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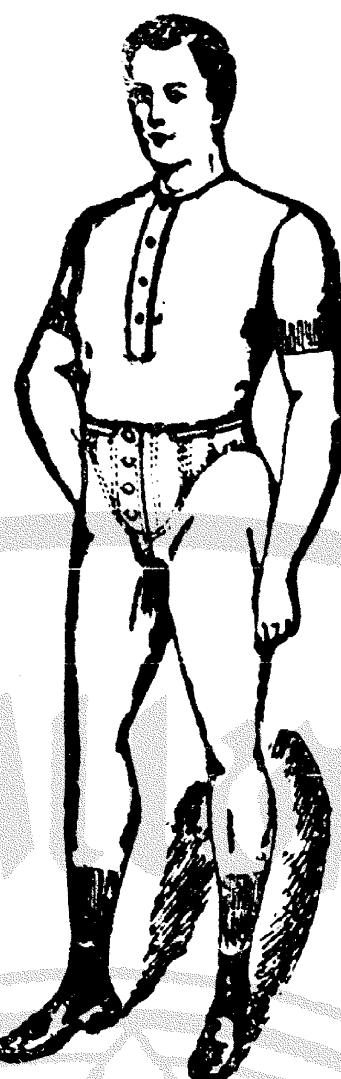
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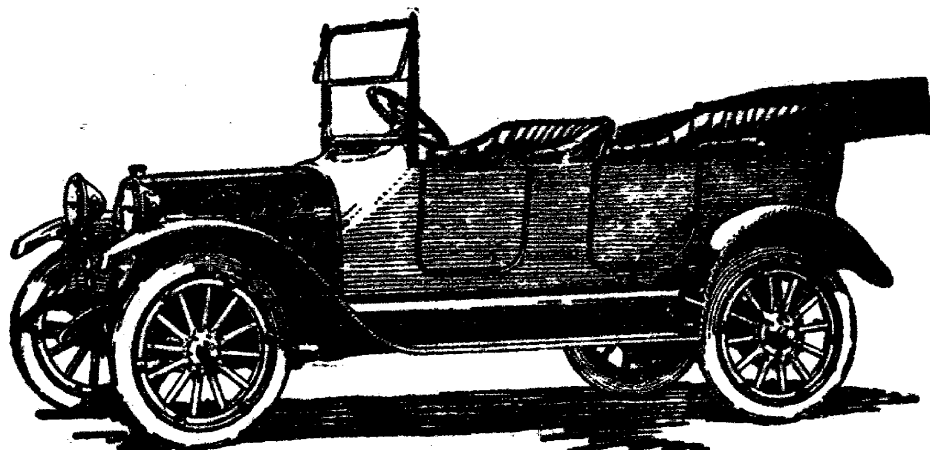
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Jan.	A.M.			L. W. (Approx.)
	H. W.	Ft. in.		
1	11 00	14 0
2	4 00	13 9
3	4 30	14 0
4	5 00	14 6
5	6 00	14 11
6	6 30	15 8
7	7 00	16 0	...	...
8	7 30	15 8	...	...
9	8 30	15 2	...	...
10	9 00	15 0	1-0	6-0
11	9 00	14 7	2-0	7-0
12	9 30	14 6	3-0	7-0
13	10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

Jan.	P.M.			L. W. (Approx.)
	H. W.	Ft. in.		
1	...	...	...	...
2	...	...	9-10	7-8
3	...	...	10-11	7-8
4	...	...	10-11	6-7
5	2 30	12 3	10-11	6-0
6	2 30	12 6	11-12	6-0
7	3 00	12 8	11-12	6-0
8	4 00	13 2	12-0	6-0
9	5 00	13 0	...	...
10	6 30	12 10	...	...
11	7 00	12 6	...	...
12	8 00	11 10	...	...
13	8 30	11 4	...	...
14	9 30	11 0	...	...
15	...	...	...	...
16	...	...	9-10	7-6
17	...	...	9-10	-07
18	...	...	10-11	7-0
19	2 00	12 0	10-11	7-0
20	3 00	12 3	...	7-0
21	3 00	12 3	...	...
22	4 30	12 3	...	...
23	5 00	13 0
24	6 00	13 3
25	6 30	13 0
26	8 00	12 7
27	9 00	12 5
28	10 00	12 0	5-6	8-0
29	7-8	7-6
30	8-9	7-0
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PHASES OF THE MOON.

Jan.	5th	O New Moon	11.33	a.m.
"	12th	O First Quarter	10.16	a.m.
"	20th	O Full Moon	3 11	p.m.
"	27th	O Last Quarter	7.17	a.m.

German News Service.

One 18-year-old Dalmatian of the name of Kovac, in spite of 9 wounds alternately blew the trumpet and shouted: "Forward Dalmatians." The young hero now lies in the hospital at Gorz and has been decorated.

The Italians continue the vandal destruction of Gorz. The Episcopal Palace has been completely destroyed. All churches are more or less damaged and horrible scenes are reported from the effects of the bombardment. Many people went mad. Others were burnt and others torn to pieces by grenades. In the Vier Castello, four children were killed by one grenade. On the Piazzetta a woman was pierced from head to foot by the arrow of an airman. One boy on the same Piazzetta killed a mother with three children. All these poor people could not escape, since the Italians bombarded the roads leading out of Gorz.

The Italians in order to apologize for the horrors committed by them, pretend that this means an artillery duel between Italian and Austro-Hungarian cannon hidden in the barracks of Gorz. These are simply inventions since the roar of the Italians bombarding the open town is causing only cries of women and children while the churches of Gorz cannot be mistaken for barracks. The general opinion is that this bombardment is only caused by rage and despair as the Italians are unable to obtain any triumph.

Shanghai, Nov. 30.

