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not yet extracted all the shrapnel bullets from his cap and uniform. The sea and the Mole at Zeebrugge are usually at cross purposes, and the Vindictive could not easily remain fast owing to the backwash. The little Daffodil was used to keep the Vindictive in place, and could not therefore carry out her mission to land her parties further along the Mole. Half of the demolition parties were with her, while the little Iris, her consort, found her crampnets too small to span the parapet of the Mole, and suffered heavy losses by the enemy's fire. But the landing parties of the Vindictive, though their gallant leaders fell, managed to get ashore, and to drop down the 16 feet from the top of the Mole to its interior surface. Here the scaling ladders were shot away by Germans on a destroyer lying alongside the Mole, while heavy machine gun fire from the shore caused many casualties. The German destroyer was probably sunk by our motor-launch which claims her, and the German garrison, including that of the battery at the tip of the Mole, appear to have retreated to the land.

The blocking ships then went in and carried out their mission, as fully described in the official report, while the Admiral in command of the expedition with his three destroyers watched over the Vindictive, and was ready to oppose any hostile ships that came out. Far away a trusted comrade of his sent vessels to keep watch and prevent interruption from elsewhere. All this time, and still in ignorance of the character of the attack, the German batteries put down a tremendous barrage on a sea area where no ship was, and an immense amount of ammunition was expended by the enemy in vain. Our ships were all inside the barrage. Confused by the smoke screen, the surprise, the multiplicity of the British objectives and the intermingling of friend and foe in the harbour and of the Mole, the Germans could do nothing with all their great batteries, and their labour was almost completely lost.

The blowing up of the shore end of the Mole by an old British submarine packed with explosives was one of the most impressive incidents of the battle. The young commander rammed his little ship well home in among the piles, fired her, and then had five minutes to get clear with his three companions amidst a tornado of fire from the German machine-guns. The motor broke down and the party had to row clear. The submarine blew up and with her all the Germans on the Mole above her, while the little boat in which the British crew of the submarine escaped was nearly swamped by the force of the explosion, the terrific character of which was indescribable.

The little crew gained a motor-launch, and another launch performed the glorious and difficult service of taking off the crews of the scuttled ships. The services rendered by the motor-launches, both at Zeebrugge and at Ostend, can only be over-estimated or overpraised. What all was accomplished and the men remembered, the Admiral in command gave the word, and the imperturbable commander of the Vindictive cast off, after an hour and five minutes under a hot cross fire of which the Vindictive still bears the glorious scars.

It was a grand night's work, and if the main credit is due to the man who planned and led with such coolness and great daring, the plan could not have succeeded had not each man played the part allotted to him with the greatest courage and devotion. There is almost nothing in war that brains associated with good team work and valour cannot accomplish, and St. George's Day of 1918 will ever be remembered for as glorious a feat of arms as has ever been recorded in our naval history. (M.P.)

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Atmospheric Temperature	1918		Data for previous 16 years	
	Fahrenheit	Centi-grade	Fahrenheit	Centi-grade
Mean during month	84.4	29.2	85.8	29.7
Mean of Maxima	92.2	33.3	89.6	31.9
Mean of Minima	76.8	25.0	76.2	24.4
Highest recorded	105.0	37.8	110.0	37.8
Lowest recorded	74.0	23.3	70.0	21.1
Greatest daily range	24.0	13.3	25.0	13.9
Least daily range	6.0	3.3	5.0	2.7
Mean daily range	15.3	8.5	15.8	8.7
Rainfall				
	Inches	Milli-metres	Inches	Milli-metres
Total during month	6.54	174.0		
Total from 1st January to date	14.89	378.1	17.87	453.9
Greatest rainfall in 24 hours	1.80	46.6	2.27	57.6
Total registered at Borneo Co.	5.29	134.6	6.33	160.7
Number of days on which rain fell	16		18	
Mean relative humidity during month	63%		73.6	

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P. JOHANSEN.
H. P. BAGGER.
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**Notice.**

Notice is hereby given that Bhidiya Sathian Bridge (Tapan Lek) over Klong Bhadung Krung Kasam in Charoen Krung Road will be closed to traffic from the 8th July 1918, owing to repairs, and will remain closed to traffic until the repairs are completed.

Local Sanitary Department.
28th June, 1918.

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Notice.

Consignees are hereby notified that goods ex s.s. "Euryalus", "Teesta" and "Birma" have arrived here per s.s. "Mata Hari" on the 6-7-18 and have been landed at Messrs. The East Asiatic Co., Ltd.'s wharves at Wat Phya Krai at the risk, expense and responsibility of Consignees.

Claims will not be entertained unless made within 10 days after final discharge of the steamer.

