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DEPTH OF WATER ON THE
BANGKOK BAR.
FOR NOVEMBER 1917.

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

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

Nov. 6th (Last Quarter) 11 h 46 a.m.
.. 15th New Moon 1 h 11 a.m.
.. 23rd First Quarter 5 h 11 a.m.
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Palestine Push.

How the British Took Beersheba.

London, Nov. 5.—Reuter's corre-
spondent at Egyptian Headquarters,
writing on Nov. 1, says that the vil-
lage which has hidden operations on the
Palestine front has partially lifted and
revealed that the Turk received a blow
in the capture of Beersheba which
considerably wounded him. The achieve-
ment necessitated weeks and months
of unremitting toil, preparing for the
coup. As a consequence the result has
been attained with an almost machine
like precision. The ominous quiescence
preserved on the battle front was
broken five days ago by the guns
vigorously striking the Turkish lines.
The weight and extent of the first
transcended anything experienced
hitherto in the Near East. Simultane-
ously the first welcome rain and
thunderstorm of the winter season oc-
curred, helping to harden the surface
and facilitating the movements of the
men.

Feeling the Defences

Our fire was most intense toward
the northern extremity about Gaza, and
there was nothing to show that a blow
was about to fall at the other extremity,
thirty miles distant. Nevertheless, the
Turks were suspicious, and recon-
noitred around Beersheba, claiming
success therefore. The truth is that the
British mounted troops held up the
Turks, inflicting heavy casualties, and
enabling the infantry to advance, com-
pelling an enemy retirement in igno-
rance of our dispositions.

Meanwhile, frequent reconnaissances
and aerial photographs familiarised the
command with the nature of the
ground, which around Beersheba
gently undulates, and is traversed from
north to south by deep wadis, the
town lying in a depression along the
banks of Wady Sabab.

The enemy defences extended north
and west and south, three to five miles
from Beersheba, constituting a some-
what isolated advance post guarding
the Turkish extreme left. The posi-
tion was of great natural strength,
the enemy believing it to be impregnable.
It was well provided with guns and
machine-guns and garrisoned by two
complete regiments, with other detach-
ments of infantry and a brigade of
cavalry.

Turks' Unpleasant Surprise.

The attack was a complete surprise.
The enemy was cornered and prac-
tically wiped out almost before the
news of his plight reached the enemy
headquarters.

All arms participated, but the lion's
share fell to the cavalry, who marched
fifty miles, chiefly at night time, in
order to outflank the enemy.

The Anzac mounted troops took the
outer circuit, and the Yeomanry effect-
ed a junction with the infantry. The
advance began at night fall, and suc-
ceeded completely, outflanking the
enemy. The Anzacs met the first op-
position ten miles south east of Beer-

sheba, and later were held up by a
force which doubt at Beersheba defend-
ing the eastern approach to the town.
While the light here was progressing,
the Light Horse captured a position a
little to the east across the Wady, out-
flanking themselves on the road to
Hebron and cutting off escape in that
direction. Beersheba fell two hours
later, but a strong force, with guns
and machine-guns, was holding out on
the Wady, barring the approach to the
town.

Anzac Mounted Men's Charge.

Mounted Anzac reinforcements there
upon brilliantly attacked at sunset.
They charged strong positions on the
crumbling banks of the dry Wady by
the pale light of the moon, on horse-
back, and used fixed bayonets as
lances. They literally swept over the
position and carried the town with a
rush.

Meanwhile, west of Beersheba, where
the defences were very strong, being
aided by great natural advantages, the
infantry, after barely an hour's arti-
lery preparation, rushed the first line.
The Londoners captured hill 1070, a
strong redoubt. The bombardment
wiped out the majority of the enemy
machine-guns, although it failed to
obliterate the wiring. Nevertheless the
infantry, who were in the keenest
spirits, tore down the barbed wire
with their hands. Subsequently the
main position was attacked at mid-
day, and was captured in twenty-five
minutes.

Final Blow at Sunset.

Towards the left, among the hills
north-west of Beersheba, the Turks
continued to oppose, but a combined
movement drove them headlong at
sunset.

An instance of the gallantry shown
was that of a Lewis gun detachment
charging a field battery, driving out
the Turks and capturing the guns.

A most satisfactory feature is the
smallness of the casualties, which did
not attain the sum total of our pri-
soners. We entered Beersheba in the
morning.

A feature of the whole operation was
the remarkable staff work, enabling
all movements to dovetail with such
exactitude as to be timed with such
precision.

Cairo, Nov. 4.—H. H. the Sultan and
General Maude have warmly congrat-
ulated General Allenby on the brilliant
capture of Beersheba. General Allenby
replied to General Maude: "I hope
our efforts will assist yours, and that
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Passchendaele Taken.**Progress of Latest Battle of Flanders.**

London, Nov. 6.—Field Marshal Haig reports: We attacked at six o'clock this morning against positions in the neighbourhood of Passchendaele. Our troops are reported to be satisfactorily progressing.

The Lincolnshires yesterday evening raided in the neighbourhood of Hulluch.

London, Nov. 6.—Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters says: After an interval of just a week the eighth battle of the Flanders autumn campaign began at six this morning. The greatest intensity of the fighting was in the neighbourhood of Passchendaele and about the Ypres-Menin road. The weather, although threatening, remained dry until well after sun up, when a light, intermittent drizzle caused visibility to become poor. On the Canadian front the ground was not bad, and the assembly was carried out with no particular difficulty. The night had been exceptionally quiet. There was a preliminary bombardment of shorter duration than usual, but of terrific intensity.

