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11	8 30	15 5	1.2	6.0
12	8 30	15 7	2.0	7.0
13	9 00	15 9	2.3	7.0
14	9 00	14 11	3.0	7.0
15	9 00	14 11	3.0	7.8
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16th	(Last Quarter)	6.24 p.m.
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30th) First Quarter	7.44 a.m.

Hindenburg's Call.

Amsterdam, Nov. 16.—Hindenburg has been quick in learning the lesson taught him by the English victory on the Ancre.

In dramatic language to-day the uncrowned Emperor of Germany sounds an almost desperate note of solemn warning to his countrymen. The keynote of his warning is "Wake up! If you do not we shall lose the war." In an epoch-making letter to the Chancellor, which the newspapers publish to-day, Hindenburg bluntly proclaims that Germany is facing a terrible crisis, and that great changes are necessary if it is to be overcome. The field-marshal first mentions the munition workers' lack of food, especially fat.

"Unless the present situation changes," he declares, "it is quite impossible for working men to continue to work with the requisite efficiency."

Food Failure.

In a few biting sentences he also denounces von Batocki's food department's failure to secure the needed food for the workers on whom victory depends, while a paragraph of the letter clearly shows that even in Hindenburg's estimation conditions in Germany's munition and war factories are really tantamount to starvation. In the next paragraph Hindenburg neatly slaps the Agrarians in the face. He criticises their ignorance of conditions outside their agricultural districts, and says: "You might tell them their duty is not merely to increase production, but to surrender freely all the food they have, especially all grease and fats, to their country."

Next the field-marshal censures the Prussian officials. He charges them with sluggishness.

"They do not seem to know that this war really means life or death for our country and people," he says. This is a charge that German officialdom will not easily forgive. Hindenburg asks the Chancellor to organise a lively propaganda to make these bitter truths clear to all Germans at home in order to awaken in their hearts the old "furore Teutonico," without which the Germans must be beaten.

Declining Morale.

Hindenburg's letter is quite revolutionary from every viewpoint. No clearer intimation of the increasing fears of Germany's leaders, of Germany's declining morale and dwindling enthusiasm and strength, could be thought of. It is no coincidence that Hindenburg's appeal appears on the day after the great British victory on the Ancre. This triumph, coming after Verdun, excites grave fear in Germany, despite the newspaper statements that "all this is of no real importance."

To-day a new note is perceptible in the newspapers. Probably a hint has been given from headquarters not to deny that the English have won great advantages, but rather to use them as an argument in favour of the civilian mobilisation which is planned by the Government. The "Cologne Gazette," referring to the Ancre retreat, considers it unavoidable, but cleverly done. It pays a warm tribute to the German troops who opposed the great English attack; stating that they faced the enemy's greatest efforts in this war. In the next column, under the headline, "Give the Fatherland What Belongs to the Fatherland," the journal seriously urges Germans to wake up and make munitions—the army's first and last need.

Peril in the Pipe.

English Doctor's Startling Statistics.

Remarkable figures as to the incidence of cancer among smokers, drinkers, and teetibbers are published in a report by the Medical Officer of Health at Woolwich.

He has collected details of the life history and habits of 135 men and 77 women who died from that disease in the borough last year, and says that, comparing persons who suffer from cancer with those living at advanced ages or who died at advanced ages through other causes, the great differences are as to habits with respect to alcohol and smoke.

Cancerous persons had 32 per cent. of excessive alcohol users and 41 per cent. excessive smokers. No cancerous persons living to a greater age had 14 per cent. of excessive alcohol users and 16 per cent. excessive smokers.

The percentage of excessive alcohol drinkers and large smokers among those dying from cancer is more than twice as high as among other persons.

These differences are still more marked with respect to alcohol and smoking if only those who died from cancer of the mouth and throat are considered. Of 68 persons dying from cancer of the lips, tongue, jaws, and larynx 31, or 46 per cent. took alcohol excessively, while 51, or 75 per cent. smoked excessively. Twenty three of these patients smoked chiefly a clay pipe, sixteen a briar or other form of pipe and ten sometimes a clay and sometimes a briar, two cigarettes, and two cigars. There were only four out of the twenty-one cases of cancer of the mouth or tongue who did not smoke. Two of these had bad teeth.

Among the non-cancer cases all the smokers smoked pipes (29 clay and 19 briar, and 3 both) except one who smoked cigarettes. Of 134 cases with cancer of other parts than the mouth and throat 34 (or 24 per cent.) took alcohol excessively, and 31 (or 22 per cent.) smoked excessively. It would appear that both alcohol and smoking (especially alcohol) have some general effect in promoting cancer, but chiefly exert their injurious influence locally.

Of the 64 cases of cancer of the mouth and throat, 18 (or 28 per cent.) were excessive tea drinkers. Tea drinking does not seem to be especially injurious locally or generally as far as cancer is concerned. If the injurious effect of smoking were chiefly due to the local effect of heat one would have expected excessive drinking of hot tea to have had a similar bad result. In 42 cases of cancer of the stomach 15 (or 35 per cent.) drank excessively, 16 (or 38 per cent.) were large eaters, and 11 (or 26 per cent.) were large meat eaters.

