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1	11 00	10 6	5 6	7 8
2	5 6	7 0
3	6 7	7 0
4	9 10	7 0
5	10 11	7 0
6	12 0	7 0
7	3 00	11 6
8	4 00	12 0
9	5 00	12 0
10	6 00	12 0	...	...
11	7 00	12 0	...	...
12	7 00	12 6	...	...
13	8 30	12 2	4 0	7 6
14	10 0	11 10	4 5	7 0
15	11 00	11 6	5 6	7 0
16	...	...	6 7	7 0
17	...	...	7 8	7 0
18	...	...	9 10	7 0
19	...	...	10 11	7 0
20	...	...	12 0	6 0
21	3 00	11 10	12 0	6 0
22	4 00	12 0	12 0	6 0
23	5 00	12 0	...	...
24	6 00	12 0	...	...
25	7 00	12 0	...	...
26	7 00	12 0	...	...
27	8 00	12 0	3 1	7 6
28	9 00	11 8	4 0	7 6
29	10 00	11 6	4 0	7 0
30	11 00	11 11	4 5	7 0
31	...	...	5 6	7 0

P.M.

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

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" 22nd ○ Full Moon 11 h 44 m a.m.
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Only A Beginning in Foch's Plans.

Paris, Aug. 12.—A semi-official message confirms the statement that 35,000 prisoners have been taken since Aug. 8. London, Aug. 12.—The promise of a further rapid surprise in the blows by General Foch has been fulfilled more speedily than was anticipated by the entry of General Humbert, whose swift successful rush equalled the magnificent advance of the opening day of the battle, and showed, inter alia, how great is the strength of General Foch who is able to embark on a third attack when two offensives are already in progress. The battle, indeed has hitherto gone like clock-work and yet what has happened? Probably only the first moves in a great offensive which some experts anticipate may soon change the whole face of the war. The fruits of victory hitherto, indeed, have been remarkable, severely shaking the whole enemy position. His heavy counter attacks were designed, not merely to escape from the Montdidier pocket, but to defend all the strong country of which Laon is the centre.

Correspondents describe the confusion which exists in the Montdidier pocket, where the enemy has only a strip of country eight miles wide in which to manoeuvre, being as exciting even as the scenes at the Marne. Dusty, sun-beaten roads are full of exhausted fugitives, mingling with a disorderly procession of wagons, limbers and ambulances. Fires and explosions are occurring everywhere. General Humbert's timely stroke, apart from the spoils which it secured, will probably force the Germans to send southwards some of their reserves whose counterattacks have slowed down the rate of advance on the northern battle front. A striking feature of the Allied blows since July 18 has been the essential unity of the whole operation from the Aisne to the Oise, representing an almost unprecedented quality of conception and execution.

London, Aug. 12.—Field Marshal Haig reports: There was successful fighting in the neighbourhood of the Roye road, and east of Fonquecourt, and on the south bank of Somme. We advanced our line in each of these localities, taking hundreds of prisoners. We captured Proyart, south of the Somme, after sharp fighting, in which the enemy lost heavily in prisoners and killed. Fighting continues. The French, on the British right, have taken Les Loges. London, August 12.—Field Marshal Haig: The enemy in the evening

again attacked our positions southward of Libons and was repulsed. The result of the successful operations immediately southward of the Somme is that we took prisoner over 200 and linked up the positions eastward of Mericourt with the line eastward of Binehem on the northern bank of the river.

On the right of the Fourth British Army the French on the afternoon of the 11th progressed towards Roye, capturing Armancourt and Tilly.

On the northern front we effected local improvements of the line eastward of Robecq and between Vieux-berquin and Meris.

London, Aug. 12.—Reuter's representative at British headquarters, wiring to-day, says: The pace of the fighting is slowly down, as the enemy is throwing in his reserves as fast as he can rush them up. Time alone will show whether the Germans are attempting to stabilise their present line or covering a further withdrawal. One of the most gratifying features of the victory is the comparative smallness of ours and our Allies' forces engaged. This was rendered possible by the completeness of the surprise and the tanks. The weather is fine.

London, Aug. 12.—French communiqué: Between the Aisne and the Oise the situation has not changed. There were bombardments at night time in the region of Marquellieres and Grivillers.

