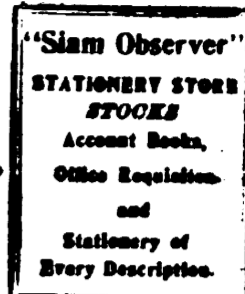


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A.M.				
Nov.	H. W.	Ft. & in.	L. W. (Approx.)	
1	6 00	14 4	...	...
2	7 00	14 5	1 0	6 0
3	7 09	14 10	1 0	6 0
4	8 00	14 8	1-2	6 0
5	9 00	14 7	2 3	6 7
6	10 00	14 5	2 3	6 7
7	10 00	14 1	3 4	6 7
8	11 00	14 0	4 0	7 0
9	...	...	5 0	7 0
10	...	...	5 0	7 0
11	...	...	7 3	7 8
12	2 00	11 8	9 10	7 8
13	3 00	12 2	9 10	7 8
14	4 00	12 4	10 12	7 8
15	4 30	14 4	10-12	7 8
16	5 00	15 0	...	...
17	7 00	15 6	1 0	7 0
18	7 30	15 7	1 0	7 0
19	8 30	15 4	1 2	6 7
20	9 00	15 4	2 3	6 7
21	10 00	14 9	3 4	6 7
22	...	...	4 5	6 7
23	...	...	4 5	6 7
24	...	...	5 6	6 7
25	1 00	11 0	7 8	7 8
26	2 00	12 3	...	...
27	3 00	12 11	...	...
28	4 00	13 8	...	...
29	5 00	14 7	...	...
30	6 00	15 2	...	...
31	...	...	...	...

Nov.	P. M.			
	H. W.	Ft. in.	L. W. (Approx.)	
1	6 00	14 7	...	...
2	6 00	14 2	1 0	7 0
3	6 30	13 11	...	...
4	7 00	13 8	...	...
5	7 00	13 4	...	...
6	7 00	13 4	...	...
7	7 00	13 4	...	...
8	...	...	...	...
9	2 00	14 2	...	...
10	2 30	14 2	...	...
11	3 00	14 4	...	...
12	3 00	14 7	...	...
13	3 30	14 11	...	...
14	4 00	14 6	11-12	7-8
15	4 00	14 6	11-12	7-8
16	4 30	14 5	12-0	7 0
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18	5 30	14 1	...	...
19	6 00	13 11	...	...
20	6 00	13 7	...	...
21	6 00	13 0	...	...
22	1 00	14 2	...	...
23	2 00	14 6	...	...
24	2 30	14 6	...	...
25	2 30	14 5	...	...
26	3 00	14 4	9-10	7 8
27	3 30	14 3	10-11	7 0
28	4 00	14 3	11-12	7 0
29	4 00	13 10	12-0	7 0
30	5 00	13 8	12-0	7 0
31	...	...	...	...

## PHASES OF THE MOON.

Nov. 6th (Last Quarter) 11 h 46 p.m.  
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## Paddy.

The condition and prospects of rice  
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already been reported on in the weekly  
report.

Mondol Chandaburi:—The area  
planted up to date is about 194,000 rai,  
the paddy is at most over 2 sok high,  
in better condition than last year. Kao  
Bao is heading.

Hill rice has been planted on about  
9,000 rai and is in good condition. In  
some places the crop is heading.

The price of paddy is 46 bahts per  
kwien and that of rice is 1.30 baht per  
tang.

Mondol Nagor Rajasima:—The area  
planted up to date is about 256,500 rai,  
the paddy is at a height of about 2 to  
3 sok, inferior to that of last year and  
some has been damaged by flood.

Hill rice has been planted on about  
600 rai and is doing well. The crop is  
beginning to head.

The price of paddy is 40 bahts per  
kwien.

Mondol Binnlok:—The area plant-  
ed up to date is about 630,000 rai, the  
paddy is at a height of about 1 to 3  
sok, in good condition, with the excep-  
tion of some damage in the low-lying  
districts due to flood. Kao Bao is be-  
ginning to head.

The total area under hill rice is  
about 6,000 rai, the crop is heading and  
harvesting is being done in some  
places.

The price of paddy is 36 bahts per  
kwien and that of rice is 1.25 baht per  
tang.

Mondol Maharashtra:—The area  
planted up to date is about 362,100 rai,  
the paddy is at most 2 sok high, doing  
well.

Hill rice has been planted on about  
14,300 rai, the crop is heading and  
harvesting is being handled.

The price of paddy is 51 bahts per  
kwien and that of rice is 1.50 baht per  
tang.

Mondol Bayab:—The area planted  
up to date is about 703,200 rai, the paddy  
is in good condition with the exception  
of about 26,400 rai which has been  
damaged by flood.

The total area under hill rice is about  
18,300 rai, the crop is heading and  
harvesting is being done.

The price of paddy is 60 bahts per  
kwien and that of rice is 1.62 baht per  
tang.

Mondol Uttara:—The area planted  
up to date is about 713,200 rai, the paddy  
is only partly good owing to  
deficient rainfall. The height is about  
1 to 2 sok.

The total area under hill rice is,  
about 15,900 rai, the crop is doing

fairly well, and heading.

The price of paddy is 45 bahts per  
kwien and that of rice is 1.25 baht per  
tang.

Mondol Roi Etch:—The area  
planted up to date is about 657,200 rai,  
the paddy is, at a height of about 1 to  
2 sok, only partly good and is inferior  
to that of last year.

The total area under hill rice is  
about 4,700 rai, the crop is in fair  
condition. Harvesting begins.

The price of paddy is 35 bahts per  
kwien.

Mondol Ubol:—The area planted up  
to date is about 801,600 rai, the paddy  
is about 1 sok to 3 sok high, in good  
condition with the exception of some  
damage in the low-lying districts due  
to flood.

Hill rice has been planted on about  
7,400 rai, the crop is heading.

The price of paddy is 2 bahts per  
picul.

Mondol Surashtra:—The area plant-  
ed up to date is about 93,600 rai, the  
paddy is in better condition than  
last year, about 1 to 2 sok in height.

Hill rice has been planted on about  
21,700 rai, the crop is heading in some  
places.

The price of paddy is 56 bahts per  
kwien and that of rice 1.28 bahts  
per tang. During this month about  
398 kwien of paddy were exported  
from Surashtra Dhani to Singapore.

Mondol Nagor Sridharmaraj:—The  
area planted up to date is about 72,100  
rai, the paddy is in good condition,  
about 1 1/2 sok in height.

