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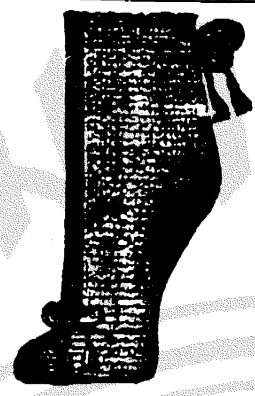
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TIDE TABLE.

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

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

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

PHASES OF THE MOON.

Oct.	1st	● Full Moon	3.13	a.m.
"	8th	(Last Quarter	4.56	a.m.
"	16th	○ New Moon	9.23	a.m.
"	23rd	(First Quarter	9.19	p.m.
"	30th	● Full Moon	1.1	p.m.

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Fighting Fronts.

Big Guns Talking in Belgium.

London, Oct. 17.—Field Marshal Haig says: There is nothing of interest to report.

London, Oct. 18.—Field Marshal Haig reports: There was considerable activity of the hostile artillery north-east of Ypres and in the coast sector. The activity of our artillery on the battle front continues.

London, Oct. 18.—Field Marshal Haig reports, regarding aviation: British aeroplanes carried out a very successful raid this afternoon over German territory. They attacked a factory west of Saarbrücken, 40 miles beyond the German frontier, and dropped many bombs with good effect. Five broke out in the factory. All our machines returned.

Enemy Well Bombed.

Many bombs were dropped yesterday on billets and trenches. We brought down three German machines. One of ours is missing.

London, Oct. 17.—The Admiralty reports that naval aircraft on Monday night dropped many tons of bombs on Bruges dock. One of our fighter patrols on Tuesday brought down an enemy two-seater in the vicinity of Larren. The observer fell out and the machine fell in flames. All ours returned.

London, Oct. 18.—The Admiralty states that naval aircraft carried out patrols yesterday and encountered several enemy formations. One enemy seaplane was brought down and two other hostile machines probably destroyed.

Fritz's Discomforting Prospects.

London, Oct. 18.—Reuter's correspondent at headquarters writes: The condition of the ground has become the chief trouble in Flanders. Not merely is no man's-land a morass, but the ground behind for some thousand yards is either swamp or shell craters brimful of ooze. Hence there is superhuman difficulty in bringing up guns.

The drying winds recently have come too late to counteract the mischief done by the torrential rains of the last week, for when once Flanders is mud and water-logged this season it will never get hard again throughout the winter.

The position of the British, however, is satisfactory compared with past winters, for we have got the Germans in the mudflats, with the prospect of their wintering under colossal artillery firing.

The American Review.

Washington, Oct. 18.—The official weekly war review calls attention to the French successes in the neighbourhood of Houthulst wood, which have given the Allied advance in Flanders the needed elbow-room. The character of the Ypres salient, which was formerly too narrow for large masses

of troops, has been completely changed. It is no longer a salient, but an ever extending wedge progressively driven into the German lines.

London, Oct. 17.—French communiqué: There were lively artillery actions, particularly in the region of the plateau d'Ailles and on the right of the Meuse.

Reprisal on Nancy.

London, Oct. 17.—French communiqué says: Enemy aeroplanes violently bombed Nancy; ten civilians were killed and 40 injured. Five enemy aeroplanes were destroyed on Oct. 15-16 and twenty others fell out of control in their own lines. Our aeroplanes heavily bombed military establishments at Volkseigen, railway stations at Thionville, Metz, Metz and Metz Wolpp, and factories at Hagondange and Rombach.

London, Oct. 17.—Wireless German Official: As a reprisal, our aviators bombed Nancy, causing large fires.

Rainfall.

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

KRUNG DEB.

At Phra Pradaeng	Oct. 20	48.1 mm.
Samudprakar	" 20	80.0 "
Phra Pradaeng	" 21	61.8 "
Samudprakar	" 21	62.0 "
Samudprakar	" 22	47.5 "
Min. of L. & A.	" 24	53.6 "

MONDOL KRUNG KAO.

At Ayudhya	Oct. 22	3.8 "
Dhanyaburi	" 22	6.4 "
Dhanyaburi	" 23	10.0 "
Dhanyaburi	" 24	85.0 "

MONDOL NAGOR JAYSRI.

At Nagor Pathom	Oct. 24	18.5 "
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MONDOL RAJABURI.

At Rajaburi	Oct. 22	68.8 "
Bejraburi	" 22	74.8 "
Rajaburi	" 23	24.2 "
Bejraburi	" 23	41.0 "
Samuda Songram	" 23	126.4 "

MONDOL PRACHIN.

At Chhaxoeng Sao	Oct. 22	4.5 "
Chhaxoeng Sao	" 23	11.8 "
Prachin	" 23	33.9 "
Nagor Nayok	" 23	11.0 "
Joburi	" 23	43.0 "

Zeppelin Raid.**Five Destroyed.**

London, Oct. 20.—Official: Six or seven air ships attacked the eastern and northeastern counties last evening. They proceeded for some distance inland, but made no very definite attack. Bombs were dropped at various points, including a few in the London area. The raid continues.

Official.—In last night's airship raid the killed numbered 27 and the injured 53. There was some material damage to houses and business premises.

London, Oct. 20.—Reuter's correspondent at French headquarters states that four Zeppelins returning from England were brought down or forced to land in France. A fifth is believed also to have been destroyed.

London, Oct. 20.—The alarm was given in London last evening, which was startled but moonless. The people sought shelter very promptly but traffic was not interrupted. The sound of occasional distant gunfire was heard, but nothing happened till a solitary bomb, three hours later exploded.

A correspondent says that the explosion extinguished lamps and shattered glass buildings. Everyone was waiting to hear the boom of anti aircraft guns and experience a shower of shrapnel. With the guns silent, the general impression was that a new trap was being laid for the raiders.

Unofficial reports described the Zeppelins as crossing the East Anglian coasts and proceeding inland, dropping bombs both going and returning.

London, Oct. 20.—The revival of the air-raiding of London by Zeppelin has occasioned some surprise. It is over a year since the last attempt.