The French Ambassador at Tokio directed an address on October 15, to the Alsations and Lorrainers in the various camps in Japan, saying:

"By virtue of a French law of August 5, 1914, all citizens of Alsace and Lorraine can, by volunteering in the French army, regain their French nationality. As your name seems to indicate that you are of French descent and a son of Alsace, which was annexed in 1871, I consider it my duty to draw your attention to the aforementioned law, including a copy of it." In case you should desire to benefit by these rules, you would have to send in your petition at once. Besides I suppose that you know the disposition of your comrades in the camp who are like you of French descent and might therefore be inclined to regain their French citizenship in accordance with the rules laid down by the aforesaid law. I therefore ask you to inform your comrades accordingly and to attach their petitions to yours in case they should be inclined to acquire French nationality. I may add that eight of your comrades in the Fukoka camp have already asked for their reestablishment as French citizens. (It is strange that nothing has been heard about this. Edit.)

Furthermore all Alsations and Lorrainers in the other camps have likewise been informed of the opportunities offered to them by the law of August 5 and the Embassy will do all in its power to have the Alsations and Lorrainers who have regained their French citizenship released the same day and sent back to France as soon as possible. Every opportunity will be given to you to write to me, as, by order of the Japanese Secretary for Foreign Affairs, we have been authorised to enter into communication with the prisoners of war, in order to determine the French descent of the Alsations and Lorrainers.

Telegrams from Constantinople report a very interesting opinion held about India by the renowned Hindu scholar Taraknadar, who is convinced that the Asiatic nations will ensure liberty and progress for the future. He further states that India greatly sympathises with Turkey and that 23 million Mohammedans living there are to join the war.

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Dvinsk Army's Victory.**An Important Success.**

Army Headquarters, Nov. 21.—The ten days of fierce fighting in the region of Lakes Svanten and Ilsen which ended on November 11 must be regarded as one of the most important events on the northern front, since the Russian Army withdrew from Poland. In the words of the distinguished veteran who has been directing the operations at Dvinsk, "After two months' patient resistance of the enemy's continuous offensive we were at last able a fortnight ago to assume the offensive ourselves and compel the Germans to recede from their positions and in their turn adopt defensive tactics. I think the German failure on this front will assume a permanent character."

After the failure of the German thrust towards Illukst, on the north-west front of Dvinsk, towards the end of October, an offensive in the direction of Lake Svanten had become imperative as a means of drawing off a fresh German Division from that place. Its tactical fulfilment presented enormous difficulties. On October 31 our lines impinged on the southern shore of Lake Svanten and the northern extremity of Lake Ilsen, a distance of about 3 miles. The flanks of the neighbouring corps to right and left were separated by almost the whole length of these respective lakes. Moreover, the western shore of Lake Svanten was commanded by a range of hills from which the Germans could sweep the shore and waters. These heights had to be won before the Russians could hope to force their way through the interval between the lakes. In order to carry out this seemingly impossible task, Russian skirmishers crossed the waters of Lake Svanten by night to a promontory immediately below the principal heights, nicknamed "Baldhill" and "Redhill," digging themselves in face of a terrible fire. Meanwhile the Russian artillery including light and heavy field guns and howitzers, skillfully grouped and handled delivered an almost uninterrupted hurricane of fire, paralyzing the efforts of the German artillery, and enabling our landing force to maintain its position and receive reinforcements. The operations were assisted by the uneven character of the ground and the abundant shelter, but before the assault could be delivered our men had to cross a huge swamp, in which the advance was retarded for several days, and for several days the men lay under rain and sleet on wet and half-frozen ground, receiving cold rations only by night. Gladly they obeyed the order to charge, and with an irresistible rush carried both hills. The carnage was terrific. We lost heavily, but the German casualties were at least double.

A Perilous Moment.

The enemy was compelled to divert hither a division which was proceeding to Illukst, and in the latest stages of the fighting it is believed that he had at least three divisions engaged. A German counter-attack resulted in our having to abandon Baldhill. The position was extremely precarious. As the gallant colonel who had led the landing force to victory explained, "We had the enemy in front and the waters of the lake behind us, with no hope except in regaining the hill, and we did it." The outcome of the battle was decided when our men had firmly established themselves on the two commanding heights.

The corps on our right and left flanks simultaneously advanced to join hands.

Our line between the lakes, being freed from the galling fire from the hills, fought its way westward over difficult and swampy ground, where it endured extreme hardships, and captured a height upon which was situated the village of Platonovka, carrying our left flank far to the west of Lake Ilsen. Our total casualties did not exceed 7,500, including many cases of frost-bite, whereas a conservative estimate of the enemy's losses places them at 20,000.

A Blow at the Germans' Moral.

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The contrast between the Russian and the German trenches suggest that the tales of suffering and hardship and complete moral collapse that had been told a few days ago by the 700 German prisoners taken during the battle were probably true. Their rations had been reduced to one-third of a pound of bread, while terrific Russian bombardment rendered it impossible to light a fire in the trenches.

The results of the victory of Platonovka are likely to make themselves felt in other sectors. It is rumoured that the enemy are retreating in the direction of Ponevievsk. If this is true his position at Illukst will form a dangerous salient from which he is likewise bound to depart.

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Bangkok Dep.	7.15	9.45	1.25	3.35	Ban Meh	...	9.7
Ayuthia Arr.	9.3	11.41	3.33	5.45	Chang Dep.
Ban Phaji Arr.	9.47	12.20	4.24	6.30	Den Chai	...	12.38
					Tha Sao	...	7.1	2.21	...
Ban Phaji Dep.	9.57	12.37	4.30	...	Utaradit	...	7.18	2.40	...
Lopburi Arr.	11.5	1.55	5.48	...	Ban Dara Arr.	8.16	3.26
Chengkhet Dep.	12.33	3.38	...	7.25	Sawa'loke Dep.
Pak'poh Arr.	2.17	5.40	...	9.54	Ban Dara Arr.	8.1	3.11
Pak'poh Dep.	2.26	6.30	Ban Dara Dep.	8.24	3.32
Pitsa'loke Arr.	6.	11.5	Pitsa'loke Arr.	10.43	5.30
Pitsa'loke Dep.	...	7.4	2.2	...	Pitsa'loke Dep.	1.45	7.15
Ban Dara Arr.	...	9.5	4.18	...	Pak'poh Arr.	6.20	10.34
Ban Dara Dep.	...	9.20	4.40	...	Pak'poh Dep.	3.52	...	7.20	10.43
S'kaloke Arr.	...	10.21	5.41	...	Chengkhet Arr.	6.21	...	9.22	12.28
					Lopburi Dep.	...	7.10	11.6	1.56
Ban Dara Dep.	...	9.10	4.26	...	Ban Phaji Arr.	...	8.30	12.21	3.4
Utaradit	...	10.6	5.29	...					
Tha Sao Arr.	...	10.15	5.38	...	Korat Dep.	7.1	...
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Korat	...	6.8					
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Court Circular.

