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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	4-5	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	...	...	10-11	6-0
21	3 00	11 10	12-0	6-0
22	4 00	12 0	12 0	6-0
23	5 00	12 0	...	...
24	6 00	12 0	...	...
25	7 00	12 0	...	...
26	8 00	12 0	...	...
27	8 00	12 0	3-4	7-6
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	2-3	7-0
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

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Lorry Sank Up to Its Axles and no further progress could be made until it had been dug out to clear a road for the traction engine. By 8 a.m. on the day following the lorry had been dug out and both boats hauled across beyond the sand. Five miles were covered in the ensuing nine hours, when a steep descent was reached, so the traction engine, with steam up, was coupled on to the first motor boat, and backed here down the hill without mishap. It now became necessary to send the motor lorry ahead in search of water, because the traction engines had used up most of the drinking water. Fresh difficulties arose at every turn, a new road had to be cut through the bush at one point; half a mile further on a traction engine and the lorry fell through the surface of the road into some ant-bear holes. Another new road was cut through the bush for the second boat, while the traction engine was jacked up and hauled out of the ant-bear holes. All drinking and washing water had to be given to the engines, and scouts were dispatched to search for fresh water holes. They returned at 11 p.m. to report that they had found one. At 4 a.m. next day the Expedition started carrying water in buckets from a distance of about three quarters of a mile. The Expedition successfully accomplished their road journey after a march of nearly two months' duration, and then entered upon the second stage of their progress, which was by river. The river was not much kinder to them than the road had been. It was full of sandbanks and shoals, and the boats grounded every day, time after time. But they were making progress all the same, and eventually reached a lake by way of which they came at last to the scene of their principal undertaking. So far they had been contending with the forces of Nature, now they prepared to pit themselves against the forces of Germany. Of course they could not just shove off, and begin to scrap at once. They had some preliminary work to accomplish first. There was no natural harbour in this part of the big lake, and so the expedition had to build one. They accomplished this little job all right, and then the two motor-boats, being in good fighting order, the expedition really did feel prepared to deal effectively with the enemy. Presently their chance arrived. At 9 o'clock one Sunday morning an enemy vessel was reported in sight on the lake. The men were mustered for Divine Service at the

time, and after prayer had been read by the Commander he sent them off to get into fighting kit, after which the two motor-boats proceeded to sea. The enemy—a German gunboat—was then heading into a bay to southward of the British, but directly he sighted the motor-boats he turned away to the northward, eventually intending to make for his fortified base. The motor-boats took up positions to port and starboard of the enemy, and at 11.47 the starboard boat

Opened Fire with Common Shell
at the rate of a shot a minute. The German replied, but continued to head for port. A few minutes later, having found the range, the British Commander opened fire with high explosive shell. Almost the first of these shells pierced the enemy's gun screen, killing the commanding officer and a petty officer. This was followed by a second shell, which killed the warrant officer. Then a third shell hit the engine-room skylight and killed two native seamen and a native stoker. One German leading seaman still stood at the wheel, but he was completely dazed, and steered automatically, so the chief engine room artificer took command, hauled down his flag, and held up a handkerchief. When the British came alongside they found the gunboat sinking, and as the rough sea prevented her being boarded she was escorted back to harbour, where they managed to beach her. She had sustained five hits on the hull, her wooden awning was riddled, and her mast shot away. There was no British casualties. So the first round ended in a manner highly satisfactory to the British. It was not until about five weeks later that the second round was fought out. On this occasion an enemy craft was first sighted from the nearest look-out station at 5.45 a.m. and reports as to its movements continued to come along every 15 minutes afterwards until our boats finally set out to engage him. One of the British boats was under repair so the captured German gunboat which had been refitted and the other British motor-boats shared the operations. Having breakfasted at 7 a.m. all hands embarked and were under way by a quarter to eight. The enemy vessel, another German gunboat, was sighted at 8.35 a.m., shortly afterwards he put his helm over and attempted to escape in a north-easterly direction. The motor boats closed to 3,200 yards astern and while he yawed to bring his gun into action against her, the other gunboat with the British Commander aboard drew within range, and a running action was fought. The British commander reports that he fired 60 rounds at the enemy of which about 45 were hits. As a consequence the German suffered severely. A high explosive shell burst in his engine-room skylight, killing the engineer and a native stoker, and bursting an oil tank. Two minutes later another shell exploded between the engine and boiler, killing another stoker and blowing a hole through the vessel's bottom. This shell also set fire to the oil which was pouring through the engine-room from the broken oil tank. The British commander writes: "To us the whole ship appeared to be enveloped in flames." At 10.46 a.m. the enemy crew were seen to be jumping overboard, so the British ceased fire, and ten minutes later they saw the enemy go down by the head. The survivors were picked up, also their ship's ensign which was found afloat amid the wreckage. Again there were

no casualties on the British side, though both vessels had been somewhat shaken by their own fire.

In this way the British Naval Expedition cleared Lake Tanganyika of enemy craft for, although the Germans had an 800 ton ship also on the lake, they scuttled this to prevent it from falling into our hands.

Great Snakes!

We gather from a report in the "Sun" (Sydney) that if, as the journal says, "Zoologists are not romantic people," there is some one on the staff of that paper who fills the bill. It appears that a fine specimen of the Python reticulatus has been presented to the trustees of the Sydney Zoo by Mr. J. W. H. Fenner, of Chenderiang. This information appears on the Zoo label, but our contemporary concludes a thrilling account of a "fight for life" with the statement that "looking closely you may see where flesh was cut and scales torn off to the struggle under the big Kaitapa tree." Perhaps this is a free rendering of the tid bits, but that is a minor point. With the following "verse" the "Sun" commences its story:

The Python lay in the shadows blue
And he played a dreadful game;
And if he had coiled round me and you
It would have been a shame!
He watched for servant and master too,
And murder was his aim;
But he came at last to the Sydney Zoo,
And this is how he came.

