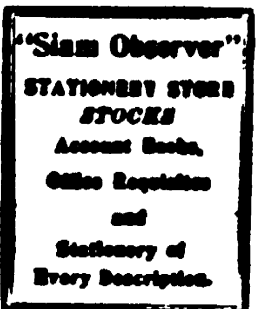


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DEPTH OF WATER ON THE  
BANGKOK BAR.

## FOR NOVEMBER 1917.

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

## PHASES OF THE MOON.

Nov. 6th (Last Quarter) 11 h 46 p.m.  
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22nd (First Quarter) 5 h 11 a.m.  
29th (Full Moon) 1 h 23 a.m.

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## General Wire News.

Washington, Nov. 10.—There is a further agreement between the United States and Japan, whereby the latter receives sufficient steel plates to carry out a shipbuilding programme in which she undertakes to furnish a large tonnage, to extend her co-operation in the warfare against submarines. The United States Shipping Board is applying more drastic regulations for reducing the visibility of ships. The remarkable results achieved, especially by smoke bombs, are enabling vessels to create an artificial fog extending to a great distance, resulting in a natural fog. Although the zone of sinking, formerly confined to the British Channel and the immediate vicinity of the British Irish and French coasts, has now extended to the Azores, the Shipping Board is confident that the losses from submarine will continue to decline.

London, Nov. 9.—Official. The King has telegraphed to General Allenby "I heartily congratulate you and the troops on the successful results of the ably conceived plans which were crowned by the capture of Gaza. I admire the tenacity and endurance of all ranks."

London, Nov. 9.—Mesopotamia Official. We have taken prisoner since 2 Nov. 319.

Ottawa, Nov. 12.—Premier Borden

on behalf of the New Union Govern-

ment has issued an appeal to the

electorate in which he states Govern-

ment has thoroughly realised in this

national emergency that there is an

imperative necessity for the fulfill-

ment of its policies with the least

possible delay. It pledges itself to

prosecute the war with ceaseless

vigour, to strive for national unity, to

administer public departments with

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measures of taxation which will be

regarded as social justice and neglect

nothing that may be required to en-

force those of their households they

have left behind. He was firmly

convinced that these objects can best

be achieved by a Government repre-

senting all parties, classes, creeds and

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on its behalf for sympathy and sup-

port to the Canadian people.

Amsterdam, Nov. 9.—A Berlin Of-

ficial says the Kaiser has accepted Dr.

Helfferich's resignation as vice-chanc-

ellor.

Amsterdam, Nov. 12.—Berlin Of-

ficial: Herr Von Payr has been ap-

pointed Vice-Chancellor.

London, Nov. 9.—Mr. Montagu has

arrived in Bombay.

London, Nov. 10.—Mr. Hall Caine

is undertaking the direction of cinema

films for the National War-sims Com-

mittee for the purpose of acquainting

the public with the issues at stake.

London, Nov. 9.—A bill has been in-

troduced in the House of Commons

providing for the establishment of an

"air force" and an air council over-  
sight of the secretaries of state  
will preside.

Amsterdam, Nov. 12.—The Kaiser

conferred with Emperor Karl and

Prince Ferdinand on the Italian front.

Paris, Nov. 12.—Mr. Lloyd George

has arrived here.

Melbourne, Nov. 12.—The death has

occurred of the cricketer Harry Trott.

Paris, Nov. 12.—General Fayolle has

been appointed Commander-in-Chief

of the Franco-British forces in Venetia.

London, Nov. 12.—Sir Arthur Yapp,

Director of Food Economy speaking in

Manchester outlined the following sug-

gested weekly voluntary rations of

bread: For men engaged in heavy in-

dustrial or agricultural work 128

ounces; for ordinary industrial or other

manual work 112; for unemployed or

sedentary 72; for women 80, 64, and

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London, Nov. 14.—General Allenby:

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Everybody worked like Trojans, impressed with the necessity of striking again before the enemy was reorganised or extensively entrenched. The captured guns total ninety. The inhabitants of Gaza, whom the Turks removed are being settled in Asa Minor to replace the massacred inhabitants of an Armenia village.

Washington, Nov. 15.—As regards the negotiations with the north-European neutrals and Japan, the United States has arranged to add several hundred thousand tons to ships carrying troops and supplies for the Allies. The neutrals agreed to hand over to the Allies and the United States ships in exchange for foodstuffs from the United States. Japan has agreed to sell outright a large amount of tonnage in exchange for steel.

London, Nov. 12.—The Admiralty explains that the German boats on the Belgian coast controlled by electric wire are propelled by petrol. They carry three to five hundred pounds of high explosive. The crew leave when the engine starts and an accompanying seaplane signals to the shore operator the direction to steer. Upon striking the charge explodes. A similarly controlled boat was used on the experimental ship Vernon in 1885.

London, Nov. 13.—M. Clemenceau has accepted the task of forming a Cabinet.

Rio de Janeiro, Nov. 16.—The repatriation bill has been adopted, authorising the government to cancel contracts with enemy subjects, to intern suspects, and to revise concessions of land to colonists.

The Chamber of Deputies has read for the first time a bill authorising the despatch to Brazil of a French military mission for the Brazilian army and British or United States mission for the navy.

Washington, Nov. 14.—The Government regards the Chinese protest against the Japan-American agreement in the nature of a declaration of principle not necessitating a reply from the United States, as China has merely declared that she does not regard as binding upon herself agreements between other nations.

London, Nov. 14.—Field Marshal Haig reports: The enemy yesterday afternoon attacked our positions on the high ground north of Passchendaele, but was completely repulsed.

London, Nov. 14.—A French communiqué says there is great reciprocal artillery fire on the right of the Meuse.