GRAND PALACE,
 Thursday, Jan. 6.

This afternoon His Majesty the King witnessed the Final for the Pollard Cup between a representative team of the Football Association of Siam and a representative team of Englishmen in Bangkok, at the Bangkok Sports Club ground.

After the match His Majesty was graciously pleased to present the Cup to the representative of the Football Association of Siam, the winning team.

His Majesty then left the club ground for Bunehamapabitra Monastery where he did reverence to the Image of Phra Buddha Jinaraj and presented the customary gifts to the priests of the monastery.

From there His Majesty proceeded to open the fairs held at Dusit Park Ground. The King will visit the fairs every evening till 10th instant.

Court Circular Correction.

In Court Circular under date of 4th. inst., mistakes occurred in the list of the Scouts rallied on the occasion of the celebration of the King's Natal Day.

The correct list is as follows:—

1. The King's Own Legion of Scout Guards consisting of
 - (a) The King's Own Regiment of Scout Guards.
 - (b) The Royal Rifles Regiment of Scout Guards.
 - (c) The Special Battalion of Scout Guards.
 - (d) The King's Own Corps of Wild Tiger Cadets.
 - (e) The Boy Scout Masters Training Corps.
 - (f) The Royal Mounted Scouts.
2. The Central Legion.
3. The Bangkok Boy Scouts.
4. The Eastern Legion.
5. The Western Legion.
6. The Upper Legion.
7. The Northern Legion.
8. The South-Eastern Legion.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Latest telegrams will be found on page 6.

FOR prices of good official and mercantile paper please see advertisement on page 7.

THE s.s. Heim brought 67 bags of mail to-day.

MR. Drost arrived by the s.s. Heim to-day.

THE s.s. Mahidol leaves Bangkok on Sunday the 9th instant.

THE Post and Telegraph Department report that Chiengmai line is in order as far as Paknampo. Other lines are in order.

THE Phathanakorn cinematograph will put on the screen tonight again the "Last Days of Pompeii." The film is one of the best ever shown in Bangkok and the scenes of the destruction are very realistic.

THE following are leaving by the s.s. Kuala on Saturday:—Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Mair, Mr. F. Stanway, Mr. E. Butler, Mr. F. Adams, Mr. H. W. Raper, Mr. H. Tait, Mr. S. Hart, Mr. M. Pastro and Mr. A. A. Mirovitch.

WE have received a copy of the December number of the "Acharn." It contains a Birthday supplement with a picture of H. M. the King in the uniform of a British General. The book is well worth the price charged for it.

THE funeral of the late Mrs. Loh Kye Juay will take place on Sunday the 9th inst. The cortege will leave the house of the deceased at Songwad road at 10 a.m. sharp and the remains will be interred at the Straitsborn Chinese cemetery at Windmill road.

The Samudasar.

From Phya Buri Navarasth we have received a copy of the Birthday number of the Samudasar, the journal of the Royal Navy League. The book is much bigger than its predecessors and contains several interesting articles among which are a poem by His Majesty the King, a contribution on naval defence by "Asvabahu," a review of the League's activities during the past year by Chao Phya Abhai Raja, President of the League, and translations from other magazines on naval matters. Phya Pariyat has contributed a valuable article on Siam's naval activities from the earliest records procurable and an article, from the pen of Phya Prasiddhi Sabbakar takes the shape of an appeal for the support of the League. The journal further contains some excellent photos and is quite interesting from beginning to end.

The Dusit Park Fair.

Those who have been accustomed to visit the Dusit Park Fair must have felt themselves quite strangers to the stalls, booths, refreshment places and the general environment, for the whole of its position has been changed. The Fair was not in the precincts of the Wat Benjuma, but in the part of the Park which His Majesty has granted to the Tiger Scouts. In fact the stalls make an oblong figure round the football ground now familiar to us all. The principal entrance is the same gateway as that which formed the entrance to the football ground. As you enter and walk to the right along the road you come upon a side-show of Phya Kithathorn where you could kick a football at Aunt Sally. This place was always crowded both by Siamese and foreigners and seemed a source of great amusement to young and old.

Passing in further you come to the Tiger Scout Club House which is transformed into a Public Restaurant. His Majesty and suite dined here last night and so did a great many other people. The catering was conducted by M. Philippat, who is now chef de cuisine to the Royal Household, and was very recherche, though the Indian curries familiar in the past were missed. The wines were of the best quality possible and for that moderately priced. Leaving the restaurant towards the stalls you are attracted by the light blue painted stall of H. R. H. the Prince of Bisanulok almost directly in front, with a beautiful fountain playing in the centre and pretty lamps. It was truly charming. I did not venture in as I understood all kinds of jewels and precious stones and other articles of value were exhibited here for sale. His Majesty spent a lot of time at this stall when making his round after dinner. I hope to give you some idea of the various stalls. I saw a great maze in the centre of the football ground with a battleship on the summit and many people spent a lot of time finding their way to the top. The sensation must have been exhilarating once out of the meshes on the top of a position of vantage overlooking everything.

