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

P.M.

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

PHASES OF THE MOON.

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

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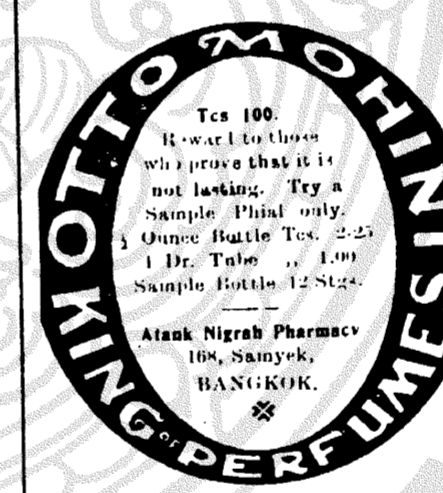
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Effect of Return on the Native.

The following letter is from a correspondent of the "Times" who has personal knowledge of war conditions in West and East Africa:—

I am writing from a remote and inaccessible part of East Africa. Mails from home take two or three months to arrive. Consequently one reads in a few days the accumulated news of weeks, and changes in public opinion at home may appear more sharply defined and sudden than would be the case were one in closer and more continuous touch. However that may be, latest mails give evidence of a decided wavering in public or political opinion at home on the question of the final disposal of the conquered German colonies in Africa.

From an official assurance that these colonies would never be returned we have degenerated so far as to have it officially suggested that their destiny must remain in the hands of their inhabitants!

This is, of course, equivalent to leaving the question an open one. The native, if he were capable of voting or of realizing the meaning of a vote, would, of course, plump for the "nearest white man" or the "top dog," whichever way you like to put it. Were Briton or German to appear on apparently equal terms before a village or tribal Chief, the Chief's vote would quite naturally be given to the better dressed or better armed of the two. And how, one is tempted to ask, would the vote of the wandering Somali tribe in British East Africa or the bushmen in Cameroun be obtained? The idea, were it to be taken seriously, would be comic.

This is, however, beside my point. What I do want to give expression to is the feeling of alarm—I can use no milder term—which this dangerous change of opinion has caused to all of us out here—to anyone, indeed, who has the slightest acquaintance with native African conditions.

I have served in the Cameroun and East African campaigns, have formed part of the Togoland garrison, and have slight acquaintance with other parts of Africa. This forms my sole testimonial and authority for writing.

British Prestige.

The danger of giving back, in a country like Africa, what has been gained in conquest lies in the fact that it can spell one thing only, weakness, to the native. Our prestige in Africa has been in one way greatly weakened by the war, in another way immensely strengthened.

Before the war, the white man (speaking generally and excluding the unavoidable classing by the native into caste of the "poor" and "rich" white man) was a "white man," whatever his European nationality.

Our consistent and universal teaching has been that it was sinful to fight. Any transgression of this law by the native has been almost invariably followed by punitive measures on our part. Casting this teaching to the winds, and without any reason apparent to him we have suddenly called upon the native not only to kill his fellow native, but to kill the white man. It is, indeed, with considerable difficulty at the beginning of the war in Africa that the Askari (native soldier) could be induced to fire upon the white. An instance illustrating that occurred in Cameroun when a native patrol, meeting a hostile patrol under a German officer, sent back for "white man to come shoot white man while black man shoot black man." This sudden and, to the native, senseless reversion from our teaching has without question weakened the white man's prestige, while at the same time the native has gained—and justifiably so—the knowledge of his own indispensability to us

actions may be forgotten or ignored. But we must show no weakness. Should we give up what we have gained our influence with the native will be infinitely less than it was before the war, while German influence will be increased.

The native will attribute our action to fear (he has already had great difficulty in fathoming the reason for our kind and even partial treatment of German prisoners), and the German himself will not fail to do his utmost to deepen this impression just as, at the commencement of the war in East Africa, he endeavoured to degrade us in the eyes of the native by his treatment of British prisoners. I have heard it said by South Africans that if we return these colonies—referring, of course, more particularly to German South-West Africa and German East Africa—we lose South Africa.

However that may be, we shall certainly lose a very large measure of the control over the native, which our colonists have, at bitter cost built up for us.

There is one other point I should like to touch upon. As we have progressed in conquest, so has the native gathered to our side. Our intelligence work has improved, the number of enemy desertions and our own recruiting power generally have increased with every advance. The native trusts us. Are we to betray this trust?

Are we to return for certain punishment the native who has helped us with information or who has given food to our troops? Are we to return to his Hun master the Askari who has deserted to our side?

This might well mean that scarcely a village in the enormous conquered area but will have to offer up its "martyr" as an example for the future. The bare possibility of such a betrayal of trust makes one shudder. We are either going to win this war or lose it. There can be no "even draw," and just as one would not think of returning a knife to a murderer who had failed in his attempt to stab one in the back, so we should not think of returning such a weapon, rendered more powerful to the native mind by the mere action of returning it, as the German colonies would prove to the German.

Remember, too, that the African native before this war was largely untried as a modern soldier. He has proved himself of the very highest worth. The use that the German will make of this discovery, the capital he will endeavour to make out of our weakness, are surely sufficient arguments to show that German East Africa, German South-West Africa, Cameroon, and Togoland should never be returned.

British and Near East.