Hill rice has been planted on about  
10,450 rai and is in good con-  
dition.

The price of paddy is 46 bahts per  
kwien and that of rice is 1.62 baht per  
tang. During the month of August  
about 931 kwien of the former and  
about 340 kwien of the latter were ex-  
ported from Nagor Sridharmaraj to  
Singapore.

Mondol Patani:—The area planted  
up to date is about 2,570 rai, the paddy  
is in good condition, about 1 to 2 kub  
in height.

Hill rice has been planted on about  
1,400 rai and is doing well.

The price of paddy is 62 bahts per  
kwien and that of rice is 2 bahts per  
tang.

Mondol Bhuket:—The area planted  
up to date is about 84,200 rai, the paddy  
is doing fairly well, about 1 to 2 sok in  
height.

Hill rice has been planted on about  
5,650 rai and is in fair condition.

The price of paddy is 1 baht per tang  
and that of rice 5.40 bahts.

## Cotton.

The area planted up to date in Mon-  
dol Nagor Rajasima is about 800 rai, in  
Mondol Binnlok 1,170 rai, in Mondol  
Maharashtra 400 rai, in Mondol Bayab  
1,350 rai, in Mondol Uttara 2,200 rai,  
in Mondol Roi Etch 3,150 rai, in Mon-  
dol Ubol 1,000 rai, and in Mondol  
Nagor Sridharmaraj 800 rai. The crop

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is, at a height of about 1 to 3 feet, doing well in Mondol Naga Rajasima, Banolok, Bayab, Uttara and Ubol, but doing only fairly well in Mondol Maharashtra Roi Etch and Nagor Sridharmaraj.

#### Tobacco.

The area planted up to date in Mondol Rajaburi is about 530 rai, in Changvade Prachin and Jolburi 230 rai, in Mondol Nagor Rajasima 880 rai and in Mondol Nagor Sridharmaraj 2,300 rai. The crop is doing satisfactorily in most parts, some harvesting has been done in Mondol Nagor Sridharmaraj.

Cut tobacco of first quality in Mondol Rajaburi is selling at 69 bahts per 100 muans (roll), second quality at 36 bahts and third quality at 20 bahts. One picul in Mondol Prachin obtains 40-45 bahts and in Mondol Nagor Sridharmaraj 60 bahts.

#### Pulse.

The area planted up to date is Mondol Rajaburi is about 1,100 rai, in Mondol Prachin 650 rai, in Mondol Chandaburi 130 rai, in Mondol Nagor Rajasima 720 rai, in Mondol Nagor Svarga 1,100 rai, in Mondol Binnulok 200 rai, in Mondol Maharashtra 210 rai, in Mondol Bayab 1,500 rai, in Mondol Uttara 700 rai, in Mondol Roi Etch 1,500 rai and in Mondol Ubol 300 rai. The crop is doing well in every Mondol heard from and is being harvested in Mondol Nagor Rajasima, Maharashtra, Bayab and Ubol.

The price of pulse in Mondol Rajaburi is 1.50 baht per tang, in Mondol Prachin 5 bahts per picul, in Mondol Chandaburi 3 bahts per tang, in Mondol Nagor Svarga 1.62 baht per tang and in Mondol Bayab 1 baht per picul.

#### Teel Seed.

The area planted up to date in Mondol Rajaburi is about 750 rai, in Mondol Prachin 160 rai, in Mondol Nagor Rajasima 460 rai, in Mondol Nagor Svarga 470 rai, in Mondol Binnulok 650 rai, in Mondol Bayab 1,500 rai, in Mondol Uttara 300 rai, in Mondol Roi Etch 200 rai and in Mondol Ubol 250 rai. The crop is in good condition in most Mondols and is being harvested.

The price of teel seed in Mondol Rajaburi and Nagor Svarga is 2 bahts per tang and in Mondol Prachin 1.25 baht. One picul in Mondol Bayab and Uttara obtains 12 and 10 bahts respectively.

#### Pepper.

There are about 13,620 rai in Mondol Chandaburi, 675 rai in Mondol Nagor Sridharmaraj and 200 rai in Changvade Krabi of Mondol Bhuket. The crop is doing satisfactorily, about

12,850 rai in Mondol Chandaburi and 620 rai in Mondol Nagor Sridharmaraj are in bearing. Reports have not yet been received from Changvade Trang and Satul.

The prices of black and white pepper in Mondol Chandaburi are 41-50 and 55 bahts per picul respectively. During this month about 1,000 piculs were exported from Chandaburi and Krat, out of which about 950 piculs came into Krung Deb.

#### Maize.

There are up to date about 150 rai in Dhanaburi, 2,500 rai in Mondol Krung Kao, 750 rai in Mondol Nagor Jaysri, 1,200 rai in Mondol Rajaburi, 600 rai in Mondol Prachin, 3,500 rai in Mondol Chandaburi, 780 rai in Mondol Nagor Rajasima, 2,760 rai in Mondol Nagor Svarga, 5,460 rai in Mondol Binnulok, 530 rai in Mondol Maharashtra, 3,310 rai in Mondol Bayab, 3,950 rai in Mondol Uttara, 3,150 rai in Mondol Roi Etch, 860 rai in Mondol Ubol, 3,200 rai in Mondol Sarashtra, 300 rai in Mondol Nagor Sridharmaraj and 600 rai in Mondol Pattani. The crop is doing well in most parts, harvesting has been completed in many Mondols.

The local price of maize in Dhanaburi is 10.30 bahts per 1,000 cobs, in Mondol Krung Kao and Nagor Jaysri 7.50 bahts, in Mondol Rajaburi 10 bahts, in Mondol Prachin 7.50-15 bahts, in Mondol Nagor Svarga 7 bahts and in Mondol Binnulok and Sarashtra 5 bahts. The price per cob in the other Mondols varies from 31 satangs in Mondol Maharashtra to 1 baht in Mondol Chandaburi and Nagor Sridharmaraj.

#### Coconut.

In Chongvade Rajaburi new plantings have been made on about 337 rai, in Mondol Chandaburi 24 rai, in Changvade Sarashtra and Jumbor 95 rai, in Mondol Pattani 443 rai and in Changvade Krabi and Bhanga 235 rai. Some damage was reported to have been done by beetles as usual, the crop is otherwise good.

