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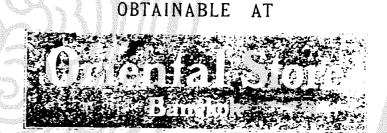
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There was to be an advance along the whole British front. For three days guns of all calibres had poured shells into the German lines, and had silenced their batteries behind. There was suddenly a brief calm, and an awful stillness brooded over the front. Then the beating silence was broken by pandemonium, as the guns opened out with their screen of fire. Over the parapets of the trenches poured the kbaki clad men, yelling and cheering, and in front of them went a sheet of flame and smoke from bursting shells -the creeping barrage. The eyes of the army were above. Aeroplanes of every description were flying at all beights over the lines, anti-aircraft guns were hard at work, and the clatter of machine guns rose to croscendo. So low were some of the Allies machines that the anti-aircraft quick-firers were useless. The Germans could use against them only machine gurs and rifle fire from the trenches.

Fatalist and Optimist.

In the aeroplanes collectively there is not so much interest as in the individual machine, for each aeroplane is manned by a skilled pilot with nerves of iron, ready to turn, dive and climb, ready to fire his machine-gun, drop bombs, or take photographs. He is not distracted by the whizz of the heavy shells past bim or the quick "zipp!" of the machine-gun bullets. He is fatalist and an optimist if these two types can be combined. Though he knows that there are great chances of being hit, of falling down to earth out of control, he realises that no good can come from worrying, and he keeps to his work undisturbed. Low down over the lines during this great attack were two aeroplanes apart from the others. They were big machines, carrying observers and machine-guns. As yet they had done hardly any fighting, the Hun airmen, busy with other machines, had taken no notice of them. They circled round just behind the German lines and every now and then bursts of machine-gun fire would be put up against them. This did not effect their manoeuvring and the leader chuckled to himself as he saw the ineffectual attempts to disconcert him. Our infantry advanced and a struggle-as yet undecided-was in progress, German reserves came pouring up in long streams from deep dugouts behind their lines. The action of the two big machines was immediate. They dived almost vertically, and flattened out when only about fifty feet from the ground. They opened fire with their machine guns along the close-packed lines of reserve. The Germans were mowed down in scores, and the survivors ran for cover. The panic spread

to their fellows, in the front line trenho could hold out no longer and the wave of British infantry swept over them. Some attempted to run and came under the fire of the British airmen behind their lines, with disastrous effect.

The Terror of the Boches.

Thin is a typical example of the sort of work which the British Flying Corps is doing on the Western front, and it is no exaggeration to say that our airmen terrify the Boches. Nearly all the fighting in the air, and all the work, is done on the German side of the line; which accounts for our sometimes fairly heavy casualties. The words of a letter, which was found on a German prisoner, make this point

"The English airmen cause us ceaseless trouble and anxiety. They bomb us even though we are in the deepest dug-outs, day and night, and never give us any rest at all. We never seem to see our airmen at all."

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taunts hurled by one at the other. Inverness Copse is a case in point. It was a carefully planned, well-rehearsed attack in which Bavarian "storm troops," supported by expert flame-machine detachments, tried on Thursday to regain the western edge of this triangular patch of woodland astride the Ypres-Menin road. Only a portion of them succeeded, and the meagre fruits of their victory were easily taken from the relieving infantry when our men-not "storm troops," but ordinary citizen soldiers who go out to fight any kind of German troops as part of the day's routine-made a counter-assault

a few hours later., General von Arnim is industriously training the divisions of his Fourth Army, opposite Ypres, in the new open warfare developed by the shell-hole system of defence. The men are being accustomed to fighting and living on the naked battlefield with no more shelter than a strip of canvas cloth that can be stretched across a shell-hole to screen it from aerial observation. The desire to hide in deep dug-outs inspired by months of trench warfare is being remorselessly killed in the training camps of Belgium. They are taught to transform a shallow crater into a machine gun refuge by a few skilful strokes of the shovel and to festoon it with wire under the very eyes of their opponents. They are learning to wire hedges to cover fields with obstacles not easily apparent from the air.

Even the gunners are being dragged into the open air. Batteries under fire must leave their comented pits and take up among the farms and villages unprotected positions that can be quickly changed in order to avoid as far as possible the destructive shelling of our

heavy artillery. At the same time General von Arnim lavienty overlaying the new battlefields with concrete. His engineers are transforming many more Flemish farmhouses and stables ridges and valleys behind the present front, into forts and dotting "pill-boxes" over the ridges and valleys behind the present front. When we took Langemarck we were practically at the edge of the "concrete belt." Now it is being extended to a greater depth, and our guns play constantly on the working parties that bring up fresh piles of steel rails and girders along little wooden tramways

for the new network of redoubts. The strength of these concreted farm cellars and individual "pill-boxes" is amazing. Some of them resist the heaviest shell. British soldiers are living securely and comfortably in German shelters that are constantly pounded with high explosives yet are as impervious as the day we stormed them. Concrete is the banknote of the German army to-day. It has taken the place of the infantry.

