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FOR SEPTEMBER 1918.

Sept.	A.M.		L.W.	
	H. W.	Ft. & in.	(Approx.)	
1	6.7	7.0
2	7.8	7.0
3	8.9	7.0
4	2.00	12.0	10.11	6.0
5	3.00	12.0	11.12	6.0
6	4.00	12.0	...	...
7	5.00	12.4	...	...
8	6.00	12.7	...	...
9	7.00	13.0	...	...
10	8.00	13.0	2.3	7.0
11	9.00	13.0	3.0	6.0
12	10.00	13.0	4.0	6.0
13	11.00	13.0	5.0	7.0
14	...	...	6.7	7.0
15	...	...	7.8	7.0
16	...	...	8.9	7.0
17	...	...	9.10	7.0
18	2.00	11.0	9.10	7.0
19	3.00	12.0	10.11	6.0
20	5.00	12.3	11.12	6.0
21	5.30	12.6	11.12	6.0
22	6.00	12.6	...	...
23	6.30	13.0	1.0	7.0
24	7.00	13.6	1.2	7.0
25	8.00	13.6	1.2	7.0
26	9.00	13.6	2.3	6.0
27	10.00	13.6	3.0	6.0
28	11.00	13.0	4.5	6.0
29	...	...	4.5	6.0
30	...	...	5.6	6.0

P.M.

Sept.	H. W.		L. W.	
	H. W.	Ft. & in.	(Approx.)	
1	4.30	13.11	...	...
2	5.30	14.4	...	...
3	5.30	14.5	...	...
4	6.00	14.6	...	...
5	6.00	14.6	1.0	6.0
6	7.00	14.8	1.0	6.0
7	7.00	14.7	1.0	6.0
8	7.00	14.7	1.2	7.0
9	7.00	14.5	1.2	7.0
10	8.00	11.2	...	...
11	8.00	14.0	...	...
12	8.00	13.6	...	...
13	8.00	13.0	...	...
14	...	...	...	...
15	3.00	14.0	...	...
16	4.00	14.6	...	...
17	5.00	14.6	...	...
18	5.00	14.6	...	...
19	5.00	14.6	...	...
20	6.00	14.6	...	...
21	6.00	14.6	...	...
22	6.00	14.4	1.0	7.0
23	6.00	14.0	1.0	7.0
24	7.00	13.10	1.2	7.0
25	7.00	13.5
26	7.00	13.5
27	7.00	13.2
28	7.00	13.0
29	6.00	13.0
30	4.00	18.6

PHASE OF THE MOON.

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27th Last Quarter 11 h 21 m a.m.

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Germans Hastily Retreating.

London, Aug. 29.—Field Marshal Haig reports: South of the Somme we maintained our pressure upon the enemy during the night. We are advancing eastward north of the Somme as far as the neighbourhood of Fontaine les Croisilles. The night was comparatively quiet in the sector astride the Scarpe. The enemy's strong counter-attacks east and south-east of Vis en Artois, east of Boiry and in the vicinity of Gavrelle, were repulsed with loss to the enemy after heavy fighting. Our advanced posts west of Oppy were withdrawn slightly as a result of repeated hostile attacks. We have taken prisoner since the morning of Aug. 21 upwards of 25,000, with over a hundred guns. Tanks actively participated in the fighting south and north of the Somme on all possible occasions and rendered very valuable and gallant service in co-operation with infantry and other arms.

London, Aug. 29.—Since July 18 the Allies on the west front have captured over 100,000 prisoners and nearly 2,000 guns. Since Aug. 18 the British have captured 47,000 prisoners and 600 guns. London, Aug. 29.—Reuter's correspondent (wiring on Thursday morning from British Headquarters) says: We are reported to have captured Ginchy, an important high point northward of the Somme. The enemy are fighting spirited rearguard actions in places, but it seems clear that their great desire is to get back to a settled line of retreat as rapidly as possible. They are burning and blowing up such supplies as are too heavy to be hastily removed. We are still within 2,000 yards of the Drocourt-Quant line, but have cleared the tortuous intermediate zone of machine-gun nests and established an excellent defensive flank northward of the Scarpe. A feature of the battle is the exceptionally large number of enemy scouting aeroplanes which are fighting in big formations. Twenty-two Fokkers were counted in one fight. Several others are of between fifteen and twenty machines also.

London, Aug. 29.—French communiqué: There were violent bombardments at night-time on the Somme. Enemy raids in Lorraine were without result. We made two raids in Champagne and took 15 prisoners. There was calm elsewhere. London, August 29.—French communiqué says: We continued to pursue the enemy who under our pressure precipitately retreated on a front of thirty kilometres. We reached the heights on the left of the Somme from Cuzancourt as far east as Nesle. Further south we reached the western bank of the Canal du Nord on the crest of the high ground between Nesle and Noyon. North of the Oise we carried Suzoy, Pont l'Eveque, Vauchelles and Porquericourt.

Our advance to-day exceeds ten kilometres at some points. Forty villages have been recaptured. Vast quantities of material abandoned by the Germans include three heavily laden trains. Five hundred prisoners were captured. There is lively fighting between the Oise and Aisne in the region of Juvisy. The Americans repulsed several counter-attacks, and likewise frustrated a big German attempt to cross the Vesle south of Bazoches and Fismettes.

London, August 29.—Reuter's correspondent at French Headquarters, on the evening of August 28, says: The Germans are strongly holding the outskirts of Noyon, particularly with machine-guns concealed in houses. Humbert's army has crossed the Roye Noyon road near Sermaize and Catigny. The Germans are energetically defending the hills east of Catigny. Debeny has reached the neighbourhood of Cachy and Ramecourt and reached the Somme, Roy le Petit and Cizancourt.

Paris, August 29.—The capture of Roye, Chaulnes and Nesle by the French has made the Germans unable to hold their positions any longer. They lost their grip and had to retreat to the rear of the Somme and north of the canal running south from the Somme near Nesle to Noyon. This was in no way an escape. Every minute, night and day, Debeny's troops have been hot on their heels.

