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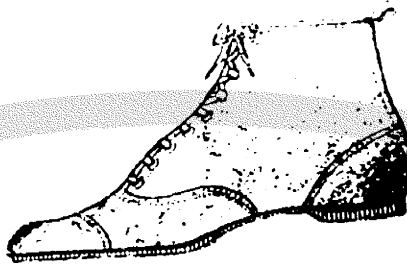
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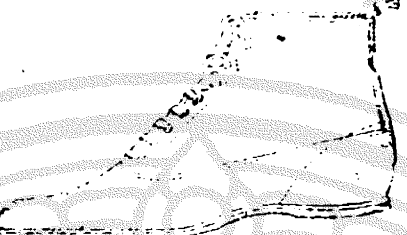
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" 17	" "Morea"	" 18
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		8th	Aug.	1916.
No Departure	...	12th	"	"
" "Prachapok"	...	15th	"	"
" "Mahidol"	...	19th	"	"
" "Aslang"	...	22nd	"	"
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FOR AUG., 1916.

Aug.	A.M.			L. W.
	H. W.	Ft. & in.	L. W.	
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25	6-7	7-0
26	7-8	7-0
27	8-9	6-0
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31	6 00	12 9

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27	6 00	14 4
28	6 30	14 4
29	7 00	14 8
30	7 30	14 10	1-0	6-0
31	7 30	14 1	1-0	6-0

PHASES OF THE MOON.

Aug. 7th) First Quarter 3.48 a.m.
" 13th) Full Moon 6.42 p.m.
" 20th) Last Quarter 7.35 p.m.
" 29th) New Moon 0.7 a.m.

Fight for a Village.

London, June 25th.—The "Daily Telegraph's" Petrograd correspondent gives details of the capture of Svidniki. He states: "The Russian opened a bombardment on the Stokhod line early in the morning of the 16th inst. The Germans anticipated the Russian infantry attacks by assaulting in dense columns. The Russians fell back 2 miles, bringing the enemy under flanking fire from their machine guns. The ground was soon strewn with dead, but the survivors pressed forward, but 10 minutes bayonet work sufficed to oust the German remnant. The Russians followed on the enemy's heels and crossed the Stokhod before the Germans had time to destroy the bridges. Armoured motors completed the rout. The Russians then prepared to advance on Svidniki. They were faced with extreme difficulties, owing to the marshy ground. They waded chest deep in mud under heavy artillery and machine gun fire, carrying their own machines guns, rifles, and ammunition on their heads and shoulders.

"Every wounded or unwary Russian was swallowed up by the pitiless bog. The Russians reached firm ground after floundering through the mire, and they charged the village with the bayonet. Two German Landwehr regiments, who were holding the village fought bravely, barricading the cottages and mounting machine guns on the roofs and at the windows. Every building had to be stormed and its garrison practically wiped out.

"The Germans recaptured the village temporarily, but the Russians stormed it and took several hundred prisoners. The Germans used a new shell with a double explosion. They were nicknamed orphans by the Russians, owing to the wailing sound they made in the air. The Russians counted 500 German dead on one Stokhod bridge. All the woods near Svidniki are thickly strewn with the dead, while a great number have been swallowed up by the swamps."

In Africa.

London, Aug. 2.—Major General Hoskins is clearing the country south of the Usambara railway. The port of Pangani has been occupied and minor columns are operating between the Nguru Hills and the coast, pressing the enemy southwards.

The British and Belgian forces based on ports on Lake Victoria are progressing well.

Russian Generals.

While the battle is still fiercely raging it is worth while to make a summary of the assets which Russia has at her disposal, writes Mr. Stanley Washburn, the correspondent of "The Times." The first consideration is that the head of the Higher Command, General Alexeieff, early in the Galician campaign clearly proved, as Chief of the Staff to General Ivanoff, his extraordinary capacity to direct an advance. As commander on the Warsaw front he made it evident that he could, with an army short of all material things, hold until the last moment an enemy equipped with everything, and then escape the enemy's clutches. At Vilna he showed his technique by again eluding the enemy. General Brusiloff, the commander of this group, similarly possesses the implicit confidence of his Army leaders, and both in regard to him and to General Alexeieff the feeling prevails that, whatever the outcome of the present movement, it is impossible that it could have a disastrous result in the hands of leaders of such tried capacity. General Keledin, the commander of the Army on the Kovell front, is relatively a new figure in important operations. At the beginning of the war, as commander of a cavalry division his universal competence in all operations committed to his care brought him rapid promotion, until now he is head of this huge Army. He is a quiet man, surrounded by a sober, serious Staff, each officer picked for his past performance.

In view of the knowledge of these three dominant personalities involved in the strategy of this movement, it is reasonable to believe that the Russians, whether they continue to advance, or hold their present positions, or withdraw, will play their cards in the best possible way. The transport has been further improved by the addition of motor vehicles. The Staff organization is incomparably better than at the beginning of the war. The system of transporting the wounded has been well organized, and vast numbers are being cleared from the front stations without confusion or congestion. The moral of the Army has reached an unexampled pitch.

Mr. Runciman About Again.

London, Aug. 3.—It is stated that Mr. Runciman has recovered from his prolonged illness and is proceeding to Rome on an economic mission.

It is proposed to subsidize a new Anglo-Italian Corporation, which will finance Italian railways and commerce hitherto financed from Germany.



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This has been noticed in other countries than Great Britain. Only a fortnight ago telegrams from Petrograd stated that the heavy Russian cannonading on the eastern front had been followed by the heaviest of rainstorms. After the recent North Sea battle there was a heavy rainfall. After naval bombardments of the Belgian coast there have been heavy rainfalls.