The prices of dry coconuts per 100 in the various Mondols are as follows:—

Mondol Krung Kao 7 bahts, Mondol Rajaburi 6 bahts, Mondol Prachin 5.8 bahts, Mondol Chandaburi 6.75 bahts, Mondol Nagor Svarga 5.7 bahts, Mondol Maharashtra and Bayab 5 bahts, Mondol Ubol, Sarashtra and Pattani 3 bahts, Mondol Uttara 5.6 bahts and Mondol Bhuket 4 bahts. During this month about 402,800 nuts were exported from Sarashtra Dhaoi to Krung Deb.

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The management beg to tender, in advance, their sincere thanks to those who, from the kindness of their hearts, wish to pay an enhanced price for their seats.

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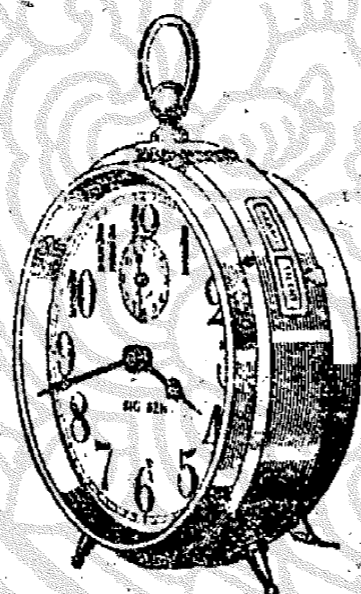
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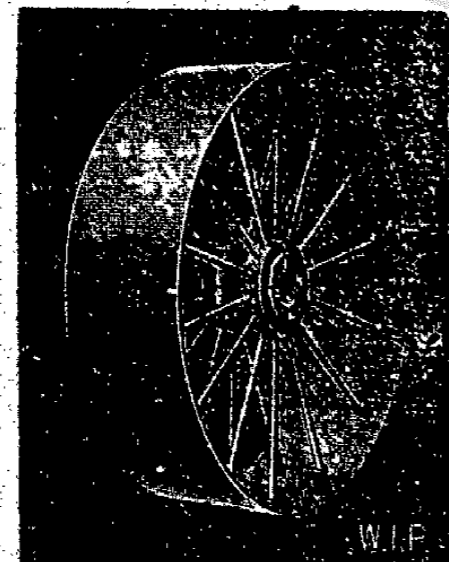


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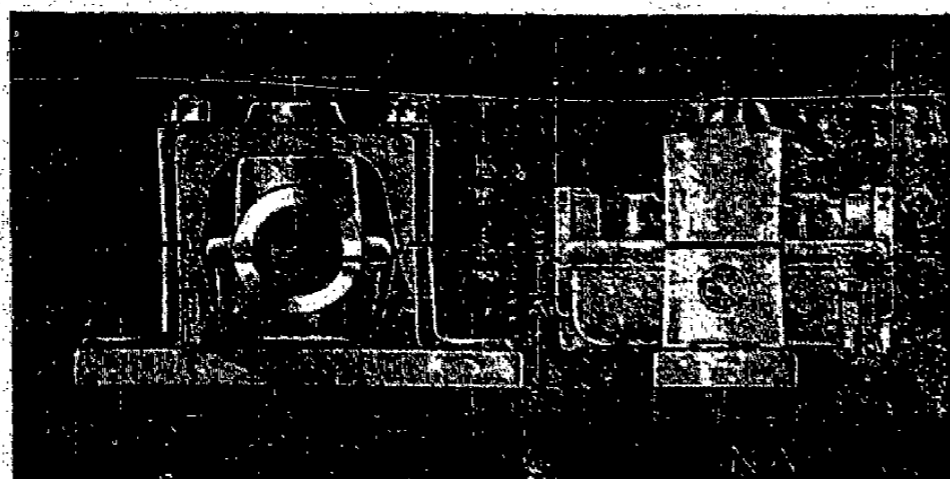
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**COMPULSORY EDUCATION  
IN INDIA.**

There is every likelihood that before many months compulsion in primary education will be enacted in the Bombay Presidency. A resolution was moved to this effect some months ago but was officially opposed on the ground that it would be unconstitutional for the Bombay Government to accept a resolution out of harmony with the published opinion of the Governor-General in Council. Since then however, the central authorities have sanctioned the introduction in the Bombay Legislature of a Bill permitting the municipalities of the Presidency other than that of Bombay City to adopt compulsion under various safeguards. Such permission marks a considerable forward step and one not inconsistent with the refusal definitely to accept a time limit for compulsion to be adopted throughout the whole of British India. The Bill applies only to a relatively small proportion of the 18½ million inhabitants of the British districts in the Presidency. Although, owing to its greater industrial development, Bombay has a larger urban population than almost any other part of India, 82 per cent. of the people live in villages. Of the urban dwellers, the million inhabitants of Bombay City are outside the scope of the Bill and the number of municipal areas that are affected by it is 156. The permissive powers granted are subjected to certain safeguards. Their exercise can only be undertaken by the vote of a two-thirds majority and with consent of Government. The provision made for giving effect to a notification of compulsion must be certified by the Education Department to be necessary and sufficient. The Local Government have power to cancel any such notification in the event of default by the municipality in any part of the requirement of the Act. The present cost of primary education in the Bombay Presidency is 12½ lakhs of rupees of which 5 lakhs are contributed by the Government which sum will no doubt be largely increased if the proposed system of compulsion comes into force. No definite proposal regarding the financial side of the question has yet been made but it is understood that any request for assistance from a municipality desirous of enforcing compulsion and unable to finance it would be sympathetically considered. This measure marks a turning point in the history of education in India, and already intimation has been given of the intention to introduce similar Bills in the Punjab and Madras Legislatures.

**LOCAL AND GENERAL**

THE s.s. *Katong* will leave from the Borneo Company's wharf at 4 a.m. sharp, on Saturday the 1st prox., and should arrive in Singapore on Tuesday daylight.

THE Members of the Teachers Institute will give a theatrical performance at the Pramothai Theatre on the 6th Dec. in aid of the Flood Relief Fund. For particulars vide advt.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Malay Peninsular main line is still imperfectly working between Nagor Sridhamaraj and Bangkok. Other lines are in good order.

SUPPOSED to have been stirred up by storms from the sea bed, over 20 hogsheds, each holding about 50 gallons of wine, were recovered recently by south-east coast fishermen in England.

MR. M. Briggs who some years ago was in charge of H.B.M. Legation jail joined the colours in 1914 in India. He went through much fighting in Belgium and in 1915 was sent to France from whence he writes to a friend in Bangkok. He belongs to the Royal Sussex Regiment.