The night was fine and starlit, but a little hazy. The long interval between the alarm and the bomb dropping led many people to become rather heedless, notwithstanding the playing of searchlights. Shortly after two bombs had been dropped in quick succession, in different neighbourhoods, the "all clear" signal was sounded for the first time by buglers.

A circumscribed rural area in the eastern counties received particular attention. Eight high-explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped, mostly in fields.

The approach of eleven Zeppelins was signalled throughout France late in the evening, and the air defence squadrons and batteries all over the country were immediately warned. The enemy's airships were attacked and

scattered all over France like a flock of affrighted birds.

One Zeppelin was brought down near Luneville by anti-aircraft guns. Two others were brought down or compelled to land, one at Vergennes, in the department of Cotes d'Or, the other at La Marche, in Haute-Marne. A fourth Zeppelin was chased throughout central France and brought down so far away as Gap in the Hautes Alpes.

No bombs were dropped in France by the raiders, who were practically at the mercy of the magnificent French air defence service from the moment that they crossed the coast.

London, Oct. 21.—French communiqué: On the Aisne there was great artillery activity by both sides but no infantry actions.

Dunkirk was bombarded from the sea last night. There were no civilian casualties.

A certain number of Zeppelins flew over France without doing damage. One was brought down in flames 16 miles east of Luneville. Another attacked by aeroplanes, landed near Bourbonne les Bains. The crew was taken prisoner and the air ship is intact. Two other Zeppelins are reported to have fallen in the Zone of the interior.

London, Oct. 19.—The Admiralty reports that naval aircraft yesterday morning dropped many bombs with satisfactory results on Varsenacere aerodrome. All returned.

London, Oct. 21.—French communiqué: The two Zeppelins which fell in the Zone of the interior were disabled when attacked by aeroplanes by anti-aircraft guns and compelled to descend near the Sisteron Valley Zone. The crews set fire to the airships and took flight but were made prisoners.

DIPHTHERIA—HOW IT MAY BE AVOIDED.

Diphtheria is usually contracted when the child has a cold. The cold prepares the child's system for the reception and development of the diphtheria germs. When there are cases of diphtheria in the neighborhood children that have colds should be kept at home and off the street until recovered. Give them Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and they will not have to remain at home long. It also cleans out the culture beds which form in a child's throat when it has a cold, and minimizes the risk of contracting infectious diseases. For sale by the British Dispensary.

THE RAINFALL.

Rainfall for the 2nd week in October 2460

Locality.	Rainfall recorded during the week.	Rainfall of corresponding week of last year.	Total rainfall for present year to date.	Total rainfall for last year to corresponding date.	Remarks
	Millimetres.	Millimetres.	Millimetres.	Millimetres.	
Ministry of Agriculture	59.3	61.8	1107.5	978.6	
Samudprakar	34.7	313.0	1179.9	1661.9	
Dhanyaburi	41.0	81.0	1314.0	870.6	
Ayudhya	35.7	18.2	1279.9	1153.1	
Angtong	36.1	5.7	1647.7	1391.4	
Lobbur	12.8	48.1	1145.1	1268.9	
Nagor Pathom	42.9	32.3	1183.8	1191.3	
Subarn	24.1	14.1	907.0	1044.9	
Rajburi	174.3	66.9	952.1	964.7	
Bejngmai	280.4	130.4	1604.7	1229.7	
Kanchanaburi	No report	59.5	...	840.7	
Chaoeng Sao	57.1	50.3	1328.3	1152.8	
Prachin	64.4	71.0	2007.1	1336.2	
Udya	116.5	88.1	1251.7	1223.1	
Jaynai	61.5	69.4	1209.6	1189.8	
Banuloke	No report	30.4	...	1764.5	
Chiangmai	0.5	9.9	1037.4	1290.4	
Chiangkhla	67.2	95.9	421.6	702.5	

Paknam Railway Company Limited.**TIME TABLE.**

PAKNAM—BANGKOK.					BANGKOK—PAKNAM				
Stations.	Train No.				Stations.	Train No.			
	1	2	3	4		1	2	3	4
	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.		a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.
Paknam Dep.	6.30	9.30	12.45	3.45	Bangkok Dep.	7.45	10.45	2.00	5.00
*Maha Wong ..	6.35	9.35	12.50	3.50	Sala Deng ..	7.52	10.52	2.07	5.07
*Ban Nang Greng ..	6.40	9.40	12.55	3.55	Klong Toi ..	8.00	11.00	2.15	5.15
Chorakhe ..	6.45	9.45	1.00	4.00	*Ban Kinei ..	8.05	11.05	2.20	5.20
*Samrong ..	6.50	9.50	1.05	4.05	Prakonong ..	8.10	11.10	2.25	5.25
Bangna ..	6.55	9.55	1.10	4.10	Bangdjak ..	8.15	11.15	2.30	5.30
Bangdjak ..	7.00	10.00	1.15	4.15	*Bangna ..	8.20	11.20	2.35	5.35
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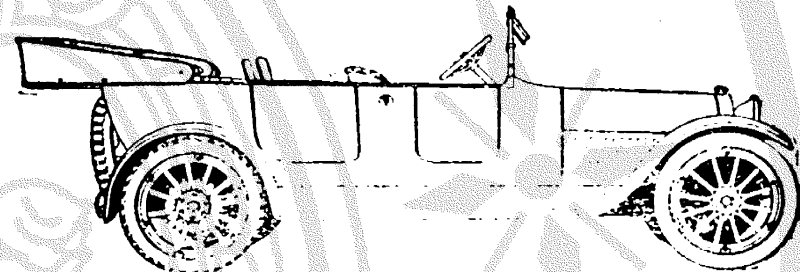
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(Signed) Phya Pracha Korakittirachara.
Director General.

Local Sanitary Department.
26th. October 1917.

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1917.

NAVAL SUPERIORITY.