Moving up the Batteries.

Thanks to the untiring devotion and strenuous work of the road makers, practically the whole of the mobile batteries had been moved forward into more effective positions. The Germans replied to our barrage by shelling our field-guns rather heavily, but this died down at 7.30. According to reports hitherto received, which are subject to confirmation, the battle is proceeding quite satisfactorily. At 7.50 one of our aeroplanes reported that it could see some Canadians about 100 yards beyond Passchendaele. Airmen could also see them deploying along the ridge to Messelmarkt.

Our guns are searching the zone west of Moorslaede, where large enemy concentrations are distributed in shell-holes and pill-boxes. A large number of our aeroplanes are frequently swooping and attacking.

Hindenberg Gets Anxious.

An enemy map captured by the Anzacs on the night of Oct. 29 showed an ambitious scheme for the recapture of Crest farm and territory considerably beyond. The information gained enabled us to beat off the effort with very heavy enemy losses. We are manifestly working our way well along the dominant Goudberg ridge, between Passchendaele and Westroosebeek. A captured order, said to be

signed by Hindenberg, directs that should Passchendaele be captured it must be recovered at all costs.

London, Nov. 7.—Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters says: Success signals have been soaring skywards with gratifying frequency during the early forenoon. We have been fighting through Passchendaele and beyond but details of the situation thereabouts are not yet elucidated. The Canadians were digging in at some points east of Passchendaele during the morning. This was several times reported, but the enemy were massing heavily for a counter-attack and at midday an intense barrage opened along the section which the enemy presumed to be the line of our new front.

A Wonderful Barrage.

We reached the final objective in large numbers, with our guns well forward, and therefore in a good position for supporting the infantry. The walking wounded are in high spirits over the day's achievement. They say that our barrage was wonderful—the best ever seen—and the fowness of prisoners is due to the Germans not staying to fight at close quarters. It may therefore be expected that we have collected a respectable number of machine-guns.

The prisoners are mostly of a better type than usual, well nourished and well clad, indicating that the Huns are using picked troops in the endeavour to arrest our encroachments into the key line of western Belgium.

There was a lot of firing from Passchendaele Church, which the artillery and infantry eventually silenced. We encountered in the centre of Messelmarkt a large concrete redoubt, our men after a lot of trouble having to surround it in order to reduce it. The Germans have been so heavily shelling this village that there is some doubt at present whether we have been able to remain there.

An Important Victory.

Measured in terms of territory, the operations has been relatively small, but the strategic value of our gains, if held, is very high, because we are now at the summit of the little bit of the ridge system remaining in German hands, with direct observation of the enemy everywhere for miles around.

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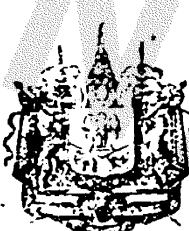
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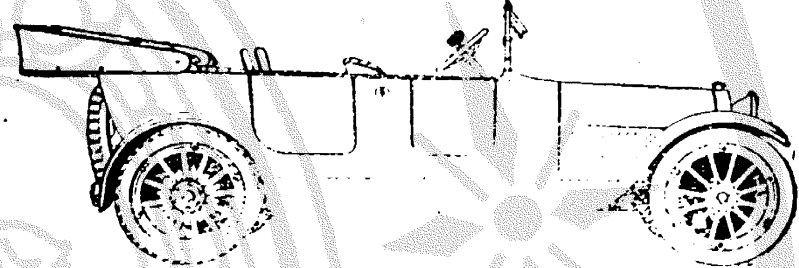
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t. f. n.



Notification by the Liquidator of the business of Enemy Subjects.

By a Notification of the Minister of Finance dated the 9th day of November, B.E. 2460, the business of Behn Meyer and Co., Ltd. carried on at Bush Lane, Bangkok, under the name of Engler and Menzi, was ordered to be attached and wound up, and undersigned liquidator appointed liquidator thereof.

Notice is hereby given that all persons who are creditors or debtors, or otherwise interested in any manner in the above-mentioned business, must present written claims or demands or pay their debts to the Liquidator at the Sheriff's Department, Ministry of Justice, within one month from the date of this Notification. If this provision is not complied with, the Liquidator will not accept responsibility for any loss occasioned thereby.

Dated, 9th November, B.E. 2460.
(Signed) Pra Karani Sri Samruat.
Liquidator.
9-16



Notification of the Minister of Finance appointing a Liquidator for winding up an Enemy Business under the Law Forbidding Trade with the Subjects of Enemy Countries.

Whereas the business of Behn Meyer and Co., Ltd. carried on at Bush Lane, Bangkok, under the name of Engler and Menzi, appears to be carried on wholly or mainly for the benefit of and under the control of persons of enemy nationality.

Therefore the said business is, in pursuance of Article 8 of the Law Forbidding Trade with the Subjects of Enemy Countries, ordered to be attached and wound up, and Pra Karani Sri Samruat is appointed liquidator thereof.

Notification issued on the 9th day of November, B.E. 2460.

(Signed) Kitiyakara.
Minister of Finance.
9-16

Notice.

Re tender for the extension & repair of Post and Telegraph Office No. 2.

