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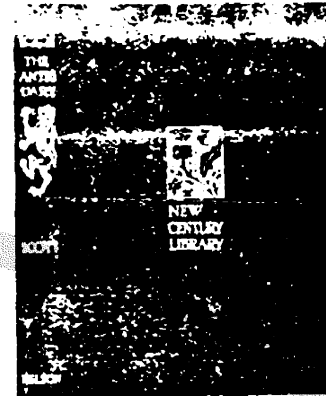
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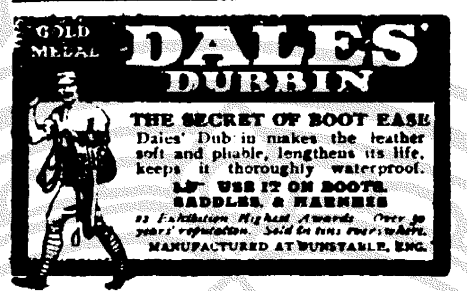
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Jan.	A.M.			Feet.
	H. W.	Ft. & in.	L. W. (Approx.)	
1	10 00	15 0
2	9 30	14 2
3	9 00	14 0
4	8 30	13 8
5	8 00	14 1
6	7 30	15 0
7	7 00	15 2	...	...
8	6 30	15 5	...	...
9	6 00	15 9	...	...
10	5 30	15 11	1-0	6-0
11	5 00	15 5	1-2	6-0
12	4 30	15 7	2-0	7-0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

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

PHASES OF THE MOON.

Jan.	8th	Full Moon	2.24	p.m.
	16th	(Last Quarter)	6.24	p.m.
	22nd	New Moon	2.22	p.m.
	30th	First Quarter	7.44	a.m.

Allies' Reply.

A Surprise for America.

London, Dec. 31.—Add to Allies Note: Alluding to Belgium's trial for two and half years, the Note says this injustice is cruelly aggravated by the proceedings of the occupying forces, which have exhausted the resources of the country, ruined the industries, devastated towns and villages, and is responsible for numerous massacres, executions and imprisonments. At this very moment, while Germany is proclaiming peace to humanity to the world, she is deporting Belgium citizens by thousands, reducing them to slavery.

Washington, Dec. 31.—President Wilson has sent a second note, which has not yet been presented to the belligerents, explanatory of his first.

Paris, Dec. 31.—The newspapers describe the reply as based on consistent arguments in a sober tone and as therefore telling. They point out that the Allies' categorical refusal to parley is clearly expressed permitting no misinterpretation.

London, Jan. 1.—The newspapers write in chorus of approval of the Allied note which has finally cleared the air and made the best impression amongst all the Allies especially France and Italy where it is regarded as the writing on the wall and removes the last doubt that the Allies are determined to end Germany's treachery and methods.

Rome, Jan. 1.—The Tribuna hopes that note sending is now ended. The war cannot be influenced by sentiment as the Germans are still abhorred for blood and gold.

Madrid, Dec. 31.—Spain has declined to support President Wilson's note as it considers it is premature and useless.

America Surprised.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The German embassy unofficially expresses the opinion that the reply leaves a loophole for Germany to reply with specific terms.

London, Jan. 1.—The Allies' reply has staggered Americans, whom the German propagandists had led to believe the Entente Powers were struggling among themselves to secure peace at any price. The reply had undoubtedly had the healthiest effect in clearing the air in America. Count Bernstorff maintains a brave face and insists that the peace proposals will be successful but the belief is growing that his optimism is due to the expectation that Germany will quickly climb down and reveal her peace terms. There is little indication how Germany has received the note but the telegrams speak of the growth of feverish anxiety to know the Allies' intentions.

Crowned in War.

London, Dec. 31.—The coronation of the King and Queen of Hungary was accomplished at Budapest with ancient pomp and solemnities.

Amsterdam, Dec. 31.—At the Budapest coronation their Majesties were received in the Cathedral by the Cardinal Primate and clergy and conducted to the Loretto Chapel where the King was robed in his mantle and girded with the sword of St. Stephen. He thence proceeded to the high altar where he was enthroned amidst the barons of the Empire. After the celebration of high mass Count Tisza crowned the King, who afterwards took the oath in the great square in front of the Cathedral in the presence of the people. He then proceeded to the coronation mound and waved the sword of St. Stephen to the four quarters of the Empire symbolising his guardianship thereof.

The Maghdabah Success.

London, Dec. 31.—Reuter's special correspondent in Egypt says the Maghdabah victory mentioned on Dec. 25 was due to a masterly surprise stroke. The Camelry, Mounted Infantry and Artillery covered twenty miles of difficult ground in four hours, mostly at a rapid trot across the sands. A portion of the British garrison had fallen back to a strong position at Maghdabah consisting of several well situated redoubts. The action began at day-break. The artillery speedily demolished one redoubt but others were more difficult to destroy owing to their position and resisted longer. The enemy put up white flags at three in the afternoon. Our casualties were comparatively insignificant. The present position menaces the enemy's railway communications. The remaining enemy garrisons in the Sinai peninsula are therefore now rapidly withdrawing.

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Sharp Note to Greece.**Refusal to Raise Blockade.**

Piraeus, Jan. 1.—The Triple Entente's note to Greece was presented to-day. It demands the reduction of Greek forces outside the Peloponnese to the number absolutely necessary to maintain order, the transportation to the Peloponnese of all armaments and munitions exceeding those corresponding to this force, the prohibition of meetings of Reservists and carrying arms by civilians, the restoration of the Allied controls, the immediate release of political prisoners and the indemnification of those who suffered unjustly in consequence of the events of Dec. 1, the removal of the officer responsible for the order given on Dec. 1 and apologies by the Greek Government to the Entente and a public salute of the Allied flags.