Further south Humbert's troops advanced quickly north of the Oise, taking part in the battle and practically making themselves masters of Noyon, in which Zouaves and Algerians are fighting now, and which appears already to be ripe fruit.

With the advance of General Debeny, the British troops south of the Somme also pushed forward their outposts on the river. In all the freed districts the harvests are beautiful and will be made by the French inhabitants, who had already been recaptured by headquarters. But the towns and villages are entirely demolished. Even the cemeteries have been uprooted: the tombstones are smashed and graves lie open. The battlefield abandoned by the Germans presents a picture of devastation and desolation not surpassed in this war.

London, Aug. 20.—Reuter's correspondent at French Headquarters

wiring on the evening of August 28 says: In their retreat the enemy have abandoned large quantities of munitions, especially in Roye. The enemy is stubbornly resisting our advance and shelling Roye heavily. We are approaching the canal at Bethencourt, Cressy and Reuvilly. General Humbert's army has reached Vauchelles, two miles from Noyon, the fall of which is imminent.

London, Aug. 29.—Reuter's correspondent at French Headquarters says: Humbert's army at 10.30 this morning captured Noyon. Mangin's army crossed the Oise for the first time and occupied Morlincourt on the left bank. Debeny's army has captured Quesnoy wood.

Telegraphing late in the afternoon, the correspondent says that three French armies engaged on both sides of the Oise are sweeping forward in close co-ordination.

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The Czechoslovak troops, aspiring to secure a free and independent existence for their race, and loyally espousing the common cause of the Allies, justly command every sympathy and consideration from the co-belligerents, to whom their destiny is a matter of deep and abiding concern. In the presence of the threatening danger to which the Czechoslovak troops are actually exposed in Siberia at the hands of the Germans and Austro-Hungarians, the Allies have naturally felt themselves unable to view with indifference the untoward course of events and a certain number of their troops have already been ordered to proceed to Vladivostok. The Government of the United States, equally sensible of the approach of the Japanese Government with proposals for an early despatch of troops to relieve the pressure now weighing upon the Czechoslovak forces.

The Japanese Government, being anxious to fall in with desires of the American Government, and also to act in harmony with their Allies in this expedition, have decided to proceed at once with the disposition of suitable forces for the proposed mission. A certain number of these troops will be sent forthwith to Vladivostok.

In adopting this course, the Japanese Government remain unshaken in their constant desire to promote relations of enduring friendship with Russia and the Russian people, and they reaffirm their avowed policy of respecting the territorial integrity of Russia and abstaining from all interference in her internal politics. They further declare that upon the realization of the objects

above indicated, they will immediately withdraw all Japanese troops from Russian territory, and will leave wholly unimpaired the sovereignty of Russia in all its phases, whether political or military.

The Ussuri Front.

Tokio, Aug. 24.—The War Office states that the Czech army on the left bank of the Veraya river was obliged to fall back owing to attack by a superior enemy on Aug. 20 on their right wing, namely, Kalmikoff's detachment near Antonoska. The Japanese near Suiyagina covered the retreat, sustaining casualties, and then, in co-operation with French and Czechs, Kalmikoff occupied Suiyagina and the vicinity.

Vladivostok, Aug. 24.—A general advance of all the Allied forces began on the Ussuri front. The Bolsheviks retired six miles. Americans and Japanese are entraining for the Ussuri.

Archangl, Aug. 28.—The Allies dispersed the Bolsheviks' river flotilla. Several villages on the White Sea coast are starving.

Pleshkoff's Coup d'Etat.

Vladivostok, Aug. 25.—General Pleshkoff, on behalf of General Horvath, carried out a coup d'etat and issued a proclamation declaring that the Russian military forces in the Far East will henceforth be included in his command, whereupon the Russian volunteers organized locally on behalf of the Siberian Government went over to General Horvath's cause. The suddenness of the affair nonplussed the Siberian Government, which was unable to organize opposition. No bloodshed occurred. The Allied representatives are considering the situation.

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By Order of the Board,
O. SCHULTZ,
Secretary

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

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Ex s.s. "Sumatra Maru" and balances ex s.s. "Kasado Maru", are hereby notified that same have arrived per s.s. "Shoshu Maru", on 4th instant and will be landed and stored at our Bangkok wharf, at the risk, expense, and responsibility of Consignees.

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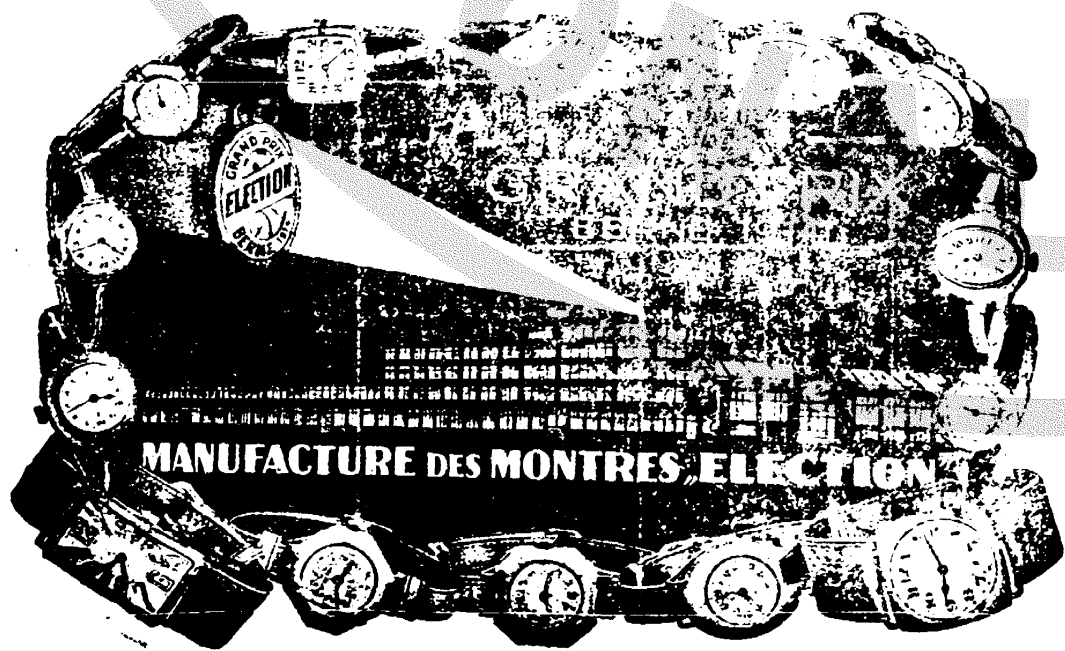
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The Siam Observer.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1918.