London, Nov. 14.—The Admiralty air-service carried out yesterday numerous patrols and had several engagements wherein one enemy was destroyed and three driven down out of control. We bombed Houtave aerodrome directly hitting the sheds. All returned.

London, Nov. 14.—In the week ending Nov. 11 the Italian arrivals were 364 and sailings 333. The sinkings, one sailingship over a hundred tons.

London, Nov. 14.—In the House of Commons replying to Mr. Lynch Mr. Bernal Law stated that the War Cabinet had considered all the possibilities of an invasion of Britain and had every confidence in Lord French.

London, Nov. 15.—East Africa Official: Our Kilwa and Lindi forces have met at Melanda. Remnants of the principal enemy force retreated toward Chiwataw and Mviti on the western edge of Makonde plateau, abandoning machine-guns, rifles and many enemy hospitals at Chiwata.

London, Nov. 14.—The Admiralty reports arrivals for the week 2,125, sailings 2,307. One over and five under 1,600 tons were sunk a British destroyer and small monitor which was co-operating with the army in Palestine. Seven are missing from the destroyer, twenty-six from the monitor.

London, Nov. 15.—French Official: During the past week there were 883 arrivals and 839 sailings. Two merchantships over 1,600 tons were sunk and four unsuccessfully attacked.

London, Nov. 15.—The Admiralty denies the German Admiralty's allegation that the British destroyer was hit in an engagement off Flanders and explains that German destroyers fired a few rounds at our patrol vessels. The fire was promptly returned and the Germans immediately retired and our patrol resumed operations.

New York, Nov. 15.—The Associated Press Correspondent at Presidio in Texas reports that there is fighting between General Villa's forces and the Government troops at Ojinaga.

London, Nov. 15.—Wireless German Official: The French evacuated hill positions westward of Ochrida lake.

London, Nov. 15.—Wireless German Official: We are advancing southwards in the mountains from Fonzova and Filire and are in contact with the enemy.

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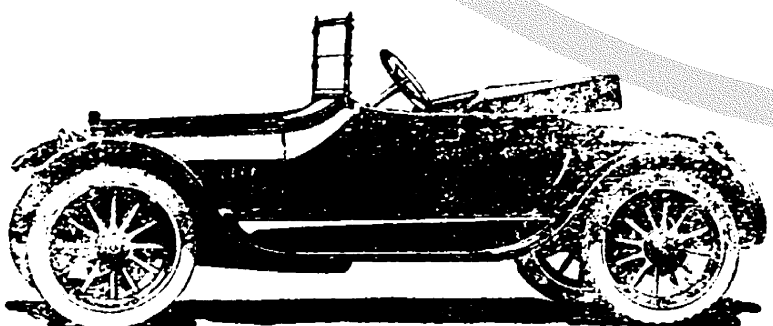
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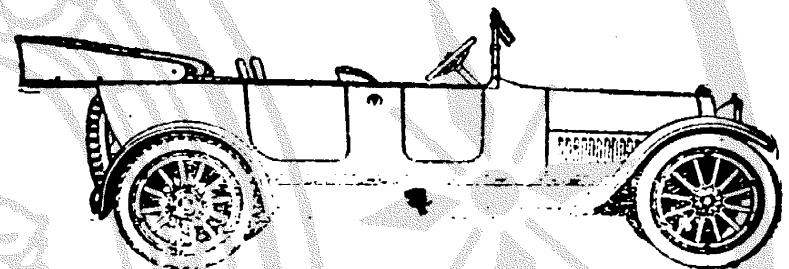
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| Station       | Highest level this year |       | Gauge reading at this date | Difference of level during preceding 48 hours in centimetres. |         | Remarks.                            |
|---------------|-------------------------|-------|----------------------------|---|---------|-------------------------------------|
|               | Date                    | level |                            | Rise  | Fall    |                                     |
| Wat Dabul     | Oct. 14th               | 0.84  | 1.63                       |   | 25 c.m. | Total fall from height 1.39 metres. |
| Suphan        | Nov. 1st                | 1.81  | 1.45                       |   | 3 c.m.  | Total fall from height 14 c.m.      |
| Krung Kuo     | " 5th 0.15 a.z.         |       | .41                        |   | 5 c.m.  | Total fall from height 66 c.m.      |
| Saraburi      | Oct. 23rd               | 6.83  | 13.13                      |   | 24 c.m. | Total fall from height 6.30 metres. |
| Rang Sit      | Nov. 5th 0.08 a.z.      |       | .15                        |   | 3 c.m.  | Total fall from highest 24 c.m.     |
| Bang Nop Kwek | " 17th                  | 0.00  | .11                        |   | 11 c.m. |                                     |
| Petrew        | " 18th                  | .15   | .26                        |   | 11 c.m. |                                     |

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### The Siam Observer

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1917.