SANUKS.

Owing to high tides which may be expected during the next few days and the probability that it will be difficult, if not impossible, to get to the Sports Club on 3rd November, the Sanuke have decided to postpone their performance until the following

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Those who do not wish to retain their seats are asked to communicate with' the Secretary of the Sports

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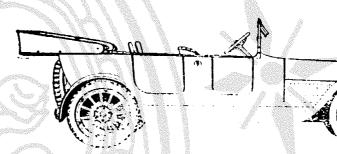
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Taptieng to be known as Trang
Trang to be known as Kantang
Ayuthia to be known as Ayudhya
With effect from this month.

The Reyal Railway Administration.
November 1917.
6—8



Notice.

On account of flood having risen on the section Sala Thamsop Salaya, it has been found necessary to change the running of trains as follows:—

1. Trains will run from Bangkok Noi to Sala Thamsop where boats will be in waiting to transport passengers to Ban Kamen for further conn ction with the train waiting there.

2. Trains from South will run up to Ban Kamen where boats will be ready to receive passengers for Sala Thamsop. At Sala Thamsop a train will wait to take passengers up to Bangkok Noi.

3. Running of mail train between Bangkok Noi and Chumpon is suspended temporarily. Rest of the trains will run according to time-table as far as possible.

4. When trains will be able to run through, further notice will be issued.
5. There will be no charges for the boats during the above transhipments.

Traffic Office, 6th Nov. 1917.

Royal Railway Department.



As the water in the North has now subsided to a certain extent the R.R.D. has repaired the railway to an extent that passenger and goods traffic can be resumed in another section from Tarna to Lopburi, hence an arrangement has been made to run the trains from the 5th inst.

Between Ayuthia and Tarua Mr. Sanderson's boats are ready to transport passengers but as regards the goods the transport of same will be carried out by the R.R.D. boats which have been sent up for this purpose until the railway line between these two places will be properly repaired.

As the water has subsided between Ayuthis and Ban Phaji the transport of passengers cannot be further carried out by steam and motor launches between Ban Marb Prachan and Phra Keo but the inhabitants' ferry-boats are transporting the passengers instead until the trains can safely pass through.

Bangkok, the 5th November 1917. LIEUT.-GENERAL PURACHATRA

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Commissioner General of

Railways.

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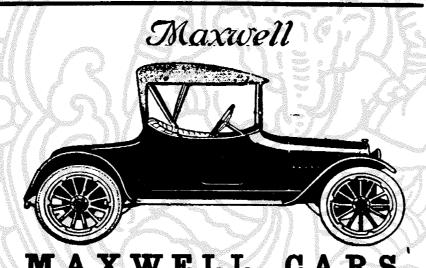
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The Siam Observer

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1917.

THE MERCANTILE MARINE AFTER THE WAR.

A Report has just been issued on the "measures requisite for the maintenance of a British mercantile marine adequate to the Empire's interests in peace, as well as its needs in war." This Report is the work of a joint committee which began its investigations in the early part of 1916 and has now issued the results of its investigations at a time when the control of the British mercantile marine has practically passed out of the hands of individual owners into those of the Shipping Controller-In effecting the changes which the Government considered necessary for the successful prosecution of the war, it is generally decided that this official has acted with tact and daring and has shown, moreover, great business acumen. The Report first deals with the question of the nationalisation of shipping. The Committee points out that between railways and ships there is no analogy because the former are monopolist by Act of Parliament and are free from all foreign competition while the latter are given no special privileges and have, in addition, to compete with foreign ships whose rivalry they have to overcome either by superior efficiency or by cheaper rates for freight. The Committee sees serious objection to State ownership but it does not anticipate with satisfaction a resumption of pre-war conditions. A revision of shipping laws between Britain and the Colonies and Dominions and foreign countries generally is advocated in order to do away with the anomalies at present existing. The Committee urges that the lighting of the coasts should be made a national duty and the charges thereof should not fall on the shipping industry and it strongly demands that all foreign ships which land or embark passengers from British ports should pay dues. The British mercantile marine requires about nine thousand young men yearly to recruit its ranks and the Committee therefore advises that "the training for seamanship should be recognised as a paramount national duty". Further than this it is suggested that the failure of a seaman to carry out the duties he has undertaken to discharge should be looked upon as an offence against the State and not merely as a simple breach of contract. The Report then goes on to direct attention to "the failure of the nation to realise the gravity of the war-wastage on British shipping and to the urgency of making good losses." The report with its carefully drawn up statistics impresses one most seriously with the grave character of the crisis that this war has caused. The British mercantile marine is the life. blood of the country—a fact that is even yet not adequately recognised. Two recommendations in the Report supply an index to the present position. The first is that "the existing prohibition against the transfer of British ships to foreigners should be continued for a fixed period, which should not be less than five years after the war" while the second is that "our repairing facilities should, subject to exceptional emergency, be reserved for British shipping for a period of two years after the conclusion of peace." In the interests of Britain it is to be hoped that the recommendations made by this Committee will be acted upon, for with a community that draws its wealth and strength from the sea, the welfare of the mercantile marine is of paramount importance.