PROGRESS IN THE WEST.

We are living in stirring times and with the consistent good news arriving from the Western front it seems as though an *annus mirabilis* were about to dawn for the Allied arms. There can be no longer any doubt that the Germans are getting a fearful drubbing and no amount of "explanation" on their part can account for their retirement. With over 130,000 prisoners and thousands of guns being taken during the short space of six weeks, together with the very serious losses the enemy is known to have sustained in killed and wounded, the situation is beginning to be very serious for the Germans indeed. After four years of war in which his man power has been strained to the utmost it is evident that the enemy can only sustain such losses as are being inflicted on him at present for a very limited period.

Surprise is being expressed everywhere that the German efforts have met with absolutely no success whatever in the recent operations. We are of the opinion that the following reasons may account for their utter failure. First the Allied High Command has shown itself superior in strategic and tactical skill to that of the enemy. It is owing to this superiority that the much vaunted Hindenburg line has been pierced and that in more than one operation the foe has found himself outflanked. There is again the spirit of despair that is now daily growing among the German forces and sapping their morale. The Germans do not show well when fighting a losing contest. There is also undoubtedly a growing discontent in Germany and a feeling of resentment against the rulers of the country that may be the cause of the deterioration in discipline that has been noticeable lately. The German people have had their hopes bolstered up with official lies since the beginning of the war but the time is at hand when they can no longer be duped and deluded. The very pertinent questions that have lately appeared in the German press are evidence that the people are beginning to ask themselves very seriously what the outcome of the strife is likely to be.

Although the Allied arms are meeting with such signal success we should be on our guard against undue optimism. The enemy has ever proved himself to be a wily and treacherous foe and he may be planning for a stroke in some other theatre of the war to counterbalance his want of success in the West. In the words of Reuter's correspondent we have reached the most dramatic era in the war but it must be remembered that the enemy is still fighting on soil not his own and until he is cleared out of the districts he has occupied or by acknowledging defeat, agrees to evacuate them and make reparations there will be no slackening of the Allied efforts.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE s.s. *Dela* arrived to-day from Singapore.

THE s.s. *Mala Hari* will sail to-morrow, Friday, from Wat Phya Krai at 1.30 p.m. sharp weather permitting.

THE following passengers left by the s.s. *Katong* to-day: Messrs. Brownlow, Kempton, Truyen, Ian Nam Seng and Hong Seng.

THE Government of Indo-China has contributed \$30,000 towards the improvement of the French Hospital in the Legation Quarters, Peking.

A MOVEMENT is afoot to popularise the French language in China and induce the schools to introduce it into their curriculum more extensively. The Societe Francaise D'education Rationnelle Francaise and the Societe Franco-Chinoise D'education have distributed broadcast pamphlets advocating a more systematic study of the French language by Chinese scholars and students all over the country.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Tavoy line is still interrupted between Fanchanaburi and Bangkok. Malay Peninsular main line is interrupted. Other lines are all available.

EIGHTY-four Austrian prisoners were conveyed to Peking from Tientsin, recently, under an escort of 50 policemen. These prisoners were at once sent to the Internment Camp at Haiyuan, near the Summer Palace, for internment.

"LITTLE Tom Tucker sang for his supper." The food-gift to operatic stars is the latest form of Austrian appreciation. Herr Bratt singing in the Salzburg Opera House lately numbered among the results of a benefit performance—1 sausage 4½ feet long, 11lb. coffee, 15 pigs, food, 2,000 cigarettes and boots, suits and jewellery.

THE United States is almost entirely dependent on foreign countries for its supply of tin. The metal is a wartime necessity, and, as a domestic source of supply is urgently needed, all known deposits of tin ore in the United States have recently been examined by experts of the Geological Survey. One of the most promising of these deposits is in the Irish Creek district, in the eastern part of Rock-bridge county, Virginia, near the summit of the Blue Ridge. Past attempts to mine the deposit were failures, but it is hoped that the systematic working of the known and the possible discovery of other deposits may justify further endeavours.

ACCORDING to the Governor of British North Borneo the native tobacco crop was not so good as in 1916, the amount sent down from the interior being about 145,000 pounds, or 20,000 pounds less than the previous years. An experiment, which has since been carried through, was started by Government during the year, half a hundred weight of native tobacco being converted into cigarettes and put on sale. The object is to encourage the planting of native tobacco and to extend its market, while at the same time discouraging the cult of the cheap European cigarette which is rapidly becoming one of the hall marks of respectability in the estimation of the native.

A MESSAGE from Washington states that Madame Batchkarova, the former leader of the Russian Women's Battalion of Death, made an appeal to a group of United States senators for immediate military intervention by the Allies in Russia. She urges that an American army of 100,000 men or a combined Allied force should be sent through Siberia. She said that unless aid were given soon it would be too late to save Russia from Germany. Economic help was needed, but military expedition composed entirely of Japanese would not be welcome in Russia. She asserted that the Bolshevik army consisted mostly of former German and Austrian prisoners.

A FAIRLY large amount of soya beans is now being exported, says the North China Daily News, to America, India and other places, but this is the shipment for old contracts and new orders are very unattractive, probably due to the high rate of freight and the control over the price abroad. The demand appears to be active in Italy, but actual business is not closed due to high rates of freight which is between 300 and 1,300 shillings per ton from Japan. After the conclusion of present shipments of about 130,000 tons to America and India and about 30,000 tons to Australia and the south seas, large shipments are not in sight. Thus the market is rather stagnant, the Hokkaido small beans quoted at Yen 6.90 per 100 kin. The demand for home consumption is not dull and it is not conjectured that the market will undergo any further decline.

