwelt on the depression in Germany, which he attributed not to the reverses in the west but to the prospect of a fifth war winter with fantastic increases of State debts. He admitted that the co-operation of American troops had imposed a heavy burden on Germany and subordination had not worked so quickly nor surely as was calculated, but he claimed that all the belligerents were equally weary of the war. The question was which side would collapse soonest. It was undeniable that defeat and losses seemed only to increase the power of resistance of their enemies. He concluded by saying, "Were we sure that no other State would be in a better position as regards Belgium than we, I believe I can say that Belgium could be restored without danger and without restriction."

#### Poland-Finland Belgium

Amsterdam, Sept. 14.—Speaking at Stuttgart, Vice-Chancellor Von Payer outlined the German peace terms. He declared that Germany could not hand over Poland again to Russia nor assist in placing Finland again under the Russian yoke. Germany could not allow the States on the German frontier and the Baltic to be again subjected, against their will, to Russian Tsarism, or thrown into civil war and anarchy. Germany would not submit to the Entente her peace treaties with the Ukraine, Russia or Rumania. Apart from this, the territorial possessions existing before the war could everywhere be restored. A preliminary condition for Germany and her Allies was the restoration of all territory that they possessed on Aug. 1, 1914. Germany must therefore firstly receive back her Colonies, about which the idea of exchange on the grounds of expediency need not be excluded. Germany as soon as peace was concluded, could evacuate the occupied regions; and he could restore Belgium. If Germany and her Allies again possessed what belonged to them, and if Germany was sure that in Belgium no other State would be more favourably placed than she, then Belgium could be restored without encumbrance and without reserve.

#### Indemnity Idea Dropped.

He said that Germany was deeply convinced that as an innocent and attacked party she was entitled to indemnification, but the prosecution of the war to that end would cost her such heavy sacrifices, irreparable by money, that she preferred, on calm reflection, despite her favourable military situation, to abandon this idea, quite apart from the fact that the forcible urging of compensation would inevitably jeopardise future peace.

He declared that Germany was ready to collaborate as regards the league of nations, arbitration and disarmament on the basis of complete reciprocity, applied not merely to armies but to navies. Germany demanded freedom but the navies of the seas and the sea routes. Also the open door in all overseas possessions and protection of private property at sea.

"We laugh at the idea that we should penitently ask for mercy ere we are admitted to peace negotiations. We laugh at the fools who babble of revenge. Peace by understanding will bring nothing humiliating for us, nor a period of misery and wretchedness."

"It would be an illusion to calculate on the will to peace in those circles among our enemies which are responsible for the opening and continuation of hostilities. They cannot admit to their countrymen that their aims are unattainable, their sacrifices in vain, but others among those peoples will think differently. Moreover, those others will prevail sooner or later. Until then there remains for us nothing but to defend our lines."

Referring to the Prussian suffrage bill, he declared that the confidence of the people not merely in the Prussian but also in the Imperial Government more or less depended upon the decision of this question. Further postponement of a decision was not permissible, however seriously dissolution and new elections in war time might be regarded. Moreover, he believed that the Prussian Government had already decided upon dissolution if the upper house did not agree upon equal suffrage.

#### "Blow to Stout-heartedness."

Amsterdam, Sept. 15.—Commenting on the speech of Von Payer, Vossische Zeitung says that it is a tacit introduction.



tion to the forthcoming inter party conference.

The Berliner Tageblatt says that it is the first time that the Government has uttered an unmistakable domestic programme capable of clearing up the situation.

The Deutsche Tages Zeitung says that the speech is bound to be a blow to Germany's stoutheartedness, especially the passages about peace indemnities.

#### A Few Reasons.

Amsterdam, Sept. 12.—The Telegraf states that during the confusion of the retreat hundreds of German soldiers escaped and now wandering in Belgium hiding in the woods. Numbers have reached the frontier.

London, Sept. 15.—B-uter's correspondent at British headquarters says: Prisoners admit that disaffection and indiscipline are growing alarmingly in the German army, and desertions are increasing.

A battalion of the Forty-sixth Infantry regiment, which gained the name of Lions of Cambrai, broke during our advance recently across Sambre and fled to Nesle, where they indulged in looting, after which the remnants straggled away.

Amsterdam, Sept. 15.—The Rheinischer Westfaelische-Zeitung states that the Independent Socialists have introduced a motion for a meeting of the Berlin city council, requesting the initiation of peace discussions owing to "the daily increasing distress of the Berlin population consequent on malnutrition, the reduction of the people's entire standard of living and the increasing criminality and death rate."

New York, Sept. 12.—There were unprecedented scenes of patriotism through out America to-day when the thirteenth million of Americans was enrolled for war service under the new law, raising the total enrolment of men from 18 to 47 to 23½ millions.