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German Struggle Against the Floods.

With the British Army, October 31.—Rain has scourged the face of the battlefield so thoroughly that some trenches have been literally wiped off the map. In this respect the weather is an ally of the Allies, for the trenches in question were German-held, and their disappearance ends a stubborn, week-long struggle. The vanished holes in the ground lay somewhere east of Lesbœufs, in the fantastic wilderness of tumbled earth-works and caved-in craters which has been churned into a sea of semi-liquid mud by the combat of many men. Indistinguishable at short distance, even when their occupants first slanted their machine-guns towards Lesbœufs, they were altogether blotted from view after the first heavy rain. The multi-coloured trench map, which is their memorial, commemorates them by fanciful names, of which "Hazy" is not the least appropriate.

None of these isolated scraps of cover possessed great strategic value—they lay well in front of the Le Transloy main German line—but the eviction of their occupants was desirable in the interest of peace and quiet. Previous assaults gave British infantry temporary possession, but the profusion of machine guns nested beyond prevented them obtaining the freehold. Nevertheless, they tried repeatedly, with traditional tenacity, and every time the little ditch changed hands fresh German bodies lay in and around it. We went at it again yesterday morning. The infantry wallowed—there is no other adequate word—through the slough that separated Hazy and its accomplices from the British front trench before Les Boeufs. Machine guns barked as usual from a variety of hiding places, but no fire was directed at them from the position they were attacking. Laboriously pulling one weighted log after the other, the infantrymen finally arrived at a position in the mud which was indisputably Hazy trench—except that there was no trench and no enemy. All that was to be seen was a slight, irregular depression in the greasy mire, which might have given scant cover to a few men before the sides slipped together. Hazy was buried, and the Germans were beaten by Nature herself. Unable to bolster up their crumbling defences they had retired in the night, leaving as souvenirs of their failure a variety of debris already disappearing in the ooze.

British Gunnery.

The British contingent came back. Hazy was buried beyond resurrection, and nothing could be gained by trying to shore up a new ditch in the vicinity of its grave. So this strip of "No Man's Land"—which is more like a sea of well-sponged porridge than any known kind of land—remains undisturbed until the weather has exhausted its fury and the earth has dried again. Elsewhere in this little theatre of stubborn fighting west of the Peronne road the enemy has stuck to his mud holes as the British are sticking to theirs, and for the moment they are equally as secure as though they held castles on two islands. Wherever the sodden soil will permit the Germans are trying to dig more and still more trenches, but it is a difficult task, made doubly disheartening by the obstructive attitude of the British artillery. For example, they want to colonise the present "No Man's Land" south of the Ancre, where their present position is the so-called Grandcourt trench, south of that village and of Petit Miranmont.

The width of "No Man's Land" between the Grandcourt line and the British-owned Regina trench averages 1,200 yards, and the enemy seeks to lessen it by digging fragments of advanced fire trenches at night and then surreptitiously linking them up, in the hope that he will thereby secure firmer grip of the southern bank of the Ancre. At one or two points pioneers have made heavy sacrifices in sinking a trench under the steady and wholly accurate bombardment of British bat-

teries, but, try as they will, they have not been able to join these new alley ways to the Grandcourt group or to use them effectively. Whatever exertions can be made by the enemy at present are almost entirely directed to the preparation of new positions and the strengthening of those he now holds. The latter is vital, for he could not continue in his present position during the excessive rainfall without constant pumping, revetting and shoring up the flooded trenches. He evidently expects further serious trouble when the ground dries. While infantry operations are impossible, the German guns keep "feeling" the British front.

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Bangkok, den 13. Januar 1917.

Kaiserlich Deutsches Konsulargericht.
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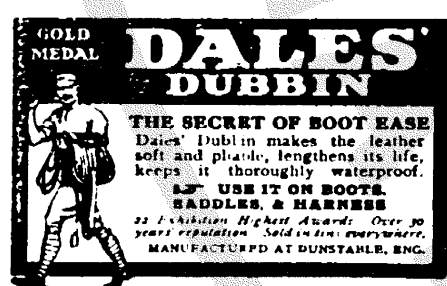
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Great War.

Note Handed to Neutrals.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 13.

Amsterdam ex Berlin.—A note has been handed to neutral representatives indicating Germany's views of the situation owing to the enemy reply to the peace proposals.

A British Attack.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 13.

General Haig reports: We captured three-quarters of a mile of trench to the north-east of Beannont Hamlet and took 170 prisoners. A counter-attack was broken up. We made successful raids eastward of Armentieres and north-eastward of Ypres and two in the neighbourhood of Grandcourt.

Italian Raid on Austrian Fleet.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 15.

The Italian Naval communicate says: Two Austrian submarines were captured one whereof has been incorporated into the Italian Navy.

Italian and French seaplanes raided Pola on the 12th instant and bombed the Austrian fleet. They drove off enemy aeroplanes and returned safely. Enemy aeroplanes unsuccessfully bombed Italian torpedo boats.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Jan. 14.