Taking the naval position of the Allies in its broad aspect we can see that every one of the less powerful states that has either broken off diplomatic relations with Germany or has declared war against that Power is separated from it by wide expanses of ocean. Brazil, Cuba, the Central American Republics, China and Liberia can be reached by a European Power only if it can cross the sea and the attitude of the above mentioned countries may be taken as proof of their confident belief in the superiority of the naval position of the Allies. If the foundations on which this belief rests be carefully examined it will be seen that the belief is thoroughly justified. At the present day there is not to be found a ship flying the German mercantile flag for the wide oceans have been swept clean of enemy trading craft. Every overseas possession of the Germans has fallen into the hands of the Allies. The few square miles of territory our enemies continue to hold in East Africa form no real exception to this, for, owing to her inability to cross the sea, Germany can send neither men nor munitions to aid in retaining her hold on the district. The seizure of these possessions was made possible by the naval superiority of the Allies and this superiority prevented the Germans from taking any step to prevent the seizure. If the wide stretches of territory seized by the Entente be compared with the land seized by William II and his Allies it will be seen what the difference is. The Allied conquests are three times as extensive as those of the Germans and nearly the whole of these Allied conquests are due to naval superiority. The number of British troops operating on the Western Front is fifty times what it was three years ago while its war material has increased more than a hundred-fold. The ultimate base of this great army is England and its communications are sea-communications and these have never been interrupted since the war began, the reason again being naval superiority. Think of the Allied armies operating in Palestine, Egypt, Mesopotamia and East Africa. The sea-communications with these places are long and the greater the length the greater the difficulty of defence. These lines have often been attacked by submarines in the same way as land communications have been attacked by hostile air-craft but they have never been really interrupted. No greater proof of the naval superiority of the Allies can be given than the way in which these long sea lines have been kept open and the abundance of the supplies the men fighting in these distant regions continue to receive.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

THE s.s. "Mata Hari" is expected to arrive to-morrow evening.

THE Annual General Meeting of the Football Section will take place at the Sports Club to-morrow evening at 6 p.m.

THE following passengers left by the s.s. Kuala to-day: the Rt. Revd. The Bishop of Singapore, Mr. L. Peck, Mr. H. A. Sellars, Mr. Evans, and Mr. F. Powell.

A PLAY in Siamese will be performed at the Phathanalai Theatre on Tuesday, October 30, the proceeds, without deduction, to be handed over to the Treasury, in aid of the Siam Expeditionary Force Fund.

LATEST advt: The Local Sanitary Dept. gives notice that the bridge over Klong Prem in Sanghi Road will be closed to traffic from the 27th inst. owing to repairs. The Siam Import Co. advertise Denby Motor Trucks.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports Saigon line is still in good order as far as Bathambang. Chiengmai line is crossing with Royal Railway line between Bangkok and Ayuthya Paknam. Paknam line is not properly working between Bangkok and Paknam. Other lines are in good order.

Warrior Cup Football.

Royal Hunters vs. Wild Tiger
Medical Cadets.

Punctually at 4.30 p.m. H.R. Phya Prasiddhi arrived at Suan Dusit Grounds and the teams lined off to play. A large gathering was present to witness the game and both sides had supporters who wore their respective uniforms and who gave their sides good encouragement. In the first half no goals were scored on either side although on two occasions the ball struck the goal post and came into play. At the commencement of the second half a full back of the Medical Cadets, mis-kicked the ball failed to get into his own goal by just one inch. After five minutes play the centre half scored the first goal for the Medicos and the second goal was scored by the same side about five minutes later. The inner right was responsible for this and tackled the goal keeper very smartly. The Medicos back line was very heavy and the Hunter Scouts found it very difficult to get through. The Medical Cadets obtained another goal and won the match by three goals to nil. The Hunter Scouts never lost hope and the conclusion found them with the ball in their opponents territory. Both teams had hard luck on the ground and conditions were made worse by the heavy rise of water in the neighbouring klongs.

Naval College vs. Wild Tiger
Cadets.

At Suan Kularb yesterday the replay took place between the Royal Naval College and the Royal Wild Tiger Cadets, the latter being beaten by one goal. Although no notice had been given to the general public of this fixture there was a very large gathering present. Neither side scored in the first half. In the second half the losing side scored first but five minutes later the Navy were able to equalize and a little later scored another goal.

Third Round Fixtures.

The following are the fixtures in the third round for the King's Warrior Cup:—

Oct. 27: Royal Naval College vs Royal Special Regiment.

Oct. 30: Royal Naval College vs Medical Cadets.

Nov. 2: Royal Naval College vs Royal Mounted Scouts.

Play will commence each day at 4.30 p.m. sharp at the Wild Tiger Club grounds in Dusit Park.

THE prohibition of the export of sugar, biscuits, and other provisions from England has given a strong fillip to Australian manufacturers, who are now supplying our markets with these products.

IN a Colonial "Gazette Extraordinary" appears a notification extending the time for executing the Commission of Inquiry into the Shortage of Subsidiary Coin. The extension is for one month from Oct. 11th. Ex.

SIR Frank Swettenham, G. C. M. G., joint director of the Official Press Bureau, has been made a Companion of Honour of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. His colleague, Sir Edward Cook, was made a Knight Commander of the Order.

FIR trees on the island of Weihai-wei were attacked by millions of caterpillars last year, states the British Commissioner, and to abate the pest women and children were engaged to collect them and their cocoons. The "bag" comprised caterpillars weighing 16,700lbs, and 115,843 cocoons.

AN iron box containing £4,500 in silver, sent for the relief of the Serbian Army after its march across country to the Adriatic, fell into the sea at Durazzo when being landed, said Sir Chas. Harris, Assistant Financial Secretary to the War Office, giving evidence before the Committee of Public Accounts. A diver was sent down, but failed to recover it.

THE Geneva police recently discovered an elaborate organisation of German espionage at Geneva. Seven persons were arrested, including one woman. The leader of the gang, who was among those arrested, was the German professional wrestler, Rohm, who had opened a restaurant at Geneva, which served as the headquarters of the organisation.

THE King and Queen are to witness at Aldershot this afternoon (Aug. 26.) sports in which competitors from many parts of the Empire will meet men of the Homeland. On the same ground 28 years ago, the German Emperor watched similar contests, and marvelled. After matches with the gloves, he said to Sir Evelyn Wood, "How do you manage to prevent the men of defeated boxers' regiments from quarrelling?" Sir Evelyn answered, "Your Majesty, nearly all Britons are true sportsmen by instinct, and accept the umpire's decision; moreover, the championship is an honour which never induces bad feeling." (D. C.)