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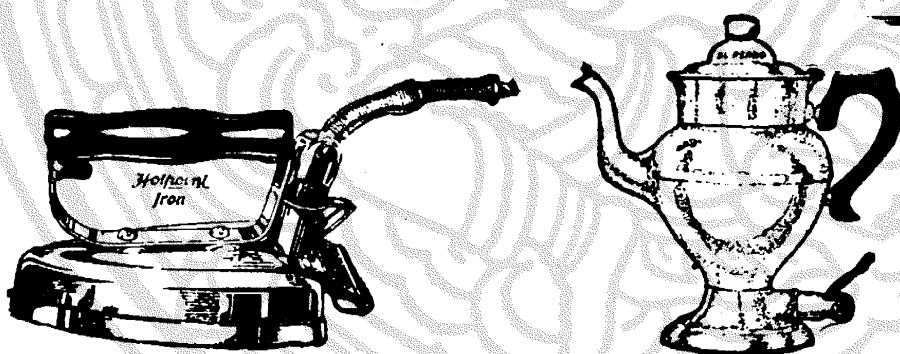
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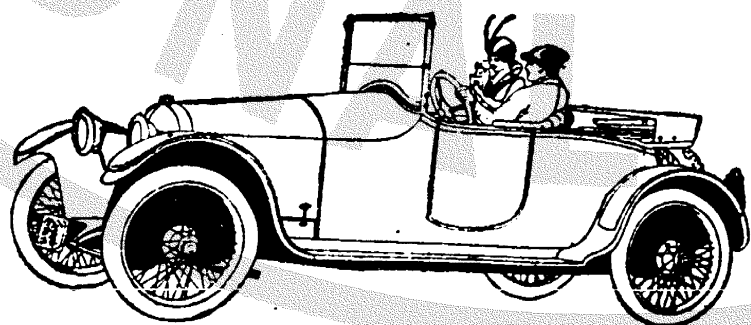
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The Siam Observer

TUESDAY, JULY 9, 1918.

THE SPIRIT OF OPTIMISM.

One of the signs of the times is the optimistic tone of the English and French press which is echoed by the best elements in the press of America. The Allies know that at the back of the intense efforts the Germans are making there is a most desperate political situation that often threatens to spell ruin to the Kaiser and his government. The desperate onslaughts of the Hun are only due to a more desperate situation at home and it is thus necessary for the Germans to do something to pacify public opinion lest a state of affairs equal to that in Austria should manifest itself in Germany. The political situation in Austria to-day would have been even more serious than it is had it not been for the fear of the Germans; and the fact that German generals have superseded most of the Austrian commanders shows to what extent Austria is subservient to Germany.

To pacify the people at home Germany can do nothing better than to try her hardest for military success for, as long as her rulers can point to successes in the field, the people are likely to be disposed to forget domestic discontent in the flush of temporary success and in the spirit of greed caused by territorial acquisition.

For what successes she has won, however, she has paid an enormous price and the question arises as to how long she will be able to continue to pay this price. Surely there will come a time when, although she desires to pay, yet she will not be able to do so for she will have nothing left to pay it with; for it is manifestly absurd to think that Germany can go on losing men and material indefinitely. Science teaches us that every action has its equivalent reaction and we are thus forced to the conclusion that the offensives that Germany has launched during the past few months will inevitably be followed by reaction.

The longer the war continues the more apparent it becomes that the Allied resources must be predominant and all the territorial gains Germany has made will be but as dust in the balance in the final analysis. The United States alone is capable of wearing out Germany in this process of attrition; in other words, Germany will exhaust her resources of men and material sooner than the United States.

Allied war experts inform us that, so long as the Allied line is not broken, it does not matter from a military point of view how much it may be bent for if at the end of all these operations the Germans are still faced with an unbroken line they will, in effect, have suffered a defeat.

It is the knowledge of these facts that gives to the Allied press its tone of calm confidence for it knows that optimism is completely and fully justified. Three attempts on a stupendous scale have failed to break the Allied line and each attempt has left the foe proportionately weaker. General Foch knows how to wait and, at the psychological moment, he will strike.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

BORNEO Co., Ltd. have a new notice to consignees.

THE British s.s. *Katong* arrived from Singapore with 8 bags mail on board.

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

THE Amsterdam Telegraph states that the Dutch Cabinet intends resigning immediately after the elections, whatever the result of the voting.

A BATAVIA wire of June 24 says: A large theft of rifles from the Small Arms School has been discovered. The rifles were supplied from five different places. A German N.C.O., Spiegel by name, was arrested here on Saturday. Domestic visits are being made left and right. The principal culprit is still being sought.

Mrs. T. Heyward Hays left by the *Express* yesterday morning for Nong Khey and will return to Bangkok on or about the 20th inst.

A LARGE number of persons availed themselves of the last opportunity of viewing the magnificent war films at the Sathorn Picture Palace last night.

THE Netherlands Vice-Consul at Swinemunde reports that the Germans have, during the course of the present year, seized fifteen Dutch ships.

THE s.s. *Katong* will leave from the Borneo Company's Wharf at 4 p.m. sharp, on Thursday the 11th inst. and should arrive in Singapore on Monday morning.

WE have received from the Borneo Co. a copy of the 56th report of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha which shows that the net profit for the year ending 31st March 1914 was Yen 34,312,842.94.

