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	23		28

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first. The engines were not harmed. The captain tried to beach the Britannic until the forward dip became too pronounced. Thirty boats were launched before the list prevented the proper launching of the rest.

Two hundred men who remained on the decks were ordered to break ranks, and were advised to jump into the water. Meanwhile a shocking tragedy was caused by the propellers at the water level. Several boats and rafts were drawn into the whirlpool, and it was an awful sight to see the poor fellows struggle against the inevitable. When they saw the boats were doomed to encounter the propeller blades, most of the men tried to escape by jumping into the water. The screws caught the boats with a ripping, smashing sound, flung the human beings into the air, cutting and mutilating about a hundred. The Britannic went down with a slow gradual movement. Probably her engines shifted to starboard, as the vessel lurched to that side before going head down. As each great funnel touched the water, it was ripped off as if it were a piece of brown paper.

The Daily Chronicle's Athens correspondent says that the 17 sea scouts on board the Britannic behaved with admirable coolness in carrying urgent messages. A boy scout when attempting to control a life boat which was adrift, threatened to be sucked in by the surging propellers. He managed to grasp a rope, and though his hands were bleeding he held on until rescued. An officer dropped the last sea scout, who was working below, into the last boat. The boys are now guests at Athens.

The same correspondent reports that the Britannic was struck well forward and the starboard hatches of No. 2 hold were blown 50ft. into the air. It is reported that a German submarine recently visited Laurion, opposite Zea Island. An officer landed and took aboard a man who is believed to be concerned in the supplying of German submarines.

Fighting in the West.

London, Dec. 29.—Wireless. A German official claims the Germans penetrated the French second and third lines on height 304 and the southern slope of Montomme taking prisoner 222 and repulsed counter-attacks.

Paris, Dec. 30.—The communique says: There has been a quiet day with artillery work on both banks of the Aisne and the left of the Meuse.

General Haig reports a successful raid eastward of le Sars. The trenches were found greatly damaged by artillery. We repulsed an attempted raid eastward of Armentieres. There was intense reciprocal artillery work southward of the Aisne and in the neighbourhood of Berles.

London, Dec. 28.—A French war correspondent indicates that the taking over by the British of a new portion of the Somme front was completed by Christmas.

London, Dec. 28.—The French communique says that thirteen British naval aeroplanes dropped a ton of bombs on the blast furnaces of Dillingen. French aeroplanes heavily bombed the railway station of Montmedy, Pierrepont, east of Longuyon, the factories of Thionville and Jœuf in the Briey coalfield, the blast furnaces of Roubaix and Hagondange. Two dirigibles bombed the factories of Hagondange and the ironworks of Neunkirchen.

London, Dec. 1.—General Haig says: We successfully blew a mine northeast of N. aville St. Vaast. We effectively bombarded positions in the neighbourhood of Serre and south of le Truissey and shelled places of military importance east of Arras. Our fire destroyed a bridge across the Lys east of le Filleloy, and northwards of Neuve Chapelle.

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	STATIONS.				STATIONS.		
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	A.M. P.M. P.M.				A.M. P.M.		
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	STATIONS.				STATIONS.		
	I.	III.			II.	IV.	VI.
	A.M.	P.M.		A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	
Km.	B. Hlane			Km.	Mahachai		
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Great War.

Two Zeppelins Des- troyed.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 5.

Copenhagen.—Two Zeppelins have
been destroyed by fire in a shed at
Tondern in Schleswig due to short
circuit.

Big Battle Imminent.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 5.

The long stubborn Russian retreat
to the Sereth line stretching across the
lowlands on the threshold of Moldavia
is now virtually over. Falkenhayn's
army is approaching Focani and Fun-
deni which are bridgehead positions
and the two main points in this fifty
mile line of fortifications. It seems
clear that the two armies are on the
eve of a big battle which will have im-
portant consequences.

Transport Torpedoed.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 5.

The Admiralty reports that the trans-
port Irvernia was submerged in bad
weather in the Mediterranean on Mon-
day. Four military officers and one
hundred and forty six men are missing.

The ship's casualties are not yet
known. It is hoped that the only offi-
cers missing are the surgeon and the
chief engineer.

France and Rumania.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Jan. 3.