London, Aug. 12.—Reuter's correspondent at French headquarters, wiring on Sunday afternoon, states: Our gains to-day were thoroughly satisfactory. If our progress has slackened, this is due less to the enemy's resistance than to the fact that the roads are so encumbered with the enemy's abandoned material, and the numerous trees felled, similarly as in the spring of 1917, that our ammunition supply columns find it difficult to follow the infantry and cavalry. On the contrary, the retreat differs from those of the previous years, in that the Germans have hurried back too quickly to mine the roads, and set deathtraps in the villages. I visited Montdidier, and found it completely wiped out, but it is already only a small incident in the battle. Our troops are at Dancourt, ten miles beyond Montdidier, and are three miles from Roye.

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THE TABLES TURNED.

Today's news from the front re-
mains of the best and goes far to prove
the statement that has so often been
made lately that not only have the
Germans suffered a very great defeat
but they are on the verge of a cata-
strophe unless their commanders take
very serious steps to extricate them
from their present position. This is a
matter, of course, upon which only
military experts can express opinions
of value. What strikes the ordinary
individual, however, as being very
significant is the fact that the German
press makes little or no effort to
belittle the Allied successes. On former
occasions, when any success had been
won by the Allies, our enemies were
always ready with excuses which
invariably went to show that they
had retired for strategic reasons and so
forth but the present silence of the
press shows that our success has pro-
duced a very deep impression on the
German mind. The Germans are, of
course, putting up a very strong de-
fence but when enemy critics begin to
prepare their public for a further
retreat the world may be sure that
further developments in the retreat are
in prospect.

When the German offensive began
in March the enemy military critics
made much the element of surprise
that the German command was able
to bring into play thus keeping the
Allies in a state of uncertainty. To-
day it is impossible for the German
to exercise his will on the Allies; the
position has been reversed and it is
now the enemy that is suffering from
the uncertainties of the situation.
The Allies have now taken the initia-
tive and it is the German part to stand
upon the defensive. As far as can
be judged at this juncture a defensive
policy is likely to be followed by the
enemy for some time to come for
though there is not much difference
in the relative strength of the oppos-
ing forces almost every consideration
seems to compel the enemy to the
adoption of such a policy. Thus in
all probability our enemies will not
attempt a new offensive this year
although this, of course, cannot be
stated with absolute certainty. Still,
should he launch one, it is obvious that,
with the enormous losses he has lately
suffered in men and material, the
attempt would be on a much smaller
scale.

The fact that the enemy is counter-
attacking on the line of the Allied
advance goes to show that he is being
forced to follow the Allied lead and
this view is confirmed by the absence
of a counter-offensive on any other
part of the line. The Germans have
the advantage of being able to retire to
shorter lines and of being able to fall
back upon stronger position than could
the Allies when they fell back during
the March offensive. However, with
the Amiens and Chalons railways again
free the Allies are in a much better
position to develop special operations
on selected sectors the results of which
will manifest themselves in due time.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

TO-DAY is a Chinese holiday being
the 15th day of the 7th moon.

THERE will be an Intercession Ser-
vice at St. Mary's Mission to-night at
6.30 p.m.

MR. C. D. Gee left this morning for
Ta Luang and Saraburee on inspec-
tion.

THIS morning H. E. Chao Phya
Abhai Raja and Dr. Poix went up to
Bang-pa-in.

EXTRACTS from Dr. Barnes' report
on the progress of the hook-worm
campaign in the north appear on page 8.

THERE have been serious landslides
in Hongkong lately causing the loss of
many lives including those of three
Europeans.

AFTER being marched along the Chin-
ese Bund at Shanghai two native des-
peradoes were publicly shot some days
ago in the presence of a huge crowd.

THE s.s. *Katong* and *Andony* have
arrived from Singapore. The s.s. *Linan*
is in from Swatow with 22 bags of
mail. The *Krat* arrived this afternoon.

PHRA Ratanayut, of the Ministry of
Foreign Affairs has left for England
where he will be a member of the
Siamese Legation staff.

THE s.s. *Katong* will leave from the
Borneo Company's wharf 4 p.m. sharp,
on Friday the 23rd inst., and should
arrive in Singapore on Tuesday morn-
ing.

H. E. Phya Gadadharabadi, who left
this morning to take up his new duties at
Singora was entertained to a farewell
dinner by about fifty of his friends at
the Sports Club last night.