As the period for submission of tenders is rather limited, the Post and Telegraph Department has decided to extend the time to 30th. November 1917 at 1 p.m.

DIRECTOR GENERAL
OF POSTS & TELEGRAPHS.
9-14

Notice.

Consignees are hereby notified that goods ex our m.s. "Selandia" from Copenhagen, Christiania, Gothenburg, San Francisco, Yokohama, Kobe, and Shanghai have partly arrived per s.s. "Belang" on the 12.11.17 and have been landed at our wharves at the risk, expense and responsibility of consignees.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1917.

AMERICA'S FOOD SUPPLIES.

Yesterday's and to-day's wires regarding the state of affairs in Italy are more reassuring than any received for some time. With the retreat definitely brought to a close, a keener spirit being manifested in the army and the establishment of a military council to secure the full benefits of the Allied co-operation with the Italian forces we may expect to see the Austro-German army before long departing to the place from whence it came. One effect of the enemy's onslaught on Italy has been to accelerate the preparations made by America to take a more formidable part in the war. It has caused the extension and quickening of the ship-building programme and this alone will be of incalculable benefit for it will act as an off-set against the submarine campaign. The additional tonnage will not only be used to transport men and munitions across the Atlantic but will bring cargoes of those all-important foodstuffs without which the soldiers, munition-workers and civilians must suffer hardships. A Washington journal has a most inspiring article on the food question. It declares that there is enough food in sight in America to win the war. All the crops are ripe for harvest and promise the biggest yield ever recorded in the annals of the country. Official figures published by the Department of Agriculture show that a harvest of over three thousand million bushels of corn may be expected and nearly five hundred million bushels of potatoes. Both of these crops are high above the average and the same may be said of other crops except wheat in which the increase is not so strongly marked. The inhabitants of the United States have entered into the war with the spirit of thoroughness that is characteristic of the nation. On the very day that war was declared an army of six million American farmers was mobilised. Cotton planters have reduced the average under cotton and devoted the land to the growing of cereals; timber lands have been planted up and systematic cultivation has been inaugurated all over the country. The holders of small plots of land have joined with the owners of huge farms in "doing their bit" for a back-yard and vacant lot garden movement has had such splendid results as to exceed the most sanguine expectations. A food conservation campaign has met with astonishing success and the supply of tinned fruits and vegetables is at least five times larger than ever known before. For the success of this movement girls' clubs are large responsible as over eighty million quarts of fruit and vegetables have been canned by members of these clubs alone. The military value of this effort of the United States to provide herself and her Allies with food for the coming winter cannot be judged too highly and will prove a factor that will have a far-reaching effect on the future course of the war.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

TO-DAY is the great Hindu festival of Deepavali. Many of the Indian Stores are decorated in consequence.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that both the Krat and Paknam Polines are in imperfect working order. Other Lines are all available.

THE s.s. *Katong* will leave from the Borneo Company's Wharf at 5 p.m. sharp, on Friday the 16th inst., and should arrive in Singapore on Tuesday daylight.

GERMANS have entirely demolished Cockerill factories and those at Ongree, Maribaye, and have arranged for the destruction of all other Belgian factories, great and small.

THE s.s. *Katong* landed 12 bags of mail and several passengers this morning. Among the arrivals are the new American Minister (Dr. Igo-roll) and family, and Mr. A. J. Ford, manager of Whiteaway, Laidlaw and Co. Ltd.

USHERMEN returning to Cadiz (Spain) report that a Japanese destroyer surprised a German submarine in the act of sinking a barque loaded with onions. The destroyer opened fire upon the submarine, which was struck and sank immediately.

LATEST Advice.—Borneo Co., Ltd. have a new notice to consignees. A Grand Benefit performance in aid of the Flood Relief Fund will be given at the Pathanlat Hall to-night. The new programme of the Pathanlat appears in our advertisement columns. Benjamin A. Pereira advertises auctions of the property of several enemy subjects.

New York advices state that the Special Commissioner, Mr. Thomas H. Wilcox, has filed with Judge Waddill, of the Federal Court in Norfolk, his report in the Appam case fixing 447,000 dol. as the amount of damages due to the owners of the vessel by reason of her capture by a German raider and her detention by the German prize crew in a neutral port. In addition, 7,039 dol. received from the sale of part of the Appam's cargo, is recommended to be paid over to Captain Henry G. Harrison, the master of the liner.

A REVISION of the customs law of the Philippine Islands in such a manner that an additional P2,000,000 in duties will be collected during a normal year, is recommended by Dr. Bernard Herstein, formerly of the board of public utility commissioners. Since his departure from the islands he has been studying the customs question. The matter will require action by the local legislature as well as final approval by the president of the United States, and a special meeting of the senate committee of finance has been called to consider it.

THE "Frankfurter Zeitung's" criticisms of Count Luxburg—and they are typical of the German Press—are very significant. In recommending by cable that Argentine ships should be sunk "spürlos versenkt," the Count is described as "negligent," "clumsy," "incautious," "lacking in common sense"; while the incident is spoken of as "annoying" and "not to be taken too tragically." Not a hint anywhere that murder and lying and treachery are not the proper and accepted treatment for an innocent neutral. It could not be put more plainly that Count Luxburg's offence consists in being found out.

