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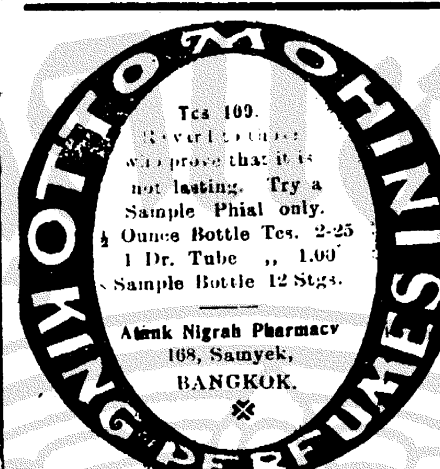
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Sept.	A.M.			L.W.
	H.	W.	Ft. & in.	
1	6-7	7-0
2	7-8	7-0
3	8-9	7-0
4	2 00	12 0	10-11	6-0
5	3 00	12 0	11-12	6-0
6	4 00	12 0
7	5 00	12 4	...	...
8	6 00	12 7	...	...
9	7 00	13 0	...	...
10	8 00	13 0	2-3	7-0
11	9 00	13 0	3-0	6-0
12	10 00	13 0	4-0	6-0
13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

P.M.

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

PHASES OF THE MOON.

Sept. 5th New Moon 5 h 26 m p.m.
13th First Quarter 9 h 44 m p.m.
20th Full Moon 7 h 43 m p.m.
27th Last Quarter 11 h 21 m a.m.

Far East Stocking Germany.

Enemy Being Supplied with Urgent Needs

Following is the article by Mr. Bernard Falk, the Daily Mail special correspondent in the Far East, which was mentioned some weeks ago in a Renter's cable—Writing from Harbin on June 26, he observes:—

It is important for Great Britain to realise the meaning of the removal of the Chinese embargo on land and water transport of food and goods to Russia.

Originally the Russian frontier was closed by the Bolsheviks with a view to bolstering up the value of the tottering rouble. Then the Chinese, as a war measure, intended to complete the blockade of Germany in the East and put an embargo on all exports to Russia from China. Reasons now given for the removal of this policy are (1) that imports into Russia can have no influence on the war (2) that Chinese in Russia have been suffering in consequence of the embargo and (3) that Chinese commercial interests are being severely punished. These are not very potent reasons, it must be admitted.

Following this decision, ships have already cleared for Aizun, opposite Blagoveshchensk (north-east frontier of Manchuria), and are sailing up the Sungai and Amur Rivers. Others are to follow. The cargoes despatched or being loaded include cotton piece-goods, boots, blankets, socks, tobacco, and certified spirits—the very things Germany stands in greatest need of.

Exports to Enemy.

It is very noticeable that the ships are not being sent to Khabarovsk, farther east, for there they would come into contact with the needy population of Eastern Siberia. They are therefore under orders for Blagoveshchensk, whence they can proceed along the Amur to Stretinsk, which is east of Lake Baikal, and directly connected with the Trans-Siberian Railway. Once they have reached Stretinsk there is no guarantee that they will not fall into German hands. The policy of helping the Siberians with food and goods would be excellent if the Allies were sure they would actually reach the population, but inquiries made less than a month ago at Irkutsk, west of Lake Baikal, showed that big stocks of coffee, leather, fat, and oil are reaching Irkutsk from Vladivostok were despatched westwards, and there is only too much reason to believe that these have benefitted the Germans rather

than the Russians. True, so long as the Czechs hold the Siberian Railway there is a poor prospect of Germany profiting by exports from China, but who can say how long the Czechs will remain in occupation?

In this connection it is absolutely necessary for the Allies to understand the significance of Harbin and its availability as a clearing-house for Russia. Harbin is the main distribution centre for Northern Manchuria and the Transbaikalia districts and has eight months' accumulation of goods, this having been roughly the period of the Russo-Chinese embargo. It is not only a question of the existing stocks, but also of the importations which will follow the removal of the embargo.

Harbin's Activities.