THE firm of P. Johansen & Co. has been formed into a limited liability company under the style and title of the Eastern Trading Co., Ltd. P. Johansen & Co. as from 1st March 1918—wide advt.

THE s.s. *Taming* left Singapore for Bangkok on Sunday the 7th July 1918, at 6 a.m. with 85 bags of European (British India) Mail on board, and may be expected here on Wednesday the 10th July.

THE new Post Office No. 2 is rapidly approaching completion and when finished will make a worthy addition to the many handsome new buildings that are rapidly converting Bangkok into a beautiful city.

A CROWDED meeting of dog owners in London passed a resolution condemning any Government interference with the ownership of dogs, including special taxation or the refusal of cereals for dog biscuits. The meeting particularly protested against the proposed penalisation of dog breeding.

A JAPAN paper says: The price of paper has made another tremendous jump; quotations for newspaper qualities have been again raised nearly 20 per cent. The adoption of Mr. Wells' idea of distributing news by telephone and gramophone is likely to be accelerated. Paper will soon be regarded as a luxury, and printers may then have the additional pleasure of paying a luxury-tax as well as high prices to papermakers.

IN comparison with the ridiculous stories published in the German press of riots in Paris, at the moment of the Gotha raids and long-range gun bombardments the statements about conditions in Berlin made in a letter from Berlin, published in the Dutch journal "Algemeen Handelsblad," merit attention. The writer says the streets of Berlin are not safe by day or night; women's mantles, furs and even boots are torn from them by bandits, and similar acts are not uncommon in Hamburg, Frankfurt and Breslau. Stories of robberies from cars, from shops and from the plain citizen fill the newspapers daily; assassinations are numerous as well as fights between the police and ill-doers. The Prussian Minister of Justice has published statistics showing that juvenile criminality has doubled.

B. B. W. N. G.

Members are reminded that the meeting to-morrow is at Mrs. Hewitt's house at 4.45.

The following one will be held at Mrs. Duke's house on Aug. 14th at the same hour.

The French Fete.

We would remind our readers of the French Red Cross Fete, which is to be held in the grounds of the French Legation on Saturday night and which promises to be a great success.

There will be no charge for admission and all kinds of attractions will be offered.

Stalls will be erected at which all kinds of things will be sold and we particularly commend to our lady readers the stall "Ches Frangaise" at which Madame Petitfuguein will dispose of Paris creations.

Among other attractions will be a curio shop presided over by Mme. Robert; "Le Gagne Petite" where Mme. Beranger will sell all kinds of useful things; the Lucky Bag into which Miss Rosenberg will do her best to tempt all and sundry to dip while her sister Miss Sabina Rosenberg will supply smokers with all varieties of the fragrant weed. Dr. Robert will also run a Chamber of Horrors while Messrs. Laydaker, Chevrolet, Taylor and Woolley will take charge of a Giant Wheel where for a tical fortune may be tempted.

Bridge players will find accommodation at Nos. 5 a head while a display of fireworks will also be an attractive feature.

Motor Meet.

We give below is the programme of events for the Motor Meet in aid of the Siamese Expeditionary Force and Siamese Red Cross to be held on the Pramae Ground at 2 p.m. on June 22nd.

We are asked to announce that His Majesty the King has graciously signified his intention of attending the Meet.

Bicycles.

1. Straight Sprint (1000 metres).
2. One lap.
3. Three laps.

Motor Bicycles.

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 2. Two laps. Open to all cars not over 15 H. P. (Singer, Napier, B. S. A., Austin, Rover, Humber, Fiat, Unic, etc.)
 3. Three laps. Open to all four cylinder American Cars, Ford excepted. (Overland, Maxwell, Buick, Studebaker, etc.)
 4. Three laps. Open to light cars not over 12 H. P. (A. C., Baby Peugeot, Singer, Standard, Enfield, Humberette, G. W. K., Morris-Cowley, Morris-Oxford, Saxon, Stellite, etc.)
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2. Bells and screens may be removed, but not mudguards.
 3. No race unless 3 or more entries.
 4. Cars can be driven by any licensed driver.
 5. The decision of the Stewards is final. No appeals!

Entry.

All entries accompanied by the necessary fees must reach Luang Sri Banja, Banrungrukit Printing House (the Secretary of the Motor Meet) by July 16th before 6 p.m.

Entrance Fees.

Cars 10 Ticals, Motor Cycles 5 Ticals, Push Bikes 2 Ticals per race.

Prizes.

Handsome prizes will be awarded to the winners. The Committee invite noblemen, officials, trading firms, etc., to contribute to a fund a part of which is to be given as prizes, and the rest handed over to the Siamese Expeditionary Force and the Siamese Red Cross. Messrs Bombay Burmah & Co. have already offered 1,000 Ticals, the Banrungrukit Printing House 500 Ticals, and their good example, it is hoped will be followed. Those who are willing to contribute will please communicate with Luang Sri Banja, the Secretary of the Motor Meet before the day of the Race.

Practice.

