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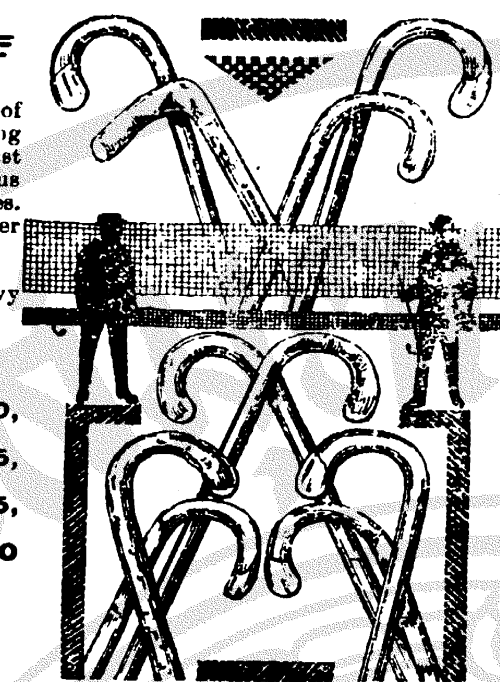
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Sept.	A.M.			L. W.
	H. W.	Ft. in.	(Approx.)	
1	6-7	7-0
2	7-8	7-0
3	8-0	7-0
4	2 00	12 0	10-11	6-0
5	3 00	12 0	11-12	6-0
6	4 00	12 4	...	...
7	5 00	12 7	...	...
8	6 00	13 0	...	...
9	7 00	13 0	2-3	7-0
10	8 00	13 0	3-0	6-0
11	9 00	13 0	4-0	6-0
12	10 00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

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

PHASES OF THE MOON.

Sept. 5th New Moon 5 h 26 m p.m.
13th First Quarter 9 h 44 m p.m.
20th Full Moon 7 h 43 m p.m.
27th Last Quarter 11 h 21 m a.m.

July Launchings in U. S.

Washington, Aug. 7.—The United States Shipping Board announces a new world shipbuilding record in July, when the launchings from American shipyards were greater than in any single year in the past. 128 vessels were launched, totalling 631,944 deadweight tons, and forty-one others were delivered, totalling 235,025 deadweight tons. In addition Japanese yards delivered two steel vessels totalling 15,855 tons. Thirty-six of the completed American vessels, totalling 217,025 tons, were of steel and the other five, totalling 48,000 tons, of wood.

The total tonnage launched this year is 1,719,536 tons, divided as follows: January, 88,507 tons; February, 123,725 tons; March, 172,611 tons; April, 160,266 tons; May, 259,231 tons; June, 283,322 tons; July, 631,944 tons.

Lord Northcliffe and Sir Joseph Maclay, the British Minister of Shipping, have cabled to Mr. Hurley, the Chairman of the United States Shipping Board, their congratulations upon the record achieved by the three new Government yards. Sir Joseph Maclay's message reads: "We rejoice in the absolute assurance that the military effort of America, mighty though it is, will not be hampered by lack of tonnage."

London's Future.

Sir Arthur Pell, chairman of the House of Commons Channel Tunnel Committee, at the Royal Society of Arts read before the London Society a paper on "London and the Channel Tunnel." The object was to show how the future of London and of the whole country depends on the construction of a submarine railway between England and France. As soon as they could pass through the Channel Tunnel, said Sir A. Pell, express trains would be able to traverse France, Belgium, Italy, Germany, Austria and Turkey as far as Constantinople without difficulty or change of gauge. London had not yet, however, appreciated what the tunnel would mean for it, nor how much its future as the greatest city of the Old World would depend on the completion of the work. After the war there would be great and friendly rivalries between the nations of Europe. London could not stand still and hope to reap its share by simply erecting new theatres, bigger hotels, and great drapery stores. England was a small island, cut off from the mainland by a stormy sea. Thus the isolation of the country from the Continent was practically complete, and if the isolation continued after the war some other capital would have to be found for the new era to which we looked forward. It might be Paris or Vienna, or even Berlin or Brussels; but it must be a railway centre to and from which would run the great world express. To reach such a railway centre passengers from the United States, Brazil, Argentina, and other wealthy South American States would go direct to Cherbourg, Rotterdam, or Hamburg. London would thus be side-tracked because of its insular isolation. That would be the penalty which we should pay for our neglect to build the Channel Tunnel railway. The tunnel would not only help our island and its capital, but would be vital to the continued pre-eminence and prosperity of our steamship lines, as carriers of the passenger traffic to Europe. He was confident that the construction of the Franco-British Submarine Railway would be the earliest and greatest of all the works of peace which would be begun immediately the war is over—the first monument to the enduring friendship with the nation which for four years had been fighting by our side for the liberty of the world.

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At Mu. of L. & A. Sept.	5 1.4 mm.
" Samudprakar "	5 0.5 "
MONDOL KRUNG KAO.	
At Pradun Dhani Sept.	2 10.5 "
" Ayudhya "	3 7.5 "
" Angthong "	3 10.4 "
" Singhaburi "	3 17.5 "
" Lobburi "	3 4.5 "
" Ayudhya "	4 7.0 "
" Angthong "	1 7.0 "
" Singhaburi "	4 7.2 "
" Lobburi "	4 3.5 "
MONDOL NAGOR JAYSRI.	
At Samuda Sagor Sept.	2 3.1 "
" Sabari "	3 3.1 "
" Negor Pathom "	5 4.4 "
MONDOL PRACHIN.	
At Prachin Sept.	3 36.5 "
" Nagor Nayok "	3 31.2 "
" Krabindra "	3 14.0 "
" Prachin "	4 11.7 "
" Nagor Nayok "	4 12.9 "
MONDOL NAGOR SVARGA.	
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" Jayrad "	4 8.2 "

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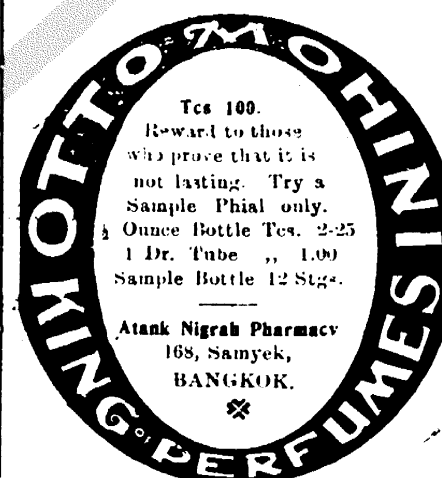
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The Situation Reviewed.