LATEST ADVTS:—Whiteaway Laidlaw and Co., Ltd. the store for handkerchiefs, Barrow Brown and Co., Ltd. advertise transmission gear shafting, pulleys, bearings, belting etc. Benjamin A. Periera will sell the property of Mr. A. Kraft on 1st Dec. at Bang Kunprom.

**A New Business Venture.**

In another column will be found a lengthy advertisement relative to the introduction of a new industry into Siam. Messrs. S. Smith and Son, Ltd. have a wide reputation all over the world for watches and jewellery, silverware and scientific instruments. A Director of the parent Company, Mr. F. W. Margrett has already arrived in this city to assume the direction of the Siam Company. Mr. Margrett has had much experience in this country and in the adjacent States and he will be assisted by Mr. Frank Tatner, an old and popular resident of Bangkok, and a local Board. The aims and aspirations of the new Company are fully set out in the advertisement. Application for shares in the concern should be made on forms which may be obtained from the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and from the Offices of the Company at Maha Chai Road.

**Nippon Yusen Kaisha.**

With reference to paragraphs recently appearing in the local press, The Borneo Company state that the N.Y.K. inform them that until further notice all the European Auxiliary (Cargo) Steamers are to proceed via Panama instead of the Cape, on their voyages from Japan. They have heard nothing to the effect that there is any intention of changing the route of the regular European Passenger Steamers. It is interesting to note, however, that on account of the increased traffic in that direction, two of the newest European Line Steamers, s.s. "Fushimi Maru," and s.s. "Katori Maru" have been transferred to the Kobe-Seattle Service, being replaced, for the time being by s.s. "Shidzuoka Maru" and s.s. "Yokohama Maru."

**The Siamo-Chinese Co-Operative Club Flood Relief Fund.**

The Siamo-Chinese Co-operative Club has received the following contributions:—

Previously sent through the American Legation	Tcs. 2,000.00
Sent through the Ministry of Finance	" 1,000.00
Total Tcs.	3,000.00

**The British Flood Relief Fund.**

H. B. M. Minister acknowledges with many thanks the receipt of the following amounts:—

Chartered Bank of India etc.	Tcs. 1,250.00
W. A. R. Wood, (Chingmai)	" 50.00
Fook Long and Co.	" 20.00
R. J. Chaldecott (Nakawn Lampang)	" 50.00
P. A. R. Barron (Nakawn Lampang)	" 25.00
Previously acknowledged	" 31,078.09
Total Tcs.	32,473.09

PRINCE Tranak of Siam, cousin of the present King and nephew of the late King, visited the Central Criminal Court on 15th Oct. and occupied a seat on the Bench in the chief Court, where Mr. Justice Shearman was presiding. He subsequently took luncheon with the Sheriffs and the Commissioners of the Court.—Ex.

LIEUT. Col. Jean Kilpa who was discharged from the Russian Army owing to having received several wounds in the present war and who left Russia about six months ago is now in Bangkok.

MR. Frank Champion, a young American aviator, was killed during a fight at Koshi, in Western Japan, on Oct. 30. The young aviator made several successful flights in the morning at an average height of about 1,500 feet, during which he had looped the loop. In the afternoon he resumed his flights. When at a height of about 5,000 feet one of the planes suddenly broke in two and the machine fell like a lump of lead into a paddy field. When the spectators arrived on the scene they found the body of the dead aviator badly mangled. The body was immediately placed on a stretcher and taken to a near by hospital, to await cremation. The young man arrived in Japan in Dec. last, as mechanic to Miss Stimson, an American aviatrix, who gave a number of flights in Japan.

## THE Great War.

### Trouble in China.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Nov. 27.

Peking.—Lawlessness is increasing at Harbin where foreigners are being attacked and robbed. Consuls have intimated that if the authorities are unable to guarantee protection they will call for joint action from their respective governments, with a view to preserving the public safety of foreigners.

### American Ship sunk.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Nov. 27.

Twenty-one survivors from the American five thousand ton ship *Aetaco* torpedoed on Sunday, have been landed. Three boats with the remainder of the crew are missing.

### Indo-China and the War

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Nov. 27.

After a session of ten days the Council of the Government of Indo-China discussed the Budgets and plans of Administration. The Council voted unanimously the project of M. Sarraut concerning the constitution of the Indo-China Fleet. The Council requested M. Sarraut to express to the Government of the Republic their sentiments of ardent devotion and their unconditional resolution to utilise all their resources for the national defence.

### The Malvy Case.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Nov. 27.

The Commission has approved by 18 votes to 5 the report sending Malvy before the High Court. The Chamber will discuss the report on Nov. 28th.

### Enemy Activity.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Nov. 27.

In the East.—A recrudescence of enemy activity is reported from various points.

### The Inter-Allied Conference.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Nov. 27.

The Allied Ministers and the Delegates to the Inter-Allied Conference have arrived.

### President Monnier Replaced.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Nov. 27.

M. André, Counsellor of the Court of Cassation, has been appointed to replace President Monnier.

### Waste Products.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Nov. 27.

A decree requisitions waste matters and the waste products of factories.

### Treaty Violation.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Nov. 27.

Petrograd.—The representatives of the Allies have sent to General Donkhovine a protest against the violation of the Treaty of London by the Maximalists.

### Combatting Propaganda.

London, Nov. 23.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Fisher, in view of the effects of "bolshevism" in Russia and Italy and the steps being taken in France and America to deal with it, asked: Is the Government taking all possible steps in the same direction? Mr. Ponnifather asked: Have steps been taken to counteract German anti-British propaganda in Italy and bring home to the masses of Italy the truth regarding any matters represented? Mr. Bonar Law: The answer to both questions is in the affirmative.

## Russia and Peace.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, Nov. 28.

The Hungarian Premier has said that the condition in Russia is still so confused that it is impossible to say whether the peace party can be definitely in a position to attain its object. The Germans' preliminary conditions before entering pourparlers include the withdrawal of the Russians a hundred kilometres, the Germans holding their present positions.

### Italians Becoming Settled.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, Nov. 28.

It is stated that the Italian position is becoming settled.

### The Sea War.

#### Submarine Losses Rise.

London, Nov. 22.—The French official says there were 948 arrivals, 961 departures during the week. None sunk. One was unsuccessfully attacked.

The Italian official figures are 322 arrivals, 300 departures; one steamer over 1,600 tons sunk; another damaged and towed to port.