During the war business through Harbin with Russia has reached a thousand million roubles, normally £100,000,000, for it must be remembered that when Russia was fighting by the side of the Allies goods for her simply poured into Harbin. I find in the huge warehouses here the following:—Big stores of cotton piece-goods, shoes, boots, leather, coffee, tea, soya beans, coconut oil, candles, cloth, hardware, tanning dyes, and tallow. Of the last article there have been war contracts amounting to at least a million roubles. China has three important Customs stations on the Russian frontier—one at Pogranitza (meaning "frontier"), east of Manchuria; and a third at Aizun, opposite Blagoveshchensk. All are reached from Harbin by the Sungai and Amur Rivers. There might be sympathy for a plea that the removal of the embargo was meant to supply food to starving Eastern Siberians, but I find that ships are accepting goods for Western Siberia at 10 roubles a pool, and are refusing grain at 6 roubles a pool, which proves that it is simply a matter of unemotional commerce.

The difficulty would not have arisen at all had the Allies been ready with an intervention plan, for their relief for the population and military measures guaranteeing that there would be no leakage of such relief supplies to Germany could have been effected together. I am much impressed with the fact that both Russian and foreign opinion here is in agreement that goods despatched to Russia through the raising of the Chinese embargo will not help the Russian but will profit only the Germans.

Sir Francis Aglen, Inspector-General of the Chinese Maritime Customs, has, says China Mail, denied that this alleged traffic is passing with the knowledge of the Customs Administration.

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Distance from Bangkok.	Train No.				Distance from Meklong.	Train No.			
	STATIONS.					STATIONS.			
	I.	III.	V.			VI.	VI.		
	A.M. P.M. P.M.					A.M. P.M.			
Km. Bangkok Dep.	8.30	12.30	4.30		Km. Meklong Dep.	8.35	12.35		
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		I.	III.			II.	IV.	VI.
		A.M. P.M.				A.M. A.M. P.M.		
Km.	B. Hlame Terminus Dep	10.20	2.20	Km.	Mahachai Terminus Dep	6.45	10.45	2.45
33.8	Meklong Arr.	11.40	3.40	33.1	Bangkok Arr.	8.05	12.05	4.05

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British Advance.**Germans Defending Desperately.**

London, Sept. 19.—Correspondents in France emphasise the stiffening of the enemy resistance, making yesterday's British advance all the more remarkable. The German gunpower was unusually strong and long range high velocity guns were employed to draw a line of fire almost equal to a barrage across a wide extent of country, hence for the first time for a long period most of the British casualties were from shell splinters and not machine-gun bullets. This more intensive artillery fire gives an index of the strength of the British effort necessary to clear the ridges, with their numerous fortified villages, lying immediately in front of the main Hindenburg line into which the Germans are being pushed by the irresistible British pressure.

An important feature of the advance is that the British have not merely passed their old line of March 21 but have attained their greatest success near Bellicourt, where the St. Quentin canal, which is practically an integral part of the Hindenburg line, runs three miles underground. This tunnel begins near Bellicourt and ends near the villages of Catelet and Lempire. The heights commanding the tunnel are now largely in British hands and the Germans at this point cannot hope to oppose the advance of the tanks by flooding the country.

Violent Counter-Attacks Fail.

London, Sept. 19.—Field Marshal Haig reports:—The enemy opened a violent bombardment from many guns yesterday afternoon on the northern portion of the battle-front. The fire rapidly cut all telephone communication with the divisions in the line.

The German infantry at 5 p.m. strongly attacked on a wide front from the neighbourhood of Trecault northwards. The Guards and the 3rd and 37th divisions completely repulsed the enemy at all points, with great loss.

Another strong attack north of Moenvres was driven off with heavy losses. In certain localities, bodies of the enemy succeeded in reaching and entering our trenches, where our counter-attacks overwhelmed them. Our line in these localities was re-established intact.

Many prisoners were taken and great numbers of German dead lie before our positions on the whole front attacked.