The Note further intimates that the allied troops may shortly be landed at Itea and conveyed to Salonika by the Larissa railway. It reserves full liberty of action in the event of the Greek Government giving further cause for complaint and pledges the Entente not to permit the Venizelist forces to cross the neutral zone. It declares the blockade will be maintained until the Entente demands are satisfied.

Athens, Jan. 1.—Italy has presented a note to the Government endorsing the note of the Triple Entente.

Salonika, Jan. 1.—An enemy aeroplane has been passing over the town daily. It is supposed that besides spying it engages in postal service with Athens which is what might be expected, for the wireless is completely isolated. There are indications that the blockade is most effective and the scarcity of cereals is beginning to be seriously felt in southern Greece.

General News.**Brisk Local Encounters.**

London, Dec. 31.—The French communiqué says: "The night was calm. We captured some prisoners by a coup de main south of Ohilly."

London, Jan. 1.—The French communiqué says: "After a violent bombardment by trench engines the enemy twice attacked our advanced posts west of Auberville in Champagne but completely failed before our machine-gun fire and grenade throwing."

London, Jan. 2.—The French communiqué says that on the right of the Meuse, a strong enemy coup de main east of les Chambrettes completely failed. It was relatively quiet elsewhere.

London, Dec. 31.—Field Marshal Haig says: "We bombarded the enemy southeast of le Transloy blowing up an ammunition dump. The enemy artillery was active at Martinpuich."

London, Jan. 2.—General Haig reports that patrols entered the enemy's trenches at several places eastward of Armentières. An enemy patrol reached our lines southward of Pilken and was immediately driven out. The enemy artillery was somewhat more active northward of the Ancre. There was brisk reciprocal artillery fire in the Loos salient and in the neighbourhood of Fauquiesart, and Ypres.

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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 Kluei "	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	Bangjak "	8.15	11.15	2.30	5.30
Bangjak "	7.00	10.00	1.15	4.15	*Bangna "	8.20	11.20	2.35	5.35
Prakonong "	7.05	10.05	1.20	4.20	Samrong "	8.25	11.25	2.40	5.40
*Ban Kluei "	7.10	10.10	1.25	4.25	Chorakhe "	8.30	11.30	2.45	5.45
Klong Toi "	7.15	10.15	1.30	4.30	*Ban Nang Greng "	8.35	11.35	2.50	5.50
Sala Deng "	7.23	10.23	1.38	4.38	Maha Wong "	8.40	11.40	2.55	5.55
Bangkok Arr.	7.30	10.30	1.45	4.45	Paknam Arr.	8.45	11.45	3.00	6.00

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THE Great War.

Russian Successes.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Jan. 7.

Petrograd.—To the west of Riga we
captured two lines of trenches, 272
prisoners and cannon.

In Persia we have captured Bidjar.

Western Front.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Jan. 7.

Yesterday and to-day there was artil-
lery activity. The British captured
enemy posts north of Beaumont-hamel
and a system of trenches to the south
of Arras.

Allies' Conference.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Jan. 7.

Rome.—The Allies conference is go-
ing on with its work. The papers an-
nounce that important results will be
made known.

Central Powers' Peace Terms.

(“S. O.” SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
Singapore, Jan. 6.

It is stated that the Central Powers' peace note has been communicated to President Wilson. That the peace dream is over for the present is the keynote of the German Press comment on the Allies' reply. They complain of the Allies' brutal rejection of the German offer and make dark threats of what will happen in spring.

President Wilson's Note.

(“S. O.” SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
Singapore, Jan. 8.

Senator Lodge in the American Senate vigorously opposed the resolution endorsing President Wilson's note and said that Wilson's action has laid America open to a charge of partnership.

Affairs in Greece.

(“S. O.” SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
Singapore, Jan. 8.

Royalist papers in Greece violently attack the Entente and urge a declaration of war.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Jan. 7.

The Ex-minister of Finance of the Venizelos cabinet who has been sent on a mission to Paris and London, expressed his certainty that the Greek Royal army will attack the Allies at Salonika under the direction of Germany.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Dines will meet the Southern Line Railway Dept. team at a game of football at Wat Thep Surindir grounds to-morrow, Wednesday. Kick off at 4.45 p.m.

THE s.s. Kamuning will leave from the Borneo Company's wharf at 3 a.m. sharp, on Wednesday the 10th inst., and should arrive in Singapore on Saturday evening.

THE s.s. Kuala left Singapore at noon on Sunday the 7th inst., with the mail and may be expected to arrive at the Borneo Company's Wharf on Wednesday about 1 p.m.

THE Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation received a wire to-day from their London office to the effect that the New War Loan will be issued on the 11th of January.

PADDY REPORT FOR JAN. 8.

Nasuan 2380	coyans at Tce.	73.82	each
Samruang	90	73.74	“
Namuang	“	“	“
Total	Coyans	2470	“
1 to 7 Jan. 1916.	(Last week.)		
Nasuan	13880	Coyans.	
Samruang	590	“	
Namuang	20	“	
Total		14,490	“



Court Circular.

GRAND PALACE,
Monday, January 8.

This afternoon at 4 o'clock at Ananta Samagom Palace His Majesty the King granted audience to Princes of the Royal Blood who presented to His Majesty candles, incense and fresh flowers according to ancient custom.

