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

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

Nov. 6th (Last Quarter) 11 h 46 p.m.
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" 29th (Full Moon) 1 h 23 a.m.

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200 " " 250

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Lottery will close on Saturday, 15th
December, 1917, and will be drawn,
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Fight.

A Flooded Battlefield.

London, Oct. 26.—Reuter's correspon-
dent at Headquarters says to-day's bat-
tle has been fought on flooded fields, in-
driving rain of pitiless intensity al-
though the meteorological experts over-
night regarded the portents hopefully.
It is therefore a marvel that the troops
accomplished so much. The sum total
of the day's results is a series of im-
portant tactical gains although we
should have done much more under
favourable heavens. In the region of
Poeldierhoek chateau the advance was
a dashingly performance. The place was
a regimental headquarters garrisoned
by 400. We took prisoner 60 from the
remains of the defenders including the
adjutant.

At midday our airmen discerned our
troops upon the spur of Bellevue ridge,
a vantage point for which there has been
much fighting previously. If the spur is
marked finally held the day will be
by at least one conspicuous gain. Other
places on the battle front were im-
passable. Floods are reported to be hold-
ing up our advance. The enemy is
pretty densely massed all along the
front of attack. On the left the French
carried a number of concrete defences
with very small casualties, owing partly
to the erratic nature of the enemy bar-
rage. It is probable the enemy was
aware of the coming attack because his
aeroplanes were flying low over our
positions half an hour before the attack
was launched and five minutes before
our heavy fire opened all along the
front. The Canadians bore a gallant
part in to-day's fighting.

Later. Next morning the weather
was fine but the ground indescribably
bad. The feature of yesterday's fight-
ing was the fine advance made by the
Canadians along Passchendaele ridge.
The situation in this region further
improved during the night. The hostile
shelling was not excessive. It is be-
lieved most of the guns have been
moved to the rear. It is certain the
enemy is finding great difficulty in
maintaining communication.

News from German lines show that
800 men of the 99th reserve infantry
were recently imprisoned, owing to the
refusal to enter the line of Lens. The
fight between the enemy artillery and
infantry does not seem to have been
clear of the enemy. The

weather is very bad and it is raining
heavily. The attacking front extends
from Houthulst forest to the neighbour-
hood of Gheluvelt. Shortly before seven
o'clock our men could be seen entering
the pillboxes upon Bellevue spur which
is one of the important points of at-
tack.

A few minutes later signal lights
displayed from Poeldierhoek chateau
signified we had carried this strongly
fortified place. The enemy's retaliatory
fire has so far been desultory giving
evidence of the effectiveness of our
preliminary bombardment when vari-
ous explosions were observed. Pris-
oners admit it was expected we
would attack again consequently the
most vigilant defence had been main-
tained. Wonderful work had been done
against stupendous odds in the last
few days preparatory for this battle,
many battalions of road makers and
railway makers and also tunnelling
companies labouring like Trojans to
enable the heroic transport units to get
up the necessary supplies.

Illustrating the intensity of the fight-
ing in this area I may mention that
during one night a sort length of light
railway was damaged by shellfire forty-
eight times and forty-eight times re-
paired and this railway was maintained
in running order for bringing up heavy
ammunition. The gunners too accom-
plished marvels in getting forward
their guns through mud frequently
axle deep. Practically all our guns had
to be moved forward and although this
seemed an almost superhuman task
nevertheless by six last night the final
howitzer battery was in position and
registering.

Ill luck as regards weather is by no
means one-sided. The enemy will find
any attempt to counter-attack in mass
very costly since the advantage of
ground is largely in our favour and he
is bound to come under a tremendous
concentration of fire as soon as he tries
to deploy for an advance.

Notice.

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Atmospheric Temperature	1917		Data for previous 15 years.	
	Fahren- heit	Centi- grade	Fahren- heit	Centi- grade.
Mean during month	80.0	26.7	82.4	28.1
Mean of Maxima	82.7	29.7	89.6	31.9
Mean of Minima	74.0	23.3	75.0	23.9
Highest recorded	90.0	32.2	100.0	37.8
Lowest recorded	72.0	22.2	64.0	17.8
Greatest daily range	15.0	8.3	27.0	15.0
Least daily range	5.0	2.7	5.0	2.7
Mean daily range	10.7	5.9	14.7	8.2
Rainfall				
Total during month	Inches		Milli- metres.	
	Inches	Milli- metres.	Inches	Milli- metres.
Total during month	16.27	414.5	8.70	221.2
Total from January to date	65.07	1652.5	52.20	1325.1
Greatest rainfall in 24 hours	2.33	59.1	3.53	89.6
Total registered at Borneo Co.	18.89	480.1	8.95	227.3
Number of days on which rain fell	28		18.4	
Mean relative humidity during month	82.3		78.3	

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Cinematograph performances at
the above show.

Brilliant French Advance.