### THE GERMAN FLEET.

The naval encounter that took place a day or two ago off Heligoland has again proved the superiority of the British navy over that of the Germans. True, it was but an affair between lightly armed boats but the Germans had to flee to the support of their battle-fleet to escape destruction. There have not been wanting signs of late to show that the probability of a great naval battle at an early date has been increased. Not long ago the great question of the hour was when the German fleet would come out but that has now been changed to speculation as to how long it will be able to stay in and there is a very wide difference between these questions. In earlier days of the war it was for the German to say when a great sea-battle should be fought or if it should be fought at all but now the later circumstances of the war have deprived the enemy of this great advantage and each day more clearly shows that before long the German fleet will have to leave its lair and to accept the battle offered to it. The chief factor bringing about this pressure is the failure of the U-boat campaign. Ever since the beginning of the war Germany has relied on her submarines to break the blockade and their first want of success did not deter the Hun from having faith in their ability to achieve this purpose at last. By building submarines on a standardised system our enemies have been able to keep up the supply but signs are not wanting to prove that the wastage is now so great that the supply cannot be kept up much longer. Germany has thus to make a great effort to break the blockade and the people of the Fatherland are already beginning to ask what use is to be made of the High Seas Fleet about which such vaunting promises were made and on which so much treasure has been lavished. Is the existence of the German navy justified by its deeds is a question that is being asked not only by the "man in the street" in Germany but by those high in power as well for it is no secret that Hindenburg has expressed himself very strongly on the supineness of the High Seas Fleet. Hindenburg, next to the Kaiser, exercises more power than any man in Germany and when the situation in that country becomes such that he thinks naval action to be necessary the fleet will have to come out and every reverse that Germany's arms receive brings the time nearer when a naval conflict can no longer be avoided. There is no doubt that our enemies are preparing with all their might to put up the greatest possible fight when the time occurs. We have no means of knowing to what extent Germany's fleet has been strengthened since the Battle of Jutland but we do know that her shipbuilding resources are much larger than is usually believed and there is no doubt that she has made and is making the very utmost of these resources. Germany possesses about thirty large ship-

building yards as well as a fair number of smaller establishments and some of the greater yards are so well equipped that they are able to build large war-ships complete. It is therefore safe to assume that on the day the High Seas Fleet is compelled to accept the wager of battle there will be found new ships of large displacement carrying heavy guns. Germany talks much of the freedom of the seas but the words of her rulers have made it clear that by this phrase she means the destruction of the sea-power of the Allies and more particularly that of England but when the great day of conflict dawns we may be sure that the British navy will be true to its glorious traditions and preserve for the world that true freedom of the seas that it has ever been her boast to maintain.



### Court Circular.

GRAND PALACE,  
Tuesday, 20 November  
His Majesty the King, with members of his suite, returned from Samudra Sagor by boat this afternoon.

### Heavy Sentences on Gamblers.

The International Court gave judgment this morning in a case in which seven persons were charged with unlawful gambling at Bosh Lane. All the defendants were found guilty.

According to the evidence produced by the prosecution Nai Hoon Kim Lee, Nang Chin (his wife) and E.H. Doro, a Portuguese subject, rented a house in Bosh Lane and ran it as a gambling house where games of chance of every kind including *shap ji-ki* were played.

On the night of August 25 last the police made a raid on the house and arrested, in addition to those already named, Nai Song Kien, Nai Bin, Nai Pong, Nai Teck Yu and Nai Kit, while a number of others who were also gambling managed to escape.

The Court sentenced Nai Hoon Kim Lee, Nang Chin, Nai Song Kien and Nai Bin to a fine of Tcs. 2,000 and three months' imprisonment each. The others accused were fined Tcs. 500 and given one month's imprisonment each.

E. H. Doro was charged before the Portuguese Legation and found guilty and fined.

Luang Arthakonchanath and Khan Sin Samruet appeared for the Krom Ayaka n.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Trid line is interrupted between Royal Railway Department and Chhaxoengsao. Other lines are all right.

THE s.s. *Kual* will leave from the Borneo Company's wharf at 11 a.m. sharp, on Friday the 23rd inst., and should arrive in Singapore on Monday about 8 o'clock, a.m.

IT is a sign of Germany's waning ambitions (writes a correspondent) that, having demanded a place in the sun, she now shows so marked a preference for a place in the moon?

LATEST ADVICE:—The Bangkok Travelling Agency will sell by auction the furniture of Mr. G. E. Allen. The Borneo Co., Ltd., have a notice to consignees. The new programme of the Pathanskor is announced.

THE sugar shortage receives a curious sidelight just now in a certain town in South Wales, where prize drawings for some charitable object or another are continually being organised. A tremendous sale has been found for tickets for a drawing in which the prizes are three parcels of sugar.

"RUSSIA was a pacific Power perforce, divided within itself, torn between revolutionaries and reactionaries who were equally incapable of social reconstruction, and so sinking towards a tragic disorder of chronic political venality." These words are not from a volume of history, but from Mr. H. G. Wells' romance, "The War in the Air" published in 1908.

THE American Liberty Loan, so far as Shanghai is concerned, promises to meet with much success. The subscriptions already sent into the International Bank run far into five figures and include \$10,000 gold from one of the big American banks and \$1,000 gold subscribed by a Britisher. From Hankow over \$20,000 gold is expected, while another big amount is expected from Tientsin. (Shanghai Ex. Oct. 27.)



## North Siam Red Cross Raffle.

The drawing of this Raffle was held at the Ohlengmai Gymkhana Club on the 12th November.

The drawing was held under the auspices of Their Serene Highnesses Prince and Princess Bovaradej, and of Her Royal Highness Princess Phra Rachaya, in the presence of a very large and representative gathering.

The prizes were won by the following persons:—

1. The Elephant Nai Mar, Khun Tan
2. The Pony Kham Lek, Phre At Fong, Muang Pong
3. The Buffalo
4. The Elephant Tucks Khin Song, Laupang
5. The Cow Mr. Hamilton
6. The Irish Setter (not yet known)

The Cow was put up for auction and was knocked down to Mr. D. F. Macfie for Ticals 50.

The total sum realized by the Raffle was Rs. 15,855. Some of the tickets were paid for in Ticals, and the profit on exchange, together with a few other subscriptions, will bring the North Siam contribution to "Our Day" up to a sum of very considerably over 21,000.

All the prizes were obtained by subscription, and all expenses in connection with the Raffle were paid for in the same way, so that no deduction was made from money realized by sale of tickets.