In Southern India, as Mr. James Stanger, of Marlow, Bucks, has testified the firing of rockets into rain clouds induced rainfall on many occasions.

Do explosions in the air create rain? The answer of an skilled meteorologist to this question was this:

"Air explosions do not create rain but they cause rainfall. If clouds be dry you may fire into them all the bombs you please without causing rain to drop. Explosions will not create water bearing clouds. But if within range of the tremor set up by those bombs—and the range of air disturbance caused by those explosions is under certain atmospheric conditions very considerable—there should be rain-bearing clouds. You may cause these clouds to release their water earlier than would have been the case had there been no explosions.

Shaking the Clouds.

"A sponge full of water moved smoothly through the air may hold all its water without shedding a drop. Shake it and drops will fall. So with rain-bearing clouds. Leave them to move steadily through the air Atlantic or to China or elsewhere. There they might meet drier air and give some of their water to this drier air, thereby releasing their weight of water, with the result that no rain might fall. Shake them and they may drop their water long before this drier air is reached.

"You may say in a word, then, that by intense artillery fire in Europe we are tending to shake down in Europe water that might otherwise have gone out of Europe. We are probably robbing other continents of their water, little as we want it."

General Foch on the Somme.

The attack of the French on the Somme is being directed by General Foch. Of all the able lieutenants surrounding General Foch none Joffre has won more brilliant renown during the whole course of the war than General Foch. A profound student of strategy and tactics, in which for five years he instructed the officers of France at the "Ecole de Guerre," he had the rare fortune of proving the accuracy of his ideas in the fire of battle. During the conflict on the Marne the Germans made repeated efforts to cut through the centre where General Foch commanded. On three consecutive days he was forced to retire. Every morning he resumed the offensive, with the result that he won the day. He was able to profit by a false step of the enemy to take him in the flank and defeat him. Again, after the Germans' first gas attack near Ypres, he was called in to remedy a desperate situation, and Lord French's dispatches bear witness to the valuable aid he received from him then and in the organisation of all the operations in Flanders. General Foch was one of the chief instruments of the close co-operation with the British Army, and he enjoyed the most complete confidence of General Joffre. The French operations under General Foch cover a front of 75 miles astride of the Somme.—Ex.

Shells Uncountable.

One of the correspondents at the front, all of whom have been forwarding very dramatic accounts, writes of the supply of shells. There were positions, he says, which were like the mouths of furnaces, a permanent glow flickered and illumined with never-ending streams of white sparks. One ordinarily measures the weight of a bombardment by the number of shells that burst in a minute. In this case, counting was hopeless. Fixing my eyes on one spot I tried to wink them as fast as the lightnings flickered, and the shells beat me badly. I then tried chattering my teeth, and I think that in that way I approximately held my own. Testing it afterwards in the light, where I could see a watch face, I found that I could click my teeth some five or six times in a second. You can try it for yourself and, clicking your own teeth, will get some idea of the rate at which shells were bursting on a single spot. There were always three or four points within the field of vision at which they were bursting at that speed; and always in between over the whole circuit of the field they were bursting with great, if lesser, rapidity.—Ex.

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Paknam Dep.	6.30	9.30	12.45	3.45	Bangkok Dep.	7.45	10.45	2.00	5.00
*Maha Wong "	6.35	9.35	12.50	3.50	Sala Deng "	7.52	10.52	2.07	5.07
*Ban Nang Greng "	6.40	9.40	12.55	3.55	Klong Toi "	8.00	11.00	2.15	5.15
Chorakhe "	6.45	9.45	1.00	4.00	*Ban Kluei "	8.05	11.05	2.20	5.20
*Samrong "	6.50	9.50	1.05	4.05	Prakonong "	8.10	11.10	2.25	5.25
Bangna "	6.55	9.55	1.10	4.10	Bangliak "	8.15	11.15	2.30	5.30
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Prakonong "	7.05	10.05	1.20	4.20	Samrong "	8.25	11.25	2.40	5.40
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Sala Deng "	7.23	10.23	1.38	4.38	*Maha Wong "	8.40	11.40	2.55	5.55
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NOTICE is hereby given that the 35th. Ordinary General Meeting of
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 will be held at its office on
Thursday 17th August at 5.30 p.m.
 for the purpose of declaring a dividend and transacting other ordinary business.

W. L. GRUT.
 Vice-Chairman.
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THURSDAY, AUGUST 10, 1916.

A COUNTRY'S BIRTH-RATE.

A National Birth-rate Commission which has been sitting in Great Britain has found that there has been a reduction in the birth-rate of 33 per cent. during the last 35 years. This finding has given the Government cause for anxiety and alarm and theories for counter-acting these ill-results are pouring into the newspapers from all classes of readers. No nation can view a decreasing birth-rate with equanimity. It will appear from the general trend of opinions on this question that increased prosperity tends to smaller families. In fact in the British official report there occurs the following: "We must face the fact that every rise in the condition of the artisan tends at present to lower the birth-rate in his class. Wherever social and political conditions bridge a man or a class into a position in which he hopes to rise or fears to fall, the family will be restricted." One has not to go far to seek the true reason for this state of affairs. As a man improves his position society requires his doing things which he had not been used to in his poorer days and this means the expenditure of more money on living requirements and education, so that it is pointed that the only way to alter this situation is by means of drastic economic changes.