I went, of course, to see the Miniature Naval Engagement. It is not difficult to get to it. Having passed the restaurant continue on the road walking to your right till you come upon a great electric signboard and you can without much difficulty decipher the letters "This Way to the Miniature &c." in the dazzling light. Naval officers at the entrance direct you to the right where you buy your entrance tickets at 1 tical each. As you enter H. R. H. Prince Kampeng Petch in cheery tones would tell you that there are all classes of chairs varying from 5 ticals to 1 tical for benches. A young lady soon appears with a programme which will cost you 5 ticals. If you are fortunate another young lady will appear almost immediately and if you have money you can buy a picture of the grounds with the forts and the pretty scenes for 2 ticals or any of the miniature battleships or destroyers for some small consideration. The show I went to began at 9 p.m. and lasted about an hour. It was good and very realistic. I will not describe it further and I would advise all who have not yet seen it to go and do so.

(To be Continued.)

Mr. T. H. Lyle, C. M. G.

The list of New Year honours include the name of Mr. T. H. Lyle, Consul-General at Bangkok, who has been made C. M. G.

Golf Notes.

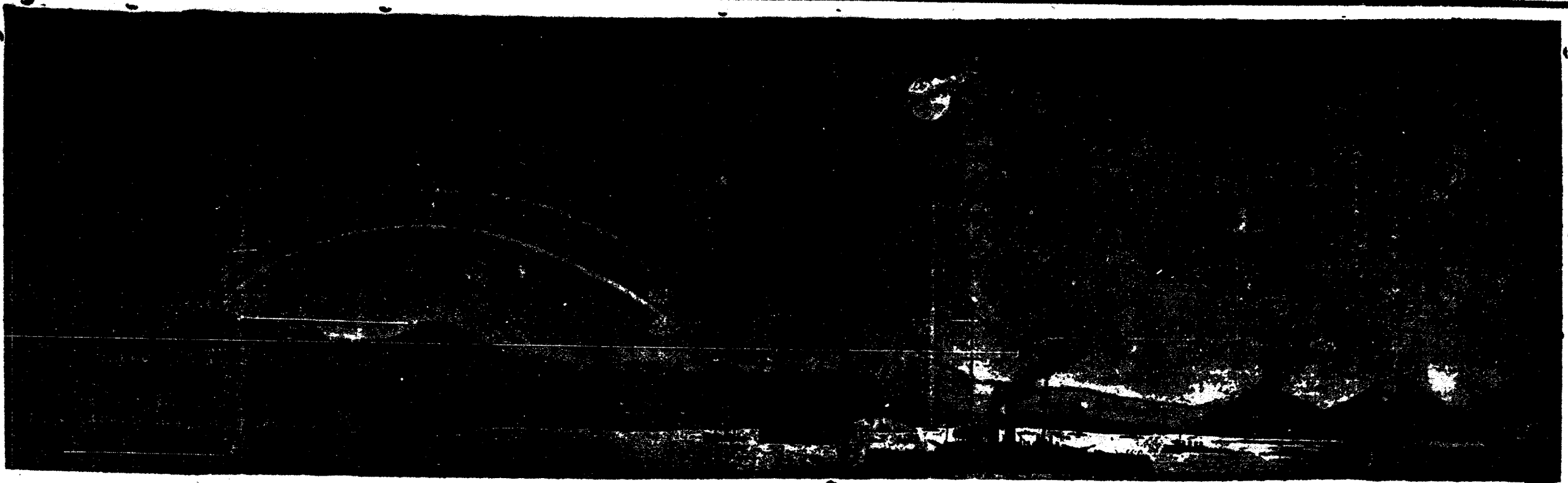
The following handicaps are announced:—

Mrs. Buszard	—14
Mrs. Gee	—9
Mrs. Brighthouse	—4
Mrs. Shand	—12
Mrs. Powell	—18
Mrs. Price	—10
Mrs. Craig	—14
Mrs. Gittins	—18
Mrs. Wolthers	—11

These handicaps are not made with any relationship to gentlemen's handicaps but are for "Townend" cup, and the handicappers will be pleased to receive more cards so that the handicaps may be adjusted before play for the cup begins.

At the annual meeting of the Golf section held on Wednesday Mr. J. D. Powell was elected captain; Mr. Wyon Smith was re-elected honorary secretary; and Messrs. S. Brighthouse, A. E. Steven and C. L. Watson were elected to the committee.

During the past year the Tilleke Cup was won by Mr. J. D. Powell; the Ross Prize by Mr. E. B. Gatenby and the Heyward Hays championship cup by Mr. J. D. Powell.



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The Pollard International Cup.

Siam vs. England.

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Siam.

Nai Swadi.

Nai Tau, Nai Bhuhin.

Nai Vatna, Nai Tad (Capt.), Nai Thaem, Nai Srinual, Nai An, Nai Chaub, Nai Chote, Nai Charun.

England.

Halls, Jones, Roberts (Capt.), Coleby, Selley, Bowdon, Preston, Sutton, Deacon, Jenkins.

The game opened out fairly fast, and the Englishmen soon showed that if their opponents wanted to win they would have to play all they knew. Play was very even in the first half, with Siam perhaps slightly the better side, although the English forwards had quite a few tries at Siam's goal. Coleby had hard lines with one of his shots which just missed the post on the wrong side. Then Jenkins was called on, and saved brilliantly when lying on the ground. After a lot of give and take play, half time came with neither side having a goal to their credit. When the sides lined up again it was seen that Bowden and Preston had changed places. It was a very effective change too and had a bearing on the whole of the play in the second half. England were attacking nearly all the time this half, both wings bringing down the ball time and again. Siam could only manage a rush once in a while and were seldom dangerous. Roberts and Coleby had each good tries, but the final shot either went wide, or had not sufficient sting in it. There were a few fouls this half, but several of them were unintentional. The referee kept perfect control over the game, and was absolutely fearless in his decisions. Roberts was winded, but recovered after a few minutes attention. He had very hard lines in not scoring a goal; his shot was good and hard, but it struck the under side of the crossbar, came straight down and was cleared. Coleby also had a couple of shots, either of which might have gone through. Siam now attacked for a spell and ought to have scored. They got through the defence, and had no one to beat but Jenkins. Instead of going in to goal, however the ball was weakly put behind. Shortly after this they forced a corner which gave Jenkins an anxious time, but the danger was cleared away for the time being. England came back to the attack Halls and Jones combining very nicely, but they could not get the ball through. Another break away by Siam about 5 minutes from time ended in a goal which Jenkins had no chance of stopping, a low, fast, cross shot finding the corner of the net. From the kick-off Coleby tried to take the ball down himself, but found the crowd too thick to get through. England still kept up the pressure but all their efforts went for nothing and full-time came with Siam winners of the Pollard Cup for this year. England had hard lines in losing. They held their nippy opponents in the first half, and had the most of the game in the second half. It was a good game to watch, although often the play was not of a very high order.