GRAND PALACE,

Monday, November 5.

To-day at Amarindra Hall at 5 p. m.
His Majesty the King granted a general official audience, after which the King presided over the meeting of the

LOCAL AND GENERAL

MR. Leatherbarrow is expected back on the 9th instant.

THE Borneo Co., Ltd., have a notice to consignees in our advertisement columns.

THE attention of our readers is directed to two notices elsewhere regarding train services.

E. M. Pereira and Co, will sell the household furniture of Mr. A. F. Irwin on Saturday next at Sapatoom Road.

THE Siam Commercial Bank Ltd.

and the European Banks will be closed from the 9th to the 12th inst. inclusive.

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THE Siam Electricity Co., Ltd. ex-

pect a consignment of Maxwell motor cars by the m.s. S-landia this month.

THE Phathanakorn Cinema Co.,
Ltd. is giving five performances for

the benefit of the local Flood Relief Furd. See advt.

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IN our advertisement columns will be found a notice with regard to the changing of the names of certain rail-

THE s.s. Kuala left Singapore with the mail, at noon on Sunday the 4th inst., and may be expected to arrive at the Borneo Company's Wharf on Wed-

nesday about noon.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Saigon and Krabindra lines are interrupted between Royal Railway Department and Chaxoengsao. Trad line is good as far as Rayong. Paknampo line is in good order as far as Lobburi. Other lines are all avail-

WHAT is described as "probably one of the largest fires for some years past" occurred in Shanghai on Oct. 14 when godowns of the Oriental Spinning Co., Ltd., No. 3:3 Yangtszepoo Road were destroyed. The damage done was estimated at about Tls. 5:0,000, covered by insurance.

In France more than 25,000 priests and Church students are fighting in the trenches where they are not ministering to their dying companions in arms. Some 2,500 have already been killed, while of 600 Jesuits who returned to France from practical exile to take their places in the Army, 120 have fallen.

"SURE I'll fight the Kaiser," was the answer Lee Kee, a laundryman, of Roosevelt, N. J., made when the exemption board chairman in the Fourth District of Middlesex County asked him if he wanted to serve in the National Army. Lee Kee was born in the United States, of Chinese parentage. He was found physically fit.

OFFICIAL reports from the Japan Home Office place the total number of casualties from the Tokyo typhoon at 1.618 with 620 persons dead, 318 missing and the injured at 680. The number of buildings completely or partially carried away by the floods totals 26,107 and those flooded total 160,208. The number of ships sunk, mostly fishing boats, is put at 288. The number of their crews killed and missing is not given.

THE following particulars of the goods traffic through the Panama Canal from August 15, 1914, the date when it was opened for use, to January I, 1917, will be of interest. The aggregate of tonnage passing through the Canal during that period was 11,652,405 tons. Nitrate laden ships represented 23 per cent. of this total; coal accounted for 7 per cent.; petroleum for 5 per cent.; and sugar for 5 per cent. Wrought iron and steel, timber, and cereals, etc., accounted for the rest.

EVERT German on the front has entered a "get-rich-quick" competition started by the Kaiser. The American Headquarters Staff has just been informed by the French military authorities that the War Lord has promised a prize of 300 marks and three weeks' leave to the first German who captures an American soldier. The information emanates from some of the latest German prisoners, who declare that "Willy's" generous offer was transmitted broadcast recently in an order issued throughout the army.

A WIRELESS press message from Zurich, says the Vienna Neues Wiener Journal, states Herr Ballin, Director General of the Hamburg Amerika Line, formerly one of the Kaiser's chosen confidential advisers, has fallen into disfavour. The Kaiser has absolutely ignored Ballin's sixtieth birthday, whereas the Kaiser formerly maintain ed intimate relations with Herr Ballin. Following the Kaiser's example, officialdom in Germany never failed to offer Ballin birthday congratulations. but has also ignored him. The boycott is due to the frank way in which Herr Ballin has publicly criticised the German Government's policy. Hamburg shipowners and also the Hamburg Senate disapproved, because it is considered that his sharp condemnation of the Imperial Government's policy is likely to diminish Germany's prestige abroad.

THE

Great

Italian Prisoners.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Nov 5. Wiseless German Official:-The Italian prisoners now number 200,000 and 1,800 guns have been captured.

Americans Taken Prisoner.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.) London, Nov. 5. Wireless German Official :-- We took prisoner North Americans on the Rhine-Marne Caual.

Spanish Affairs.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Nov. 5. Madrid :- The new Cabinet has been formed under the premiership of Senor Garcia Priesto.

