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

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

PHASES OF THE MOON.

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15th First Quarter 5 h 58 m a.m.
23rd Full Moon 11 h 44 m a.m.
29th Last Quarter 2 h 9 m a.m.

"Hamburg-Herzt."

In a recent issue of Deutsche Politik, the weekly organ of Herr Paul Rohrbach and the other "Eastern" propagandists, the new cry is raised of "Hamburg-Herzt." The writer, Herr Richard Hennig, professes to believe that the British people, thanks to their long political experience, immediately recognized the whole meaning of Germany's policy and aims in the East as expressed in the Brest treaties, whereas the simple Germans were astonished at the talk of "Berlin-Batum" or even "Berlin-Bokhara." It is then maintained that "Hamburg-Herzt" is really much the best description of the German scheme of expansion through Lithuania, the Ukraine, Caucasus, and Persia to Afghanistan.

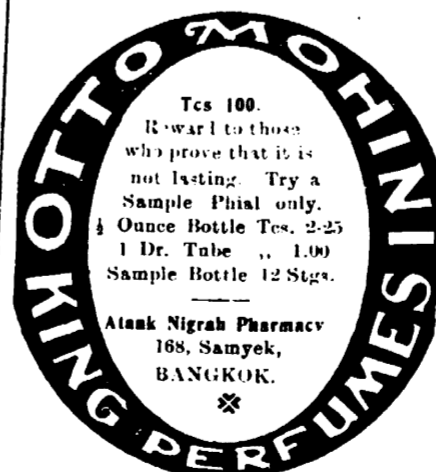
According to Herr Hennig, "Berlin-Batum" is a cry which will ultimately rise again in new splendour, but the new cry of "Hamburg-Herzt" is "a guiding star of a future world economic policy." It is assumed that the Ukraine will be permanently subordinated to the purposes of German policy, and that Germany will have three new roads to the East—through Austria and Galicia, through Poland, and through Lithuania. This will be "a great advantage," as compared with the former connexion with Turkey, which was entirely under Austrian, Bulgarian, and Rumanian control.

It will be seen that Herr Hennig was writing in ignorance of the new German control of the Rumanian railways. He proceeds to review all the railway possibilities present and future. He thinks it will be quite easy, with German domination of Ukraine and Georgia, "to convert the line from Petrograd to Tabriz into a line from Berlin to Tabriz." British policy may be expected to object to the continuation of the line to the Persian Gulf or even to Teheran, but even if Tabriz were to remain the terminus for decades to come "the line would play a highly important part." It is then explained how Germany must develop existing railways and realize railway projects, in order to reach "the heart of Asia" on the Afghan frontier.

The Madsen Gun.

Mr. Lloyd George, when Minister of Munitions in 1915, ordered 5,000 Madsen guns to be made and a factory for their production was actually erected and equipped. But the guns were never made, it being decided that aeroplanes were more important; and so the factory intended for Madsen guns was turned into one for the manufacture of Rolls Royce engines. That is very characteristic; as is the fact that from that day to this nothing has been done about the Madsen gun. Why not? There was a unanimity of opinion in the debate in the House of Lords on 6th June last as to the superiority of the Madsen gun (a Danish invention) over the Lewis and Hotchkiss guns now in use. "The Madsen machine-gun or rifle weighs 15 lb. as compared with 28 lb. for the Lewis machine-gun and 28 lb. for the Hotchkiss. And it has this great advantage, pointed out by Lord Penrhyn, that in 15 seconds the heated barrel is replaced by the cool square barrel.

For twenty minutes the Lewis machine-gun is out of action owing to the heated barrel, and the Germans, being of course aware of this, time their rushes accordingly. We are told that "the military authorities" have "turned down" the Madsen gun, but we want to know exactly who, or what military authority, is responsible for the turning down. Is it General Furse, the Master General of the Ordnance? Or was it General von Donop before he was removed by Mr. Lloyd George? Is it the War Council, or the Secretary of State, or the Chief of the Staff, or the Commander-in-Chief? Or is it some nameless "expert" adviser? Or is it Messrs. Vickers, who oppose the adoption of a new gun? The difficulty in these days is to find out who is responsible for anything. Have any inspected the gun itself, or have they only inspected a model? Lord Buresford, who made a masterly speech, full of facts, asked that the military authorities should seriously test the Danish gun, and secure it before the Germans get it. Lord Crawford has promised that the tests shall be made.



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American Assistance.

How important the assistance of the United States troops on the Western Front is, says the "Cablenews American" (Manila), becomes apparent from an examination of the latest available figures regarding the strength of the opposing forces on that line.

Let us first examine the Allied strength. It would appear, from latest estimates, that the British and French strength on the Western Front is pretty nearly evenly divided, each having about 1,500,000 men there. It is quite true that the British Army totals about 5,000,000 men, but these are scattered in different fields of operation. The home force cannot be far from 2,000,000 men. In Mesopotamia the British have an army of 1,000,000 men, while Salonika, Italy, India and the British Colonies probably account for a half million more. To the 3,000,000 French and British on the Western Front must be added about 50,000 Portuguese and about 150,000 Belgians, making the total Allied strength on that Front about 3,200,000.