Events that preceded the coming were hair-raising. "Away back in the hills of Kuala Lumpur (sic) an Australian surveyor and his assistant stood in the bend of a track, under a towering Kaitapa tree." They were looking at a monstrous python, "25 feet long, hacked in pieces, each length still quivering and contracting. Beside the broken snake was a pulped mass—human but crushed out of human form. The python had caught the native, crushed him in its folds, swallowed his victim when the surveyor party arrived. The axes of the chain men quickly averaged the murder and the body of the unfortunate native was given a hasty but reverent burial."

The sequel? "A fortnight later, as Anderson walked under the big Kaitapa tree, he hardly glanced at the roadside grave." But there was something there. It was the mate of the dead snake. Continues the narrative: "A cable of twenty-three feet long, a mass of tense muscle, was winding under, over, round about him. His chest was almost bursting when his friend rushed up. 'Don't kill it Tom, Tar! Tarong he gasped. (This seems somewhat involved). Eight pairs of strong and friendly hands gripped the head, the tail, the body, and unwound the reptile from the half-choked man. Then with rattan canes they bound the beast in a cunning native way. Slung on a pole between two bearers, it was later carried all the way to port." And it found its way eventually to Taronga Park.—(P.G.)

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THE PROBLEM OF THE PACIFIC.

Not only the Allies but nearly all just-minded neutrals have come to the conclusion that the German is not a fit person to be allowed colonies the chief reason being that the German does not treat properly the native populations that come under his rule neither does he ever attempt to conserve their interests or develop the land to their advantage. On the contrary it has been the policy of the German to make slaves of the native populations in all but name. Their lives were held cheap and for the slightest offence death was the penalty and massacres on a large scale followed any attempt made by these unhappy souls to rebel against the tyranny of their Hunnish overlords. For these more than sufficient reasons the Allies have made up their minds that, at all events in the tropics, Germany shall no longer be allowed colonies.

The question naturally arises as to whom shall have the colonies that once were Germany's. The larger German colonies were in Africa but in the Pacific also she held very important islands, important not only from an economic but also from a strategic point of view. The question of the future of these Pacific colonies has become a problem that is by no means easy of solution. As a result of the war a section of Papua, having an area of over 70,000 square miles, the Bismarck Archipelago, part of the Solomon Islands and part of Samoa have been wrested from Germany and the Australian and New Zealand representatives have demanded that these colonies be retained after the war by right of conquest.

The islands above mentioned constitute not only an effective barrier between Australasia and North America but a naval rampart as well, which in the hands of Germany would be but another menace for the possession of these islands by Germany would be but to invite trouble. The Germans must be kept from temptation to aggression but they will not acquiesce in the giving up of their Pacific colonies until they are forced to do so.

As things are at present Australia is making herself responsible for the administration of the huge area seized in Papua although her population is not sufficient to enable her to thoroughly develop her own lands. It thus appears that the only way to ensure effective British occupancy of these ex-German colonies is to people them with British men and women. Here again there is the difficulty of population for the Empire has not men enough. It seems possible, however, that as a result of the war, the next generation will greatly exceed this not only in quality but in numbers in which case this difficult would cease to exist.

SINCE the outbreak of the war, 5,047 mines have been washed ashore on the coast of Holland.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE s.s. *Den Samud* arrived this afternoon from Singapore with 29 bags of mail.

FROM the latest Singapore quotations we note that copra has gone up to \$8.40 per picul.

WE have been shown a wire which states that United Plantation Shares have changed hands in Copenhagen at the rate of 25s per share. The face value is 20s.

THE Library of the Alliance Française will be closed every Saturday beginning from to-day. The reading rooms will remain open on these days.

TO-DAY is the thirty-ninth anniversary of the birth of the Emperor of Japan. All the Japanese shops and firms are flying the Rising Sun flag in consequence.

OWING to the absence of the Revd. C. R. Simmons there will be no evening service at St. Mary's Mission to-morrow evening. The morning service will be taken by the Revd. Dr. Hillyard.

IT is officially reported that 1,179 aeroplanes were brought down in July, of which the British claim 410 and the Allies altogether 844. The British missing amounted to 117.

THE *Socabaya Handelsblad* received a cable stating that a mutiny had broken out at Wilhelmshaven against service in submarines, on account of the danger of the service. Twenty-three of the leaders were condemned to death.

LAST night we had the pleasure of seeing the designs of the costumes to be worn in the forthcoming production of *Cauchie's Redoubt*. They are the work of Signor Tamagno and bear eloquent testimony to the artistic talents of that gentleman.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Malay Peninsular Local line is not properly working between Songkhla and Bangkok. Saigon line is in good order as far as Battambang, Songkhay and Roi Etch lines Bangkok is still imperfectly working with Nagorajastina. Other lines are all right.

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SAMARA, the town mentioned in Havas telegrams to-day, stands on the Volga at the convergence of the Siberian and Central Asian railways. It is therefore of great commercial importance and a very large trade was carried on before the war in cereals and hides. Its port is the best on the Volga and three great fairs are held annually. It is also a great ecclesiastical centre possessing no less than three cathedrals, the oldest being built nearly three centuries ago.

Like many other towns in Eastern Russia, Samara has grown round a fort built to protect Russia from Tartar incursions.