South of Gouzeaucourt the operations of the Third and Fourth British armies continued successfully in the evening and at night. English troops progressed north of Fromtrot, reaching the outpost positions of the Hindenburg line. On their left the Fourth Australian division renewed its attack at eleven in the evening and carried outpost positions of the Hindenburg line after heavy fighting, capturing many prisoners and a number of machine-guns. This division and the First Australian division the outpost positions of the Hindenburg line on the whole of their respective fronts.

London, Sept. 19.—Field Marshal Haig reports: Further reports confirm the heavy nature of the enemy counter-attack yesterday afternoon north of Trecault and the severity of his losses.

There was fighting to-day in the sector east of Epehy and also in the neighbourhood of Gouzeaucourt, where we gained ground, and north of Ginchy Wood. There were local engagements on the remainder of the battle-front. We improved our positions slightly west of Wysschaets, and repulsed raiders east of Nonve, Chapelle and north of the Ypres Comines Canal.

The prisoners taken during the operations commenced yesterday north-west of St. Quentin now exceed 10,000, and over 60 guns have been captured.

Gauche Wood Struggle

Further north, severe fighting occurred east of Ronsoy and Epehy. We took possession of Lempire and beat off determined counter attacks. In the Villers Guislain sector, the Seventeenth division, which took prisoner several hundred yesterday, recaptured Gauche wood which the enemy had regained and later repulsed with heavy loss a strong enemy counter-attack from Villers Guislain. Repeated enemy attacks on Gauche wood in the afternoon and evening were repulsed. A successful local operation yesterday morning improved our positions south and east of Ploegstreet, where a number of prisoners was captured.

London, Sept. 19.—Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters, wiring to-day, says: The prisoners captured up to sunset on Sept. 18 numbered 8,000, including hundreds of officers. On the front of the Fourth army alone eleven divisions were identified. The army on the left took a complete battery of howitzers and eleven field guns. Many trench mortars and machine-guns and a great quantity of stores, were also captured but the tacti-



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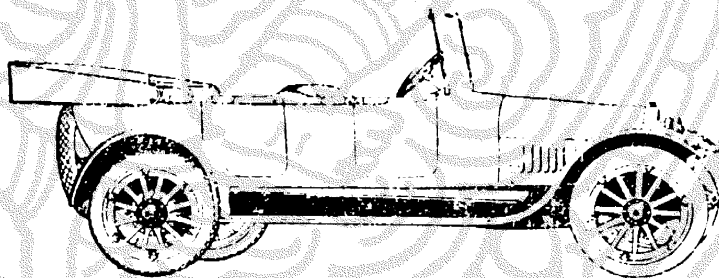
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cal value of the gains far exceeds the material. One of the main objectives was to gain a clear frontal position commanding the Hindenburg line along the whole face of attack. This was practically accomplished. By three o'clock we had taken Belle Elise and Bellicourt and established ourselves along the Saint Quentin Canal in places within fifty yards of the Hindenburg outposts.

Further north the resistance was more stubborn. There was long and bitter fighting at Gauche Wood and Epehy. The most determined effort was made south of Berthancourt, where our artillery played such havoc that it was a mere straggling remnant which received the final repulse from our infantry.

Tanks Terrify Fritz.

The moral effect of the tanks has been immense. They frequently gained their objectives without firing a shot. Numerous gulches and sunken roads gave them much opportunity for tactical enterprise. Their skill and daring were too much for the Germans.

Summing up, we advanced an average of 4,000 yards on a front of 18 miles, engaging 13 divisions between Gouzeaucourt and the Somme and obliging the enemy to throw in two more divisions from his close reserve.

At no period of the war has the individual superiority of our soldiers been more pronounced. In an order dealing with raiding parties, Von Below, commanding the 17th army, says: "This shows that at present the British have a fighting superiority over our troops in no man's land."

This morning it is reported that we are holding all our gains. The enemy desperately counter-attacked yesterday evening south east of Havrincourt Wood, employing six divisions, but he was entirely repulsed, as he was also in a similar effort in the vicinity of Villers Gislain.