London, Aug. 31.—Military writers in Paris and London continue to emphasise that the most important points on the battlefield are east of Arras and north of Soissons. In both these sectors the Germans continue to offer fierce resistance with first class troops. It remains to be seen whether Foch will press the attacks there at all costs. If he does the presumption will then be that he is aiming at a decision this year. Present indications are that the enemy High Command is prepared to stand a great deal in defence of the Hindenburg line which runs roughly from Queant through St. Quentin to La Fere. St. Gobain hills, which Mangin's army is threatening constitute probably the greatest German bastion on the west front and are a pivot of supreme importance. However there are great possibilities in other parts both north and east of the present battlefield. There is also the possibility of a big enemy reaction. It is not inconceivable that Hindenburg who now commands may attempt an enveloping movement but if that is not in his mind and we turn the Drocourt Queant switch line we ought to witness an amazing retreat.

We hold Vaulx Vraucourt, also Vraucourt. The Germans hold Morval, Beaulencourt, Ecourt St. Mein. From Ballecourt, the line runs to Hindencourt and Haucourt, thence east of Lannoy Mill, east of Pelves and west of Plouvain. Greenland Hill is in our hands, also Bailleul, which the Germans evacuated. In the Armentieres sector the enemy holds Mont de Lille, south-east of Bailleul.

London, Aug. 31.—Reuter's correspondent at French headquarters, wiring on Friday afternoon, says: This morning highly important strategic gains were made both by Humbert's and Mangin's armies. In the north the French crossed the unfinished canal and occupied Chevilly, on the hill overlooking the Meuse valley, and part of Genyry, in the hills two miles north of Noyon.

Subsequent to yesterday's capture of Noyon there was heavy fighting north of the city around the old cavalry barracks, in which the Germans had fortified themselves, and which had to be carried by means of grenades. Yesterday afternoon the enemy tried to enter Noyon, but was repulsed, and the French developed their success by evening and reached the foot of Mont St. Simeon, forming the western limit

of the great ridge overlooking the Oise and protecting the enemy's right.

Mont St. Simeon was attacked at nine o'clock this morning after 34 hours artillery preparation. By 9.30 the main defences of this height had been carried and by the middle of the afternoon the French had reached the summit. The French are thus established on the great natural rampart on which the enemy relies to guard his flank, while withdrawing his front before the attacks of Generals Debeney and Rawlinson.

London, Aug. 31.—Reuter's correspondent at French headquarters, wiring on Friday night says: The struggle continues violently on the whole front of Debeney's, Humbert's and Mangin's armies. The enemy's resistance is particularly fierce on the French right, diminishes towards the centre, then again increases on the British front, the Germans evidently desiring at all costs to protect the flanks of their retreating line. Mangin has gained a firm footing on the plateau of Juvigny. The line then skirts the western edge of Juvigny, passes the plateau north of Cuffies and rejoins the old line in the western outskirts of Crony.

Canada's Man-Power.

Ottawa, Aug. 30.—The registration of the man-power of Canada taken on June 22, according to the interim report of the Registration Board, shows that several hundred thousand men have been trained in agriculture but are otherwise engaged. The registrations demonstrated beyond question that we have in Canada an abundant supply of labour experienced in farming, but at present employed in other occupations. In Ontario and Manitoba alone the Board secured and placed in the hands of the county committees the names of over 140,000 men, all of some training in agriculture, whose services are available as harvest hands should they be required.

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For Toothache, clean the cavity of the tooth first and then saturate a piece of cotton-wool in Jong-Keena and fill cavity with same, changing five or six times every 3 minutes and relief is certain. For loose teeth caused by the swelling of the gum, take internally as directed for a week and the teeth will be firm again.

For Erysipelas, clean the ear first with cotton-wool, put 5 or 6 drops in, to ear and stuff the hole with cotton-wool—relief is certain within a few minutes.

For Gout, Wounds and wounds caused by rusty nails, cuts or burns, apply the mixture, cover with cotton-wool and bandage, change dressing every three hours, and take internally, as directed until relieved or healed.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to section 220 (2) of The Companies Ordinance, 1915, that a general meeting of the members of the above-named company will be held at the offices of Tilleke and Gibbins, Bangkok on Thursday the 10th day of October, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of having an account laid before the company showing the manner in which the winding up has been conducted and the property of the company disposed of, and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the liquidator, and for the purpose of passing an extraordinary resolution disposing of the books, accounts and documents of the company and the liquidator.

Dated the 7th day of September 1918.
J. C. HEGGIE,
Liquidator.

Notice.

Owing to docking of the s.s. "Krat" there will be no departure for Chantaboon and Ports on Saturday the 7th inst.

THE SIAM STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that Share Certificate No. 4 for fifty shares in The Siam Cement Company, Limited, numbered from 12523 to 12579 both inclusive, in the name of the late Phya Arthakara Prasiddhi has been lost and that if not produced meantime it will be cancelled after thirty days from date hereof and a new certificate issued.

By Order of the Board,
O. SCHULTZ,
Secretary

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

Notice.