FOR the past few days we have heard little or nothing from Germany as to the effect of the latest *houleversment* upon public opinion in the Fatherland. It will doubtless prove, however, to have been considerably greater than that of the battle of Verdun two years ago upon the French.

The extraordinary heroism displayed by the French troops defending Verdun was then backed up by an absolute calm and stoic determination on the part of the whole French people, and as one of the chief objects of the Germans was to break the French spirit, their chagrin when they failed to shake it was extreme.

The correspondent of the *Berliner Tageblatt* before Verdun gave ingenious expression to this disappointment in recording the result of an interview with a Frenchman captured in Callette Wood. "I said 'We've got Vaux Fort,'" wrote the Boche reporter. "The Frenchman calmly said 'Well' and then, with a smile full of irony, added 'Perhaps you've got Souville also.' This extraordinary optimism of the French makes one really despair."

If remains to be seen whether the Germans are equal to facing the ruin of their hopes with the same stoicism. It will be more than surprising if they are.

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BANG-PA-18.

Thursday, August 29.

This afternoon, at Udyan Hall, His Majesty the King was graciously pleased to receive Sir Herbert Guy Dering K. C. M. G., M. V. O., His Britannic Majesty's Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, on the occasion of the formal presentation to His Majesty the Insignia of the Knight Grand Commander of the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India, conferred by His Majesty the King of Great Britain and Ireland, Emperor of India, in April last upon the King.

His Royal Highness Prince Devawongse, Minister for Foreign Affairs, and Lieutenant-General Phya Prasiddhi Subhakkar A.D.C., Chief Aide-de-Camp General were in attendance.

Afterwards His Majesty the King was pleased to entertain the Minister to luncheon, during the course of which His Majesty toasted the health of His Majesty King George. The British Minister tendered his thanks and proposed the health of His Majesty the King.

Besides the principal guest, the following had the honour of luncheon with the King:—

Major-General His Royal Highness Prince of Nagor Rajasima, General Officer Commanding the 3rd. Division of the Royal Army; First Grand Councilor His Royal Highness Prince Devawongse, Minister for Foreign Affairs; Their Excellencies First Grand Court Officer Chao Phya Dharmadhi-karana, Minister of the Royal Household; First Grand Chamberlain and Lieutenant-General Phya Prasiddhi Subhakkar A. D. C., Lord Chamberlain and Chief Aide-de-Camp General; Deputy-General Phya Rajavallabha, Captain-General of the Royal Bodyguard of Gentlemen-at-Arms; Vice-Admiral Phya Maha Yodha R.N., A.D.C., Admiral in Command of the Bangkok Naval Station; Second Grand Court Officer Phya Boran Rajadhinira, Viceroy of Ayudhya; Second Grand Chamberlain Phya Buri Navarasth, His Majesty's Private Secretary; Second Grand Court Officer Phya Bamroo Bhakdi, Marshal of the Court; Second Grand Chamberlain Phya Scharit Dhamrom, Acting Mayor of the Palace; Second Grand Court Officer Phya Srikradakra, Assistant Marshal of the Court; Third Grand Chamberlain Phya Anirunh Deva, Principal Gentleman of the Bedchamber; Colonel Phya Sarawongsa A.D.C., Assistant Chief Aide-de-Camp General; and Lieutenant-Commander Phya Viji Jaladhara A.D.C., R.N.S., Officer commanding the King's Own Battalion, Royal Naval Scouts.

H. M. S. "Whiting."

H. B. M. Minister informs us that H. M. S. *Whiting*, destroyer, will arrive in Bangkok on a visit early in the morning of Thursday September 5th, and will probably remain here ten days. She will be stationed in the Menam opposite the British Legation, where the old Court House will be opened as a rest house and reading room for the crew. Sir Herbert Dering will be very glad to place the Legation landing stage at the disposal of all official callers on the ship and all British subjects desiring to view H. M. S. *Whiting* are welcome to do so from the Legation frontage in the daytime during her visit.

Is It Worth While?

Whatever may be the case with the Pan-Germans, the saner German thinkers, at any rate, are not blind to the consequences of Germany's present policy. They recognise that a German victory is impossible, and are seeking to induce the Kaiser to realise that they must make the best of a very bad job. One of these is Professor Hans Delbrück, who writes as follows in the "Preussische Jahrbucher":—

There is one extremely important point connected with the German peace terms that should not be lost sight of. If we acquire the territory we demand in the west, be it Longwy and Briey or be it the Flanders coast, we shall render such a thing as a lasting reconciliation of the nations an impossibility.

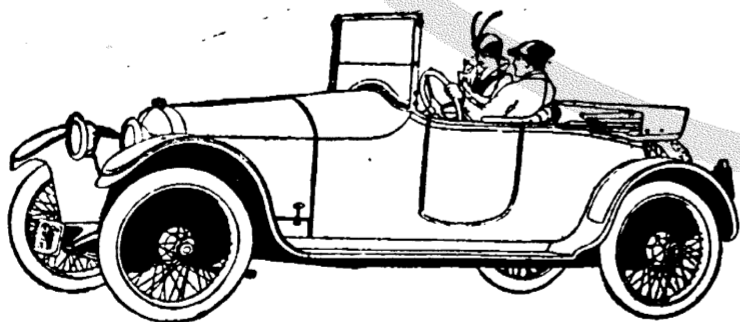
We are well aware that these territories are desired because of their economic value. Nevertheless, the question should not be made one of life or death. What we must decide to our complete satisfaction is: Is it worth while, for the sake of acquiring property which is not absolutely necessary at this moment and the future value of which still remains undetermined, to push the world-conflict to its extreme end?