All the recent writings appear to indicate that a very considerable number of people restrict their families on purely commonsense grounds. With people of this class, that is those with increasing prosperity, the view taken is in many ways a sensible one. They argue that it is wrong to bring a large family into the world without making adequate provision for them. Among the natural people, that is those who are poor and, if we might say so, the uneducated there are always big families. To them the matter of a provision for the future of their children is not a question of any importance whatever. Perhaps such a problem never enters into their thoughts. Let the children fight their way up in the world as our forefathers have done before us is their motto.

The British Commission make many recommendations to increase the population, which are chiefly concerned with state aid for large families. Fortunately in Siam the mass of the population is composed of labouring people and with whom it is a source of pride to rear up large families. The cost of living is comparatively small and none of these questions of decreasing birth-rate are likely to vex the Government for years and years, if at all.

Personal.

Mom Luang Chote Sudasana has passed the "Previous" Cambridge University Examination and will now join as an undergraduate.

Nai Wan has passed the final Examination for the English Bar.

Nai Sawan and Nai Prawat, two students from the Suan Kulab School, who have won government scholarships are proceeding to-morrow by the *Kajang* en route for England where they will take up the study of law at Ministry of Justice Students.

A marriage has been arranged and will shortly take place between Miss Bhien Pradipassana, daughter of the late Phya Visur Sakoradith and Khun Phuying Phan (Bunnag), and Channun Chong Bakdi Ong Kwa, of H. M.'s Royal Household, a son of H. H. the late Prince Prab Parakaks of the Royal Navy.

Tin and Rubber.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
 Singapore, Aug. 10.

Tin is quoted at \$80.50.
 An upward tendency in local rubber shares has resumed, many shares showing improved quotations during the last few days.

Another Steamer Searched.

The Chinese s.s. *Kung Ping*, Capt. Howie, which arrived in port on Monday was another of the vessels stopped and searched at Pulo Obi by a British Man-of-War. One bag of mail was seized and the vessel thereafter was allowed to proceed on her voyage to Bangkok.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

MESSRS. the Borneo Co., Ltd. have a notice to consign.

MESSRS. Whiteaway Laidlaw and Co., Ltd. have bargains in vacuum flasks.

A FRESH stock of real American cocktails has been received by the Oriental Store.

MESSRS. Barrow, Brown and Co., expect to receive two Hupmobiles on August 15th particulars of which appear in our advertising columns.

MESSRS. The Siam Electricity Co., Ltd., Agents for the Firestone Tire and Rubber Co., have received a stock of cases and tubes of all standard sizes.

THE "Kajang" will leave from the Borneo Company's wharf at 1 p.m. sharp, on Saturday the 12th inst., and should arrive in Singapore on Wednesday morning.

MESSRS. The Siam Electricity Co., Ltd. give notice that the 25th. Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at its office on Thursday the 17th inst.

THE Mother Superior of St. Louis Hospital with six Sisters from Sri Lanka and Mr. Hugh Van Twet from the round trip arrived by the s.s. "Krat" yesterday evening.

A DESPATCH from Zurich announces that Prince Henry of Bavaria, who commanded a battalion of footguards, was wounded in one of his hands during the recent fighting before Thiaumont.

A DUTCH ambulance party consisting of 19 nurses and four doctors is on its way to Petrograd. This is the first Dutch ambulance sent since the beginning of the war to any belligerent country.

THE Lisbon "Secolo" announces that a dangerous German spy was taken off the Transatlantic steamship *Araguaya*, by a British cruiser, 150 miles off St. Vincent, Cape Verde. He was on his way to Europe from America.

THE following passengers arrived by the s.s. "Kajang" which came in yesterday:—Mr. Sutherland, Mr. L. V. Gelder, Mr. M. Levy, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Johnston and family and Mrs. Goldman. Mr. and Mrs. Graham returned by the s.s. *Prachati*.

AFTER the fore-hold of the Chinese s.s. *Yushun*, which sprang a leak on her way out, was discharged the leak was located. It was found that one of her plates had been dented in one of the bottom staves. The leak having been patched the vessel has re-loaded a cargo destined for Java to which place she leaves to-day.

THE reported negotiations for the sale of the Austrian Lloyd ships laid up at Shanghai to the China Mail S.S. Co., Ltd. are denied by the Austrian Lloyd agent, though the China Press, which publishes the denial, discounts it, saying that its information came from a source which guarantees its authenticity.

PART of a dredger for the Royal Irrigation Department was brought up by the s.s. "Bedang" from Singapore the other day. The whole machine weighs about 1,600 tons and only parts of it could be brought up at a time so that the "Bedang" will have to make about three trips before the whole machine arrives. The dredger is to be used in the Nam Sak scheme and the department hopes to start work with it early next month.

Forthcoming Motor Boat Race.

The motor boat race which we reported a short time ago as having been arranged to take place on the 13th inst. has been postponed for the 27th inst. The race will start from opposite the residence of Dr. Yai Snidvongse. A course has been marked between the mouths of the Bangsue and Bangkhun Klongs. Three times round this course is the distance of the track. The race is for boats installed with inboard or outboard motors of not more than 5 H. P. All boats will start at the same time but prizes will be awarded to the winners of each group of boats, that is, for the 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 H. P. groups.

The "Deutschland."

Norfolk, Virginia, Aug. 3.—As the *Deutschland* started the crew came on deck and cheered America. Koenig (? the Captain) declared he would pass the English Channel.
 Washington, Aug. 3.—The *Deutschland* has passed the three mile limit.

PADDY REPORT FOR AUG. 9.

Nasnan 1330 coyans at Tes.	85/103 each
Samruang 660 "	76/83 "
Namruang 281 "	74/76 "
Total Coyans	2870 "

THE Great War.