The Australians took 342 prisoners in their attack on the Hindenburg outpost line.

London, Sept. 18.—Field Marshal Haig on aviation: The enemy aircraft were less active on the 17th. The British carried out reconnaissance and photography all day far beyond the German lines. They destroyed eleven and drove down five enemy machines: ten British are missing.

We heavily bombed three German aerodromes at night time. We brought down three large hostile night bombers over our lines. One British night flier is missing.

We dropped 29½ tons of bombs in 24 hours.

London, Sept. 19.—Field Marshal Haig reports on aviation: There was slight enemy activity on the 18th. We brought down four enemy machines and drove down three out of control. Four British machines are missing.

British aeroplanes assisted the advancing troops. They bombed and machine-gunned the enemy. We dropped 16 tons of bombs in 24 hours. Our anti-aircraft fire brought down one hostile machine on the 16th and machine-gun fire from the ground brought down another on the 17th.

Continued French Progress.

London, Sept. 19.—French communiqué: During the day, our troops operating in conjunction with the British army progressed in the region west of St. Quentin.

Between Holnon and Essigny le Grand, on a front of ten kilometres, notwithstanding a desperate resistance, we advanced our lines an average of

two kilometres, reached the western outskirts of Francilly and Silency. We captured Savy Wood and Fontaine les Cleres.

Farther south, we hold the southern outskirts of Contescourt and have approached Essigny le Grand. We took several hundred prisoners.

North of the Aisne, we continued to progress west of Jouy. The enemy delivered strong counter-attacks on the plateau east of Allemant. Our counter-attacks drove him back and resulted in fresh gains of ground and 130 prisoners.

London, Sept. 19.—French communiqué: In the region of St. Quentin, continuing our advance, we penetrated Contescourt, where the enemy is defending himself desperately.

North of the Aisne there was great artillery activity. A strong enemy counter-attack at Moissy Farm was without result. We maintained all our

posts and inflicted losses on the assailants.

On the Vesle front, a German attack north-east of Comlandon was broken up by our fire before it reached our lines. Enemy raids in Champagne and on the heights of the Meuse were repulsed.

London, Sept. 19.—Reuter's correspondent at French headquarters, wiring last evening, says: General Debeney's army continues to advance in the direction of St. Quentin, in conjunction with the British to the north, resisted vigorously by the Germans, a few hundred yards in front of the Hindenburg line, which runs west of the town, whose suburbs form part of the defences. Groups of infantry lavishly supplied with machine-guns are dotted everywhere, endeavouring to hold up our advance, but vainly, for the French, alternating rushes with infiltration tactics, are steadily progressing and are now only two miles from St. Quentin suburbs. They are

already holding some of their old trenches on a wide stretch of front.

The American Push.

London, Sept. 18.—Reuter's correspondent at American headquarters, wiring last evening, says: The line in the St. Mihiel sector is now Bonvaux-Manheulles Pintheville St. Hilaire-Doncourt Woel-Hautmont, between Jaulny and Rembercourt, just north of Vandieres, south of Hampey, to the old line east of Pont à Mousson. The enemy has been continuing general withdrawals towards the position which now constitutes his line on our front west of Souleuvre farm. He has been shelling the quieries which we captured at Norroy.

The enemy continues active serially. He dropped bombs on the night of the 16th on Pont à Mousson.

The prisoners are well fed, clothed and equipped, but of bad moral, being of an inferior type compared with those captured six months ago.

London, Sept. 18.—Reuter's correspondent at American headquarters, wiring at 5 p.m. to-day, says: Patrols report that the enemy is mining Hautmont, suggesting his intention to leave there, but he is strengthening dug-outs and strong points along the Hindenburg line. Much movement of men and wagons has been noted in the vicinity of Mars la Tour, Contans and Chambley.

Five prisoners have been taken belonging to the 14th storm battalion. Such battalions are never used for line work except when the enemy is hard-pressed for reserves. The prisoners agreed as to the lowness of their own moral and admitted that the army is greatly discouraged by the Anglo-American successes.



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