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(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
London, Aug. 30.
Reuter's correspondent at French Headquarters telegraphing late in the afternoon says that the three French armies engaged on both sides of the Oise are sweeping forward in close co-ordination.

Later.
Reuter's correspondent at French Headquarters telegraphs that Humbert's Army at 10.30 o'clock in the morning captured Noyon. Mangin's Army crossed the Oise for the first time and occupied Morlincourt. On the left bank Debeney's Army captured Maneuoy Wood.

(Havas Telegram.)
Paris, Aug. 30.
In spite of a stubborn resistance the enemy was obliged to retreat in the sector of the Aves on a front of twenty kilometres.

We have occupied Roye, Chaumes, Omiécourt and thirty villages and have realised an advance of a dozen kilometres at some points.

Allied Captures.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
London, Aug. 30.
Since July 18 the Allies on the Western front have captured over a hundred thousand prisoners and nearly two thousand guns.

Since August 8 the British have captured 47,000 prisoners and six hundred guns.

German Positions Penetrated.

(Havas Telegram.)
Paris, Aug. 30.
The British attacked and penetrated deeply German positions between the rivers Sensée and Scarpe. They have occupied Chérisy, Roex, Gavrelle and Deangnatre.

To the south of the Somme they have taken Foucaucourt.

Spanish Vessel Torpedoed.

(Havas Telegram.)
Paris, Aug. 30.
A German submarine torpedoed the Spanish steamer Caraca. Six were drowned.

A Russian Directory.

(Havas Telegram.)
Paris, Aug. 30.
Two hundred members of the Russian Constituent Assembly met at Samara where the elected a Directory, composed of MM. Stepanoff, Askventieff and Alentieff, charged with the management of the country. [Note: Samara is a town in East Russia on the Volga.]

Tobacco Supplies For Allies.

The U. S. War Industries Board announces that investigation into tobacco requirements indicates that conservation is necessary, and Government control may be ordered later. The 1917 crop was 1,196,000,000 lb., of which 850,000,000 lb. is available this year for United States manufacturers while 346,000,000 lb. will be available for export to the Allies.

The tobacco issued to the military forces by England, France and Italy amounts approximately to 175,000,000 lb. yearly England and France each allot 40 per cent. of the entire consumption to the army and navy, while Italy allows the military forces 45 per cent. The total yearly consumption by the entire population in these countries is estimated at 387,000,000 lb., or 41,000,000 lb. more than this country is able to export.

Havas Wires from Singapore.

The Harassed German Army.

Paris, Aug. 28.
Using the German forces rendered available by the arrival of Austrian and Bulgarian contingents on the Western front, General Ludendorff has attempted in the last few days to make his resistance efficacious. But he has merely increased his casualties, without changing the results. The British are still advancing, and they are masters of Bapaume. The French have captured Chaumes and Roye, the pillars of the German defence, and this morning they pursued the enemy for seven miles, up to the line of Nele.

The fall of Noyon appears imminent: the whole German front is splitting. General Ludendorff is trying to attain the Hindenburg line; but Marshal Foch is relentlessly refusing him any respite, and constantly harassing him everywhere.

It is now possible that the German forces will be finally either overthrown into the Somme marshes, or find their retreat choked between the Somme and the Oise. The disheartenment clearly shown by the German Press is more and more accounted for.

Germany Uneasy.
The diplomatic defeat of the Berlin Government, which has been forced to give in to Spain's ultimatum concerning the requisitioning of tonnage, and the new progressive reorganisation of the Russian forces owing to the co-operation of the Allies are increasing the uneasiness of German opinion.

And a Monk Would Be.
Herr Solf, the Minister for the Colonies, and Prince Max of Baden have just delivered speeches trying to show her moderation, in order to allow of the possibility of talking with Germany and admitting her into the society of nations.

Korniloff Alive.
According to private reliable news from Russia, General Korniloff is alive.

Kaiser Witnesses Failure.

The Kaiser took up a position in a specially-protected advanced post east of Rheims. When the Champagne attack proved a failure, and the German wave broke before the French defence, the Kaiser hurriedly went to the Marne front, where the "prospects" were better. The Kaiser, however, took good care not to cross the river.

Crown Prince Nonplussed.
Writing in the "Daily Chronicle," Major General Sir F. B. Maurice expresses the opinion that General Mangin's attack has upset the Crown Prince's plans and confronted him with great difficulties. "It is evident," General Maurice proceeds, "that the Germans have men to throw into the battle and they are fighting hard. The Allies have already achieved great things, but we must avoid premature predictions as to an enemy disaster. The vital point is Soissons, and the retention of the 'Montagne de Paris'."

The German Press Amazed.
Rutland messages that owing to the Government having gagged the newspapers, the German public was at first prevented from realising the failure of the German offensive. Everything has been done to minimise the public knowledge regarding the extent of operations, yet the General Staff had made preparations fully anticipating another "Kaiser battle."

Later messages show that the German newspapers display the utmost bewilderment at the shattering of Von Ludendorff's offensive. Some assert that deserters have betrayed his plans. A semi-official Berlin message unblushingly states that the Germans' objectives in crossing the Marne were achieved. "One of these aims," it adds, "was to draw forth a counter-offensive, which failed in its real aim to break through the Germans' defence."