THE bulk *Tanearville* went out of
the Bangkok Dock today and is moored
midstream. We learn that there
may be some likelihood of her chang-
ing ownership again.

NEGOTIATIONS are in progress be-
tween a well known Chinese miner in
Ipoh and the Siamese Government for
the opening up of a large tract of min-
ing land in Siam on up-to-date methods.
(T. O. M.)

GREAT Britain has purchased all the
stocks of wool in Iceland. It is stated
that neutral firms have been buying
Iceland wool and storing it there in the
hopes of getting it through to Germany,
or keeping it till the war is over.

BECAUSE several smugglers were
arrested sympathisers to the number
of 600 rioted and burned the Salt Ad-
ministration Bureau at Taungming
Island (off Shanghai). Many persons
were injured and much damage was
done.

A LARGE block of Paknam Railway
Co.'s shares changed hands recently at
the unprecedented price of Tca. 256
per share. Siamese Tramway Co.'s
shares fetched Tca. 150 per share, the
purchaser paying this price for 168
shares.

TWO Germans were sentenced to a
year's imprisonment by the Shanghai
Mixed Court on July 31st. One of the
men was formerly editor of *The War*, a
notorious German propagandist paper
published in English in order to reach
the educated Chinese.

LATEST Advt:—Borneo Co. Ltd.
have a new notice to consignees.
The new programme of the Pathana-
korn is advertised.

THE S.O. of this paper wants to buy
Bangkok Dock shares.
Half price, bargains at Whiteaway
Laidlaw and Co., Ltd.

THE Post and Telegraph Department
reports that Malay Peninsular main
line is imperfectly working between
Nagorsiddhamaraj and Bangkok. Pak-
nam line is not properly working.
Samudrasagor line is interrupted be-
tween Samudrasagor and Bangkok.
Other lines are in good order.

A RETURN showing the number of
cases of communicable diseases which
have been notified as occurring in the
City of Bangkok during the week
ended the August 17th gives five cases
of bubonic plague, four of which were
fatal and one case of small-pox. There
were two fatalities from this disease one
being a last week's case.

WE learn that the coasting steamer
"Sook Svadi" is now out of danger.
The s.s. *Kin Sang Heng* towed her
from a place in the open sea off Aw
Pathew, where she had dropped anchor
when she lost her propeller shaft, to
a sheltered position in Aw Pathew.
The "Sook Svadi" had about thirty
passengers on board and it is fortunate
the accident to the vessel did
not occur further out at sea. The
"Phra Yom" arrived in Bangkok at
9 this morning towing the "Sook
Svadi" which is now at Rachawongse
waiting to undergo repairs.

Great War.

The British Front.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Aug. 20. Field Marshal Haig reports:—We carried out a successful local operation on a front of over four miles between Vieux Berquin and Bailout. With slight loss we advanced our line from a thousand to two thousand yards and captured the village of Outtersteenes, several defended farms and houses. We took prisoner over 400.

We also made progress southwest of Merville and between Chilly and Praueart taking prisoners.

High Commissioner for Siberia.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Aug. 20. Peking.—Sir Charles Eliot has been appointed High Commissioner and Plenipotentiary for Siberia at Vladivostok.

Sir Charles Eliot.

Sir Charles Eliot, whose appointment to the post of High Commissioner and Plenipotentiary for Siberia at Vladivostok Reuter announces to-day, is the principal of Hongkong University to which he was appointed on its opening in 1912.

He has seen much diplomatic service in Petrograd, Constantinople, Morocco, Bulgaria, Serbia, Washington, Samoa and East Africa.

Sir Charles is a fine linguist and a prolific author among his works being a Finnish Grammar and many papers on marine zoology. He is fifty-four years of age.

Petchaburi Notes.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Colonel Warming, Deputy Inspector General of Gendarmerie and Police was in Petchaburi for several days on inspection duty. It is hoped that the prevailing wave of crime may soon pass away, and if the gendarmes have sufficient character and training it would appear wise to give them more authority.

Miss Ruth Eakin of Traug was a recent visitor. Rev. J. A. Eakin D. D. and Mrs. Eakin leave Petchaburi for their regular furlough in America, on Wednesday, the 21st.

The river is now bank full, yet but little rain has fallen in this vicinity and many fear that the flood waters will be the young rice.

Why Lord Jellicoe Retired.