Notes From the North.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Muang Nan, Dec. 30th, 1915.

Dr. Beach and two children, Rev. and Mrs. M. B. Palmer and two children, Miss Starling and Miss Irwin, arrived in Nan on the 14th inst. from Lukawn, where they had been attending the Annual meeting of the American Presbyterian Mission. Miss Starling has just returned from furlough in America, and Miss Irwin is in the country for the first time, as a teacher in the mission schools.

Dr. and Mrs. Hugh Taylor and Mrs. Beach returned from Bangkok on the 22nd inst., where they had gone for dental work. On their way up-country, they spent a night in Pitsanuloke, where Mrs. Beach was robbed of a Gladstone bag, containing about 250 ticals of jewellery and valuables. She had gotten into a rickshaw and was starting to the mission compound, when a man ran up and snatched the bag from the rickshaw, and escaped in the crowd. It is safe to say that there is not a place in Siam where robberies and murders are more frequent than in Pitsanuloke, and the fact that the perpetrators are seldom apprehended makes that place a flourishing field for crime.

Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 29th. A service commemorating the Natal Day of His Majesty the King was held in the chapel of the American Presbyterian Mission, Rev. M. B. Palmer presiding. The meeting was impressive and dignified, and the addresses were appropriate to the occasion. Passages were read from the Bible showing the duties of both Kings and their subjects. Several of the leading men in the church took part in the meeting. Nai Kraung spoke of the various Government officials, from the clerks up to His Majesty the King, and explained briefly the duties of each. Nai Punya spoke on what it means to be a good citizen, and why the Christians should be loyal in their duties to His Majesty the King and to the Government, pointing out the blessings received from the Government. Kru Punn gave a brief history of the present dynasty of kings, and gave a toast to His Majesty the King. Dr. Peoples enlarged upon the tremendous work of His Majesty the King, and spoke of the various departments of the Government. Dr. Taylor spoke briefly on the verse "Render therefore unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's", showing that one must be obedient and loyal to all in authority, in order to be truly loyal to God. Appropriate hymns were sung, and prayers were offered for all the Government officials, for the Government schools, and for all the people, and Dr. Peoples led our thoughts in prayer for His Majesty the King, that he might be blest in all the affairs of government, and granted a long and prosperous life.

Cricket.

Teams for Sunday's cricket will be selected from the following:—
M. Cook Collis D. C. Johnston
C. A. Preston N. Sutton
F. Kempton T. Judge
J. S. Forrest W. Beaman
N. G. Colley N. E. Lowe
E. S. Smith H. Price
A. Halls C. Todd
K. M. Ross D. B. Robertson
C. Bowdon A. H. Reis
H. E. Jones L. Schneider
P. Voirol P. Battenberg
A. O. Robbins W. G. Johnson
P. Christmas A. Lewis
T. R. Jenkins C. Newlands
J. C. Roberts.

Abstract of Foreign Trade.

Total Number and Tonnage of Foreign steamers and sailing-ships which have called at the Port of Bangkok during the month of December, 1915.

Nationality of Flag.	Steamers No.	Tonnage.
Norwegian	31	25,516
British	15	15,126
Dutch	4	2,397
Chinese	4	2,992
Danish	1	2,183
French	3	1,443
Japanese	1	774

TOTAL	59	50,431
Sailing-ships	No.	Tonnage
Dutch	1	1,220

Passengers	Cabin	Deck
from Singapore	66	192
" Hongkong	1	32
" Swatow	4	4,786
" Hoihow	0	835
" Saigon	5	5
	76	5,900

GRAND TOTAL 5,976

Total Number and Tonnage of Foreign steamers and ships which have called at the Port of Bangkok during the year 1915.

Nationality of Flag.	Steamers No.	Tonnage
Norwegian	449	362,304
British	201	191,710
Japanese	35	40,362
Chinese	43	34,148
Danish	9	22,033
Dutch	28	10,575
French	27	11,097
Russian	1	2,244
Sarawak	1	458

Total	794	674,931
Sailing-ships	No.	Tonnage
Dutch	16	13,410

Passengers	Cabin	Deck
from Singapore	586	1,855
" Hongkong	54	1,949
" Swatow	51	53,105
" Hoihow	15	9,806
" Saigon	56	151
" Ja a	2	11
" Haipong	0	16

Total 764 67,391

Grand total 68,155

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" P. Christmas	28	" Phra Sophon Phetcharut	30
D. S. Hendrick	22	" H. E. Phya Sucharit Tumrong	37
" Mom Chow Chulaois	45	" H. O. Saunders	45
" Phra A phai Wanitch	22	" H. E. Phya Bumer	37
" Khoon Patibhachana		" Nai Bhakdinart	37
" Bicharana Scr.			
Nai Pong Kuad	45	1st round Thurs. play starts 9.30 p.m.	
" E. S. Wooler	30	2nd " Friday " "	
" H. E. Phya Katathorn	22	3rd " Saturday " "	
" D. H. W. Samarakone	22	Final " " " "	