The Raffle was loyally supported by British subjects of all races and creeds, and valuable assistance was given by Siamese friends, particularly His Serene Highness Prince Bovaradej, Phya Patcharat, Lord Lieutenant of Maharaj, and Phra Raja Yudua, Governor of Changwat Chiang Rai.

## French Flood Relief Fund.

The French Minister thanks his compatriots for answering his call in favour of the victims of the floods and acknowledges the following subscriptions from:

|                                    | Tics.           |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Mgr. Perres                        | 50.00           |
| Banque de l'Indochine              | 500.00          |
| Malcolm Béranger and his staff     | 300.00          |
| Est. Asiatique                     | 93.00           |
| Francis                            | 200.00          |
| E. C. Moud and Co.                 | 50.00           |
| International Store (M. Philippot) | 50.00           |
| M. T. S. Marican                   | 1,000.00        |
| Meers. Belhomme                    | 50.00           |
| Blanc                              | 20.00           |
| Coedès                             | 25.00           |
| Didier                             | 50.00           |
| Gantier                            | 15.00           |
| Guyon                              | 50.00           |
| d'Herlinville                      | 20.00           |
| de Laforcade                       | 50.00           |
| Laydeker                           | 25.00           |
| L'Evesque                          | 50.00           |
| Marécaux                           | 25.00           |
| Odent                              | 25.00           |
| Dr. Poix                           | 50.00           |
| Pradère Niquet                     | 50.00           |
| Dr. Robert                         | 50.00           |
| Tentech                            | 50.00           |
| Lefèvre-Pontalis                   | 100.00          |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>2,948.00</b> |

Besides the following sums have been contributed directly or in other lists:

|                        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Meers. Laurent         | 25.00            |
| Niel                   | 50.00            |
| Petitbuenin            | 50.00            |
| Ré (French Dispensary) | 50.00            |
| Yi Ko Hong             | 10,000.00        |
| Wang Lee               | 2,800.00         |
| Hok Hua San Kee        | 2,000.00         |
| Na Hin Seng            | 2,000.00         |
| Buan An (Khai Ho)      | 1,000.00         |
| Mé Lom                 | 1,500.00         |
| Thai You (Leng Su)     | 500.00           |
| Loh Joo Long           | 1,000.00         |
| <b>Grand Total</b>     | <b>23,923.00</b> |

## American Flood Relief Fund.

The American Legation acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following sums from:—

Previous acknowledged Tics. 1,000.00

November 21, 1917.

The Bangkok Christian College 150.00

Mr. Houston Gamble Lamberon 100.00

Tics. 1,250.00

INVESTIGATIONS, a Peking contemporary says, have substantiated the accusation of the Opium Prohibition Union that local officials are responsible for the widespread planting of poppies in the regions of Suiyuan. Shen Pao-hang, ex Taoyin of Suiyuan Tao, who is indicted for encouraging the planting of opium for private profit, has been referred to the Commission for punishment.

## THE Great War.

### Five Submarines Destroyed.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Nov. 20.

Mr. Lloyd George announced that we had destroyed five submarines on Saturday.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Nov. 20.

Lloyd George has officially announced to the Commons that the English destroyed five German submarines on Saturday.

### Death of General Maude.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Nov. 20.

The War Office announces that General Maude died in Mesopotamia yesterday evening after a brief illness.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Nov. 18.

London, Official:—General Maude, Commander-in-Chief in Mesopotamia died yesterday.

### The Russian Situation.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Nov. 20.

In the House of Commons Mr. Balfour stated that the situation in Russia was still obscure although it appeared that the extremists completely controlled Petrograd and Moscow.

### England and Holland.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Nov. 20.

Telegraphic communications with the Dutch have been resumed.

### Artillery Contest.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Nov. 18.

There is an active artillery contest on the right bank of the Meuse notably at Bois-le-Château. The Scottish regiments executed an attack near Monchy-le-Preux.

### Jaffa Occupied.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Nov. 18.

Palestine, Official:—We occupied Jaffa yesterday without resistance. The enemy is retreat toward the north.

### Strike in Argentina.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Nov. 18.

Buenos Ayres:—The Federation of Railwaymen has declared a strike from Thursday.

### The Rioting in Switzerland.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Nov. 18.

Zurich:—In the course of the evening six were killed. The troops have restored order. The workmen threaten to declare a general strike.

### The Naval Engagement.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Nov. 18.

London:—British cruisers pursued German cruisers to within 30 miles of Heligoland. Three enemy vessels were damaged.

### A Ministerial Declaration.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Nov. 20.

The ministerial declaration indicates that the government is resolved to conduct the war with redoubled efforts to the stern and rapid punishment of all crimes of treason without consideration of persons; the trials will be before a council of war. The liberty of the press will be re-established under the responsibility of the writers. The country ought to accept the new food restrictions and to assure the success of the new loan in order that after the aid of blood the pecuniary aid will guarantee the victory which be the best day is the history of our race.

## Submarinism Finally Beaten.

(“S. O.” SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, Nov. 20.

An American Naval expert states that the last submarine figures constitute the most momentous news since the United States declared war and compared therewith the German successes in Russia and Italy are trivial. He declares that submarinism is finally beaten.

## British Flood Relief Fund.

H. B. M. Minister acknowledges with many thanks the receipt of the following sums from:—

Previously acknowledged Tics. 25,892.84

November 21, 1917.