Fighting in Palestine.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Nov. 5. Egypt, Official: -After heavy bombardment we attacked on Thursday night the south-western defences of Gaza. We captured the Turkish first line on a front of 5,000 yards. We took 296 prisoners and drove off three counter-attacks inflicting heavy losses.

Lloyd George Goes To Italy.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Nov. 5. Paris :- Mr. Lloyd George has arved. Mr. Lloyd George and M. Painlevé proceed toward Italy to-day.

Artillery Activity.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.) Paris, Nov. 4. Artillery activity is very marked to the north of Chemin-des Dames.

Fortified Points Taken.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Nov. 4. The English have taken two fortified points on the battle front of Fongres.

The "Rights of Man" League.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Nov. 4. The League of the Rights of man has issued the cry that the French Government commences in the forthcoming conférence of Allies to realise the idea of the society of nations represented at this conference which decide immediately to submit their differences to a tribunal formed by the Allies to establish a perpetual peace between the contracting parties.

Naval Engagement.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Nov. 4. London Official :- In the Kattegat we destroyed an auxiliary German cruiser and ten armed patrol boats. There were no British losses.

The Spanish Cabinet.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Nov. 4. The Cabinet has been formed. The Premier is Senor Garcia Priesto; Minister of the Interior, Senor Bahamonde; Minister of Foreign Affairs, Senor Alvarado: Minister of War, Senor Delacierva.

A Shipping Deal.

London, Oct. 26.—The Times says it is understood a provisional agreement has been concluded with the director of the Hain (?) steamship company to sell their shares to the Peninsular and Oriental at a price of eighty pounds sterling for each ten sterling shares, representing a total payment of nearly four million sterling.

More Russian Trouble.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, Nov. 6. There is a recrudescence of armed Maximalist demonstrations. It is feared that the object in view is the seizing of supreme power. The Government expects to be able to cope with the trouble.

Wave of Italian Patriotism.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, Nov. 6. It is stated that a great wave of parriotism is sweeping over Italy. Internal dissensions have disappeared as if by magic. The Paris Journal states that the Germans have already lest the battle politically while militarity they have only won the first stage.

British Legation Telegrams.

(British Legation telegrams are not to be regarded as official communiques from His Britannie Majesty's Representative, unless they are marked "official.")

London, Nov. 2. The submarine warfare was the principal subject in the statement of the first Lord of the Admiralty in the House of Commons on Nov. 1st He said that during the war forty to fifty per cent. of commissioned German submarines had been sunk, and more last quarter than in the whole year of 1916. The net reduction of tonnage in the last four months was thirty per cent. below Government estimate made in July. The total net reduction since the war from all causes in British tonnage was :- Ships over sixteen-hundred tons, fourteen per cent. equivalent to two and half millions of tons. The output of merchant tonnage during the first nine months of nineteen seventeen was one hundred and twenty-three per c nt. above that of last year. Of the standard vessels ordered of a million gross tons one half were under construction. Nin-ty per cent. of the vessels in the Atlantic trades have been convoyed. In S. ptemi er, since the convoy system started, only one convoyed ship in two hundred was lost. German submarine figures for August give eight hundred thousand tons of all nationalities but they have actually sunk little over one third of that amount British, and half of all nationalities. The enemy claim that Bri ish tonnage has fallen so low that there are not enough, ships to enable the submarines to maintain their sinkings. The facts are that in September which was the best Bruish month the overseas sailing of ships of sixteen hundred tons and over was twenty per cent, in numbers and thirty per cent. in tonnage higher than in April which was Germany's best month. Nearly half the German shipping is sunk or in Allied hands.

Submarine returns for the week ended October 28th, Arrivals: two thousand two bundred and eightyfive; Sailings: two thousand three hundred and twenty-one. Fourteen over, one under sixteen hundred tons

Mr. Lloyd George's message of November 1st to the Italian Premier is confident that Italy will stem the tide of the enemy advance and ultimately roll it back. In a speech in the House of Commons on October 29th when voting Parliament's thanks for tervices Mr. Lloyd George said that during the war the British bad transported oversea thirteen million men, whereof they had lost only three thousand five hundred. They had also transported twenty-five million tone of explosives, one hundred and thirty million tons of food, and fifty-one million tons of fuel. The expeditionary force had increased from a hundred and sixty thousand to three millions, whereof seventy-five per cent. were English. The Dominions had provided eight hundred thousand.

General Smuts on October 29th said that the issue of the war would be decided in France and Flanders where the enemy knows he is being beaten. His assault on Italy would not help him and would only prolong the war.
While this would have the worst
possible effect for Germany it would not effect the issue which is safe. Lord Curzon in the House of Lords on October 29th said we had captured in all theatree of the war one hundred and sixty thousand prisoners, six hundred and eighty guns, are hereby notified that same have and a million one hundred and twenty arrived per s. s. "Chefoo" on 5th four thousand square miles of territory in Asia, Africa and in the Pacitic. In Egypt we had recovered twenty thousand square miles which the enemy had over-run, fourteen hundred square miles of French and Belgian territory had been recovered in conjunction with the Allies. Mr. Bonar Law in the House of Commons on October 30th said that the daily average of expenditure from July 22nd to October 22nd was six million four hundred thousand pounds net. The increase of national

debt due to the War was three thousand million. The German debt was seventeen hundred million over ours. The monthly expenditure by Germany in June 1916 to May 1917 had increased fifty per cent, and ours thirty four per cent. If the War ended now our present taxation would cover expenses. Germany would have to raise an immense loan or impose new taxation of hundreds of millions of pounds.