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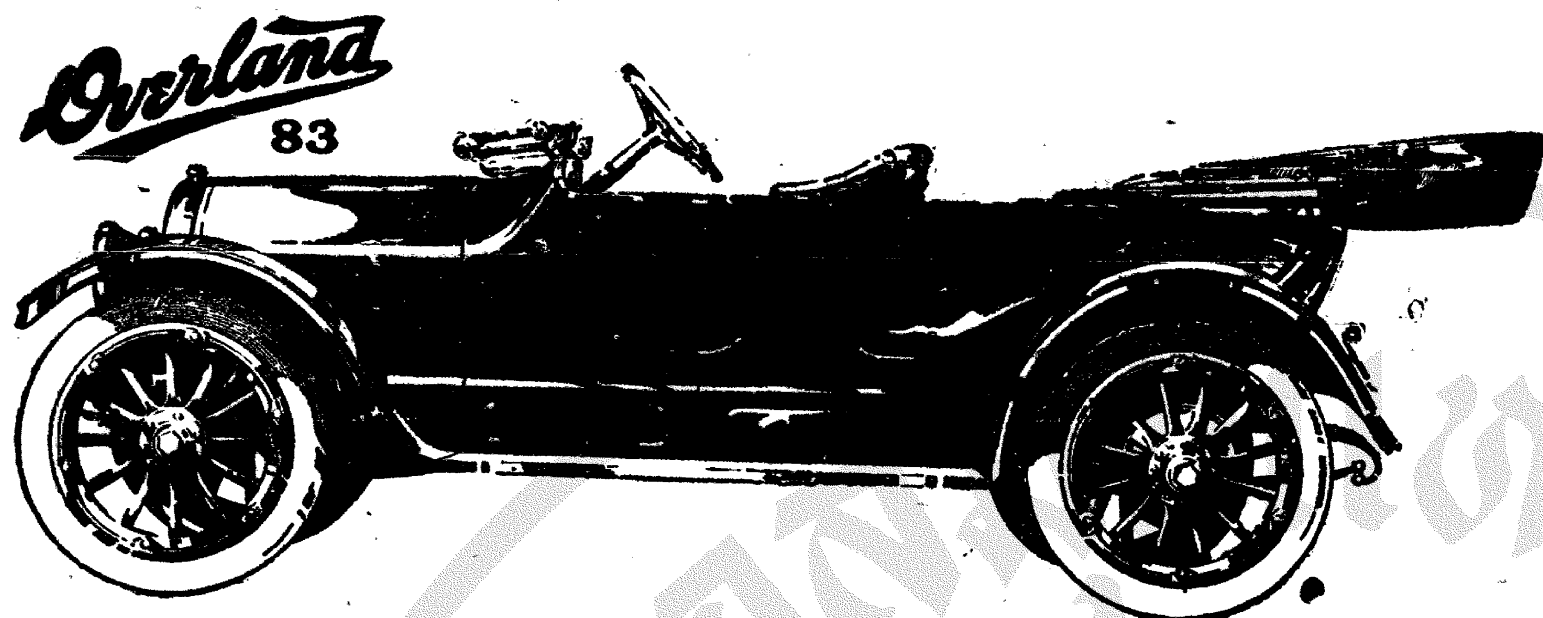
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THE Great War.

The Western Front.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 6.

A Paris communiqué states that there have been artillery bombardments along the entire front. Appreciable losses were inflicted on the enemy at Artois and an ammunition depot was blown up at Althirch.

Bulgarians Pillage Villages.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 6.

The Bulgarians have pillaged several villages on the Greek frontier.

An Italian Advance.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 6.

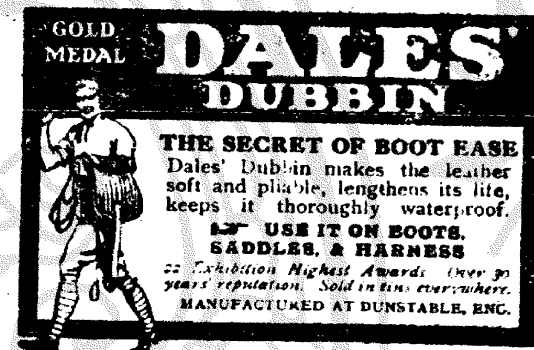
A Rome communiqué reports that the Italians have occupied the higher positions on the mountains near Riva; also two trenches at Monte Sperone. They have made a slight advance on the Carso plateau.

Austrians Evacuate Czernovitz.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 6.

Petrograd.—The Austrians have evacuated Czernovitz and the Russians have carried all heights dominating the town.



British Headquarters Staff.

