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FOR AUGUST 1918.

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

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

PHASES OF THE MOON.

Aug. 7th New Moon 3 h 12 m a.m.
15th First Quarter 5 h 58 m a.m.
22nd Full Moon 11 h 44 m a.m.
29th Last Quarter 2 h 9 m a.m.

Bleeding Rumania.

The full extent of the monstrous
German depredations in Rumania is
only gradually becoming clear. The
"economic oppression" which the
Reichstag hypocritically repudiated
last year have been carefully wrapped
up in long and obscure treaties, and
hitherto the most obvious fact has
been that the German industrialists
and financiers have taken practical
control of the whole petroleum indus-
try. The various supplementary treat-
ies and agreements have not yet been
appreciated in all their perfection.
They may best be understood from a
long and admiring summary supplied
by the *Frankfurter Zeitung* recently
by its Berlin Correspondent. He
unmistakenly observes that German in-
terests have been "secured in far
reaching measure"—as far, indeed, as
is compatible with the benevolent
determination that the "economic in-
dependence" of Rumania shall not be
destroyed.

It will be remembered that the Cen-
tral Powers have given special attention
to the domination of the Danube. It
now appears that they are setting up a
so-called Montha of the Danube Com-
mission in place of the International
Commission, and that they have already
settled all questions of shipping dues
in a manner that accords with Ger-
man interests. Germany and Aus-
tria-Hungary have secured to them-
selves on principle complete equality
with Rumania on the Danube, and the
summary adds—

Care has been taken that our ship-
ping companies in Rumania shall
always find suitable landing-places and
harbour establishments. During the
war our military administration has
in great part extended and improved
the shipping establishments on the
Danube. Our shipping companies will
continue to use these improved estab-
lishments, and after the lapse of a
certain time, when the establishments
have again become Rumanian prop-
erty, the shipping companies of the
Central Powers will retain the per-
manent right to use them without any
restrictions.

Fiscal Tyranny.

The fiscal domination of Rumania is
made complete. Not only is Rumania,
like Bolshevik Russia and the Ukraine,
deprived of all power to make com-
mercial treaties on her own account,
because she is compelled to give most-
favoured-nation treatment to Germany
and Austria without regard to any

arrangements which they make among
themselves, but Rumania is forbidden
to raise revenue from export duties on
petroleum. In the next place, the
Germans have secured the right to buy
up land in Rumania to almost any ex-
tent they please. In the towns there
will be no difference as regards ac-
quisition of property between Ruman-
ians and Germans. In the country
Germans and German companies are to
be granted leases of 30 years, with the
right of renewal up to 60 or 90 years.

Rumania has been compelled to
renew and to extend until 1930 the
commercial treaty of 1905, and even so,
as the *Frankfurter Zeitung* observes,
"the commercial treaty has in impor-
tant respects been modified in our
favour." The writer cheerfully ex-
plains:—

Rumania has been tied down to her
fixed tariff rates, so that she is not able
to raise her duties as long as the com-
mercial treaty remains in force. We,
on the other hand, in spite of the
renewal of the commercial treaty, have
reserved to ourselves complete free-
dom of action as regards a whole series
of tariff questions. Thus Rumania is
bound one-sidedly in our favour.

It is then explained that—"a matter
of extraordinary importance"—Rumania
has also had to tie herself down con-
cerning export duties:—

General provision is made that Ru-
mania shall not prevent, or seriously
hamper, the purchase of her products
by excessive export duties. On a basis
of reciprocity we have agreed that we
also during the duration of the com-
mercial treaty—that is to say, until the
year 1930—will not introduce any ex-
port duties on machinery, tools, raw
iron, copper, vitriol, sulphuric acid, and
soda. We were able to make this con-
cession because nobody in Germany
has any intention of imposing any such
export duties. The Rumanians desired
that we should also give them an as-
surance that we will not impose any
export duties on coal. That was re-
fused by our negotiators, so that we
have an entirely free hand in the treat-
ment of this raw product, which will
be especially important in the time of
peace.

Control of Railways.

Germany has also secured control of
the Rumanian railways, all the postal
and telegraphic rights that she wants,
and a shipbuilding yard on the Danube.
Under the pretence of supplying the
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		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 Greng	"	6.40	9.40	12.55	3.55	Klong Toi	"	8.00	11.00	2.15	5.15
Chorakhe	"	6.45	9.45	1.00	4.00	*Ban Kluei	"	8.05	11.05	2.20	5.20
*Samrong	"	6.50	9.50	1.05	4.05	Prakonong	"	8.10	11.10	2.25	5.25
Bangna	"	6.55	9.55	1.10	4.10	Bangdjak	"	8.15	11.15	2.30	5.30
Bangdjak	"	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 Greng	"	8.35	11.35	2.50	6.00
Sala Deng	"	7.23	10.23	1.38	4.38	*Maha Wong	"	8.40	11.40	2.55	5.50
Bangkok	Arr.	7.30	10.30	1.45	4.45	Paknam	Arr.	8.45	11.45	3.00	5.55

*Trains stop only at the request of passengers.
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manent right to "supervise" the railways. The writer says:—

A representative of the German Railway Administration will be stationed in Rumania. This representative will supervise the materials supplied by us and the employment of the material in our interest (sic); moreover, he must at all times be supplied by the Rumanian Railway Administration with information concerning interruptions of traffic throughout the whole Rumanian railway system. Railway rates have been settled in our favour. The rates have been fixed at a certain figure, so that Rumania is not able to our disadvantage to obtain revenue from the Rumanian railways.