APPROPOS the Selangor War Loan Lottery, first prize in which has been won by a Hylam employed at a coffee-shop in Petaling Street, Kuala Lumpur, it may be of interest to recall the fact that in 1901, when what was known as the Convent Lottery was organised in Kuala Lumpur, the first prize of the value of \$20,000, went to a Hylam coffee-shop keeper in Campbell Street, Penang. The name of the lucky Hylam coffee-shop employee who won the first prize in the Selangor Lottery is Heng Ah Soon. He has two brothers in or near Ipoh, and an aged father in China. He states that he intends investing half of his winning in buying a rubber estate. He also intends helping his brothers financially, and the remainder of his money he is going to remit to China to benefit his father. (M.M.)

Two Big Races.

Cambridgeshire and Melbourne Cup.

London, Nov. 7.—The placed horses in the Cambridgeshire are:—

(1) Brown Prince 100 to 6.

(2) Planet 100 to 7.

(3) Grand Fleet 20 to 1.

Fourteen ran. Won by three lengths, with two lengths between second and third.

London, Nov. 7.—The placed horses in the Melbourne Cup were:—

(1) Westcourt 5 to 1.

(2) Lingle.

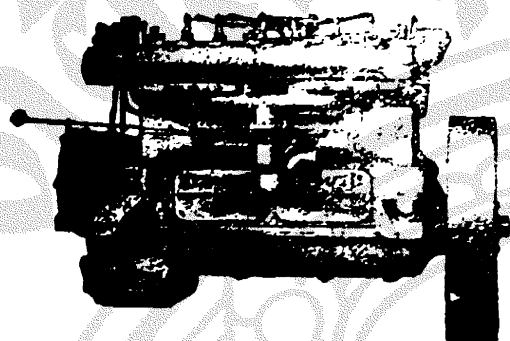
(3) Wallace Isinglass.

Twenty ran. Won by half a head, with two lengths between second and third.

Washington, Nov. 6.—The State Department announces that Japan and the United States have reached a complete agreement regarding China and also a clear understanding regarding the military, naval and economic co-operation in the war against Germany.

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Talk About Peace.

Mr. Balfour's Reply to the Pacifists.

London, Nov. 7.—In the House of Commons, replying to a resolution moved by Mr. Lees Smith urging that if the independence and restoration of Belgium and the evacuation of other occupied territories are satisfactorily guaranteed, peace should be negotiated on the basis of an equitable solution of the problem of Alsace-Lorraine, and effective international machinery for the avoidance of wars, Mr. Balfour deprecated a discussion of this nature. He said that the trend of the arguments was that Britain was being kept at war in order to restore Alsace-Lorraine to France. This was a complete misapprehension of the views of the Government and the country.

The pacifists apparently desired that the war should continue till every country was democratised, yet Mr. Ramsay MacDonald quoted German Socialists as saying that nothing could unite Germany more against their present enemies than the idea that they intended to force upon Germany a form of government which their enemies admired. It was impossible for one country to dictate to another under what form of government that country should live.

A Maresnest Destroyed.

It had been said that the Allies were bound by a secret treaty to hand over to France or some independent community part of Germany on the left bank of the Rhine. This was a complete maresnest. There was no such treaty, and such had never been the object of the Allies. The suggestion was absolutely antagonistic to the proclaimed war-aims of freeing the small nationalities and making the constitution of the States of Europe as far as possible harmonious with the wishes of the inhabitants. We desired the restitution of Alsace-Lorraine, but we were not fighting for that alone. We were fighting, firstly, to free Europe from the perpetual menace of the German military party. Partly for that reason, and partly on its own merit, we desired that Europe should be rearranged, enabling the historical development of cultural necessities.

It was not Europe alone that had to be considered. He asked if the pacifists cared nothing for the misgovernment and most barbarous cruelty in Armenia and Arabia. The pacifists talked of democratisation, but that was not applicable to every form of human community. For example, they could democratised Turkey.

Concerning War-Aims.

The pacifists believed that these matters could be settled by bringing the Powers to talk together round a table. Was it supposed that Germany would ever restore the ancient kingdom of Poland, even the part which was completely Polish in the character of its population?

It was the Central Powers who had not declared their war-aims, despite President Wilson's explicit invitation when the United States was still neutral. The tenor of the Central Powers' reply to the Papal Note conclusively proved their inability or unwillingness to state their war aims. The Pope's Note distinctly mentioned Belgium and Poland, but the Central Powers did not say a single word there anent. The pacifists described our war-aims as imperialistic. Was it imperialistic to desire to see an independent Poland, Armenia released from the tyranny of Turkey, Alsace-Lorraine restored to France, to see Italy embracing those of her own race and civilisation and language, and Rumania under Rumanian rule, to see Serbia a community again and a great, flourishing, united Power? There was nothing imperialistic in any of these things, and for any member thus to misrepresent our war-aims, knowing that those misrepresentations would receive currency among our enemies, was one of the greatest disservices that a man could at present render to his country.

Germany's Distorted Morality.

We must consider the psychology of the German people. They had an entirely different view of international morality and rights and duties of a powerful State from any other community in the world.

Mr. Balfour contrasted the pious observations of Germany in her reply to the Pope with the doctrine preached and practised before the war. Germany had never accepted a single obligation which would diminished or hamper her power to strike at any rival whom she desired to coerce.