The King of Rumania and President
Poincare have exchanged good wishes
for the glory and prosperity of France
and Rumania and expressing mutual
confidence in victory.

French Ambassador at Rome.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Jan. 3.

M. Debilly, Ambassador at Rome, has
been nominated diplomatic agent for
the French Government.

Salonika Report.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Jan. 3.

Salonika.—Yesterday the artillery
fight continued. An enemy detach-
ment reached the British trenches east
of Vermelles but was repulsed losing
half its number.

The French Line.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Jan. 3.

To-day there were artillery duels to
the north and south of the Somme and
in the regions of Verdun, Morhonnue
and Bezonvaux. Our patrols brought
prisoners from the Champagne.

Hope of American Inter- vention Abandoned.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
Singapore, Jan. 5.

American telegrams indicate that the
hope of American intervention for the
present is abandoned. Impartial news-
papers praise the Allies' reply as
straightforward and lucid.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

"V. S." c/o this paper has two houses
to let at Klong Toi.

THE British s.s. *Mala Hari* with 43
bags of mail on board arrived from
Singapore this morning.

THE s.s. *Kamuning* left Singapore
on Thursday morning the 4th inst.,
and may be expected to arrive on Mon-
day morning.

THE following passengers arrived
from Singapore by the s.s. *Mala
Hari*:—Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Giles, Mr.
G. Salvatore and Mr. D. M. Baroocha.

THE following passengers left by the
s.s. *Katong* to-day:—Mrs. A. Man-
acorda, Mrs. Chabourne, Miss La Motte
and Mr. J. K. Wadia.

THE s.s. *Kajang* left Singapore on
Friday the 5th inst., and may be ex-
pected to arrive at the Borneo Com-
pany's wharf on Tuesday morning.

THERE will be four performances of
the Miniature Naval Engagement to-
morrow night and will include a special
show at 8 p.m. Further particulars
appear elsewhere.

EPISODES 11 and 12 of the "Red
Circle" will be shown to-night at the
Phadhamkorn cinematograph. Another
striking item in to-night's programme
is "A Woman's Fight" in five parts.

THE s.s. *Mala Hari* is expected to
sail from Wat Phya Krai to-morrow
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WE are asked to mention that a raft
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Fund for the relief of soldiers maimed
in the war, will take place at the
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In East Africa.

London, Dec. 29.—The Reverend
Mr. Spanton, principal of St. Andrews
College, Zanzibar, who had been a pris-
oner with the Germans in East Africa
from the outbreak of war until Tabora
was captured has arrived in England.
In an interview with Reuter he gives
the most painful account of the suffer-
ings of prisoners there, including men
and women of superior rank and edu-
cation. The Germans pursued a deli-
berate policy of degrading them before
the natives and made them clean the
native latrines, drag lorries and act as
labourers to native workmen. A near
relative of an Indian Maharaj was
similarly treated. English women and
men were herded together in iron sheds
without the smallest sanitation, with
native sentries inside throughout the
night. The brutal treatment was only
resisted when the Germans saw defeat
was imminent.

An Admiralty communique narrates
an outrage in which German savagery
in torpedoing merchantmen appears to
have reached a climax. It describes
the British steamer *Westminster*, pro-
ceeding to Port Said and twice struck
without warning by a submarine, when
180 miles from land. Four were killed
and the *Westminster* sank in four
minutes. The submarine proceeded to
shell the officers and crew while escap-
ing from the ship in boats. The Master
and Chief Engineer were killed out-
right, the boat was sunk and five other
occupants were presumed to be drown-
ed.

The communique scathingly de-
nounces the act of the submarine crew
as murder carried out in cold blood.

Constantine Convicted.

Responsible for Reign of Terror.

London, Dec. 29.—Telegrams from
the Venetian quarters at Salonika states
the Royalists are actively and system-
atically extirpating pro-Ententism.
Prominent persons in Volo have been
submitted to indignities and pro-Vene-
zianists at the last election have been
arrested and their premises looted.
The Greeks in Egypt are enthusias-
tically supporting the national defence
army and the provisional government
at Salonika is forming labour batta-
lions.

Paris, Dec. 30.—The Foreign Affairs
Committee of the Chamber announces
that it has received information fixing
the responsibility on King Constantine
and the Greek staff for the events
of Dec. 1 and demonstrating the neces-
sity for energetic action.