London, Nov. 21.—Admiralty: The arrivals during the week were 2531; sailings 2463. Ten vessels of over 1,600 tons and seven under were sunk. Two were unsuccessfully attacked.

London, Nov. 21.—Admiralty: A submarine torpedoed a British patrol vessel in the Mediterranean on Sunday. Four officers and five men were killed.

Amsterdam, Nov. 22.—It is announced in Berlin that the zone of the submarines, has been extended to meet the Entente's sharpened hunger blockade against neutrals chiefly by the establishment of a new barred zone around the Azores, which have become important hostile bases for Atlantic Navigation, and the closing of the channel to Greece hitherto left open in the Mediterranean.

London, Nov. 22.—A high naval authority has informed Reuter's Agency that the renewed activity of the U-boats was fully expected. The fact that only one ship was lost during the previous week was largely due to fortuitous circumstances. There is no reason at present to assume that there will be any decrease in the activity of submarines.

Reuter's correspondent describing the return of the naval forces from the Heligoland fight says that they came into port while the fleet was coaling and were received with tremendous cheers from the coal black crews. It was a most impressive scene as the grim, battle-scarred victorious force, the flagship leading, accompanied by destroyers, battlecruisers and others bearing marks of burnt paint from shell fire, with the muzzles of their guns uncovered and burned yellow and brown, telling of the fight, came in, one was with her mast heeling over and a slight drag in the water, suggesting a limp.

#### More Russian Muddling.

London, Nov. 22.—Wireless Russian Official: The council of the Peoples Commissaries in the name of the Government of the Russian Republic announce the deposal of Dukhonin, owing to his refusal to offer an armistice, and appointed Krylenko as Commander-in-Chief. It urges the soldiers to arrest the counter-revolutionary generals, preventing the lynch law which is unworthy of the revolutionary army. It invites the regiments at the front to elect plenipotentiaries immediately to begin peace pourparlers with the enemy.

## Cavalry in Action.

### Fine Sight in Tank Battle.

London, Nov. 22.—Mr. Percival Phillips at Headquarters says the troops are wonderfully inspired by the feel of firm earth and the sight of unbroken country and the consciousness that they have penetrated the Germans' strongest line. I saw to-day the finest picture I have seen in this war a steady stream of cavalry pouring across the battered Hindenburg line and six miles beyond. They were not the first to pass the barrier, for nearly twenty-four hours earlier a detachment of horse led the way across the enemy's trenches, cleared by the tank crews. Infantry and cavalry were in action from noon onwards among the hills and valleys skirting the Cambrai plain rounding up fugitives clearing up villages and steadily widening the salient. They rode down rearward columns and charged German batteries. One detachment galloped at two field batteries hidden in a hollow and sabred the gunners. It has been a cavalryman's day and this work is more talked about even than the tanks. When the latter advanced at dawn they were led by their Commanding Chief like an ancient king at the head of an armoured host flying his battle flag. They also had a battle-cry for the message went forth to every crew before the attack "we expect every tank to do its damndest."

#### Five German Divisions Crippled.

London, Nov. 22.—Mr. Perry Robinson at Headquarters says the chief trouble is that it has been raining torrents since noon on Tuesday. Nevertheless it is extraordinary to see hundreds of British aeroplanes working just over the tree tops. The German aeroplanes have not appeared so far. It is proved we have crippled five German divisions, one of which had just come from Russia. Our cavalry captured guns in the taken villages and held them till the infantry came up, notably the important villages of Marcoing and Masnières. There are tales of tanks which chased crews of heavy gun batteries round their own guns and captured the battery. We have penetrated so deep that we have liberated the entire civilian population of the villages, for the Germans were so surprised they did not dream of evacuating them.

London, Nov. 22.—The Lord Mayor, the Bishop of London, and other authorities interviewed favoured ball ringing and celebration of the victory.

#### German View of the Attack.

London, Nov. 22.—Wireless German Official: We repulsed English thrusts northward of Lens, southward of the Scarpe and in the neighbourhood of Rencourt. The battle to the southwest of Cambrai continues. The enemy failed to break through, gaining only a little ground beyond our front lines. We drove back the enemy to Anneux and Fontaine and forced a departure from their positions southward of Romilly. A wreckage of tanks lies on the whole battlefield.

#### Morant Counsels Patience.

Amsterdam, Nov. 23.—Major Morant in an article admonishes a "certain impatience and anxiety exhibited in Germany" as regards further progress on the Italian Front. He attributes the British perseverance to the freedom of the press comment and unrestricted treatment of strategic questions by some authorities, which strengthens trust in the British leadership and policy at home and in the Dominions. "I think we might learn therefrom." As regards the fall of Jerusalem, it is within the bounds of possibility.

THE stopping of shipping from Holland has had a noticeable effect on English food supplies. While only the smallest quantities of sugar, margarine, butter and bacon could be purchased during the weekends, it was almost impossible to buy tea. Long queues, recalling the potato queues of the spring, gathered outside the shops of grocers who had a little tea left at 4s. a lb. and upwards. Lord Rhonda attempts to meet the situation by calling for economy.

## Return of Flood Gauge Readings.

DATE 28th NOVEMBER, 2460.

Station	Highest level this year		Gauge reading at this date	Difference of level during preceding 48 hours in centimetres.		Remarks.
	Date	Level		Rise	Fall	
Wat Dahad	Oct. 18th	0.24	3.71	19 c.m.		Total fall from highest 3.47 metres.
Suphan	Nov. 1st	1.31	* 1.53	1 c.m.		Total fall from highest 22 c.m.
Krung Kao	" 5th	0.15 a.z.	.68	6 c.m.		Total fall from highest 38 c.m.
Saraburi	Oct. 23rd	6.83	13.72	10 c.m.		Total fall from highest 6.49 a.m.
Rang Sit	Nov. 5th	0.08 a.z.	.14	6 c.m.		Total fall from highest 49 c.m.
Bang Nok Kwak	" 17th	0.00		No Report		
Petrew	" 18th	0.15	.63			Subject to tidal influence

N. B.—Zero is at the top of the gauge. Hence "A. Z." indicates height of water above the gauge.

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### OBJECTS OF ISSUE.

The chief objects of this issue are to provide the necessary capital for establishing large and important works and show rooms at Bangkok, Siam, to develop the business of the Company in Siam, Straits Settlements, Malay Peninsula, Dutch East Indies, and to provide premises and the necessary working capital to establish the valuable sole agency in Siam of S. Smith & Sons (Motor Accessories), Ltd., which is one of the largest firms of Motor Accessories, Watch and Scientific Instrument Manufacturers in England, their factories covering of number a acres, with a total staff employed of over 2,000.