A determined air attack on London was made in the night of October 31st by relays in seven groups with a total of thirty machines. The great majority were driven off and only two or three penetrated to London. The material damage was slight, eight being killed and twenty one injured British airmen bombed German War factories at Saarbrucken, Pirmssen, Kaiserlantern and other military depots.

The British and French destroyers on October 28th attacked three German destroyers and seventeen aeroplanes off Belginm and obtained direct hits. The destroyers retired to the cover of the land batteries and the seroplanes were dispersed. The allied destroyers were undamaged.

The first contingent of Americans are occupying part of the French front

The United States Liberty Loan is an immense success. Six hundred million pounds having been required, the applications exceed one thousand millions.

The Spanish Cabinet resigned on October 28th. Several ministers attempted but failed to form a coali-

Prince Christian has died Declaration of a state of war with Germany has been made in the Brazilian Chamber. The allied press comments it is significant that the south

American States with the greatest ex-

perience of Germans have joined the

world's effort to prevent Gorman domi-

American Finance.

Washington, Oct. 29 .- The Government expenditure during October includining loans to the Allies will be \$1,000,000,000, and possibly \$100,000, 000 more. The expenditure for the 28 working days averaged approximately \$42,600,000 daily.

Washington, Oct. 29.-The Liberty Loan closed on Saturday evening, tremendously oversubscribed. The total is estimated to exceed five billions. The Secretary of the Treasury made

н statement, saving that the free people of America had answered the Kaiser 'n unmistakable terms.

In the last days the rush swamped the telegraphs and banks, these working till midnight. The enthusiasm in the army and navy is reflected by the esti mated subscriptions of eighty one mil-

New Flanders Attack.

London, Oct. 28.-Paris communique An attack in Belgium began at 5.15 in the morning and was completely successful. The French on both sides of the Ypres Dixmude road carried all the German positions on a front of four kilometres to an average depth of two kilometres, despite the stubborn resistance of the enemy who had the beaviest losses. We reached the western border of Houthulst Forest and carried the villages of Verdrendesims, Ashoot, Mercken and Kippe and also numerous solidly fortified farms, capturing a hundred prisoners.

We made fresh progress on the Aisne front, from Chevrigny. We occupied Froidment Farm.

London, Oct. 28. -- Field Marshal Haig: We improved our positions slightly in the night time in the neighbourhood of the Ypres-Roulers rail-

The Belgians on Friday night made a successful raid north of Dixmude, taking prisoner sixteen and yesterday, jointly with the French, crossed the inundations and occupied Merckem peninsula in the neighbourhood of Vijfhuizen.
London, Oct. 28.—French commu-

nique: We continued to progress in Belgium on our left, in the peninsula of Luighem. We captured some small islands and took prisoner since yesterday over two hundred.

London, Oct. 28.—Wireless German Official: The enemy attacked again southwest of Houthulst wood, not gaining any greater advantage than be-

The French, deeply echeloned, were sanguinarily repulsed eastward of Filain and northwestward of Braye.

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PHATHANAROM. On Sunday, November, 11th

BANGRAK. On Monday, November, 12th.

BANGLAMPOO.

On Tuesday, November 13th.

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The Siam Commercial Bank, Ltd. G. H. ARDRON,

Atg. Manager.

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Owing to the increase in price, due to the war, of all ingredients used in the manufacture of aerated waters, we regret that we are compelled to raise our price. On and after the 1st Nov-ember 1917 the prices of acrated waters will be as follows:

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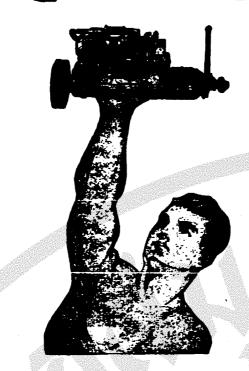
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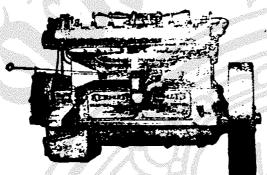




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The Air Campaign.

London, Oct. 27.-Field Marshal Haig seports that during the air raid on the night of October 24/25 another ton of bombs was dropped on Burbach works. Three of the participating acroplanes are missing. Our aeroplanes on Thursday night attacked four aerodromes and 45 heavy bombs were dropped. A direct hit was obtained in one instance on a group of hangars. One machine did not return.