London, Oct. 26.—Correspondents at French Headquarters emphasise the hurried retreat of the enemy who in trying to evacuate the district northeast of Pinon, including the forest, found his difficulties very great, as he had to cross a road and marsh to the north bank of the canal under fire. It was here that many guns and prisoners were captured yesterday.

French aviators report that the enemy is cutting down fruit trees and destroying farms beyond the Ailette valley, as he did prior to the retreat from the Somme last year.

Paris papers report that the captured German guns included two of tremendous power, each served by forty men and firing torpedoes.

London, Oct. 26.—Wireless German Official. The French yesterday attacked in the Ailette region. We, after a short engagement in Pinon wood, withdrew to the northern bank of the Oise-Aisne canal and also in accordance with plans withdrew behind the canal near Chavignon. We stormed positions in Chaume wood over 1,200 metres and brought back prisoners.

London, Oct. 26.—A French communiqué says: The night was calm on the entire front north of the Aisne the enemy only reacted feebly with artillery. We are organising the captured positions on the south bank of the Oise-Aisne canal of which the retreating enemy blew up the bridges.

The Germans re-attacked north of Chaume wood on the right of the Meuse after a very lively fight in which the enemy had serious losses. The enemy only gained a footing in one of our advanced elements.

London, Oct. 27.—A French communiqué says: There has been no enemy counter-attack in Belgium. Prisoners we took this morning exceed two hundred. Following up the

success on our right, north of the Aisne we drove back the enemy from the region north of Chapelle Ste-Berthe to the Reservoir, capturing the village of Filain. Further east we went beyond the crest of the plateau north of Chevreigny spur. The situation elsewhere is unchanged. We counted 160 guns captured since Oct. 23, including several eight inch howitzers and many heavy guns. Two enemy coups de main in Champagne failed. There was cannonading all day on the right of the Meuse.

London, Oct. 27.—Renter's correspondent at French headquarters summarising the results of the Aisne offensive, says the operation reached its logical conclusion with the capture of the German artillery centres in Pinon forest and Pargny Filain. The whole tactical objective from left to right were secured. Moreover the strategic objectives of Pinon and the wooded crest behind, as well as Pargny Filain, were obtained at relatively small cost. Our troops practically everywhere are in touch with Oise-Aisne canal. There are indications the enemy are uncomfortable in the marshy ground on the banks and are making positions further up the slope. Anyway the enemy in the Ailette valley is under observed artillery fire as far as les Bouvettes.

A striking feature of the battle was the crippling of the enemy artillery by the French bombardment preventing the feeding of batteries with munitions. Consequently shell wounds are phenomenally low. Many prisoners belonging to one of the smartest Prussian Guards were in a state bordering on rebellion when captured. They declared they had been without food for three days and all their officers abandoned them by yesterday. The only German guns able to fire in the valley were batteries at Monampteuil lying across the canal from Chavignon but they were soon silenced by frontal and flanking fire. From our new positions we are now in view of the enemy's communications running cross the valley to Concy forest.

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By Order of H. E. The Minister
of Local Government,
PHYA VISUTRA SAGORADITH,
Harbour Master General.
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In view of the present floods up-country and the possibility of exceptionally high tides in Bangkok the undersigned beg to notify the public and consignees of transshipment cargoes from Hongkong to Bangkok arrived 5/11/17 per s.s. Chefoo will be landed at Messrs. Borneo Co's wharf and godowns at consignees risks and expense. The Owner of s.s. Chefoo will not be responsible for damage to goods landed at Messrs. The Borneo Co's wharf and godowns caused by or consequent on floods, Tornadoes or other force majeure.

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3. The Department is not bound to accept the lowest or any tender.
4. All tenders to be marked TENDER in big characters on a closed envelope and should reach the Post and Telegraph Department not later than 1 p.m. on the 15th of November 1917.

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The Siam Observer

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1917.

THE ABUSE OF MORPHINE IN CHINA.