A Great Russian Victory.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Aug. 9.

A Petrograd Official communiqué reports a great victory south of the Dniester, where the Russians broke the enemy front of over sixteen miles and got astride the Kolomey Stanislau railway, capturing the heights beyond. The prisoners taken include two thousand Germans. The Russians are pursuing the enemy.

The British Advance.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Aug. 9.

General Sir Douglas Haig's communiqué says, south-west of Guillemont our line advanced 400 yards. The enemy made four attacks north-west of Pozieres. Three of these failed, but the other enabled him to occupy 50 yards of a trench.

The French Line.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Aug. 8.

Yesterday we took a line of trenches north of the Somme and captured 120 prisoners and a dozen machine-guns.

We made progress south of the work and village of Fleury and took five machine-guns. We inflicted great losses.

To-day on the right bank of the Meuse the enemy took a footing in the Thiannont work. We inflicted heavy losses. The fight continues.

On the Isonzo.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Aug. 8.

On the Isonzo we captured by a vigorous offensive successive lines of entrenchments belonging to the enemy. We occupied in the Montfalcone zone a fortified height and captured 3,600 prisoners and considerable booty.

Progress on the Sereth.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Aug. 8.

Petrograd.—We made progress on the Sereth and took on the 6th inst. 8,200 prisoners.

Hongkong Freight Market.

Since our last report of 8th July, business has remained extremely quiet, very little chartering having been done. The Bangkok to Hongkong rate remained steady during the earlier part of the fortnight at \$1.00/30 cents for inside/outside bar loading, whilst at the close "outsiders" offering at 80/70 cents could not be placed. The rate in Saigon to this has also further declined during the interval from 32 cents to 20 cents per picul, at which figure regular liners are accepting loading. Cargo even at this rate, however, is very scarce and it would not appear that the rate is likely to improve for a little while, unless grain at Saigon is more plentiful and the political situation in and around Canton takes a distinct turn for the better. This might have a revivifying effect on the market generally.—"Hongkong Telegraph."

Shanghai Electric Plant.

In the Shanghai Municipal Gazette is a report by Mr. Aldridge, municipal electrical engineer. He says: "On Saturday, June 17, the alternator of No. 3, 5,000 kilowatt turbo-alternator set, built by the Allgemeine Elektrizitäts Gesellschaft of Berlin, seriously broke down to such an extent that the machine will probably be out of commission for three months." Later he remarks that there is a danger of the machine becoming useless. But here is the most important remark of all:—"The Department has equipped the Riverside Station with 14,000 kilowatts of A.E.G. turbine machinery, with results which can only be described as unfortunate. The experience gained since the installation of these machines inclines one to the view that further trouble is likely to develop, and the fact has to be faced that the four German machines at Riverside cannot be regarded as reliable units of plant."

French Red Cross Society.

Forthcoming Plays at the Theatre Royal.

There will be a dramatic performance on Saturday, September 2, at the Theatre Royal, Dussit Park, in aid of the French Red Cross Society. His Majesty the King, who has graciously permitted the use of the theatre, has also signified his intention of being present to witness the performance.

The programme will commence with a curtain-raiser, entitled "Le Dieu Terme." This piece was first performed, with considerable success, at the Comedie Francaise in Paris in 1907. The scene is laid in ancient Rome and the costumes, which are being made locally, are typical of the period. The following ladies and gentlemen have parts assigned to them:—Madame Guyon, Madame Laurent, Madame Ingerslev, M. Pradere-Niquet, M. Laurent, Dr. Arnaut and M. de Berg.

The next play on the programme is "Le Duc d'Erretchagay." This is an adaptation in French by M. Pradere-Niquet of Sri Ayudhya's English play "The Earl of Claverhouse" which was recently played at the Theatre Royal. In the cast are included the following names: Madame Petithuguenin, Madame De Laforcade, M. Petithuguenin, M. Pradere-Niquet, M. Niel, M. De Laforcade, M. Laurent and M. Guyon.

The arrangements are in the hands of a capable committee and everything points to the performance turning out a great success.

Particulars as regards booking tickets etc. will be notified later.

Paknam Railway Company.

The following is the report of the directors of the above company for the half year ended 30th June, which will be presented to the shareholders at the 30th ordinary general meeting on Friday, 18th August:

Gross Receipts Tcs. 101,440.56. Expenses Tcs. 29,556.92. Leaving a gross profit for the half-year of Tcs. 71,883.64. Written off Concession Tcs. 445.40. Depreciation Tcs. 6,000. Interim Dividend of 4 per cent paid May, 1916 Tcs. 2,500. 28,945.40. Leaving a net profit of Tcs. 42,938.24. Balance from half-year ended December 31, 1915 Tcs. 1,830.47. Available for distribution Tcs. 44,768.71.

This amount your Directors recommend should be apportioned as follows:—By paying a dividend of 4 per cent. Ticals. 20,000. Directors' Fees Ticals. 5,000. Auditor's Fee Ticals. 300. Managing Director's Bonus Ticals. 2,511.08. Staff Bonus Ticals. 718.84. Statutory Reserve Ticals. 2,696.33. Carrying forward to next half-year Ticals. 13,122.46. Total Ticals. 44,768.71.

The accounts have been duly audited by Mr. A. H. Donaldson, Chartered Accountant.

Items of Interest.

Toronto, Aug. 3.—It is estimated that hitherto there are five hundred dead through the forest fires.

Rome, Aug. 3.—Nine Italian aeroplanes bombed the piers, barracks and aerodrome at Durazzo, repeatedly hitting them.