Items of Interest.

London, Dec. 30.—Mr. Hewart has been knighted.

London, Dec. 28.—There was the thickest fog for years in London last evening. All street traffic was stopped and train services were disorganised.

London, Dec. 29.—There have been the following unopposed returns of Coalitionists: Sir William Collins (Derby) Mr. Christopher Johnston (St. Andrews Edinburgh Universities).

London, Dec. 29.—An amalgamation is announced between the Scottish firms of David Colville, steelmakers, and Archibald Russell, coalowners, employing fourteen thousand men.

Lourenco Marques, Dec. 28.—The Portuguese have occupied ports at Mat-chamba and Nanzadi. The Germans retired to the left bank of the Rovuna river, where the Portuguese hold the factory.

London, Dec. 29.—Lord Sydenham has resigned from the air board.

London, Dec. 30.—The Daily Telegraph says that the government has decided to form an Air Ministry with ample powers. The minister will probably be a peer.

London, Dec. 31.—Experts at the London Hospital have announced that after several years investigations, they have decided that syphilis is not hereditary. They are of opinion that the child contracts the disease from the mother after birth.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—Parliament has been summoned for Jan. 18, to pass the war estimates before Sir R. Borden's departure for London.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—Premier Borden has declared he would adopt conscription if necessary.

London, Dec. 29.—The great Chikaidir bridge mentioned in the communiqué of yesterday was the most vital link on the Bagdad railway. Its destruction means interrupting the Turkish communications from Mesopotamia to Syria, cutting off rail supplies from rich provinces.

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War Betting.

About a fortnight ago, writes the London correspondent of the Manchester Guardian under date of November 3, Lloyd's quoted £30 per cent against the war being over twelve months from now. I hear today from the City that an inquiry made today shows that the rate has since risen to £60 per cent—a fairly definite indication of Lloyd's opinion. The expert prophets there think that the chances now are five to three against the war lasting more than another year, whereas a fortnight ago they put the chances at ten to three—a rather heavy advance in peace prospects. Against the war not being over two years from now Lloyd's insurance charge is £15 per cent.

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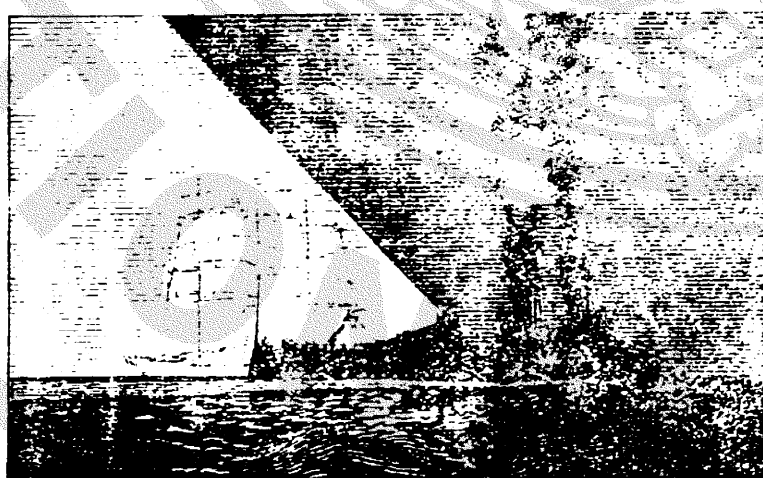
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Allies' Firm Resolve.**No Peace Wanted.**

London, Dec. 28.—The Tsar in an order to the Army and Navy, says that the enemy strength is apparently waning while that of the Allies is continually growing. Germany feels that complete defeat and retribution are near. As when her war strength was superior she suddenly declared war so now with a feeling of weakness she suddenly offers peace, particularly desiring to begin negotiations before her military talent is exhausted and simultaneously creating a false impression of strength by temporary success in Rumania, who is inexperienced in modern warfare.

But the Allies had now their turn to be able to negotiate peace at a time favourable to themselves. The time had not arrived; the enemy was not yet driven out of the occupied provinces. Russia's attainment of the tasks created by the war of regaining Constantinople and the Dardanelles and the creation of a free Poland was yet unguaranteed. Who dares think that he who began the war should have power to conclude it when he chooses. Peace is only possible after the enemy has been driven out of the allied borders and real guarantees given for permanent peace.