The efforts that the Chinese Government has made to abolish the use of opium are most creditable and the results achieved in a comparatively short space of time are indeed wonderful. It is now almost impossible to procure opium in the larger cities of China and though a great deal of smuggling and surreptitious smoking still goes on it is safe to say that, in a few years hence, China will have freed herself from her greatest reproach. The human frame of all nations in these days, however, seems to crave for stimulants be they harmless like tea or coffee or injurious like alcohol and other drugs. Thus in China, although the smoking of opium has been almost eradicated, the use of alcoholic liquors is on the increase. These liquors are, in many cases, of very cheap and inferior brands and their extensive use cannot but be harmful. More menacing, however, than the growing consumption of alcohol is the increasing use of morphine. This drug lends itself to comparatively easy smuggling into the country as a very small bulk of the substance is highly valuable and great profits are thus made by the unscrupulous. The persons who use this drug are of all classes of society but those addicted to it most are those who can least afford to do so. The coolie class, in proportion to their means, use far more of the drug than the superior ranks of society and instances have been known where a man has spent as much as sixty per cent of his daily wage in purchasing the drug. The coolies say that this deadly substance assists them in their heavy toil and that without it they would not be able to do their work. The way in which the drug is used is also the cause of the spreading of disease as it is usually injected by a syringe which passes from one man to another without the slightest attempt being made to sterilise the instrument. We have seen in China men covered from their neck to their knees with the most horrible sores as the result of this practice. Speaking at Canton during this year, Dr. Wu Lien Teh, the great Chinese physician who did such wonderful work among the plague stricken population of Manchuria some years ago and who was formerly well known in the Straits Settlements as Dr. Tuck, made a terrible indictment of the abuse of morphine in China. He said that the importation of the drug had vastly increased from 1912-1917. He again said that the normal importation of morphine into Japan for medical purposes was 10 chests a year but the importation has risen to the enormous amount of one ton a month and the doctor claims that the bulk of this alkaloid comes from firms in Great Britain. Having arrived in Japan the morphine is placed in small bottles or made up into small packets and labeled in various ways. Thus "white powder," "soothing snuff" and "dreamland elixir" are all morphine and in these forms is smuggled into China by way of Dalny, Antung and Formosa. In Manchuria almost every Japanese pedlar and druggist sells it and does so with impunity because no Japanese can be arrested without complaint being first made to his Consul. From the Japanese distributing agents the drug passes on until it reaches the places where the coolies mentioned above congregate. This abuse of morphine is an evil which is growing with great rapidity and it behoves China, in the moral and physical interests of her people, to enact laws whereby the position of druggists and dispensers may be regulated. With this done the work of eradicating the evil will still be difficult for, as long as human nature remains what it is, there will always be found those ready to take risks in order to make profit out of the frailties of their fellow-creatures.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Paknam line is still in good order as far as Loburi. Other lines are all right.



Court Circular.

GRAND PALACE,

Saturday November 3.

This morning His Majesty the King left Vasukri landing and proceeded up the River. His Majesty is expected to return to the Capital on the 5th inst.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

TOS. 12,180.05 has already been subscribed to the fund in aid of the Siam Expeditionary Force.

MR. Ludwig Hansen has retired from the Board of Directors of the Siamese Tramway Co.

THE Sanitary Act of R. S. 127 is made applicable to Loburi and Saraburi in the Mondol of King Kao.

PHRA Kasat Hirairake of the Ministry of Agriculture has been raised to the rank of Phya with the same name.

THERE was no service held at Christ Church last evening owing to the floods. Water to the depth of more than a foot covered the Church Compound.

THROUGH the courtesy of Messrs. The Borneo Company we have received a copy of the Directors' Report of the North China Insurance Company Ltd. for the term ending June 30th 1917.

THE Japan Association for aiding sick and wounded soldiers and others suffering from the war in Allied countries has collected Y2,002,383, including Y100,000 from the Emperor and Empress of Japan.

LATEST ADVICE:—A French lady desires pupils for instruction in the French language. The Harbour Master General has a notification to owners and steersmen of steam and motor launches. Foo Lee S. N. Co. have a notice to the public and consignees of transshipment cargo from Hongkong to Bangkok.

ABOUT one half the books of the Morrison library, brought to Japan some weeks ago, were damaged because the Tokyo Warehouse, run by the Mitsui Bishi, at Fukagawa, where those books unpacked were kept, was flooded during the flood, says the Japan Advertiser. It was announced that of 26,000 books, one half were wet, but the books were removed quickly to one of the Mitsui Bishi buildings at Marunouchi, and opened for the purpose of drying them. None of the books have been hurt, although they are more or less soiled.

THE idea that an Englishwoman who has married a German ought to have a right to divorce him because the War has altered her views and she now considers it disgraceful to be the wife of a Hun appears at first glance a little Gilbertian. Should the idea be introduced in a Bill, and the Royal Assent asked, the Royal Assent would be given readily by King George, who has shown his eagerness to divorce himself from all the old Hun environment of the British Court. But fancy if it had happened in the reign of the late Queen Victoria. (Daguet).

INDIAN-made beer is having a wide sale just now. The Punjab Excise authorities report that the sale of Indian-made beer increased last year from 886,000 gallons to 2,730,000. This is attributed to the presence of British troops and the scarcity of the imported article. The sales of Indian-made beer in bazar and shops, however, fell from 135,000 to 127,000 gallons. Some districts continue to write about the popularity of beer with the Indian consumers but these figures do not support it. "It is yet too early to say as to its success in replacing stronger spirits," writes the Rawalpindi Deputy Commissioner, "People chiefly use it as a cooling, mild beverage mixed with ice in summer months."

A DELIGHTFUL story, says Beachcomber in the Daily Express, was told to me by a friend who has just returned from Japan. He had been waiting at a country railway station for his train, and was admiring a sunset when a goods train slowly steamed in and shut off his view. The station master came towards him and inquired, with the politest of bows, if he had liked the sunset. He said that he had, but he recognised that the goods train had a business title to obscure the view. "No," said the Japanese stationmaster, bowing deeply, "the train must not be allowed to obstruct the honourable traveller's aesthetic enjoyment. I will cause it to withdraw." In England the traveller would have been shunted, not the goods train.