After the audience His Majesty presented robes and bags of gold cloths to sixty priests who took part in the religious service, while eleven other priests who were born in the same year as His Majesty received from the King silk robes and other gifts of special kinds. The priests retired to don the robes and re-entered immediately. When the auspicious hour drew near the King lit a gilt taper which he presented to His Royal Highness the Holy Prince Vajiranana, the Supreme Patriarch of the Kingdom. With this taper, at twelve minutes and thirty two seconds past five o'clock, being the auspicious hour, His Holiness lit the “Thien Jaya” (Candle of Victory) while the priests recited the “Jayamangala” Stanzas and music was played. The King then lit candles and incense and the priests commenced the celebration of the religious service, after which the priests took leave. The King next lit candles and incense at the altar and chanting commenced which will continue without interruption during the whole festival.

On the occasion of the inauguration and blessing of the Ananta Samagom Palace on Sunday Jan. 7, the King was graciously pleased to promote Colonel His Royal Highness the Prince of Loburi by Royal Warrant of Commission to the rank of Lieutenant-General of the Royal Army.

The King was also graciously pleased to confer decorations on certain officials who have taken part in the building of the new Palace and bestow presents upon others.

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Phra Binich Lekha, Phra Barnasar Pradidhi, Luang Dhanakara Kiohara and Mr. M. H. Read—silver cigarette cases with His Majesty's cypher and the Royal Crown in enamel.

Khun Nara Nuraksha—a set of gold coat-buttons with His Majesty's cypher.

Rumania's Oil Wells.

Amsterdam, Dec. 31.—The latest details of the destruction of the Rumanian oilwells is continued by the Munich Neuestenachrichten which says the surface damage is eight millions sterling. This does not include the loss of production and the unestimated damage underground. All engine houses, and cranes on the surface and underground machinery were smashed. The oil-tanks were set on fire. The destruction was not only workmanlike but skilful.

Rewards of Valour.

London, Dec. 31.—The Gazette announces the award of Victoria Crosses to Captain William Bloomfield, Scouts Corps South African Mounted Brigade; and to Lieut. Eugene Bennett of the Worcesters. When the first line wavered, owing to death of its commander, and heavy losses, Bennett advanced at the head of the second wave and by personal example, valour and resolution reached the objective with only sixty men. Although isolated he immediately consolidated under a heavy banking fire. Though wounded he continued to direct and control and set an example of cheerfulness and resolution. There is little doubt but for his personal courage the attack would have been checked at the outset.

London, Dec. 30.—The death has occurred of Mr. Thomas Fenwick Harrison of Liverpool.

Claims Against Enemy Persons.

In our issue of October 16th 1916, we reproduced as being of interest to British readers, copy of a Proclamation calling upon British subjects to make returns of their claims against enemy persons and enemy Governments.

Detailed instructions together with forms for the preparation and registration of such claims have now been received at His Britannic Majesty's Consulate-General and are held at the disposal of any British subject desiring to file a claim.

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Among a list of articles appealed for by Queen Alexandra's Field Force Fund handkerchiefs and gun-cleaning rags were included, and Mrs. Lyle would be grateful if anyone having scraps of material suitable for the same would send them to her house.

Members are reminded that the meeting to-morrow is at Mrs. Wilson's house. The following one will be held at Mrs. Smyth's house on Feb. 14th.

The Samudasar.

We have received the 25th number of the Royal Navy League's journal from H. E. Phya Bari Navarasth. The contributions include a poem from the pen of His Majesty the King, a translation of the work of the American Navy from the October number of the Nineteenth Century by "Ramachitti," an account of the work of the British Navy translated from the "Times" history of the War by Phya Paisarnsilapatt, a translation of an article of Mr. Alfred Noyes' relating to submarines, and other interesting articles on naval matters. The volume also contains several illustrations and is fully up to the standard of the previous issue.

Items of Interest.

London, Jan. 1.—Government has taken over the control of the Irish Railways from to-day.

London, Dec. 31.—Germany has begun recruiting in its jails, excluding only the habitual criminals.

London, Dec. 31.—The revenue for the quarter ended Dec. 31 was £122,217,712 compared with £643,905 (?) in 1915 including £48,443,000 excess profits duty.

Amsterdam, Jan. 1.—The King of Bavaria in an army order says "if the enemy refuses the proffered hand we shall enforce peace upon him."

London, Jan. 1.—Official.—Earl Granville has been appointed the British Government's representative with Venizelos's provisional Government at Salonika, with the title of diplomatic agent.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—Canadian bankers have furnished a further credit of ten millions sterling for the purchase of Canadian munitions for Britain, making a total of fifty millions thus provided.

Montreal Jan. 1.—Forty-six women were burned to death in a fire at a Lunatic Asylum at St. Ferdinand. Megantic count during the night. There was an uncontrollable panic and many were injured, by jumping from the windows. The water supply was frozen and efforts to put out the fire were thus checked.

Paris, Dec. 31.—A naval communiqué says the battleship Gaulois was torpedoed by a submarine in the Mediterranean on Dec. 27 and sank in half an hour. Owing to the discipline and coolness of all on board and the rapid arrival of patrol boats, only four of the crew were lost of whom two were killed by the explosion.

Famine Rations at Kut.

Soldiers Living on Rats, Cats, and Dogs.

A driver in a howitzer battery, R.F.A., who has returned to the Isle of Wight, gave an account of the privations in Kut-Amarra.

He said that they were reduced to four ounces of barley bread and a pound of horseflesh per day before they surrendered to the Turks. On that ration they existed for six weeks. They occasionally ate rats, cats, and dogs.

"One night," he said, "we killed three donkeys. We stuck them like a pig, and ate the best parts. The fat we melted down in an old billy-can and used it to put on our bread. The Indians would not eat flesh food because of their caste. The result was that many died. During the last few weeks our horses ate of the split date trees."

In the Near East.

Rumanian Artillery Deficiencies.