London, Aug. 3.—The Daily Telegraph says that the Government intends to prolong Parliament only for six months. There is a growing feeling that an election may be unavoidable.

London, Aug. 2.—The King has inspected a convoy of motor ambulances presented to the British Red Cross Society, and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem by the United Provinces war gifts fund.

London, Aug. 3.—The wedding of Mrs. Joseph Chamberlain and Mr. Carnegie took place in the chapel of Westminster Abbey and was very quiet. Mr. A. Chamberlain gave away the bride.

London, Aug. 3.—In the House of Commons Mr. Asquith announced that the King's gift of a hundred thousand would be devoted to general war purposes.

London, Aug. 3.—Brevet-Colonel J. Hill of the 15th Sikhs is gazetted aide-de-camp to the King.

London, Aug. 3.—Lord Newton in the House of Lords said two Irish war prisoners had been shot at Limburg. One was alleged to have been drunk and attacked the guard. Regarding the other the German commandant refused any information to the American diplomatic investigators. Lord Newton pointed out that both had refused to join Casement.

Petrograd, Aug. 4.—The communiqué says: Deeper fighting is proceeding on the Stokhold.

The Russians in the Caucasus in the direction of Diarbekr stormed with the baronet Turkish works between Mush and Mamakhatun taking prisoners three hundred. The attacks continue and prisoners are flowing in.

German Atrocities.

London, Aug. 3.—A Blue Book detailing German brutalities in the Cameroons and Damaraland, and a French Yellow Book describing German slave-raids at Lille and Roubaix, in conjunction with the murder of Capt. Fryatt and the revival of Zeppelin raids, form the text of articles and letters in the papers discussing the punishment of German criminals.

Italian papers state that preliminary action was long since taken with a view to the establishment of an Allied tribunal.

Professor Morgan in a letter, says that a British Government committee has long been collecting evidence of German atrocities.

Bishop Boyd Carpenter in a letter urges the immediate Allied announcement of the establishment after the war of an independent criminal court, which might be attached to the Hague, to deal with crimes uncovered by belligerent rights, such court to be empowered to execute sentences regardless of the dignity or sovereign position of the offender.

The publication of the French Yellow Book, with full details of the ruthless deportation of 25,000 inhabitants of Lille, Roubaix and Turcoing calls the attention of the world to the exceptional barbarity of carrying this French people into practical slavery for the purpose of doing the enemy's work behind the German lines.

M. Briand, in moving the despatch, describes the heart-breaking scenes at the violent separation of families.

The deportees were forced to work for inhuman hours, unpaid, unfed, and liable to flogging and other odious punishments. In view of the recorded German atrocities the fate of the women who are employed as cooks to the troops and servants to the officers is appalling. The black picture contrasts with the splendid spirit of the victims, who shouted "Vive France" and sang the Marseillaise on leaving their homes.

London, Aug. 3.—The King has written to Mrs. Fryatt conveying his condolences and abhorrence at the murder of her husband and paying a tribute to the splendid services of the mercantile marine.

In the Commons Mr. Asquith said that government was carefully considering action regarding the murder of Capt. Fryatt, and was endeavouring to obtain from the United States Embassy a full account of the circumstances. He hoped to be able to make a definite announcement prior to the adjournment. The suggestion that German property in England should be sequestered till justice was done would be kept in view.

Shipping Mishaps.

Stockholm, Aug. 3.—The Swedish steamer Hultikvall has been torpedoed in the Baltic by a German submarine. The crew, including five women, were landed in boats. The steamer had a valuable cargo. It is reported that two other Swedish and two Finnish steamers were sunk at the same spot. Other sinkings are the steamers Houghton (British), L. Ambro (Italian) and also an Italian sailing ship and two Norwegian trawlers.

London, Aug. 3.—German submarines continue to loot and sink English trawlers.

Malta, Aug. 4.—Twenty-eight survivors of the mail boat Letimbro have arrived. She carried fifty seven crew and a hundred and thirteen passengers, including women and children. A submarine was observed four miles away and chased the Letimbro, shelling her continuously. When she overtook her in half an hour, the Letimbro lowered her boats which the submarine shelled, smashing five. It is believed that the occupants were drowned. Many were killed by shells.

London, Aug. 2.—The steamer City of Lahore, from Rangoon collided in the Downs with the British steamer Mongara. The former's fore peak was flooded.

London, Aug. 2.—The Dutch steamer Zeeland has been sunk.

The Central Powers.

London, Aug. 2.—Reuter is informed by a well-informed authority that there is ample evidence, that food and other supplies in the Central Empires are diminishing daily and rations growing smaller. Hundreds of captured letters speak of ceaseless anxiety in the endeavour to assuage pangs of hunger. Travellers state the best hotels are short of supplies and even diplomatists are finding it necessary to get provisions from abroad. As one instance the American legation at Copenhagen is forwarding food to its ambassador at Berlin and others are vetting food from London. There is widespread distress in the dual monarchy. The Vienna Municipality now feeds 54,000 monthly compared with ten thousand a year and a half ago.

London, Aug. 3.—Mr. Lloyd George has given notice of an amendment to the Army Act enabling civilians to sit on a court martial which is according to the newspapers, "to investigate the allegations against a high War Office official."