A special postal treaty has been imposed and Germany has secured permanent telegraphic communication with Turkey via Rumania, and also the right to make the fullest use of all telegraphs in Rumania. Germany has secured, until the year 1950, a cable station on what remains of the Rumanian coast. She has also secured for 40 years a shipbuilding yard on the Danube, the construction of which is said to have been begun by the German Army Administration during the war.

Monopoly of "Surplus" Food.

Finally—in so far as anything is final in such a scheme—the permanent exploitation of Rumanian food supplies is explained as follows:

The economic supplementary treaty deals with the surplus supplies of Rumanian corn and other foods; they are promised to the Central Powers for a period of two years by a firm contract of purchase. For the following seven years the Central Powers are given an option. Year by year they can declare whether they claim for themselves Rumania's surplus production.

This treaty is of special importance for the time after the war, when there will still be a shortage of food throughout Europe, and when we shall thus have a guarantee that Rumania's surplus supplies will be at the disposal of the Central Powers alone, and of no other country. The prices which are to be paid in Rumania for the corn are undoubtedly high, but we agree to these high prices in order to stimulate production. Moreover, the prices are fixed in Rumanian currency, and it is not to be expected that the price of Rumanian paper currency after the war will be more favourable than German currency.

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A Fatal Accident.

London, July 31.—At the inquest on Lord Lichfield, the verdict returned was one of accidental death from a gunshot wound while duck shooting.

Lansdowne's Obsession.

London, July 31.—Lord Lansdowne, in a further letter, contends that the war cannot be ended by a knock-out blow. He does not affirm positively that a preliminary agreement upon essential points and profitable conversations are in prospect at present but he says there are abundant indications that such occasions may arise in the near future, when we should be prepared to meet them in a reasonable spirit. He agrees, however, that sooner than accept a dishonourable peace, we should be ready to fight to the end.

London, July 31.—In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. Lees Smith, Mr. Balfour stated that no enemy Government had approached the Government regarding peace.

Rainfall.

We have received the following telegraphic reports of rainfall from the Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Lands and Agriculture.

KRUNG DEH.		
At Nondaburi	Aug. 1	2.5 mm.
.. Min. of L. & A.	3	2.9 ..
.. Min. of L. & A.	4	10.9 ..
.. Samudrakar	4	3.9 ..

MONDOL KRUNG KAO.		
At Ayudhya	Aug. 1	3.0 ..
.. Saraburi	1	31.4 ..
.. Dhanuburi	2	16.0 ..
.. Ayudhya	2	2.0 ..
.. Angthong	2	7.8 ..
.. Singhaburi	2	3.9 ..
.. Lobburi	2	7.1 ..

MONDOL NAGOR JAYSRI.		
At Samudra Sagor	Aug. 2	0.7 ..
.. Nagor Pathom	3	8.0 ..
.. Nagor Pathom	4	14.1 ..

MONDOL RAJABURI.		
At Rajaburi	Aug. 1	1.6 ..
.. Rajaburi	2	3.5 ..

MONDOL PRACHIN.		
At Prachin	Aug. 1	25.9 ..
.. Nagor Nayok	1	32.0 ..
.. Prachin	2	16.2 ..
.. Nagor Nayok	2	11.5 ..

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Local Sanitary Department.
2nd August, 1918.

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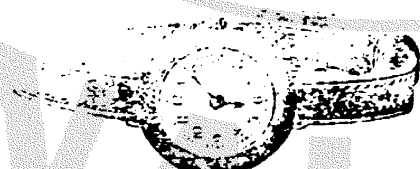
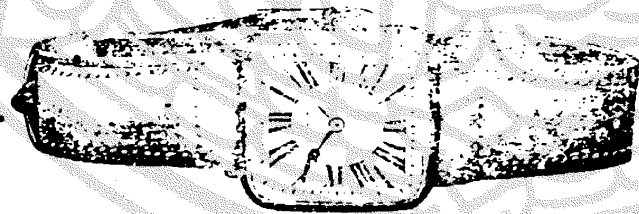
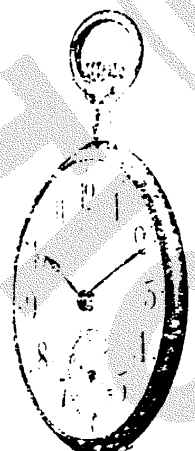
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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7, 1918.

THE OPIUM PROBLEM IN CHINA.