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Ex s.s. "Glengyle"
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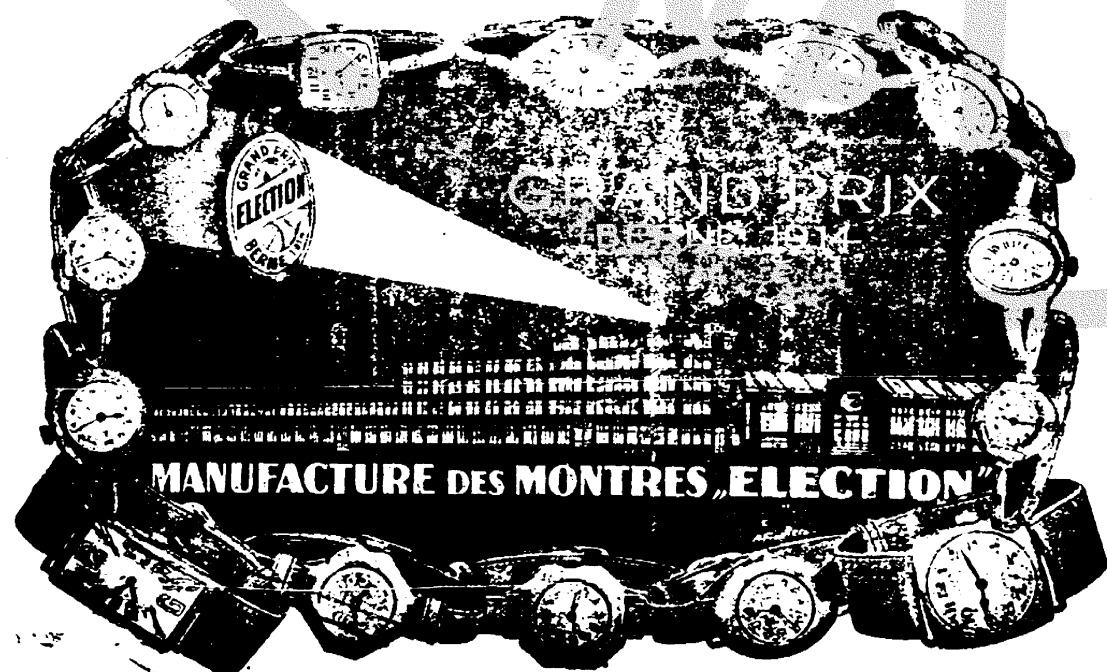
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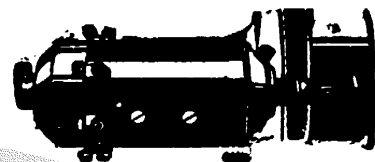
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Domestic Occurrence.

BIRTH.

RIGANTI—August 29th, at his residence (S. A. B.) the wife of L. Riganti, of a son.

The Siam Observer

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1918.

THE GERMAN REVERSES.

A Japanese military critic, Lieut. General Horiuchi, has been writing to the effect that in the reverses to the German arms that have recently occurred on the Western front he sees the beginning of the end. This estimate may be altogether too optimistic and it is within the bounds of possibility that the present operations in the West may be but the beginning of another phase of the great struggle and that the final stage may yet be far distant. Time alone can show whether the Japanese critic be right but one fact is quite evident and that is that the German army has been rendered incapable of striking back a blow of sufficient strength to retrieve its position. In the opinion of many critics the German army has never been in such a position of danger as that in which it now finds itself.

That the German authorities are seriously perturbed by the trend events have taken is evidenced by the almost frantic efforts of the German staff to hide from the people the extent of the enormous losses recently sustained and the real significance of the defeats inflicted. German reports have ever been mendacious but at the present time this mendacity is carried to such extremes that the only inference that can be drawn is that the German authorities fear the effect of a knowledge of the truth on the people. Recent articles that have appeared in the German press show that the people are clamouring for the reason of the change in the situation and for the failure of the military machine and these articles show quite a different tone to that formerly adopted by the enemy press.

At this stage it is well to ask whether the German reverses have been merely the result of strategical and tactical errors or whether the cause is a deeper and more serious one such as, for instance, a gradual change of attitude in the mind of the German people toward the war. In the offensive which started on March 21st the Germans carried out operations of unprecedented recklessness the explanation of which may be that the High Command was compelled to such methods to prevent risings among a people who, seeing their aspirations come to naught, have become utterly war-weary. Recent reports from the front speak of the decline in the German morale and of increasing insubordination; desertions are more frequent and, from the enormous number of prisoner taken, one is led to think that many prefer to surrender than to continue what they know to be a hopeless struggle. All these may be symptoms of an undercurrent of feel-

ing in Germany against the war and it may be that this feeling, though pent up at present, may yet break forth and compel the military party to renounce their aims of world domination. This, in the absence of any definite information as to what is really occurring in Germany, is of course but supposition but it seems that when at last the whole truth is realised by the German people it must find expression. When this will happen depends upon how long the German High Command and the German Government can continue to delude the people.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that all lines are in good order.

THE British s.s. *Yusang* arrived from Hongkong with 7 bags of mail on board.

MESSRS. Whiteaway Laidlaw and Co. Ltd. have received a new shipment of walking sticks.

A GENERAL Meeting of the members of the Bukit Tengah Coconut Estate Ltd. will be held at the offices of Messrs. Tilleke and Gibbins on the 10th Oct. 1918—*vide advt.*

THE Revd. and Mrs. Simmons return from their trip to Petchaburi to-day. The usual Sunday evening service will be held at the S.P.G. mission to-morrow evening. The Mission School reopens on Monday.

NAI Prong, who was charged by the Krom Ayakarn with armed robbery and causing grievous hurt to Phra Visidh Banakor at Bangkok Noi in May last was to-day found guilty and sentenced to 20 years imprisonment.

THE McGill University, Toronto, has made important changes affecting the School of Commercial Studies. The period of study is extended to three years and the diploma of Bachelor of Commerce is to be awarded to graduates. The course is open to women equally with men.

A JAPANESE steamer which, says a Rangoon message of August 8, a few days ago ran aground on D'Silva shoal on her way Penang and Singapore and strained herself so badly that she began leaking, has had her fairly large cargo safely removed. She was got off at high water and is now in Rangoon. She has been leaking since the accident and a survey is to be made to ascertain the damage sustained.