London, Sept. 13.—Mr. Gorge's "terrible indictment" of the German treatment of natives in South West Africa is generally commented on.

The Daily Chronicle says that whatever the future of other German Colonies may be, it is impossible that South West Africa can be restored to Germany.

The Daily Graphic says that after such an exposure the return of any Colonies to Germany would make the Allies partners in her unspeakable crimes.

The Daily Telegraph says that whatever ex German Colonies may be re-

turned after the war, South West Africa will assuredly not.

The Morning Post says that after this horrifying blow the Allies cannot under any circumstances willingly assent to the return of the African Colonies.

The Times says that knowing the Germans as we do now, we could not restore any natives to their tender mercies without becoming deliberate accomplices in their crimes.

#### Lead Pencils in India.

Madras, Aug. 29.—A press communiqué announces that Government have decided that the experiments made by the department of industries for the last three years in the manufacture of pencils have reached a stage at which the industry should be made over to private enterprise. The accounts for seven months from 1st September, 1917, show the factory made a profit of Rs. 5,871, representing over twenty per cent on the assumed capital. Government considers a private firm would increase the output, reduce costs and increase the profits. The difficulties of making satisfactory pencil leads having been solved, Government believe they can safely retire and tenders are invited from private firms and individuals to take over the factory as a going concern.

#### German Mystery Trains.

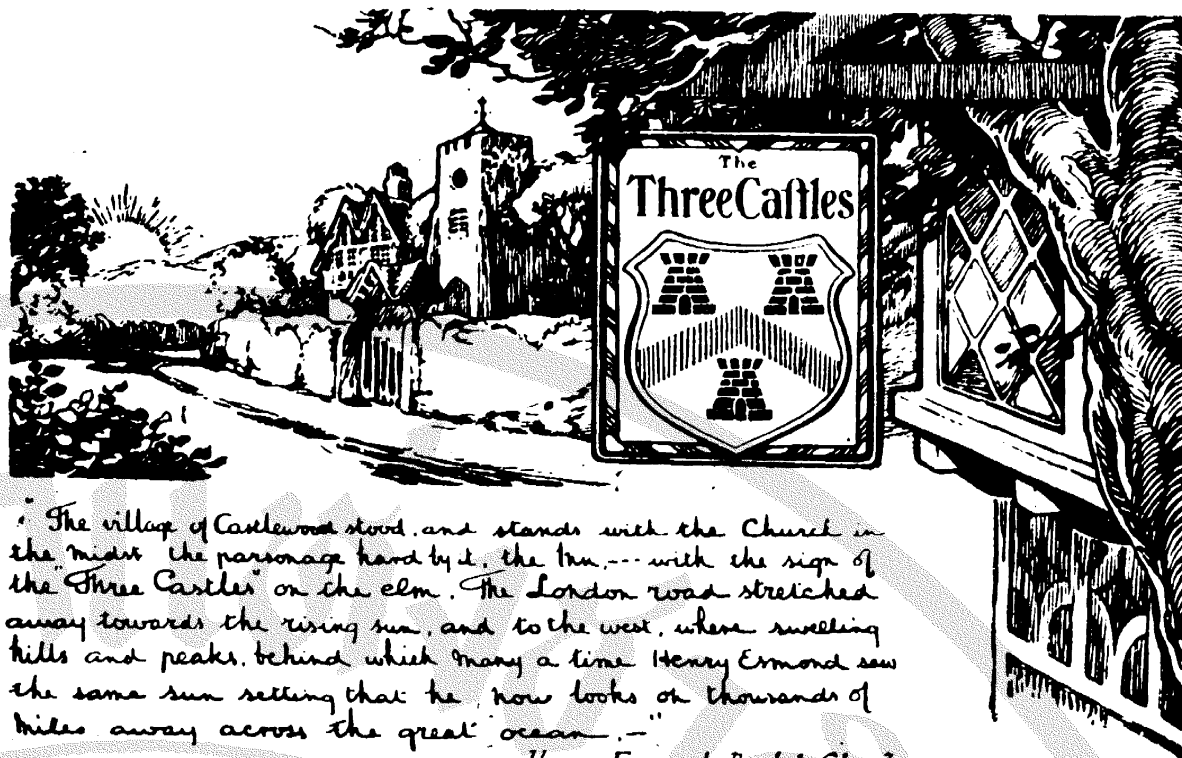
Amsterdam.—According to the Roermond correspondent of the Telegraf four German trains have been passing through the province of Limburg daily since Monday, namely, two from Germany and two returning from Belgium. The trains coming from Germany have hitherto been loaded exclusively with planks and round and square beams of timber.