APPROPOS of the new mascots sold in Paris—charms against air raids and long-rangers,—a padre tells me that there is one soldier's mascot always in great demand among our own troops. It is a pocket copy of the New Testament, and it must be a complete copy. That is, a penny pocket edition of one of the gospels, such as we find largely circulated by some of our religious societies, is of no avail according to the men who believe in the charm. And the strange thing is that most of them who put in a request for one have no intention at all of reading it—at any rate in the common way of things "up the line." It is used and cherished simply as a talisman. One famous London society was astonished at the number of New Testaments asked for in France, and too hopefully drew its religious reassurances from the fact. But whether the book is read or not there is a rather touching side to this new old superstition, when all is said.

Paddy Crop Report Sept. 4, 1918.

Nasuan 1,400 Coyans at Tcs. 96-173 each
Samruang 800 " " " 96-100
Namuang " " " " " "

Total 1,700 Coyans.

H. B. M. S. "Whiting."

H. B. M. destroyer *Whiting* passed Paknam at 8 o'clock this morning and arrived before the British Legation at 10.15 a.m. The Royal Siamese Naval Yard Officials met her with a stern anchor to which she was fastened.

Some of the sailors have been seen about the town sight-seeing but no official calls will be made until the commander of the vessel (Com. Wiseler) has officially visited the Admiralty.

The visit will be heartily welcomed in Naval circles of the port and arrangements are being made for a football match between the visitors and a Naval team. The date is not yet fixed but it has been arranged that the match shall take place on the Suan Kulab grounds and that the gate money shall be divided between the Siamese and British Red Cross Funds.

The Minister of Marine will entertain the officers to dinner on the 9th inst.

The old British Court House has been turned into a comfortable rest-room for the use of the men when on shore.

Alliance Française.

L'Alliance Française will give a performance of "Les Plaidiers" a comedy by Racine at Saranrom Theatre on Saturday 28th September, 1918 at 9.30. All members are cordially invited.

They are requested to communicate as soon as possible to Mr. Henri Laurent, Hon. Secretary, the names of the persons to whom they wish invitations to be sent. The number of seats being limited, each member is kindly requested not to ask for more than 3 or 4 invitations.

Cup Football.

The Royal Pages won by two goals to nil in the match played against the Chulalongkorn University at Suan Dusit yesterday. Both teams played a determined game which was well worth witnessing. Thor, the full back of the Royal Pages was unable to play but we hope to see him turn up for the final match to be played on the 7th. Both goals were scored by Arn, one in each half of play. Prince Kechara acted as referee.

At the Suan Kulab grounds the 4th Steam Launch Section was out-classed by the Military Cadets who defeated them by seven goals to three. The former team played a very slack game and in the first half was unable to have a single shot at goal. The Military Cadets practically helped them to score the three goals which were all taken in the second half of play. Luang Prammien refereed.

Final.

The final in the contest for the Senior Cup offered by the Football Association of Siam will be played on Saturday the 7th inst. between the Bangkok Central Teachers and the Royal Pages at the Wild Tiger Club grounds, Suan Dusit, play commencing at 4.45 p.m. sharp. It is very doubtful which side will win the day. The Teachers have gained 9 points and the Royal Pages 8 points. A win counts 2 points and a draw 1 point.

Lens.

The town of Lens which Reuter today announces to have been evacuated by the Germans is in Northern France in the Department of Pas-de-Calais and lies 13 miles N. N. E. of Arras. It stands on a small river called the D'ale and near it is the Lens canal.

Before the war the town had important iron and steel foundries together with engine-works; the making of steel cables was a speciality of the town. The Pas-de-Calais possesses extremely valuable coal-fields of which Lens forms the centre. Its loss will therefore be a considerable blow to the enemy who has hitherto hung on to the town with great tenacity.

Lens was the scene of a famous victory gained by Louis II. of Bourbon, better known as the Prince of Condé, over the Spaniards in 1648.

The population of the town before the outbreak of war was somewhat over 30,000.

CHRONIC DIARRHOEA.

Are you subject to attacks of diarrhoea? Keep absolutely quiet for a few days, rest in bed if possible, be careful of your diet and take Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy. This medicine has cured cases of chronic diarrhoea that physicians have failed on, and it will cure you. For sale by the British Dispensary.

THE Great War.**British Progress.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Sept. 4.

The British this morning advanced to a maximum depth of four miles on a front of twenty miles. They occupied Quéant and reached the west of Bussey. They also occupied Prouville whence the line runs west of Boursies through Doignies (which the British held) then through Bertincourt and Boqueigny.

The Germans are apparently retreating to a new switch line six miles behind the present one.

The British have occupied Wulverghem in Flanders. They found Lens evacuated by the Germans.

It is confirmed that at least 10,000 prisoners were taken yesterday, but many have not been counted.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Sept. 5.

The British completely beat the enemy on the defences of Systete, Drocourt and Quéant; then attacking last evening with great strength the junction with the Hindenburg line at Quéant, they encircled and took after a severe contest this important pivot.

They made 10,000 prisoners.

They are continuing to advance taking Prouville, Doignies and Bertincourt.

Lenin.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Sept. 4.

The report of Lenin's death is hitherto unconfirmed. On the contrary a Bolshevik telegram from Moscow states that he is apparently out of danger.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Sept. 5.

The state of Lenin remains grave.

French Operations.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Sept. 5.

We continue to make progress to the east of the Canal du Nord and between the Ailette and the Aisne we taken Lenilly, Termy, and Sorny. We have advanced to the north of Croy.

French Steamer Torpedoed.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Sept. 5.

The French steamer *Pampa* going from Bizerta to Salonika was torpedoed and sunk during the night of 26-27 August. Four are missing.

The Chinese Waiter.

Swift, neat, and silent of foot, the Chinese waiter is making out his claim in the restaurants of the West End. One famous lunching house employs a dozen Chinese upstairs and in the kitchen, and the manager said he was very glad to get them.