Paris, Dec. 28.—The National Congress of French Socialists has passed a resolution scouting the peace note and emphasising that the Allies must vigorously continue their effort for national defence.

Rome, Dec. 28.—The Republicans have issued a manifesto urging the continuation of war until national aspirations are satisfied.

Copenhagen, Dec. 29.—Sweden, Norway and Denmark have each sent a note to the belligerents as an expression of Scandinavia's strongest adherence to President Wilson's proposals. They consider they would be wanting in their duty to their peoples and humanity if they failed to support any action contributing to end the ever-growing moral and material sufferings and losses entailed by the war.

London, Dec. 29.—Despite rebuffs, German Agents at Washington are frantically working to induce Wilson to support the new idea of a meeting of neutrals at the Hague in January. The proposals are regarded as another development of the German campaign to belittle the Allies.

Amsterdam, Dec. 29.—The Koelnsche Volkszeitung says there are indications the efforts for peace will not be successful because the Entente does not accept the German conditions,

namely, no discussion of the responsibility for the war and no subjection of Germany.

London, Dec. 29.—Lord Curzon in the course of a letter to the Premier League, says: We all pray that this war be the last but the end is not in sight, although there are signs of exhaustion in many quarters and peace-kites are flying. Neither side has obtained a preponderating decision. It seems likely that the war will last well into another year, but we must not falter, since a patched up peace would mean our immediate moral humiliation and ultimate destruction.

Allies Firm Cooperation**Chaos in Austria.**

London, Dec. 29.—The Shipping Controller has appointed an advisory committee composed of shipping experts to consider the acceleration of shipbuilding and general administration of the new merchant ship building programme which will be undertaken by the Controller.

London, Dec. 29.—The Press bureau says that in the past three days there have been continuous conferences in London of the British Government and MM. Ribot and Thomas and other French representatives. There has been full discussion and complete agreement.

London, Dec. 29.—The Minister of Munitions has appointed a committee to consider the best means to secure adequate supplies of alcohol for war purposes and essential trades, as the requirements of the munitions, transport and air services have greatly increased.

Paris, Dec. 30.—The Chamber has authorised a state advance of eight millions sterling to shipowners for the construction and purchase of ships.

A bill has been introduced into the Senate providing for the mobilisation of civilians between 17 and 60 and the organisation of national labour in France and her Colonies.

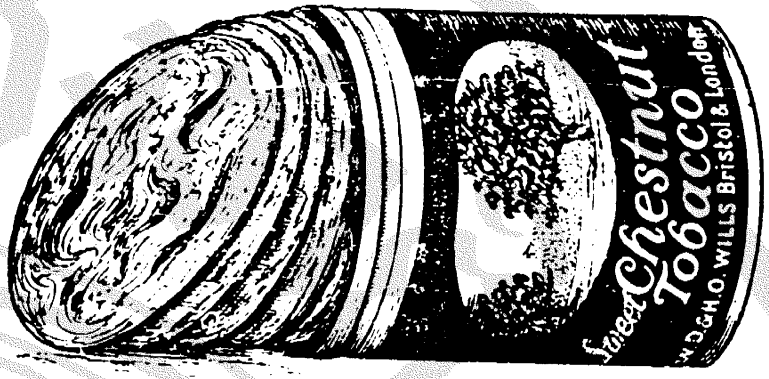
London, Dec. 29.—Following the example of the Allies Rumania has formed a national ministry, including the prominent pro-Ally statesman, M. Jonescu, and several supporters.

London, Dec. 30.—Political chaos reigns in Austria-Hungary, where there are wholesale resignations and dismissals of prominent persons generally regarded as responsible for Austria's perilous condition as the satellite of Germany. The chief victim is the dictator Count Tisza, who would crown the King tomorrow, but would probably retire thereafter.