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The Company have secured the services as Managing Director of Mr. F. W. Margrett, a Director of S. Smith & Son, Limited, and for eight years their travelling representative in Siam and the Far East. Mr. Margrett is well known in Siam, and his experience in the Watch, Clock, Silversmiths and Jewellery business extending over 30 years, and special knowledge of the Siamese and Eastern requirements render him eminently suited for this position.

### MANUFACTURE.

The Directors intend to introduce the manufacture of European jewellery and gold and silver ware in Bangkok under European supervision, employing local labour, and anticipate that with the favourable local labour conditions they will be in a position to produce high class articles at a low figure which should secure a ready market in Siam and elsewhere. Residents in Bangkok and the East will readily appreciate the benefit of having these goods manufactured locally to their own special requirements and the economic advantage over imported goods.

### MANAGING DIRECTOR'S ESTIMATE OF PROFITS.

To the Directors of S. SMITH & SON (SIAM) LIMITED.

7th October, 1917.

DEAR SIRS,—I have carefully considered the question of the future prospects of S. Smith & Son (Siam) Limited, and from my past experience of the business I have actually done in Siam and with the additional facilities which will be afforded by a permanent establishment at Bangkok, together with the opportunities which offer by close commercial contact with the surrounding countries and cities, I anticipate that the Watch, Clock and Jewellery business with the additional turnover to be done in China, Glass, Motor Accessories, and general Importing and Merchant business, will produce a net profit of not less than £7,000 per annum.

I also anticipate an additional revenue will be derived from the local manufacture of European Jewellery and Silver Plate, as well as from the Company's repair department under efficient European control.

Yours faithfully,

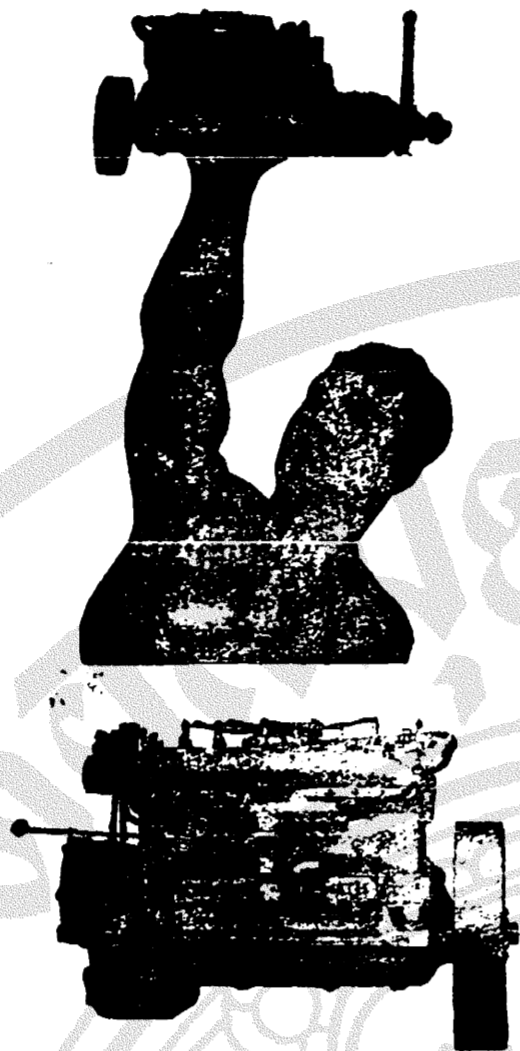
(Signed) F. W. MARGRETT.

It should be noted that the estimated profits above-mentioned are more than six times the amount required to pay the fixed Dividend on the Preference Shares and would provide a further substantial dividend in respect of their participating rights in the remaining surplus profits.

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## The Battle of the Tanks.

### Break in Hindenburg Line.

#### Reuter's Stories

London, Nov. 21.—Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters writes: Rarely has there been a more dramatic stroke in war than that dealt the Germans in our latest offensive. The great "impregnable" Hindenburg line has been penetrated at numerous points. It was primarily the tanks that did it. The Germans apparently did not suspect our intention to open suddenly a new scene of activities near the Somme and the attack was seemingly a complete surprise.

Care was taken to secure the greatest secrecy regarding the plans. Besides ordinary preparation for attack on a large scale, a fleet of tanks had to be brought up close to the line. Everything apparently was done without the smallest intimation reaching the enemy's ears.

This was a truly remarkable achievement reflecting the greatest credit on everybody concerned. One advantage of the sudden change of scene, apart from the element of surprise, was that in the region east of Bapaume the battle ground is fit for tanks. The soil is not much cut up by shellholes for the enemy evacuated this area last spring without fighting, and we never previously seriously attacked this section.

The ground was well covered with thick grass, making excellent going either for tanks or men. Moreover the enemy had not anything like the concentration of guns in this sector as he has around Ypres and Passchendaele. Many factors therefore were in our favour, if only the difficulty of maintaining secrecy could be overcome, so that the enemy could not mass guns and divisions against us. This secrecy as stated was secured.

On the other hand we had against us here the extremely formidable defences of the Hindenburg line which was the great barrier on which the enemy fell back when he retired last spring. The enemy has increased its strength continuously, since having made it, indeed, into a triple cordon of three separate trench systems. The Germans believed that they could hold up the armies of the world here.

#### Great Strength of the Position.

Along a large part of the central portion is a great tunnel with openings at frequent intervals, which make it unnecessary for the troops to move above ground, and keeps the garrison safe from the heaviest of gunfire. I believe that much of this tunnel is now ours. Each of the three lines was

protected with belts of especially stout wire in intricate patterns, all co-ordinate with the machine-guns, posts and strong redoubts, so that apparently the infantry could not approach any point without being swept by machine-gun fire.

On a considerable sector the tanks took care of that wire to day, and the infantry went through almost unscathed. Perhaps the most interesting part of the attack occurred between the vicinity of Havrincourt which was defended by the main Hindenburg line, and that of Gonnelleu. The latter village was behind our position. This is roughly the area between the big canals Du Nord and De l'Escant.

The rain, which had held off for a few days came down lightly on the morning of the attack, which was launched without a preliminary bombardment. The guns only started when the tanks advanced. The prisoners admit they were utterly surprised. As a matter of fact we caught a relief of enemy troops, which was going on in the course of ordinary routine. With good ground beneath them the tanks walked up to tiers of wire, trampling down the latter and raking the trenches with machine-guns until resistance ceased and the enemy fled to his dugouts.