Arrangements will be made to stop all traffic on the Course, to enable drivers to practise on the following dates: July 13, 14, 20, 21, between 6 and 8 a.m. (These dates for practice are liable to alterations. If there is any change announcement will be made in the papers.)

Greece's War Story.

London, June 28.—The anniversary of Greece's entry into the war was celebrated by a Mansion House banquet.

Mr. Churchill said that the fact that the arms of Greece were twice offered to the Allies, namely, at the beginning of the war and when the British fleet destroyed the outer forts of the Dardanelles, must be remembered when the democracies of the world assembled at the Conference table. The German-hearted King Constantine was the greatest obstacle to a concerted plan between Greece and Great Britain, thus depriving the Greek people of their greatest chance of serving the world since Marathon.

Mr. Churchill optimistically contrasted the position to-day with that a year ago and said that despite all their victories the Germans were downcast, and despite our disappointments, our hearts were as stout as ever, and when the day of victory and reckoning came Greece would share the glory.

Bulgaria Alarmed.

Amsterdam, June 28.—The Kreuz-Zeitung states that Bulgaria is declaring that Austria and Germany declare war on Greece. The newspapers comment that it is a question of expediency.

Paddy Crop Report July 8, 1918.

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Great War.

Enemy Intrigue in S. Africa.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, July 8.

Pretoria.—General Botha made an important statement drawing attention to the existence of enemy intrigues in South Africa aimed at stirring up strife, not only among Europeans, but also among natives. He said that events of the past few days necessitated prompt and effective military police methods, which prevented grave disturbances and probably serious loss of life. He was gratified to see the conciliatory attitude adopted by the political and industrial leaders and called on all good citizens to assist the Government in its strong determination to take all necessary measures to stamp out the mischief-making.

German Ambassador Assassinated.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, July 8.

Berlin.—It is reported from Berlin that Count Mirbach, the German Ambassador to Moscow, has been assassinated. Two men sought audience with him and after shooting him with a revolver and bombing him, escaped.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, July 6.

Berlin.—It is reported from Berlin that two persons unknown have assassinated Count Mirbach, the German Ambassador at Moscow.

Hamburg-American Liner Sunk.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, July 8.

Washington.—The transport *Covina*, 16,000 tons, formerly the Hamburg-American liner *Cincinnati* was sunk in the war zone. Six of the crew are missing. There were no passengers on board.

The Czecho-Slovaks.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, July 8.

The Times Tokyo correspondent wiring on June 29 says that the Czecho-Slovaks control Vladivostok.

France Celebrates "The Fourth."

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, July 4.

The whole of France celebrated to-day the National Fête of the United States. In Paris, the ceremony of the inauguration of the Avenue "President Wilson" was of the grandest character.

In the midst of an immense crowd was M. Poincaré as well as Ambassadors and Parliamentarians. MM. Pichon and Deschanel made speeches in which they celebrated American intervention, the union of the Allies and the certainty of victory.

A march past of Franco-American troops followed amid fervent orations.

Presidents Poincaré and Wilson exchanged telegrams of sympathy on the occasion of the Independence Day Fête.

The Italian Front.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, July 4.

Rome, Official.—On the Lower Piave we made progress capturing 1,900 prisoners of whom 40 were officers. We took also important material.

We organised our positions in the region of Mont Grappa capturing a total of 25 officers and 396 men.

The Late Sultan.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, July 4.

Mohammed V. the Sultan of Turkey has died.

The Western Front.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, July 4.

Between the Oise and the Aisne we progressed on a front of 5 kilometres to a depth of 1,500 metres. We captured 1,079 prisoners of whom 18 were officers.

The English retook the village of Hamel and progressed to a depth of two kilometres.

Paris, July 7.

Enemy artillery is active between Villers-Bretonneux and the Aisne.

The War Council.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, July 6.

The Inter-Allied War Council held a meeting at Versailles. The Ministers from Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Newfoundland assisted.

M. Clemenceau and Signor Orlando, in the name of the Council, expressed to them the thanks of the Allies for the brilliant services rendered by the British Colonies.

The Council made important decisions.

The Air-War.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, July 6.

The English copiously bombarded Cologne and Saarbrücken.

Guatemala and "The Fourth."

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, July 6.

Guatemala has instituted July the Fourth as a national Fête.

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.")

Operations for Week Ending 4th July.

There have been minor operations during the week on the Front of the Allies in the west.

Conditions in Austria.

So many prisoners of the Austro-Hungarian army have been captured in the course of Italian operations that much interesting information is now available concerning the internal conditions of those countries. Officers and men captured agree that conditions in the front line are very bad and although the troops are not actually starving, "they are always hungry" and make up deficiencies when possible by parcels from home.

Horses dying of exhaustion are at once cut up and eaten by the troops. War weariness among the troops was considerable and caused by poor food and underfeeding.

The prisoners all agree that accounts of the situation in the interior are not exaggerated. There is great dearth and scarcity of food everywhere and disturbances, engineered by disaffected soldiers returning from captivity in Russia, who after months of leave do not wish to reenter the army, are of frequent occurrence.