The Prize Court.

The Prize Court sat to-day to hear the arguments of counsel with regard to the application of the representative of the owners of the condemned vessels to appeal to the Dika Court in forma pauperis.

The Court asked Nai Toon who appeared for the claimants whether he wished to say anything further in support of his application. Thereupon Nai Toon produced a document being a certified copy of the letter from the Custodian of Enemy Property addressed to H. N. M. Minister Plenipotentiary which stated that the Liquidator of the N.D.L. Steamship Company had notified him that he had no money of the Company in hand. Nai Toon in reply to the Court said that his petition of appeal disclosed all the arguments he wished to urge in support of the reasons for believing that the appellants would be successful in the higher Court.

The Attorney-General in reply said that the Court would no doubt follow the Civil Procedure regarding applications to sue in forma pauperis. Section 115 required two conditions precedent to an order of this nature. First that the applicant had as a matter of fact no assets and second that a good cause of action was disclosed by him. Though there were no rules applicable to appealing in forma pauperis the procedure so far as was known was to follow the same rule.

In this case the appellants had produced no evidence to support the contention of no assets. All of them alleged that they would pay out of the funds of the N.D.L. Now it appeared during the proceedings in these cases that the claimants laid stress upon their ability to go to Java, if they had been allowed time to leave this port.

The N.D.L. was a large Company with Head Offices in Germany and branches in almost all the ports of the world. In the Netherlands ports especially of Java go often referred to by the Attorney for the Claimants they had a branch office, no doubt well endowed with available funds which the claimants might have obtained by telegraphic transfer or otherwise and if the representative of the N.D.L. required facilities for this purpose he would no doubt have had all help accorded him to get money from his Java office. No attempt has evidently been made by him all these thirty days since the date of the judgment of the Prize Court and now at the eleventh hour he comes forward with a request which from an ordinary litigant would be thrown out without any argument. It is not still too late for the applicants if the Court would be indulgent to seek out some such method of depositing the funds which the law requires in these cases as necessary upon the lodging of an appeal.

To come to the more important condition whether the petition of appeal discloses any reasons satisfactory to the Court for considering that the judgment would be disturbed by a Court of Appeal I wish to state that this Court had given the claimants every possible opportunity of producing all the witnesses they wanted, all the law books they needed and all documents. Having been given all these facilities they have not been able to show the ghost of a reason why their contention should be accepted. In doing so the Court not only followed its own dictates but acted in conformity with other Prize Courts of nations whose precept and example in these matters could be followed by Siam. All these foreign judgments support the judgment arrived at by this Court.

In face of this how can the claimants say that there is any earthly chance of their success in appeal. It appeared to the Attorney-General that practically the only reason given in the petition of appeal for the belief that the judgment of this Court was wrong was that the seizure preceded the declaration of War. And for what reason? Because the government had recently introduced a bill for the calculation of time by a new system of words to be used. This appeared to the Attorney-General as a most futile objection which he was surprised that his friend Nai Toon should ever have dreamt of inserting in the petition of appeal or suggesting it to his clients.

In whatever way a man counted money, by stange according to the latest coinage law or by salungs and fuangs as people have been used to for generations, the judge sitting on the bench has to understand what was the amount intended by the speaker. So with regard to time, new legislation may come but it will take many a long day before the great masses of the people will forget money and toon. The ignorant witness may describe time in the way he has been brought up to and the Court when making its note will give it the equivalent in law. Because a writer in a journal gave the hour of seizure as 11 toon of 21 July and the Government proclamation of war is dated 22 July, the Attorney for the claimants argues that the seizure took place prior to the declaration. This appeared to the Attorney-General as puerile and nonsensical and nobody need be told that all Government notifications have always been dated according to Astronomical calculation the same as used in all foreign countries and that when a man speaks of 11 toon of the 21 July

Siam To-Day.

A Record of Progress.

From Prince Chudadhu of Siam.

Prince Chudadhu of Siam, brother of the King, has made the following statement to a special correspondent of the "Pall Mall Gazette."

The only statement I can make about the war is that it now keeps me in England. I have already taken my degree at Cambridge, but I shall pursue a special course of study at the University during the autumn in order to occupy the time advantageously until the war ends.

My travels in Europe have almost been confined to England, France, and Switzerland. My studies have been carried on very regularly throughout my visit to Europe, which has been a long one. Indeed, with the exception of a period of five months spent in Siam, I have largely studied, since comparatively early boyhood, in this country.

Art in its various branches, literature, music, and painting, is especially interesting to me. History and English literature were my favourite subjects at the University.

An Artistic Country.

In Siam art ranks highly, but, and this applies in all primitive nations, there are secret processes which are not disclosed by the artists. Much beautiful porcelain, among other things, is produced in Siam.

Because of the keeping of artistic secrets by the masters, Siamese art has not been greatly developed. In painting, portraiture is unknown.

The art of Siam finds its most typical expression in fantastic pictures, remarkable in execution and of no little real merit.

The Siamese are an artistic race, as a matter of fact, and native music also is of a rare and delightful kind. It is dissimilar to the music of any other Eastern race; it is taught by native masters who instruct by ear. There is no written music in Siam. Europeans, however, impressed by its beauty, have in certain cases noted the different airs. The native musicians devote their lives to music, and I place great hope in the Siamese music of the future.

My brother, the King, is a keen patron of the theatre, and encourages theatrical enterprise wholeheartedly. In Bangkok there are, for example, many theatres. The old style of performance in the theatre was a ballet with singing. Since the advent of close European association, theatrical ideas have to some extent been imported from Europe. For myself, I take much interest in dramatic literature, and even read large numbers of new English plays, which in certain respects often impart knowledge. I am, nevertheless, loyal in my attachment to English classical drama and a profound student and admirer of Shakespeare. English translations of foreign plays, as well as plays and other literary works written in French, are also a matter of interest to me.

A Progressive State.