THERE can be no real comparison between the flying of birds and the motion of aeroplanes. No aeroplane has yet been invented that can "fly." Perfect rigidity in the planes of an aeroplane is, we know, essential to safety. Were they to imitate the action of a bird's wings disaster would quickly follow. An aeroplane just glides through the air with motionless outstretched wings—an ugly mechanical motion, in comparison with the beauty of a bird's flight. But we may yet live to see an aeroplane that really "flies." An American has invented a very small machine with movable "wings," which he calls a flyplane. It has been tested and approved by the U. S. Government, and, if the flyplane justifies expectation, it may shortly make its appearance in the war area, a real Bird of Freedom.

Church Services.

Church of the Assumption.

September the 1st, 15th Sunday after Pentecost.
5.20 a.m. 1st Mass.
6.10 a.m. 2nd Mass for the Native Community.
8.00 a.m. 3rd and last Mass for the Foreign Community.
4 p.m. Rosary, Instruction, Benediction of the most Holy Sacrament.

WEEK DAYS.

5.30 a.m. 1st Mass.
6.00 a.m. 2nd and last Mass.
Devotion of the Month. The Seven Dolours of our Lady.
Sept. 2. Monday. St. Stephen, King and Conf. High Mass of requiem for the souls in purgatory (requested by Mrs. Anne Pau.)

Sept. 3. Tuesday. St. Serani, Virgin and Martyr.
Sept. 4. Wednesday. High Mass of requiem for the repose of this soul of the late Mr. Antonio Chin Teck (requested by Mrs. Lea.)

Sept. 5. Thursday. St. Lawrence, Justinian B. and Conf. High Mass of requiem on behalf of the late Mrs. Mathias (requested by Mr. Thomas Heng.) Confessions of the month.

Sept. 6. Friday. 1st of the month. St. Eugen Martyr.
Holy Communion in honour of the most Sacred Heart.

Sept. 7. Saturday. St. Regina, Virgin and Martyr. High Mass of the day in honour of the B. V. Mary (requested by Mr. Thomas Heng's family.)

Sunday next. The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
Plenary Indulgence to be obtained by the members of the Arch-Confraternity of Our Lady of Victories.

Christ Church.

Services for Sept. 1st 15th Sunday after Trinity.
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
6 p.m. Evensong with Sermon.

Hymn, Processional, 288. A few more years shall roll.
370 Eternal Father, strong to save.

160 Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty.
18 Hail, gladdening Light.

Psalm, 1 and 2.
Chant, Hopkins and Cook.
Magnificat, Goss.
Nunc Dimittis, Foster.
Vesper Hymn, Through the day.

S. Mary's Mission.

Sunday, September 1, Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity.
9 a.m. Matins and Sermon.
Psalms, 75 and 76.
Hymns:—

4: New every morning is the love.

193: Jesu, Lover of my soul,

281: Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us.

There will be no Evening Service and no Intercession Service on Wednesday, September 4.

Construction or Destruction?

Quakers, Prohibitionists and others have protested at the permission recently granted to Dutch distillers to export to the British Gold Coast an increased quantity of gin for the West African natives. Sir Harry Johnston now writes to the Daily News on the subject. "If distilled alcohol were not a poison to mind and body, for black men quite as much as white (perhaps more)," he says, "I should leave it alone. Once the negro acquires the taste, he drinks to excess. He becomes

a bad workman, quarrelsome, and lazy: the black woman gives way to idleness and immorality. All these facts have been clearly manifested in report after report compiled by missionaries and ethnologists, medical officers and lawyers. It is impossible to rebut them." This alcohol is carried mainly in British ships, and that at a time when shipping space was never wanted more urgently!

Notice.

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Major-General Sir F. Maurice, writing in a home paper, says that it would be profitable to re-open the story of our first ventures and early failures in Mesopotamia, as present interest centres in what we are doing there now. Speaking in the House of Lords Lord Curzon said: "We are an Eastern as well as a Western Power, and the pillars of our dominions are planted at Delhi and Cairo no less than in these islands. We were drawn into the Mesopotamian campaign by the necessities of Imperial defence." That means that we are defending India at Bagdad.

The Germans have suffered no more grievous illusion in this war than the one which arose from their belief that our Empire was a rotten tree, the branches of which would fall at the first storm. They looked particularly to South Africa, Egypt and India for troubles which would cause us grave embarrassment, and, in fact, expected, and prepared to assist, the outbreak of open revolt in all three. The splendid and unswerving loyalty of our Dominions and Dependencies has brought these hopes to nothing as much as have the successes of our arms in the more distant theatres of war.

Yet as regards the enemy's attempts on India, we have had and still have our anxieties. Before Maude entered Bagdad, and, by joining hands with the Russians, established an effective barrier against the enemy's attempts to penetrate further East, German agents and bands under German leadership had entered Persia freely, reached the frontiers of India, and even penetrated Afghanistan, whence they were turned back by our loyal friend the Amir. With the collapse of Russia the barrier established on the frontier of Persia broke down, and the road to Turkish and German ambitions was again open.

A Centre for Attack.

What have we been doing to meet this menace? Maude's policy after he entered Bagdad was to use his central position to strike out right, left, and centre at the enemy as he got his chance. In a country in great part desert the enemy's lines of advance are limited to the waterways, which converge on Bagdad: the Diala coming down from the north east and the Persian frontier, the Tigris from Mosul and the north, the Euphrates from the direction of Aleppo and the north west.

With lines of railway running up each of these river valleys from Bagdad, we have been able to strike swiftly and successfully against the enemy who, without railways and with deserts to traverse, cannot readily transfer his

forces from one river line to another. It is told of Forrest, the Confederate cavalry leader in the American Civil War, that he was asked by a lady for the secret of his successes in the war, and replied, "Ma'am, I got there first, with the most men." That is exactly what has been happening in Mesopotamia. Our early troubles arose mainly because we had no railways and could not obtain sufficient river steamers; our communications were, in fact, bad. Now we have adequate railways and an ample river fleet, our communications are good, much better than the enemy's, and we got there first with the most men.