Obituary.

We regret to hear that Mrs. Muriel Selwyn Flashman died at 4 p.m. yesterday at St. Louis' Hospital. The funeral takes place this evening at 4 p.m. at the Protestant Cemetery.

THE Great War.

Another Air Raid.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
London, Nov. 2.
Official:—Hostile aircraft determinedly made repeated attacks on London yesterday night. Of a total number of about thirty raiders, only three penetrated into the heart of London. Gun-fire harassed the raiders and our aircraft also attacked them.
It is believed that the casualties and the damage is slight considering the nature of the attack.

British Occupy Beersheba.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
London, Nov. 2.
Egypt Official:—After a night March we attacked Beersheba yesterday morning. While infantry attacked the western and southwestern defences, our mounted troops made a wide turning movement through the desert and approached from the east. Beersheba was occupied in the evening despite determined resistance.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
London, Nov. 3.
Egypt Official:—Eighteen hundred prisoners and nine guns were captured at Beersheba.
The British losses were slight compared with the results achieved.

Italian Report.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
London, Nov. 3.
Italian Official:—There was reciprocal artillery activity on the Tagliamento.
Our machine gun fire repulsed an enemy patrol which had advanced to the river bank.

Michaelis' Resignation Confirmed.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
London, Nov. 3.
Berlin official confirms the resignation of Michaelis and the appointment of Hertling as Chancellor.

Von Capelle.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
London, Nov. 3.
Amsterdam.—Admiral von Capelle remains in office.

Venezelos in Rome.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
London, Nov. 3.
Rome.—Venezelos has arrived here.

United States and Russia.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
London, Nov. 4.
Washington:—Mr. Lansing has authorised the statement that neither on basis of the Government's official advice nor on Kerensky's cabled statement could it be said that Russia was about to quit the war and Government deplors such interpretations. The United States' faith in the Russians has just received fresh expression in the authorisation of a further loan of thirty-one million dollars for immediate use.

Admiralty Report.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
London, Nov. 4.
Our forces operating in the Kattegat destroyed an auxiliary cruiser armed with six-inch guns and also two armed patrol-boats. We captured 65 prisoners. We suffered no casualties.

The German Withdrawal.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
London, Nov. 4.
Wireless German Official:—Unnoticed and undisturbed we withdrew our lines from the hilly front of Chemin-des-Dames.

Peace Talk.

(“S.O.” SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
Singapore, Nov. 3.
In the House of Commons, Lord Robert Cecil emphasised that the Government would not receive any peace proposal without immediately communicating same to the Allies.
The Austrian premier announced that Austria was still ready to sit at a peace table if the enemy was ready to create a foundation of equal interstate relations.

The Italian Front.

(“S.O.” SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
Singapore, Nov. 3.
Renter's agent at Italian headquarters says that perfect order prevails. The Italian troops are massed on the new line of defence and are eager to meet the enemy. The British troops withdrew with the Italian main body; the majority is reported to be safe.

Norway Protests.

(“S.O.” SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
Singapore, Nov. 3.
Norway has protested strongly against Germany sinking a convoy stating that the continued sinking of Norwegian ships not carrying contraband has created the deepest indignation.

Rubber and Tin.

(“S.O.” SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
Singapore, Nov. 3.
Rubber is in fair demand. Prime qualities of best sheet averaged 112½ creps. Tin is at 118½.

Artillery Contests.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)
Paris, Nov. 1.
Artillery contests are taking place on our new positions in Belgium, on the Aisne front and on the British front.

The Italian Army.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)
Paris, Nov. 1.
The Italian armies have massed on the Tagliamento. The King accompanied Signor Orlando to the front.

The Anglo-French Forces.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)
Paris, Nov. 1.
The Anglo-French forces with war-material have arrived in the Italian war-zone.

The French War Loan.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)
Paris, Nov. 3.
The order issuing the 4 per cent. War Stock fixes the rate at 68 francs 60 centimes making an actual interest of 5.83 per cent. The dividends fall due on December 16th.

Enemy Evacuate Positions.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)
Paris, Nov. 3.
The enemy has evacuated Chemin-des-Dames on a front of about 20 kilometres to a depth of one kilometre from the Froidevent Farm to the east of Craonne. We occupied the villages of Courtyon, Cerny-en-Laonnois, Villes and Chevreux.

Report From Rome.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)
Paris, Nov. 3.
The enemy has intensified his pressure against our left wing on the Tagliamento. We arrested attempts on the right bank. The situation seems to be decidedly better. The concentration behind the Tagliamento goes on favourably. It is believed that further retirement will be avoided. A great battle will certainly take place soon.

French Success.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)
Paris, Nov. 3.
To-day we continued to progress between the Oise Canal and the Corbeny region where we attained the whole of the south bank of the Ailette. The enemy is bent back on the north bank where we have cut the bridges and foot-bridges. In ten days we have brought down 51 enemy airships and have captured since October 23rd, 200 heavy cannon of field guns, 222 trench mortars and 720 machine guns.