The Northcliffe Press.

Sydney, June 20.—To-day Lord Jellicoe, writing to a friend in Sydney, gives the reason for his departure from the Admiralty. In the course of the letter he says:—"I did not leave the Admiralty of my own wish. The powers that be have never yet made public the reasons—I imagine, because they know that the real reason was the agitation which was raised against me by the Northcliffe press. Sir Edward Carson, in a speech in the House of Commons, made it pretty clear, and I knew all along that this was the real reason, and that, whatever other reasons might be put forward, it was obviously impossible to give this reason. The subsequent action taken with regard to Sir William Robertson and Major General Trenchard, of the Air Service, was, of course, very disturbing, whatever might have been the case as far as I was concerned. In Sir Edward Carson's time at the Admiralty, I knew from him that Lord Northcliffe was using all his influence to bring about my departure from the Admiralty and, of course, the Press agitation continued after Sir Edward had left the Admiralty. There was nothing the matter with my health, when I left I objected to the announcement in the official message that it was hoped to utilise my services later, because I knew quite well that there was no post in which I could be employed.

THERE is a strong impression in rubber circles, states a London wire of July 29, that the Government will shortly agree to regulate the rubber trade for the rest of the war. It is believed that a standard price at ports of shipment will be fixed. It is considered highly probable that the lifting of the American embargo or a modification of it will be announced very soon.

Penang to Bangkok.

Prospects of Newly-Opened Railway.

The Penang to Bangkok railway extension has now been open for a month, and it is somewhat surprising, says the Straits Echo, that practically nothing in the way of anecdote has come through for as a rule the invasion of a new territory by the iron horse is provocative of incident, either humorous or bizarre or of general interest. Few railways anywhere in this world have started their career with happier auspices or with a similar certainty of immediate prosperity as is the case with the important link from Padang Besar to the Siamese capital. All the freight that the new venture can, for the present, deal with is waiting and the natural increase that the next few years will bring will call for all the extra rolling stock that the administration will be able to call up. There is one very big expectation born of the linking up of Penang with the padi-fields of Siam, more important even than the carriage of local and European mails by the land route in preference to the lengthy and circuitous sea route which has obtained till now, and that is that it will no longer be necessary for Penang to pay iniquitous steamer charges for the transport of milled rice from Rangoon. Given only an average crop in Siam this coming season, the newly opened territory will be able to supply Penang with all the padi it needs at a price that will not be effected by the shipping rates that the Rangoon philanthropists have been able to maintain.

Railway Reminiscences.

The Federated Malay States Railways system from Penang to salubrious Singapore was evolved in sections after the manner of the Times Encyclopedia, and few people who can remember the early days of the Taiping to Port Weld section dream that the capital of the southern settlement would, in their time, be joined to picturesque Penang by a continuous and, all things considered, really rapid railway route. The writer can recall the opening of several of these sections which are now joined together to constitute a homogeneous whole, and very different were the prevailing conditions at these inaugurations to those which obtained at the opening of the new Siamese extension last month. For instance, in the early nineties, when the first passenger train steamed away from Ipoh to Batu Gajah, then the southern terminus of the Kinta section, it consisted of a miniature engine which drew a collection of goods trucks temporarily converted into passenger coaches by the introduction of rough benches on which were placed cushions covered with Turkey red. Stout canvas tents suspended on four stanchions enabled the hardy adventurers to defy the elements with qualified success. There were none of the luxuries of modern railway travel in those days. For the primitive settlers of the mining camps of Ipoh, no up-to-date refreshment car as on the Siamese extension, nor could cold drinks be made to appear by the simple expedient of pressing the button. Although but a ten-mile journey, the engine had to draw up midway at Lahat to take, in its fill of muddy water from the river.

In the early days of the locomotive in Malaya there was considerable scepticism on the part of some of the natives of the country as to steam being really and truly the motive power that propelled the engine and ten or twelve carriages. Among the very large concourse of people who witnessed the first passenger train to arrive at Kuala Kangsar was an elderly Malay lady who in no uncertain measure denounced as chattering the very idea that boiling water could draw a heavy train all the way from Taiping maintaining the pace of a fleet horse throughout this long and venturesome journey. A powerful elephant, nothing less, she declared, was at the rear of the guard's van pushing the train along and declaiming volubly against the mendacity of people who ought to know better, she elbowed her way through the crowd of astonished and amused officials and other in order to prove her assertion.