As to the German strength, latest estimates place the size of the German Army at about 5,600,000 men. On the Western Front there are about 200 Divisions, or 3,600,000 men. All but 500,000 men have been transferred from the Eastern Front. There are perhaps 1,000,000 men on the German lines of communications and about 400,000 in reserve depots and in Palestine. The remaining 100,000 are in South Africa, Italy and various other points.

On the Western Front, therefore, the Germans seem to have had a preponderance of about 400,000 over the Allies in men at the beginning of the spring offensive. At that time the American effective strength probably did not exceed 200,000. Thus the numerical balance, if the above figures are approximately correct, would seem to have been about 200,000 net in favour of the Germans. The difference between the Allied and German losses since that time must have been just about equal to that figure, so that, not counting the American arrivals since that time, the opposing armies on the Western Front were about equal. Thus it would appear that every American soldier that has arrived since March 21 is just that much gained for the Allies.

Now the best estimates place the maximum German annual accretion at 600,000 men, while the annual losses cannot be less than 1,200,000 men. Some authorities say they are 1,200,000 annually. In other words, the total German numerical strength is dropping off at a rate of at least 400,000 men

yearly. With the American forces coming over at the rate of 2,000,000 men annually, a conservative figure, the Allies will show a gain of at least 1,000,000 men a year, or a total gain of 1,400,000 men yearly. It would thus appear that the practical equality of opposing forces on the Western Front about one month ago will be transformed to a national preponderance of about 1,500,000 in favour of the Allies by the end of this year, due to the American arrivals. This should be enough to insure a favourable decision for the Allies.

While Germany can look to no additions to her fighting forces except the natural increment of recruits that reach the fighting age, about 600,000, the Allies have the United States to draw from, a nation fresh in the conflict, and capable of yielding at least 1,500,000 men a year, besides their own natural accretion of effectives. These latter will probably amount to 800,000 men a year, thus giving the Allies the prospect of gaining 1,200,000 men yearly in this way alone. These figures conclusively show that Germany faces sure defeat within a comparatively short time unless she can recruit additional man-power from some hitherto unknown source.

Future Of The Pacific.

New York, Aug. 6.—Senator Saulsbury has introduced in the Senate a motion urging the United States, Great Britain and Japan to enter into an agreement to prevent German aggression in the Pacific. The motion stipulates that Germany should be permanently barred from holding naval bases in the Pacific.

The motion is as follows:—That it is opportune for the Governments of the United States, Great Britain and Japan to enter into a lasting agreement to render it inexpedient for anyone, and impossible for the Central Powers, to pursue methods of warfare in the Pacific Ocean which are not justified by the laws of warfare. That China, Russia, and any other Government on the Pacific littoral be admitted as signatories to the agreement, also, that no warships of any Power which has pursued, or shall pursue, illegal methods of warfare on the high seas be permitted to hold ports or possessions in the Pacific from which such warfare may be waged. The agreement to be enforced by the united sea power of the signatories.

The motion is interpreted as the first fruits of Mr. Hughes's declaration in favour of Australia's Monroe Doctrine for the Pacific.

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Notice.

Notice is hereby given that Share Certificate No. 4 for fifty shares in The Siam Cement Company, Limited, numbered from 12529 to 12579 both inclusive, in the name of the late Phya Arthakara Prasiddhi has been lost and that if not produced meantime it will be cancelled after thirty days from date hereof and a new certificate issued.

By Order of the Board,
O. SCHULTZ,
Secretary.

15th August, 1918. e.o.d. 15-18 S.

**Notice.**

NOTICE is hereby given that Damrong Satit Bridge over Klong Sapan Han in Charoen Krung Road will be closed to traffic from the 21st August 1918 owing to repairs and will remain closed to traffic until the repairs are completed.

Local Sanitary Department.

17th August 1918.

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The Siam Observer

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 1918.

THE CZECHO-SLOVAKS.

The methods by which the Czecho-Slovaks and Jugo-Slavs have won recognition are an indication that, behind the whole struggle against Germany, there lies the fact that truth in itself possesses a certain force that at least helps it to prevail. These peoples have given hundreds of thousands of troops to the Allied cause and their martyrs, both on the battlefield and the scaffold, have been legion yet it is a fact that their cause has had hard and difficult progress against the showiness and, indeed, the irresolution of those who should have been their friends. This has especially been the case in England and America where idealism and political altruism do not thrive to such a degree as on the Continent. The Czecho-Slovaks have looked chiefly to France for aid and France, more than any other nation, has aided their cause. In the days when Russia was an entity she was actively for them and while Italy has more than once had conflicts of aspiration with the Jugo-Slavs, she has now settled the difficulties in a way creditable to both nations.