According to the *Far Eastern Review* the opium question has again become very acute in China where, owing to the action of certain officials, the work of ten years' suppression of the opium trade has been nullified. When the opium trade was closed last year according to the terms of the treaty with Great Britain an effort was made by a group of Chinese officials to purchase from the Opium Combine the residue of the stocks held in bond by the Maritime Customs. These officials suggested that the drug should be made into pills and be administered to smokers in the various opium refuges to be found throughout the country but a little investigation proved that the tentative agreements entered into between the officials and the Combine were designed to net large profits to an official clique and, becoming known, the whole scheme was held up to execration in the vernacular press. Such an outcry was raised that the scheme which had been signed were not cancelled; they were only pigeon-holed.

On June 11th, according to the *North-China Daily News*, the Ministry of Finance, representing the Government, signed an agreement with the Opium Combine in Shanghai in which the Government pledged itself to reduce the Combine of 1,576 chests of Indian opium at the rate of Tls. 6,200 per chest. Later it was reported that the Government had entered into an agreement with a new opium syndicate composed of high Peking officials and Cantonese merchants by virtue of which the 1,576 chests of opium were turned over to the syndicate at Tls. 8,000 a chest. The result of this deal seems to be that the opium trade in China is to be revived again under the aegis of the Government.

There is no need to dwell on the character of this purchase for the evil effects of the abuse of opium are only too well known to all who have lived in China, the Straits and adjoining countries. The International Opium Commission which met in 1909 at the instance of the American Government brought forward such overwhelming evidence of the evils caused by this drug that quibblers were effectively silenced and the iniquity of the opium traffic in China universally conceded. Many of the strongest opponents of the opium made have been Britishers who have insisted that the annual importation of thousands of cases of opium into China was not only a discredit to the British Empire but that it seriously damaged British prestige in China. The Manchou Imperial Family was opposed both to the growth and importation of the drug and it was this opposition communicated tactlessly by bungling officials that brought about what is called the Opium War with Britain. Among the Chinese themselves there has always been strong opposition to

the traffic in and cultivation of opium and had it not been for unscrupulous officials who found profit in the exploitation of the vices of the masses the trade would never have been carried on so long.

China has had many troubles and in most of these she has relied upon the sympathy of the West to come to her support but the present Government has done much to alienate Occidental sympathy and nothing can possibly detract so much from China's reputation abroad as a revival of the opium trade.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Mr. F. Osborne has arrived to take up a position in the Office of the R. A. T. C.

The s.s. *Katong*, *Pinsamud*, *Donaamud* and *Yugala* have arrived from Singapore with 118 bags of mail. The *Krat* is also in from the coast.

The Post and Telegraph Department reports that Malay Peninsula main line is still in good order as far as Jumbur. Other lines are all right.

The s.s. *Katong* will leave from the Borneo Company's wharf at 4 p.m. sharp, on Friday the 9th inst., and should arrive in Singapore on Tuesday morning.

We would call the attention of the Postal Authorities to the fact that several items of mail matter plainly addressed to the Oriental Store and the Wing Yuen firm were delivered at our office to-day.

From the Director-General of Customs we have received a report on the Foreign Trade and Navigation of the Port of Bangkok for the years 1916-17 and 1917-18. Some extracts will be found in another column.

The following passengers arrived last night by the s.s. *Katong*:- Messrs. H. C. Spence, J. Cochrane, F. Osborne, E. W. Townsend, H. Awayama, M. Nizokami, Khoo Ngo Chin, Hwong-Ting and Goh Choo Kaw.

The premises opposite the Race Course, Shanghai, formerly occupied by the American Women's Exchange, are undergoing alterations to transform them into a Naval Club, which is being fitted up at the expense of the Shanghai Race Club.

As indicative of the changed state of affairs in Vladivostok, a telegram recently handed in at that port arrived in Shanghai the same day, a thing which our correspondent has not experienced for over a year past, says a Shanghai contemporary.

The Chinese Government has notified the British Legation that it agrees to pay in full claims amounting to \$2,000 in connexion with the attack on the Asiatic Petroleum Co.'s vessel *Anfan*, in the course of which Capt. Carley was killed.

Bangkok's Foreign Trade.

The following figures are taken from the Trade and Navigation Report for the years 1916-17, 1917-18 issued by the Customs.

Imports for 1917-18 Total:-Tos. 97,077,618.
Exports for 1917-18 Total:-Tos. 123,795,048.

Of the exports rice accounted for Tos. 97,861,658 and teak Tos. 5,506,968 while of the imports duty at 8 per cent. was paid on Tos. 85,798,440.

In 1916-17 goods were imported from Austria-Hungary to the value of Tos. 1,108 and in 1917-18, Tos. 6,037 the exports for those years being nil. From Germany in 1916-17 goods to the value of Tos. 40,596 were imported but the exports were nil as were both imports and exports for 1917-18.

Among imports, goods from the United Kingdom reached a total of Tos. 18,478,012; from Hongkong, Tos. 17,447,836; from Singapore, Tos. 16,559,010; India, Tos. 15,569,980, an increase of nearly 4 1/2 million ticals over the previous year. It is interesting to observe that imports from Japan have risen from Tos. 5,888,324, in 1916-17 to Tos. 7,480,735 in 1917-18.

Goods to the value of Tos. 66,681,989 were exported to Singapore; to the value of 40,022,265 to Hongkong and Tos. 4,775,017 to the United Kingdom all for 1917-18. Exports to India for the same year rose Tos. 1 1/2 millions while those to Japan increased almost exactly 100 per cent.