Cattle Nuisance.

Mention of the nuisance that cattle have been causing on the new Siamese line recall the trouble that elephants used to be on various sections of the F.M.S. Railways when newly thrown open to traffic. Engine drivers had to keep an eye wide open for these huge pachyderms as a collision was not a contingency to be lightly risked. Old residents in this country will remember the incident of the big bull elephants charging full tilt at an engine on the Teluk Anson line. It was said at the time that the enraged animal mistook the oncoming engine for a rival bull and resenting latter's noisy appearance as a trespass on his native health or rather swamp met his death like a true knight and not without severely disconcerting the enemy which sustained among other injuries, a badly damaged cow-catcher.

Two somewhat similar adventures occurred to the writer while travelling

in India a few years ago. On the day that the first occurred, he was enjoying a trip in a sort of construction train in company with the engineer, over a stretch of newly laid line on one of the Indian frontiers. It was fairly late in the evening and just getting dark when suddenly the engine ran into and over something that very nearly derailed us and sent us over a particularly steep embankment. At first we thought that this was a deliberate attempt on the part of some bad characters, who were fairly plentiful in the neighbourhood, to wreck the train, but search of the surroundings discovered a huge python which was badly injured where the wheels of the light engine had passed over it but by no means dead. Dead however it was very shortly after, and in a few hours eaten too, not by this deponent and his friend, but by the railway coolies. Fifteen of them divided it between them and dined that night of about two feet of snake each, probably finding the delicacy somewhat similar to conger eel. The other adventure to which reference is made was somewhat milder. Rounding a bend on this new line we surprised a herd of deer grazing close to the metals. All made for the jungle with the exception of one big fellow who apparently wanted to test his powers as a runner against those of the locomotive. Starting off with a bound he maintained a lead of about ten yards for a good mile until, satisfied that he was still king of the forest, at any rate as regards speed, he sprang aside and allowed the train to pass.

Russia Rising.

Amsterdam, Aug. 13. German papers contain very gloomy deductions regarding the situation in Russia, from the removal of the German Embassy to Pskoff. They state that when Helfferich went to Moscow, he found the Bolshevik rule tottering, and fed the staff of the Embassy left, because he was afraid of his life. The papers describe both Moscow and Petrograd as being vigorously patrolled by police and troops with guns and machine-guns everywhere, in anticipation of a coup d'etat.

The Russian menace to Germany is the theme of London comment, which opines that the task of forcibly holding down the people will soon necessitate strong German reinforcements, if it

has not already done so, as the fall of Lenin and Trotsky, if confirmed, may provide the rallying point of the nation, and help the Entente.

London, Aug. 13.—News from Russia is scrappy and confused but it is clear that the Germano-Bolshevik system of Government is everywhere collapsing before a countrywide but mostly disorganised counter-revolution, the effects of which will probably be felt in the Baltic provinces and possibly even in Rumania.

It is reported that the Lenin and Trotsky have found Kronstadt unsafe and have gone to Pskoff, where they are under the protection of German troops.

Amsterdam, Aug. 13.—Vossische Zeitung significantly describes the shifting of the Embassy to Pskoff as a retreat from Russia and ruefully observes that although Russia is torn by civil war she is still able to find the energy and unanimity to tear up the Brest-Litovsk treaty paper.

The journal fears that Germany is being driven on to a fresh war with Russia.

London, August 13.—The Times publishes a message from Tokio dated the 7th stating that the Czech-Slovaks are hard pressed on the Ussuri and Trans-Baikalia fronts by strong forces of Maynans and Germans. General Kikuzo Otani, commander of the expeditionary force, is a member of the Supreme War Council. Lieut. General Mitsuye Yuki, appointed chief of staff, resigns his command of the Imperial Guards. Lieut. General Akonachi accompanies the expedition but in what capacity is not stated.

Ottawa, Aug. 12.—It is officially announced that Canada is being represented in the Allied Expeditionary Force for Siberia which will be mobilised and despatched at early date.

London, Aug. 15.—The British recognition of the Czech-Slovak nation is likely to have far reaching consequences, although, naturally, nothing has been settled as regards the boundaries of the new State. It means an additional obstacle to German extension towards the east.