Rome.—Our aeroplanes bombarded the fleet at Pola and returned undamaged. Our Navy has utilized two Austrian submarines which were captured.

A German Success.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 15.

A wireless German official says: We captured Vadeni on the Bratia-Galatz railway.

Havas Telegrams.

Paris, Jan. 14.

Yesterday there was intermittent cannonading at various points. To-day there was artillery activity in the regions of the Somme and the Meuse.

Yesterday the British captured prisoners west of Wytsaete.

Submarines have torpedoed the British battleship *Cornwallis*. Thirteen are missing.

[The *Cornwallis* was a pre-dreadnought battleship of 14,000 tons displacement and was launched in 1904.]

On the eastern front the Rumanians have repulsed the enemy.

Confidence in Britain.

(“S. O.” SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, Jan. 15.

Mr. Lloyd George states that it has been made clear in the Allies' reply to Germany and still clearer in the reply to America that the Allies prefer war to a peace at Prussian price. The Allies are looking more and more to Britain and their confident trust has not been misplaced.

The Late Mr. Galassi.

The funeral of the late Mr. Galassi took place yesterday at 4.30 p.m. at the Assumption Church from where the remains were conveyed to the Roman Catholic Cemetery in Windmill road.

The Italian Minister was represented by the Chancellor of the Legation and a number of members of the Italian and other communities were present.

Deceased who died through heart failure came to Siam about 30 years ago. He was connected with several businesses but had retired a few years ago owing to his state of health. He was a veteran of the Italian wars of Independence having fought with Garibaldi at Mentana in 1867. He leaves four sons and two daughters to mourn his loss.



Court Circular.

DUSIT PALACE,
Monday, January 15.

To-morrow afternoon His Majesty the King will leave Bangkok by Special train for Sanam Chandra where His Majesty will be in residence for some time.

There will be the annual field training and manoeuvres of the Wild Tiger Scouts at which His Majesty the King will attend.

Court News.

His Majesty the King left by special train this afternoon for Nagor Pathom.

"The Money Market."

A Siamese Publication.

We have to acknowledge the receipt of a book in the Siamese language entitled "The Money Market." The author, "U. U. S." seems to have a thorough grasp of the subject and the work supplies a long-felt want and should be studied by all business men who have not the advantage of knowing a European language to read works of greater magnitude. What the author has to say with reference to the local market will interest and prove useful knowledge to foreign business men also.

For Gallant Conduct in the Field.

The "Cape Times" of December 2 gives a list of names of South Africans fighting in East Africa who have received military awards. Among them is the name of Dr. K. A. Gilchrist, formerly of Bangkok, who has received the Military Cross.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Customs service will observe the 23rd and 24th instant as holidays owing to the Chinese New Year.

The s.s. *Mata Hari* is expected to arrive on Saturday, 24th January and will load for Singapore direct.

The total subscriptions to the Cruiser Fund up to date amount to Tes. 2,282,163. Mondhol Surat's last contribution was Tes. 2,142.

The s.s. *Katong* left Singapore on Monday morning the 15th inst., and may be expected to arrive at the Borneo Company's wharf on Thursday morning about 9 a.m.

The Chinese Government has decided to despatch four army and naval officers to study the war in Europe. President Li Yuan Hung has paid out \$30,000 as travelling expenses.

Ex-King: Theobaw of Burma died at midnight on December 16 at Bhatnagar, the cause of death being heart and kidney trouble. Theobaw was proclaimed King of Upper Burma on the 8th October, 1878, seven days after the death of King Mindon.

BAGAN River Rubber Coy. shareholders need hardly be reminded that applications for the new Company's shares will close on 31st January and that the earlier the applications are sent the better. They had also better remember that it very often happens in Singapore that one does not get all the shares he applies for but only a *pro rata* allotment if the total applications are over and above the number of shares offered for subscription.

New Ads.—Full particulars as regards sailing dates etc. of Nippon Yusen Kaisha boats can be had on application to the Borneo Co., Ltd., the local agents. Changes in the dates of departure of the Siam Steam Navigation Co.'s coasting vessels are notified. The Borneo Co. have a new notice to consignees. The "Swan" fountain pen can be had from Messrs. Kiam Hoa Heng and Co. Messrs. B. Grimm and Co. notify the taking over of the business of Messrs. F. Gräbner and Co.

The transition from a quadruped to an automobile seems to have no terrors for the aye. He quickly picks up a working knowledge of the engine and the various parts, while his early schooling in the case of the victoria or dog-cart prompts him to keep the bodywork spick and span. "Reformed horse aye," if the galling joko may be adapted, seldom fail to give satisfaction to car-owners. They are conscientious and competent, and incidentally they are content with lower wages than some of the fiends who call themselves drivers, and whom one cannot help suspecting of having an understanding with the undertakers.

British Legation Telegrams.

(British Legation telegrams are not to be regarded as official communications from His Britannic Majesty's Representatives, unless they are marked "official.")

The Kaiser's Manifesto.