London, Nov. 9.—The Rumanians are now in the same condition that we were at the outbreak of the war so far as the artillery is concerned; they are short of heavy guns and of large calibre howitzers. Shortly before the war a commission sat at Bucharest charged with the task of deciding on the rearmament of the army. Owing to the mountainous nature of the frontiers on the west and north of the kingdom it was judged advisable to add considerably to the mountain branch of the artillery, and owing to the faulty condition of the roads and the steepness of gradients it was not considered advisable to provide howitzers of larger calibre than 12 centimetres. The Russians have for many years attached 8 inch howitzers to their field armies, these throw a shell weighing 100 pounds with a bursting charge of 32 pounds of high explosive. But in countries where roads are practically non-existent and where all munition must be carried on pack animals, it has been found impossible to arrange for an adequate supply of ammunition for heavy guns. At the siege of Adrianople it was found that a Serbian ox wagon could only carry five rounds of fixed ammunition for the siege guns and that it occupied three days for one wagon to convey those five rounds from the base at the railroad to the batteries at the front. This gives the layman some idea of the stupendous task of supplying an army in such a country with ammunition for heavy guns. It is an open secret that for many months our gunners were restricted to two rounds per gun a day both in France and at the Dardanelles. Now thanks to the rapidity with which supplies are obtained from our factories and from America there is little shortage. Not so, however, with our Allies. Owing to the difficulty of maintaining a plentiful supply of coal in Russia the arsenals on the Neva are unable to work at full pressure, and a large proportion of the munitions for the Russian army has to filter through the North Sea or along the Vladivostok railway. Vessels using the North Sea are, of course, exposed to attack by German submarines.

Rumania entirely and Russia in a great measure are both dependent on foreign sources for their supplies of heavy artillery ammunition, and also for all further supplies of heavy weapons. The arsenal at Bucharest can only turn out ammunition for guns up to 3 inch calibre and can only repair, not manufacture, small arms so that when the Mannlicher rifles with which the Rumanian Army is now armed require to be replaced it will be necessary to issue an entirely different weapon as was the case with the Serbian Army. I understand that steps have been taken with an American firm to issue rifles to the Rumanian army but as these will have to find their way to Bucharest by way of Russia it will be many months before such new weapons can be put in the hands of the troops. The Rumanian Army is well supplied with machine-guns. The enemy's occupation of Constantza deprives Russia of a most convenient harbour and of a railway by means of which supplies could be easily poured into the Rumanian capital. That route is now forbidden and all munitions from Russia must now either cross the Pruth and come down by rail via Jassy or else must descend the Pruth to Reni. From first to last the railway now in possession of the Germans cost little short of two million sterling and the reconstruction of the Czernavoda Bridge will not be carried out at the conclusion of war under a cool million. Apart from this loss the occupation of the port places a well-equipped little naval arsenal at the disposal of the Bulgarians and thus gives them three harbours of refuge for their mosquito fleet, Varna, Bourgas and Constanza.

Germany's Resources.

4,000 Pieces of New Artillery in the Line.

Paris. The military critic of the "Journal" is of the opinion that Germany, impoverished in men, is reinforcing her material resources. Where an army corps was formerly served by 160 pieces, it is now served by 300 guns, including heavy artillery.

Thus, in spite of the formidable extension of fronts, Germany has managed to increase the equipment of her units in the same proportion, and is now already forming fresh units, but the thirty divisions appearing since August last represent very few new men. Only six of them are composed of really new elements. Three of them are very "middling," but, judging from the price exacted on the Somme, their equipment would represent over 4,000 pieces of fresh artillery in the line.—Exchange.

British Munition Output.

A New York telegram states that Great Britain has obtained the relinquishment of a twelve millions sterling munitions contract.

Confirming the statement, Mr. Davidson, a partner in the banking firm of Morgans, said the Allies were now almost industrially independent of the U.S., and would probably withdraw a great share of the war trade unless U.S. munition firms relax.

Effect of War Weariness.

British Headquarters, France. Reporter's Special Correspondent says:—

The 7,000 prisoners taken by the British in the Somme battle of last week cost us fewer casualties per hundred prisoners than those we took early in July. Further, the British casualties show a far less proportion of "killed, died, prisoners, and missing" to "wounded" than do the German casualty lists. The difference works out, in fact, at something quite substantial per cent, and close analysis shows that it is chiefly in the matter of "prisoners" that this difference occurs. Our German prisoners of last week cost us less casualties of life and limb to get; the German percentage of prisoners taken to other casualties has risen. One of the reasons is that our artillery preparation before an attack is now more searching in its effect. It pays more attention to the centres of German resistance to our infantry attack, so as to leave these centres less capable of harm to our men.

But there are evidences of a weakening of fighting fibre in the German troops. Whereas a month or two ago a wound might be needed to take a German soldier out of the fight, he is now more prone to leave it by the less glorious, if less painful, expedient of holding up his hand. Evidence in support of this is to be had from the savings and demeanour of prisoners taken, and from letters and documents written by German soldiers in the trenches that fall ultimately into our hands.

After once making the important discovery that they are not to be dipped forthwith in boiling oil, there are few happier people than the German prisoners in the "cages" of the Somme battle-field. They openly confess it.

The finest German regiment, after three or four spells in the German front line, is by now as the regiment was. Fighting efficiency and moral alike have depreciated under that dreadful wear and tear. While Germany cannot "rest" her best troops as much as we, and is now thrown back on to her older, less combative manhood and her second rate manhood to fill up every new gap in her lines, we have still large resources of the finest man-material, material only too anxious to get into the fighting line and win its spurs.

Chilean Neutrality Violated.