London, Aug. 15.—The Times correspondent at Vladivostok says that the Czech-Slovaks are in a dangerous position, and are liable to be cut off altogether unless speedily aided.

London, Aug. 15.—The Times correspondent at Stockholm says that the Petrograd Soviet has been transferred

to Kronstadt. Bands of starving armed peasants are marching to Petrograd to avenge the plundering of the hordes of Red Guards.

Motor Boats' Fight.

Big Zeppelin Destroyed.

London, Aug. 12.—The Star states that another Zeppelin was brought down this morning. It was sighted off the east coast at daybreak. An aeroplane immediately ascended and pursued it, and got close before it was observed. The Zeppelin fell in flames into the sea after a short fight. It was one of the largest and newest designs.

London, Aug. 13.—An Amsterdam message says that the Dutch papers, describing the fight of motor boats and aircraft off Ameland, state that three British motor boats were sunk and three disabled. One of the latter reached the shore. Altogether 19 men were saved, of whom four were wounded. The whole crew of the Zeppelin perished. A British flotilla had concentrated fire on the Zeppelin and were attacked by German airships and aeroplanes in great strength. They brought down one of the latter. Some hours later a German battleship and ten torpedo boats appeared and cruised along the coast.

The Star's story yesterday evening apparently referred to the Ameland Zeppelin. The accounts brought to the east coast state that the Zeppelin, accompanied by seaplanes, interrupted divine service on the British warships which promptly counter-attacked. When the Zeppelin crashed the British flag ship signalled:—"All ships' companies sing hymn beginning 'Oh! Happy Band of Pilgrims—Look Upward to the Stars.'" Altogether 40 enemy seaplanes attacked the motor boats. One of the British aeroplanes which attacked the Zeppelin alighted on the water and was picked up by a destroyer within a mile of the German coast.

London, Aug. 13.—In connection with the Admiralty statement of the 12th, the German Admiralty alleges that the motor boats were accompanied by twenty-nine of various descriptions and were mislaying extensively when the airship attacked.

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Office of the Liquidator of
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General Wire News.

London, August 11.—The Weekly Dispatch says that President Wilson intends to visit England.

London, August 13.—The Admiralty reports: A British destroyer, seriously damaged in a collision, was torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean on Aug. 6. Two officers and two men perished in the collision.

London, August 12.—The steamship Hector has arrived at Gravesend from Calcutta with four members of her crew suffering from bubonic plague.

Paris, August 13.—News from Madrid shows that food riots have occurred in various towns in Spain.

London, August 13.—German newspapers report a republican movement in Bulgaria.

London, August 13.—The Times Stockholm correspondent wires that the majority of the Finnish Diet favours a monarchy for Finland. The necessary formalities are now being taken for the election of a King.

Amsterdam, Aug. 12.—A message from Berlin states that the Foreign Secretary Von Hintze has gone to the main headquarters to confer with the Chancellor.

Paris, Aug. 12.—Le Petit Parisien's Rome correspondent says that Admiral von Capelle has been dismissed because he did not prevent the great American army from reaching France.

London, Aug. 12.—Italian Official: In Albania we compelled the enemy to evacuate Jagodina bridgehead and pass to the right bank of the river.

London, Aug. 12.—The Admiralty reports that light forces and the Royal Air Force's aircraft reconnoitred the West Frisian coast on the morning of Aug. 11. They were heavily attacked by German aircraft and six motorboats did not return. Apart from this there was neither damage to nor casualties among the aircraft. We attacked a German airship northward of Ameland, bringing it down in flames into the sea from a great height.

London, Aug. 13.—Field Marshal Haig reports: We further improved our positions north of the Roze road and on the north bank of the Somme, and captured additional prisoners. We repulsed a local attack in the neighbourhood of Fouquencourt and patrols took a few prisoners south of the Scarpe and in the neighbourhood of Vieux Berquin. We also repulsed an attack on the Morris sector after sharp fighting.

London, Aug. 13.—French communiqué: No important event took place during the night time on the battle front. Several enemy raids in the Vosges and Upper Alsace were without result.

London, Aug. 13.—French communiqué: Between the Avre and the Aisne we captured the village of Gury and progressed north of Roze sur Matz and north of Chevincourt.

On the Vesle we repelled two counter-attacks against our positions on the north bank in the region of Fismes.

London, Aug. 13.—American communiqué: We repulsed attacks in the vicinity of Fismes. The enemy's losses were severe.