London, Oct. 27.—The Admiralty say: The Naval aircraft bombed Varsser aere aerodrome and Thorout railway junction yesterday. The weather rendered observation difficult.

All returned. London, Oct. 27,-Renter says that French experts have established that that the Zeppelin armada disaster was primarily due to the breakdown of the system of steering by wireless when fling at more than fifteen thousand feet high. Optical steering was impossible and the compass not dependable on, because there was no means of correcting the drift, consequently the Zeppelins in such circumstances depend on a continuous stream of wireless signals sent out by a number of Getman radio gonsometric stations, whereby they are enabled to steer a correct course. On the last occasion these signals failed probably owing to storms which were encountered and fog. The captured Zeppelin shows the first mes-sage received from Germany when flying over England was "Zeppelin training ship broken loose being carried away by wind."

L. 49 came down in France because it was impossible to endure the temperature of thirty below zero at a height of 22,000 feet. The men were stupefied with cold when captured, the waterballast froze in the tanks and the motors of the wireless apparatus were stopped by the cold. The Zeppelin destroyed at Luneville was hit by a shell at a height of 17,000 feet. The chief novelty in the construction is that the ballonets are covered with gut instead of rubber, which is very scarce in Germany. The intestines of 300,000 cattle are required to cover the

ballonets of a single super-Zeppelin. London, Oct. 29.—The Admiralty states: Our Naval aircraft on Saturday dropped many tons of bombs close to sheds and the reilway line at Engel and on the St. Denis Westrem aerodromes. They dropped two tons on the Cortemarck and the bichter-velde railway junctions. One machine did ton at the opportunity of welcoming not return. We obtained direct hits Sunday we bombed the Stalhillebrugge station near Bruges. We shot down London, Oct. 30 .- Official: Aero-

planes attempted a raid on the southeast counties to-night. Our seroplanes ascended and guns and searchlights came into action. The hostile machines did not succeed in passing the outer defence.

Fi-Idmarshal Haig reports: Our lowflying aeroplanes on Sunday fired many rounds at troops in the trenches and shellholes, and dropped hundreds of bombs on acrodromes and billets. They bombed at night time Gontrole aerodrome, Courtial station and railway stations in the neighbourhood of

Our aeroplanes were busy all slay on Saturday and cooperated with our artillery and fired several thousand rounds at ground targets from heights ranging from one hundred to a thousand feet. They dropped twen'ynine heavy bombs on Roulers station, six on Abeele aerodrome, 121 lighter bombs on billets east of Lens and 124 on other targets.

Our squadrons at night dropped four tons on seven aerodromes and three important railway stations. Several burst near hangare and railway tracks, one setting fire to a train. Enemy aeroplanes repeatedly attacked but ours never failed to reach their objective.

We brought down eleven and drove down seven. Nine of ours are missing.
London, Oct. 28.—Admiralty: The naval air service on Friday night bombed Lichtervelde railway junction. Direct hits were made, causing one heavy explosion and numerous smaller explosions. We also bombed Thorout railway junctin, the bombs falling near a moving train, which immediately stopped and large explosions were observed. We also bombed Cortemarck junction. Bombings were carried out on Saturday afternoon on Sparappelhoek and Engel aerodromes, on Ostend, on Thorout railway line southward of Engel. Many patrols were carried out. Two of the enemy aircraft were driven down uncontrolled. One fell into the sea. All of ours returned safely.

Our Ancient Ally,

London, Oct. 26.—The Press Bureau says the President of Portugal, in a message to the King warmly acknowledging the demonstrations on the occasion of his visit to Britain, says they are sure proof of the friendship and solidarity of the two nations. The sincere friendship of the two people.

Madrid, Oct. 27.-The Cabinet has

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General Wire News,

London, Oct. 29.-La Metropole a Belgian newspaper published in are asking to return to duty.

London, discloses another German The United States Secretary of War's peace plot, summarily rejected, to break the Entente. Germany proposed a separate peace for Belgium through an emissarya well kuown Belgian magnate who interviewed the Belgian premier at Paris. The preliminary conditions presented were a complete restoration of and recognition of independence, indemnities for war-expenses and reparation for destructions and a convocation for a peace conference under the presidency of King Albert.

Rio de Janeiro, Oct. 29.—The Foreign Minister has announced that he possesses the text of a despatch from Count Luxburg suggesting the despatch of a tiotilla of submarines to Buenos Aires in order to impress South Ame-

ricans. Buenos Aires, Oct. 28 .- A great sensation has been caused by a statement by the Brazilian Foreign Minister,

vasion of southern Brazil and the Argentine.

The newspapers demand the publication of the telegrams, but the Government is reticent concerning them.

which confirmed the disclosure of Lux-

burg telegrams planning a German in-

Paris, Oct 28.—A plot to provoke civil war has been frustrated by the authorities who seized several stores of prohibited arms and also most important documents. An enquiry has been instituted.