A Conference.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)
Paris, Nov. 3.
Mr. Painlevé and Mr. Lloyd George conferred at London on the subject of the cooperation of the Allies in Italy. They fixed the number of effectives to be employed and made choice of the command.

Bomb Outrage.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)
Paris, Nov. 1.
Baltimore:—Enemy (bombs?) burst almost simultaneously on two of the platforms of the Chemin (2) railway. Damage was done to the extent of 25 million francs. Arrests have been made.

Capture of Beersheba.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)
Paris, Nov. 1.
The English have occupied Beersheba.

War Loans Investment Trust of Malaya.

We have received the following from the Agent of the Chartered Bank:—
Office of War Loan Investment Trust of Malaya Kuala Lumpur.
29th October 1917.

The Agent, Chartered Bank of India Australia and China, Kuala Lumpur.
Dear Sir,
As the Straits Settlements War Loan is being closed I shall be obliged if you will solicit the cooperation of your branches and Agencies in diverting to this Trust any applications that may be received for investment in War Loans.

This Trust affords a sound investment of one's savings in British War Loan, for both Capital and Interest of 6 per cent. per annum is guaranteed by the Government of Federated Malay States.

Yours faithfully,
S. H. C. WOODROFFE,
Secretary.

Russian Affairs.

Petrograd, Oct. 28.—The Soldat has its issued revised instructions to Skobeloff, delegate at the Paris Conference. Recognising them as unsatisfactory, the Preliminary Parliament has approved of a declaration by Kerensky that the Government would defend Petrograd most vigorously and remain in the capital till the last moment.

The newspapers state that a complete evacuation of Helsingfors will take place in three weeks.
London, Oct. 28.—Wireless Russian Official: Our artillery dispersed several scores of our men fraternizing with the Germans in the region of Hux.

Petrograd, Oct. 29.—A meeting of officers of the Petrograd garrison passed a resolution declaring the army is practically non-existent, and present conditions will lead to the complete ruin of the country. The Ministry of War has begun the elaboration of a scheme of reorganisation of part of the army on a basis of separate nationalities. As a result of continued disorders martial law has been proclaimed in many districts and towns.

London Oct. 29.—Wireless Russian Official: Our artillery dispersed Austrians attempting to fraternise in the Bystritz region. The Germans left the Werder Peninsula on Saturday.

Naval Patrol Encounter.

London, Oct. 29.—The Admiralty reports six British and French destroyers patrolling the Belgian coast on Saturday attacked three German destroyers and seventeen aeroplanes. We obtained two direct hits on the enemy's destroyers which immediately retired to the protection of the land batteries. Our anti aircraft gun fire broke up the aeroplane formation. The aeroplanes each dropped three bombs in the vicinity of our vessels, which did not suffer beyond two men slightly wounded.

Austria's War Taxes.

Amsterdam, Oct. 28.—The upper house of the Reichsrath passed the third reading of the additional war-taxes bill, which includes heavier taxation on securities, new wine and coal taxes, increases in railfares and income-tax. They are estimated to yield increases up to 800 million kronen.

British Legation Telegrams.

London, Nov. 2.
Operations on the British and other fronts for week ending 1/11.

The sudden and formidable enemy attack on the Indian front is the outstanding event though in Flanders French successes have been followed up and great aerial activity continues.

The United States troops have taken their places in the trenches beside the French.
In the Western front the ground won around Passchendaele represents a further step towards the possession of the ridge. Each attack had a limited objective and despite continued bad weather produced satisfactory results bringing the British line to the outskirts of Passchendaele itself. The French co-operating with the Belgians extended successes southward of Houthulst forest and made further progress on 27th Oct. on a four kilometre front when Merkhem and Linchem were taken with five hundred prisoners.

On the Aisne front progress has been reported. Pinon, Farquy and Filain being in French hands. The enemy lost in this sector eleven thousand one hundred and fifty-seven prisoners, two hundred and thirty-seven officers, one hundred and eighty guns and several hundreds of machine guns.

The Italian front.—The expected attack of combined German and Austrian troops developed with dramatic swiftness. The Italian armies after many months' advancing victoriously on enemy soil were caught in offensive positions and forced by a wedge, were driven from Tolentino to retire along the whole of the Lomza front. The enemy taking advantage of the bridge-heads of Santa Maria and Santa Lucia quickly forced their way to Italian territory. The enemy was temporarily held on the north of Siga on the south at Monte Sangabrillo but pushed west between mount Canin and Judrio valley though still contained on Carso sector.

This continued advance forced the Italians to retire on either bank. Gorizia fell on the 28th Oct. and Udine on the 30th Oct. Fighting is now reported on the west at Pastic, Schiavonico, Sandanico and del Friule; further north at Pozzolo, south of Udine. The resistance was desperate and the retreat was carried out regularly. Bridges were destroyed and delaying actions fought.

The enemy is jubilant and declares that Italian popular opinion will henceforward be irresistibly in favour of peace.