The time would come when a World Conference would discuss the rearrangement of the world after the war. But one of the preliminaries must be that the Central Powers, who were now united with Turkey in coercing small nationalities, should tell us what conditions they desired and how far they would make concessions to the higher spirit animating the great and free communities of the New and Old world. The fact that the misery and suffering of the war were voluntarily borne by freedom loving nations was a conclusive argument against wasting such sacrifices by consenting to give up the ideals for which we are fighting.

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Desire for Durable Peace.

The foremost war aim had always been a durable peace. He believed that the adoption of the resolution would indefinitely postpone such a peace. He therefore asked the House to show to our Allies and our enemies that we believed in our cause and had faith that we could bring it to a successful termination; and moreover, proclaim that, great as our sacrifices have been, we are ready to continue indefinitely until our great and righteous and unselfish objects are finally secured.

The resolution was negatived without a vote.

Enemy May Propose A Conference.

London, Nov. 6.—Peace rumours are current on the Amsterdam bourse where it is believed that the Central Powers intend to propose a preparatory conference at Berne.

It is stated that such a proposal will be made by Count Hertling in his maiden speech in the Reichstag on Nov. 22. Several German newspapers are urging the Government that now is the best time to offer peace to Russia and Italy.

Petrograd, Nov. 6.—At a meeting of the preliminary Parliament M. Skoboleff, who will represent "Russian democracy" at the forthcoming Allied Conference in Paris, admitted that the army was in a sad state and urged the Allies to invite the enemy to discuss peace.

Russia's Troubles Accumulate.

M. Terestchenko, the Foreign Minister, after saying that anarchy in Russia was growing, said the whole world desired peace and it must be a peace without annexations but Russia must not accept any sort of peace.

Petrograd, Nov. 6.—The local Soldel has requested the garrison not to execute orders except those approved by the Soldel. It is expected that the Government will combat this attempt to secure supreme power.

The War Minister, General Vorkhovskiy, has been relieved of his office in consequence of serious differences with his colleagues, especially regarding foreign policy. Vorkhovskiy denies the allegation that he favours a separate peace. Under-Secretary Manikovsky succeeds him temporarily.

Convoy Murders.**How Germans Massacred Neutrals.**

London, Nov. 4.—An appalling story of the cold blooded massacre by the Germans of the crews of the North Sea convoy sunk on Oct. 17 is told in the Norwegian newspapers. Tidningsten says that the German cruisers were observed at six in the morning but were thought to be British, but at seven o'clock, when there was more fight, they suddenly began to shoot and the convoy was terrified to see the British destroyer at the stern of the convoy beginning to sink, though it fought to the end. The cruisers, signalling "stop," advanced on each side of the convoy which was swept with all their guns at a range of 1,800 to 2,000 yards. Two German destroyers came up and helped to spread death and destruction over the defenceless ships.

Shells fell thick and fast, and the Germans were not content to sink the ships but shelled the lifeboats, and every living thing coming their way was mercilessly slaughtered. The survivors owed their lives to the high sea making the boats a difficult mark. In the midst of the massacre another British destroyer came up and immediately attacked, but was soon sunk in the unequal struggle.

An Indiscriminate Slaughter.

The German flotilla then cruised backwards and forwards along the sinking steamer, pouring in a fresh torrent of shells at a hundred yards range.

A shell went right through the Swedish ship Wiandar and exploded in the lifeboat on the other side, killing all the occupants—14 men and 3 women. The other lifeboat rowed back to rescue the captain and two waitresses from the wreck when a shell struck the boat and killed five. Only the mate escaped by swimming. The Wiandar was now a mass of flames. Two girls jumped into the sea and apparently were drowned. The captain was saved by clinging to the wreckage. Two women on a sinking English ship put up the white flag. The answer was a shot which killed both. Twelve men on another ship just got to the life boat when a shell killed them all.

The Enemy in Belgium.

London, Nov. 2.—A Belgian communiqué says: There was a most violent artillery struggle, especially before Dixmude. We scored several direct hits on enemy batteries and works.

It is stated from Belgian official sources that the Germans are most active behind the front in Belgium and have brought up a great number of new pill-boxes, made of thick cast-iron, each capable of holding four men. The number of civilians compelled to work near the front is steadily increasing.

London, Nov. 3.—Reuter is informed that the Germans are feverishly finishing the destruction of the workshops in the Liege district, special attention being paid to the well known Gockel blast-furnaces and works.

London, Nov. 5.—Silver is at 44½. The market is dull.

Rainfall.

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

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At Min. of L. & A. Nov. 9 12.0 mm.

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Negor Pathom " 10 102.5 "

MONDOL RAJABURI.

At Rajaburi Nov. 7 8.5 "

Bejraburi " 7 142.7 "

Samudra Songram " 7 17.3 "

Rajaburi " 9 7.4 "

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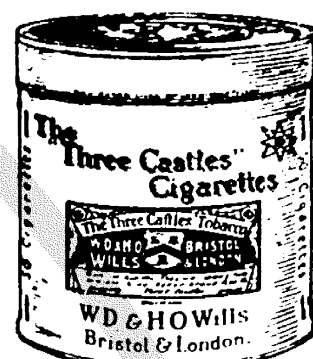
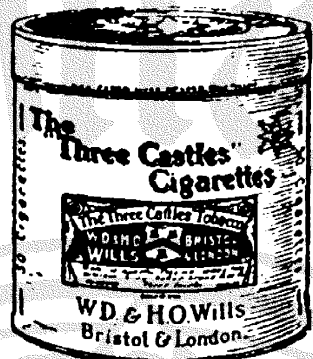
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Bank Bills, 3 months' sight —

PARIS—
Bank Bills, demand 206

GERMANY—
Bank Bills, demand —

NEW YORK—
Bank Bills, demand U. S. A. 36

INDIA—
Bank Bills, demand 100

SINGAPORE—
Bank Bills, demand \$65½

HONGKONG—
Bank Bills, demand \$ 51½

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London in Siamese Currency:—

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p.m. 1, 1.30, 2.30, 3.10, 3.50, 4.40, 5.30, daily.