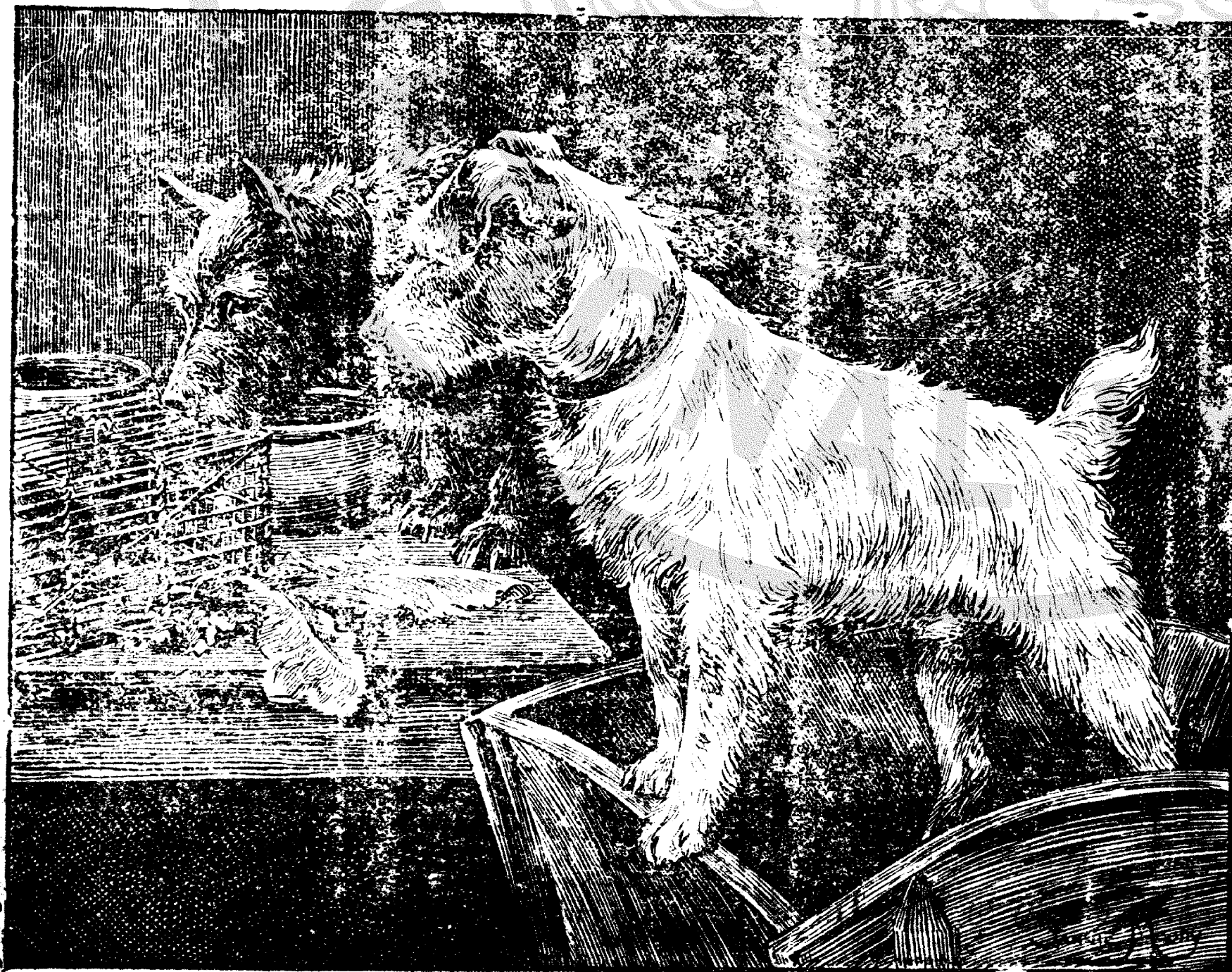
At the sitting of the House of Lords on November 16, Lord St. Davids asked whether the Government's attention had been called to a number of reports in the press stating that during the recent fighting in France there had been many complaints as to failures in staff work.

A man living at home at ease, he observed, did not like to take up the position of criticising to any extent men who were serving their country abroad and risking their lives; but that feeling was modified by observing that what with Zeppelins and the Lighting Order in London was quite as precarious as any chance of serious casualties among members of the Headquarters Staff in France. At the beginning of the war he heard regimental officers say that the difference between the regimental officers and the staff was that while the staff got 50 per cent. of the decorations and 2½ per cent. of the casualties, the regimental officers got 50 per cent. of the casualties and 2½ per cent. of the decorations. That was in the early stage of the war, and that state of things, he thought, would be even more observable now.

Class Distinction.

For months past he had not heard one soldier from abroad say a good word of the staff and its works. He asked himself why was it? People had said what was the good of putting this sort of question—could it do any good? These people took a pessimistic view. They seemed to regard the Headquarters Staff of the British Army as if it were an act of God, like a thunderbolt or an earthquake. The staff was made by man in the usual way. Most great generals of modern times had tried to get the most expert soldiers round them, but anyone who had read the Gazette from the beginning of the war must have known that our staff had been crowded with men of ranks, men of position, and men of money. He did not say that men of rank and position should not be on the staff. The men he was alluding to had been out of the army for years, had retired to take up politics or business or to amuse themselves in social life, but who for years had had no experience of soldiering, and these had been crammed into the Headquarters Staff. Why was it done? Men who had never been in the army before were put on the General Staff.

When they saw these things was he not entitled to put his question? He would like to see an inquiry—a private inquiry if they liked. No soldier if he made a report on his honour could deny that large numbers of men



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had been added to the staff for no military reason whatever, and men had been appointed because they could give a good "tip" as to a winner in the racing world.

Then ladies, it was said, had visited the British Headquarters. He asked: Did the Government defend the presence of any ladies at the great Headquarters of the British Army in France at what was the thinking machine of the British Army? Then owing to the playing of bridge many officers were late for their duties in the morning. Here we were sending our sons to risk their lives and to be directed by men who could not be early at their offices because they were late the previous night at bridge.

Mesopotamia Campaign.

A most graphic account of the naval operations in the battle of Kut-el-Amara, on the way to Bagdad, is given in a letter from an "old boy" of Bridge-road school, Leicester, to the headmaster. The writer, extracts from whose letter appear in the Morning Post, says:—The three gunboats employed in the operations were the Comet, Shaiton, and Sumana. For the first six hours of the battle the ships steamed up and down the river shelling the enemy's works with no loss to themselves. He goes on: Once again the order was given to the engine-room "Slow ahead." Immediately the ship responded to the order, and we snorted our nose round a turn in the river like a rat looking from his hole. Ahead of us were two large mounds, which commanded an excellent view of the river, and upon which the enemy had some well concealed guns, and they dominated a good stretch of the river. Once again we stopped and peppered the Turks. In the meantime between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. there was a slight lull in the battle on both sides. Suddenly there came a whizz, a hiss, a raking noise, and then a bang. The Turks had got us in line again. They had sent a shell clean through our funnel about two feet above my head, but it did not explode until it passed through and a dozen yards in front of me. A miss is as good as a mile.

A Warm Time.

Immediately after this a seaplane glided down into the river and the pilot came alongside us and told the captain he had a map to explain. The consultation between the two officers was brief. We were to go under the enemy's nose under cover of darkness and destroy an obstruction near the town, which was there to prevent us from going further up the river. We all knew what it meant, but it had to be done.

We expected a warm time of it, and, by Heaven, we had it. It was dark, about 7 p.m., when the order was given to go ahead, man the Maxim and all guns. Slowly we went, and after steaming about 3,000 yards I saw three red lights fired from the enemy's lines. Now, where they placed the obstruction was in the narrowest part of the river, roughly about fifty yards wide. The enemy had their trenches all along the banks right on the edge.