London, August 17.—It is authoritatively announced that British troops now hold the road from Baghdad through Persia to Enzeli on the Caspian Sea. From Enzeli a British detachment has been sent by sea to Baku where it is aiding the Armenians and other pro-Entente elements in defending the town against the Turks. Another British detachment has been sent from Enzeli to the Eastern shore of the Caspian.

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Changed German Views.

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Doctor Rohrbach in the "Deutsche Politik" condemns the official soothing draughts and adds, "how firmly did we believe the assurances that Britain's strength was to come to an end in the summer. Disappointment however did not fail to result. Now the calculation about American reinforcement has proved to be wrong." The "Vorwaerts" says:—In the world's historic struggle the Entente has for the time being got the upper hand.

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

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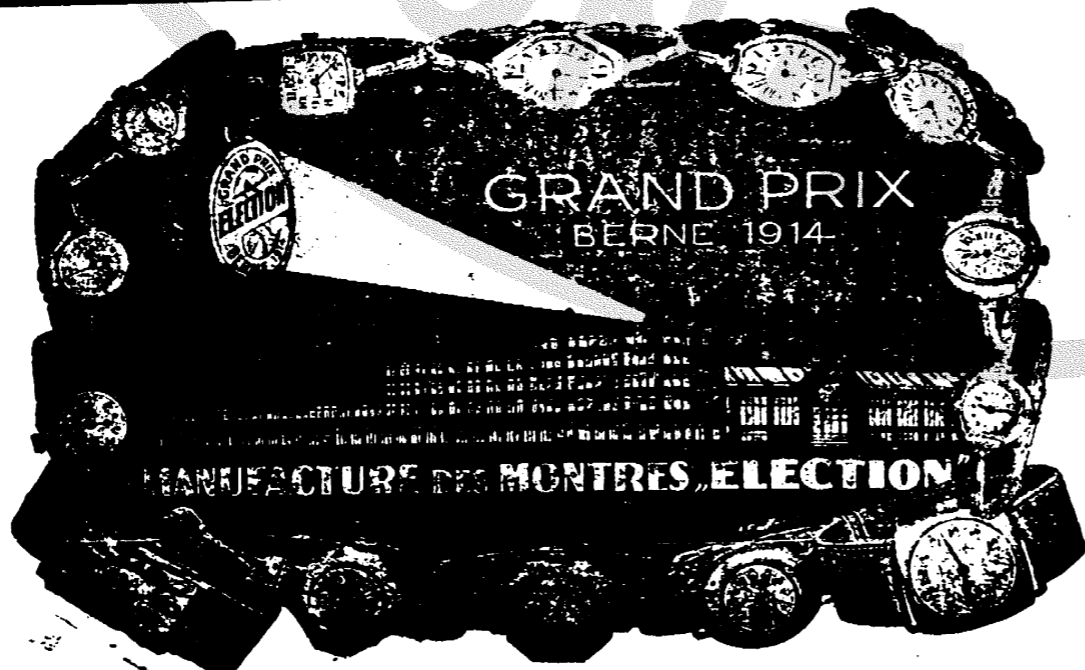
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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1918.

THE BRITISH EMPIRE AND POST-WAR PROBLEMS.

When peace is at last proclaimed it may be safely assumed that Germany will use all means at her disposal to secure for herself and for Austria that economic position which she held in British possessions in the days before the war. Every one knows that the Central Empires are formulating plans to dominate production and the markets of the world. As far as these attacks relate to the British Empire it seems to us that they should not be met by the Motherland and Dominions working apart but by the Motherland and Dominions working together.

Britain is growing impatient to know what policy is to be pursued in reference to these great economic problems which must inevitably arise as soon as hostilities cease. It must no longer be imagined that no connection exists between the safety of the nation and its commercial and industrial prosperity: a policy is needed that will make the word "Empire" mean something more than it has hitherto done, a policy that will ensure not alone naval but industrial supremacy.

A great Colonial statesman some time ago warned the nation against those who pin their faith to a policy of *laissez faire* and Free Trade. Through the trials and tribulations which the nation has undergone during the last four years we are of opinion that the majority of British people recognise the gravity of this warning and recognise that the future trade policy of the Empire should be settled now and if the question is to be attacked effectively it must be attacked systematically and scientifically.

In the negotiations that must take place regarding the future trade policy the question of unity is one of the highest importance. If the Empire be taken as a unit concessions and advantages can be given to friends that could not be contemplated were the Empire split up into various separate independent dominions each making its own treaties. Without unification nothing can be accomplished but with unification everything can be done. The British Empire has the means to cement for ever a Federation that will ensure the peace of the world. This unification should be a matter for to-day, not tomorrow for nothing handicaps success more than delay and success depends upon making the best of the opportunity that presents itself.

As a result of this great world-war the fabric of the British Empire is bound to undergo some change and, in the changing, political federation in some form or other must naturally follow. It has been suggested that there should sit at Westminster a Parliament to include representatives from India and the self-governing Dominions. This in the opinion of some is not a practical suggestion and we are inclined to think that the only form of political federation is by way of a Council of Empire.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The s.s. *Mata Hari* will leave Bangkok to-morrow at 1.30 p.m.

THE British steamers *Mata Hari* and *Chinkna* are in from Singapore.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that all lines are in good order.

OWING to docking of the s.s. *Krat* there will be no departure for Chantaboon and Port on Saturday the 7th inst.