During 1917-18, 818 saloon and 39,418 deck passengers entered the port the latter being mostly Chinese coolies. The same year 869 saloon and 37,268 deck passengers departed, the latter being mostly Chinese coolies returning home.

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(Havas Telegram)

Paris, Aug. 5.

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Our light elements on the right bank of the Vesle have everywhere shattered the resistance of the enemy.

We crossed the Aves between Castel-Meunil and St. George and constrained the Germans to abandon positions rendered untenable.

We have taken Branches and Hargicourt.

The journals state that the army in combats on the Oise have captured a thousand guns.

Japanese Division Embarks.

(Havas Telegram)

Paris, Aug. 5.

Tokio:—The first Japanese Division has embarked for Vladivostok.

The Big Gun Again.

(Havas Telegram)

Paris, Aug. 5.

The bombardment of the Paris region by the big gun has recommenced.

Bonds and Coupons.

(Notice from Italian Legation.)

The Italian Government has recently issued a Decree to the effect that no bonds or coupons of the Italian Public Debt or any other shares or Securities or their coupons whether of the State or of Commercial companies or other concerns established in the Kingdom and its Colonies can be introduced into Italy and her Colonies unless accompanied by the owner's declaration, duly legalized by the Italian Consular Authorities, specifying the nature of the bonds, the owner's name, domicile, nationality, and birth place and testifying upon his honour that the bonds have never been wholly or partly owned by a subject of enemy States or their Allies or by persons or as concerns established in such countries, from 24th May, 1915.

Bonds of the National War Loans are exempt from the above formalities. The declaration above mentioned is also requested when forwarding to the Kingdom and its Colonies bonds or their coupons issued by, or payable in, a State allied to Italy as from the date of the entry of such State into the war.

Securities forwarded without complying with such regulations will be returned to the sender at his own risk and expense, provided the bona fides of the latter be clearly proved.

In case of doubt or when the above mentioned formalities have not been complied with, the securities will be held up pending inquiries.

In case of false declarations or when the securities are proved to have belonged to enemy subjects after the above mentioned dates they will be confiscated.

The Italian Government cannot at present foretell on what conditions, after the conclusion of peace, the introduction into the Kingdom and its Colonies of the above bonds and their coupons will be allowed, and they take no responsibility as to the consequences which might arise in the case of persons residing in neutral countries who buy such bonds from a subject of an enemy State or from a person residing in a country now at war with Italy.

OWING to the impossibility of importing spinning machines from Britain into Japan, orders have been placed with America for about 260,000 spindles of which over 70,000 have already been delivered. The balance will be delivered in the course of this year.

AN escaped German, who was challenged by a butcher's boy near Douglas, Isle of Man, attempted to run away, but was pursued and stopped by the boy's sheep-dog. Obeying its master's commands, the dog kept on the German's heels till the boy, George Cannon, had completed his round, when boy and dog escorted the German to the police station.

Football.

The ground was in a very fair condition yesterday when the Military and Naval Cadets met in the contest for the Senior Cup at the Swan Kularb grounds. A large crowd was present to witness the proceedings and shortly after H. E. Phya Prasiddhi Subbakara arrived the game commenced. From the kick off the Military left wing brought up and passed to Kham who had no difficulty in netting. The Naval Cadets seemed to make no determined efforts at checking the onslaughts of their opponents and their goal was threatened many a time but the goalkeeper gave a fine account of himself and kept the ball from entering. Both forward lines worked well after this and some good clearances which brought forth loud applause were made by Thanorn and Vichien, the very useful full backs of the two teams.

At the beginning of the second half the Military were leading by one goal and a very exciting bit of play was brought about when the Navy Cadets brought up many times in succession but through erratic shooting the ball did not find its mark. The right extreme of the Navy Cadets received the ball several times at close range and hopelessly failed in its attempts to act. After fifteen minutes play the Military from a corner kick headed in and scored their second goal. No more goals were scored although on the whole the Navy had as many chances of scoring as the Military.

To-day the Palace Guards will play the Central Students and Teachers at the Swan Kularb grounds and the Chulalongkorn University meets the Opium Department at the Wild Tiger Club grounds for the Junior Cup.

Germans Shaky.

Retreat May Yet be A Great Disaster.

Paris, July 29.—The German retreat is in full swing all along the line. The enemy is pressing north. Breaking the rearward resistance, General Foch's victorious troops crossed the Ourcq yesterday and occupied Fere-en-Tardenois, the very important road junction.

Ever since the beginning of the German retreat, the tanks have done remarkable work. After breaking in the enemy front lines and preparing the way for the advance of the infantry, the tanks, throughout, continued to exploit the success gained. Some even attacked the enemy artillery batteries and killed all the gunners, thus permitting the advancing infantry to capture many guns.

The Germans, by retreating from the Marne, admit the collapse of the gigantic offensive which opened on July 15. This was to have cut the French armies in two, and to be followed by an advance on Paris. In it a million men were employed by the enemy.