Paris, Later.-The plot was of royalist origin. The police searched the offices of the royalist organ Action Francaise. London, Oct. 28.—Prince Christian of Schleswig Holstein has died in Lon-

London, Oct. 29 .-- Lord Rhondda has appointed Mr. Richard Pigott, of Mesers. David, Lloyd, Pigott and Co., as director of tea supplies. His connection with his firm will cease while he holds

this appointment. Madrid, Oct. 29 - The political situation is complicated. There is possibility of a military government presided over by General Marina or General Weyler. Telegrams indicate the crisis was precipitated by the d-cision of the military committees of Barcelona to send a peremptory demand direct to the King for satisfaction of military aspirations, ignoring the Cabinet.

London, Oct. 30. - The Italian newspapers testify to the nation's stiffening of morale. Party differences are being forgotten. There are striking demonstrations of patriotism on all sides.

from Catholics to Socialists. The departure of hundreds of officers to the front occasioned unforgettable scenes. • The wounded in the hospitals

weekly review recalls that in May 1916 the Austrians similarly assaulted in fine weather and superior fighting vigour than at present. During the initial days they scored successes and got a footing on the Italian Plain, only to be stopped and driven back,

The French military critic in the Debats, recalling Verdun, points out that the German babit is to strike at a difficult point, which was followed at Monte Nero, seeking a weak strategical point, though it may be strong tactically. It is estimated that the Austro-Germans losses were 20,000.

Washington, Oct. 30 - The United States has decided to assist Italy. The chief effect of the news in America has been to accelerate military prepara-

London, Oct. 30.—Close upon the heels of the of Austro-German advance comes another peace feeler from Austria. The Austrian Premier, Dr. Seidler, speaking in the Reichsrat announced that Austria was still ready to sit at a peace table if her enemy was ready to create the founation of equal interstate relations.

Amsterdam, Oct. 30,--It is eignificant that Bavaria is playing a prominent part in the solution of the question of the Chancellorship thus encroaching on what has been hitherto considered a purely Prussian preserve. The influential Munich Post warns the Prussians against any attempt to appoint as a successor to Michaelis anyhody who will embark on a campaign against the Reichstag.
Amsterdam, Oct. 30.-- telegram

from Berlin says that the Mittagz-itung reports that the Chancellorship has been offered to Count Hertling, who is considering acceptance of the post.

Copenhagen, Oct. 28 .- The Minister of the Interior, speaking at the Ffolk-thing said that the Government was considering rationing butters and fats. He added that of foodstuffs there would be scarcity for the next two winters. People must endure privations if they wished to avoid famine.

The Hague Oct. 28.—The British

legation in a statement regarding the sand and gravel imported into Belgium via Holland from Jan. 1 to Aug. 31 says as regards sand it is impossible to establish whether the whole quantity came from Germany or whether the

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greater portion was of Dutch origin, but from the Dutch official figures it appears great quantities of sand came from the Netherlands. It is important to say that almost all the sand of Dutch origin which crossed the frontier was destined for Ghent while all the gravel

and stones went to Antwerp.

Obviously on the ground of international law it is open to Holland to export as large quantities of these materials to Belgium as she likes. The fact that Dutch statistics recognise the transit of only a very small quantity of sand does not alter anything respecting the correctness of the British figures regarding the quantities entering Belgium via Holland, or regarding the strange coincidence that two million tons of gravel and stones and a million tons of sand and stones and a million tons of sand passed the frontier exactly in the proportion necessary for the manufacture of concrete. The question remains why just such a quantity of eand had to go to Ghent.

Sydney, Oct. 28 .- The crew of the German launch mentioned on Oct. 8 landed at Suva. A crowd, including Indians, jeered at the Germans as babykillers. It is stated other boats from the See Adler are still at large. Count von Lucker commanding the crew claims not have taken any lives but to have sunk twenty-three ships.

London, Oct. 28.—The approach of the third anniversary of the first battle of Ypres on Oct. 31 is celebrated by articles dwelling on the deeds of the old army that saved Britain and the Empire and alter d be whole course of the war. Lord French in a message to the Observer says "Universal recognition by their countrymen of the deeds performed by the old army in 1914 is worthily and justly bestowed. It was the obstinate tenacity, superb spirit and refusal to acknowledge defeat which ever animated the British soldier that saw the country through those desperate hours from Oct. 31 to Nov. 1 1914. It was the man in the trench who saved the Empire. Lord French visits his old regiment the Irish Guards on Oct. 31 to recall the great deeds then performed. He agrees to a suggestion that Oct. 31 should be regarded as a day of national celebration and thanksgiving though it may be impossible to arrange such a celebration

before the end of the war. Moscow, Oct. 28.-The conference st parties has passed a unanimous resolution urging the Go vernment immediately to place the army outside politics, to restablish discipline, to proclaim a state of war in anarchical regions and to abandon

dangerous attempts ta restore the economic life of the country on socialist

Moscow, Later.—The politicians con grees has passed a resolution that all thoughts of treason to the allies or of a separate peace (must be abelished) and expressing the firm belief that Russia will be able to carry the war to a conclusion corresponding with the interests, honour and dignity of Russia.