London, Jan. 14. The "Morning Post's" financial editor points out that there is a sentence in the German Emperor's latest manifesto which has special significance for people in England at the moment when the subscription list for the new war loan is standing open. The Kaiser's manifesto is obviously written with the impetuosity and fervour thoroughly characteristic of its author and contains those thoughts that came uppermost to his mind in a moment of wrath. We are accustomed to glowing expressions from the Kaiser regarding military and naval matters, but when he gives prominence to the fact that the Allies are waging "an unscrupulous economic war" it looks as though combined with the pressure of their naval and military forces the support given by their economic resources has played no small part in Germany's recent proposals for peace.

The correspondent therefore points out this additional encouragement given to the British public in the big money effort they have so enthusiastically entered upon.

Coloured Troops.

The "Morning Post's" correspondent in Rome says that the Italian press unanimously condemns the Austro-German reply to the Allies which the "Tribune" describes as an incredible document, proving that the German Chancery lacks all moral sense. The "Tribune" asks how Germany can talk about employment of coloured troops when she has brought Turks to Bucharest and forced British and Indian prisoners in East Africa to perform the humblest tasks usually allotted to natives.

Turnips for Potatoes.

A remarkable statement just issued in the industrial region by the "Düsseldorfer" urging the population to set their teeth uncomplainingly about the food difficulties, declares that owing to lack of means of transport and the frost in the East the potato supply to industrial districts has been so small in the last few days that five pounds of potatoes per head per week are no longer available for distribution and the new ration will be three pounds of potatoes and four pounds of turnips. This substitution of turnips for potatoes where the latter are not available is more or less general throughout Prussia.

General Dmitriev's Army.

The "Morning Post's" correspondent from Petrograd states that the General Officer commanding the Baltic province front has warmly thanked General Dmitriev and his army for admirable work during the Russian Christmas. General Dmitriev's operations, in which Vasiliev's Siberian corps took part, were brilliantly carried out in a snow blizzard and heavy frost in difficult marshy regions. In these unfavourable conditions which however probably favoured a surprise, the Russians dashed through innumerable lines of entanglements and rushed the defences of blockhouses and redoubts which the enemy had spent 15 months in preparing. The correspondent says that the Germans have been compelled to mass heavy reinforcements with a large force of artillery at the threatened points but that the Russians continue to hold all they gained despite desperate counter-attacks, and that they also have brought up adequate artillery reinforcements.

The correspondent mentions the interesting fact that a large proportion of the Russian troops employed in the attack which was extremely fierce with the bayonet, were local Levies of Letts and Estonians, whose hatred of the Germans owes its fierce intensity to the fact that these small nationalities have been for centuries ground under the heel of local German overlords. This thirst to avenge wrongs and intimate knowledge of the difficult locality made them formidable and merciless foes.

A Russian Raid.

A Petrograd message, commenting on the successful Russian squadron raid on the Anatolian coast resulting in the sinking of 40 Turkish sailing vessels, says that these were carrying various provisions to Constantinople. The Turkish seamen probably imagined that the coast was less vigilantly watched by the Russians during the Russian Christmas and expected to slip through to the capital with their foodstuffs. In any case so large a number of Turkish ships has not been sighted in the Black Sea for a long time.

Siam Philatelic Society.

The Siam Philatelic Society held its 67th Session on Monday 8th January, 1917 when Mr. Le May, the Vice-President, read a paper on the "Tied on Solot" surcharges that had been prepared by a committee consisting of Messrs. R. Harold Row, R. S. Le May and E. Wyon Smith.

This paper had been carefully revised and was now in its final form for printing and it was hoped that it would be issued under the auspices of a leading Philatelic Society in England.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the writers with a special reference to Mr. Row.

Mr. Lyons showed members the new stamps (values: 2, 3, 5, 10 and 15 satang), printed by Messrs. Waterlow of London.

The meeting terminated at 8 p.m.

The Silver Market.

London, Jan. 4.—Montagu's report says: The silver market is unusually inert. Visible transactions are rather small and general enquiries, apart from the demand, are insufficient to effect the price. Shanghai exchange has fallen a half-penny. Some silver has been sold on China account and some purchases made for the Indian bazaar, where the stock has been much reduced lately.

General Barrow.

London, Jan. 4.—General Sir Edmund Barrow has been appointed a member of the Council of India, succeeding General Sir C. C. E. E. E.

London, Jan. 5.—The Times says that General Barrow's appointment is unusually interesting in the present circumstances, and fittingly crowns a most distinguished career in the Indian army where he has borne the brunt of much heavy additional work east on the India Office by the employment of Indian troops in so many theatres of war.

Indo-French Trade.

London, Jan. 5.—Regarding the mission to France of Messrs. Chadwick and Black to investigate the possibilities of the development of Indo-French trade, the Times expresses gratification that Mr. Chamberlain and the Government of India have taken a preliminary step in the direction of giving effect to the policy of promoting Allied trade laid down at the Paris conference. It points out that in some ways the task will be less complex than is their investigation in Russia, since much of the data already exists regarding Indo-French commerce.

Conference of Central Powers.

Amsterdam, Jan. 5.—The King of Bulgaria had a long conference with the Kaiser at German headquarters on Jan. 3.