THE total casualties in the Army and the Marine Corps since the beginning of America's participation in the war were announced on August 5th as 15,196, of which 13,164 were in the Army and 2,032 in the Marine Corps.

ACCORDING to the *North-German Gazette* the "well-known anarchist and author" Erich Muehsam has been deported from Munich to Trannstein (Bavaria) where he is to be employed in a bank under the Auxiliary Service law.

LATEST Advice:—"X" c/o this paper wants to rent an unfurnished house.

The Borneo Co., Ltd. have a new notice to consignees.

THE match to decide the Championship of the Senior League of the Football Association of Siam will be played on the Wild Tigers Ground at Dusit Park on Saturday the 7th inst. between the Royal Pages and the Central Schools. Kick off at 4.30. Referee, Mr. E. D. Craig.

A SHIPBUILDING yard, which is likely to become one of the largest in Germany, is to be established at Hamburg by a combination which includes the Hamburg-America line. The new company has a provisional capital of 10,000,000 marks (£500,000 at pre-war rates).

THE French aviator, Corporal Roger Hutin, son of M. Marcel Hutin, of the *Echo de Paris*, was seriously wounded at the moment when he had brought down an enemy aeroplane. The Military Medal and the Croix de Guerre were conferred on him in hospital, where President Poincaré congratulated him.

THE engagement between His Highness Tunku Yaakobe, son of His Highness Sultan Abdul Hamid of Alor Star, Kedah, and the youngest daughter of His Highness Tunku Mohamed Sa'ad, late of Kulim, is announced, and the marriage will take place some time in the month of Zulhijah 1336 (Bulan Raya Haji).

We understand that the football match between the crew of the *Whiting* and the Siamese Naval team is to be played on the Suan Kulab grounds on Thursday next. The teams are to be photographed and a reproduction of the photograph will be printed on the programmes sold at the gate and the proceeds will be divided between the British and Siamese Red Cross Funds.

The Samudasar.

We have received from H. E. Phya Buri Navarath, Assistant Secretary to the Royal Navy League of Siam, a copy of the 45th No. of the League's Journal, *Samudasar*.

This issue is an extremely interesting one and is full of very valuable information concerning naval matters. It is profusely illustrated and contains a relief map showing the northern coasts of Germany, as well as Denmark and the southern portion of Scandinavia.

H. B. M. S. "Whiting."

We learn that the officers of H. B. M. S. *Whiting* will be entertained to dinner by H. R. H. the Prince of Nagor Svarga, Minister of Marine, on the 9th inst.

The football match between a Siamese Naval team and the team of the *Whiting* is fixed provisionally for the 12th inst.

On Saturday the officers and crew will be entertained by the Royal Siamese Navy at the Pathanakorn Cinematograph, when a special programme will be shown.

We are informed that the four Cinema Halls owned by the Pathanakorn Cinema Co. (namely the Pathanakorn, the Sathorn, the Pathanakorn and the Banglamphu) will admit members of the *Whiting* to any of their shows free of charge during the stay of the destroyer in Bangkok.

Rugby.

The following match will take place at the Sports Club to-morrow afternoon. The crew of H. M. S. *Whiting* will be present to view the game and owing to other arrangements which have been made for their entertainment in the evening, the kick-off will take place at 4.30 p.m. prompt. Players are therefore specially requested to be on the ground ready for play at 4.30 p.m. After the match the men will be entertained to high tea.

Whites.	
Back	Reith.
Three	Walsh, Preston, Robertson, Malcolm.
Half	Walton (Capt.) Selley.
Forwards	A. Jones, Hogg, Steen-Hansen, McDonald, Schneider, Kummer.
Blues.	
Back	Cooper-Johnston.
Three	Olsen, Cranmer, Keynes, Butler.
Half	Chapman, Jenkins (Capt.)
Forwards	King, Ramsdale, Thune, Bowden, Carson, Grut, Mr. Hamilton Price.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not necessarily endorse the views of our correspondents.]

Self-Denial And Racing.

To the Editor of the "Siam Observer."

Dear Sir,

One of your contemporaries writes in favour of giving up racing in Siam during the War or at least of restricting it to a couple of meetings and he points out quite correctly that it cannot be urged that its continuance serves any other end than gambling, but he entirely forgets that this war has proved that gambling may be made to serve legitimate ends.

Your contemporary states that His Majesty has determined to give up racing for the continuance of the war.

So far as I am aware there has been no official pronouncement of this, and I trust that it is unfounded, or at all events that His Majesty's decision applies only to racing at the Royal Turf Club.

If His Majesty decides not to race at all and the Siamese nobility and others follow, as no doubt they would do, the Royal Turf Club, the result will be a big loss to the Royal Bangkok Sports Club.

This loss would have to be met, and already there is a talk of increasing the Club subscription to meet it. To some extent therefore the money saved would be expended in increased subscriptions, and as to the rest who can say how much of it will be devoted to war purposes?

There is however another aspect of the case. The Royal Bangkok Sports Club is established for many other ends than racing or gambling, and a very large portion of the community gets the bulk of its healthy amusement there.

Increased subscriptions might keep many such persons away, and promote instead private bridge and other gambling parties which would be diametrically opposed to the best interest of Bangkok.

It is very much to be hoped therefore that His Majesty will either reconsider the question and give us the pleasure of seeing the Royal Colours at two meetings of the Royal Bangkok Sports Club or that if he decides not to race at himself he will at least announce that he has no objection to the Siamese nobility racing on these two occasions.