THE United States Customs officials are believed to have discovered a plot to smuggle the Romanoff Crown Jewels, valued at £400,000, into the United States. Federal agents are said to have located some of the jewels and are tracing others. Two passengers, who recently arrived there in a Danish steamship, have been arrested for alleged complicity in the plot, and have been remanded for further examination on bail of £2,000 each.

MR. Adolfo Diaz, a former President of Nicaragua, expressing the military dependence of the Central American Republic on the United States and the friendly relations existing between them, said: "The United States Navy is the Nicaragua Navy." He added that the recent declaration of war by Nicaragua against Germany, had been received with enthusiasm among all classes and there is a possibility that troops will be dispatched to the fighting front. Nicaragua has an army of 20,000 men.

"SOUVENIR tattooing" is the latest fad of the fighting men in France. The old fashioned designs of lovers' knots, flags, and coiled snakes have given way to miniature coloured reproductions of tanks, aeroplanes, machine-guns, and Stokes mortars. Absolute accuracy in detail is insisted upon, and some really excellent work is being executed. Expert wielders of the tattooing instrument are in great demand. Their fees range from five to twenty francs, according to size of design and amount of detail required.

SIX German officers and a private interned at the prison camp at Nishima, Niho mura, Aki-gun, Hiroshima Prefecture, Japan, escaped on the evening of the 1st instant at about eight o'clock. The guards immediately gave chase, and though three of the men were soon overtaken, the other four fled into the hills. The guards, assisted by retired soldiers and members of the local Young Men's Association, searched the hills, and at about 10 o'clock three of the refugees were captured on the beach. The other prisoner ran into the sea and began to swim, but he was also soon caught.

Football.

A Football Match has been arranged between H. M. S. Whiting and the Sports Club, on Monday next, 9th inst. The following have been chosen to represent the R. B. S. C., which will play in Blue.

Goal Jenkins.
Backs Reith, Glanison.
Halves Preston, Malcolm, Le May.
Forwards Walsh, Olsen, Roberts, Fogtman, Chapman.

Referee, C. A. S. Sewell.

Club Linesman, C. Newlands.

Kick Off, 4.30. Players are particularly requested to make an effort to be punctual.

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

The officer Commanding H. B. M. S. Whiting has informed H. B. M. Minister that the ship will be open to inspection by all members of the general public every day during her stay in Bangkok between the hours of 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

Cavalleria Rusticana.

The Committee of Management would be greatly indebted to the public if they would kindly refrain from visiting the Bhutanapata Hall (Yee Goh Hong's theatre) during the course of the private rehearsals of the opera.

Church Services.

Church of the Assumption.

September the 8th, 16th Sunday after Pentecost.

The Nativity of the B. V. Mary. 5.45 a.m. 1st Mass for the Native Community (Holy Communion.) 8.00 a.m. 2nd Mass. High Mass for the Foreign Community.

4 p.m. Rosary, Instruction, Benediction of the most Holy Sacrament.

WEEK DAYS.

5.30 a.m. 1st Mass.
6.00 a.m. 2nd and last Mass.
Devotion of the Month: The Seven Dolours of our Lady.

Sept. the 9 Monday. St. Gorgonius Martyr. High Mass of requiem for the souls in Purgatory—(requested by a member of the congregation).

Sept. 10 Tuesday. St. Nicholas of Tolentine Conf.

Sept. 11 Wednesday. S. S. Protus and Hyacinth, Martyrs. High Mass of requiem for the souls in Purgatory (requested).

Sept. 12 Thursday. The Most Holy Name of the B. V. Mary.

Sept. 13 Friday. St. Amatus, Bishop. High Mass of requiem for the souls in Purgatory (requested).

Sept. 14 Saturday. The Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

Sept. 15 Sunday next. The seven Dolours of the B. V. Mary.

A plenary Indulgence to be obtained by the members of the arch confraternity of our Lady of Victories.

Christ Church.

Services for Sept. 8th 15th Sunday after Trinity.

6 p.m. Evensong with Sermon.

Hymn, Processional, 302 Come, ye faithful.

" 530 The Voice of God's Creation.

" 295 The strain upraise.

" 31 Saviour, again to Thy dear Name.

Psalm, 42.

Chant, Stainer.

Magnificat, Goss.

Nunc Dimittis, Foster.

Vesper Hymn, Through the day.

S. Mary's Mission.

Sunday, September 8, Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity.

9 a.m. Holy Communion and Sermon.

Hymns: 601: The God of Abraham praise.

317: My God, and is Thy table spread.

450: Shall we not love thee, Mother dear.

320: O God, unseen yet ever near.

270: Soldiers of Christ, arise.

6 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

Psalms, 84 and 85.

Hymns: 220: Jesus shall reign where'er the sun.

223: Hark, hark, my soul, Angelic songs are swelling.

19: The radiant morn bathed away.

Wednesday, September 11.

6.30 p.m. Intercession Service.

Paddy Crop Report Sept. 6, 1918.

Nasuan 1,360 Coyans at Tce. 38-173 each

S. mruang 200 " " " 36-99 "

Namuang 50 " " " 35-96 "

Total 1,630 Coyans.

THE Great War.

The Western Front.

"On the Heels of the Fleeing Enemy."

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)

London, Sept. 6.

Reuter learns that the British have captured Moeuvres and crossed the Nord Canal on a three mile front reaching from the western outskirts of Neuville and Bourjousal (north-east of Ypres) to the north-western part of Havrincourt Wood.

Reuter's correspondent at French Headquarters reports that the French have captured Guiscard.

An American Official communiqué dated September 4 says.—Yielding to continued pressure of Allied forces, the enemy is in retreat north of the Vesle. We are in close pursuit. We have taken Bazoches, Perles, Fesmette and Baslieux capturing prisoners and machine-guns and have reached the line Vauxcère—Blancy—Regard—Hameau.