Amsterdam, Jan. 6.—Archduke Frederick and General Hoetzendorf, Austrian Chief of Staff, lunched with the Kaiser at headquarters. There were also present Crown Prince Boris of Bulgaria, Marshal Hindenburg, General Ludendorff, and General Joffe, the Bulgarian Chief of Staff. The Kaiser bestowed the Order of Merit on the Archduke.

Synthetic Rubber Story.

According to a Germanophile Dutch paper, Germany is producing a gum rivaling in elasticity and durability the product of the best tropical plantations. The invention is alleged to be equally serviceable for automobile tyres as for gloves and machines. If such a substance is being produced—and the evidence is by no means convincing—it can only be in very small quantities for the rubber famine in Germany is acute. Otherwise it would be worth anybody's while to attempt to smuggle it into the country from the United States in letters at a cost of over £350 per ton.—Ex.

An Echo of the Hampshire.

Stavanger, November 30.—By Vester Sunnary, in the Stavanger Fjord, a bottle has been washed ashore, containing a paper on which was written in English:—H. M. S. Hampshire. We have kept so far afloat, but how long it will last we cannot tell. We are in an open boat, which is very leaky. It cannot last long. We cannot see land. Good-bye all. We know we shall be avenged; the English boys will look to that. We were torpedoed twice, and had no time to reply before the submarine disappeared and sank. Five of us are here now; we are exhausted by rowing and scoping out the water. This is our last sign of life. If the bottle is found, please send it to Mrs. Smith, South Shields.

This letter has been handed to the British Consul. The Hampshire was torpedoed on the 5th of June.

Heavy Greek Shipping Losses.

Greek mercantile marine losses up to November 27 were—25 cargo boats of a total tonnage of 53,700 and of an aggregate value of at least 60,000,000 drachmai (£2,400,000) sunk by German and Austrian submarines, besides five large sailing vessels sunk and six steamers seriously damaged. The victims are to be numbered by the dozen. The total loss in ships sunk and damaged exceeds 70,000,000 drachmai (£2,800,000).—Ex.

£50,000,000 in Mails.

London, Nov. 23.—Renter's Agency learns in regard to the complaint published in various Swedish papers on the seizure of Swedish letter mail on board the s.s. United States, that from the examinations of Scandinavian and Dutch letter mails, cheques, bills, paper money and other transmissions in behalf of the enemy have been held up to an amount of over £50,000,000 and that a number of apparently Swedish mail bags have proved to be in reality German.

War Profits in Germany.

Although the State is supposed to be over all in Germany, it is not preventing the munition companies from making enormous profits. The A. E. G. (Berlin General Electric Company) reports a net profit of no less than £1,300,000 as against £11,000,000 last year, and it is paying 12 per cent on the old capital of £7,750,000 and 6 per cent on the new capital of £1,500,000 issued during the year. Another typical result is that of the Auer Company, Berlin, which shows a net profit of £616,000, as against £270,000 and is paying 25 per cent, again, besides appropriating £350,000 for the buying in of the company's preference shares.—Ex.

After the War.

London, Jan. 7.—Discussing the Indian Government's investigations with regard to post-war trade the Times remarks that some limitations will be required regarding the way wherein minerals may be dealt with after extraction in order to prevent their being used against us in war. With regard to shipping it points out that India is able to bargain for fair treatment since she may prohibit or restrict employment of lascars on alien ships. With regard to tariff problems it says in view of the possibility of dumping after the war it is necessary to consider the effect of a heavy or moderate duty on enemy imports and a preferential tariff graded according to the country of origin.

Ottawa, Jan. 7.—A report of the investigation of the Militia Departments' sale of ammunition to the Admiralty completely exonerates Sir Sam Hughes.

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Russo-Rumanians Still on the Move.

London, Jan. 4.—The Russian communiqué speaks of British armoured cars tearing along the Braila-Vizira road heavily punishing the enemy.

London, Jan. 4.—An enemy communiqué says: The Russian advances in the Dorna Vatra region failed with heavy losses.

The Austro-Hungarians in mountain fighting between the eastern frontiers of Transylvania and the lowlands of the Sereth gained important territory. Several hundred prisoners were captured.

The Germans stormed and captured Stobizta and Botesti in the region of Rimnicul Sarat.

The Austro-Germans pierced the Russian bridgehead at Braila and captured Gurgenti and Romanul after violent house-fighting. Prisoners numbering 1,400 were captured.

Conquest of the Dobrudja.

London, Jan. 5.—Wireless. Austrian Official. The enemy was driven out of a few hill positions north-west of Odobesci. We progressed in the neighbourhoods of Soveja and Harja.

London, Jan. 5.—Wireless. German Official. Germano-Bulgars have captured Braila. The Dobrudja is now cleared of the enemy.

London, Jan. 6.—Wireless. German Official. We defeated and drove back Russian battalions north east of Kirilbaba.

London, Jan. 7.—Wireless. German Official. The Russians destroyed most of the factories before abandoning Braila.

Wireless.—Austrian Official. Austro-Hungarians and Germans captured several hills near Mount Faltucanu. We repelled a strong advance north east of Kirilbaba, taking 700 prisoners.