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Tito Pozzi. 20.00

A. K. Huseinally Vasi & Co. 101.00

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**Total** Tics. 27,779.84

## The Italian Position.

London, Nov. 13.—Renter's correspondent at Italian Headquarters, cabling on the evening of Nov. 12, says that the troops occupying the regions of Carnia and Cadore succeeded in retiring with small losses and rejoined the main army, whose new line runs from the sea the slopes of the Alps, thence following the slopes it ascends the Brenta River, traverses the Sugana Valley; the total length being fifty miles; where against the enemy is now directing four armies, the southernmost commanded by von Below, the next northwards is Boroevich's army; Krobatin is commanding in Cadore while Hoetzendorf is endeavouring to break through in the Trentino. All depends on the amount of pressure that the enemy is able to exercise. It is stated that the enemy reserves hereabouts are imposing and constantly increasing.

London, Nov. 14.—Wireless German official. We stormed snowed hill positions eastward of Asiago and an armoured work at Montebell. We captured Primolano and Feltre.

London, Nov. 14.—Renter's correspondent at Italian Headquarters wiring on Nov. 13 says the Alps above the Venetian plains the enemy is repeating the tactics he adopted when breaking

through on the Isonzo front. Troops commanded by the Archduke Eugene are daily testing the Italian line along the valleys leading to Asiago, hoping to find a weak spot whence they can sweep down on the rear of the Italians massed on the right bank of the Piave. The assaults are numerically stronger but the defence is at present unbroken. The enemy had nearly broken through in the valleys north of Asiago, when from a precipice in their rear Alpini fell upon the Austrians with such violence that the latter finally fled leaving behind them numbers of dead, wounded and prisoners.

London, Nov. 15.—Italian Official. The enemy intensified his action on our mountainous front from Asiago to the Piave valley. We effectively resisted on Tuesday night attacks on the front Mount Sisoni-Melitta Davanti. His attacks yesterday further north and towards the front Frisoni-Brenta-Cimone were repulsed. Further attacks between the Cimone and Piave and at Mount Roncone were repulsed. We withdrew our advanced posts from Mount Tomantico. Fresh attempts to cross the Piave failed and units which have already crossed are being withheld in the Zenson loop marshes between the Piave and Vechia Piave.

London, Nov. 15.—An Italian Semi Official says that after a lengthy resistance enabling the troops on the Asiago Plateau to complete their movements, Mont Longara was abandoned. The Italian rearguards stubbornly resisted furious onslaughts for four days. On the 10th they put out of action eight enemy battalions who had momentarily captured Gallio and Mont Ferraghi; and thereafter five fresh battalions were brought up and repeatedly repulsed. We counterattacked and Longara was not evacuated until the new main lines of the army were completed.

At the same time the rearguards in Valugana and the mountains near Feltre rejoined the main line, after stripping all forts north and north-west of Asiago, including the fort the enemy claimed they had stormed. The enemy continues his attempts on the Piave. The detachments who crossed near Sandona and Intesadura were driven back into the river. The zone occupied by important enemy detachments at Zenson is being continually

reduced. The enemy reached an inlet north of Piave Bridge and on the right bank near the mouth of the Grisolera river, where thick vegetation and high banks assisted their concealment. The defenders, however, checked the advance of these detachments.

London: Renter's correspondent at Italian Headquarters wiring on the 14th, says that the enemy is attempting to squeeze the Italians in pinners, one arm pressing from the Asiago Plateau, the other upon the mouth of the Piave. It is estimated that in the fighting described in to night's semi-official the enemy losses were twenty to one Italian. It is recalled that the Austrian present attempts to d bouch into the valleys leading to Bionza are similar to the attempts which were frustrated in May 1916. So far the resistance is holding the enemy plans.

London, Nov. 14.—Wireless Italian Official: An enemy surprise attack against the positions Lake Lendro to Lake Guria completely failed. The enemy were compelled to retire. Our troops on the Asiago plateau occupying advanced positions on Mount Longara, having repulsed four attacks, withdrew their line further to the rear. There were lively combats between Asiago and the Sugana Valley. Between Brenza and Piave the enemy now occupy a front Tezze Lunon, Fontaso, Arten and Feltre. There was intense artillery along the Piave. Enemy attempt to cross the river at Sandona de Piave and Intesadura failed. There was desperate fighting at Grave, Dippatoli and Zenson. Enemy groups penetrated the marshy region between Piave and Vechia where the enemy were held up. We took prisoner 121.

## Sinn Fein and Germany.

New York, Nov. 12.—The Chief of the United States secret service has published two Sinn Fein letters which have recently come into possession of the American authorities showing clearly that Germany dangled the bait of an independent Ireland before the eyes of the extremists, but the promise to secure this was qualified by the condition "if the course of the war allowed it."



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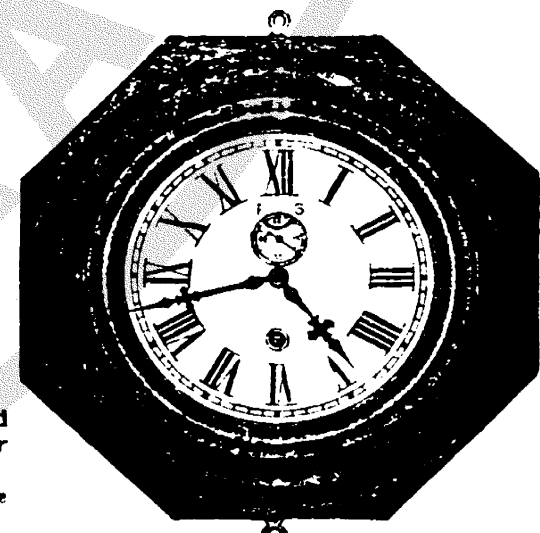