Paris.—Chauny, Jussy and La Fere are in flames. The French are still close on the heels of the fleeing enemy. Sir Douglas Haig announces the capture of Ploegstreet also Hill 63, south-west of Messines. We captured in four days 16,000 prisoners and over a hundred guns.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Sept. 6.

The British forced the passage of the Tortille and took Marancourt, and Fricourt as well as Ploegstreet.

Bolsheviks Sack British Embassy.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)

London, Sept. 6.

Reuter learns officially that Bolshevik troops sacked the British Embassy in Petrograd on Saturday and murdered the naval attaché, Captain Crode.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Sept. 6.

London.—The Maximalists on Saturday sacked the British Embassy at Petrograd and killed Captain Crocnie (Crode?) the Naval Attaché.

French Operations.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Sept. 6.

We have taken Guiscard, Beaugies, Grandu, Montecourt and Appilly.

We crossed the Vesle on a 30 kilometre front and reached the heights dominating the Aisne. On this front, between the Ailette and the Aisne we took Clamecy, Bray, and Missy-sur-Aisne.

The Chamber Resumes Work.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Sept. 6.

On the occasion of the resumption of work in the Chamber, M.M. Deschanel and Clémenceau made speeches in which they expressed their admiration for the French and Allied armies.

Kingship and Friendship.

We wonder if any single figure among the leaders in the great war has made a more favourable impression on the public mind than the King of England? The other day, the King dropped in unobtrusively at the well-known Eagle Hut in London, where Sammie and Tommie and rough Jack Tars were spending their leave, quite unprepared for the visit of a royal personage whose arrival had been heralded by telephone message only a few minutes before. In Tokyo the telephone would not have worked, so the King's arrival would have been still more unexpected. Well, the worried secretary got busy, and gave the King some buckwheat cakes, with real maple syrup—one's mouth waters as one thinks of the incident! A sort of fat went forth that henceforward buckwheat cakes should be the national food of England. King George goes everywhere and sees everybody. One sort of kingship is in peril to-day, but it is a safe assertion that throughout the British Empire it is realised that our monarchy has taken the course of the golden mean between absolute despotism that is shaking thrones and the pernicious socialism that has destroyed peoples.—(Far East).

General Wire News.

Zurich, Aug. 30.—The German agricultural papers are greatly concerned at the alarming increase in wheat disease. The crop is useless in some districts. The rye in northern and eastern Germany is suffering badly from the wet and millers refuse to accept it.

London, Aug. 31.—The correspondent of the Times at Toronto says an immense deposit of potash and sodium sulphate amounting to many millions of tons has been discovered in Saskatchewan. This discovery is important in view of the hoardings of Germany that we can never do without her potash.

Amsterdam, Aug. 30.—The Telegraf states that women and girls are being deported from Ghent for forced labour behind the German front, replacing men deportees whose health has been ruined by the hardships.

Paris, Aug. 30.—It transpires that French aviators have been carrying to Germany intelligence agents whom the aeroplanes picked up and brought back when their mission was accomplished.

Washington, Aug. 30.—The Senate has passed a Bill favouring the total prohibition of the manufacture and sale of alcoholics after June 30, 1919.

London, Aug. 31.—Italian Official. We penetrated deeply into the enemy's positions at Monte Maio inflicting heavy casualties and taking prisoner twenty-five.

Stockholm, Aug. 31.—Germany is already adopting the familiar method of colonisation in Esthonia, the schools being Germanised and Esthonian music forbidden.

London, Aug. 30.—The Press Bureau states that the King has degraded Sir Joseph Jonas from the degree of knight-bachelor.

[Sir J. Jonas, a former Lord Mayor of Sheffield was recently convicted of and heavily fined for an offence under the Defence of the Realm Act.]

London, Aug. 30.—The correspondent of the Times at Simla says: An interesting indication of the attitude of certain frontier tribesmen is afforded by the expression of loyalty of the Jirgas of the lower Swat and Ranizai tribe, who at the same time offered to hold the military posts and relieve the regular troops. Extraordinary recruiting figures have been received from certain Punjab districts for July. Gujarat furnished twice the number asked for while the province as a

whole provided nearly 17,000 men. Indications point to still heavier recruiting in August.

London, Aug. 30.—American official communiqué: Northward of the Aisne we progressed in the region of Juvin-court despite strong enemy resistance. Our patrols along the Vesle and in the Woerwre brought in prisoners.

London, Aug. 31.—A Royal Commission has been appointed, under the chairmanship of Lord Emmott, to investigate the advisability of adopting decimal coinage in the United Kingdom.

Stockholm, Aug. 31.—A striking testimony to the difference between Allied and enemy credit in Scandinavia is afforded by the fact that pounds sterling are now 75 per cent. of their normal value, the dollar 77 per cent. the franc 70 per cent. while the Austrian krona is only 35 per cent. and the German mark 50 per cent.

Washington, Aug. 31.—The House of Representatives Committee has approved eight billion dollar War Revenue Bill, imposing an 80 per cent. war profits tax and heavy surtaxes on big incomes.

Washington, Aug. 31.—Congress has passed the Man-power Bill, extending the draftage limits to 18 to 45.

London, Aug. 28.—The Canadian Government has prohibited the export of silver except by licence.

American Bank at Batavia.

The International Banking Corporation of New York has, says the India Rubber World, opened a branch office for general banking business in Batavia, Java. This institution has been doing business in Manila and Singapore for some years and is the first to establish direct financial connections with the Dutch possessions. Conditions arising from the war, such as the shutting off from the Dutch East Indies of sources of supply upon which they had previously relied for manufactured goods, the greatly increased demand in America for rubber and other tropical raw materials, and the establishment of Dutch trans-Pacific steamship lines giving reasonably direct connections between the Pacific coast of the United States and Batavia and Soerabaya, have tended greatly to increase the importance of American trade with these countries during the last year or two. The establishment of the above banking facilities represents, therefore, an important step forward in making these commercial connections permanent.