Valparaiso, Oct. 20.—The Chilean authorities recently received information that in the little port of Callbuco, in the Gulf of Ancud, a Chilean-German-oxen-barge, the Tinto, was being fitted out in suspicious circumstances. The Governor of the Province of Ancud left the port of Puerto Montt at midnight on October 16 on the gunboat Condor, and arrived at Callbuco in the early hours of October 17.

Investigation showed that the Tinto, which flies the Chilean flag, and should therefore under Chilean regulations have carried a majority of Chileans for her crew, was manned entirely by Germans, was loaded with a considerable supply of provisions and livestock, and was intended to sail the next day avowedly for a neighbouring port. On further examination a supply of clothing, including a number of German naval uniforms, was found, and it was ascertained that the crew consisted of Germans of a distinctly superior class to the usual sailor.

These circumstances have led to the detention of the ship, pending a further investigation. The facts point to a proposed privateering expedition, or to the formation of a submarine base.—Ex.

The New Poland.

A motion introduced on Nov. 20 in the Prussian House of Representatives by the Conservatives and National Liberals re the declaration of Polish independence aroused considerable discussion. It set forth the new move as ensuring the furtherance of German interests in Poland, and deprecated the adoption of any measures of home administration which might tend to rupture the relations between Prussia and Prussian Poland.

The Premier recapitulated the circumstances that led up to the declaration, and waxed enthusiastic over the part the Polish legions had played in the war. German and Polish interests in this war were, he declared, inseparable. An appeal to the Poles in Prussia followed, to do their duty as Prussians, and stand by the Government. One of the Polish members complained that the Polish question was only partially solved. Merely a portion of the country had been granted independence, and that but a parody of the real thing. Some of the subsequent speakers sharply criticised the tone of the speech, but the Socialists sided with the Polish party and threw fuel on the flames of contention. Eventually the resolution was carried by 180 votes to 104.—Ex.

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Big Campaign in Moldavia.

Heavy Mountain Fighting.

London, Dec. 27.—A wireless German official says: We captured Russo-Rumanian positions in the Oltuz Valley. Mackensen encountered strong resistance northward and eastward of Rimnicul Sarat. A strenuous attack entered an enemy's position and gained ground. There is heavy fighting.

London, December 30.—Fighting on the Moldavian front is likely to assume increased importance. The German plan is apparently to combine a frontal attack with an outflanking movement. Probably the latter is not yet fully developed, but there has been desperate fighting in the region of the Oltuz valley, which with those immediately adjoining converges on the Trotus in rear of the advance positions won by the Russians during the past month. It is also noted that the locality chosen for the attack is that where the Russians join the Rumanians, the former holding Uzul while the latter occupy Oltuz and the valleys southward. So far the Germans do not seem to have progressed since Sunday, when the Rumanians lost some of the heights most which were recovered the following day.

London, Dec. 31.—The wireless Russian Official says: There have been fierce battles in the Oltuz valley. The enemy, reinforced, repeatedly attacked and captured several heights. The enemy is stubbornly attacking on the Moldavian frontier but his offensive northwest of Szev failed and the Rumanians were victorious taking many prisoners. The heights in the upper Putna frequently changed hands but remained in the enemy's possession.

The Russo-Rumanians dislodged the enemy from Bordeschi. The enemy repulsed the Rumanians northwest of the Buzeu Focsani Railway. A third enemy attack in the Dobrudja south-east of Brailov occupied a height in our centre.

London, Jan. 1.—Wireless German Official: We stormed several Russo Rumanian hill positions between the Uz valley and Putna valley and repulsed fierce counterattacks. We again defeated the Russians in northern great Wallachia and drove back the enemy halfway between Rimnicul Sarat and Focsani. The Bulgar-Germans took prisoner a thousand eastward of Macin.

London, Jan. 1.—Wireless Russian Official: We repulsed a German offensive south of Pink.

The enemy strongly attacked the Roumanians on both banks of the Kazino. East of the Moldavian frontier

the Roumanians maintained their positions. The Roumanians were obliged to retire in the region of Patroance west of Focsani. We took up new positions from Focsani to the Danube without enemy pressure. The enemy attempted an advance from Roumanula west of Brailov, but our rifle fire compelled him to retire in disorder and entrench. Twenty three enemy battalions attacked our centre in the Dobrudja and compelled us to retire to our next line.

London, Jan. 1.—A wireless Austrian official says that the Austro-Germans are fighting their way forward in the upper valleys of Zabala, Nuruja and Putna. Our battalions stormed several successive positions in the Narja region, the enemy defending every foot of ground.

[The position in Rumania appears thus. The country is shaped like a top boot, with the toe to the west. The enemy has all the foot and is cutting across above the angle to Galatz, well above the heel. The Oltuz Pass is just above the ankle, Ramnicu Sarat in the very middle, and Focsani thirty miles above it. The frontal attack spoken of is directed northward, towards Focsani, the flanking attacks through the passes, of which the Oltuz is the south, on the shin bone. Nerejt is to the south of this.]

The Sea War.

Copenhagen, Dec. 31.—Norway in 1916 has lost 272 ships of a tonnage of 367,000 and a value of two hundred million kroner.

London, December 30.—Sinkings: The steamers Copewood (British), Ida (Norwegian), three British sailers and one Norwegian.

London, Dec. 31.—Sinkings: British steamers Zoroaster, Aislabey and Oronsay, Swedish Meredidio, Norwegian Nysgrand.