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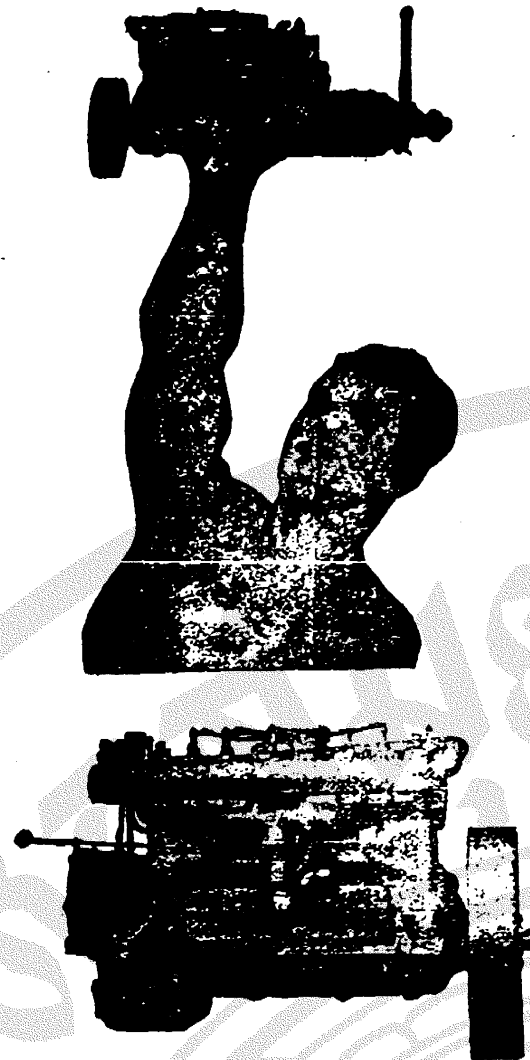
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Stockholm, Nov. 14.—The Swedish Agency learns from Haparanda that Kerensky entered Petrograd. The majority of troops arrested him.

London, Nov. 14.—Doubt exists regarding the significance of the Stockholm message reporting the arrest of Kerensky. The word which is given as "arrested," actually reached Reuters as "arrested." Reuter has requested a repetition of the original message.

Later.—The Stockholm message repeated now reads "Kerensky entered Petrograd where the majority of troops joined him."

Reuter learns authoritatively that Kerensky now controls Petrograd. Moscow is the Headquarters of the Provisional Government.

The Leninists are holding out only in a small part of Petrograd otherwise the whole of Russia is in the hands of the Provisional Government. General Kaledin is dictator in Southern Russia. The orders of the Provisional Government are being signed by Kerensky, Korniloff and Kaledin. The Allied Embassies are now in touch with Kerensky. Cossacks destroyed the Redguard which was the chief Leninist regiment. The population of Petrograd is now tearing down the Leninist proclamations.

**What is Happening in Petrograd?**

London, Nov. 15.—All news of the situation in Russia is coming via Sweden from the Finnish frontier and must be accepted with reserve. This applies equally to vague reports and to statements emanating apparently from sound authoritative sources, such as Scandinavian consulates or Russian officials abroad. The latest rumours from the Finnish frontier include wholesale anarchy in the provinces, 2,000 killed at Moscow, and veritable pogroms at Kiev, Voronezh and other towns.

London, Later.—The Russian situation is still most perplexing. The latest Stockholm reports on Wednesday evening state the news from Petrograd received by indirect channels is meagre and contradictory, some reports declaring that Kerensky is master of the situation, others that he has definitely lost. The proclamation of the Maximalist commander Muravieff has been received, which, while denying that Maximalist troops joined Kerensky admits they evacuated Gatchina but only to prevent useless bloodshed. It asserts they have taken up a defensive position near Petrograd strong enough to resist ten times Kerensky's forces. It concludes by declaring that three cruisers and six torpedo boats from the Baltic fleet manned by Maximalists are anchored in the Neva in the centre

of Petrograd prepared to bombard the capital.

Stockholm, Nov. 15.—Travellers who have arrived at Haparanda from Finland bring the rumour that Petrograd is in flames.

London, Nov. 15.—A telegram from Petrograd dated the 13th, says that the socialist leaders are negotiating with the Bolsheviks for the establishment of a socialist government with a programme of rapid conclusion of peace, delivery of all land to the land committees, summoning a constituent assembly. The Bolsheviks insist on representation in the Government, which is refused and decline an armistice unless this is reconsidered. The Kerensky forces are concentrated close to Petrograd.

The Socialist leaders are negotiating upon the following terms: disarmament of the Red Guards; control of Petrograd garrison to be transferred to the Municipality; military operations to cease; a guarantee that Kerensky's army on entering Petrograd would not fire and abstain from house to house searches and arrests.

Kerensky has issued a proclamation of his adherence to the Revolution; guarantees the outchering (? clearing out) of the Bolsheviks and transference of power to an organisation comprising the Preliminary Parliament, and a committee for safeguarding the revolution. Heavy fighting is reported from Kiev, aeroplanes participating on both sides. The casualties are numerous. The armistice at Moscow has expired.

**Western Front.****Haig's Reports.**

London, Nov. 12.—Field Marshal Haig:—We repulsed with loss a raid westward of Lens.

The organisation of ground captured on Saturday continues. Aviation was restricted on Saturday owing to rain.

London, Nov. 11.—Field Marshal Haig:—There was heavy rain and hostile artillery on our positions at Passchendaele and the ground captured northward of the village. There was no infantry action.

London, Nov. 12.—Field Marshal Haig reports the usual reciprocal artillery fire.

London, Nov. 11.—Admiralty:—The air service bombed St. Denis Westrem and Bruges Docks on Friday night. We dropped large quantities of explosives with good results, causing a fire at Bruges Docks. All machines returned.