To make matters worse this year's crop is bad, no food is being sent from the Ukraine and the poorer people have practically nothing to live on. In towns provisions are obtainable in very small quantities at exorbitant prices with the result that none except the rich are able to make ends meet. The people it was said, earnestly desired peace but say the war is being carried on for the benefit of the Germans and the wealthy upper classes.

Hungarian troops complain of ill-treatment at the hands of the Austrians who lose no opportunity of showing their dislike of Hungarians.

Great dissatisfaction is felt among the troops and at home because certain Hungarian regiments have been united with the Austrians under Austrian command.

Hungarian prisoners say that in Germany, although in their country the ration system for food is adopted, there is no serious shortage.

Reports in the Hungarian newspapers as to shortage of food were explained by the desire on the part of the Hungarians to mislead Austria and thus prevent their food from being confiscated.

Germany is frankly, undisguisedly hated. It is felt that the whole war is being carried on for the sake of the German Emperor.

The behaviour of the German troops in Transylvania is disgraceful. Prisoners were removed from houses of the well to do and carried away in wagons while the poor were robbed of horses, cattle, sheep, pigs and poultry by the German troops.

The Ex-Tsarina.

The Hungarians Want Her in Their Fatherland.

One of the first requests put before the Russian delegates at Brest-Litovsk, according to the Petrograd newspapers, was a demand from Emperor William for the safeguarding of the former Russian Empress Alexandra Alix. The following account of this incident is taken from the Wogyn Courier, according to a despatch from Petrograd:—

At the first meeting, after the representatives of the Bolshevik government and delegates of the Russian army had assembled in the large room which had been devoted to the meeting, General von Hoffmann with his staff came in. The two parties bowed to one another and the Russians sat down at the table.

General Hoffmann remained standing and addressed them: "I speak to you," he said in a stern voice, "not as the representative of the German army, nor of General Hindenburg. I speak to you as the representative of the four Central Powers. I request you therefore to stand while you hear what I have to say."

The members of the Russian delegation looked at one another, there was a little hesitation, and they stood up.

General Hoffmann's Demand.

General von Hoffmann continued: "Before proceeding to any negotiations respecting an armistice, I think it necessary to make the following statement. Within the area of Russia, in circumstances threatening her personal safety, is living a most august relative of my Sovereign master, the Emperor William, namely, your Empress Alexandra, with all her family."

"I demand that most decided measures be instantly taken for the safeguarding of her person and her transfer to Germany under a reliable guard. I request your immediate reply."

The members of the delegation did not know how to reply, and asked that they should be given time for consideration, and for consultation with Petrograd over their direct wire.

Scarcely had an interpreter translated these words than General von Hoffmann said, with a great show of

temper. "I demand an instant reply," and struck the table with his fist. "This demand," he continued, "is in the nature of an ultimatum. In the event of your not accepting it, the negotiations will cease forthwith and hostilities will be at once recommenced by us."

There remained nothing for the members of the Russian delegation to do but to give their consent to the demands made.

French Red Cross Fête.

There will be no entrance fee charged to the premises of the French Legation for the Red Cross Fête given on Saturday July 13th at 9 o'clock p.m. where there will be various attractions, cinematograph, barracks, Chinese Theatre, Giant Wheel, etc., etc.

The Bridge and Card Games Entrance Fee has been fixed to Ticals 5 a player.

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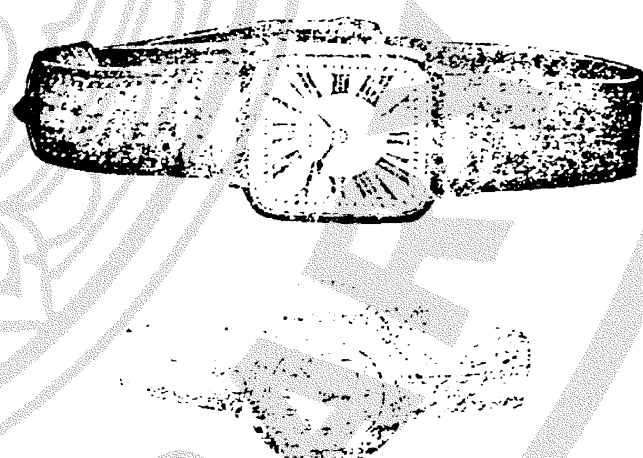
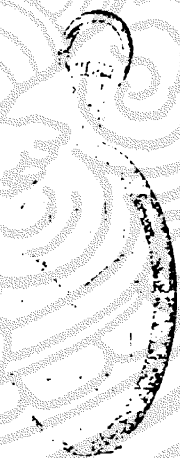
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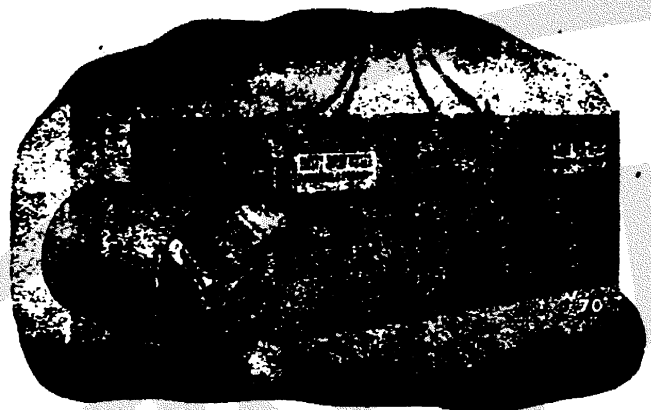
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The French Front.