Copenhagen, Jan. 1.—The survivors of the crew of the Danish steamer Hroptatyr torpedoed by U 18 off Ushant on Dec. 22 give harrowing details. In the heavy sea the crew were ordered to leave the ship. The boats were lowered with difficulty and one was nipped between the submarine and the steamer and the captain was crushed to death, his head being severed, from his body whilst another was killed. The submarine took the rest of the crew aboard. A French destroyer rushed up and the submarine submerged and escaped a shell by inches. The submarine ultimately arrived at Zeebrugge.

London, Jan. 1.—Absolute prohibition is being enforced in Newfoundland from to-day.

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The Naval Position.

Big Events Foreshadowed in Adriatic.

The Herald's naval correspondent writes:—Many eyes have been turned recently to the Adriatic, where the successful advance of the Italians on the Carso promises some startling developments. Long as are the land fronts, that on the sea is longer still, from Arkhangel round the world to Vladivostok. The centre of interest on this vast front shifts continually. At one time a sally from the Heligoland Bight or a dash through the Straits of Dover, draws attention to the German forces at Wilhelmshaven and other bases; then the bombardment of Constanza or the raid into the Gulf of Finland comes as a reminder of the services of the Russian navy, and so on.

But the situation in the Adriatic bids fair to be of larger importance still. The approach of the Italian fleet forces to Trieste and the advance on the Greek frontier of the cannon troops under General Sarrail are not to fail to have an effect on the position at sea. It is possible that circumstances may arise which will oblige the Austro-Hungarian fleet to emerge from its long passivity and risk the issue of a conflict with the Allied squadrons. The Austrian papers have, indeed, already predicated the advent of vigorous action and talked of a sally such as that which was made by Admiral Scheer's divisions.

Austrian Naval Projects.

Two projects have been mooted. One is an attempt to push westward in order to effect a junction with some portion of the "victorious" High Sea Fleet; the other "an enterprise directed eastwards" towards the Dardanelles and Constantinople. In either case, it must be something of a forlorn hope, but the turn of events may oblige it, and signs of unusual activity are not wanting. The fleets of the Central Powers are under complete military domination. They are regarded merely as accessories to the land forces, and if Hindenburg wills, they may be used to create a diversion, or attract attention from failures on land.

As for the Austro-Hungarian seamen, they are brave and efficient, although they must have suffered from their prolonged sojourn in harbour. But they are the heirs of great traditions, and will prefer to die fighting rather than surrender ignobly in port.

From the material standpoint, the superiority of the Allies is incontestable. At the outbreak of war in 1914, Austria had thirteen battleships built and building, with two armoured cruisers, a dozen light cruisers, and 100 torpedo craft of all types, exclusive of submarines, of which only about six

were in service. Italy had fourteen battleships, nine armoured cruisers, eighteen light cruisers, 140 torpedo craft and twenty submarines. Added to Italy's strength is that of the French battle fleet which consisted at the beginning of the war of some thirty battleships, built and building. Under the gallant leadership of Admiral the Duke of the Abruzzi there is cordial and harmonious co-operation between the Allied sea forces in the Adriatic.

Adriatic War Conditions.

The superior numbers do not convey a true idea of the conditions of warfare in the narrow waters of the Adriatic. The Italian seaboard is low, unfitted for strong defences except by costly expedients, and is thus completely exposed to enemy attack. Austria, on the other hand, has the immense advantage of the long chain of Dalmatian islands and of steep cliffs along a great portion of her coast, which is indented with deep gulf and inlets, affording opportunities for submarines and other craft to lurk and take shelter. The more in fact, the strategic conditions in this sea are examined, the more will they be found to favour the Austro-Hungarian vessels, which can operate from numerous points where their opponents have only Venice or Brindisi.

These facts make more creditable the splendid work of transporting large bodies of troops, including the Serbian army, across the Adriatic, a work which tested the endurance of both the vessels and their crews.

Another phase of the war in the Adriatic is the manner in which the Italian navy has co-operated with the army. This state of things is similar to that in the Baltic, where Admiral Kanin said: that the main duty of the fleet was to act as an extension of the right wing of the Russian army in the Riga district, and also to the work of the Dover patrol, which, as Admiral Bacon said in his last report, protects the flank of the vast sea transport to and from our army in France. It may be expected, therefore, that when General Cadorna moves again the navy will move also. The new year may see some dramatic movements if the Austro-Hungarian fleet is forced to leave its protected bases by the pressure of military operations. This should afford a striking illustration of the inter-dependence of the naval and military arms.

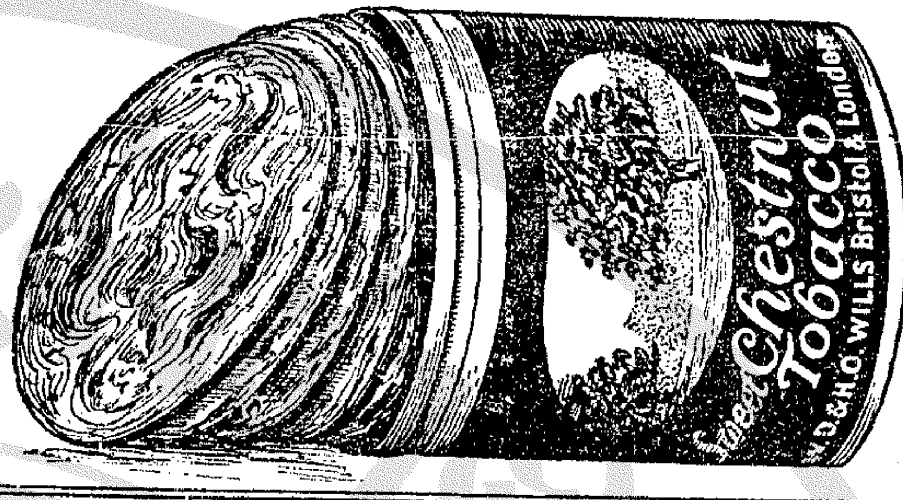
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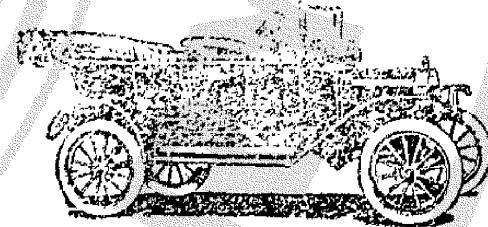
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Distance from Bangkok.	BANGKOK-MEKLONG.					Distance from Meklong.	MEKLONG-BANGKOK.		
	STATIONS.	Train No.					STATIONS.	Train No.	
		I.	III.	V.				VI.	VI.
Km.	Bangkok Dep.	A.M. 8.30	P.M. 12.30	P.M. 4.30		Km.	Meklong Dep.	A.M. 8.35	P.M. 12.35
33.1	Mahachai Terminus Arr.	9.50	1.50	5.50		33.8	B. Hlame Terminus Arr.	9.55	1.55