His Majesty has done so much for the Sports Club that we are sure he would not for one moment wish to be the indirect means of increasing the subscriptions in war time and as the Annual General Meeting at which this question of increased subscriptions would have to come up for discussion is imminent, we all hope that His Majesty will be graciously pleased to consider the question of two meetings at the Sports Club and to make an official pronouncement of his views with regard to it.

The Royal Turf Club is solely a racing club and as it is believed that its subscriptions will be sufficient for its upkeep it is on an entirely different footing from the Royal Bangkok Sports Club.

I am, etc.,

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Bangkok, Sept. 6.

The Public Health.

Returns for the month of August 1918 issued by the Ministry of the Interior:—

	Cases from previous month.	No. of cases.	Cured.	Deaths.
Ayudhya	...	1	...	1
Krabindra	9	...	1	...
Ubon	...	...	...	...
Nagor Panom	7	9	12	4

Explaining the Retreat.

London, Aug. 30.—The following is another example of how the great retreat is being explained for German consumption. The well-known military writer Captain Salzmann in the *Vossische Zeitung* says "we are drawing the enemy into a terrible wilderness in order to hold him upon given lines. His supply difficulties will then be almost insurmountable. Foch has hitherto not produced that disorder in the German armies which is essential for a break through. If we had the enormous human material Foch has not only should we have been in Paris but we would have captured the world. A decision is approaching wherein the justice of our cause must triumph."

Paddy Crop Report Sept. 5, 1918.

Nesman 1,000 Coyans at Tcs.	98-173 each
Samarang 250 "	96-99 "
Namuang 50 "	95-96 "

Total 1,450 Coyans.

THE Great War.

The Western Front.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)

London, Sept. 6.

Field Marshal Haig reports that minor actions are reported from different localities.

We reached the east side of Vaux Woods northward of Moelaine and slightly advanced at other points.

Generally, we reached the line of the Canal du Nord and occupied Ecor St. Quentin northward of the Arras-Cambrai Road.

We progressed astride the Lys. We are approaching Neuve Chapelle and Laventie and have taken possession of Salliy-Saillies, Nieppe and Leromarin.

French Communiqué:—Yesterday and yesterday we continued to push the enemy east of the Canal du Nord and between the Ailette and the Aisne.

We captured Bois du Clapitre north-east of Chevilly and Bussey further south.

Our advanced elements pursuing the enemy are approaching Criselles.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Sept. 5.

We have crossed the Somme before Epenancourt, taking Goevry. We are continuing to make progress to the east of the Canal du Nord. We have taken 200 prisoners.

In the course of fighting yesterday between the Ailette and the Aisne, we took 1,200 prisoners.

General Mangin's army, re-ascending the valley of the Ailette, carried their lines to the approaches the west of Oucy-le-Chateau, Jamencourt, Clamency, Bray and Bucy-le-Long making 1,500 prisoners.

To the south of the Vesle we crossed the river at many points.

The British troops reached the general line of the canal du Nord and approached Neuve Chapelle and Laventie. They captured Salliy-sur-la Lys and Nieppe.

Bombing the Enemy.

Flying over Hun Housetops.

London, Aug. 30.—The Press Bureau gives details the week's air activity which show that over 200 tons of bombs were dropped on the enemy's organisations in the battle area alone. We also raided Germany 17 times and constantly raided the Belgian coastal area. Some places were visited thrice in a single day, notwithstanding that these places are the most strongly fortified in Europe.

During the past three months we have conducted 199 raids on Zebrugge, Bruges and Ostend.

The recent raid on Mannheim, when the British flew level with the housetops, had a drastic moral effect and temporarily paralysed the German defences.

Amsterdam, Aug. 30.—Travellers from Germany state that forty were killed at Cologne and entire streets devastated at Mannheim. The aniline works of Bingen Coblentz have been utterly destroyed in the latest air-raids.

London, Aug. 31.—The Air Ministry reports: On the morning of the 30th, we attacked the railway station at Conflans and a hostile aerodrome. We directly hit hangars at the aerodrome, and the Conflans railways. We destroyed one enemy aeroplane in fighting; all ours returned. We carried out another attack against the stations at Conflans and Thionville, and encountering a largely superior number of enemy machines, fierce fighting ensued, in which we destroyed one hostile machine and drove down another out of control. Four British machines are missing.

London, Aug. 30.—Field Marshal Haig reports on aviation: We destroyed eleven hostile machines and drove down ten out of control. Nine British machines are missing. We dropped 15½ tons of bombs on various targets, including Bruges docks and railway connections beyond the battle zone. The weather prevented night flying.

London, Aug. 28.—Low clouds and rain interfered with flying on the 28th. We dropped six tons of bombs and fired many machine-gun rounds at enemy troops and transport in battle zone. Aeroplanes at various points delivered small arm ammunition by parachute. We destroyed two aeroplanes. Two British are missing. Nightfliers dropped 1½ tons of bombs, mainly on Cambrai Junction and an aerodrome eastward of St. Quentin.

Havas Wires from Singapore.

New French Minister to Bangkok.

Paris, Sept. 3.

M. Gaston Kahn, Consul General at Shanghai, but at present in charge of the French Consulate-General in London, has been appointed Minister to Bangkok.