London, Nov. 12.—Field Marshal Haig reports considerable hostile artillery fire northeast of Ypres and in

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the neighbourhood of Stoenbeek. Our artillery fire continues.

London, Nov. 12.—Field Marshal Haig reporting on aviation says:—Our lowflying aeroplanes on Sunday fired many machine gun rounds at ground targets and silenced a hostile battery. We destroyed one machine and drove down four. None of ours are missing.

#### The Results.

London, Nov. 11.—Reuter's correspondent at headquarters says that Saturday's battle, after the success of the morning, developed during the afternoon into intense German artillery fire. The capture of Passchendaele had created a pronounced salient, whereupon the enemy concentrated a volume of raking enfilading fire, while, owing to the restricted visibility, counter battery work was much impeded. Hence the British and Canadian withdrawal during the afternoon from the advanced positions gained in the morning, after successfully dealing with the German counter attacks. We retain an important proportion of Saturday's gains, the net results providing quite a satisfactory success.

#### French Communiqués.

London, Nov. 12.—French communiqué:—There was a pretty lively artillery struggle in Belgium, in the Papegoud sector and on the right bank of the Meuse, in the region of Hill 344 and Bois le Haume.

London, Nov. 11.—French communiqué:—There was incessant reciprocal artillery fire in Chaume wood. After lively artillery preparation the Germans attacked at Hartmannswiller in the Vosges. After a violent hand to hand engagement we completely repulsed the enemy, who momentarily got a footing in our lookout line. Another enemy attempt at Reichacker failed.

London, Nov. 12.—A French communiqué says: There are violent artillery actions in the region north of Chemin de Dames between the Ailette and the Aisne and in the sector of Chaume wood.

#### Enemy Reports.

London, Nov. 12.—Wireless German Official: There was intense artillery fire in the Yser region.

London, Nov. 12.—Wireless German Official: Near Longarone our troops barred the enemy's retreat in the upper Piave valley taking prisoner ten thousand and much material. We advanced down the Piave and are now before Feltra.

London, Nov. 11.—Wireless German Official: The English five times attacked the crater land between Poelcapelle and Passchendaele. He penetrated in the centre but was thrown out with heavy losses.

Strong Italian attacks pressed back our forces near Asiago. We captured Belluno. The enemy have made a stand on the Lower Piave.

London, Nov. 11.—Wireless German Official: An English local attack north-west of Passchendaele sanguinarily collapsed.

We captured the stubbornly defended bridge head of Vidor.

London, Nov. 12.—Wireless German Official: We took prisoner 4,000 Italians westward of Belluno in the cor de Vole valley.

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"After running for some time, they spotted a sort of erection affair, like a big gun-pit. They crept closer and heard the Boches talking. It was a gun-pit, so they squatted down and made a sketch map of it, with a bearing or two to get the proper range. After that they crept and ran and crawled until they got to the bank of the canal. They had to swim for it, and as they left the bank a couple of Boche snipers got a bead on them, and they had just time to locate the beggars hiding in sunken barrels before they dived. They swam under water, coming up for a breather now and then, with the Boche snipers blazing away, but they got through all right. While still dressed only in wet shirts, they got on the 'phone to our heavies, and gave the exact location of that gun pit, as well as the two barrels. Next thing that happened was a series of direct hits on that gun emplacement, and the two snipers' barrels were sent sky-high."

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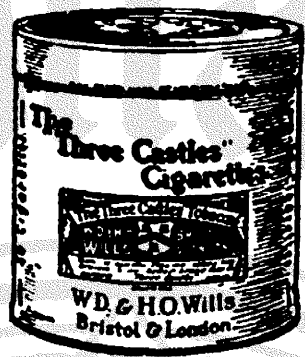
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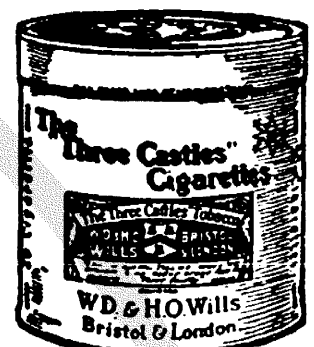
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| *Ban Nang ..    | 6.40      | 9.40  | 12.55 | 3.55 | Klong Toi ..   | 8.00      | 11.00 | 2.15 | 5.15 |
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|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--|---|----------|
|                             | Millimetres.                       | Millimetres.                                 | Millimetres.                             | Millimetres.  |          |
| Ministry of Agriculture ... | 20.7                               | None   | 1391.1                                   | 1133.0  |          |
| Samudprakar ...             | 15.2                               | "  | 1528.1                                   | 1838.1  |          |
| Dhanyaburi ...              | None                               | "  | 1707.1                                   | 976.1   |          |
| Ayudhya ...                 | 3.2                                | 5.8  | 1484.4                                   | 1212.9  |          |
| Angtong ...                 | None                               | None   | 1777.5                                   | 1525.5  |          |
| Lobbur ...                  | 108.5                              | 23.1   | 1664.1                                   | 1448.4  |          |
| Nager Pathom ...            | 5.1                                | 26.0   | 1111.1                                   | 1255.2  |          |
| Banburi ...                 | 102.7                              | None   | 1351.9                                   | 1222.3  |          |
| Bejngmai ...                | 285.1                              | 16.2   | 2603.7                                   | 1714.5  |          |
| Kanchanaburi ...            | No report                          | None   | "  | 1182.9  |          |
| Chhaxong Sao ...            | 12.4                               | "  | 1476.7                                   | 1251.3  |          |
| Prachin ...                 | None                               | "  | 2227.8                                   | 1443.2  |          |
| Udya ...                    | 21.9                               | "  | 1494.6                                   | 1472.1  |          |
| Jaynai ...                  | None                               | "  | 1348.1                                   | 1114.6  |          |
| Bianuloke ...               | "                                  | "  | 1736.1                                   | 1804.7  |          |
| Chiangmai ...               | 7.5                                | "  | 1117.0                                   | 1367.1  |          |
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**Allied Council.****A Political Peg**