But from Italy come reassuring messages that this imminent peril united all parties and the country's danger braced them against attack. The Germans are too prone to imagine fear as the deciding factor. But as often before they have been surprised to find, however, bitter domestic disagreements and threats from without, instead adding confusion, clear away personal differences and brings out deeper feelings of patriotism.

Allies have implicit confidence in the proved ability of the General Staff and do not share the enemy's estimates of the Italian people's war-weariness.

On the Russian front the Germans have not followed up operations in the Gulf of Riga on the contrary they have withdrawn from the Werder Peninsula to Moon Island and have also retired still further between Riga and Peneke. Numerous attempts at fraternization by the enemy were invariably met by artillery fire and dispersed.

East Africa:—The enemy was driven eastward of Mahenge to the vicinity of Mganjara. Liwale was occupied on 29th Oct. The enemy losses at Mwanza amounted to fifty three Europeans, two hundred and sixty eight Askaris killed, two hundred and forty-one Europeans and six hundred and seventy seven Askaris captured, exclusive of wounded.

On the Gaza front on 19th October the London Yeomanry outpost were attacked by a force of three thousand Turks with artillery but held on with great gallantry till reinforced. Casualties are under one hundred. The Turks suffered heavily.

Behind a cavalry screen Ailaby concentrated troops for an attack on Beersheba. After a night march across the desert the defences of Beersheba were attacked at dawn on 30th October. The infantry approached from the west and the cavalry making a wide detour attacked from eastward and north-eastward. After heavy fighting the town was captured with eighteen hundred Turks and nine guns. The operation after a march of twenty miles across a waterless desert is a brilliant piece of work.

Notice.

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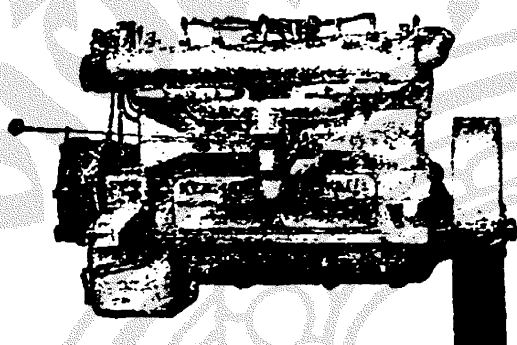
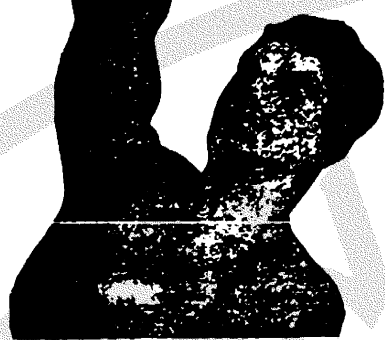
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London, Oct. 21.—It is authoritatively reported that the recently arrived news from the Italian front was grossly exaggerated. As far as is known only five German divisions are on the Isonzo front, of which only three have been definitely identified by the Italians as participating in the attack. Possibly another German division had arrived but as far as is known it was not engaged in the attack. Two out of the five above mentioned divisions came from the West Front where they had suffered heavily at the hands of the British and where they were replaced by two divisions from Russia. The German strength on the West Front is therefore undiminished; indeed it has been increased by two divisions since September 1.

The remainder of the German reinforcements on the Italian front were transferred from Russia and Rumania. Regarding the Austrian reinforcements only two Austrian divisions are known to have arrived on the Italian front in the last month but possibly two other have recently arrived though they are not yet identified. The total reinforcements therefore which are known to have arrived on the Italian front amount only to seven divisions and the enemy's success was entirely due to the presence of 3 to 5 German divisions who attacked on the Plezzo-Tolmino front.

London, Oct. 28.—Wireless Italian official: The failing resistance of some units forming the second army, retreating in cowardice without fighting or surrendering, allowed the Austro-Germans to penetrate to the left of the Julian Front, the valiant efforts, of other troops were unable to prevent the enemy advancing into Italy's sacred soil. We are withdrawing our line according to a plan prepared. All stores and depots in the evacuated places have been destroyed. The record of so many memorable battles successfully fought by our brave soldiers in two and a half years war, is sufficient to assure the commander-in-chief that the army, to which the country's honour and safety are confided, will know how to fulfil its duty.

Rome, Oct. 28.—The newspapers are most confident of the army's capacity to prevent invasion and regard the resistance hitherto offered most hopefully.

Situation Grows Worse.

London, Oct. 28.—Wireless German Official: The second and third Italian armies are retreating westward. We are pursuing them rapidly between the mountains and the sea. The captures are now 100,000 prisoners and 700 guns.

London, Oct. 29. Wireless German Official: We captured the English to the north of the Breginthe Staden railway. We repulsed the French twice near Braye with heavy losses. The whole of the Italian Isonzo front has collapsed and the third army is hastily retreating along the Adriatic coast. The Austro-Hungarians are now before Udine and have also captured Carnons. Our prisoners are continually increasing.