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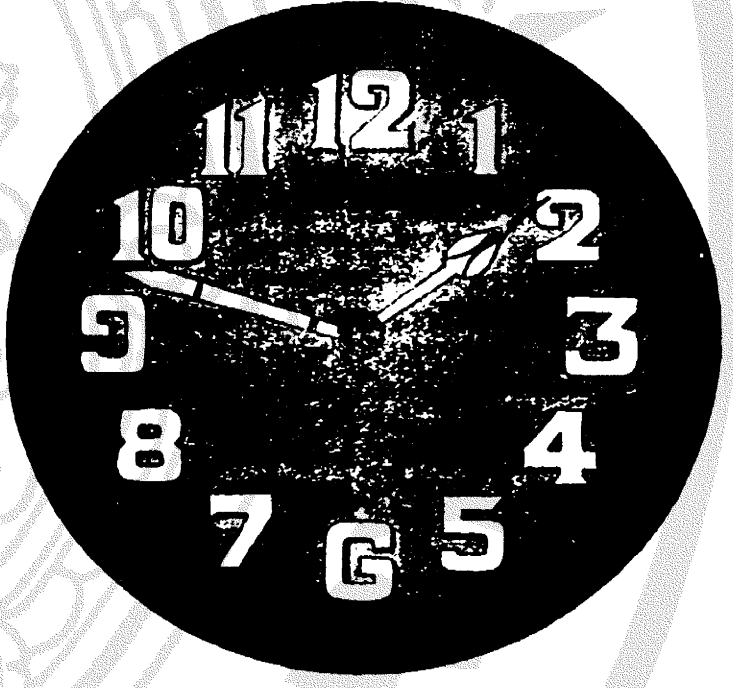
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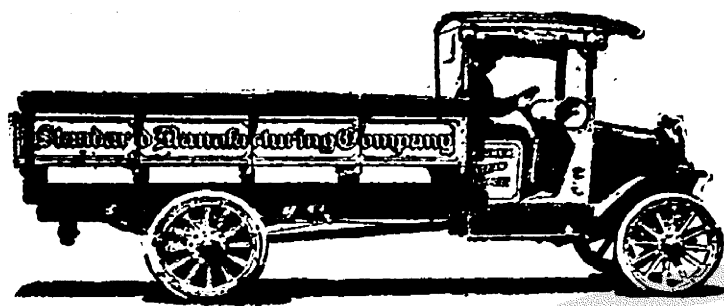
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Two Years of Naval Warfare.

London, Aug. 3.—Mr. Balfour reviewing a biennium of naval warfare says the tide has been flowing strongly in our favour since the battle of Jutland, after which the German fleet sank to impotence. German anti-British wrath was accountable from the failure of the submarine warfare, which had driven the enemy to the stupid murder of Captain Fryatt.

Mr. Balfour's statement is one of the many reviews of the war published on the second anniversary. These are most inspiring, showing that though the Allies have captured a million square miles territory compared with 170,000, the Allies' advantage must not be measured in miles. They at length have secured the initiative in Europe—a result to which the collapse of the Germans at Verdun and the battle of Jutland materially contributed.

As the Times says, the German cord of the past eight months is a blank negation; but the task of the Allies is still most arduous. The Germans still stand fast on their main fronts east and west, whence it may take long to expel them. Yet the inspiring results of the fighting on the Somme and the Russian pressure in the east show that the task can be accomplished. The troops of the Allies are absolutely confident of victory. It is universally emphasised that the British Navy has already proved it to be a decisive factor in the war, while there is no more striking feature of the struggle than the re-birth of the British nation.

As Bonar Law said in introducing the colonial estimates for debate in the Commons yesterday eve—one of the outstanding facts of the war was the wonderful part played by the United Kingdom and every part of the Empire.

The Ceylon Riots.

In the Commons on the Colonial Official Estimates, Mr. Bonar Law, alluding to the Ceylon riots, said he had examined the whole affair and concluded that Sir Robert Chalmers was in a most difficult situation, and dealt with a dangerous problem with the greatest fairness, wisdom and success. Mr. Bonar Law had always refused an enquiry because the riots were due to a disturbance caused by the war. The House had to decide whether to trust the government of Ceylon or not. He deprecated any action which would give the impression that the government of Ceylon was being directed from England.

Russian Advance.

Petrograd, Aug. 3.—The Russians have advanced ten miles towards Kovl since they crossed the Stokhod bend. Experts are confident that General Loesch will deal effectually with German tank attacks from the north of the Kovl-Sarny railway. Fighting in this region covers five miles front, and eight miles north of the railway, but the marshy country between the Stokhod and Turia rivers does not permit of rapid evolutions of masses of troops and the scarcity of roads prevents the extensive employment of German heavy artillery.

The Russians crossing the Koropetz River in Southern Galicia threaten Stanislaw Haliz besides further turning Bothmer's forces from the south while Sakharoff's advance south west of Brody increases the predicament of both from the north.

London, Aug. 3.—The "Times" correspondent at headquarters reports from Stokhod most furious fighting, everywhere the Germans are being driven with desperation, their losses in guns and men being enormous. They are ceaselessly counter-attacking, and pouring in fresh divisions which marched direct from the trains to the battlefields, where they were moved down by the Russian fire. All their attacks have been repulsed. The cannonade is continuous day and night on the enemy's positions at Stokhod. There are the strongest indications that the Germans will hold out to the last possible resistance. Enemy airmen have been bombing hospitals which has enraged the Russians.

Austro-German Re-Arrangements.

From Amsterdam it is officially announced that the Berlin and Vienna command of the armies on the eastern front has been rearranged with a view to the Russian offensive, with the ascent of the Kaiser, who is at present on the eastern front. Hindenburg has been placed in command of the Austro-German allied armies, which have combined for uniform employment.

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The Economic Conference.

Essential Conditions of Peace.