The main Hindenburg trenches have been made especially wide for the express purpose of frustrating the tanks, but they are still not wide enough and the tanks rolled through or over every obstacle and the losses of the infantry behind are almost unprecedentedly light.

A later despatch from Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters has been delivered stating that at present at least five thousand prisoners have been taken. It has been raining hard for twenty-four hours. Nevertheless the troops and tanks are still pushing on. They are apparently around Maroing and penetrating in the direction of Noyelles. It is difficult to get details but this is certain, we have driven a wide wedge into the Hindenburg line. "I have just returned from a visit to positions captured, which are enormously strong. There is evidence everywhere that the enemy was taken unawares."

London, Nov. 21.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Bonar Law stated that Haig's latest attack was undoubtedly a very great success.

Later.—Mr. Bonar Law announced that eight thousand prisoners had now been counted including 180 officers. At one point we penetrated five miles behind the German lines. Several more villages have been captured.

#### Official Reports.

London, Nov. 21.—Field Marshal Haig: Between St. Quentin and the

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Scarpe the tanks broke through successive belts of wire of great depth and strength. The infantry followed and stormed the first defensive system of the Hindenburg line. The tanks and infantry pressed on and captured the Hindenburg support line for more than a mile beyond. There are several thousand prisoners and a number of guns were captured.

Yesterday morning the Third Army under General Sir Julian Byng delivered a number of attacks between St. Quentin and the Scarpe river. The attacks were carried out without previous artillery fire, completely surprising the enemy. Our troops broke into the enemy's positions to a depth of between four and five miles on a wide front. They captured several thousands of prisoners and a number of guns. The operations are continuing. At the hour for assault on the principal front of attack a large number of tanks moved forward in advance of the infantry and broke through successive belts of German wire of great depth and strength.

Following through the gaps made by the tanks English, Scottish, and Irish regiments swept over the outposts and storm the first defensive system of the Hindenburg line on the whole front. Infantry and tanks pressed on in accordance with programme and captured the second system of defence over a mile beyond known as the Hindenburg support line. East country troops took Bouvies Lateau wood after stiff fighting. English rifle regiments and light infantry captured la Vacquerie and also formidable defences on the spur known as Welsh ridge. Other English country troops stormed the village of Ribecourt and fought their way through Outlet wood.

Highland territorials crossed the Grand Ravine and entered Piesquieres where fierce fighting took place. The West Riding territorials captured Havrincourt and also trench systems north of the village. Ulster battalions covering the latter's left flank moved north up the west bank of the Canal du Nord. Later in the morning we continued our advance and rapidly progressed at all points. English, Scottish, Irish and Welsh secured crossings of the canal at Musnieres and captured Maroing Neuf wood. West Riding troops from Havrincourt remarkably progressed east of the Canal du Nord and stormed the villages of Cras court, and Annex co-operating with the Ulsters west of the canal. They carried the whole German line north to the Bapume Cambrai road.

West Lancashire territorials broke in positions east of Epehy. Irish troops captured important sections of the Hindenburg line between Bullecourt and Pontaine-lez-Croisilles. The number of prisoners, guns and material cannot yet be estimated. Fine dull weather favoured the preparation but it broke early yesterday with rain at night and is now stormy.

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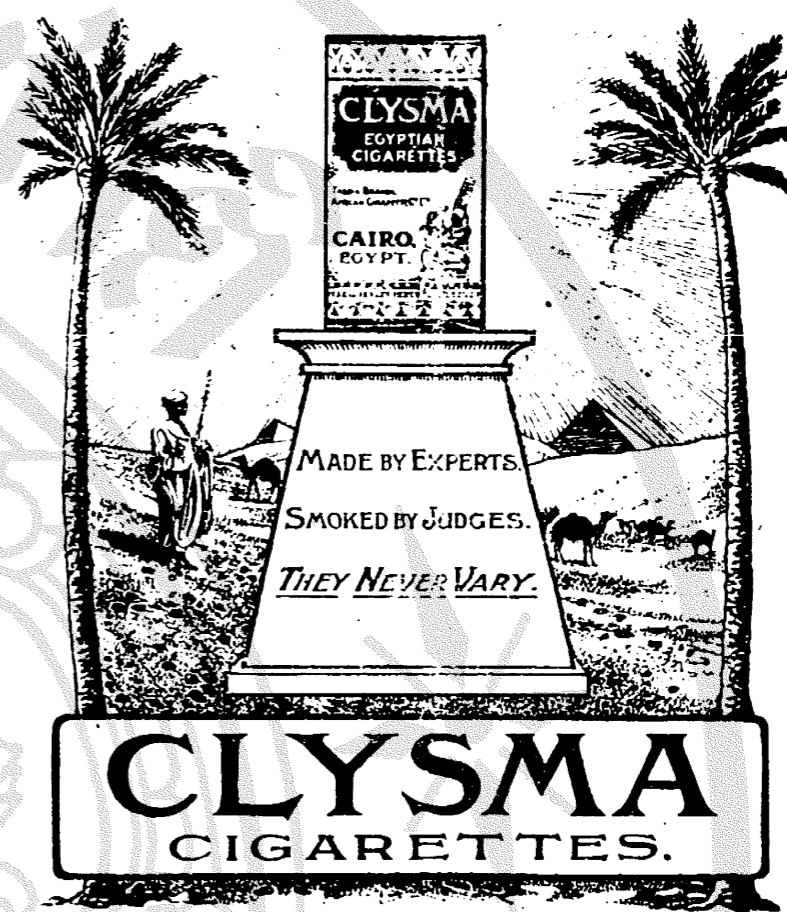
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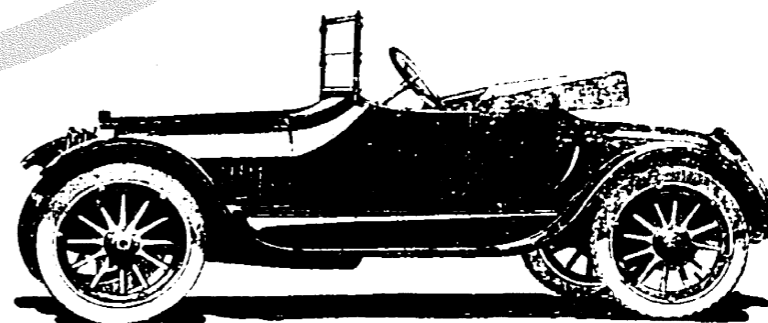
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**The Second Stage**

London, Nov. 22.—Field Marshal Haig: Important progress was made to-day west and southwest of Cambrai, despite continuous rain and reinforcements which the enemy hurled up to oppose the advance. They were driven out of a further series of villages and other fortified positions and many additions were made to the prisoners. The tanks again were of great assistance. We progressed on the right in the direction of Croisicourt sur les Court and captured northeast of Marnières a double line of trenches on the east bank of the Canal de l'Escaut, where there was sharp fighting and counter-attacks were driven off. The village of Noyelle de l'Escaut northward of Maroing was captured early this morning.