Siam is a progressive State, whose independence dates from time immemorial. Annam and Burmah are our nearest neighbours. While our population is largely agricultural, the people tend to absorb European notions. Siamese students are sent to Europe to study all branches of science, law, diplomacy, art, medicine and engineering.

In every country, of course, native traditions and customs remain firmly established, in spite of changes in other directions. This adhesion to what is truly national holds good in my brother's kingdom. Siam is actually self-supporting; exports of teak and rice are, I believe, considerable. The people are naturally peaceful agriculturists.

I am a firm believer in European systems of education. It may be interesting to note that seats of learning, embodying the principle of the University, have been introduced into Siam.

My own plans are, as I have stated, affected by the continuation of the war. My attachment to England, I need hardly say, is of long standing, and of Switzerland, more especially of Neuchâtel, I am also very fond. I have studied in France, motored in Normandy and would some day like to visit America.

he must be taken to mean 5 a.m. of 22 July by any educated man.

The Attorney-General therefore asked that the motion be dismissed for want of the least scintilla of evidence of a chance of success in the appeal Court. However much judges were as a rule in favour of having their judgments reviewed by a higher Court, in this case where there was nothing to show in the least possible degree the likely reversal of the well considered judgments of this Court, the Attorney-General hoped that the judges would not allow the claimants to unnecessarily take up the time of the Appeal Court and that of the other officials connected with these cases.

The Court then made its order disallowing the applications and asking the petitioners to pay the fees into Court within ten days and also to deposit as security for costs Tca. 1,000 in respect of each case, if they desired to appeal.

THE Great War.

Successful French Attack.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Oct. 25.

French communiqué.—After an artillery preparation lasting several days we attacked at 5.15 o'clock this morning powerful German operations in the region Allentant—Malmaison. We made considerable progress along the entire front of the attack and took many prisoners.

Russian Warships Safe.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Oct. 25.

Petrograd.—It is reported from Helsingfors that the Russian warships in the Gulf of Riga have succeeded in rejoining the main Baltic squadron.

Effect of British Artillery.

(S. O. SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, Oct. 25.

The terrible effect of British artillery fire is evident from many sources. The enemy is forced to make constant reliefs owing to the demoralisation of his troops.

The German expert, General von Andenne, says that he is profoundly concerned regarding the demoralisation of the army facing the British. He apprehends that the British are determined to obtain the mastery of the Flanders ridge system.

General Wire News.

Athens, Oct. 18.—A Parliamentary Commission of Enquiry has recommended the trial in the high court of members of the Skoufoudis Cabinet, with the exception of Admiral Comandoti, for acts of illegality.

Athens, Oct. 18.—The charges against the Skoufoudis Ministers include the illegal dissolution of Parliament in 1915, the restoration to the Turks of Macedonian territory, the surrender of the fortress of Rupel to the Bulgarians, the violation of the treaty of alliance with Serbia, the encouragement of indiscipline in the army, and German propaganda and terrorism of the public.

Madrid, Oct. 19.—Four organisers of the strike in August have been court-martialled, found guilty of rebellion and sentenced to imprisonment for life.

Buenos Aires, Oct. 19.—Many of the railway strikers have resumed work on receiving a ten per cent. increase of wages.

London, Oct. 20.—The "Daily Chronicle" withdraws its former statement that Lord Northcliffe is relinquishing the chairmanship of the British Commission to the United States.

London, Oct. 20.—The "Times" has a wire from Tangier stating that 28 Germans have been deported from Larache to Spain, and two others, employed in the customs house, have been dismissed. There has been no signalling (which previously was nightly reported) since their exodus.

Madrid, Oct. 20.—It is reported that General Jordana, High Commissioner in Spanish Morocco has resigned.

Two hundred brigands derailed and robbed a train near Vladikard and killed and wounded a hundred passengers.

Chicago, Oct. 19.—The trial is proceeding of Gustav Jacobson and three others, charged with fomenting rebellion in India from the United States.

A witness for the prosecution declared that the wholesale murder of British officials engaged in repressing revolutionary activities in India was planned.

Paris, Oct. 17.—A marble tablet to the memory of Capt Gynamer (the heroic aviator, recently killed) is being placed in the Chamber of Deputies.

London, Oct. 18.—Mr. Geddes, Minister of National Service, has been adopted as official party candidate for Basingstoke.

London, Oct. 18.—Claude and Alice Askew (the novelists) died of exhaustion after rescue from raft.

London, Oct. 19.—The Daily Express says that General Gourko has arrived in London. Interviewed, he said he was released after a month's imprisonment in the fortress of Peter and Paul. There was no evidence that he would be ill disposed to the republic. He boarded the steamer at Archangel and hoped for permission to visit the western front. He said that Russia regarded the British army as the

miracle of the war. He intended to remain in England till matters in Russia were more settled.

Paris, Oct. 20.—The debate yesterday was less heated than expected. None of the Opposition leaders spoke. M. Painlevé showed firmness and adroitness, and strengthened his position as War Minister, but notwithstanding the largeness of the majority the newspapers appear to expect a reconstruction of the Cabinet.

London, Oct. 20.—An important debate is proceeding in the French Chamber on an interpellation moved by a Republican, supported by a Socialist, criticising the Government's general policy at home and abroad.

M. Painlevé, replying, dwelt on the difficulties, especially of supply and transport, and the strikes that had unduly confronted the Government. He reiterated the war aims of France, emphasising her resolution to prosecute the war, whatever the outcome of battles, till Alsace-Lorraine was restored.

Paris, Oct. 20.—In the course of the debate in the Chamber, M. Painlevé referred to his recent visit to London, and said that Anglo-French unity had

never been closer. Plans were considered in detail as if not two armies but one army were concerned. He reminded the Chamber that Mr. Lloyd George had for the first time officially declared that Great Britain could stand beside France till Alsace-Lorraine was restored. These facts showed that in national defence the Government had done its duty.

He concluded by declaring that the idea of a separate peace had never presented itself to the Government. He believed that the power of the Allies, when wholly co-ordinated, would be crushing.