A Farseeing Duke.

London, Aug. 31.—The Times Stockholm correspondent states that Duke Adolf Friedrich of Mecklenburg-Schwerin has refused the throne of Finland owing to the lack of unanimity in favour of the establishment of a monarchy, and also to the stringent restriction of the sovereign's authority.

German Unity Threatened.

Amsterdam, Aug. 31.—The manifestation of the intention of German States, notably Bavaria and Saxony, to assert themselves individually by appointing their own diplomatic representatives in Sofia and elsewhere, has evoked a strong rebuke from the Vossische Zeitung.

The Bones of His Ancestors.

Why negotiations for one of the Chinese loans were cancelled is somewhat naively explained in a semi-official statement concerning foreign (i. e., Japanese) loans made recently at Peking to the correspondent of the Central China Post. The account, sent out "for the information of the public," contains the following:—"The tobacco loan has been stopped, partly on account of British, American, and French protests, and partly because of the threats of the people of Kiangsu to excavate the bones of the ancestors of Mr. Tso Ju-lin and Mr. Lu Chung-yu." The desecration of the ancestral bones! The more threat is sufficient to restrain Messrs. Tso and Lu. These Peking statesmen, charged with selling the resources of their country to a foreign power, can only be held in check by a threat to violate the tombs of their ancestors. It is the Chinese way. No fear in Peking of any breach of the law, for there are no laws—none at least to restrain the great ones in Peking. But there is something infinitely more powerful than any written law, and the people themselves are the judges and executioners. The working of the same strange force of public opinion, makes it hard for the foreign adventurer in China unless his adventures commend themselves to the Chinese ideas of justice.—(Far East.)

The village of Castlewood stood and stands with the Church in the midst the parsonage hard by it, the Inn—with the sign of the Three Castles on the elm. The London road stretched away towards the rising sun, and to the west, where swelling hills and peaks, behind which many a time Henry Esmond saw the same sun setting, that he now looks on thousands of miles away across the great ocean.

Henry Esmond, Book I. Chap. 3

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Inspection and lists may be obtained from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. from the 23rd. inst. up to the date of sale at the said premises.

TERMS:—Cash on fall of hammer and delivery to be taken on the following day. The Liquidator disclaims liability for the quantity of or any other defects in the property.

LUANG ARTHAKALYANA,

Liquidator.

Ministry of Finance.

August 26th. 1918.

26—16 S.

ITALIAN RED CROSS LOTTERY

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12,000 Tickets at Tcs. 5 each.

Prizes to consist of Italian War Loan Bonds the winners having the option of exchanging their bonds at the exchange rate of 1 Tical = 3 Italian Lire.

LIST OF PRIZES.

One 1st. prize: Lire: 10,000 or Ticals. 13,333.

One 2nd. prize: Lire: 20,000 or Ticals. 6,667.

Two 3rd. prize: Lire: 10,000 or Ticals. 3,333 each.

Four 4th. prize: Lire: 5,000 or Ticals. 1,666 each.

Ten 5th. prize: Lire: 2,000 or Ticals. 667 each.

The balance after deduction of expenses will be given to the Italian Red Cross and other War Charities.

Should all tickets not be sold the value of prizes will be reduced in proportion.

Tickets are obtainable at the following places:

Societe Anonyme Belge (S. A. B.)

Procadero Hotel

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Electrical Store

Ruan Soon Lee

French Dispensary

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London, Aug. 28.—Field Marshal Haig: Successful attacks since Aug. 8 have been delivered by the Fourth, Third and First British armies and have rendered the enemy's positions on the old Somme battlefield untenable. The enemy has been forced on the whole front, from Bapaume southwards, to abandon with great loss of prisoners, guns and material as well as killed and wounded, ground which he gained at such heavy cost in March and April this year. We have reached the west bank of the Somme opposite Brie and Peronne and we have captured Hem. Northward of Hem we are advancing on the general line Combles, Morval, Beaulencourt and Fremicourt. Sharp fighting occurred on this front where we inflicted many casualties on the enemy who attempted to delay our progress.

The New Zealanders took possession of Bapaume in the morning, driving out the enemy rearguards.

Northward of Bapaume the enemy is still endeavouring to maintain his positions. We, after hard fighting about Vraucourt, Ecoust St. Mein and Hendicourt les Cagnicourt, progressed, taking many prisoners.

Northward of the Scarpe we re-established our positions on Greenland Hill from which the enemy forced us back on Aug. 29.

We further progressed astride the Lawe river, northward of Bethune and eastward of Nieppe Forest.

London, Aug. 30.—Field Marshal Haig announces the capture of Clery-sur-Somme, Combles, Bullecourt and Hendecourt les Cagnicourt. A Canadian attack between Hendecourt and the Arras-Cambrai road is progressing favourably.

London, Aug. 30.—Field Marshal Haig reports: Despite the destruction of the river bridges, our advance troops have crossed the Somme south and west of Peronne. We have taken Clery sur Somme and Combles, and over 200 prisoners in this area also a few guns.

North of Bapaume, London and West Lancashire troops made important progress on Thursday afternoon east of the Senee river, capturing Bullcourt and Hendecourt les Cagnicourt, with powerful trench systems, after hard fighting.

Between Hendecourt and the Arras Cambrai road the Canadians this morning delivered an attack which is reported to be developing favourably. Astride the Scarpe English and Scottish divisions continued to advance on Thursday afternoon and gained valuable ground in the direction of Eterpigny, Damblain les Pres and Plouvain. We hold the enemy. We took a number of prisoners in these operations. We continue to advance in the valleys of the Lawe and Lys rivers.

London, Aug. 31.—Field Marshal Haig reports: During the night the Australians drove the enemy from the positions east of Clery, capturing many prisoners and a number of machine-guns. Our advance in this locality continues. Yesterday afternoon English troops carried out a successful operation north of the Arras-Cambrai road, capturing the important strong point known as St. Serwin's Farm also Eterpigny, on the east bank of the Senee river.