They let us get within a dozen yards of the obstruction before they let rip. The red lights must have been a warning in the enemy's lines. Well, we reached the obstruction, and it was "L" let loose. I cannot find words suitable to explain the situation. We were peppered from right and left, ahead and astern, with rifle fire and handgrenades and 13-pounders.

Flash Signalling Under Fire.

In the thick of it all the captain told me to make a signal to "—" to come up and fire at the centre boat in

the obstruction. It is marvellous how it all happened. I guessed it would be certain death for me to go out to make the signal, but it was my duty, and I went out thinking that if I was hit it had to be, if not, all was well and good. Imagine a pitch dark night, and that I had to go out in the open with a bright light to flash an urgent message. It was bound to draw a hail of lead. It did not trouble me in the least, for it had to be done, and I had a feeling of "a don't care sort" whether I got hit or not.

Bullets were falling all around me; ventilators, signal lockers, stanchions, and deck were simply riddled. When I was making the last word a bullet passed clean through my leg on the inside, just above the ankle grazing the bone, and also a slight graze from a splinter in the right arm. The sensation was just like someone hitting me across the ankle with a crowbar, followed by a numbness of the foot. I reported signal through, and the captain said, "Well done," so I then went and gave a hand in loading the guns.

Again I had to go out and make another signal to tell the boats to keep close up. I escaped again only with a crack on the heel of my boot. After my boot was caked in blood I went and had my leg dressed. I was only in the ward-room five minutes, when I saw my captain carried down riddled with bullets. He died almost immediately. No doubt you will read about his heroism, which will be better than I explain. I know he was worthy of a V.C. studded with diamonds. The obstructions were destroyed; we fulfilled our mission, and returned to report to the General. As soon as my wound is better I shall be ready and as game as ever to fight again for the good cause. Are we downhearted? No!

King Constantine's Dilemma.

We reproduce from the Daily Mail extracts from a long and remarkable dispatch from Mr J. M. N. Jeffries describing the situation at Athens.

Every day spent in Greece made it clearer to me that the whole situation might be summed up in the single word "fear." From the most ragged boatman of the Piræus to the King the whole Greek people gets up in the morning with a prayer on its lip, "Let there be no war to-day." No one now counts in Greece but the King. "They cannot beat Germany; they will never beat her," the King said the other day; and quite recently he exposed his whole thought in the most significant sentence.

"They tell me," he said, "that I am between the devil and the deep sea and that I may as well throw in my lot with the Allies, whose pressure can be immediate. That is all very well, but France and England, whatever happens, will never be too severe with my country and Germany will be implacable."

"Germany will be implacable," he repeated, "and my duty is to save my country from the horror of Belgium."

The King is furthermore generally reported to have said that the spectre of Belgium continually hovers before his eyes. That sums up the situation. He thinks it safer to be the enemy of gentlemen than of brigands.

The future action of Greece will be entirely decided by which power brings to bear the strongest continuous pressure. There is no question of sentiment or right or wrong remaining. We need only victory in the Balkan campaign to bring in Greece, running as a cooperating Ally.

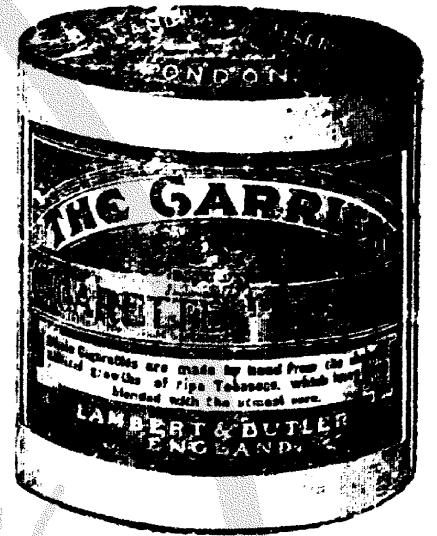
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War Scenes At Salonika.

Great Display of Military Courtesy.

A correspondent writes from Salonika: It is early morning and already the sun is lighting up the summits of Mount Horthia. The natives rise early; they devote little time to their toilet, except the wealthiest. The people seem all to go barefoot and in rags, except on Sundays, when they turn out in fez, embroidered Turkish jackets, in white, green, or red stockings, and felt slippers.

"There are Jews and Mohammedans and amongst them a good many Greek villagers, who have been mobilised. They are dressed in black and white and look as if they were in half-mourning for a brother who has fallen or a province lost. They wear a black jacket and trousers with mother-of-pearl buttons, amidst which are visible nether garments of white linen or silk, wooded shoes with pointed prow and a black tuft at the end. They are the originals on which the uniform of the famous Euzones, the Greek Rifles, has been copied.

"The Rue Venizelos, near the harbour, runs along terraces crowded with cafés, which at night are glittering with light and noisy with talk and laughter. Officers, soldiers, civilians stand and read the last dispatches, put up here and there, and pass on. It is impossible to read the soul of the people. General Sarraill

has given orders to the French troops to salute the Greek; General Hamilton has done the same to the English. The Rue Venizelos sees a great display of military courtesy.

"Greek officers of all arms, in splendid uniforms, with all their decorations of the last two Balkan wars, are much in evidence; they talk loud, and salute in the German fashion. At nine o'clock sounds the curfew; then silence descends and darkness over the city and the camps; French and English patrols make the round of the deserted streets; the only sound one hears is the challenge of a sentry or the neighing of a horse; of strange and weird effect is the peal of bells in the French hospital, belonging to the Sisters of St. Vincent de Paul; the bells ringing every hour an Ave Maria Stella or Venite Adoremus amid towering minarets, remind one of France.

"The Consul of Dedagatch told me that the order of mobilisation had produced amongst the Bulgarian people a feeling of profound consternation. They did not wish to fight their liberators, their brethren, the Russians. With all that the mobilisation was carried out in perfect order, but the ammunition was insufficient and the artillery had not been reorganised.

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