New York, Oct. 29.—A correspondent of the Associated Press on the Italian front telegraphs on October 27 that German masses are advancing carrying huge banners bearing the word "peace." This was evidently an appeal to the Italian soldiery though it was accompanied by the roar of the artillery and by bayonets beneath the banners.

London, Oct. 28.—A continuation of the authoritative statement says the exaggeration of the enemy's strength is unfair to the Russians and Rumanians who, despite the Russian collapse still retain as many enemy divisions on their front as there were when the Russian offensive began last July. It also suggests the Italians were left to bear the brunt of a numerically superior enemy. This is not the case. The Italians were fully prepared for the attack and confident of success without help from the Allies. They had a considerable numerical superiority over the enemy on the whole front. The exaggeration also gives an entirely false impression of the enemy's power of transporting large forces from the east to the west in a short time.

Rome, Oct. 29.—The Giornale d'Italia commenting on the retirement says the army is called on to undergo a trial which will decisively influence the whole course of the war. The Central Powers hope to smash the Entente through Italy.

London, Oct. 29.—Wireless Italian Official: Our troops are fulfilling their duty regularly and checking the enemy's advance on the plains.

London, Oct. 29.—News from the Italian front is still meagre but it is evident the Germans are making a supreme effort to repeat their Rumanian tactics. With the advance to Cividale the Austro-Germans have reached the very edge of the Venetian plain, gravely threatening the great strategic centre of Udine, the loss of which will mean the outflanking of the Carso and the collapse of the whole defence line to the sea. The enemy has now no natural obstacle to his advance provided he disposes of sufficient forces to follow up his initial success, which some correspondents think is doubtful. The Austro-Germans did not have things all their own way. Fine fighting occurred when the enemy, after crossing the river bridgeheads at Saint Lucia

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and Saint Michel, attacked the Italian gun positions at Globoket. A furious hand to hand struggle ended in a victory for the Bersaglieri the commander of whom was four times wounded. Italian aeroplane reconnaissances report the roads of the country in rear are full of troops. German aeroplanes are most active in bombing villages on the front at half hourly intervals.

London, Oct. 29.—Reuter announces that steps have already been taken for rendering the Italians the fullest possible assistance.

Paris, Oct. 29.—M. Poincaré presided over a Cabinet Council which examined the military situation and decided to afford allied cooperation on the Italian front.

London, Oct. 29.—The Times has reason to believe the critical situation on the Italian front has received, and is receiving, the prompt and sympathetic consideration of the Franco-British Governments. Though in the nature of things no positive announcement can be made, it is understood General Cadorna already knows that he may rely on the promptest and fullest support which it may be in the power of the Allies to give. This reflects the views of all papers which declare the Allies must stand or fall together.

Newspaper Campaigning Begins.
London, Oct. 28.—The gravity of Italy's position is recognised in the British press and threatens to revive the old controversy of the respective values of the western and eastern fronts. The Times says an extensive invasion of Italy will affect the whole Allied cause and corresponding measures must be taken should the necessity arise.

The Sunday Times says the time has come to abandon the idea that the western front is the only one that counts. Italy must not share the fate of Serbia and Rumania.

The Weekly Dispatch asks whether a narrow military conception has prevented the Allies from vigorously countering the thrust.

The Observer is confident the Italians, like the French at Verdun, will make the greatest fight of their history and the western Allies will help to the utmost.

The Manchester Guardian says Italy is in peril of a great disaster, even the most fanatically supported western school cannot argue that a yard gained in the west is worth a mile in the east.

Italy's New Ministry.
Rome, Oct. 28.—St. Orlando has been asked to form a cabinet. It is anticipated that there will be few changes in the ministry at present.

Movement in Mesopotamia.

London, Oct. 27.—Wireless Russian Official. The enemy squadrons bombarded the Ainazhi sector, Salimuni and the southern coast of Kuno Island.

London, Oct. 27.—A French eastern communique says the British raided the village of Salman south of Sere taking prisoner 50 Bulgarians. In out post fighting the French took prisoner 12 Austrians in the region of Pogradec.

London, Oct. 26.—The British at Salimuni captured four villages south of Sere killing sixty Bulgarians and taking prisoner 109. They then returned to their own lines.

London, Oct. 27.—Moscow Official. The Turks on both banks of the Tigris on Oct. 23 approached our positions at Samarra. On our advance the Turks retreated without fighting.

SANUKS.

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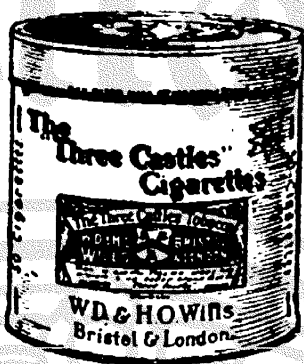
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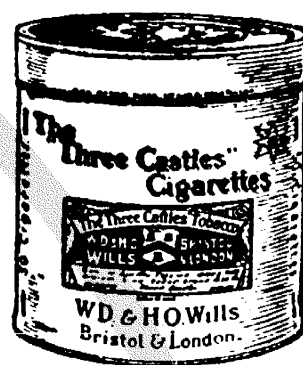
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Western Success.**Brilliant Action in Belgium.**

Paris, Oct. 30.—A communiqué states that there is violent artillery fire on the right of the Meuse, and an intermittent cannonade on the rest of the front.