Some Heavy Fighting.

London, Jan. 5.—Wireless. Russian Official. We bayoneted many Austrians and took prisoner the remainder of a reconnoitring party north of Zolotvin. We repulsed five strong enemy attacks on the heights south of Chebonicha river and repelled three attacks to the north of the Oituz river. Three divisions supported by thirty batteries attacked and pressed us back south of the mouth of the Bozen. The enemy launched fierce attacks on Vokroni, east of Braila. There was a stubborn battle all day with great enemy losses, but the evening compelled us to withdraw to the other bank of the Danube.

London, Jan. 6.—An enemy communiqué says: General Mackensen stormed a strong position from Tartara to

Rimni Ceni and captured villages. We advanced towards the Sereth, and further to the south east and captured Olanceasa, Zuliauca and Maxinera, our advance guards reaching the Sereth. In the Dobrudja, Galatz is being subjected to our fire.

Russians Attack Near Riga.

London, Jan. 6.—Wireless. Russian Official. We attacked and occupied a position south east of Kalutzen, south-west of Riga, taking prisoner three officers and 272 men. The enemy compelled us to withdraw two versts southwards of Kotumba. We occupied a height south of the Oituz river.

Superior enemy forces pressed back the Rumanians at Rekoza, on the Suchiza river.

The Rumanians were pressed back in the region of Koprurja and north-west of Odobesci. An enemy offensive at Rimni Ceni, Gullianka, Kic-venud and Machineni pressed back our advanced posts four versts after a stubborn resistance.

India's Voice.

London, Jan. 5.—Mr. Chamberlain, in an interview with Renter, said he was corresponding with the Viceroy regarding the selection of two representatives of India on the Imperial War Cabinet (Conference). The Imperial Government's formal recognition of India's great assistance in the war and her position in the Empire would give great satisfaction in India and would be well received by the Dominions. He had received communications from Dominion soldiers, especially from the forces engaged in Gallipoli, highly praising the gallantry of the Indian troops and the devotion of Indian bearer companies.

In East Africa.

London, Jan. 6.—East Africa Official. Pursuing the retreating enemy in the Rufiji valley, we occupied a camp on the Ishogowali river and reached Kibambawe, on the north bank of the Rufiji. The enemy were holding the south bank. The enemy were severely handled at Megata valley, and our Mkaliso force attacked small approaching parties, taking prisoners and considerable supplies. Eastward of the Mfirka we engaged the enemy, who is retreating on Mahenge.

London, Jan. 4.—The Kitchener National Memorial Fund exceeds four hundred thousand pounds.

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The Petrograd communiques from the Caucasus front have mentioned the exploits of a certain British Naval Armoured Car Division. The naval motor-cars, said one report, received their baptism of fire in the Mush Valley while protecting our supply trains from the Kurdish tribesmen. They withheld their fire until the enemy was within 400 yards, and then gave it them hot, inflicting considerable loss on the raiders. The locality of another affair is fixed as southwest of Lake Nimrud-Ghel, to the west of the Lake Van, where the Turks were driven from some fortified villages. The manner in which the cars negotiated the narrow and precipitous mountain passes, and the men proved their valour and adaptability under difficult and trying conditions, evoked enthusiastic praise from the commander-in-chief.

There must have been many who wondered on reading these reports how it was this section of our naval forces had wandered so far afield, where it had come from, and of what it was composed. As to these matters, some day, perhaps the story of the armoured cars will be written, and if it is, it will certainly provide one of the most thrilling chapters in the history of the war.

There are few of the campaigns over which the fighting in the great struggle has raged in which the armoured car division has not supplied a contingent. On the western front at the beginning of the war, in the Gallipoli Peninsula, and at the memorable landing on "V" beach, with Botha in South-west Africa, and with Smuts in East Africa, and again in Egypt, units of this force each with its proper complement of trained officers and men, have done splendid work. There is really nothing to marvel at, therefore, if the assistance we are giving to our gallant Russian Allies includes a detachment of this ubiquitous and effective corps.

The Naval Armoured Car Division—a complete unit, with heavy gun section, cyclist section, and a section for repair work—was taken by sea to Archangel, where, after certain vicissitudes and adventures, including a terrible storm at sea, it arrived in the early part of last year. The reception of the division was extraordinarily enthusiastic, the port being decorated, and all the authorities civil and military, as well as the townsfolk, turning out to give the "Jacks" a hearty welcome.

Mr. Churchill's Scheme.

The story of the inception of the Naval Armoured Car Division dates back to the very early days of the war, when British airmen were first sent to

Belgium. It was Mr. Churchill who decided upon the creation of a division of armoured cars, with all the needful accessories, and placed the duty of raising the force in the capable hands of Commander F. L. M. Boothby, of the Royal Naval Air Service. The primary idea of the functions of the corps was to give assistance and support to our airmen, and as early as Sept., 1914, Commander Samson had a small fleet of cars under his command, which did good work in Flanders. In the fighting around Lille, Tournai, and Antwerp in Oct. and at the battles of Neuve Chapelle and Ypres in May and April of the following year, much effective use was made of the force. The more heavily armed and better protected cars which at the latter date had been provided proved their value on many occasions for many purposes not originally contemplated. It was when trench warfare became general that the use of the armoured car on the Western front was found to be less essential, and then it was that the overseas activities and achievements of the division began. The magnificent work with which various detachments put in reflect the highest credit alike upon the officers and men engaged in action and those who in a relatively short time had brought to a high state of efficiency the equipment and organisation of the division.