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103	12.47 p.m.	1.16 p.m.	1.46 p.m.
104	3.58 p.m.	4.27 p.m.	4.57 p.m.
105	5.50 p.m.	6.19 p.m.	6.49 p.m.
106	8.01 p.m.	8.30 p.m.	9.00 p.m.
107	12.27 a.m.	1.00 a.m.	1.30 a.m.
108	11.00 a.m.	11.29 a.m.	11.59 a.m.
109	8.38 a.m.	9.07 a.m.	9.37 a.m.
110	7.20 a.m.	7.49 a.m.	8.19 a.m.
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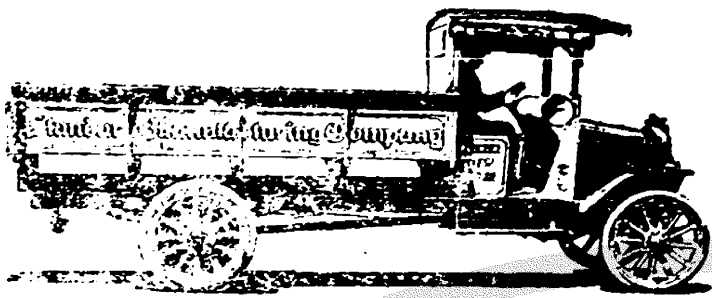
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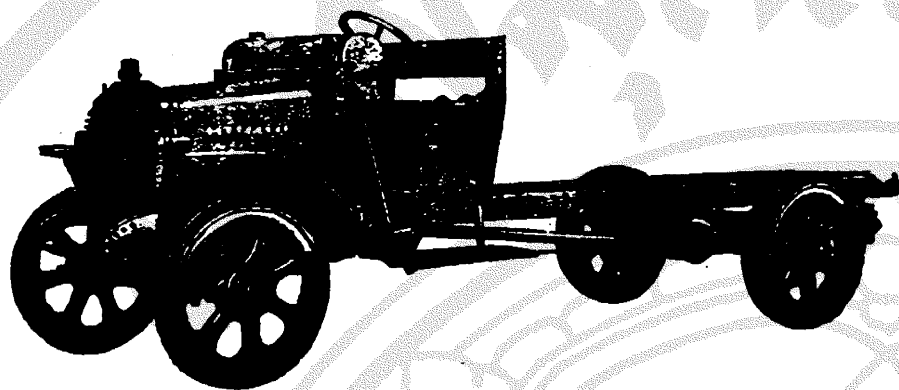
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Gulf of Riga Operations.

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The Official Account.

Petrograd, Oct. 20.—Details of the Gulf of Riga battle are communicated by the naval staff. The enemy squadron of twenty ships, including two Koenig battleships, penetrated the Gulf on Tuesday night, and was discovered by the Werder observation post at nine o'clock in the morning proceeding through the channels south of Moon Sound.

The Russian detachment, commanded by Admiral Bakireff, flying his flag on the cruiser Bayan, accompanied by the battle ships Grajdanie and Slava, steamed from Kuivasta, on the eastern part of Moon island, where it was anchored, to engage the enemy, preceded by torpedo boats, which withdrew before the enemy. The latter opened fire at 9.30 on the torpedo boats, and the Russian detachment, emerging from the channel, formed line of battle between Werden and Weiland lighthouses, near Moon. On approaching the enemy, the Bayan was successfully attacked by a submarine.

The Russians were engaged until 10.30, when in view of the enemy superiority and the appearance of enemy reinforcements Admiral Bakireff retired fighting to the interior of Moon Sound. The Slava, bringing up the rear, was severely damaged and hit underwater. Finally she foundered by the head in the deep entrance to Moon Sound channel, which the remainder of the squadron had entered. Part of the pursuing enemy fleet bombarded the Moon and Werder batteries, silenced them and then destroyed them. The Russian warships were somewhat damaged by the bombardment.

After destroying the batteries, the enemy entered the southern part of Kuivasta roadstead. The cruiser Admiral Makaroff and a number of gunboats and destroyers, in the interior of Moon Sound, throughout Tuesday night protected the channel and the Kossar mouth between the islands of Dago, Oesel and Moon.

Part of the enemy squadron was in this region. Two gunboats and several torpedo-boats entered the straits north of Moon Sound and bombarded the mole between the islands of Oesel and Moon. Simultaneously, the enemy made a great air attack, unsuccessfully bombing Kuivasta and the Russian ships. There were several air combats in the morning. The enemy battleships cruised during the day time and bombarded the coasts south and southwest of Dago, while numerous mine sweepers were busy near Dago.

The following enemy ships were engaged:—Firstly, in the region of Tagelicht: The battle cruiser Moltke, two Kaiser battleships, 60 torpedo boats and mine-sweepers, and three submarines.

Secondly, in the region of Soolo Sound and west of the mouth of the Kossar: Twenty torpedo boats, 20 mine-sweepers and small craft.

Thirdly, in the Gulf of Riga: Two or more Koenig battleships, six light cruisers, many torpedo boats and small craft and two submarines.

Fourthly, at the mouth of the Gulf of Finland: Three Kaiser battleships.

Thus the entire third and fourth squadrons of the High Seas fleet, and probably the fifth squadron, were engaged; otherwise, two-thirds of the whole enemy fleet.

The enemy ships entered Moon Sound on Wednesday and bombarded Moon most furiously, assisted by air-craft.

The Russian troops on Oesel were taken prisoner. The situation on Thursday was unchanged.

There was an engagement between torpedo boats in the Baltic islands region. Two enemy torpedo-boats were blown up in the minefields. Zeppelins on Wednesday night appeared in the Gulf of Riga and Finland. They bombed Pernau, killing ten civilians.

The Russian crews were very brave throughout the fighting.

London View.

London, Oct. 19.—The German naval success in the Gulf of Riga was apparently gained over a local Russian flotilla of old battleships, destroyers and gunboats which sacrificed itself most gallantly in attempts to delay the enemy's victory. That two large Russian warships, the consorts of the Slava escaped, was due to their retiring to Moon sound but it is improbable they will find safety there, as apparently another German force is in the eastward channel preventing escape into the Gulf of Finland. The Russian minefields may impede the manoeuvring of the heavier German ships but when they have been removed the capture of all the islands cannot be long delayed and a landing on the coast of Estonia may follow. The fact that the Russian flotilla was not reinforced by the fleet in the Gulf of Finland, is attributed to the indiscipline of the crews of the latter.