In whatever way Ludendorff explains this retreat to the German public, it was imposed upon him by the victorious pressure of the Allied forces operating between Soissons and Rheims. The order had been given to the German troops to resist at all costs. The high command attached great importance to keeping the supporting positions on the river Marne, which would have enabled them eventually to set up a fresh attack from a strong starting point. Evidence of this is to be found in the following document discovered on an officer prisoner belonging to the 42nd Infantry division: "Positions north of the river must be defended and kept at all costs. Every position abandoned will be immediately recaptured. The high command attaches the greatest importance to the possession of the heights commanding the passages of the Marne."

The Germans Alarmed.

Paris, July 30.—The Germans yesterday threw in troops from their best regiments to dispute the ground with the Allied tide. Violent counterattacks were made along the whole front north of the Marne, but the Allied forces surged forward and made very important captures of ground. It seems as if during the last few days, the Allies have been driving ahead too fast for the Germans, who have had no time for carrying out their plans for destroying stores and constructing new defences. This revival of desperate resistance is probably due to a desire to gain time for better execution of the measures necessary to protect their retreat, but the Allied armies prove stronger and impose their will.

Amsterdam, July 30.—A Berlin semi-official states: The removal of our front in the neighbourhood of Fere-en-Tardenois and Ville-en-Tardenois was carried out during the night only after the thorough destruction of everything likely to be useful to the enemy, who at first did not observe it.

The Daily Express correspondent

at the Hague wires that the German newspapers are painfully endeavouring to convince the public that everything is going well. They take the line that the object of the offensive was not to gain ground but to destroy the enemy forces. When this proved impossible, the attack was stopped, in order to spare the troops, while the enemy was allowed to sacrifice his troops without result.

The newspapers refer to the "ungrateful" attacks upon Hindenburg, whereas Ludendorff is not criticised. Apparently Headquarters is divided into two parties.

May Go Beyond the Vesle.

London, July 30.—The capture of the formidable Butte de Chateau, where once it was expected that the Germans would be able to make a stand, shows that the German retreat is no longer a retreat. It is now even doubtful whether the enemy will be able to hold the Vesle line, for the Allied pressure on the two pivots of defence, namely, south of Soissons and south of Rheims, is increasing. In this connection, the communiques mention the Soissons-Buzancy road of Soissons, which is interesting as showing that the British are now engaged on the western as well as on the eastern side of the salient. Should this pivot de position go, there is still the possibility of the retreat becoming a disaster. Hence the Germans are desperately defending the triangular position between Soissons, Quincy and Buzancy. General Mangin is hammering from the west, while General Dugontie is advancing northwards from Fere en Tardenois and endeavouring to turn it.

London, July 30.—The Germans have so far engaged 71 divisions in the Marne salient of which (2) are Prince Rupprecht's.

Exaggeration in London discounts any idea of the possibility of rounding up the Germans in the salient owing to the fact that the Allies are threatened by a numerically superior enemy. The Germans are now heavily counter-attacking.

Americans Fight Grandly.

Washington, July 30.—The War Secretary, Mr. Baker, states that the American success on the western front, while it is, of course, a cause for rejoicing, in no way justifies any relaxation of American efforts but rather means that those efforts must be redoubled.

London, July 30.—Reuter's corres-

pondent at American headquarters wiring on the evening of the 29th, deals with the hard fighting leading up to the final capture of Serisy by the Americans who also captured Seringes and Roucheres. The fight for Serisy resolved itself into a fierce struggle with the 4th Guards division, one of the crack divisions of the German army. The Guards swept down the hill when the Americans were reorganising their line. The Germans were all picked, fresh men, determined to strike terror into the hated Yankees with whom this was their first engagement. The Americans, overborne by the vast weight of numbers, gave ground foot by foot to the brink of the Ourcq, but fiercely recoiled and drove the Germans into a shelter at the point of the bayonet from the ruins of the village. The Germans suffered fearful losses, their dead lying in heaps on all parts of the field.

Violent Battle Raging.

London, July 30.—The French communiqué says that there was nothing of importance at night time north of the Marne.

London, July 30.—French communiqué: During the day there was very violent fighting on the whole front north of the Marne. The enemy, whose resistance strongly increased, disputed every foot of ground and attempted to drive us back by numerous counterattacks. We repulsed all assaults and made a further advance. In the outskirts of the village of Buzancy, Scottish troops captured the park and chateau and maintained their positions despite repeated German assaults. East of Plessier Hala and Onchy in Chateau, we passed the Chateau Thierry road and captured Grand Rzyzy and Cugny, also Butte de Chabmont, after a brilliant action, taking 450 prisoners. North of Fere en Tardenois, we extended our gains and entered Serisy. Further south, Roucheres fell into our hands. On the right we passed the Dormans-Rheims road south of Villers Azy. We gained ground west of Bligny and St. Euphrase.

A German attack in Champagne, in the region south of Mont Sanson, failed.

London, July 31.—French communiqué: On the right bank of the Ourcq we advanced to north-east of Fere-en-Tardenois. In the region of Serisy, our gains were maintained despite an enemy counter-attack.