One of the reasons why these Slav peoples have been so long obtaining recognition in England and America is probably lack of information. When the Czecho-Slovaks and Jugo-Slavs first laid their case before the peoples of those countries probably very few had ever heard of the existence of these nations and their coming forward has had the result of placing very plainly before the world the real conditions existing in the Dual Monarchy. Austria was, before the war, looked upon as a somewhat pleasant place while Hungary has always been more or less of a mystery. Now the world knows that Austria-Hungary is a political organism tyrannising over subject peoples and doing all in its power to prevent the growth of their legitimate aspirations. It is especially for the nights of such small nations that the Allies are battling. The justice of their cause has won them friendship and recognition and this is a fact that will doubtless hearten them in their struggle and will nerve them to fight even yet more determinedly in the Allied cause.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

DURING last week 3,330 logs of teak reached Bangkok from the North.

THE s.s. *Hupei* arrived from Singapore this morning and the *Diva*, and *Deufar* from China. The latter vessel landed 1,160 coolies from Swatow.

THE attention of our readers is drawn to the notice in our advertisement columns of a Fête to be held to celebrate the 4th Anniversary of the B.B.W.N.G.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Saigon line is not properly working between Phnompenh and Bangkok. Paknam line is crossing with Telegraph Office No. 4 line. Other lines are all available.

A GOOD selection of films will be screened at the Pathanakorn and Sathorn Picture Halls from to-night.

MR. T. S. APCAR will sell 200 cases of Dunville Whisky and other goods on Saturday 31st inst. at 81 Phya Road.

THE French Embassy in Washington has received advices stating that the German commanders promised their soldiers that they could loot Paris if they captured the city. German deserters tell how they were promised that the whole of the rich countryside would be given up to their use and pleasure.

THE "Pioneer" of July 16th understands that since the commencement of that month three steamers have arrived in India each bringing a large amount of American silver, the total aggregating to well over thirty million ounces or enough to coin upwards of ten crores of rupees. These form only the initial instalments of the amount secured which will all arrive in due course, enabling the mint to keep up a continuous coinage programme.

THE German papers announce that many German sculptors have submitted plans to the Kaiser of the proposed monument to commemorate U boat warfare, which, it is suggested, should be erected at Kiel at the cost of the municipality. The Kaiser has appointed a committee of artists and naval experts, including Tirpitz, to make the decision as to choice, stating that none that he had seen came up to expectations, and he regretted that he had no time to design a monument himself.

ACCORDING to the annual note on the mineral production of Burma during 1917 the output from the ruby mines has fallen gradually from 305,873 carats in 1914 to 198,200 carats in 1917. Owing to an appreciation in the price of ruby sapphires the value of the output has increased since 1915, but it is less than in any of the five years 1909-1913. The value in 1917 was Rs. 7,77,467 and in the value in 1917 was Rs. 7,77,467 and as 1916 Rs. 5,62,695. The total for 1917 is 198,200 : total for 1916 is 200,724.

THE Japan Red Cross Society is making arrangements to send a party to Siberia. It is now reported that the proposed expedition will be on the largest scale yet known in Japan. Since it will have to move in accordance with the rapid operations of the troops, it is thought women cannot do the work required, and the management of the Red Cross Society has decided that the proposed party shall consist entirely of men. These will include six physicians, three pharmacists, six clerks, three interpreters, medical orderlies and others, totalling in all 106. The party will have equipment sufficient to attend to 300 wounded men at one time, and the total cost of its upkeep for one year is, according to the *Asahi*, ¥1,250,000.

Bukit Tengah Coconut Estate.

The auction sale of Bukit Tengah Coconut Estate took place this evening at 2 p.m. at the offices of Messrs Tilleke and Gibbins. The attendance was very small, and not more than two or three persons bid. The property was finally knocked down to Mr. A. R. Malcolm for the sum of Tcs. 31,000. The Estate is situated in Tronggann and comprises 1,500 acres fully planted with coconuts. It also has a manager's bungalow and other buildings. The valuation of the property is, we understand, £15,000.

The Puket Lottery.

The following in the full result of the drawing of the Puket Red Cross Lottery. The numbers are as received by wire by the *Nangsu Phim Thai*.

First Prize : Tcs. 28,125.

Won by No. 17,865. "T." c/o.

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Second Prize :—Tcs. 11,250.

Won by No. 01,622. Captain Khun Pradieth, of the Military Engineers.

Third Prize :—Tcs. 5,625.

Won by No. 21,146. Tan Hay Leng, Bangkok.

Fourth Prizes :—Ten of Tcs. 1,687.50 each :—Nos. 16,347 ; 20,593 ; 07,766 ; 16,170 ; 13,907 ; 06,404 ; 08,995 ; 17,726 ; 03,746 ; 18,312.

Fifth Prizes :—Ten of Tcs. 1,125 each. Won by Nos. 02,922 ; 07,840 ; 20,149 ; 04,698 ; 20,549 ; 09,347 ; 06,046 ; 10,468 ; 17,225 ; 08,101.