London, Aug. 12.—Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters, wiring this evening, says: Still fighting has been in progress to-day, the main feature of which was the greatly increased enemy artillery and machine-gunning, proving the rapid swelling of his reinforcements. Our long range 60 pounders have some of the bridges over the Somme under steady fire, so that the enemy communications must be difficult and sometimes deadly.

In the neighbourhood of Hallu, ground was shaken by a counter attack after we had been forced to fall back there from.

London, Aug. 12.—Reuter's representative at French headquarters, wiring on the afternoon of the 12th, says that the period of arrested development of the battle continues this morning. Some villages behind our front were heavily bombarded by the enemy who hoped to disperse troop concentrations in the pause while we are gathering strength. A further push on a new line is probable. Von Hutier's army, its left resting on the Thiescourt massif and the Oiseat Noyon, is sufficiently well placed for a defensive except for the threat of a further advance of the British on the Amiens-Roye road. The Allies at Aulchey are only four miles away from Roye which is already under the Allied guns. The enemy position in this part of the line is anything but solid.

London, Aug. 13.—Reuter's correspondent at French headquarters, wiring yesterday evening, says: Our pursuit and the German retreat have reached a point of momentary stabilisation on the French wing owing to the necessity of bringing up artillery and munitions over deeply rutted roads caused by the enforced halt. We are now at grips on the ground in which the Germans were entrenched and held from the autumn of 1916 to the spring of 1917. The trenches are in a tumble-down state, yet they afford the Germans the best opportunity of clinging to ground since they left their line in the valley of the Avre. They are evidently determined to remain as long as they can. They are well supplied with machine-guns. To-day the continuous enemy line opposed our

progress by regular barrages, instead of casual harassment.

London, Aug. 12.—It was reported at French headquarters, wiring this afternoon, says: The enemy is desperately clinging to the western and southern edges of the Thiescourt hills between Lassigny and the Oise. The key to the whole position is Sainte Lande farm, on a hill 600 feet high, just east of Mareuil la Motte, dominating the whole region. The French on the 12th gained a footing on the crest further north, Gury and Bois de Loges. The Germans hold a line of old entrenchments, stuffed with machine-guns.

The capture of Bois de Loges on the morning of the 12th was made with magnificent dash. The Germans counter-attacking in the afternoon, re-occupied part of the wood.

Several thousands of prisoners have been taken by the French since the 8th, including three colonels, also over 200 guns, including heavy, 1,600 machine-guns, and a great number of prisoners, and guns captured in-creased hourly.

Airmen's Great Work.

London, Aug. 12.—Field Marshal Haig reports on aviation: During day and night on the 11th we dropped 50 tons of bombs, chiefly on the Somme crossings and certain railway junctions. We bombed Contrai station and sidings by daylight from a low height, without loss, scoring many direct hits. We effectively at night attacked Peronne and Cambrai. All our night bombers returned.

Enemy aircraft, in large formations, were active on the battle-front. We destroyed 29 and drove down 21. Five British machines are missing. Anti-aircraft guns brought down a Gotha.

London, Aug. 12.—Reuter's correspondent at British headquarters says: Remarkable work was performed by our airmen during the battle on the opening of the offensive. Our machines were so thick that flying was very difficult, owing to the risk of collision. They bombed aerodromes, also the Somme crossings, with such success that the enemy retreat was partly diverted to the south-east, considerably to the advantage of the attackers. Two enemy aerodromes were captured during the advance, being the only ones in this area. South of the Somme, many enemy tanks, guns, aircraft, batteries and balloons were destroyed or damaged beyond use.

London, Aug. 13.—A French aviation communiqué says that despite the attempts of enemy squadrons to oppose the passage of our bombers on the 11th there were fruitful expeditions over the enemy's lines, copiously bombing bridges, roads, railways and troops. Numerous convoys were blocked altogether. Fifty-seven tons of bombs were dropped in the day and night. Fifteen aeroplanes and four balloons were killed and 21 machines disabled by the Franco-American pilots.