London, June 29.—During the 26th and 27th, twenty German aeroplanes and four balloons were brought down. Fifty-eight tons of bombs were dropped on aerodromes in the regions of the Somme and Aisne, cantonments and bivouacs at Rozieres en Santerne, Fismes and Guignicourt, and railway stations at Soissons and Fere en Tardenois. Two ammunition dumps were blown up and several fires were observed.

London, June 29.—French communiqué: The Germans twice attempted to drive us from the positions which we captured yesterday. A counter-attack by several battalions between Fosse au Bas and Ravin de Cutrit was repulsed and our new front maintained in its entirety.

South-west of Rheims, lively fighting occurred. In the Montagne de Bligny sector, the Italians drove back detachments which gained a footing in their advanced elements.

London, June 30.—French communiqué: We carried out raids, notably west of Hangard and south of Antreches, and brought back prisoners. South of the Ourcq in a local operation we captured yesterday evening the crest between Moeloy and Pasay en Valois, thus advancing 800 metres on a front of three kilometres. We took prisoner 275, including three officers.

London, July 1.—French communiqué: South of the Aisne we improved our positions in the region of St. Pierre-Aigle and took a hundred prisoners. Things were quiet elsewhere.

On the 28th and 29th, fifteen enemy aeroplanes were brought down and nineteen others put out of action. Two captive balloons were set afire. Our bombing planes in the same period carried out day and night raids in which 47 tons of bombs were successfully dropped on aerodromes, some bivouacs in the Roziere and Bray region and the valley of the Aisne, railway stations at Soissons and Fere en Tardenois, etc. Moreover, five tons of explosives were dropped on the 28th on German troops preparing to counter-attack in the Ourcq region.

Lieutenant Fonck brought down three enemy aeroplanes on the 25th and two on the 27th, making his official total 49.

London, July 29.—Reuter's correspondent at French headquarters (June 28) says that the advance made by the French in the morning was between the Aisne and Villers Cotteretes forest, along the valley separating the Montigny and Domniers plateaux. The attack was made on a front of 4½ miles, the objective being the capture of a number of points which might be useful to the enemy in the event of a fresh offensive, chiefly Fosse en Bas in the valley 2½ miles south of the Aisne, and Cutry two miles further south below the crest of the eastern wall of the valley. The infantry advanced at five in the morning and attained most of their objectives in 1½ hours, including Hill 162, 500 feet high, overlooking St. Pierre Aigle and Domniers. The German artillery was dominated by our guns.

London, June 29.—American Official: We again improved our positions south of Torcy.

The prisoners taken in the operation on the 25th now number 309.

Paris, June 29.—Semi-official: The successful French attack, cabled earlier, enables the strengthening of the defence against a hostile attempt to surround the forest of Villers Cotteretes towards Compiègne from the north. By pushing back the enemy line one kilometre east of Nieupe forest, the British advance cabled on June 28 will have the important result of preventing any attempted German infiltration.

The Labour Conference.

London, June 29.—A new Labour Executive was elected yesterday, under a new and widened constitution. It consists of twenty-four, compared with sixteen members previously. The great Trades Unions are still strongly represented, but the additional members are mainly Socialists, thus increasing the Pacifist section. It is noteworthy that the Minister, Mr. J. R. Clynes, was returned at the head of the poll with over 2,000,000 votes, being 400,000 more than the nearest competitor. The new chairman Mr. James McGurney, of the Lancashire and Cheshire Miners' Federation, is a determined supporter of the win the war policy.

The Times, reviewing the Conference, points out that the Pacifist section, despite its noisy activity, is still vastly in a minority. The total membership of the Independent Labour Party does not exceed 40,000 compared with 2,500,000 members of the Labour Party.

There were two significant features of the Conference. Firstly, the Pacifists failed to answer the question put by Mr. Clynes: "Do you want the Labour Ministers to withdraw from the Government in order to weaken the Government for the prosecution of the war?" Secondly, despite the noisy protests against Mr. Kerensky's presence, only three delegates are opposed to Mr. Henderson's motion that Kerensky should be heard.



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Federal Devolution.

London, June 30.—The Press Bureau report on the proceedings of the deputation to the Premier is: All parties except the Irish urged the case for federal devolution to Mr. Lloyd George who was accompanied by Mr. Barnes, General Smuts, Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. W. Long, Dr. Addison, Mr. Fisher and Mr. Shortt. Lord Brasser, Earl Selborne, Sir Wm Robertson and Mr. Adamson were among the spokesmen of the deputation.