The Situation Reviewed.

The fierce fighting of the last few days which procured the British their fine success, cannot fail, owing to the efforts of the troops of Generals Debeney, Humbert and Mangin, of most important consequences. It is likely that when General Ludendorff, in consequence of the often severe blows he has sustained, runs to the shelter of the Hindenburg line, he will have to bring the whole German army into the line to hold out temporarily. For he will be powerless to resist the fresh American armies supplied with new material. This is probably now realized by the German High Command, who see their effective vanishing and their best defences broken into. After their continuous defeats scores of desertions are counted daily.

The authority of Ludendorff is weakening and passing into the hands of the army commanders all along the immense front Nieuport to Soissons and the region where the Imperial Crown Prince certainly feels already the threat on his right flank.

The Russian Position.

Fighting in Siberia.

Harbin, Aug. 22.—Semenoff is continuing his advance and has captured Dauria station and Harbin siding. The enemy retired to Sokatin siding, the cavalry fighting the Bolshevik rearwards who are five versts west of Harbin. The enemy is concentrating at Borzia station.

Vladivostok, Aug. 29.—On the Ussuri front on August 29 the enemy attacked desperately. All the Allied troops except the Americans participated. Over 300 of the enemy were killed. The Japanese, who bore the brunt of the fighting, infuriated at finding mutilated comrades, charged and routed the enemy. The Allies are advancing without intermission.

Tientsin, Aug. 30.—The Allies on the Ussuri front have advanced to the Ussuri river where they are held up owing to the enemy destroying the bridges.

Tokio, Aug. 30.—It is officially stated that the enemy's forces on the Japanese front are about 8,000 infantry, fourteen field guns, some light and some heavy guns. The attack on the Japanese right wing on the 23rd was repulsed. While the left wing of the Czechs resisted the attack, it subsequently retired, which movement reinforcements covered and stopped. We assumed the offensive in the direction of Sujiyama on Aug. 24. We drove the enemy northward and after severe fighting proceeded to attack the high ground north of Shimakofa.

Amsterdam, Aug. 30.—The Japanese Consul General and members of the Embassy have left Moscow. They were the last of the Entente representatives in the city. The Bolshevik Government ordered their journey to Japan to be facilitated.

Stockholm, Aug. 30.—The great shortage of foodstuffs from the Ukraine is explained by the reluctance of the peasants to accept paper money and the demands of other parts of Russia. The Germans are taking coercive measures against the peasants.

Zurich, Aug. 30.—Spotted typhus has broken out in Galicia. In the Bukovina fifty cases are officially admitted.

London, Aug. 30.—It is confirmed that the Bolsheviks have shot the Tsarevitch.

Amsterdam, Aug. 30.—A telegram from Kieff states that neutral representatives have notified the Soviet Government, protesting against mass arrests of officers in Moscow and Petrograd, and threatening to rescind the right of sanctuary for Bolshevik representatives abroad.

Thanks to Foch.

London, Aug. 30.—The Press Bureau states that replying to S. Orlando's congratulations on the British successes on the west front, Mr. Lloyd George says: "Thanks to the brilliant leadership of Marshal Foch and the Allied generals and the splendid valour and enthusiasm of all the Allied troops, the German armies are now in retreat. I feel sure that this success is the beginning of the end of the dominance of German militarism."

London Police Strike.

London, Aug. 30.—A number of police has struck for higher pay and war bonus. Special constables are being called up as substitutes.

London, Aug. 30.—Several hundred policemen from Bow street, Westminster and other stations in the London suburbs struck at mid-night, demanding an increase of a pound weekly, with a bonus of 12½ per cent, and recognition of the Constables' Union. The men in the Strand district assembled on Waterloo bridge and marched to Bow-street. There were similar scenes elsewhere.

London, Aug. 30.—The Metropolitan police have struck for higher pay and a war bonus. Most of the city police to-night came out. Eleven thousand are now striking.

General Smuts interviewed the police representatives today. A mass meeting is to be held to-night. The police have decided to send a deputation to-morrow to interview the Premier or General Smuts.

London, Aug. 31.—London's first policeless day passed off in perfect order. Traffic was little affected. Specials engaged in the regulation of traffic at crowded points exchanged chaff with knots of the strikers. The latter intimated immediately that they would resume in case of an air raid or other emergency.

London, Aug. 31.—The Government has promised the police sympathetic consideration provided they return to duty.

London, latter.—The police strike was settled after Mr. Lloyd George received a deputation. The men receive 13s weekly increase and resume duty immediately.

Banking Amalgamations.

London, Aug. 13.—The British Treasury committee has sanctioned the amalgamation of the London Joint Stock Bank with the London City and Midland Bank. The combined deposits of the two institutions will be nearly £250,000,000. The fusion will create by far the largest banking institution in Great Britain.

The *Morning Post*, in its financial columns, states that the latest amalgamation has produced the largest bank in the world. The journal adds that "further banking developments, to which it is believed Treasury sanc-

tion has already been given, may be expected. They will possibly include the fusion of two clearing houses."

Other financial press correspondents point out that the amalgamation has occasioned uneasiness in the discount market.

[At the date of its balance in June, 1917, the London Joint Stock Bank had deposits, etc., amounting to £47,911,935, the London City and Midland Bank showing £180,417,249 for the same item. Total liabilities of the former were £54,827,346 and of the latter institution £196,715,021.]