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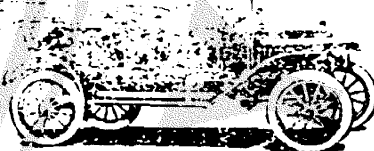
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Stations.	Train No.				Stations.	Train No.			
	1	2	3	4		1	2	3	4
	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.		a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.
Paknam	Dep. 6.30	9.30	12.45	3.45	Bangkok	Dep. 7.45	10.45	2.00	5.00
*Maha Wong	.. 6.35	9.35	12.50	3.50	Sala Deng	.. 7.52	10.52	2.07	5.07
*Ban Nang	.. 6.40	9.40	12.55	3.55	Klong Toi	.. 8.00	11.00	2.15	5.15
Chorakhe	.. 6.45	9.45	1.00	4.00	*Ban Kluei	.. 8.05	11.05	2.20	5.20
*Samrong	.. 6.50	9.50	1.05	4.05	Prakonong	.. 8.10	11.10	2.25	5.25
Bangna	.. 6.55	9.55	1.10	4.10	Bangjak	.. 8.15	11.15	2.30	5.30
Bangjak	.. 7.00	10.00	1.15	4.15	*Bangna	.. 8.20	11.20	2.35	5.35
Prakonong	.. 7.05	10.05	1.20	4.20	Samrong	.. 8.25	11.25	2.40	5.40
*Ban Kluei	.. 7.10	10.10	1.25	4.25	Chorakhe	.. 8.30	11.30	2.45	5.45
Klong Toi	.. 7.15	10.15	1.30	4.30	*Ban Nang	.. 8.35	11.35	2.50	5.50
Sala Deng	.. 7.23	10.23	1.38	4.38	*Maha Wong	.. 8.40	11.40	2.55	5.55
Bangkok	Arr. 7.30	10.30	1.45	4.45	Paknam	Arr. 8.45	11.45	3.00	6.00

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Bangkok Noi					Chumpon				
Dep.	8.30	8.35	1.20	2.10	Dep.	7.45	8.45	1.45	2.45
Arr.	8.56	10.13	2.15	4.27	Arr.	7.52	8.52	1.52	2.52
M. Nakhon Patom					Prachuap Kirikan				
Dep.	9.33	10.55	3.26	5.38	Dep.	8.55	9.55	2.55	5.05
Arr.	9.55	11.22	4.00	6.17	Arr.	9.05	10.05	3.05	5.15
Potaram					Wang Phong				
Dep.	10.26	11.57	4.31	6.50	Dep.	9.15	10.15	3.15	5.25
Arr.	10.36	12.10	4.41	7.00	Arr.	9.25	10.25	3.25	5.35
Petchaburi					Hua Hin				
Dep.	12.12	2.17	5.00	7.00	Dep.	9.35	10.35	3.35	5.45
Arr.	12.12	2.17	5.00	7.00	Arr.	9.45	10.45	3.45	5.55
Hua Hin					Petchaburi				
Dep.	1.59	4.47	7.30	9.30	Dep.	9.55	10.55	3.55	6.05
Arr.	2.5	4.57	7.40	9.40	Arr.	10.05	11.05	4.05	6.15
Wang Phong					Ratburi				
Dep.	2.37	5.37	8.20	10.20	Dep.	10.15	11.15	4.15	6.25
Arr.	2.48	5.48	8.30	10.30	Arr.	10.25	11.25	4.25	6.35
Pran Kao					Chumpon				
Dep.	2.58	5.58	8.40	10.40	Dep.	10.35	11.35	4.35	6.45
Arr.	3.08	6.08	8.50	10.50	Arr.	10.45	11.45	4.45	6.55
Prachuap Kirikan					Bangkok Noi				
Dep.	3.38	6.38	9.20	11.20	Dep.	11.12	12.23	4.53	6.28
Arr.	3.48	6.48	9.30	11.30	Arr.	11.22	12.33	5.03	6.38

The Allies' Reply.

Refusal to Consider.

London, Dec. 30.—The Allies' reply to the German peace note further says—

The Allies are as strongly devoted to peace to-day as in 1914 but after Germany's violation of solemn engagements Germany's promises are no sufficient foundation whereon to establish a peace she broke. The mere suggestion, without a statement of terms, that negotiations should be opened, is not a peace offer. Germany's putting forward a sham proposal lacking all substance and precision is less a peace offer than a manoeuvre. It is founded on a calculated misinterpretation of the character of the struggle in the past, present and future.