Sixth Prizes :—Ten of Tcs. 562.50 each. Nos. 14,604 ; 02,513 ; 06,067 ; 10,786 ; 07,246 ; 17,912 ; 03,748 ; 20,928 ; 16,010 ; 04,090.

Seventh prizes. Twenty of Tcs. 281.25 each. Won by Nos. 12,914 ; 03,675 ; 04,660 ; 04,535 ; 20,955 ; 04,264 ; 01,280 ; 13,454 ; 14,704 ; 04,030 ; 03,727 ; 12,015 ; 15,628 ; 13,422 ; 02,651 ; 1,555 ; 16,377 ; 15,334 ; 21,157 ; 01,867.

Wedding.

The wedding takes place this evening at 7 o'clock at Christ Church Bangkok, the Rev. Dr. Hillyard officiating, of Captain Jorgen Jorgensen, Master of the Norwegian s.s. Diva and Miss E. Otenstad of Christiania who arrived a few days ago from home. The bride will be given away by Mr. H. B. Borgersen, Consul-General for Norway and Commander Georg Foss will act as best man for the bridegroom. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Borgersen will entertain the bride and bridegroom and their friends at their residence. The bride and bridegroom have been the recipients of a goodly number of wedding presents. On Sunday they will leave for Singapore on their honeymoon trip. Miss Otenstad must be congratulated on coming out so far from her home without mishap, the voyage alone, as in the olden days taking three months. Miss Otenstad has since her arrival been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Borgersen.

Football.

The 4th Steam Launch Section was defeated by two goals yesterday at the Suan Kulab grounds playing against the Palace Guards for the Senior Cup. There was an incessant shower of rain all throughout and the respective teams had hard and tiring work and the play was slow owing to the ground being inundated. A few minutes after play started the Palace Guards scored a goal, the other being taken in the second half. The Steam Launch Section were unable to score and in the second half was handicapped owing to their left extreme being sent out of the field for rough play. Luang Pramien acted as referee.

To-day the Naval College will play the Royal Pages at Suan Kulab.

A Generous Offer.

H. B. M. Minister has accepted a very generous offer from Monsieur Ivan Kaluykov, the distinguished Russian artist who is shortly leaving Bangkok, of ten valuable pictures of various sizes, depicting scenes in Siam, the Mediterranean, Italy and elsewhere, to be disposed of for the benefit of British Red Cross Funds. The donor has suggested that they might be sold by auction at any forthcoming Fete in aid of "Our Day" Funds. Sir Herbert Dering proposes therefore to place these works of art at the disposal of the British (Siam) War Aid Association, who will doubtless make suitable plans for carrying out this suggestion.

The pictures in question are still on view at Monsieur Kaluykov's exhibition at the corner of the Suriwongse and New Roads until tomorrow, Sunday evening.

Murder in Klong Rangsit.

An alleged murder was committed near the Sowapha Lock in Klong Rangsit at 8 p.m. on August 21. The murdered man is Nai Yuang a driver of a Transport Company Motor's boat. The man charged is Nai Chit, the driver of a boat belonging to the Borisat Rna Khao, another company working in opposition to the Transport Co.

The circumstances, as alleged, are as follows: Three men in the employ of the Transport Co., Nai Yuang, Nai Too and Nai Krut went in the early part of the evening to call on Nai Boot who looks after the company's business, to consult him. About 8 p.m. having finished their business with Nai Boot, they started to return to their boat which was lying at the Lock, when four men with Nai Chit in the foreground approached them. Nai Chit who is said to have been carrying a large knife made straight for the deceased and after a word or two stabbed him on the breast killing him instantly. The assailant and the others with him then ran away. Complaint was made to the Amphur who instituted a search and eventually found Nai Chit in the house of Chek Chua, the manager of the Borisat Rna Khao.

We understand that a few days before this murder, the manager of the Transport Motor having reported that the company's boats had been pelted with stones and that further violence had been threatened, police protection was sought and policemen were told off to look after the boats each night, but unfortunately, on the night of the murder not a single policeman could be found.

The Borisat Rna Khao was started in May this year and it is commonly reported that a number of Government officials in the district are interested in the enterprise.

It is interesting to note that about four years ago two men employed by the Siam Steam Packet Co., which was then running in this district, were killed by the employees of another company which then started in opposition.

An Interesting Case.

The following interesting judgment was delivered by the Civil Court to-day.

H. H. Prince Bidyalongkarana the Custodian of Enemy Property
Plaintiff.
Versus
The Paknam Railway Co., Ltd.
Defendants.

This is a case brought by the Custodian of Enemy Property, who claims to be entitled to hold 161 shares in the Defendants' Company by alleging that they belonged to one Charles Kramer, an enemy subject. The said Charles Kramer, having anticipated that war would break out between Siam and Germany, transferred them on the 16th June 1917 to Nang Plaak, the guardian of Nai Fak, Nai Charlie, Nai Nao, Nangso Lee and Nangso Pew. The transfer was so made as to evade lawful seizure in the event of war breaking out. On the 22nd July 1917 war broke out as Kramer had anticipated. Subsequently on the 25th January 1918 Nang Plaak made a transfer of the shares to Doctor Hays. The above transfers have not been notified by the Defendants to the Ministry of Agriculture as required by Clause 25 of the Royal Charter incorporating the Defendants' Company. The Plaintiff now seeks—

(1) For a declaration that the transfer of shares from Charles Kramer to Nang Plaak is null and void.