Alliance Française.

L'Alliance Française will give a performance of "Les Plaideurs" a comedy by Racine at Saranrom Theatre on Saturday 28th September, 1918 at 9.30.

All members are cordially invited. They are requested to communicate as soon as possible to Mr. Henri Laurent, Hon. Secretary, the names of the persons to whom they wish invitations to be sent. The number of seats being limited, each member is kindly requested not to ask for more than 3 or 4 invitations.

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Fall of Chaulnes.

British and French Still
Advancing.

London, Aug. 28.—Field Marshal Haig says: We captured on Tuesday Foucaucourt, south of the Somme, which the enemy had held strongly with machine-guns. North of the Somme we captured the bulk of Trones wood, taking prisoner a number from the Prussian Guard division. South of the Scarpe the first army improved its positions astride the Arras-Cambrai road and reached the outskirts of Hancourt and Boiry Notre Dame. North of the Scarpe strong counter-attacks along the Arras-Donai railway forced back our advanced troops a few hundred yards to the old German trenches on Greenland hill where the attack broke down under our fire.

We carried out a successful operation astride the Neuf Berquin-Estaires road, advancing our line on a four mile front and taking prisoner a number.

South of Bapaume, English and Welsh troops gained ground in face of strong opposition. We reached the western outskirts of Fiers and drove the enemy from Longueval, Delville wood and Bernafay wood and repulsed counter-attacks by the Prussian Guards. Astride the Somme, Australians, English and Scots drove back the enemy on the whole front of our attack. We gained the high ground eastward of Maricourt. We captured Fontaine les Cappy and the woods between that place and the Somme, taking prisoner hundreds. We also captured Verman-dovillers.

As regards aviation, despite clouds and rainstorms a great amount of work was accomplished on Aug. 26. Aeroplanes dropped ammunition by parachute to machine-gunners, and low fliers bombed and machine-gunned enemy troops and transports. We dropped 26½ tons of bombs, destroyed four hostile machines and drove down one out of control. Nine British machines are missing.

London, Aug. 28.—A French communiqué says: Maintaining contact with the enemy's rearguards, we continued to advance at night-time north and south of the Avre and occupied Chaulnes, Omicourt, Balatre, Roiglise and Verpillieres. Farther south we penetrated Crapeau Mesnil wood and captured Dives. This morning we continued our progress to the Somme and we reached north of the Avre the general line Licourt, Pote, Mesnil le Petit, Nesles. Since yesterday we have retaken about thirty villages and advanced twelve kilometres at certain points.

London, Aug. 28.—A French communiqué says: Yielding to our continued pressure, the enemy to-day was compelled to increase his withdrawal on both sides of the Avre. On a front of twenty kilometres our troops over-coming all opposition realised an advance exceeding four kilometres our troops over-coming all opposition realised an advance exceeding four kilometres at certain points. We hold the general line immediately west of Chaulnes-Panshy, Liancourt-Herpillieres. We occupy Hallu, Fronsart, Cremery, Gruny, Carreputte, Roie, Lancourt and Crapeau Mesnil. We took prisoners. The artillery duel is lively in the region of Lassigny and between the Oise and the Aisne.

London, Aug. 28.—A French communiqué says: We have occupied Chaulnes.

London, Aug. 27.—Reuter's correspondent at French Headquarters, wiring on the evening of Aug. 27, 28, says: Fresh news of the new advance is coming in every minute. Roie is completely in our hands and also Carreputte, north east of Roie and Gruny. Southwards we hold Roiglise and Verpillieres. To-day's advance at certain points reached a depth of four miles. A feature of this new retreat was the swiftness with which the German line broke up following our counter-attack at St. Mard on both sides of which, when the troops got the order to advance, they found the enemy retreating and the offensive changed into a pursuit.

Wiring on the evening of Aug. 28 the correspondent says the German rearguards supported by swarms of machine-guns continue to resist desperately but are being steadily pressed back. The French have reached the western outskirts of Chaulnes. To-day's attack extended to Chaulnes and Crapeau Mesnil. The resistance was particularly stubborn in the region of Chaulnes and Avricourt. The French occupied Chaulnes wood after a lively struggle. The enemy is everywhere using long range guns.

London, Aug. 28.—A Belgian communiqué says: After a short artillery preparation, we attacked yesterday evening on a front of three kilometres north and south of the Langemarch railway and penetrated the enemy positions. Despite stubborn resistance and a counter-attack, we reached and maintained all our objectives taking prisoner ninety.

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The Situation in Siberia.

Tokio, Aug. 13.—The Czechs in the Maritime Provinces left for Harbin on the 8th, travelling over the Chinese Eastern Railway.

The Czech front is quiet. The enemy on this front is 100,000 strong. All men between 19 and 45 years of age were conscripted last month and are now under the command of Austrians and Germans. The majority of the newly enlisted men joined the Red Guards out of fear of a recurrence of the Revolution. The Austrians and Germans are unpopular with the inhabitants of the region and are obliged to assume false names.

The Cossacks near Alexieff in the Amur Province are confident of the ultimate victory of the Allies and are throwing sympathy with the Horvath Government.

The Bolsheviks, Austrians and Germans have been visibly affected by the despatch of Allied troops to Siberia and deserters are increasing, despite their efforts. The Cossacks of the Zabikal are also deserting on the pretext that it is necessary for them to reap the harvest, and it is believed that those who are prepared to resist the Allies may be limited to Austrians and Germans, convicts and unruly labourers.