London, Oct. 28.—Reuter's correspondent at headquarters says yesterday's French success was a brilliant affair of combined consummate tactical skill and irresistible élan. The Huns were bewildered by the audacity of the affair, not suspecting the French would try to negotiate the flooded area late in autumn. It was preceded by a thirty-two hours artillery preparation. Later the Belgians at Lügen co-operated and crossed the floods in flat-bottomed boats carrying machine-guns and established a new line beyond the inundation. The result of the operation has been to make a deep little salient close around the western half of Houthulst forest.

London Oct. 29.—Field Marshal Haig says: We raided trenches last night opposite Warneton and repulsed reconnoiters in the neighbourhood of Reutel.

A Belgian patrol yesterday captured a post with twenty-one men northward of Merckem. The Belgians during the night successfully raided north of Dixmude taking prisoner twenty-three.

The Franco-Belgians have carried out successful operations north of Merckem. The French captured Luighem village and the allies now hold the whole of Merckem Peninsula. There is reciprocal artillery fire on the battle front.

London, Oct. 29.—A French communiqué says. After violently bombarding the bois de Chaume and Bezonvaux front on the right of the Meuse the enemy attacked but was driven back by our fire and did not reach our lines except at one point north of Carrières wood, where he gained a footing on a front of five hundred metres which a counterattack mostly recovered.

There was fairly great artillery activity in the region of Pinon and Chavignon and near Epine de Chevigny. The Germans at midday strongly attacked our positions north of Froldmont farm. Our fire drove back the waves of attack with heavy losses and sixty prisoners remained in our hands. There was a fairly lively artillery duel in the region of the Champagne heights.

London, Oct. 30.—Field Marshal Haig: The Inniskillings, raiding northeastward of Croisilles, took prisoner a few.

The Belgians successfully raiding took prisoner a number northward and southward of Dixmude.

Brazil At War.

London, Oct. 25.—Brazil has declared war on Germany.

Reuter is officially informed the Brazil war declaration was finally due to the torpedoing of the Brazilian steamer Macao on the Spanish coast.

London Oct. 26.—Reuter learns the German warship seized in Brazil is the gunboat Aber. The torpedoed Macao was the German steamer Pelata.

Rio de Janeiro, Oct. 26.—The President in a message to Congress says it is impossible to avoid recognising the state of war imposed on Brazil by Germany. He proposes to seize the German warship at Bahia.

The Chamber has voted a state of war exists with Germany by 149 to one.

Rio de Janeiro, Oct. 27.—The Senate

has unanimously approved and the President sanctioned the proclamation of a state of war with Germany.

The U-Boat Destruction.

The story from Bergen of the U-boat sunk off the Shetlands is the sort of interesting news which we expect to get more fully from our own official sources. Recently the authorities permitted publication of some description of encounters with eight German submarines, all of which were believed to have been destroyed, but until that time the only detailed story given to the public of submarine destruction was the account of the capture of the German submarine mine-layer which

was afterwards exhibited in the Thames. If permission were given a good many accounts by eye-witnesses of submarine destruction are available, as most newspapers know. Of course the best stories cannot be told until the war is over.

Submarine-hunting is a grim queer business, not often spectacular, and the main part of the story would be the methods and ruses which bring the "tin fish," as sailors call them, to their end. It is the terror of these, one, supposed, that accounts for some of the atrocities of German submarine commanders in their spasms of panic—"spurious versenkt" accounts for the others. There are stories, however, of the spectacular form of submarine destruction which might well be told to the public.



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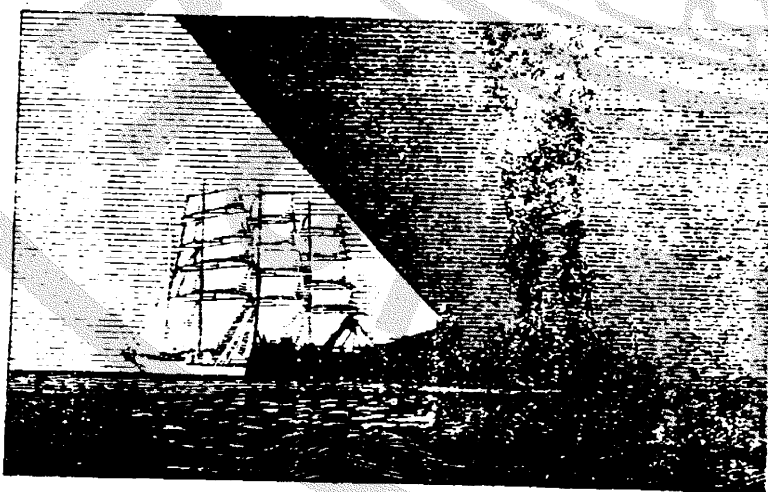
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