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11.30, and p.m. 1.00, 2.30, 3.30, 4.30, and 5.30, daily.

LINE 4—KLONG SAMRONG LOCK TO BANG HIA.

Boats leave the Lock in connection with the Paknam Railway train

10.45 a.m. from Bangkok.

ROYAL STATE RAILWAYS.**(Broad Gauge Lines.)****TIME TABLE**

In force from 1st April, 1916.

	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.		a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.
Bangkok Dep.	7.00	9.48	1.25	3.33	Lampang Dep.	...	...	...	...
Ayuthia Arr.	9.3	11.41	3.33	5.45	Den Chai " "	...	...	...	...
Ban Phaji Arr.	9.47	12.20	4.24	6.30	Tha Sao " "	...	...	...	...
Ban Phaji Dep.	9.57	12.37	4.39	...	Utaradit " "	...	...	...	...
Lopburi Arr.	11.5	1.55	5.48	...	Ban Dara Arr.	...	...	...	...
Chengket Dep.	12.33	3.38	...	7.25	Ban Dara Dep.	...	...	...	...
Pak'poh Arr.	2.17	5.40	...	9.54	Sawalo Dep.	...	...	...	...
Pak'poh Dep.	2.26	6.30	...	...	Ban Dara Arr.	...	...	...	...
Pitsa'loke Arr.	6.00	11.5	...	...	Pitsa'loke Arr.	...	...	...	...
Pitsa'loke Dep.	7.4	2.2	...	...	Ban Dara Dep.	...	...	...	...
Ban Dara Arr.	9.5	4.18	...	...	Pak'poh Arr.	...	...	...	...
Ban Dara Dep.	9.30	4.40	...	...	Pak'poh Dep.	3.52	...	7.20	10.43
S'kaloke Arr.	10.21	5.41	...	...	Chengket Arr.	6.21	...	9.22	12.24
Ban Dara Dep.	9.10	4.26	...	...	Lopburi Dep.	9.28	7.10	11.6	1.56
Utaradit " "	10.6	5.29	...	...	Ban Phaji Arr.	...	8.30	12.21	3.4
Tha Sao Arr.	10.15	5.38	...	...	Korat Dep.	...	...	...	...
Den Chai " "	11.57	...	...	...	Lat Bua Kao Ar.	5.55	...	8.40	...
Lampang " "	4.52	...	...	...	Gengko Dep.	...	7.12	11.32	1.52
Ban Phaji Dep.	10.00	12.30	4.41	...	Ban Phaji Arr.	...	8.22	12.29	2.59
Gengko Arr.	11.7	1.26	5.51	...	Ban Phaji Dep.	...	6.27	8.37	12.44
Lat Bua Kao Dep.	...	4.2	...	8.2	Ayuthia " "	...	7.13	9.25	1.23
Korat " "	...	6.8	...	10.3	Pangkok Arr.	9.28	11.35	3.16	...
Bangkok Dep.	7.45	...	...	3.50	Petrieu Dep.	...	7.50	...	...
Petrieu Arr.	9.33	...	...	5.58	Petrieu Arr.	...	9.58	...	...

Allied Conferences.

London, Nov. 5.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Balfour stated that he hoped the Allied Conference at Paris on the conduct of the war would be held in the middle of November. He could not at present give any information regarding the conference on war aims.

London, Nov. 5.—Reuter has been informed that the conferences held in London last week were among the most important during the war. M. Painlevé and General Petain daily conferred with Mr. Lloyd George and the War Cabinet. Complete identity of view was established regarding the situation arising from the Italian position and also regarding the future conduct of the war.

The Silver Market.

London, Nov. 1.—Silver is at 45 3/8d. The China profit-taking has increased. American offers are easier.

London, Nov. 2.—Silver is at 45 1/8d, market dull.

London, Nov. 1.—Montagu's silver report say: The rise of threepence on Oct. 30 was a record movement for one day. The immediate cause of the rise was scarcity of supplies on a firm market and absence of any supplies speculatively held. The strength of Shanghai exchange owing to native influence assisted indirectly. A reaction has now set in and the market is sagging.

Anti-Ally Intrigues Exposed

Athens, Nov. 5.—The telegrams secretly exchange between Athens and Berlin have all been deciphered. They conclusively prove that King Constantine and his Queen were acting on behalf of Germany with the Gonnaris, Skouloudis and Lambros Cabinets mere tools.

The Queen telegraphed to the Kaiser in November, 1916, anxiously enquiring when the Central Powers would be ready for an offensive in Macedonia, and urging a German attack on Sarraill's left wing. She and King Constantine on Jan. 2 telegraphed to the Kaiser that the situation was desperate unless the Germans attacked immediately. The Kaiser replied saying that the telegram caused him deep emotion, admiring their courage in their horrible position, and declaring that Tino must act against his executioners by attacking Sarraill's left flank.