London, August 2.—In the House of Commons Mr. Asquith opening a discussion on the resolutions passed at the economic conference in Paris said the conference was held to convince the enemy that the Allies were resolved to wage war with the same unity and determination economically as militarily. The war had opened our eyes to the full meaning of the German system of economic penetration and the use to which that could be put in wartime.

It was necessary to prepare to combat the attack on Allied markets for which Germany was already organising her industries. It was the duty of the Allies to take every step to secure for their own use, and to prevent German control of, products of Allied countries.

It was an essential condition of peace that Belgium, Serbia, Poland, and northern France should be restored economically [Presumably Mr. Asquith omitted Montenegro in error]. The Board of Trade was engaged on a scheme to make us independent of enemy supplies of dyes, spelter etc. A scheme of research had been inaugurated and a strong committee under Lord Balfour was considering our commercial and industrial policy generally. It was proposed this policy should be subsequently discussed at an Imperial Conference (including India). Mr. Asquith emphasised that the resolutions were not aimed at neutrals.

Price on His Head.

Sir Roger Parkington, the Consul-General for Montenegro in London, has received, says Renter, the following telegram from the Montenegrin Prime Minister now at Bordeaux:—

"We have received from Geneva the following communication: The Bosnia Post, the official Bosnian organ published at Sarajevo, on the 20th inst. contains a Proclamation from General Weber, Austrian Governor of Cetinje, in which he accuses the former Montenegrin Minister of War and Governor of Sentari, General Ratomir Vechovitch, of having, with his two brothers, fomented an insurrection in Montenegro, attacked the Imperial troops, and killed an Austrian officer sent by General Weber to keep a watch on General Vechovitch.

"In his Proclamation, General Weber summons General Vechovitch to surrender himself as a prisoner within five days, otherwise his father and brother, already arrested, will be hanged. A warrant of arrest has been issued against General Vechovitch and his two brothers, and a reward of 50,000 crowns is offered for their capture. "It is believed that they are hiding in the Albanian Mountains."

A Mysterious Aeroplane

Parisians have been no little startled on dark nights to see numerous brilliant stars apparently careering the heavens in a most mysterious fashion. These would light up and go out, and occasionally throw a comet-like tract of light in all directions.

Many believed in some astral phenomena, but the truth of the matter is that these strange bodies were no more nor less than a new type of nocturnal aeroplane, which the War Office is experimenting with.

For obvious reasons, I am not at liberty to give further details of the new arm, but if all the wonderful things I hear of the "night bird" are as represented, a complete revolution in aerial navigation is at hand. Battle aeroplanes have hitherto possessed one great drawback—sorry I cannot be more explicit—but this has now been overcome. Before long, that is to say, as soon as the latest engines of war are ready in necessary numbers the Germans are going to be given the biggest surprise of their lives.

The Role of Casement.

London, Aug. 4.—The Press Bureau states that the Government carefully and repeatedly considered the circumstances before deciding not to reprove Casement. Evidence that has emerged since the trial shows that the traitor agreed with the German Government to employ the Irish Brigade in Egypt.

Japanese Exports and Their Quality.


In view of the everlasting complaints with regard to the inferior quality of Japanese goods for export, it may be of interest to note the report of the Economic Investigation Council on the matter as submitted to Count Okuma, President of the Council. The Committee is of opinion that the only effective way of preventing the export of inferior goods or counterfeit articles is to enforce the strict inspection of the principal goods for export either at the place of origin or that of shipment. It is pointed out that hitherto inspection has been carried out in respect of certain lines of goods, but the inspectors being chosen from among the members of the guilds concerned and paid for by the guilds, the inspection has not been carried out as satisfactorily as could be desired. For this reason it is advisable that in future the local administrative officials be entrusted with the appointment and dismissal of inspectors and that they should be paid for either by the central Treasury or local public bodies. (Japan W. G.)

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An Explanatory Cable.

London, July 22.—The correspondent of the "Times" at the front hazards the conjecture that the Fourcaux and Delville Woods and Guillemont must be taken and held together, since they are sufficiently inter-dependent to make the occupation of all of them necessary, before our hold on the plateau is complete. Guillemont is a village which is understood to have been strongly fortified, just south of the Waterlot Farm where our line turns north-west through Delville towards Fourcaux Wood. The correspondent mentions that our artillery has hammered Guillemont, but he does not know whether this has been done in preparation for an infantry attack. Telegrams from Holland state that the Germans have reinforced the western front during the last three weeks with 350,000 men, consisting of 100,000 fresh reserves from depots, and 250,000 recovered wounded.

A Critical Survey.
The British advance has pushed as far as Fourcaux Wood from which the enemy were driven; though by counter-attacks, after intense bombardment with gas shell, he was able to regain the northern half, while the British retain the southern half. The wood has value, because it stands on the highest point of the ridge which the British have been attacking. On the ridge being gained the country is more open beyond, and slopes gently downwards towards the north. The rate of progress during the present week has been slower, but it appears to be solid. The expected German counter-attacks made no marked impression on the new front, and have not checked the British methodical and dogged offensive.

German Miscalculations.
German comments on the battle of the Somme show that the Germans are beginning to realise that they had miscalculated the potential strength of Great Britain as a military power in Continental warfare.

The Germans counter-attacked the positions the French captured south of Soyecourt, but the assaulting battalion was decimated. The battle then quieted down, and the French are consolidating their gains; for both the Allies realise this offensive will be a long drawn-out operation, and each makes sure of being able to go forward, before he begins the attack. Only violent cannonades are repeated before Verdun, but infantry attacks are expected. The sixth month of battle at Verdun has begun, but the enemy has not succeeded in depriving the French of their freedom of action. The enemy has lost half a million men before Verdun, yet since his progress of the first three days, has not advanced more than a mile and a quarter.