"They have been here three months," he continued. "Most of them were stewards and cooks on board ship, and have been torpedoed three or four times. The Chinese, as you know, is a fatalist, and is not afraid of death at the hands of a German submarine. But he does not like being immersed in cold salt water at irregular intervals, and the men that have come to me have come for a rest cure."

"They understand English perfectly, although they do not speak it much. But what is more important is that they understand the type of English people who come to this restaurant. I mean the saloon passenger type, who require careful nursing before their custom becomes faithful. They have many foibles, both in regard to food and service, and my Chinese waiters know them all."

"Now that one you see there, is a Cantonese of the best class. He has married an English girl and settled down in England. He is cheerful, willing, and perfectly honest, and learns with extraordinary quickness. My 'chef' is another of the same kind. It has taken him only a few weeks to pick up all he needs to know. With the present shortage of labour, I quite expect large numbers of restaurant managers to follow my example. I don't know where else they can get the men they need."

Havas Wires from Singapore.**Important Results.**

Paris, Sept. 2.

On the French front a situation is rapidly being created, the important consequences of which will soon appear. General Ludendorff's retreat has only rendered troops available by evacuating even places that are not attacked. This will break up his defence, and inevitably force a new retreat. The widening of the Peronne-Noyon-Ailette bridgehead is assuming a dangerous nature for the German position on the western line from Arras to Soissons and Rheims.

The following figures show the importance of the results. From July 15th till August 31st the Allies captured 138,300 prisoners, including 2,674 officers; 2,069 guns; 1,734 minewarfer; 13,787 machine guns; and considerable quantities of ammunition, supplies and material.

Luxemburg.

The Luxemburg men of the French colony, many of whom serve in the French Foreign Legion, voted yesterday a motion claiming forfeiture against their Grand Duchess because she has admitted the betrothal of her sister with Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria.

Spain.

In consequence of the new torpedoing of a Spanish boat, the Madrid Government has ordered the sequestration of one of the German vessels that are confined in Spanish ports. The Madrid papers applaud the Ministerial determination.

Personally Responsible.

Referring to the imprisonment of French citizens in Russia which followed the departure of the Japanese Legation and Consulate from Moscow, the *Temps* publishes a note declaring that France will hold the Bolshevik heads personally responsible for any ill-treatment against her countrymen.

This was radiographed in French and Russian.

American Telegrams.**Sporting Japanese Tennis Player.**

New York, August 4.—In view of the fact that the leading tennis players of the country are in the Army and Navy, Ichija Kumagae, the Japanese player, announced that he would not take part in the National Championship Matches this month, which he undoubtedly could win, saying, "It would be unfair to those American players who have enlisted and are unable to compete."

Kumagae ranks among the "first ten" tennis players in the United States, due to his excellent playing since his arrival here two years ago. Recently he successfully defended his title as Singles Champion in New York by defeating H. Kashio, of Japan, who had been playing brilliantly in American tennis tournaments.

Austrian Population Dying of Hunger.
Washington, August 4.—Official despatches received here say that in Austria workmen who are dying of starvation recently sent delegates to a convention at Vienna. All delegates stated the population are dying of hunger. The death rate is enormous and epidemics are raging throughout the country. Delegate Schawel, from Moravia, warned the convention that there was absolutely no coal for the coming winter. The delegate from Innsbruck declared that in the face of the Government the workmen ought to obtain by themselves the means to relieve their hunger.

The Spanish War Debt.

Washington, August 4.—The last of the Spanish War Debt has been paid off by the redemption of \$64,000,000 of bonds, part of a block of \$198,000,000 issued 13th June, 1918, seven days after war was declared.

So great are the expenditures in these days of warfare on a big scale that the payment created a hardly noticeable reduction in the Treasury's working balance of \$1,500,000,000.

German Espionage in America.

New York, Aug. 4.—The Deputy Attorney General, after an investigation of the expenditure of Teuton funds in this country, has announced that the German Government paid several hundred thousand dollars to its agents in the United States before the U.S. entered the War in return for information regarding American munition works.

Gold Reserves.

Washington, Aug. 3.—The weekly statement of the Federal Reserve Board showed a gain of \$6,700,000 in the gold reserves in member banks, which totalled \$1,986,000,000.

Tax of War Profits.

Washington Aug. 3.—President Wilson has informed the members of the Ways and Means Committee of the Lower House of Congress, which is framing the \$8,000,000,000 Revenue Bill, that he is interested in a heavy tax on war profits.

Rainfall.

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

KRUNG DEB.		
At Min. of L. & A. Sept. 3	14.1 mm.	
MONDOL KRUNG KAO.		
At Pradum Dhani Aug. 31	6.5 "	
" Singhaburi Sept. 2	0.8 "	
MONDOL NAGOR JAYSRI.		
At Nagor Pathom Sept. 3	6.6 "	
MONDOL RAJABURI.		
At Prachuab Sept. 2	37.5 "	
MONDOL PRACHIN.		
At Prachin Sept. 2	29.7 "	
" Krabindra " 2	19.0 "	
MONDOL NAGOR SVARGA.		
At Kambaeng B-jra Sept. 1	19.7 "	
" Tak " 1	13.0 "	
" Nagor Svarga " 2	3.8 "	
" Udaya Dhani " 2	29.0 "	

Abstract of Foreign Trade.

The total number and tonnage of foreign steamers and sailing-ships which have called at the Port of Bangkok during the month of August 1918 is as follows:—

Nationality of Flag.	No.	Tonnage.
British	16	14,447
Norwegian	4	3,686
Japanese	2	1,748
Chinese	2	1,204
Dutch	3	911
French	2	200
TOTAL	29	22,196

Passengers have arrived as follows:

From	Cabin	Deck
" Singapore	55	245
" Hongkong	—	48
" Swatow	8	4,882
" Hoihow	—	311
" Saigon	4	30
Total	67	5,516

Grand total 5,583

The number of sailing ships entering the port was 2 with tonnage 2,298.