The Siberian Government at Tomsk is gradually growing in strength owing to the assistance of the Czechs. The report of the despatch of Allied troops to Siberia is welcomed by the residents there. The telegraph between Irkutsk and Tomsk, which was restored by the Czechs, continues to be frequently cut by the Bolsheviks.

Hint of Royal Divorce.

The Milan correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says:—"The Austrian newspapers allege that divorce between the Emperor Charles and the Empress Zita is imminent. The Empress' opposition to the bombardment of Italian towns is so strong, it is stated, that it has produced a real difference with the Emperor. The disgruntled military clique is largely responsible for the allegations. It is anxious to attribute the failure on the Piave to the fact that Venice was not first bombarded and razed on the ground by the guns of the Austrian war ships. As a fact, an order was given to the Austrian fleet earlier to steam for an Italian port in the Adriatic and raze it, as a preliminary to the Piave offensive, but Capt. Rizzo's feat (the torpedoing of two powerful Austrian Dreadnoughts) averted the bombardment."

(The reason why the Austrian

Dreadnoughts were at sea on the occasion when Commander Rizzo torpedoed and sank one vessel, while his consort torpedoed another, which sank on the way to port, is now explained. The Austrians had boldly decided to use their naval strength to support their left wing at the Piave-Trentino general offensive. The left wing's front was to be cleared by sweeping the Italians from the beach between New and Old Piave and from the lagoons, and Venice was to be wiped out. In case of success the Italian right wing, the Third Army, would have been in very grave danger.]

Fritz Will Be Beaten

The American soldier's opinion of the enemy is presented concisely in the first issue of a four-page newspaper published by members of Company C, 165th Infantry (the old 69th Regiment of New York). It is one of the pioneer publications of the American forces in France and is called "See What Happens."

In an article entitled "Hand-made Soldiers" is described the difference between the American and the German soldiers, as follows:—

"Those of us who have seen him in motion do not under-estimate the power of the German soldier. He is a perfect fighting machine, the greatest machine made product that Prussian militarism after forty years of effort has shown civilization. But Fritz will be beaten."

"The difference between the American and German soldier is the difference between hand-made lace. The latter is a perfect product; its stitches are in much closer accord and in much better alignment than are those of the hand-made kind, and yet it is not valuable. Tests have proved this."

"The American soldier is a hand-made one. Not as perfect as is his machine-made rival, he is nevertheless more valuable, because he uses and is encouraged in the use of what the German soldier is forbidden to use—his own brains."

American privates are fast thinkers. It has been said often by American Army officers that some of their privates, who did not know what it was to handle a rifle, could command men after a few months of training. As everybody knows, each American soldier has the opportunity of getting an officer's commission but such is not the case in Germany. The German soldier must go into the army when he becomes of age, and seldom does he advance himself.

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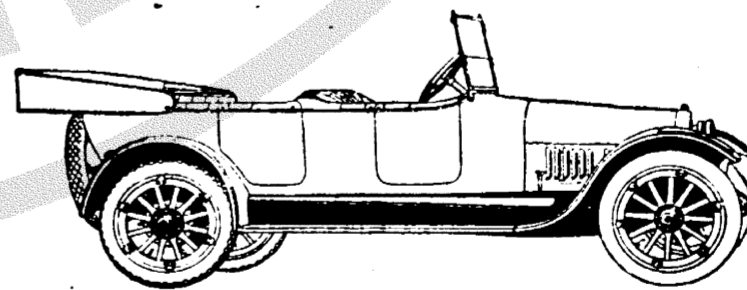
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Vladivostok.

Its Importance to Russia.

M. Leo Pasvolaky, editor of the "Russkoye Slovo" and "The Russian Review" says:—

The best way to unite Russia against the Bolsheviks and against Germany is to reestablish the Provisional Government at Vladivostok. I take this opportunity for stating at some length the considerations that have led me to the belief that this is the best way to help Russia.

Months have passed since the Bolshevik coup d'état in Petrograd swept away the institutions of government that were recognised by the whole world as the Government of Russia. But it has not succeeded in bringing Russia a new centre of governmental authority that would be recognised by the whole world. Instead of a Government of Russia, separate Governments were formed in Great Russia, in Little Russia, in Siberia, on the Don, in the Caucasus, and so on without end. But not one of them has been recognised by the nations of the world. Even the Teutons do not recognise either the Bolshevik Government in Great Russia or the Ukrainian Government in Little Russia, although they had concluded peace with them. This lack of recognition is plainly evident from the actions of the Germans in Great Russia and in Ukraine.

Anarchy and Teutons.

Having deprived Russia of a national and recognised Government, the Bolshevik rule has led Russia away from the road that leads to democracy and prosperity, and has brought the country into the tight corner of anarchy, complete disorganisation, and a violent subjugation of the different parts of Russia to the will of foreigners, the Teutons. Centres of Teutonic influence have been formed in two great component parts of Russia, in Great Russia and Little Russia. The so-called Governments of these territories are really such centres of Teutonic influence. And as Russia becomes weaker and weaker under the heavy cross of her misfortunes, these sinister influences press harder and heavier with their iron shod heel against the breast of the suffering country.