Mr. Adamson, while in favour of devolution, said that the Labour Party would not acquiesce in the attempt to establish a federal form of Government being made an excuse for the hanging up of Home Rule for Ireland. He believed that unless the Irish difficulty was settled quickly there would be either a rising in Ireland, or the near future would bring other forces of settlement than the two sections of the British people.

Mr. Lloyd George, replying, said that he had always been a strong federalist.

Mr. Lloyd George realized the impossibility of Parliament dealing adequately with postwar problems, if it was simultaneously taxed with local affairs, but it was impossible to carry such a measure during the war, without something like general assent. There was no doubt about the opinion of Scotland and Wales, but the opinion of England was not so clear, and that really mattered, for it was really a question for English constituencies. Other special difficulties included the question of Ulster, on which the deputation's view was not clear. He was not likely to predict how far devolution would help to solve the Irish question. The national conscience must be eased, and both the Unionists and Home Rulers had the uneasy feeling that was the best thing to be done for the country.

But if a scheme was proposed giving equal treatment to Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales, they could say to Irishmen, "We are giving you exactly what we are taking ourselves. What is good enough for us ought to be good enough for you." That would satisfy the Dominions who were convinced that they were treating Ireland clumsily and tactlessly, and not giving her the freedom which is her due. That, certainly, was the feeling in America. He had received letters, even to the last few days, from prominent pro-English Americans, who were most unhappy that the Irish question had not been solved. Therefore, he was glad that they were promoting a solution which would ultimately give some satisfaction as fair, just and businesslike.

Russian Affairs.

Amsterdam, June 29.—A Berlin semi-official, describing the events leading to the seizure of the Black Sea fleet, alleges contravention of the peace

treaty by the fleet's continued activity. The principal units went to Novorossiisk after the German occupation of Sebastopol. A vast difference of opinion aboard the ships led to the Dreadnought Sumbodniaja Russia being torpedoed by the destroyer Kertsch, while several destroyers were forced to run ashore. However, the Dreadnought Volia and several modern destroyers returned on June 19 to Sebastopol, "where the entire Black Sea fleet still fit for war purposes is now under German control."

Amsterdam, June 29.—A Harbin wire confirms that Austro-German prisoners have occupied Irkutsk.

Bale, June 29.—Newspapers state that the Court at Darmstadt has been informed by the Russian Ambassador in Berlin that the ex-Tsar is safe.

A Drawn Engagement.

London, June 29.—The Admiralty states: Four British destroyers, patrolling off the Belgian coast, on the evening of the 27th sighted 8 enemy torpedo-boats. The British destroyers proceeded at full speed on an easterly course, engaging the enemy at long range in an action lasting fifteen minutes. Three more torpedo-boats joined the enemy, whereupon the British fell back on their supporters. The enemy did not follow, and the action was broken off. The British vessels were not damaged.

Paris Raided.

Paris, June 29.—Official: There was an air-raid at 11.30 o'clock last evening. Bombs were dropped but no casualties were caused. The all clear was given at 12.30 a.m.

Paris, June 29.—The newspapers, criticising the anti-aircraft defence of the capital, point out that even the most intense barrage rarely brings down the enemies, who descend low after penetrating. Numerous suggestions are made to improve the defences including the mounting of machine-guns on mountains, creating a luminous zone for guns and aeroplanes. Heavier reprisals against Frankfurt, Coblenz and Cologne are demanded.

Japan Declines.

Washington, June 27.—It is unofficially announced that the Japanese Government has decided to decline the request of the Entente Powers to intervene in Siberia. This is not regarded by officials, or the Entente Embassies here, as meaning the abandonment of the purpose of the Entente or the United States to assist in Russian rehabilitation, and to banish German influence. Japan's refusal of a military expedition is regarded as really strengthening Russia's friends in their designs to support the elements striving to re-establish law and order in Russia.

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Temerity of Kuehlmann.

Amsterdam, June 27.—Kuehlmann's speech has caused an upheaval in Germany where a furious Pan-German campaign against him has begun, judging by the feeling already indicated in the speeches in the debate, notably that of the National Liberal Stresemann, who said that his party bitterly regretted the assertion that the German military successes could not lead to victory. He asked whether anything had occurred to raise a doubt regarding the victorious strength of the German army.

Kuehlmann's speech is the sole topic in the lobby, where he is violently denounced by the Pan-Germans. It is noteworthy that an apparently inspired article by George Bernhard was published in the *Vossische* simultaneously with Kuehlmann's speech, offering reconsideration of the Brest-Litovsk treaty and a peace based on the status quo.

Militarists Admit Failure.

It is reported that army headquarters has protested against the speech and article and Herling's repudiation of Kuehlmann's pessimism. Also that Kuehlmann's recantation was made in obedience to the "all highest" command.

Another remarkable utterance in the debate was the speech of the Progressive Naumann, which was telegraphed fully to Amsterdam by order of the Foreign Office, an honour usually reserved for important Ministerial pronouncements. Naumann pleaded for a peace based on the realisation of the impossibility of a complete German victory. He said that hundreds of thousands of German soldiers thought similarly with Kuehlmann and were sick of promise of "Victory next time."