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Distance from B. Hlame.	BANGKOK-MEKLONG.				Distance from Mahachai.	SKLONG-BANGKOK.					
	STATIONS.	Train No.		STATIONS.		Train No.					
		I.	III.			II.	IV.	VI.			
Km.	B. Hlame					Mahachai					
	Terminus Dep	10.20	2.20		Km.	Terminus Dep	6.45	10.45	2.45		
33.8	Meklong Arr.	11.40	3.40	33.1		Bangkok Arr.	8.05	12.05	4.05		

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	Tues. Thurs. Sats.	daily	daily	daily	daily		daily	daily	daily	Wed. Fris. Sats.	daily
Bangkok Noi ... Dep.	7.30	8.25	1.20	2.10		Chumpon ... Dep.					7.45
M. Nakon Patom ... "	8.56	10.13	2.45	4.27		Prachuap Kirikan Arr.					p.m. 2.26
Ban Pong ... "	9.33	10.55	3.26	5.38		Pran Kao ... Dep.				9.5	2.41
Potaram ... "	9.55	11.22	4.—	6.17		Wang Phong ... Arr.			6.5		4.59
Ratburi ... Arr.	10.26	11.57	4.81	6.59		" ... Dep.			6.10	10.59	5.5
" ... Dep.	10.36	12.10	4.41			Hua Hin ... Dep.			6.13	11.14	
Petchaburi ... Arr.	12.—	1.45	6.29			" ... Arr.			6.57	11.46	
" ... Dep.	12.12	2.17				" ... Dep.			7.5	11.54	
Hua Hin ... Arr.	1.59	4.47				Petchaburi ... Arr.			p.m. 1.43		
" ... Dep.	2.5	4.57				" ... Dep.		7.10	9.52	1.43	
Wang Phong ... Arr.	2.37	5.37				Ratburi ... Arr.		9.10	11.40	1.56	
" ... Dep.	2.48	5.42				" ... Dep.				3.18	
Pran Kao ... Arr.	...	5.47			6.25	" ... Dep.	6.5	9.22	1.30	3.28	
Prachuap Kirikan Arr.	4.38				6.33	Potaram ... "	6.59	9.56	2.6	4.1	
" ... Dep.					8.46	Ban Pong ... "	7.43	10.19	2.43	4.25	
					8.56	M. Nakon Patom ... "	9.2	11.—	3.17	5.6	
Chumpon ... Arr.					p.m. 3.53	Bangkok Noi ... Arr.	11.12	12.23	4.53	6.28	
Chumpon-Tung Song on Tuesdays, Thurs. & Sats.											
Chumpon Dep.	6.45					Tung Song-Chumpon on Mondays, Weds. and Fri.					
Langsuen Arr.	9.18					Tung Song Dep.	6.45				
Potaram Dep.	9.28					Surasutra Dhani Arr.	11.37				
Surasutra Dhani Arr.	1.4					Langsuen Dep.	12.2				
" ... Dep.	1.29					" ... Arr.	3.37				
Tung Song Arr.	6.23					Chumpon Dep.	3.47				
Tung Song-Nakon Srihamaraj daily except Monday											
Tung Song Dep.	6.30	p.m. 1.20				Nakon Srihamaraj-Tung Song daily except Monday					
N. Junction Arr.	7.37					Tung Song Dep.	11.—				
N. Srihamaraj Arr.	8.50	2.32				N. Junction Dep.	12.12				
						Tung Song Arr.	...				5.20
Tung Song-Trang daily											
Chumpon Dep.	6.45					Tung Song-Trang daily					
Langsuen Arr.	9.18					Tung Song Dep.	2.20				
Potaram Dep.	9.28					Trang Arr.	5.30				
Surasutra Dhani Arr.	1.4					Trang Dep.					8.20
" ... Dep.	1.29					Tung Song Arr.					11.22
Tung Song Arr.	6.23					Tung Song-Singora Singora-Tung Song					
						Wed. Fridays & Sundays					
						Tung Song Dep.	11.50				
						N. Junction Arr.	12.40				
						Patalung Dep.	12.55				
						" Arr.	2.47				
						" Dep.	2.57				
						Singora Arr.	6.13				
						Tung Song Arr.					1.55

In Mesopotamia.

Life in The Desert.

By "Eye-Witness."