Besides the ordinary Dutch train personnel, the trains are accompanied by two Customs officers and two assistant military Customs officers, as well as by a German station assistant in uniform. Whilst the trains from Germany consist of open trucks the returning trains, which hitherto were always quite empty, consisted of closed trucks. The trains were composed of as many as fifty trucks.

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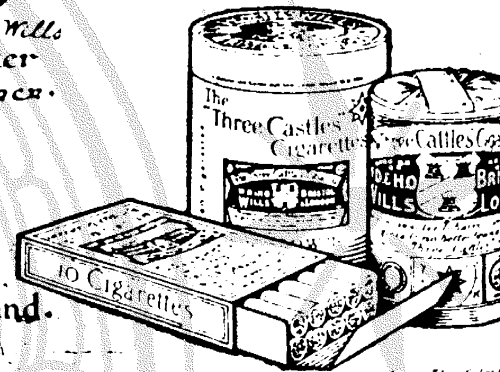
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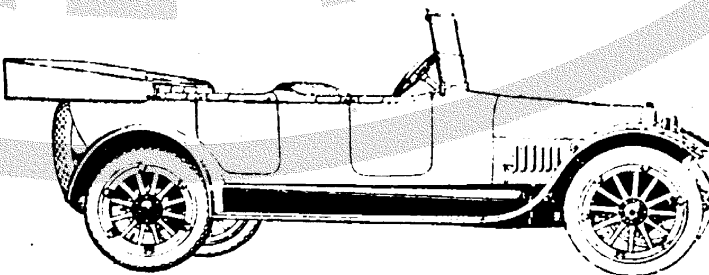
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### What Kaiserism Means.

For many reasons a democracy is less likely to make war than an autocracy, writes Mr. R. P. P. Howe. One of them is especially obvious. An autocrat has a single will, a democracy many wills. The opinions of the many must necessarily be divided particularly in a great emergency but the opinion of a Kaiser is single and indivisible. It may be argued that the divided opinions of a democracy make for weakness in action. This is to some extent true, but it is still more true that they tend to check hasty and violent action. When all is said and done, autocracy is far more potent for evil than for good. A Kaiser may have worthy ideals and act up to them, but a Kaiser with those ideals has a power which is an ever-present danger to the nation that the rules and to the world. Inevitably he will be disposed to seek his own aggrandisement often persuading himself that he desires only his country's greatness. Aggrandisement of some sort is the natural aim of Kaiserism: for no hunger other than ambition is left to the autocrat. His daily bread, his wealth and position are already assured. And it is not the Kaiser who pays the immediate price of his ambition. If he goes to war and wins, he earns credit and increased power; but, whether he wins or loses, his people pay the bill in blood and money. The Prussian Kaisers have been typical of the autocratic ruler, with his commonest merit, and his commonest faults. They have endeavoured to govern their subjects well but have only used the Prussian people as a means to an end. Aggrandisement has been their daily bread: they have had no hunger but ambition. Prussia has been efficiently, though autocratically, governed, but in the world of nations she has been merely an instrument to serve the purpose of her rulers. That purpose has been Empire. In the past Prussia has successively conquered Austria and France (and thereby Germany) and won European Empire for her Kaiser. In the present war Germany—a greater weapon in the Kaiser's hand—has hitherto completely subjugated her own allies. Austria, Bulgaria, and Turkey have been her conquests. And now, unless her career of robbery is checked, Russia and the Scandinavian countries are likely to be drawn under her sway.

#### Kaiser's Ambition.

With the greater part of Europe under her control—a still greater weapon in the Kaiser's hand—ambition, grown by what it has fed on, will look to wider fields of conquests. Pan-Germans make no secret of their ultimate purpose. World-wide Empire, and especially the possession of England's over-sea dominions, is what they seek.

It may be argued that the arch enemy is not so much Kaiserism as Pan-Germanism; but, though it is true that the steam in the engine is supplied by the Prussian oligarchy the engine itself is the Kaiser and the system which he represents. It is the system which is potent for evil: without it the Pan-Germans would be as powerless as steam in the open air. Their big words would in every sense be empty breath. There is another aspect of the problem which shows clearly the inherent evil of Kaiserism.

It is essentially a denial of self-government. Yet it is as natural in a grown-up state that the people should govern themselves as that a boy grown into a man should escape the controls of childhood. If a man were to live all his life in the leading strings of a child, he would remain a child. His powers of decision, his capacity for accepting responsibility and regulating his own affairs, would atrophy. Just so, a people that has never known freedom is incapable of using freedom. Russia provides an example, and the peoples that Germany proposes to subjugate will inevitably lose the power of self-rule if they are deprived for generations of its exercise.