The Real War Issue.

Later—Kuehlmann's speech continues to absorb the attention of the German press, which generally strong-ly condemns its tone.

Count Reventlow, in the *Tageszeitung*, which is the bitterest opponent of Kuehlmann, asserts that the latter is fondly soliciting a friendly word from Great Britain, but places himself in wilful, unbridled antagonism to the Kaiser's view of the real essence of this war, namely, Anglo-Saxondom versus Germanism. He accuses Kuehlmann of regarding England as invincible.

The *Tageblatt* states that the Conservatives and National Liberals are working for Kuehlmann's fall but the resignation would create such an obscure political situation that it is improbable.

London, June 26.—The debate in the Reichstag following Kuehlmann's

speech showed that all parties except the extreme Left were disappointed with its gloominess, especially with the talk of a prolonged war and the ignoring of German victories.

Kuehlmann, replying, endeavoured to placate the members by admitting that German military success must precede peace negotiations.

London, June 27.—It is rumoured in Berlin that Kuehlmann is about to resign.

A Courageous Socialist.

Amsterdam, June 28.—The Independent Socialist Haase, in a remarkable speech in Tuesday's debate in the Reichstag, said that Count Hertling spoke at the behest of the Conservatives and industrial magnates and the militarists remained victors, Count Hertling, Baron Kuehlmann and Von Fayer being only fig-leaves to cover the nakedness of militarism. It was Ludendorff who really ruled Germany.

When Kuehlmann said that the Germans did not desire world-conquest, he apparently had not read the recent speech which referred to the antagonism of the Prusso-German and Anglo-Saxon world views.

This reference to the Kaiser's speech evoked a storm of protests.

Haase continued to accuse Germany of culpability for the war and said that the Government could not expect to be trusted by their enemies in negotiations.

He concluded by describing the horrors of German occupation, including medieval tortures in the prisons of Riga.

Britain not Deceived.

London, June 28.—Lord Robert Cecil, interviewed by Reuters, said that Kuehlmann's intention was to suggest that they would come to terms with Britain if Germany were allowed a free hand in the East. He was studiously vague as regards the Colonies, but he did not state that Germany must regain all her Colonies. References to the freedom of the seas probably indicated that Germany demands the right to transport the necessary raw material, this being the chief pre-occupation of the Germans at present.

The real interest in the speech concerns the internal situation in Germany. It is apparent that the wiser Germans are getting very alarmed, especially over the Austrian defeat. The speech, which was pointedly addressed to Britain, does not alter the situation. It was a clumsy effort, as the Allies would never accept the present eastern situation unless forced to submit to German terms.

Germany's Food Troubles.

London, June 29.—The Times correspondent at the Hague says that Kuehlmann's first speech in the Reich-

stag was drafted after consultation with Main Headquarters and the Kaiser, who approved of it, as did Count Hertling.

Amsterdam, June 29.—German papers indicate that the resignation of Kuehlmann is at present unlikely, as it would suggest that Germany is ruled by militarists and repudiate his desire for an understanding.

Amsterdam, June 30.—A telegram from Berlin officially announces that the potato ration has been reduced from seven to three pounds weekly, and 400 grammes of cereals have been substituted.

Amsterdam, June 29.—In the Reichstag, Progressive deputy Gotheim stated that the Rumanian harvest would be a complete failure owing to the war and bad weather.

Emperor Karl in Despair.

Amsterdam, June 29.—A wire from Vienna states that the Emperor Karl has again refused to accept the resignation of the Seidler Ministry and announces the convocation of the Reichsrat.

Amsterdam, June 30.—A telegram from Vienna states that the Emperor Karl, owing to the unsolvable difficulties regarding the food shortage, has sent a letter to the Kaiser concerning them. A conference occurred at main headquarters, the Hungarian Food Minister participating. It is stated that an agreement was reached relative to a joint, systematic utilisation of all grain stocks until the new harvest.

The Czecho Slovaks.

Washington, June 29.—Mr. Lansing, in a statement, points out that German and Austrian officials and sympathizers have sought to misrepresent the United States Government's statement of June 23, as regards the interests of the Czecho-Slovaks and Jugoslavians. Therefore, Mr. Lansing now defines the position of the Government to be that all branches of the Slav race should be completely freed from German and Austrian rule.

Paris, June 30.—In presenting the colours to the Czecho-Slovak troops in France, President Poincaré hoped that they would soon be reinforced by heroic Czech legions which had cut their way through Siberia from the Ukraine.

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		I.	III.	V.			VI.	VI.	
		A.M.	P.M.	P.M.			A.M.	P.M.	
Km.	Bangkok Dep.	8.30	12.30	4.30	Km.	Meklong Dep.	8.35	12.35	
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		A.M.	P.M.	P.M.			A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Km.	B. Hlane				Km.	Mahachai			
	Terminus Dep.	10.20	2.20			Terminus Dep.	6.45	10.45	2.45
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