On the Lys front, we hold La Courture and the line of the Lawe river from Vieille Chapelle to Lestren, both of which villages are in our hands. We are approaching Donlieu and have gained Bailleul station and hill to the east of it known as Mont de Lille. We entered Dranoutre and gained ground north of Kemmel Hill.

A very bitter struggle occurred at Riencourt, which was a bastion guarding the famous switch line. The West Lancs and Londoners penetrated further east in this region than we have yet been since 1914. East of Bapaume our line flowed steadily, though not uninterruptedly, throughout the day. The important townlet of Vaulx Vraucourt was captured. We are fighting near Beaulencourt, Fremicourt and Bancourt, and clearing out machine-gun nests at Morval. Thanks are doing great work, although we are using them somewhat sparingly.

Most interesting news comes from Flanders, where in the Lys salient the Germans are reported to be shelling Bailleul, which indicates that they have abandoned the town.

Ideal fighting weather prevails. Prisoners are ineredulous regarding the extent of the German setback all along the line.

The two main lines of defence on which the Germans have been holding, namely, the unfinished canal and the Oise heights have been pierced. The enemy's only natural line of resistance between the present unsteady positions and the old Hindenburg line is the Noyon-St. Quentin road from Ham to Berlancourt. Along this front, he would be able to face Debeney's army from the west, but his right would be open to attacks from the Oise heights.

Bailleul Recaptured.

London, Aug. 31.—Field Marshal Haig reports: Operations are proceed-

ing satisfactorily east and north of Bapaume despite increased resistance. Hard fighting has taken place on the greater part of this front and the enemy has made a number of heavy counter-attacks. We entered Hucourt les Bapaume and Bantcourt, where we actively engaged the enemy all day. We captured Fremicourt and Vaulx Vraucourt, securing prisoners, and reached the western outskirts of Bouigny. The enemy is still obstinately defending Ecoust St. Mein, though closely pressed by our troops, who have taken a number of prisoners here. Determined counter-attacks by strong forces at Bullecourt and Hendeourt compelled us to fall back to the western outskirts thereof and to the German trench system between these villages, where our fire stopped the enemy's attack. The Canadians successfully attacked astride the Arras Cambrai road and captured the enemy's defences between Hendeourt and Hucourt, capturing Hucourt, with several hundred prisoners. We maintained vigorous pressure south of Bapaume and gained ground. We also progressed east and north-east of Clery, taking 300 prisoners. We are closely following the withdrawing enemy in the Lys sector. We gained possession of Baillien. London, Aug. 31.—It is unofficially reported that the British have recaptured Mont Kemmel.

Reuter's Battle Stories.

London, Aug. 29.—Reuter learns that there is no change north of Bapaume. We have taken Bapaume-Banencourt road and our troops are approaching the latter village. We reached the high ground to the north-east of Gueudecourt and nearly reached Le Transloy. Our patrols and reported in Les Boeufs, and Morval and have taken Ginchy-Guilemont and reached the western outskirts of Maurepas. We reached the Somme between Peronne and Haplincourt. Thence the line follows the river from Oizan-court southward to Rouy la Grand, thence past the Somme-Oise canal to Cochy Chence, east of Beaulieu and eventually following the canal from

Catigny to Noyon which the French captured. The French hold Morlin-court, east of Noyon, and are reported to have captured Juvigny but lost Chavigny. London, Aug. 30.—Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters states: This morning we extended our hold on the west bank of the Somme along practically the whole line of our advance. The Germans brought up fresh batteries but were not prepared to risk their artillery overmuch. We captured a complete battery, also 260 prisoners, at Comble, and one 15-millimetre howitzer and four field guns at Maurepas.

London, Aug. 30.—Reuter learns that the British resumed their advance this morning and penetrated another 2,000 yards on a seven mile front between Bull-court and the river Scarpe. The line reached within a mile of the Droocourt-Queant switch line; the nearest point, thereto is Rencourt les Cagnicourt.

London, Aug. 30.—Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters, wiring this evening, says: Both in the north and south of the great British battle area, the open warfare is becoming still more open. One of the most remarkable features is the promptness with which the field-guns gallop into action far forward and the marvellous celerity of the heavy guns in trundling to the front across the broken, littered roads and shell-tossed country. This morning's attack by the 8th Army was completely successful. We are now actually within 300 yards of the Queant Droocourt switch line, which is an even more elaborate obstacle than the original Hindenburg line. It consists of five distinct lines traversed by trenches honeycombed with machine-gun emplacements and kept dug-outs, and is widely wired.

London, Aug. 31.—Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters wiring to-day says the British third army since August 21 has captured a hundred guns and 18,000 prisoners. The first army since August 26 has taken prisoner 4,000 with twenty six guns. The New Zealanders took, inter alia, some five point nine howitzers at Ba-

paume. Our patrols are two thousand yards east of Baillien.

Paris Aug. 30.—Consequent on the British capture of Comble and Clery sur-Somme, the battle is progressing excellently. The British hold all the defences of Peronne. The newspaper L'Heure reports that fighting is occurring in the suburbs of Peronne, where the British are attacking in force.

London, Aug. 30.—Reuter learns that Baillien has been captured; also Noot-boom, three miles to the south. The Hindenburg line south of Bullecourt has been crossed.

The French south of the Somme have progressed and hold all the high ground between Leury and Soissons. They have captured Hill 159, immediately east of Chavigny British outposts are reported close to Peronne. They have reached a point immediately north of Eperignay and are also north of Biaches.