It does not consider the facts, dates, and figures establishing that war was desired, provoked and declared by Germany and Austria. The reply proceeds to recall that it was the German delegate to the Hague Conference who refused all proposals of disarmament. That Austria refused the satisfaction Serbia offered, that subsequently Great Britain suggested a conference, France an international commission and the Tsar personally asked the Kaiser to go to arbitration and Russia and Austria actually came to an understanding on the eve of the conflict. "But to all these efforts Germany gave neither answer nor effect. Belgium was invaded by the very Empire which had guaranteed her neutrality and had the assurance to proclaim treaties 'scraps of paper' and that 'necessity knows no law.'"

It proceeds to point out "these sham peace offers" rest on the European war map alone which represents only a superficial and passing phase of the situation and not the real strength of belligerents. A peace concluded on these terms would only advantage the aggressors who after imagining they could reach their goal in six months had discovered after two years it would never be attainable.

Regarding the future the reply declares that the innumerable enemy outrages against belligerents and neutrals demand penalties, reparation and guarantees of which Germany avoids all mention. These overtures are really nothing more than a calculated attempt to influence the future course of the war and finally to impose a German peace and also create dissension amongst the Allies and stiffen public opinion in Germany and her Allies, who are all severely tired by their losses and worn out economically and crushed by the supreme effort imposed upon them.

Another object is to deceive and in-

timidate neutrals and finally to justify a new series of crimes of submarine warfare, deportations, forced labour, and forced enlistment of inhabitants against their own countries and violations of neutrality.

Fully conscious of the gravity of the moment and equally conscious of its requirements the Allies, closely united one with another and in perfect sympathy with their peoples, refuse to consider a proposal which is empty and insincere.

Once again the Allies declare no peace is possible as long as they have not secured reparation for violated rights and liberties and recognition of the principle of nationalities and free existence of small states, and so long as they have not brought about the settlement and the calculated end once for all of the forces which have constituted a perpetual menace to the nations, and to afford the only effective guarantee to the future security of the world.

The reply concludes by dwelling on the enormity of Germany's offences against Belgium.

Harnessed Volcano.

The idea of harnessing volcanic energy in the service of man is old, but it has been practically carried out for the first time in an installation which has recently been erected near Volterra, in Central Italy. At this point there are cracks in the ground from which very hot steam spouts constantly. Bore-holes were first driven down and watched for long periods. They were found to discharge from 1,000 to 2,000 theoretical horse power per hour. Then it was decided to utilise the power.

Three turbine engines, of 15,000-horse power in all have been installed to use this steam in generating electricity at Larderello. The first started in January, the second in April, and the third within the past few days. Professor Luigi states in "Engineering" that the first two have been quite successful and have conferred a great boon on the people of Tuscany, especially now that coal is so dear.

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Extracts from A Diary of A Man in A Unit.

(Continued from Yesterday.)

August 30th. At 9.0 p.m. we were off again. At the railway we received steel helmets and mineral water, then we went along the railway where right and left dead were lying. When we had got half way the English attacked and a violent bombardment commenced. We all jumped into shell holes and sought cover. When it was over we proceeded; continuous artillery fire. About 12 o'clock we arrived and relieved the 4th Company. You could no longer recognise a trench, only one shell hole beside another. After we had divided up along the line we dug ourselves small holes in order to be safe from splinters. I lay down without cover in the trench, as the earth was falling in on top of me. During the day time we all had to take cover from aviators. I was dead tired, and in spite of the artillery fire lay down.

August 31st. At 10 o'clock under the leadership of our Lieutenant we went forward, manning each shell hole with 2 men. After going twice backwards and forwards our Lieutenant could not find the way. We were always running up against the 55th, who were lying on our right. Then our Lieutenant proposed we should go back into our former line. A Divisional and Regimental order is that we are to hold the village of Ginchy.

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To-day's Quotations.

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Bank Bills, demand	1/6 7/16
Bank Bills, 3 months' sight	—
PARIS—	
Bank Bills, demand	2.05
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NEW YORK—	
Bank Bills, demand U. S. A.	—
INDIA—	
Bank Bills, demand	Rs. 111 1/4
SINGAPORE—	
Bank Bills, demand	\$65 1/2
HONGKONG—	
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Boats leave Tha Chang Wang Luang landing a.m. 7.30, 8.30, 9.30, 10.30,	
11.30, and p.m. 1.00, 2.30, 3.30 4.30, and 5.30, daily.	
LINE 4—KLONG SAMRONG LOCK TO BANG HIA.	
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ROYAL STATE RAILWAYS.