#### An Evil Thing.

Kaiserism, therefore, is an ever-present threat to the peace of the world, to freedom, and incidentally to the natural growth of man's capacities. In the evolution of mankind it is essentially out-of-date. If it were not that we see it vital before our eyes, we

should find it difficult to believe in its existence. Yet it is so dangerously alive that there is no choice before any of us but to accept its authority or to destroy it as an evil thing. It is literally true that unless Kaiserism is destroyed root and branch it will grow till all the world is under its shadow. An unhealthy conversation of power, inspired necessarily by unhealthy motives, is what it means. It promotes war and kills freedom. Even when it desires good, it does not tend to good; for as a system it is harmful and produces evil from causes which are of its essence and from which there is no escape. Powerful influences support it because by the use of Kaiserism they prosper. It profits the few and ruins the many. The better part of humanity is purposed to make an end of it, but this will be no light task. Between the rule of Prussia, of which the Kaiser is the hand and means, and the liberty of mankind it is war to the death. Not both can survive.

### The Situation in Siberia.

Vladivostok, Aug. 15.—Yesterday the first contingent of American troops docked at mid-afternoon, seven and a half days out of Manila, after an uneventful voyage. In excellent spirits the men crowded the rails and filled the rigging, cheering, and received the cheers of the Allied war-ships. The crowd on the docks appeared amazed at the vociferous entry of the Americans, contrasting to that of the less demonstrative Allies. The Czechs on the docks returned the greeting in equal measure.

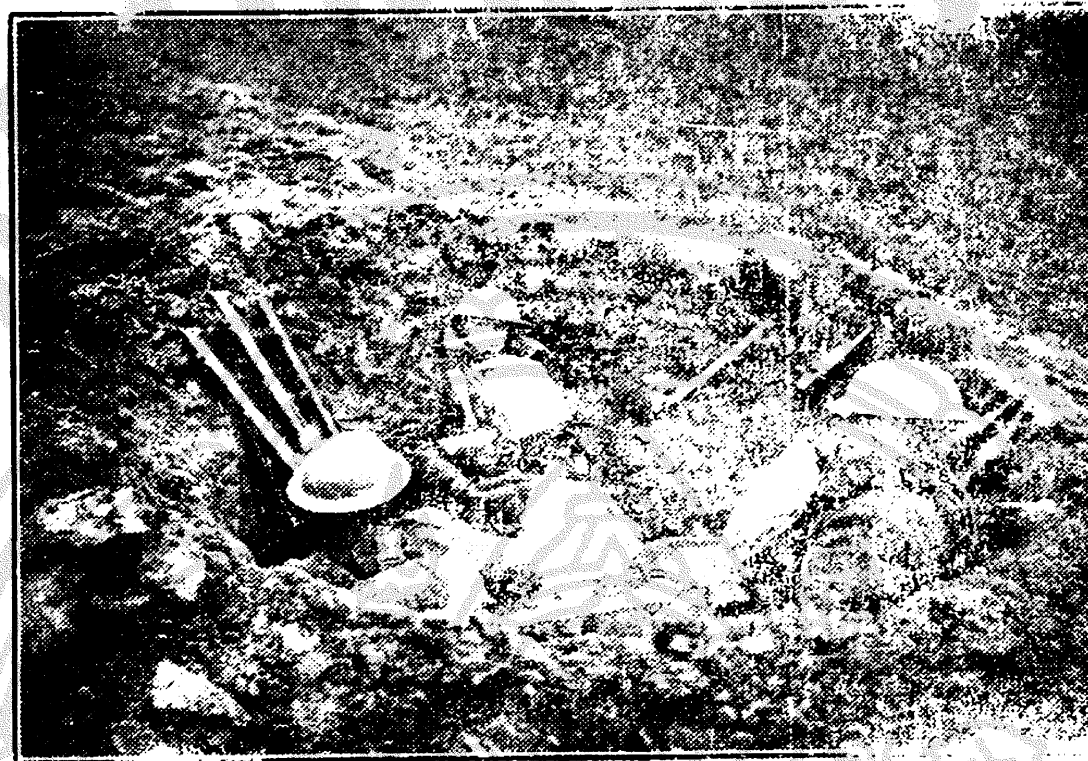
A launch from the U. S. S. Brooklyn picked up the transport early in the morning outside, where it lay fog-bound for five hours.

The men remain aboard the transport to-night and are waiting the arrival of two other transports which are due to-morrow after which it is proposed to hold a general parade.

The Japanese contingents have arrived at Nikol'sk and are proceeding to the Ussuri front.

#### Speedy Allied Help Needed.

Vladivostok, Aug. 14.—General Diedrichs to-day submitted to the representatives of the Allies a memorandum setting forth the urgency of speedier assistance on a large scale in order to advance to Irkutsk, pointing out that if the Allied forces did not reach Irkutsk within six weeks it will be tantamount to the loss of all the Czech-Slovaks in West Siberia and will leave Russia entirely at the mercy of the Germans.



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