London, Nov. 14.—In the House of Commons Mr. Asquith, amid cheers asked what functions had been proposed for the Inter-Allied Council, particularly its military staff, whether it was proposed that the Council should have power to interfere with, and override the opinion of the General Staff at home and the Commander-in-Chief in the field on matters of strategy, whether the military staff or the council would have its own intelligence and operations departments, whether the ultimate decision, regarding the distribution and movement of the armies would rest on the Council or on the Governments represented thereon, and whether there would be an opportunity to discuss the proposed arrangements and Mr. Lloyd George's statements in Paris in connection therewith.

**The Premier.**

Mr. Lloyd George, replying, proceeded to read the terms of the Franco-Italian-British agreement creating the Allied supreme war council. The first clause states that the council is composed of the prime-minister and a member of the Government of each great power whose armies are fighting on the western front. The extension of the council's scope to the other front is reserved for discussion with the great power concerned. The second clause says the council's mission is to watch over the general conduct of the war and prepare recommendations for Government decision, to keep itself informed of their execution and to report thereon to the respective Governments.

The general staff and the military commands of the armies of each power will remain responsible to their respective Governments. The general war plans drawn up by competent military authorities are to be submitted to the supreme war council which under the high authority of the Government ensures their concordance with and submits any necessary changes. Each power delegates to the supreme war council one permanent military representative, whose exclusive function is to technically advise the council.

The military representatives will receive from the Government and competent military authorities of their country all the proposals, information, and documents relating to the conduct of the war. The military representatives will watch the daily situation of the forces and the means of every sort of which the Allied or enemy armies dispose. The War Council will meet

normally at Versailles at least once a month but it might meet at other agreed places according to circumstances. The permanent military representatives and their staffs have been established at Versailles.

**Council's Duties Defined.**

Mr. Lloyd George said: From the foregoing it is clear that the council will have no executive power and final decisions in the matters of strategy, distribution and movement of various armies in the field will rest with the allied Governments. Therefore there will be no operations department attached to the council. The Allies object has been to establish a central body who will continuously survey the field of operations as a whole by the light of information derived from all fronts,

all the Governments and their staffs, and co-ordinating plans prepared by the different general staffs, and, if necessary, making its own proposals for a better conduct of the war. The Government has proposed to set aside November 12, for discussion of the subject and also his speech at Paris.

**The Effect.**

London, Nov. 14.—Mr. Lloyd George's speech has caused a tremendous sensation and the House of Commons was taken by surprise and is disposed to be critical as it is interpreted in some quarters as betokening a desire of the Premier to interfere with the military leaders, hence it is hoped Mr. Lloyd George will make an explanation correcting this impression. There is much interest in Mr. Asquith's attitude but

the latter's friends declare he is not at present seeking the Premiership.

**The Press.**

The Daily Telegraph refers to the political atmosphere of suspicion and denounces an attempt which it alleges is being made to bring down Mr. Lloyd George's administration.

The Morning Post says a study of the speech confirms the worst fears that Mr. Lloyd George really intends his political council to direct the allied strategy. It warns Mr. Lloyd George he will have a spill if he interferes with Sir W. Robertson and Sir D. Haig.

The Daily Chronicle lobbyist learns authoritatively the speech was not actuated by any hostility to Robertson or Haig.

The comment passed by the Daily Mail is that the speech was bold and candid, but there were many passages which a Premier should have suppressed, because they were untrue, or representing opinion and not fact.

The Times says that Mr. Lloyd George's object was absolutely sound, but not his review of past events, especially his unfortunate suggestion that all the past efforts of the Allies had been unwise or wasted.

The Daily News in the strongest language denounces the unparalleled crime of encouraging the enemy and depressing ourselves and casting a shameful slur on the dead in a travesty of the battle of the Somme.

Le Journal declares Mr. Lloyd George having disposed of his political rivals proposes to make himself military dictator.

The Daily News lobbyist says it will be difficult to ignore the long current reports of controversies between Mr. Lloyd George, Robertson and Haig and says there were rumours yesterday of Army Council resignations. The papers publish a letter from Major Philip Sassoon, Haig's private Secretary, to the Mayor of Folkestone exhorting the people of England to refuse to be diverted from the steady and relentless progress of the British armies in Flanders, which is an outstanding feature of the war and declaring that nothing the enemy can do on other fronts can prevent his ultimate defeat.

London, Nov. 14.—From the mass of comment in the French press on Mr. Lloyd George's speech which is mostly favourable, emerges one definite note that a unity of command is what is mainly needed.

**East African Campaign.**

London, Nov. 11.—East Africa Official: Between Oct. 23 and Nov. 8 the British southeast of Mahenge drove the enemy eastwards, captured 142 Germans and 119 Askaris. The enemy evacuated Mwangira and is now retreating towards Luwala. Our advance continues in the Lukeledi valley. The enemy abandoned material, including a naval four inch gun.

London, Nov. 12.—East Africa Official: The British found at Ndanda hospital sixty-four Europeans, and also at Massali the last German 4.9 naval gun, blown up, and fifty-seven German Europeans in hospital. We are near the main body of the enemy between Nangoo and Chiwata. Eleven German officers and sixty-one men in hospital at Mahambu south of Ogangira offered to surrender.



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