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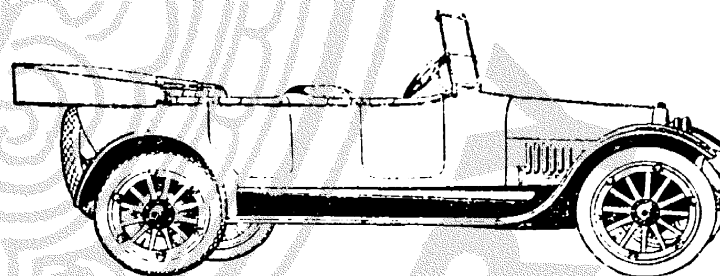
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The Churches Cry Aloud for vengeance—the despoiled edifices, from cathedrals such as Reims and Amiens to numberless Belgian churches great and small. Rumours are often afloat that vengeance will surely be taken, perhaps on Cologne when the French guns come into range. No such cry has arisen from a religious source, even from those who have been the immediate sufferers. How many have suffered may be imagined from the glimpse of one diocese afforded the Bishop of Tournay, who tells the Pope that one-third of the churches of his diocese, in which there are 543, including the chapels of religious communities, have been pillaged and profaned by the German invaders, showing that the German army command have "not the slightest regard for what their enemies hold most sacred." This letter of the Bishop of Tournay has appeared in *Les Nouvelles Religieuses* (Paris), and a translation is given by the *New York Times*. It here follows:—

"TOURNAY, BELGIUM.
"Episcopal Residence,
"November 24, 1917.

"Most Holy Father: I fulfil a painful duty in informing your Holiness of profanations perpetrated by the Bavarian army in our churches. On November 14, at six o'clock a.m., soldiers invaded about one-third of the churches of my diocese. They stopped the services, expelled the congregation, and forced the priest at the altar to interrupt the holy sacrifice of the mass. "Then they searched every corner of the buildings; they lifted the consecrated stone of the altars to inspect the interior; in many cases they broke in altars, and a number of sacred vessels were carried away. "In numerous churches they obliged the priest to open the tabernacle and show them the contents of the holy ciborium. In a convent of the city the officer in charge took the ciborium from the tabernacle and opened it himself because the nuns had refused to do it. "Money and objects of art were taken away from several rectories and convents. I greatly fear that some of my priests will be sentenced because forbidden goods, stored away by outsiders, were found in the steeples of some churches.

"Even convents of cloistered nuns were invaded by soldiers, the poor religious being at their mercy. "I addressed immediately a formal protest to the German military authorities, and with some good results; but we are constantly exposed to similar vexations.

"November 14, 1917, has been one of the saddest days of my episcopal career since the beginning of the war. Those profanations of the Blessed Sacrament have caused a most painful impression.

"I remain,
"(Signed) A. CROOV,
"Bishop of Tournay."

But to destroy Cologne for this and other similar and worse offences would be penalising the whole world as Germany herself has penalised it and been condemned therefor. There is another punishment, suggested by the San Diego Union, which, it declares, would strike hardest to the Prussian heart, but which the world apart would feel not near so much as the ruin of the rose window of Rheims. This far-Western observer writes:

Let us spare the splendid products of medieval genius. Those ancient architects and artists and sculptors are in nowise responsible for the Vandals of the twentieth century.

There is, however, a place in Prussia where the indignant French may wreak their wrath with absolutely poetic justice—inflicting righteous retribution with certainty of world-wide applause, and without fear of history's verdict in condemnation of their action.

Potsdam is the place. Potsdam is the administrative capital of the Prussian province of Brandenburg. Here the German Emperor resides in his favourite abode, a palatial structure overlooking the river Havel. There are more royal palaces in Potsdam than anywhere else on earth. The town is fringed with them, each palace the

center of a lovely park or pleasure-ground. They are all quite modern; there is nothing ancient or sacred or historical in the "German Versailles," except in the essentially Prussian sense, which in our present mood is mostly nonsense. There's the brummen palace of Sans Souci, for example, laid out by Frederick William IV.—a formal French imitation, with fountains, bad statuary, and "artificial ruins?" imagine the depravity of taste that erects "artificial ruins!" What an irresistible temptation to provide some real ruins!

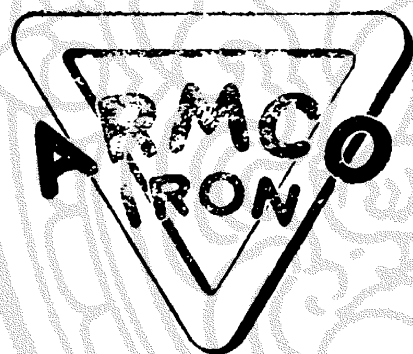
Then there is the Orangery in the Italian style, and the Charlottenhof in the Pompeian vogue, and the brick monstrosity called the New Palace, or Friedrichskron, where Voltaire quarrelled with his royal host, now occupied by the Kaiser of the Huns. We must not omit the palace on the hill of Babelsberg, designed as a miniature copy of Windsor Castle, in the midst of a park after the English style.

Potsdam is full of this sort of thing—architectural rubbish and inconsequential junk filched from the art of every people except that of the Germans, indicating that in the opinion of the Prussian overlords German art did not exist. The "splendor" of the town was created by Frederick the Great, who had about as much notion of art and as much taste in selection of things artistic as his favorite dachshund. There is nothing in Potsdam worth saving for the reverence of posterity; but it would break the Prussian heart if the Allies should raze the royal shacks and sow the site with salt.

Therefore, instead of venting our retributive justice on Cologne or any other of the German cathedral cities, let us reserve our dynamite for Potsdam. In truth, the obliteration of Potsdam will not compensate for the shattering of the priceless rose window of Rheims, nor will it restore the historic structures of Louvain destroyed by the Hun bores; but there will be some satisfaction in knowing that the Hohenzollerns have been deprived of these sheltering roofs; that their Lares and Penates have been ousted from the fire-side of the Great Elector; that the nurseries of all the Fredericks and Williams and Charleses of the past generation of Prussian heirs presumptive are places of ashes and desolation; that the Lustgarten, the Wilhelmplatz and the Plantage are only a bitter memory in the Prussian heart, where once they were oases of "daisies pied and violets blue," where "cuckoo-buds of yellow hue did paint the meadows with delight."



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