London, Oct. 19.—Wireless Russian Official. Two German torpedoers were sunk in the minefields of Moon sound yesterday.

London, Oct. 20.—A telegram from Olessa states that disorder is increasing in southern Russia.

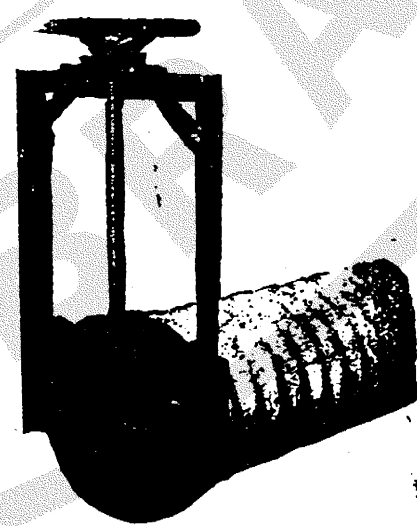
London, Oct. 20.—A Petrograd telegram bearing no date states that M. Kerensky has gone to the front.

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Petrograd, Oct. 19.—Korniloff will be tried at Moscow.

The Position.

London, Oct. 20.—The fate of the Russian fleet, apparently of twenty warships, bottled up in Moon Sound, is a-risio, owing to the shallowness of the waters and the narrow passages of Moon Sound, and the likelihood of the Germans soon to sweep up the mines. It is certain that the powerful Baltic fleet, based on Kronstadt, did not participate in the battle, but it may now attempt to rescue the cut-off squadron. The land operations depend on the German intentions in occupying Moon Island, as the partial destruction of the land fortresses and the narrowness of the Sound, which is six by ten miles, enables the landing of troops on the mainland from Meel (? Oesel) under cover of naval guns, which outrange the remaining land batteries.

London, Oct. 20.—Wireless Russian Official: Under pressure from superior naval forces, we abandoned Moon Island. Our trawlers discovered enemy minefields sown with intention close to the entrance to Riga Gulf from Moon Sound. These operations, in conjunction with the landing of detachments on Dagö Island, show the enemy's desire to destroy our naval force and defend this region.

London, Oct. 20.—Wireless German Official: We landed troops on Dagö Island.

Petrograd, Oct. 20.—A good deal of opposition is developing, especially extremist, to the transfer of the Government to Moscow, although the final decision rests with the Provisional Parliament, which meets to-day in Petrograd. The Government is continuing preparations for the removal of the principal Government departments.

London, Oct. 19.—Wireless Russian Official: During Wednesday's battle our battleships secured hits on enemy dreadnoughts. No fewer than ten German dreadnoughts of the Kaiser and Koenig type, ten cruisers, fifty destroyers, of which twenty were of the newest type, ten submarines and a large number of trawlers, auxiliaries, transports, hydroplanes and rafts participated. The enemy troops on Wednesday landed at Serro on Dagö Island. It is reported eleven enemy ships are anchored on the east coast of Moon Island.

London, Oct. 19.—Wireless German Official: We completely overcame the Russians on Moon Island taking prisoner five thousand.

In the Middle East

London, Oct. 18.—In view of the coming campaigning season in the

Middle East, the Times points out that the Russians still hold nearly the whole of their conquests in Armenia though it is long since any public information was given about their strength. Small bodies of Russian troops are also scattered over the Turco-Persian frontier from the neighbourhood of Lake Urmiah to an unknown point west of Bagdad, but these would probably be unable to withstand a Turkish advance into Persia in strength. The most notable feature of the whole situation is that the Turks have not seriously fought the Russians in the Middle East since last winter.

Evacuation of Reval.

Petrograd, Oct. 19.—The Novo Vremya states the evacuation of Reval began on Oct. 16 owing to the danger of an enemy landing. Most of the inhabitants have gone to the interior.

Change of Capital

Petrograd, Oct. 19.—In view of the new strategic situation bringing Petrograd into the war zone the Government has taken measures for the evacuation of Petrograd. The Government will probably go to Moscow.

A special ministerial commission has been constituted to consider the evacuation measures. The Government will be installed in the Kremlin palace at Moscow. The evacuation of the Government departments will not be precipitate. The preliminary parliament will hold its first meeting at Petrograd when the Government will explain the reason for the transfer to Moscow. The railway service is precarious owing to the lack of fuel and a further reduction of trains is foreshadowed. As evidence of the fantastic degree of workers' demands sections of the goods yards men are asking for over two hundred roubles a day.

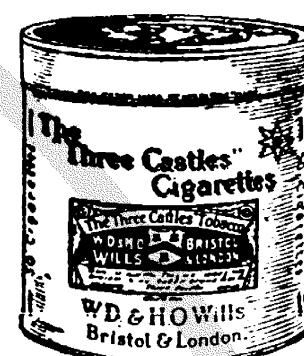
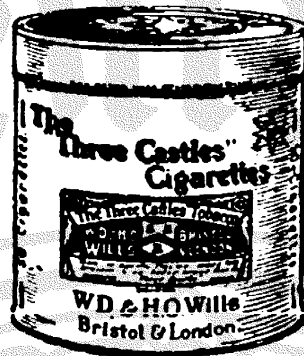
Minister of Marine Admiral Verdevsky has proceeded to join the Baltic fleet. It is stated that each Koenig dreadnought at Riga was more powerful than the whole Russian squadron. It is declared the Russians sank the Slava when they discovered she was too damaged to join the remainder of the retiring warships, the object being to block the channel against the enemy. The Chief of the Naval General Staff stated that submarines were unable to prevent German disembarkation at Oesel in consequence of the heavy swell.

London, Oct. 17.—Mesopotamia Official: Our aeroplanes bombed the aerodrome at Kifri and did much damage. One machine which was forced to land was burnt up and the occupants rescued.

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Plotting for Peace.

France Exposes Germany's Wiles.