(Broad Gauge Lines.)

TIME TABLE

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Yonina Arr.	7.33
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Lopburi Arr.
Chenakot Dep.
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Pak'pho Dep.
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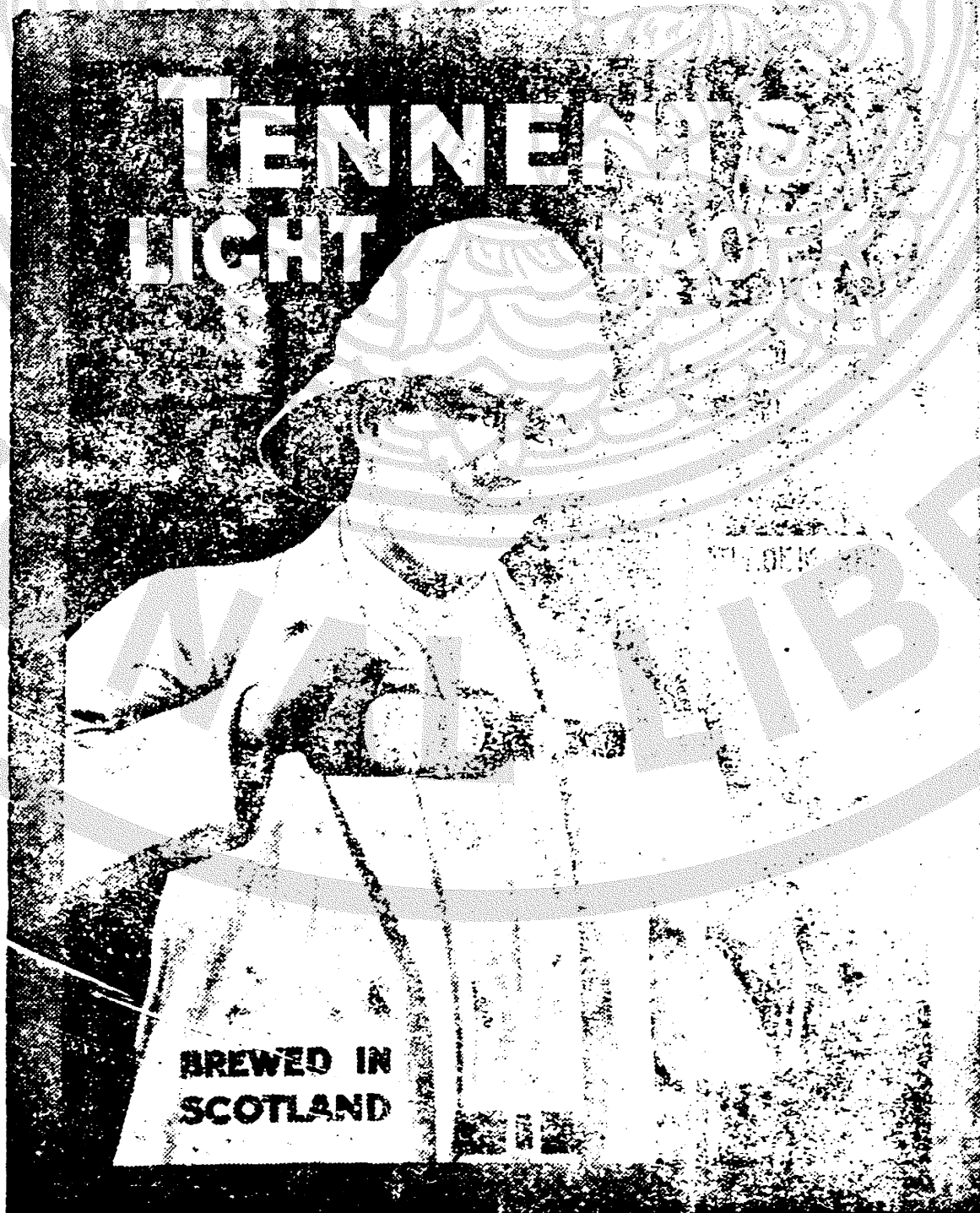
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