(2) For a declaration that Nang Plaak had no title in the shares and that she could not legally transfer them to Doctor Hays.

(3) For an order of rectification of the shares' register into Charles Kramer's name so as to entitle the Plaintiff to hold them in custody.

The Defendants admit that the shares were once owned by Charles Kramer an enemy subject; but he had, previous to the declaration of war, transferred them to Nang Plaak, a Siamese subject, who had again transferred to Doctor Hays. Both transfers were properly made according to the Regulations of the Defendants' Company. They further admit that they did not notify the transfers to the Ministry of Agriculture at the time; but they have afterwards notified the same and so have in fact complied with the Charter. The Defendants contend that they are not the proper persons to be sued for the shares.

Before we go on to trial, before we consider the details of this case, there is a question of law which, if it is decided against the Plaintiff, will make all further consideration unnecessary. The real question is simply this. The Plaintiff sues as the Custodian of Property of Charles Kramer an enemy subject. He seeks to recover the shares which are now registered in the name of Doctor Hays, an American subject, and a third party to the action. To that the Defendants say they are not the proper persons to be sued for, as they are not the transferees of shares now claimed by the Plaintiff—and that is the first question to be tried.

The Plaintiff in his claim admits that Doctor Hays and Nang Plaak are the transferees from Charles Kramer but he contends however that the transfers are invalid, as they have not been notified to the Ministry of Agriculture according to the Royal Charter, and that the first transfer from Kramer to Nang Plaak was made with a view of evading lawful seizure in the event of war breaking out.

The plaintiff asks the Court in substance to declare that he is entitled to have those shares. The Court would be satisfying itself to make any declaration of the kind either in form or in substance. Further he asks the Court to decide that the transfers are invalid. The Court might decide that, according to the Plaintiff's contention, in the presence of the Plaintiff and the Defendants, and have to try it over again the very next day between the Plaintiff and the transferees, who would not be bound by any such decision. To ask the Court to decide all these questions without any power of binding the transferees, would be contrary to the whole course of judicial practice, and to my mind would be quite inconsistent with the rule of law. I think that it is impossible for the Plaintiff to maintain this action, and that the first objection is a fatal one.

I am, therefore, of opinion that the action must be dismissed with costs and Taxes 400 counsel's fee.

(Sd.) PHRA CHINDA BIROMYA.
Phra Srividara,
and
Luang Chamnan Natissatra } Concur.
Mr. Brighthouse appeared for the defence.

Paddy Crop Report Aug. 23, 1918.

Nasuan 1,100 Coyans at Tcs. 100-174 each
Samruang 150 " " " 96-103
Namuang 20 " " " 95- "

Total 1,270 Coyans.

THE Great War.**The British Front.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Aug. 23. F. M. Sir Douglas Haig reports:—Our attack launched in the morning on a ten mile front from the Ancre to the neighbourhood of Tonnemville was successful. We penetrated deeply into the enemy's positions on the whole front and took a number of prisoners. English and New Zealand troops, accompanied by tanks, stormed the foremost lines under cover of the mist capturing Beaucourt, Buequoy, Ablainzerville and Moyenville.

Later.

We captured two to three thousand prisoners, and a few guns on Wednesday. This morning we attacked the enemy's position between the Somme and the Ancre.

The French Front.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Aug. 23. The French Communiqué says:—Between the Matz and the Oise the enemy, despite his resistance, bent under our vigorous pressure. Lassigny has fallen. Farther south we gained a footing on Leplemont, captured Orval Wood, and reached the outskirts of Cheryours Camps. We continued our successes east of the Oise and captured Carlepoint Woods. We are on the Oise east of Noyon, between Semigny and Pointoise. Farther east, we passed the Noyon—Coucy-le-Chateau road and captured Camel.

In Le Fresnoy-Blerancourt we reached the outskirts of St. Aubin. Since yesterday we have liberated a score of villages and advanced eight kilometres at certain points.

Havas Wires from Singapore.**Teaching Ludendorff a Lesson.**

Paris, Aug. 21.

The successes achieved yesterday by General Mangin's army over the 25 kilometre front form a part of the battle in which we have been engaged since August 8th, and which is developing normally. From Albert to the village of Oisy, the furthestmost point the French have reached on the Aisne to the west of Soissons, the distance is more than a hundred kilometres. A junction is here made between the battlefields of Picardy and Tardenois.