Paris, Oct. 17.—In connection with the official German denial of M. Ribot's statement on Oct. 12, that Germany proposed to France a separate peace on the basis of the restitution of Alsace-Lorraine, the *Matin* states that the offer was made by a diplomatist in Switzerland authorized by the Kaiser and Michaelis. The *Matin* also states that Germany, through a neutral power, offered Britain a completely satisfactory settlement of the Belgian question with an assurance that the question of Alsace-Lorraine could easily be settled with France.

Telling Lies to Russia.

Also that the German Minister at Stockholm, in making unreasonable demands on Russia, informed her that France and Britain were prepared to conclude a separate peace, while the German Minister at Christiania assured Russia that a Franco-German Entente would be concluded before winter.

The *Matin* proceeds to ask Germany why she maintains an army of official agents, including prelates, in Switzerland.

Italy on Guard.

Rome, Oct. 17.—Speaking in the Chamber, the Premier declared that until final and complete victory Italy would remain indissolubly identified with the Allies. Italy was on guard against the enemy's devices to divide the Allies.

A Socialist motion of no confidence in the Government was defeated by 228 votes to 51. There were fifteen abstentions from the vote.

The Enemy's Troubles.

Zurich, Oct. 18.—A Vienna telegram states that tuberculosis in the Austrian army was 63 per cent in the first half of 1916 compared with 12 per cent in the first half of 1915.

An interpellation in the Reichstrath revealed that serious food riots occurred at Pilsen in August. Seventy shops were plundered. The troops fired, killing and wounding several people. Martial Law was proclaimed.

London, Oct. 16.—Silver is at 43 3/8d. The market is flat.

Stockholm, Oct. 19.—The new Cabinet has taken the oath. It is composed of six Liberals and four Socialists with Edén as Premier, Hellner as Foreign Minister, Branting as Finance Minister.

Monte Video, Oct. 19.—The President gave an audience to the Captain of the cruiser Glasgow.

North Sea Fight.

Two Destroyers Fight Raiders.

London, Oct. 20.—The Admiralty reports:—Two fast heavily armed German raiders attacked on Wednesday a convoy in the north Sea between the Shetland Islands and the Norwegian coast. Two British destroyers, the *Mary Rose* and *Strongbow*, who formed the escort, engaged the raiders and fought them until sunk after an unequal engagement. Their gallant action delayed the raiders, enabling three merchant vessels to escape. Five Norwegian, one Danish and three Swedish vessels, all unarmed, were sunk by gunfire without examination or warning, regardless of the lives of the crews or passengers. Lengthy comment on the action of the Germans is unnecessary. It only adds another example to the long list of criminally inhuman deeds of the German Navy.

The German vessels were anxious to escape before the British forces could

intercept them and made no effort to rescue the crews of the British destroyers. They also left the doomed merchantships, leaving the British patrols to rescue thirty Norwegians and others of whom details are unknown. The German navy by this act once more and further degraded itself, by disregard of the historic chivalry of the sea.

The enemy official states that the attack was within the territorial waters in the neighbourhood of the Shetland Islands; that all the escort vessels including the destroyers were sunk, excepting one of the escort and a fishing steamer. The German statement of the locality of the attack and destruction of the escort vessels is untrue. The enemy raiders succeeded in evading the British watching squadrons in the long dark night, both in their hurried outward dash and homeward flight.

It is regretted that eighty-eight officers and men of the *Mary Rose* and forty-seven officers and men of the *Strongbow* were lost.

Some Rescued.

Bergen, Oct. 20.—Ten men, including two officers of the *Mary Rose* landed here, rescued by the lifeboat of a Norwegian steamer from two buoys to which they clung.

American Transport Sunk.

Washington, Oct. 20.—An Official states that the United States transport *Antilles*, 6,878 tons, homeward bound, was torpedoed and sunk on Oct. 17 by an unseen submarine in the European war zone. 167 were aboard and sixty-seven were drowned. The latter included three ships officers and sixteen soldiers. All army and naval officers were saved.

The "Capra" Fight.

London, Oct. 19.—The correspondent of the *Daily Mail* at Las Palmas says that the *Capra* fought the submarine for half an hour and was unsuccessful because the submarine's fire dismantled the gun and killed the gunnery officer and two of the crew. A shot exploded the magazine igniting the ship. Owing to the nature of the cargo the Captain

ordered the crew to the boats. They were clear when the ship disappeared in a great explosion. The submarine commander congratulated the crew on their heroism, assisted the wounded and allowed them to board a Spanish ship.

British Soldiers.

London, Oct. 17.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Macpherson stated that Lord Derby was arranging to make special representations to all Commanders-in-Chief in the distant war theatres in order that leave should be given as freely and as fairly as possible, but there was extraordinary difficulty in these cases as far as transport was concerned.

London, Oct. 17.—The War Office, in reply to the Swedish newspapers' allegation that the British officer casualties averaged 511 daily in August declares that they averaged 183 daily in August and 106 in September. The highest daily average was 282 for July 1916. The above figures include the slightest casualties.

London, Oct. 17.—The Press Bureau states that the competition for designs for a memorial plaque, for the next of kin of those killed in the war, closes at the end of 1917, in order to enable members of the forces serving overseas, and artists resident in the Dominions, to participate.

London, Oct. 18.—While the War Office will be unable to grant general exemption from Overseas service to all heroes of the early days of the war, arrangements are being made to meet hard cases.

President of Portugal.

London, Oct. 18.—The President of Portugal was received by His Majesty the King at Buckingham Palace to-day. His Majesty returned a call at the Portuguese Legation, and subsequently took luncheon with the President at the Balcony. Lord Derby gives a dinner, in honour of the President, to-night.

London, Oct. 18.—The President of Portugal interviewed by Renter said: This terrible conflict has already made two of the oldest allies, closer allies than ever, my country has always been certain as to what will be the end and through good and evil Portugal will continue with the Allies. What I saw during my recent visit to the battlefield and what Sir Douglas Haig's splendid troops are doing make me more certain than ever of our sure Victory. The President expressed much gratification at the cordiality shown him by their Majesties and Field Marshal Haig.



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