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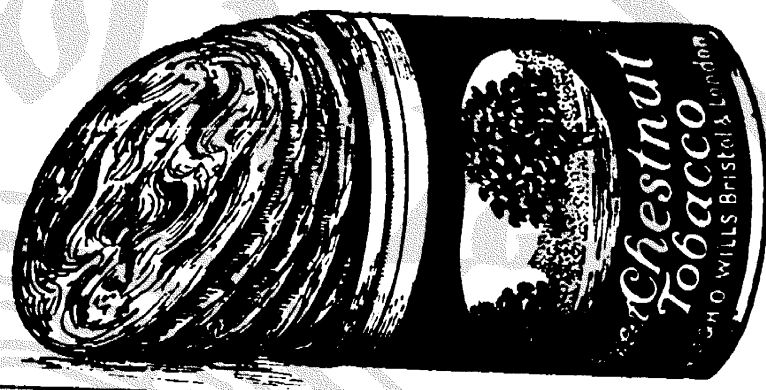
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Bangkok Noi ... Dep.	7.30	8.25	1.20	2.10		Chumpon ... Dep.					7.45
M. Nakon Patom ...	8.56	10.13	2.45	4.27		Prachuap Kirikan Arr.					p.m.
Ban Pong ...	9.33	10.55	3.26	5.38		Pran Kao ... Dep.				9.5	2.26
Potaram ...	9.55	11.22	4.	6.17		Wang Phong ... Arr.			6.5		2.41
Batburi ... Arr.	10.26	11.57	4.31	6.59		Hua Hin ... Dep.			6.10	10.59	4.59
						" ... Arr.			6.13	11.14	5.5
Petchaburi ... Dep.	10.36	12.10	4.41			" ... Dep.			6.57	11.46	
" ... Arr.	12.	1.45	6.29			Petchaburi ... Arr.			7.5	11.54	
Hua Hin ... Dep.	12.12	2.17				Batburi ... Dep.				p.m.	
" ... Arr.	1.59	4.47				" ... Arr.			9.37	1.43	
Wang Phong ... Dep.	2.5	4.57				Potaram ... Dep.		7.10	9.52	1.56	
" ... Arr.	2.37	5.37				Ban Pong ...		9.10	11.40	3.18	
Pran Kao ... Dep.	2.48	5.42			6.25	" ... Dep.	6.5			p.m.	
Prachuap Kirikan Arr.	4.38	5.47			6.33	M. Nakon Patom ...	6.59	9.22	1.80	3.28	
					8.46	Ban Pong ...	7.43	9.56	2.6	4.1	
Chumpon ... Arr.					8.56	" ... Dep.	9.2	11.	2.45	4.25	
					p.m.	Bangkok Noi ... Arr.	11.12		8.17	5.6	
					3.53			12.23	4.53	6.28	

Chumpon-Tung Song on Tuesdays, Thurs. & Sats.				Tung Song-Chumpon on Mondays, Weds and Fri.				Tung Song-Trang daily				Trang-Tung Song daily			
Chumpon	Dep.	6.45		Tung Song	Dep.	6.45		Tung Song	Dep.	2.20		Trang	Dep.	8.20	
Langsuen	Arr.	9.18		Surasbtra Dhani	Arr.	11.37		Trang	Arr.	5.30		Tung Song	Arr.	11.29	
"	Dep.	9.28		"	Dep.	12.2									
Surasbtra Dhani	Arr.	1.4		Langsuen	Arr.	3.37									
"	Dep.	1.29		"	Dep.	3.47									
Tung Song	Arr.	6.23		Chumpon	Arr.	6.19									

Tung Song-Nakon Srithamaraj daily except Monday				Nakon Srithamaraj-Tung Song daily except Monday				Tung Song-Singora Wed. Fridays & Sundays				Singora-Tung Song Tuesdays, Thursdays & Sun.			
Tung Song	Dep.	6.80		N. Srithamaraj	Dep.	11.		Tung Song	Dep.	11.50		Singora	Dep.	7.20	
N. Junction	Arr.	7.87		"	Arr.	12.19		N. Junction	Arr.	12.40		Patalung	Arr.	10.48	
"	Dep.	1.20		N. Junction	Dep.	3.		Patalung	Dep.	12.55		"	Dep.	10.58	
"	Arr.	8.50		Tung Song	Arr.	5.20		Singora	Arr.	2.47		N. Junction	Arr.	12.40	
										6.15		Tung Song	Arr.	1.5	

Achievements of the Research Committee.