Never were the Germans able to engage in a fight without intermissions over such a stretch of ground. Before July 15 they never could do more than break through a front of a maximum length of 70 kilometres in full fight. On July 15th they tried in Champagne and Tardenois a strategic manoeuvre which piteously failed.

It was left to Marshal Foch to revive real manoeuvre in a war in which continuity of front seems to exclude this possibility, and to give General Ludendorff a lesson that the Quartermaster General will keep a smarting remembrance of. Yesterday's victories are the reply to the order of the day issued by General Ludendorff on August 4th to his troops. Ludendorff therein affirmed that the French, British and Americans could no more assume the offensive. Four days later the offensive between the Ancre and the Avre began, to be followed by the offensive between the Avre and the Oise, and continued yesterday by one between the Oise and Aisne. Besides the extremely extensive ground reconquered, these operations will have already given more than fifty thousand prisoners.

Church Services.

Church of the Assumption.
August the 25th, 14th Sunday after Pentecost.
5.20 a.m. 1st Mass.
6.10 a.m. 2nd Mass for the Native Community.
8.00 a.m. 3rd and last Mass for the Foreign Community.
4 p.m. Rosary, Instruction, Benediction of the most Holy Sacrament.

Christ Church.
Services for August 25th 13th Sunday after Trinity.
6 p.m. Evensong with Sermon.
Hymn, Processional, 217 Thy kingdom come O God.
" 197 Behold the Lamb of God.
" 395 Holy Father, in Thy mercy.
" 26 God, that madeest earth and heaven.

Psalm, 119.
Chants, Parcell and Garrett.

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis
Stainer.
Vesper Hymn, Through the day.

S. Mary's Mission.
Sunday, August 25, Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity.
9 a.m. Holy Communion and Sermon.

Hymns:—
520: Love Divine, all loves excelling.
368: Thou to Whom the sick and dying.
410: King of Saints to Whom the number.
311 (Part 2) O Saving Victim, opening wide.
307: O Saviour, precious Saviour.
6 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.
Psalms, 67 and 72.

Hymns:—
175: Conquering kings their titles take.
336: Above the clear blue sky.
477: The day Thou gavest, Lord, is ended.
There will not be an Intercession Service on Wednesday evening.

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Bolshevism.

Russian Minister's Indictment.

The Swedish paper "Morgenblad," has published a sensational letter from Boris Savinkoff, the social revolutionary and Minister of War in the Kerensky Administration. The letter was published originally in the "Rusky Vedomosti," and was promptly suppressed and the journal confiscated by the Lenin Government. Mr. Bernstein, however, succeeded in smuggling a copy out of Russia. The letter, which is entitled "What have they done with my Russia?" says:—

We are vibrating with indignation at the Bolshevik decrees and their ignominious peace. We feel ourselves humiliated and disgraced. We are mercilessly handed over "Kamerad" to anyone. Nevertheless, we are doing nothing, because we not even venture to say, "God be praised, it was not we but our neighbour who was shot." Yet we shall never forget that Lenin, Nathanson, and company arrived in Russia via Berlin. The German Government helped them. The gift demands a gift in return. Lenin and his satellites, have repaid Germany handsomely, first through the subsidised journal "Pravda," next by the naked front, then by Brest-Litovsk, and finally by an incredible peace.

What have they done with my Russia? It is necessary to be a fanatic or a paid agent to be able seriously to maintain that the international proletariat would help us. Only criminals and lunatics could base a political computation upon such support when Lenin and his co-adjutors entirely destroyed Russia's former means and power. The Germans lifted the mailed fist and Lenin instantly gave way, but others commenced howling about the necessity to defend the Fatherland, not only my Russia, but the newly invented Fatherland. Who can believe the men who destroyed the Army and declared that the idea of Fatherland is a prejudice? Who can believe that they would defend Russia? They are impotent. Nor do I believe that they are sincere. The Soviet admitted that the declaration of Lenin was right, that we Russians ought to put up with the loss of Finland, Estonia, Livonia, Courland, White Russia, Lithuania, Ukraine, and part of the Caucasus districts. The rights of Russia exist no longer. There are only separated towns and villages, economically dependent upon foreigners. The position of Russia is like that of Poland after the partition. Has not William realised his dream? Have not the people's Commissaries deserved the Iron Cross?

German Organisation in Russia.

The Bolsheviks have served Germany and serve Germany still. It is no secret that Russia is covered with a net of German organisations, and that the Russians who are wishing for the restoration of the Monarchy are working hand in hand with the Germans. It is no secret that many Russians dream of the day on which the Germans will enter Petrograd and German policemen appear in the Nevsky Prospekt. They prefer the devil himself to the Bolsheviks.