South-west of Rheims, the enemy counter-attacked on both sides of

Saint Euphrase, resulting only in a slight enemy advance west of Saint Euphrase. All the enemy attempts to capture this village failed.

British Raids.

London, July 30.—Field Marshal Haig reports: We took a few prisoners in a successful raid in the neighbourhood of Ayette. Australian patrols entered a position close to Morris and took 40 prisoners. There was hostile gas shelling north-west of Albert.

London, July 30.—Field Marshal Haig reports: On the night of the 29th the Australian first division patrols who entered the German positions about Morris successfully established themselves east of the village, which they surrounded, and captured 169 prisoners, with a number of trench mortars and machine-guns. Our casualties were remarkably light. Patrols captured prisoners in the Nieppe forest sector. There was great hostile artillery firing against our new positions at Morris.

London, July 30.—Field Marshal Haig reports on aviation: Despite mist, we dropped eleven tons of bombs on dums and billets. We destroyed fourteen enemy aeroplanes; two British machines are missing. We bombed at night Bray and Bapaume. All our machines returned.

London, July 30.—The Air Ministry reports: On the night of the 29th, we attacked railway stations at Offenburg, Rastatt and Baden. We also attacked Stuttgart and Solingen and bombed and machine-gunned three aerodromes and numerous ground targets. We also bombed the railway station at Offenburg during the day on the 30th, with good results. We shot down three enemy aeroplanes and one other was down out of control. One British machine is missing.

AT the Peking races Mr. Bostock's horse, Pretty Boy, was again successful, and won two races, the stakes in each case being \$600. This Mr. Bostock presented to the club to devote to war charities and makes in all \$1,250 that Pretty Boy has won at Singapore and Peking meetings and the owner has given to war funds.

Paddy Crop Report Aug. 6, 1918.

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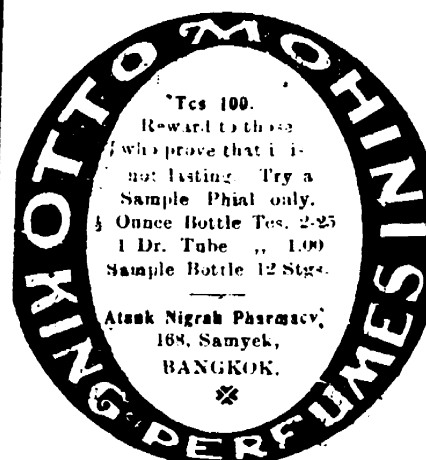
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A Terrific Battle.

Frenzied Resistance by the Germans.

London, July 31.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Macpherson stated that since March 21 the British had taken about 14,500 prisoners on the west front.

Paris, July 31.—The German resistance is gradually losing its character of rear-guard defence. The enemy is unceasingly throwing in numerous fresh divisions, attempting to slacken our advance, and it seems that he is endeavouring to establish the solid line held by the bulk of his forces. Despite this, the Franco-American forces are pushing forward north and east in the direction of Fismes and have within the last twenty-four hours met several strong German counter-attacks and broken them, hurling the attackers back to their starting-point and beyond.

In the Rhims region the Germans endeavoured to remove the danger of having their left flank turned, by attacking strongly Saint Euphrase. The enemy failed to storm this valuable support point and had to content himself with creeping up slightly towards the village.

A New Phase.

As a result of the converging movement which has been carried out by the French and American troops advancing from Fere and by Berthol's forces moving up the Aisne, the foe is gradually being squeezed in another bulge which the Allies have crested for him.

London, July 31.—Reuter's correspondent at American headquarters, wiring on Tuesday afternoon, says: There was ceaseless fighting on the American front yesterday, in which little actual progress was possible, the enemy resisting most determinedly and bringing up fresh troops. But though he delayed us for a day, the enemy is not likely to make a stand on this side of the Vesle. The enemy's machine-gunning scarcely ceased the whole of yesterday.

It was plain that the Guards division was bitterly claginated at the loss of Serpy the previous evening after retaking it four times. Therefore, it was not surprising when they reattacked at dawn, supported by gunfire, which compelled the defenders of Serpy to withdraw across the river. The enemy was permitted a few unpleasant hours of occupation and then an American attack drove out the Guards, who, apparently, were shaken, for few remained to face the bayonet.

American Valour.

An American attack then developed at Serpyges, which the enemy held in great strength, with machine-gun nests on either side of the village. The Americans formed up on open ground south of the Orpuy, which was swept by terrible fire. Yet they advanced in the steadiest fashion, and forced the river as it on parade. It was an astounding performance for troops so recently blooded. The men steadily climbed the slopes and silenced successively the German machine-gun nests, then swept on to the top of the hill and stormed the village. A fierce light ensued. There was no asking and no giving of quarter. The enemy were stout hearted. A very few fled into the forest and the remainder were buried in the village.

The final success of the day was the capture of the hill above Serpy, re-establishing the line. The forest of N-sles, lying right ahead of the advance, will take some clearing. Prisoners state that the most elaborate preparations were made to hold it. The enemy is still retreating but it is plain that there is slow work before us.

A Forest Obstacle.