Here also there was heavy fighting, but counter-attacks were successfully repulsed. Scottish troops in the morning, moving northeast from Flesquieres, captured defensive lines southeast of Canting and later the village with 500 prisoners. They continued the advance and later established themselves upwards of five miles behind the former German front line.

The West Riding battalions northward of Aunou engaged the enemy south and southwest of Bourlon Wood. The Ulsters, farther west, crossed the Bapaume Cambrai road and entered Moenvers. Strong counter-attacks on the new positions in the neighbourhood of Bullecourt were defeated. The total of guns captured is not ascertained.

Official: (later)—There have been eight thousand prisoners counted including 180 officers.

Aviation: Our aeroplanes attempted to work all day long on Tuesday, in conjunction with the operations between St. Quentin and the Scarpe. There were low clouds, mist and a strong westerly wind with drizzle and occasional rain throughout the day. This necessitated the pilots flying fifty feet above the ground and even then at times they were quickly lost in mist. Their continual attempts to maintain contact with the advancing troops was rendered almost impossible by the weather. The enemy's batteries, lorries, aerodromes, transport and railways were bombed. Batteries and small groups of infantry were machine gunned and valuable information was gained. Only five hostile machines were seen on the battlefield. Eleven of ours were lost owing to the mist and the exceptionally low height at which they were compelled to fly.

London, Nov. 21.—Wireless German Official: The main English attacks under the protection of armoured cars strove to break through towards Cambrai. They succeeded in capturing

villages in the fighting zone, including Graincourt, Maroing and also a portion of the permanently established material. Our reserves arrested the thrust in rear of the positions. The enemy did not advance beyond our foremost line between Fovaine les Croisilles and Rincourt. His attack southward of Vanducille collapsed.

The Italian theatre is unchanged. London, Nov. 22.—Wireless German Official: The English since noon have re-attacked with strong forces southwest of Cambrai. Fighting continues. Strong French advances commenced this afternoon on the Craonne to Berry-au-Bac front.

Paris, Nov. 22.—Le Temps states that the British offensive extends on a front of sixty kilometres and was launched at 6.30 o'clock in the morning. The scene was extraordinary owing to a dense fog, which magnified the fantastic weirdness of the tanks inspiring the enemy with awe. No enemy aeroplane or balloon was seen

throughout the day, consequently the enemy guns were ignorant of the whereabouts of the British batteries and fired in the air wildly, merely wasting ammunition.

**General Wire News.**

London, Nov. 21.—The cotton spinners have declined their employers' offer of ten per cent. on Dec. 16 and a further ten per cent. advance on March 16. The Cotton Control Board announces the arrival at Liverpool of 1,809,000 bales of American cotton not included in the recent census. The supplies of Britain have thus been increased by this amount.

London, Nov. 22.—The Report of the Committee appointed in 1913 to advise the Board of Trade on the work of the commercial intelligence branch states it has been decided to appoint

three trade commissioners for Canada at Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg respectively, two for Australia at Melbourne and Sydney, two for South Africa at Cape Town and Johannesburg, two for India at Calcutta and Bombay, one for New Zealand at Wellington, one for the Straits Settlements at Singapore, one for the West Indies at Trinidad. Other posts will be created as opportunity arises. The scheme generally agrees with the recommendations of the Dominions Royal Commission. The Treasury has sanctioned the immediate inception of the scheme.

Paris, Nov. 22.—A new war committee has been established with M. Poincaré presiding, composed of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Marine, Munitions and Blockade. It will be charged with the duty of directing war policy.

London, Nov. 22.—Mr. Allen, Unionist, has been returned unopposed for North Antrim.

London, Nov. 21.—The silver market is quiet.

London, Nov. 23.—Field Marshal Haig says the day was spent on the southern battlefield in consolidating the large area wherever we had advanced in the last two days. This was successfully carried out except at Fontaine Notre Dame which the enemy had retaken by a counterattack. Much credit is due to the transportation services for the rapid concentration in recent operations. Roads, railways, broad gauge and light, were developed and have since the advance extended in a manner which contributed largely to the success of the preparations and subsequent operations. Artillery fire on the northern battlefield is intense in the neighbourhood of Passchendaele but there has been no infantry action on either side.

Petrograd, Nov. 23.—Krylenko, the new Russian Generalissimo is a subaltern. The Petrograd Congress is transferring Maximilian intervention. The Committees at the front are taking the initiative in the formation of a new government representative of all socialists. Trotsky announces his intention of publishing Russian secret diplomatic correspondence which is in his possession.

Paris, Nov. 23.—Colonel House of the American mission has arrived.

Amsterdam, Nov. 23.—The German newspapers anticipate great results from the extension of the submarine zone, which they describe as the answer to the foolhardy utterance of Mr. Lloyd George that "he was no longer afraid of the submarine menace." The Dutch press fears the extension will entirely isolate Holland on the west and ruin her fisheries.

London, Nov. 23.—Field Marshal Haig reporting on aviation says further details show that Tuesday's attack, on an infantry transport by low flying pilots including pilots of the Australian squadrons was most successful. The weather on Wednesday was even more unsuitable for flying than on Tuesday but successful reconnaissances of the enemy lines of communication were carried out and every endeavour made to keep touch with our infantry.

London, Nov. 21.—In the House of Commons an amendment to the Electoral Reform Bill was adopted by 209 votes to 171, disenfranchising conscientious objectors.

London, Nov. 22.—The Food Controller has prohibited the sale or use of cream between Dec. 8 and April 30 for luxury purposes.

London, Nov. 18.—A Gazette orders the transfer to the Treasury of the Royal Dutch Petroleum Company shares at the rate of fifty-one pounds sterling per hundred florin share.



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