Wood Battles.

London, July 21st.—A Press correspondent at the British front expresses the opinion that the German counter-attacks are not made in the hope that they will succeed in recovering or holding anything the enemy has lost. Their object is rather to gain time for the preparation of new defences further back. The correspondent in question and other correspondents at the front highly praise the conduct of certain London Regiments, including the Queen's Westminster, the London Rifle Brigade, and the London Scottish. On the extreme left of the original advance near Gommecourt our men broke through successfully, but neglected to clear up the dug-outs whence the enemy emerged with machine-guns, which he succeeded in bringing into action. These, together with the German curtain of fire, prevented our supports from coming up. Our front line was thus isolated under heavy fire of all kinds, but the troops repulsed the counter-attack and finally, in diminished numbers, fought their way back.

The Woodland Fighting.
The correspondent of the "Times" endeavours to convey an impression of the recent woodland fighting. The enemy have been in possession of these woods for a period of eighteen months, and have run trenches across them, fixed barbed wire entanglements from tree to tree; constructed dug-outs forty feet deep, and strong positions at the corners. The other advantage of his position are drives for forestry purposes, which run through the woods, but our guns have invariably smashed down the trees in all directions, and ploughed the earth into pits and ridges. The chief difference between the ridges and the remainder of the wood now is that the former are more easily swept by the enemy's machine-guns. Fighting in these woods is always terrible. Nevertheless we have cleared out over a score of them, from half an acre to 200 acres in extent.

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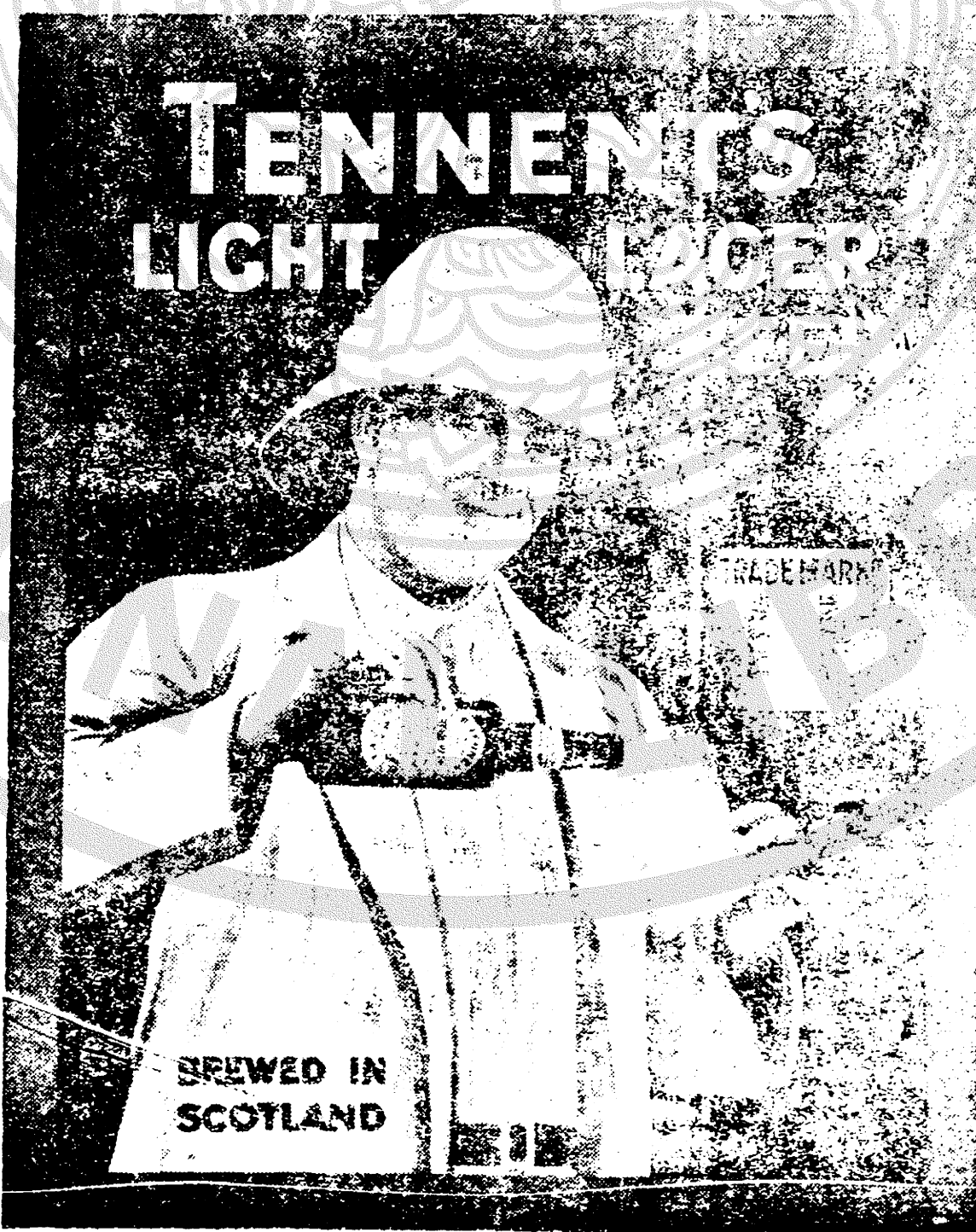
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