It will be remembered that early in the year General Marshall struck with his left on the Euphrates and occupied Hit; then, after a pause, he attacked the Turkish force holding Bagdad, about twenty miles upstream of Hit, and completely annihilated it, capturing over 3,000 prisoners. Our pursuit carried us to Awa, nearly 200 miles north-west of Bagdad, and enabled us to destroy all the considerable preparations which the enemy had made for an attack upon us by the Euphrates lines.

General Marshall's Plans

It now appears that Marshall has drawn in his forces to Hit, as the Turks have reported that they have re-occupied Bagdad. It is clearly no part of his plan to weaken his power of getting there first by extending his advance beyond what his communications can sustain. Having cleared the Euphrates of the enemy's advanced bases, just as Maude cleared the Turkish base at Tekrit on the Tigris, Marshall, free from any anxiety as to his left, has turned his attention to his right, where in the gap left by the withdrawal of the Russians.

By a series of rapid and successful blows, which have resulted in the capture of more than 1,200 prisoners and twelve guns, he has practically annihilated the Second Turkish Division, which was on the Persian frontier to the north-east of Bagdad. We have occupied Kifri, with its valuable coal mines, and have pressed on through Kirkuk to the lesser Zab, at the point where the road to Mosul crosses that river some 80 miles south-east of the latter town. We now learn that our cavalry have advanced up the Tigris to the rapids of Fatha, 130 miles north of Bagdad, about 15 miles below the junction of the Tigris and the lesser Zab. We have by these successes cleared a wide circle round Bagdad. Be-

fore attacking us in force, the enemy, being without railways, must re-establish the advance depots we have destroyed and fill them up with the necessary food, stores and munitions a slow and toilsome business, when he is dependent upon river-borne traffic.

More important for our immediate purpose, these successes will certainly have an effect in Persia, where waverers may well have begun to doubt whether the collapse of Russia had not brought with it as great a menace to our position in the East as it has to that in the West.

The hot weather which is now setting in forms as effective a bar to active military operations as the winter mud in Flanders, and neither the Turk nor the German like it more than our own men. It therefore will not be surprising if we do not hear much from this part of the world for some time to come.

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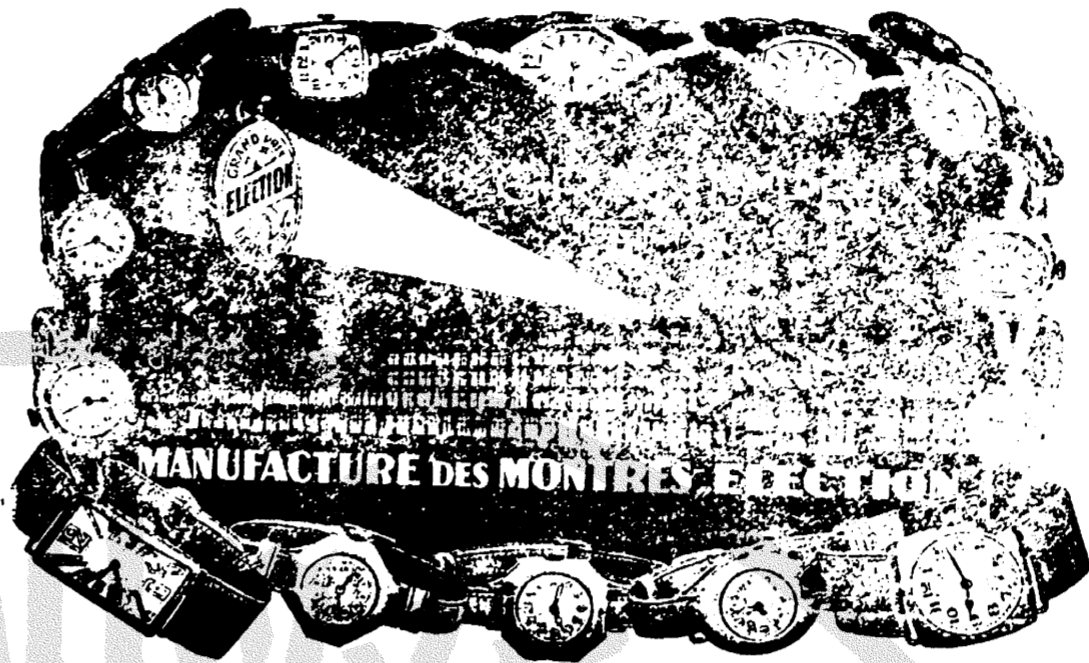
Jericho, July 15.—For a long time past there have been rumours of occasional friction between the Turkish and German troops. If there is any lack of cordiality between them, the result of the action in the Jordan Valley yesterday is certain to widen the breach. These German battalions launched the attack which had the immediate object of seizing our water supply. They got through some of our posts and round a portion of the strong points to the defences, where they were held up, and by a prompt and spirited counter attack were almost surrounded, and forced to surrender. The Germans expected two Turkish divisions to follow them up and to work round both their flanks. The Turks made an attempt to carry out the plan, and the Germans bitterly complain that the Turks left them in the lurch. The Turks say that this German plan was never approved by them, and they also allege that the Germans told them that the Australians and New Zealanders were all sick, or resting at Jerusalem, whereas those who ran up against our defences found them manned by Anzacs who stood like rocks against the heavy artillery bombardment, and in the subsequent vigorous infantry assault added to the high honours won by the Anzacs in this war. The Germans suffered an overwhelming defeat, and the Turks are completely disillusioned. We expected some sort of attack when at Ramadan on Saturday afternoon. German troops were seen moving along the Jordan Valley, north of Munsallabeh, a prominent feature held by us, some 5,000 yards north of Wadi Anja, against our positions. The Germans infantry were to attack, while the Jordan Turkish divisions were to move round the German right, others following the line of the German attack.