London, July 31.—Reuter's correspondent at American headquarters, wiring on Tuesday evening, says: The Butte de Chalmont has been the centre of the enemy resistance on the west of the salient. Its capture by the Allies brings much needed assistance to the flank of the American line at Serpyges. It would certainly be costly to take the forest of Nesles, but there are alternative possibilities in the open ground west of the railway, now that the Butte de Chalmont is in our hands. Against that we must set the fact that the Germans still hold both flanks of the salient. It is still impossible to estimate the enemy's enormous losses of munitions. The forest roads are bordered with shells for miles and dumps covering acres and piled to the height of a man have been discovered.

London, July 31.—Correspondents with the French armies state that the attack on the front of Oulchy le Chateau, on Grand Rozoy and Butte de Chalmont, was carried out by British and French divisions. The British, according to a French staff officer, bore the hardest part of the work and fought brilliantly, storming the line of heights beyond Rozoy, and advancing on to the open ground which sloped gradually to the enemy's position through a terrific fire.

What is Ahead.

London, July 31.—The Paris experts agree that the present hard fighting is merely a prelude to a new, great battle.

The enemy is striving with the utmost desperation to consolidate his front on both wings.

Amsterdam, July 31.—The West-faelische Zeitung's expert expresses the opinion that General Foch will renew his attacks with the object of forcing a decision.

London, July 31.—A Paris semi-official message says that the Allies, north of the Marne, are no longer facing isolated rearguards, but a continuous line of resistance defended by considerable forces. Five fresh enemy divisions were identified yesterday, including some of the best. The enemy is undoubtedly busily reorganising in the rear, and has not lost hope of revenge either on this front or elsewhere.

The Despatches.

London, July 31.—French communiqué: After a strong bombardment, the Germans attacked our new positions east of Oulchy le Chateau. We repulsed the assault and maintained our lines intact.

On the right bank of the Ourcq in lively engagements north east of Fere en Tardenois, the village of Seringes passed from hand to hand and was finally carried by an American counter-attack.

Numerous enemy raids near Mesnil St. George's east of Montdidier, in Bois le Pretre, on the right of the Meuse and in the Vosges were unsuccessful. We made a raid north east of Perthes les Hurles and brought back prisoners.

London, July 31.—An American official message says: We repulsed counter attacks after severe fighting on the Ourcq and improved our position.

London, July 31.—Field Marshal Haig says: We captured prisoners in successful raids and patrol encounters in the neighbourhoods of Lens and Bethune, and on the northern sector of our front, drove off raiders southward of La Bassée. The enemy's artillery was active astride the Somme and about the Morris-Kemmel sector.

Allied Arms in Russia

London, July 31.—Reuter is informed that the object of the Allies' action in Russia is to assist the Czecho-Slovak armies and prevent any danger to them from Germany, also to prevent at any cost the Germanisation of any portion of Russia. The Allies have not the slightest intention of doing anything tending to their territorial aggrandisement. Their main purpose is the maintenance of Russian sovereignty. Not a single Allied soldier will remain in Russia when these objects are attained.

Future of Poland.

The agreement concluded between the German and Austrian Emperors and the reported "Austrian" solution of the Polish question lend particular interest to the following passage from a speech delivered on April 10 at the recent Rome Congress of Oppressed Austro-Hungarian Nationalities, by M. Zimorski, formerly a Polish Deputy from Galicia:—

The peace of Brest-Litovsk clearly revealed German plans in regard to Poland. . . . Prussian Poland with Posen—the cradle of the Polish nation, with the rich coal and iron districts of Upper Silesia and with the mouth of the Vistula—would be irrevocably condemned to Germanization or extermination. The rest of Poland would also lose its outlet to the sea and its independence. Austria would keep Silesia, and by a policy of blackmail would seek to avoid giving a definite answer to the question of Galicia. Even Russian Poland would be amputated, the Provinces of Kholm and Siedlce being cut off and given to the Ukraine, while to the north in the Province of Suwalki and in the coal basin of Donbrowa, Germany would acquire valuable portions in the guise of "frontier rectifications." The Polish State, thus mutilated deprived of coal and all access to the sea, would be surrounded by an iron ring formed on the north and on the west by German possessions, on the south east by the Ukraine under the protectorate of Austria, and finally on the north-east by a Lithuania attached to Germany.

The Polish State, thus mutilated and oppressed, would be compelled to "lean" on the Central Empires, and would be degraded to the position of a German hinterland. Thus there would exist no further obstacle to the eastern trend of Germany, and German domination over Central and Eastern Europe would be assured.

The black prospect would not be changed in the least were Germany to consent to an "Austrian" solution of the Polish question, even were the solution based on the principle of a Polono-Austro-Hungarian "trialism," since, in that case, Poland would be in a minority as against Austria and Hungary in the same way as the Czechs and Yugoslavs of Austria would be in a minority against the Germans.

The Polish question cannot be solved by any compromise. Poland will be either be saved with and by the Allies, or, with or without the participation of Austria, Poland will "depend" upon Germany, and, above all, upon omni-

potent Prussia. The sole means of avoiding the latter alternative is to oppose to the plan of the Central Empires the true Polish programme, which is that of the Allies.