Meteorological Data

Registered in Bangkok during the Month of August, 1918.
SUPPLIED BY THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

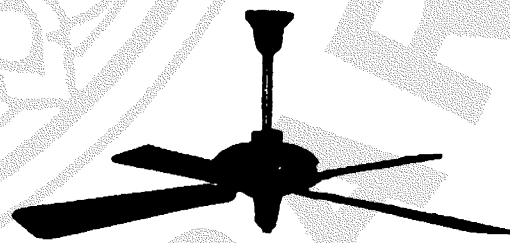
Atmospheric Temperature	1918		Data for previous 16 years.	
	Fahrenheit	Centi-grade	Fahrenheit	Centi-grade.
Mean during month	83.3	28.6	84.6	28.6
Mean of Maxima	89.1	31.7	89.4	31.9
Mean of Minima	77.0	25.0	75.7	24.2
Highest recorded	93.0	33.9	99.0	37.2
Lowest recorded	74.0	23.3	72.0	22.2
Greatest daily range	18.0	10.0	24.0	13.3
Least daily range	9.0	5.0	6.0	3.3
Mean daily range	12.8	7.1	15.2	8.4

Rainfall	Inches		Inches	
	Inches	Milli-metres.	Inches	Milli-metres.
Total during month	9.62	244.3	7.2	183.4
Total from 1st January to date	27.51	698.7	31.1	789.9
Greatest rainfall in 24 hours	1.56	39.6	1.65	41.9
Total registered at Borneo Co.	9.28	235.6	7.5	179.1

Number of days on which rain fell	26	20
Mean relative humidity during month	72.2 %	74.0 %

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General Wire News.

London, Aug. 27.—The Admiralty says that between Aug. 19 and 25 our aeroplanes, co-operating with the navy, dropped 27 tons of bombs on docks and aerodromes in Belgium, scoring many good bursts on Bruges and direct hits on the submarine shelter at Bruges. Two large explosions and two big fires were caused in the docks there and on enemy shipping. Land batteries were attacked. We destroyed five machines and drove down five out of control: four British are missing.

London, Aug. 27.—The Air Ministry reports: On the night of the 25th, 26th, we successfully attacked the railway station at Frankfurt and the chemical factories at Mannheim. Very good results were obtained at Frankfurt. We dropped two tons of bombs on the factories at Mannheim, causing fires and explosions. Our machines flew through heavy thunderstorms. Other machines dropped four tons of bombs on a hostile aerodrome with good results. All machines returned.

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Paris, Aug. 27.—French critics all pay a tribute to the great value of the present British operations, especially in pinning down huge enemy forces. They point out that Bapaume could have been taken two days ago, but the British prefer to manœuvre the Germans out of it. The well-known writer Colonel Fabry shows why it is essential for the enemy desperately to defend the way to Douai and Cambrai. If the Allies could seize the triangle formed by these towns and Valenciennes and the cross roads of Longwy, Longuyon and Montmedy, then practically the whole network of railways which feeds the enemy's present front would be cut, which would mean strangulation for his armies in France.

London, Aug. 27.—Now that with the exception of fierce local reactions the Germans have apparently abandoned their efforts to hold up the Allies in open warfare, interest centres on the Hindenburg line, in which the Germans have still the greatest faith, although it is already threatened from different points.

Mangin from the south is faced with formidable positions in the forest of St. Gobain in front of Laon, but the country behind Chaules, Roye and Noyon is likely greatly to embarrass the retreating Germans, while von Boehm's armies have to face the awful ordeal of the water-logged ground of the Somme, where every bridge is commanded by the Allies.

A notable feature of the developments is furnished by the growing number of German semi-official statements of which the burden is: "The enemy failed to achieve his objectives. We retired according to plan."

London, August 26.—French eastern communiqué: There was very great artillery activity in the region of Lake Doiran, on both banks of the Vardar and in the neighbourhood of Bouma. In Albania, the Austrians twice attacked the Franco-Italians in the region of the confluence of the Devoll and the Tomorica. The French repulsed both attacks, but subsequently slightly withdrew their left wing in order to maintain contact with the Italians.

London, Aug. 27.—French eastern communiqué: In Albania, unmolested, our troops effected a slight withdrawal, contact with the Italians being maintained.

London, Aug. 27.—The Times correspondent at Harbin, speaking of the fighting on the Ussuri front, says that the Czechs, Anglo-French and Japanese have lost 399 killed and wounded. The line has been withdrawn six miles, but Japanese reinforcements are arriving.

London, Aug. 27.—Italian official: The British west of Asiago brilliantly raided the enemy's positions, overcame the garrison in a fierce hand to hand struggle, and took prisoner 270 with some machine guns.

London, Aug. 27.—The Liverpool Cotton Association has passed a resolution not to trade with our enemies for ten years after the war.

London, Aug. 27.—Colonel Godfrey Jones, formerly a Welsh working miner, has been nominated Brigadier.

London, Aug. 28.—The Press unanimously and profoundly regret Dr. Page's resignation and pay tribute to his services. They contrast his attitude towards Britain with Count Bernstorff's towards America prior to the United States' entry into the war.

London, Aug. 28.—The prospects of the Irish voluntary recruiting campaign are improving daily. The new machinery promises to move smoothly and with good effects. There is reason to believe that as a result of the first fortnight's voluntary effort under the new regime the response will more than equal that made during the three months preceding the initiation of the scheme. Recruiting meetings have had a good effect in Dublin and Belfast. Recruiting is proceeding in

Waterford encouragingly. Four prominent local Sinn Féiners have enrolled.

Washington, Aug. 28.—The Senate has passed the Mun-Power Bill. It is expected that the Senate will immediately pass National Prohibition for the period of the war.

London, Aug. 28.—The Spanish steamer Carara has been torpedoed, and six of the crew were drowned. This greatly aggravates the Hispano-German situation.

Zurich, Aug. 28.—The Commander of the Frankfurt district has ordered all householders to shelter air raid fugitives under pain of martial law.

Rome Aug. 28.—Sr Orlando has congratulated Mr. Lloyd George on the British victories.