The Turkish 24th Division intended to push through Munsallabeh, and at 2.30 yesterday morning the enemy, who had been shelling Munsallabeh on the previous afternoon, opened one of the heaviest bombardments on this front. Prisoners report that they thought we had been shelled out of the place. At 4 o'clock the Germans had crept up the valleys between three defended points to the south-west of Munsallabeh, but we only evacuated the central post, which was merely used for the purposes of observation. The troops holding the other positions held on splendidly. Throughout the attack these garrisons did great execution, when daylight showed the Germans endeavouring to work their way into the bluff on the Abutellul position. On

the bluff was a garrison of 12 men of the Australian Light Horse. For an hour they were attacked over and over again by strong forces, but though the enemy rushed forward with the greatest determination, the party reduced to six through wounds, beat them back with heavy loss. This stout resistance was of the highest importance, for it kept the Germans in the open till the brigades launched counter-attack. The enemy had done slightly better on the Abutellul mounds, but had not progressed sufficiently to establish himself. When the counter-attack began, soon after 5, he was subjected to a strong machine gun and rifle fire from our positions in his rear, and from the bluff and the other second line defences. When the counter-attack developed the Germans saw that they were almost surrounded, and gave in.

The enemy's casualties here were heavy. In the area of the Wadi Mellahab, where the enemy's 24th Division was to operate, the attack was not so vigorous. Only one enemy battalion was put into line, though the shelling was considerable. One Light Horse regiment killed and wounded 40, and took prisoners 15, some of whom were Germans. By 9 a.m. our position was completely restored. On the east of the River Jordan Indian cavalry and British Yeomanry shared in the honours of the day. A force of the Turks was seen working towards the Jordan to the south-east of our bridge head at Ghoraniyeh, evidently with the object of diverting our reserve. The Turks took up their position astride a very deep wadi. The cavalry commander decided to charge on both flanks. The Yeomanry charged from the north, but their gallop across the hard dusty ground was enough for the enemy. Turks and Germans alike rushing for shelter into the wadi, which was impassable for cavalry. The Yeomanry had hard luck in getting no nearer than 100 yards before the enemy disappeared. The Indian Imperial Service troops had better fortune. They swung up from the south and got well into a large party of the enemy, killing 60 with the lance and taking 35 prisoners, including the commander of a Turkish cavalry regiment and two machine-guns. The Indians were heartily congratulated upon their brilliant charge and on the day's captures, the majority of whom were Germans.

The Germans have been kept very busy in other sections by frequent raids. Some of these dashes across No Man's Land were executed with great daring by British and Indian troops. The whole enterprise was rewarded generously, after keen fighting with bomb and bayonet by substantial bags of prisoners and information of importance.



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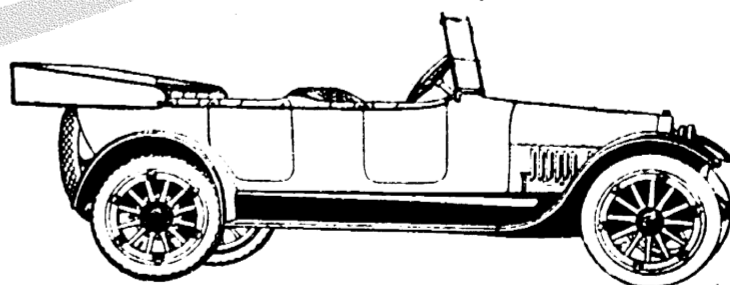
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In a little country town in Pennsylvania a small boy jumped on the train and offered the evening papers. They were freely bought, and two men sitting together made guttural noise as they saw headlines announcing a German advance. It sounded like "Ach gut," but I cannot be sure. Whatever the words, no "Open Sesame" ever wrought quicker magic. Within an instant a little tornado arose; and before there was time to analyse the commotion or share in it two stout persons were lifted clean up and heaved into the street. The conductor did not attempt to interfere or stop the pace of the car. One man fell on his face, the other went spinning round and was nearly knocked over by a passing motor. Within the train three lithe Americans laughed and resumed their seats, and the incident was closed.

Later I recounted the experience to my host. A dry little smile wrinkled his mouth and vanished, as his daughter broke in:—"Now, Papa, I'll never forgive you, if you tell." But he told me the story nevertheless. An elderly Austrian lady, who had been an old acquaintance of the family, had ventured to say that Germany would never be beaten. Though the occasion was a party at her own home, the daughter had turned on the old lady, lectured her on her sin against America, and insisted on her immediate ejection from the house. Thereafter all communication between the two families had ceased.

It seemed to me that the real feelings of a people are more easily and truly diagnosed in small places than in large; and such a pair of incidents, though slight enough, more impressed me than all the police-court incidents of New York.

"The Hyphens."