Other telegrams from the Foreign Minister Zolotas, and Theotokis, Minister in Berlin, show the part played by the Royal Government in organising bands with the object of cutting the Monastir-Salonika railway and harassing Sarraill's rear.

Hertling as Chancellor.**Peace Offer to Italy Likely.**

Amsterdam, Nov. 2.—Count Hertling had an audience of the Kaiser yesterday at noon when, it is believed in Berlin, his appointment as Imperial Chancellor was finally decided on. It is reported that Helfferich, the Vice Chancellor, and Waldow, the Food Dictator, have resigned.

London, Nov. 2.—Berlin now officially confirms the resignation of Dr. Michaelis and the appointment of Count Hertling as Chancellor.

London, Nov. 3.—The Times says that Count Hertling's appointment means that Germany is about to redouble her efforts to use the Pope as a tool in peace manoeuvres. The Times Rome correspondent says that it is practically certain a peace offer to Italy is a matter of weeks, if not days.

Paris, Nov. 3.—A new loan is announced, issuing at Fr. 68.60 (?) per hundred francs, bearing four per cent. interest. Bonds will be exempted from taxation.

Troublesome Irish.

London, Nov. 3.—A court martial at Cork sentenced two civilians to six months imprisonment for wearing military uniforms, another to nine months for the same offence and also for carrying bayonet, and another to a year for military drilling. The commander-in-chief has remitted parts of the sentences in two cases.

London, Nov. 4.—There was much excitement in Dublin yesterday in consequence of wild rumours of drastic measures against Sinn Feiners, including the arrest of De Valera. The rumours subsequently proved to be baseless. De Valera, who spoke at Limerick on Friday, is still at liberty. The Sinn Fein headquarters announced the abandonment of the meeting at Newbridge arranged for to-day, which the authorities proclaimed.

Amsterdam, Nov. 2.—The Bulgarian Government secured a narrow majority in the Sobranje, receiving 121 votes against 110 for the Opposition, which is dissatisfied with the statement of the Premier on the food question.

Hertling's Reception.

London, Nov. 4.—Reactionary Prussians are bitterly disappointed at even the small concession to parliamentary ideas embodied in Count Hertling's appointment. The Rheinisch-Westfälische-zeitung declares that Hertling is ignorant of foreign countries, is a supporter of Bethmann Hollweg's foreign policy and a jealous guardian of Bavaria's interests. He prevented Alsace Lorraine becoming Prussian and will radicalise Prussia on the instructions of Scheidemann, Erzberger and von Payer. Is no spark of the old proud Prussian spirit left? It emphasises that all important offices are now in the hands of south Germans.

London, Nov. 2.—On the occasion of his being presented with the Freedom of Edinburgh, the American Ambassador said that America would stake all to the end, to the last man and last dollar. They were faced by the fact, and might as well recognise it, that upon the English speaking people depended hereafter the safety of the world.

Antwerp Dash.**Story of Refugees in Hun Motor-Boat.**

Amsterdam, Sept. 14.—Particulars of an adventure by the Belgian motor-boat Scaldia, which left Antwerp on Sunday and arrived at Walsoorden, East Zeeland, Holland, with Belgians for the Belgian Army, are given by the Telegraaf.

The Scaldia belonged to the Belgian Government and was confiscated by the Germans, who rechristened her Schelde. She fitted her luxuriously for use by the highest officers.

A Belgian pilot, Van Dingen, always known as "Jef," was appointed captain because he knew the river intimately. He frequently had the Governor-General on board, and from the mast there generally floated an admiral's flag, for which every guard on the Scheldt or the Wilhelms Canal showed respect.