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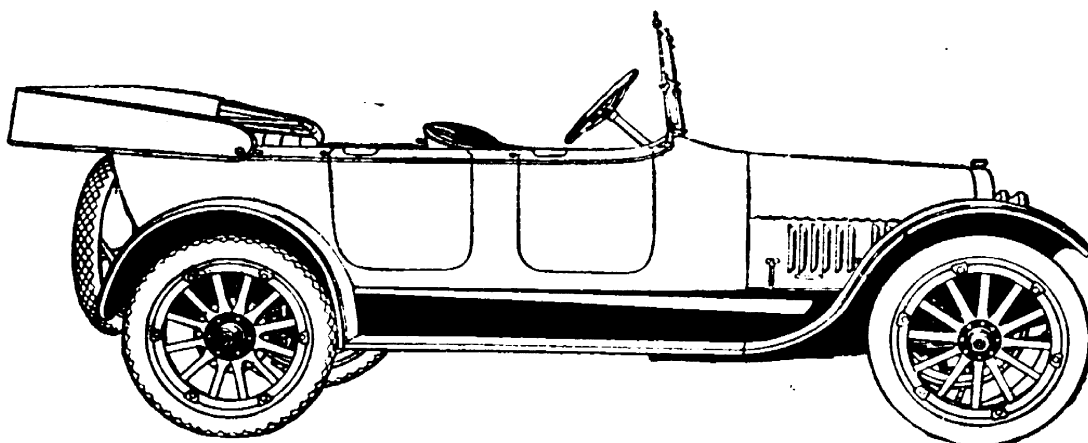
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Mr. John Hodge, M.P., Minister of Pensions, presided at the opening. Some of the delegates occupied seats on the platform and many of them were in the naval or military uniforms of the Allied nations. Among those present were—

Lord Stamfordham, Lord and Lady Strafford, Lord Meath, Sir A. Griffith Boscawen (Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Pensions), Mr. Hayes Fisher (President of the Local Government Board), Sir Matthew Nathan, and Sir John Collyer.

Mr. Hodge expressed his pleasure at presiding on such an occasion, and said that there was no work the Allied nations could engage in which was better calculated to repair war damage. One of the things they were pleased at was the continuity of thought and of feeling and the exchange of ideas between the Allied nations so that each might learn from the other.

The Duke of Connaught's Welcome.

The Duke of Connaught, in opening the conference, speaking in French, welcomed those present on behalf of the Government of Great Britain. "It is just a year ago," he said, "that the first Allied Conference, called by the French and Belgian Governments, met in Paris and laid the foundation of these meetings, resulting in the formation of a permanent committee with a research bureau and museum in Paris. The first number of the 'Inter-Allied Review on the After-Care of Disabled Men' has just appeared, and it is pages will be found from time to time all the latest developments of science in the great cause

which we all have so much at heart—namely, the healing of wounds and the re-establishing in civil life of men maimed and disabled by war. As our armies are united in the field against the common foe to uphold the rights of liberty and justice and to defend our homes against invasion and oppression, so are we all united here today to bring to light and to discuss all that is new and all that is scientifically possible to alleviate the sufferings and heal the wounds of the brave and gallant men who side by side have fought and shed their blood for home and country in this great war.

"I am happy and proud to welcome here today delegates from all our great Allies and neighbours, whose armies are now fighting shoulder to shoulder with our men in the terrible struggle only some hundred miles away—delegates from France, among whom I am pleased again to see Dr. Bourillon, President of the Permanent Committee in Paris, Italy, Belgium, United States, Portugal, Serbia, and Siam, and from our gallant Dominions of Canada, Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, India, Newfoundland, and other parts of the British Empire. I thank you one and all for the honour you have done us by journeying to London in spite of all the rigorous discomforts and dangers of war-time travelling, and presenting such valuable reports for discussion during the ensuing week. May your labours bear the reward they deserve, the greatest reward we all seek—namely, the alleviation of the pain and suffering of the wounded and the re-establishment in a happy civil life of all those whom our enemy has sought to maim and destroy. I shall ever watch with deepest interest the various developments of your united efforts, and pray that the blessing of the Almighty may attend your labours. On behalf of his Majesty the King I now declare the Conference open."

Dr. Bourillon (France), in reply, said that the Allied nations had recognised the need of common collaboration in sick research, in the best methods of giving a chance to our invalids that they might have that honourable existence which they had earned by their courage and misfortune. (Cheers.)

Professor Enrico Borel (Italy) and Lieutenant General Meles (Belgium) also replied. The deputation from the Allied countries from the British Dominions and India were presented to his Royal Highness.

Pola Strafed Again.

London, July 31.—Italian Naval Official: In the upper Adriatic our air service on the early morning of the 30th bombed military and harbour works at Pola. A strong attack lasted two hours, and achieved very important results. Several serious fires were observed, especially in the localities of submarine and aviation stations. All our machines safely returned.

London, July 31.—Italian Official: We completely repulsed a strong attack against Carnone.

The Allies' Food.

London, July 31.—The Press Bureau states that the Food Controllers of Britain, France, Italy and America have appointed a permanent committee to study food supply programmes and co-ordinate them, having regard to the available shipping.

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