London, Aug. 29.—The American labour leader Mr. Gompers has arrived in London.

Amsterdam, Aug. 29.—The Weer Zeitung reports that the Polish, Czech and South-Slav districts of Austria are mobilising against Austria. Hostilities are momentarily expected. Military patrols are guarding the Prague-Pilsen railway.

Zurich, Aug. 29.—According to Prague newspapers, 2,000 miners in Praborow States mines are incapacitated owing to lack of food.

Cases of sickness and death from starvation in the German districts of Bohemia doubled during July.

London, Aug. 29.—Well informed French papers hint that the present operations despite their extent, are merely a diversion.

London, August 29.—The Cologne Gazette candidly admits surprise at the growing extent of the attack, especially that by the British, "which is daily more terrible," dwarfing even the great German onslaughts.

The writer reveals that the German command is still groping in the dark regarding Foch's intentions. He complains that large forces are tied to so-called quiet sectors, as they never know the next attack is coming.

London, Aug. 29.—Field Marshal Haig reports: The Australians vigorously advanced and reached the general line Fresno-Herbécourt. The enemy is stubbornly resisting before the passages of the Somme at Brie and Peronne. On the north bank of the Somme, we captured Curlin and Heade-court after hard fighting, and we are advancing in the direction of Maurepas. Between Bapaume and the Scarpe, we attacked all day, and progressed at all points. The Londoners gradually outflanked the enemy, who obstinately resisted, and captured Croisilles. The English fought their way towards Vran-court and south-east of Fontaine les Croisilles. After severe daylong fighting the Canadians drove out the enemy from several strongly defended localities and important trench systems, and captured Boiry Notre Dame and Pelva. We took a number of prisoners in these operations.

We advanced our line north of Locon. Despite clouds and rain, storms our low fliers constantly bombed and machine-gunned enemy troops and transports. There was much air fighting. We destroyed ten enemy aeroplanes and drove down five out of control. Seven British machines are missing. We dropped 22 tons of bombs during the day. Night-flying was impossible.

London, August 27.—Reuter's correspondent's afternoon message from British headquarters says: The British this morning, by hard fighting in wet, mild weather, advanced east of Arras, thus carrying the line a mile further east along the Scarpe than they have ever before penetrated. The Canadians began pushing beyond Vieux Artois soon after daylight, after which a second Canadian attack was delivered on a front of five miles, fairly evenly outflanking the Arras-Cambrai road.

The significance of the present fighting is that it will carry us right into the main arteries of the Hindenburg Line.

Croisilles was carried by the Guards in face of tremendous odds. The Canadians reached the old German line on a considerable sector, while Ablaincourt and Fay are in our hands.

The French, on our right, captured Marchéville, which is very close to the Somme.

London, Aug. 28.—Reuter's correspondent, writing on Wednesday morning from British headquarters, says: A curious position exists at Bapaume. The New Zealanders are now sitting out in a half-moon well around the northern side and we command the place astride the Albert road. The Germans, however, have brought up considerable reinforcements and are evidently prepared to pay heavily to delay our occupation. The Germans are massing on the Bapaume-Guendecourt, Guillemont line but remain conspicuously weak in guns, having lost so many and withdrawn others far to the rear.

The Germans are putting in bandages, sanitary units and road detachments in order to reinforce the amazing jumble of units swept up from wide distances to try and stem the tide. We have captured an immense quantity of new equipment. Miramont yielded vast quantities of engineering stores, whilst at many places we have retaken whole ammunition dumps abandoned in our March retreat. These are proving of inestimable service to the swiftly advancing gunners, as well as relieving the transport of one of its heaviest tasks.

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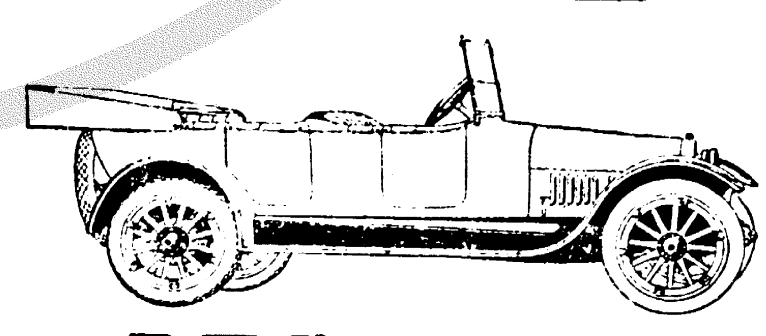
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SOLE AGENTS.

German are resisting east of Arras, as the Allied success here constitutes a serious strategic menace.

Archangel, Aug. 28.—Competent persons state that the Bolshevik Government maintained by Left battalions and Red Guards in limited numbers but well supplied with guns, rifles and ammunition, very highly paid and well fed, whilst the remainder of the population is completely disarmed, terrorised and robbed, and very short of food. A large percentage of the lower classes and a small percentage of the intelligent classes favour the appropriation of land by the peasants, factories by the workmen, and ships by the sailors, whilst the population generally opposes conscription. Thus any attempt to return to the old order would favour the interests of the Bolsheviks. The only desirable policy appears to be the gradual establishment of a new system of government based on universal suffrage, with the economic and military assistance of the Allies.

Stockholm, Aug. 28.—The prominent Finnish Socialist Tanner states that the White Guards in Finland have recently shot 10,000 persons, many perfectly innocent, and imprisoned 20,000.

The proposal for a monarchy was passed in the Landtag by a majority of seven votes by the illegal exclusion of opponents. The working classes are being treated like pariahs. A great number of the Labour members of the Landtag have been illegally imprisoned.

New York, Aug. 28.—A message from Nogales states that a frontier incident has developed into serious fighting between the border guards. There have been numerous American casualties and it is estimated that the Mexicans have lost 100 killed and 200 wounded.

London, Aug. 28.—The Americans in France have opened the only institution in the world for the exclusive treatment of gas cases. Arrangements have been made for a large supply of serum for the cure and prevention of gas gangrene.