In the life of the Arabian deserts there is little to which the passage of time brings alteration. The inelasticity of physical conditions confines the enterprise of mankind to limits which are exceedingly narrow. The spare rainfall, the meagre supply of underground water prohibit any extensive agricultural development. On the wide central steppes of the peninsula and the arid northern sand, the human race can find no abiding place, and the nomads pasturing their camels roam at the bidding of the scantiest needs of man and the beast cannot be furnished permanently. From time immemorial the inland tribes have supplied their wants from the nearest watered and cultivated land, where a sedentary population can raise in its rich fields and palm groves what is lacking to the hungry children of the wilderness, where craft flourish and a man may find woven stuffs for his raiment and metals fashioned into weapons and household gear. Just as Joseph's brethren came down into Egypt to buy corn when a season of exceptional famine drove them beyond their customary markets, so the wandering Arabs of to-day came down out of the perpetual famine of the desert into the borders of Syria and Mesopotamia for their elementary requirements.

Beduin Markets.

The eastern towns of Syria, Damascus, Hama, Hamah and Aleppo, are all markets for the Beduin of the Syrian Desert; indeed Damascus is now, as she has been in the past at once the metropolis of the wilderness and of the settled country, the very centre of Arab civilization in all its aspects. On the eastern side of the Syrian Desert the towns of the Euphrates play a similar part. None of those along the lower reaches of the river dates from a period earlier than the Mohammedan invasion though the modern Nejaf is the representative of Kufah, one of the earliest camp cities of Islam, and Kufah itself rose out of the ruins of Hira, the capital of a small Arabian principality which, before the time of the Prophet, served as a link between nomad Arabia and the Empire which the Sassanid Kings ruled from Ctesiphon. Just such links are to be found to day, south and west of the Euphrates settlements which partake more of the nature of an oasis in the heart of the cultivated regions of which they are the

outposts, tribal towns as essential to the economics of Arabia as was Hira itself, and in all probability not very dissimilar except in degree, from that ancient seat of independent princes. It is an advantage when the Beduin market places lie beyond the limits of the continuous cultivation, or at any rate upon its outer margin. The wild caravan drivers from the interior are apt to disregard the rights of the basins to pasture in crops carefully tended and irrigated, a negligence which results in reprisals on the part of the husbandman, and a regrettable disturbance of public peace and security. On the other hand the incomers are not anxious to penetrate into the "Biled-al-mahkumoh," the governed lands, or to find themselves cooped up in cities and forced to submit to the restrictions which town life imposes. "A month in Damascus is like a year in the tents," observed a border chief who had been detained by the authorities till non-remitted sheep taxes were forthcoming. "Wallahi! I could not breathe there."

(To be continued)

Telegraph Lines.

The Post and Telegraph Department reports that both Malay Peninsular lines are crossing between Surasirad-hani and Nagor Sridhanaraj. Other lines are in good order.

Exchange Rates.

To-day's Quotations.

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Bank Bills, demand	2.05
GERMANY—	
Bank Bills, demand	—
NEW YORK—	
Bank Bills, demand U. S. A.	
INDIA—	
Bank Bills, demand	Rs. 111 1/4
SINGAPORE—	
Bank Bills, demand	\$65 1/2
HONGKONG—	
Bank Bills, demand	\$ 64 1/2
YOKOHAMA & KOBE—	
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LINE 4—KLONG SAMRONG LOCK TO BANG HIA.

Boats leave the Lock in connection with the Paknam Railway train 10.45 a.m. from Bangkok.

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(Broad Gauge Lines.)

TIME TABLE

In force from 1st April, 1916.

Dep.	Arr.	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Bangkok	Dep.	7.00	9.48	1.25	3.33
Ayuthia	Arr.	9.3	11.41	3.33	5.45
Ban Phaji	Arr.	9.47	12.20	4.24	6.30
Ban Phaji	Dep.	9.57	12.37	4.30	...
Lopburi	Arr.	11.5	1.55	5.48	...
Chengket	Dep.	12.35	3.38	...	7.25
Pak'poh	Arr.	2.17	5.40	...	9.54
Pak'poh	Dep.	2.25	6.30	...	...
Pitsaloke	Arr.	6.1	11.5	...	...
Pitsaloke	Dep.	7.4	2.2	...	...
Ban Dara	Arr.	9.5	4.18	...	...
Ban Dara	Dep.	9.20	4.40	...	...
S'kaloke	Arr.	10.21	5.41	...	...
Ban Dara	Dep.	9.10	4.26	...	...
Utaradit	Arr.	10.6	5.29	...	...
Tha Sao	Arr.	10.15	5.38	...	...
Den Chai	Arr.	11.57	...	...	...
Lampang	Arr.	4.52	...	...	...
Ban Phaji	Dep.	10.10	12.30	4.41	...
Gengko	Arr.	11.7	1.26	5.51	...
Lat Bua Kao	Dep.	...	4.2	...	8.2
Korat	Arr.	...	6.8	...	10.3
Bangkok	Dep.	7.45	...	...	3.50
Petriet	Arr.	9.33	...	...	5.38
Lampang	Dep.	...	...	...	...
Den Chai	Arr.	...	...	...	...
Utaradit	Dep.	...	...	...	...
Chengket	Arr.	6.21	...	9.22	12.28
Lopburi	Dep.	...	7.10	11.6	1.56
Ban Phaji	Arr.	...	8.30	12.21	3.4
Korat	Dep.	3.57	...	7.1	...
Lat Bua Kao	Arr.	5.55	...	8.40	...
Gengko	Dep.	...	7.12	11.32	1.52
Ban Phaji	Arr.	...	8.22	12.29	2.59
Ban Phaji	Dep.	6.27	8.37	12.44	3.14
Ayuthia	Arr.	7.13	9.25	1.23	3.58
Bangkok	Arr.	9.38	11.35	3.16	6.1
Petriet	Dep.	7.50	3.55
Bangkok	Arr.	9.38	5.45

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