The Bolsheviks are our national misfortune, but Russia must be saved, not by our enemies, not by German bayonets, but by ourselves. We Russians must again be masters of Russia. It must never be said that we are weak without the Imperial assistance of William and are unable to organise a State. It was not to reach this goal that we sacrificed streams of Russian blood throughout three years, nor was it in order to follow the programme of the Bolsheviks or to stretch out our hand towards the enemy. As sure as it is treason against Russia to compromise with the Bolsheviks, so sure is the agreement with Germany under which we are now living worse treason against Russia. We must not forget that the Russian nation does not die. Sooner or later it will draw upon the people of Russia what my Russia ought to be, and the treason will never be pardoned. It is an aberration to believe that Nicholas will be able to return. But when will my Russia stand forth again vigorous and free? I only know one thing. I learned when young: Through work and fight thou shalt win thy right. We must work and fight against the Germans and the Bolsheviks.

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

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" Nagor Nayok " 21 35.0 "
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German Scandal.**Bernstorff's Son in Court.**

A sensational libel case opened in the British Court recently in which the plaintiff is Baron Walter von Radenckson of a Prussian General, and the defendants are Count Guenther von Bernstorff, son of the notorious ex-Ambassador at Washington, his American wife, who is the plaintiff's divorced wife, and sixteen other members of Berlin society, including Prince Albert of Schleswig-Holstein and the brother of the Foreign Secretary, Baron von Kuhlmann.

The defendants are accused of circulating statements such as that the plaintiff, who before the war lived in England, was a spy, that he lived on women, that he had been discharged from the army, etc.

Plaintiff's counsel said that Countess von Bernstorff's maiden name was Marguerite Vivienne Burton and that she hailed from Burlington, New Jersey. Her first husband was named Birch. Baron von Radeck married her in England in 1912. Counsel said that Count Guenther von Bernstorff courted her whilst her husband was in the trenches before Ypres, suggesting to her that her husband was a dangerous man, and that he, Count Guenther von Bernstorff, as the son of an Ambassador, could use all means to make her husband impossible in society. One day plaintiff received in the trenches a letter from his wife saying that she wished to be free again. He thereupon returned home, and one day in March, 1916, saw his wife disappear into Count Guenther von Bernstorff's house in the Grunewald. As he knocked at the door he heard his wife call to von Bernstorff, "Put your revolver in your pocket." In the dining-room Baron von Radeck encountered his wife and von Bernstorff. He called von Bernstorff the greatest scoundrel in the world, boxed his ears, tore off one of his epaulettes, and snatched his revolver from him.

He then communicated the affair to a military Court of Honour, as he expected that von Bernstorff would send his seconds. Instead of this von Bernstorff came to him two days later with the naive request that he should get a divorce so that von Bernstorff could marry his wife. Von Bernstorff also asked him to settle the Court of Honour affair by calling on the Chief of the General Staff, General von Moltke. The latter said he could do nothing, and subsequently Baron von Radeck challenged von Bernstorff, at the same time

demanding an inquiry regarding the charge of espionage against him. In the meantime the Baroness sued for a divorce, which was granted in the husband's favour. All von Bernstorff's accusations against von Radeck were refuted on this occasion by witnesses. The plaintiff then wrote to the Ambassador Count von Bernstorff, then in Constantinople, asking him to advise his son to give up his (von Radeck's) wife, but he received no answer. The libels complained of were subsequently circulated in Berlin society.

Plaintiff further alleges that Count Guenther von Bernstorff had previously rendered one marriage unhappy by persuading the wife to be unfaithful, and that he abused his father's position to support the charge of espionage against him (the plaintiff). Counsel denied that plaintiff was discharged from the army, but alleged that von Bernstorff was discharged, and named various witnesses.

The Court decided to adjourn the case in view of various points of a juridical nature which were still unclear.

Torpedoed Battleship.

According to a special information to the *Messengers*, one of the torpedoed Austrian Dreadnoughts which has gone to the bottom with 80 members of the crew, as the result of Captain Luigi-Rizzo's submarine attack in the Adriatic, is probably the *Tegethoff*.

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The Austrian Admiral Montecucoli delivered an oration, wherein he referred to the *Tegethoff* as "destined to play a big part in ferreting out the enemy." This phrase of his created a sensation at the time, but the *Tegethoff* now lies in the depths of the Adriatic, about a hundred miles away from the spot where the Italian battleship *Re Italia* was sunk 52 years ago. The *Tegethoff* carried a dozen 12-inch guns among her armament.

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		A.M. P.M. P.M.				A.M. P.M.	
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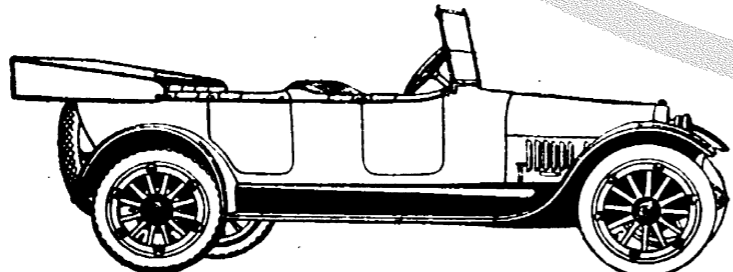
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Star in the East.

Nova Aquilae Visible in Malay Peninsula.