Paris, Oct. 28 .- The newspapers are confident Italy will finally surmount her great trial. They affirm the Italian resistance is strengthening hourly and Germany will eventually be hemmed in without attaining her political or military objectives in Italy.
Athens, Oct. 28.-The Austro-German

further arrests are expected. Petrograd, Oct. 28.—General Golovine, a high official of the military academy, has been selected as Russia's military representative to the Allied

Conference at Paris instead of General

propagandists have been arrested and

Amsterdam, Oct. 28 -- A Berlin tele-

gram says several enemy air squadrons on the night of Oct. 24 attacked indus- ! difficulty of the ground. trial districts in Lorraine, Luxemburg and Saar. Five persons were killed and four injured each in Lorraine and Luxemburg and one killed and six injured in Saarbruchen. The damage done was insignificant. Four aeroplanes were shot down or forced to descend.

London, Oct. 26 .-- A French communique says: We attacked at six this morning between Driegrahten and Draibank in Belginm and crossed Saint Jan's Beck and Cever Beck shoulder-deep in water. We made important progress despite the difficulties of the ground and captured the village of Draibank, Papegoed wood and many farms organised as points d'appui. We

took prisoner one hundred.

Later.—In Belgium our troops continued the action between Dreigrachten and Draibank and capture | new | French vainly endeavoured to get a

German tre ches north of the objectives reached yesterday. Our progress continues to be satisfactory despite the South of the Aisne there is inter-

mittent artillery fire. German aeroplanes dropped twenty bombs of large calibre on Dunkirk.

There were thirty civilian victims. London, Oct. 26—Wireless German Official. Very violent artillery fire Official. Very violent artillery fire south of Houthulst wood as far as Hollebeke increased to drumfire in the morning. Anglo-French nocturnal attacks failed. The enemy has attacked at several points since dawn.

London. Oct. 26.-Wireless German Official. Scrong Franco-British attacks from Bixschoote to the Roulers-Ypres railway astride of the Menin-Ypres road have broken down sanguinarily.

London, Oct. 27.-Wireless German Official: An Anglo French effort in Fianders yesterday failed. The () . Aisne canal. London, Oct. 27 .- Field Marshal

footbold on the north bank of the

Haig says the Canadians successfully repulsed two heavy counter-attacks yesterday at noon south and west of Passchendaele, taking prisoner a number. We have consolidated our gains without interference and bave further progressed west of Passchendaele capturing eighteen machine-

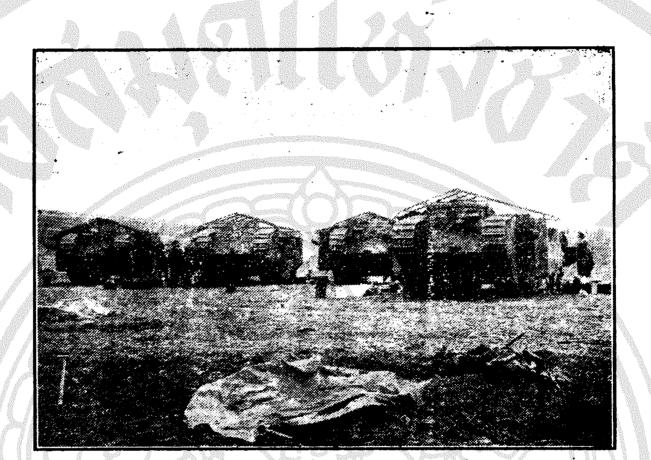
Operations with limited objectives were jointly undertaken. There was a fine day on Thursday with a fine drying wind, which promised improved fighting conditions, but a sudden change at night brought heavy and almost incessant rain since an early hour this morning. Notwithstanding the great difficulties facing the allied troops, considerable progress was made valuable positions won on the greater part of the fronts attacked. The main operation was carried out by English and Canadian regiments on the front north of the Ypres Roulers railway. The Canadian battalions advanced along the main ridge towards Passchendale and passing beyond their objectives established themselves on rising ground south of the village.

Other Canadian battalions with troops of the English and naval brigades and battalions of London Territurials made further progress in face of strong opposition along the spurs betwe in the main ridge, and our positions east of Podcappele. They captured a number of strong points and fortified farms. Heavy fighting occurred east and northeast of Poelcappelle wherein the West Lancashire and north country troops progressed at certain points. There were subsidiary and simultaneous a tacks by English troops in the neighbourhood of the Menin road and by the French north of Bixchoote. There was fierce fighting all day .: 8tride the Menin road and east of Polderhoek wherein progress was made and a considerable number taken prisoner. North of Bixchoote the French attacking with great gallantry crossed Saint Jah's Beek in flood and captured the objectives beyond with a number of prisoners. The Allies in the course of these operations took prisoner 800.

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