Amsterdam, Aug. 28.—Dr. Soli, the Minister for the Colonies, and Prince Max of Baden have just delivered speeches trying to show moderation in order to allow the possibilities of talking with Germany and admitting her in the society of nations.

Amsterdam, Aug. 29.—The German press appeals for many more women to work militarily and release men for the front. It appears that up to the

present fewer than 15,000 women have been recruited.

Simla, Aug. 29.—Good, widespread rains have fallen, completely changing the agricultural situation for the better over a vast area.

Washington, Aug. 29.—The firing at Nogales has quietened down. General Holbrook, of the American army, has been placed in charge of the border. It is reported that Carranza's representative is proceeding to Washington to express Mexican regret.

London, Aug. 29.—It is confirmed that the Italians have slightly withdrawn in Albania but occupy the Malakstra ridge commanding the harbour of Valona.

London, Aug. 28.—Harrowing details are published of the sinking of the French steamer Lydiana off the north coast of Spain on July 16, whilst returning from Lata (?) with a crew largely of Chinese. A submarine torpedoed the vessel without warning, killing several of the crew. A second torpedo struck the vessel while a boat was being lowered and wreckage tore the boat from the davits, but the boat kept on its keel, whereupon the submarine rammed and cut her in two and then turned and rammed the other boat. Captain Young and a woman passenger were killed by the impact.

The murderers then endeavoured to sink the remaining survivors on the raft, at first unsuccessfully. When

one of the ship's officers tried to swim to the steamer from the raft, the submarine turned and cut him up with her propeller. After finally disposing of the Lydiana by shelling, the submarine made a sixth and successful attempt to ram the raft, amid the laughter of the submarine crew. Her bloody work thus completed, the submarine turned eastwards and disappeared. This "heroic contest" lasted for two hours. Out of forty-six aboard the steamer only eight survivors were rescued.

Germany And Spain

Paris, Aug. 28.—The diplomatic defeat of the British Government which has been forced to give in to Spain's ultimatum concerning the requisition of tonnage, and the news of the progressive reorganization of the Russian forces owing to the Allies' co-operation, increase the uneasiness of German opinion.

Amsterdam, Aug. 29.—A Berlin semi-official denies the Times Standard report that Germany has accepted Spain's demands for the handing over of German ships in Spanish ports in return for Spanish vessels torpedoed, and says that negotiations are proceeding.

Paris, Aug. 29.—A Madrid message states that the Spanish steamer Caraca is reported to have been torpedoed. Six men were drowned.

The question is whether Germany will compensate with her own tonnage, according to the Spanish demand, for the loss she has just caused, or whether in the event of refusal Spain is determined to put on end to submarine tyranny.

Women's Wages.

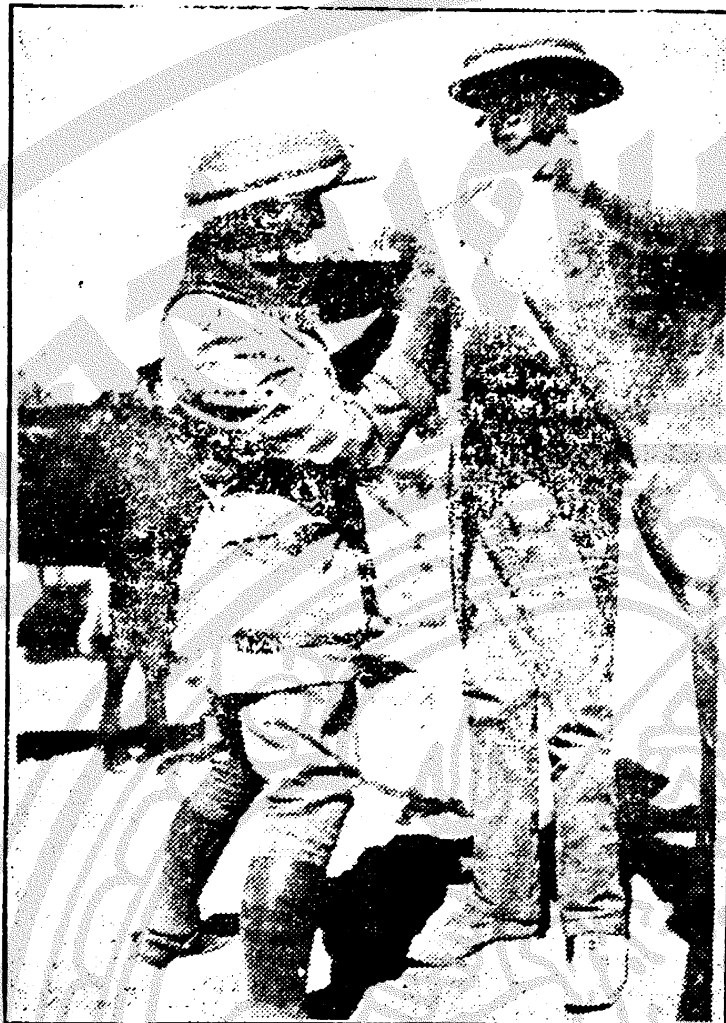
London, Aug. 29.—The Press Bureau states that the Committee on Production have awarded the women tramway and omnibus workers an advance of 25s. weekly over the pre-war rates, thus equalising the rates with those of male workers.

The Government has appointed a committee to investigate and report on the relations between the wages of women and men generally.

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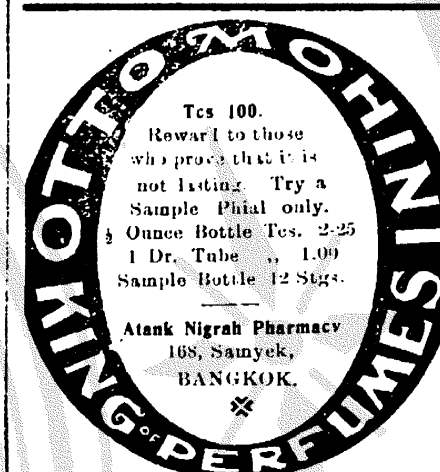
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