I left this little town to journey to Virginia. In the smoking room of the Pullman only the war was being discussed; and I asked a citizen from the Middle West what he thought the effect would be if there were news of heavy casualties among the American troops. "In my city," he said, naming some Wisconsin township, "it will mean death to the hyphens." He meant, of course, people (and they were 50 per cent. of his neighbourhood) who wrote themselves down as German-Americans. Heavy American casualties have not yet been reported;

but every single day signs multiply of an accumulated hatred of all things and persons named German. Every day in the bigger cities men are arrested and receive penalties of three months and upward for pro-German or pro-Austrian opinions. Most of the offenders are reported and in many cases arrested then and there by private citizens who now—as was adjudged in the Courts the other day—have the right of such summary action. "Are you 100 per cent. American?" asks one of the most aggressive advertisements; and it will very soon be dangerous to be only 99 per cent. American, to say nothing of "50-50," which is the vernacular for 50 per cent. Indeed, it is already dangerous.

Not more than a week or two ago it was the habit of German sympathizers, when the news pleased them, to assemble in certain restaurants to drink—and eat—to the glory of the Fatherland. These resorts and these habits soon became known, and at least as many 100 per cent. Americans as Ger-

mans began to fore-gather to the festival. The result was that every one watched every one—one party seeking to observe, the other to make sure that it was not observed—so that a restaurant, though crowded to overflowing with a company assembled to celebrate, was nevertheless enveloped in an atmosphere of preternatural gloom. A moment's rashness would precipitate a catastrophe, as every one knew; and now even the German restaurants are little more populous on one night than on another.

Public Feeling.

A few cases of lynching, of tarring and feathering, and such delicate reminders of patriotic duty occur almost daily in the West and middle West; but these excesses are not the most thorough-going signs of popular feeling. Bigger movements are on foot. Instruction in the German tongue has been absolutely prohibited in the elementary schools of several States, including New York. Teachers are forced to take the oath of loyalty. School books are

being rapidly revised, with a view to cut out all complimentary references to Bismarck and the Kaisers, as well as some unfortunate references to British Kings and rulers. Clubs here, there, and everywhere have passed a short and sharp rule, which renders every member liable to be called upon to take the oath of loyalty. The boycott movement against German goods is spreading very rapidly, especially among women, and is to be methodically organized.

My impression is that if the war continues much longer or if the American troops are heavily engaged, the problem of protecting the persons and properties of avowed Germans will strain law and order to the utmost. East and West, Americans are growing angry. The influence of this growing animosity in the German American communities themselves is already apparent. Germans are a logical people. Many emigrants came over to avoid the excesses of the "slave State" of Germany, but have allowed themselves a strong sentimental affection for the Father-

land. They are now directly face to face with the fact that hyphens are an unpopular, and, indeed, a dangerous appendage. Compromise is difficult. A plain choice is offered. Shall they be German or American? People say, "Once a German, always a German." I do not believe it. It is daily disproved; and the best observers hold that thousands of Germans will in the next few months deliberately and thoroughly accept the country of their adoption, now the alternatives are so clear-cut. It is safer to the American than German; and fear is a powerful agent.—Times Cor.

Rainfall.

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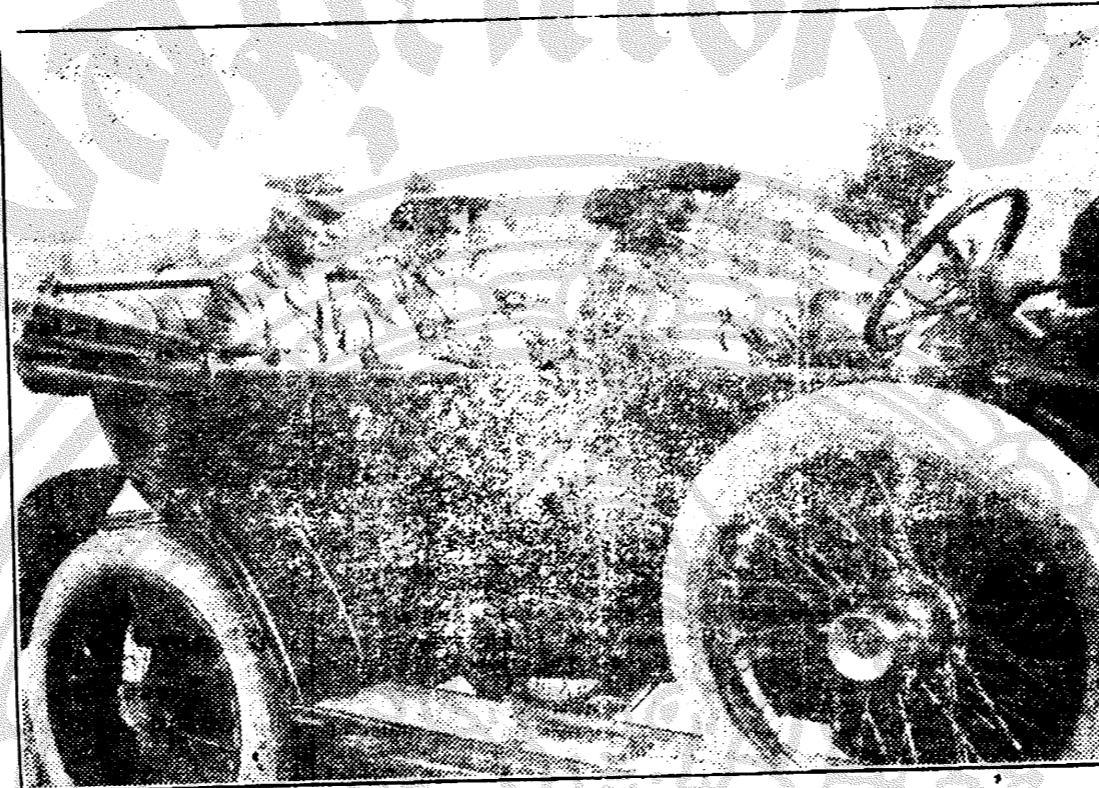
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