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The Globe, a London newspaper, gravely discusses the possibility of the new star colliding with the earth. The Astronomer Royal, Sir Frank Watson Dyson, smilingly tells the public not to worry; if the star ever does start hitting out for earth it will be a hundred years or more before it strikes us.

We are as Dust.

"What would happen if the new star hit the earth?" was the question put to Professor Cooke.

The new star—or sun—would not hit the earth, said the professor quietly. The earth does not count in connection with its journey through space. This earth is only a small speck compared with it, and offers no great attraction. This new star probably occupies more space than the sun, which is 866,500 miles across. Probably Nova Aquilae is a good deal more massive. The sun and the planets only occupy a small portion of space. The new star would make a line for the more attractive body—the sun. Possibly it would take a turn right round that orbit, and would create a new sun.

The sun would then burst into a nebulous condition, and the whole planetary system would be destroyed. The earth would diminish into mere fiery dust floating in space. The whole planetary system, the earth included, would go back to the condition in which it was in the womb of time, perhaps 10,000 million years ago.

Having delivered this de profundis Professor Cooke became a little more cheerful.

There is no reason to suspect, he said, "that this new sun or star will come in our direction, and more than any other sun journeying through space at the present time will do the same thing. Nova Aquilae is after all only one of the stars in space. The coming of the new stars is not so infrequent a thing as one might suppose. New stars come with in the ken of the astronomer at least once a year. They are picked out by means of photographic plates; but, of course, they are not so brilliant as this one."

Eta Argus, which appeared in 1838, was probably a new star. But it is generally classed as a variable star, and not as a new one. There was the temporary star of 1572. Its brightness was greater than that of Sirius, Vega or Jupiter. For splendour it was only comparable to Venus. It is recorded that those with keen sight could see it in the day time. Then there was Kepler's Star, which appeared in

1604. It was white and exceeded in brightness Mars and Jupiter; but was not quite equal to Venus.

In those days the position of a star could not be fixed with sufficient accuracy to state whether the very faint stars in its neighbourhood is not the shining at the present time, but dimmed by age. No star in the catalogues agrees exactly in position with this new one. We must, however, await further information from Haward Observatory, where they are constantly taking photographs of the whole sky.

Character of the Star.

With respect to the statement that the spectroscopy will inform us whether the star is approaching in a straight line, continued Professor Cooke, there is, as far as I know, no apparatus in Australia suitable for making this observation; so that we will have to await more information from the northern hemisphere. The spectroscopy will reveal the character and physical nature of the star, and will give some idea of the temperature. Approximately the heat of the sun is 10,000 degrees.

The temperature of the new star is probably higher. Such a temperature cannot be realised. Meteorites fall on the earth, but they have no more effect than the throwing of peanuts at an elephant. They rain on earth at the rate of 1,000,000 every hour. These shooting stars, added Professor Cooke, are only small particles of matter of which space seems to be full. Their rate of travelling is so great that they generate a terrific temperature. That is just what goes on with regard to the new star. Little particles of matter travelling through space at the rate of 20 miles a second come in contact with the earth's atmosphere. This creates tremendous friction, temperature is raised, and the body becomes incandescent. In a greater degree the same thing has happened with this new star. A huge body, presumably dark, comes in contact with vast nebula and other forces, such as tidal forces, which produce sufficient heat to raise the large body to luminosity. The star is fading already. It is not nearly so bright as it was when it was first discovered.

Shoes in Russia.

To buy shoes in the Russia these days you first go to the police station nearest to your house and prove to the policeman that you must have a pair. If after investigation he satisfies himself that your need is a personal one and that you do not intend to buy shoes on a speculation he gives you a permit to make the purchase.

With this permit you go about the town from shoe store to shoe store. Their shelves are empty; often they are closed, the clerks are absent. You are not hunting a pair of shoes, you are only seeking some shoe shop where in the near future they hope to receive a consignment. When you find such a shop you present your police permit and are given a numbered card. This card shows you your turn in the shoe line. But your shoe line will not form for weeks. You pass the shoe store daily to see whether the shoes have arrived. At last you see a line of people before the door. That's not your line; these are only those who have the low numbers. Each day in the window of the shoe shop is posted a schedule of ticket numbers. At last you discover that a week hence shoes will be sold to the five hundred persons who have numbers in your group.

It is not on that exact day that you appear in the shoe line; indeed if you are wise it will be the morning of the day before. You will hire someone, if you are well-to-do, to hold a place in the line for you, because you are not sure that your particular size of shoe will be left. There is no way of telling either because you cannot enter the shoe shop to ask questions until your turn comes. I have seen a line of women in Petrograd wait forty-eight hours—from Saturday morning until Monday morning—sleeping on the sidewalk during the night, to have an early chance with their number cards. If at last you get into the shop and discover that they have a pair of shoes even somewhere near your size, you take them joyfully and pay from ten to twenty dollars a pair. It has required perhaps six weeks or two months to make the purchase."

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