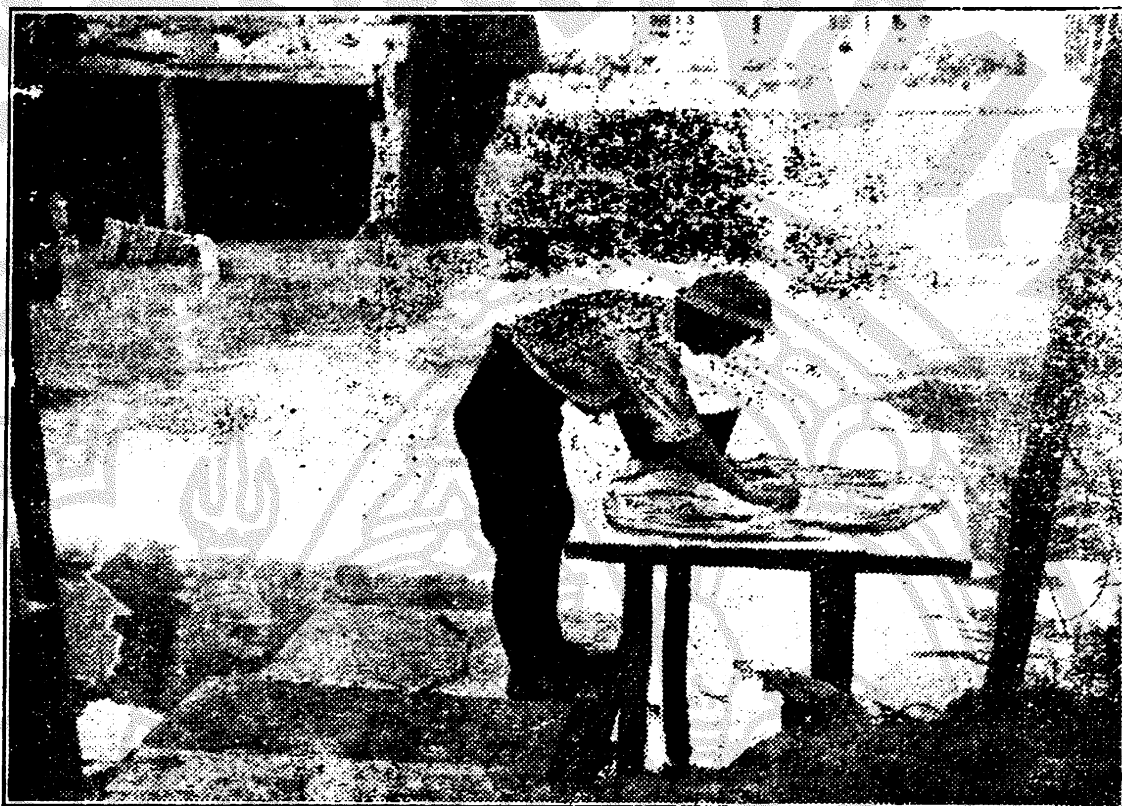
"Jef" determined to make a serious attempt to convey Belgian civilians to Holland, these men being so weary of German tyranny that they were willing to risk their lives to escape. "Jef" had orders to take the Governor-General Falkenhayn from Antwerp to Brussels last Monday. He reckoned that if he cruised northwards on Sunday the guards on the Scheldt would think the Governor-General was taking a short trip to the frontier and along the forts. He started on Sunday at 12.30 midday, hoisting the admiral's flag.

The Belgian civilians were hidden below deck, the captain and two assistants alone remaining on deck. They passed the forts of St. Marie and Philip de Paul and by Lietsenhoek and Doel, the German flag being saluted everywhere by the soldiers. At Doel the whole guard turned out.

Close to the frontier the motor stopped the petrol being almost exhausted. A German petrol boat approached, but as no assistance being asked it apparently dared not come alongside a boat flying an admiral's flag. By a friendly salute "Jef" intimated that he did not need assistance, his salute being returned.

By good luck the motors were made to work a little longer, and the tide also helped. The vessel ultimately reached Holland, where, after a visit of examination by the Dutch naval authorities, enough petrol was obtained to enable the boat to reach Walsoorden, where the captain and passengers were heartily welcomed and congratulated on the success of their daring adventure.

The incident has created much amusement along the whole of the Scheldt.



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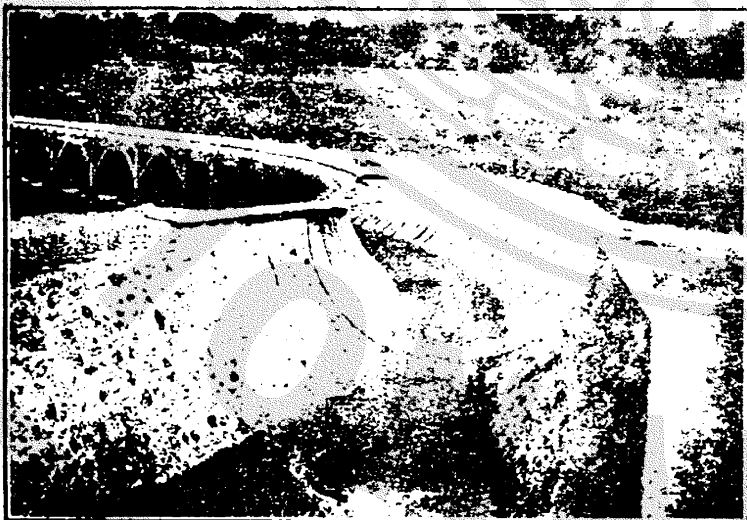
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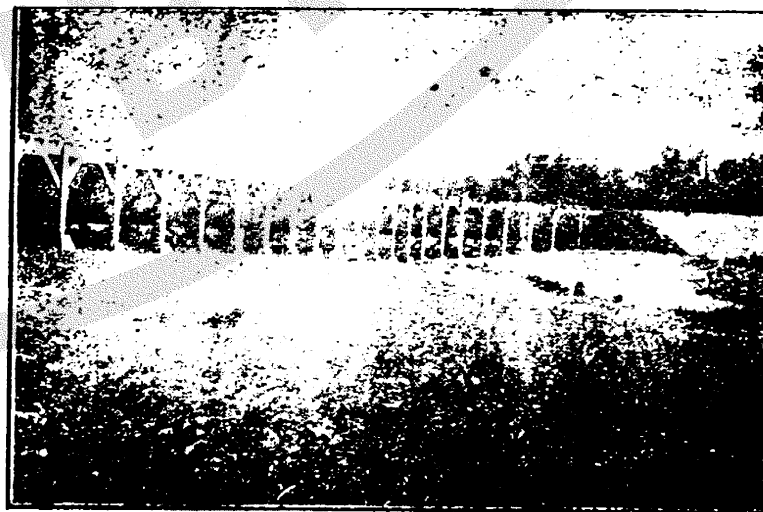
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