The support given to the workers who are seeking the ideal method of treating the wounds of war has been continuing. The controversy between the school of Sir Almonroth Wright and the antiseptic school is not yet ended, but it is clear that good results are being obtained by both. The important thing would seem to be not the preparation used, but the manner of using it—the technique. So the great controversy has resulted in nothing but good, for it has directed attention to the really crucial point. Incidentally the work done with antiseptic hypodermic syringes of modern production at the hands of Dr. Williams, the drug "Chloramine T," which has proved of the utmost value in dealing with carriers of spotted fever (cerebro-spinal meningitis). These carriers, though not themselves affected, are a great danger to others,

The work of disinfecting hospital ships by antiseptics made from sea water and the work being accomplished on the heart affections of soldiers at Hampstead Military Hospital have already been dealt with in The Times. Help has been given in regard to the diagnosis of typhoid fever and in regard to the treatment of dysentery, and the committee is to be congratulated on the introduction by Dr. Dale of a new drug, the double iodide of emetine and bismuth, which has given splendid results in dealing with one form of dysentery.

An oblong room with windows on the left as we entered; the greater part of the room was free of furniture; at the far end, on the right, was a folding screen. The Queen passed behind it, I followed; near the wall, parallel to the windows, was a small single bed covered with a white counterpane, and there, lying with the hands just touching one another across his breast, lay

London, Jan. 6.—Braila is normally a great grain depot, but the stores were probably destroyed, as the German communiqué does not mention booty.

The Emperor's orders have started a new outburst of boasting in the German press, which shouts with joy at the capture of Braila, although the German official admits that the place is an empty shell.

Setting: Two to the one on Silver Balm; eight: Bachelor's Wedding and Evett; tens: Dengchador, Radiant and Salandra; dra. thirteen and forties the others.

After the usual parade in front of the stand the horses cantered down to the post from where they were sent away to a perfect start. The first to show out were Bachelor's Wedding and Widgieva. These two made the pace strong from the start but as they came to the three farlings Silver Balm, Radiant, Byland and Salandra got close up to them. On turning into the straight Silver Balm, attended by Salandra and Byland, made a great pace home from the half distance. Silver Balm winning by one length: one and a quarter lengths: four and a half lengths: Times 1 min 39 secs.

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Bangkok	Dep.	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	Lampang	Dep.	a.m.	a.m.
Yuthia	Arr.	7.1	9.48	1.25	3.33			7.3	7.33
		9.3	11.41	3.33	5.45	Den Chai	"	p.m.	p.m.
Ban Phaji	Arr.	9.17	12.20	4.24	6.30	Tua Sao	"	7.1	2.21
						Utaradit	"	7.18	2.40
						Ban Dara	Arr.	8.16	3.26
Ban Phaji	Dep.	9.57	12.37	4.30	a.m.	a.m.
Lopburi	Arr.	11.5	1.55	5.43	...	Sava'loke	Dep.	7.2	2.10
						Ban Dara	Arr.	8.1	3.11
Chengkhet	Dep.	12.33	3.38	...	7.25				
Pak'poh	Arr.	2.17	5.40	...	9.54				
								a.m.	a.m.
Pak'poh	Dep.	p.m.	a.m.	Ban Dara	Dep.	8.24	3.30
Pitsa'loke	Arr.	2.26	6.30	Pitsa'loke	Arr.	10.43	5.32
		6.	11.5		
								p.m.	a.m.
Pitsa'loke	Dep.	7.4	2.2	Pitsa'loke	Dep.	1.45	7.7
Ban Dara	Arr.	9.5	4.18	Pak'poh	Arr.	6.20	10.34
									
Ban Dara	Dep.	9.20	4.40			p.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.
S'kaloke	Arr.	10.21	5.11	Pak'poh	Dep.	3.52	...	7.20	10.43
							
Ban Dara	Dep.	9.10	4.26	Chengkhet	Arr.	6.21	...	9.22	12.88
Utaradit	Arr.	10.6	5.29	Lopburi	Dep.	...	7.10	11.6	1.56
Tua Sao	Arr.	10.15	5.38		
Den Chai	"	11.57	Ban Phaji	Arr.	...	8.30	12.21	3.4
								p.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.
Lampang	"	4.52	Korat	Dep.	3.57	...	7.4	...
						Lai Bua Kao	Arr.	5.55	...	8.40	...
						Gengko	Dep.	...	7.12	11.32	1.52
Ban Phaji	Dep.	10.10	...	p.m.	a.m.			p.m.	p.m.
Gengko	Arr.	11.7	1.26	5.51	...	Ban Phaji	Arr.	...	8.22	12.29	2.59
Lai Bua Kao	Dep.	...	4.2	...	8.2			a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.
Korat	"	...	6.8	...	10.3	Ban Phaji	Dep.	6.27	8.37	12.44	3.14
						Yuthia	"	7.13	9.25	1.23	3.58
						Bangkok	Arr.	9.28	11.35	3.16	6.4
Bangkok	Dep.	7.45	...	p.m.	3.50			a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.
Petrier	Arr.	9.33	5.38	Petrier	Dep.	7.50	3.55
						Bangkok	Arr.	9.38	5.45

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