The Bolshevik coup d'état and seven months of the Bolshevik rule had

swept away the beginnings of a democratic order that was just coming into existence. They brought nothing to take their place. The hastily concocted "Soviet Russia" has existence only in the imagination of the Bolshevik leaders. As far as the rest of the world is concerned, there exists in Russia only the Russian people that has been, for the time being, deprived of its Government and of its form as a State. If things in Russia be permitted to take their own course, it can be predicted almost with mathematical exactness that the pendulum of Russia's political situation, which has now

swung out to the extreme limits of anarchy, will swing back and may reach the extreme limits of autocracy and political reaction. It is necessary to stop it half way. It must pause where it stood before the Bolsheviks came. Russia must return to the political situation which existed in November of the past year. This would be neither regression nor a political reaction. Russia has lost her way; has gone astray. She must find her right road again, return to it, and follow it.

A New Centre.

It is necessary to create a new

national centre around which all the creative elements of the people will be able to gather. Such a centre must be opposed both to the German influences which are spreading so rapidly and so successfully to day and to the inevitable swing of the Russian political pendulum in the direction of political reaction. Such a national centre can find its strength only if it has behind it the sovereign will of the Russian people expressed through the Constituent Assembly.

In other words, it is necessary to re-establish the institution of Provisional Government, which we temporarily

destroyed by the coming of the Bolsheviks. It is necessary to re-establish the Provisional Government as the temporary executor of the sovereign rights of the Russian people as an institution of governmental authority responsible to the Constituent Assembly, which must be convoked as soon as possible and elected freely without any pressure from any side.

Aid Required.

It is plain that in those parts of Russia where the Teutonic influences are strong and are becoming stronger every day, it would be very difficult to establish a truly Russian centre, honestly and sincerely interested in re-creating Russia on the basis of complete independence and the triumph of democracy. The new Russian centre must have an opportunity for making its first step in a part of Russia which is still free from the enemy's heel. Its establishment must be placed in close connection with the possibility of the widest co-operation with the powerful friends of that Russia which strives toward the triumph of the world democracy over the mediæval Prussianism. From this point of view the best place for the re-establishment of the Provisional Government is Vladivostok.

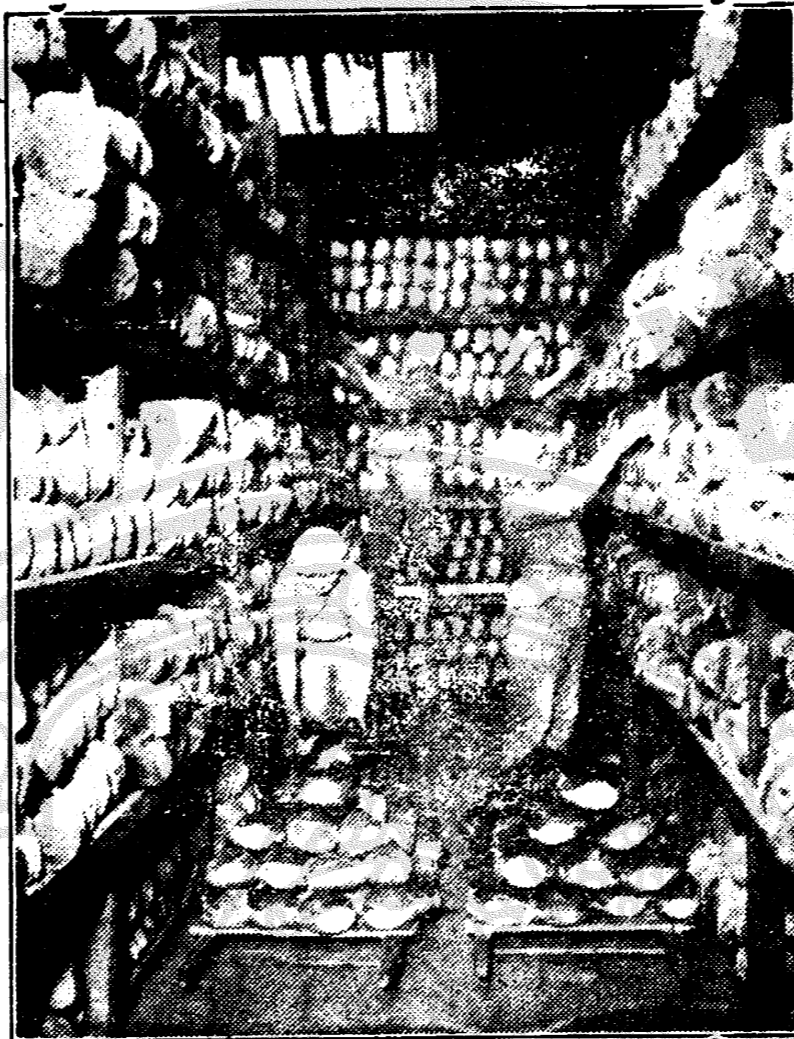
Through this port for four years past the Allied help had come to Russia. Through it it will be easiest to assure Russia a free communication with the Allies and of the possibility of their bringing effective aid to the new government centre. And from Vladivostok the influence of the new Government will spread along the great Siberian railway into the very heart of stricken and prostrate Russia.

The new Government will need troops from the very start. Its authority and its effectiveness will depend entirely upon the military forces at its disposal. And this military strength must come from three sources.

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