Paris, Aug. 13.—Reuter's correspondent at French headquarters says: French air bombing squadrons have played a most effective part in the battle, taking over the role of heavy guns and receiving information from swift scouting machines hovering over the enemy lines. Prior to the great attack on Lassigny, one of our air scouts noticed dense columns of men and transport pouring through the village to the front. The French sent 121 planes to attack them, and 27 tons of bombs were dropped on the Germans in the streets of Lassigny. Men and horses were killed, fires started and the streets were blocked with wrecked wagons. The march of the German columns was retarded for hours.

London, Aug. 12.—The Air Ministry states: On the afternoon of the 11th, in addition to the bombing already reported, we bombed the railway triangle at Metz. We attacked on the night of the 11th 12th two aerodromes and various targets with bombs and machine-guns.

Despite the weather on the 12th, we successfully attacked aeroplane and chemical works at Frankfurt. Bombs were observed in the centre of the ob-jective.

Large numbers of enemy aeroplanes kept up a running fight for thirty miles. We destroyed two. All the British machines returned.

Another squadron attacked an aerodrome at Hagenan, with excellent results. It encountered many hostile machines and severe fighting ensued. We destroyed four enemy machines and drove down another. Two British are missing.

The squadron reformed after the fight and proceeded to bomb its ob-jective and directly hit a large hut. One bomb destroyed four enemy machines on the ground.

Alleged Deserter From Hongkong.

A soldier named James Grant (14) was committed for trial by the King's-son-Thames Bench recently on a charge of stealing money and articles of the value of £27 from a house in Victoria road, Surbiton.

When arrested prisoner was wearing two rows of war decorations and a corporal's stripes, to which he was not entitled. By direction of the chair-man of the magistrates these were re-moved.

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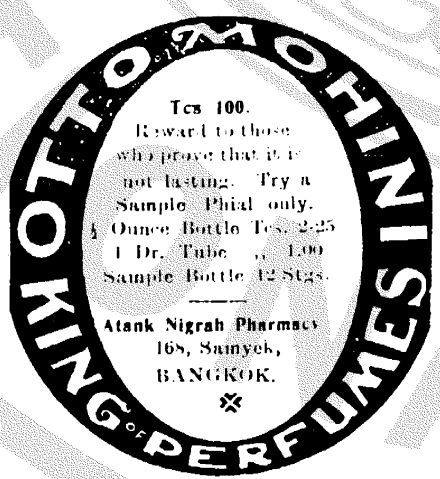
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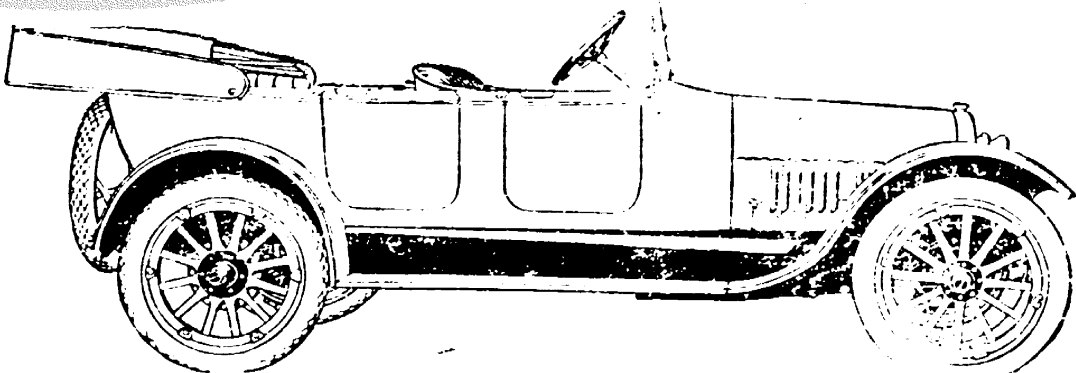
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Hookworm.

We have received Dr. M. E. Barnard's report for April to June 1918 on the work for the eradication and control of Uncinariasis in Siam.

We print below some extracts:—

During the Second quarter there have been examined 5,780 persons, of whom 4,872 were found infected, and 4,152 were treated for hookworm. In addition 543 were treated for other intestinal parasites making a total of 4,695 persons treated. This record far exceeds that of any previous quarter. In fact, as may be seen in Table I, the number given treatment for hookworm during the three months was almost as large as the number treated for hookworm during the entire eleven months of 1917.

The total number of persons examined thus far is 20,200, of whom 15,435 were found infected. Of these 11,581 received treatment for hookworm. An additional 1,501 persons were treated for other intestinal parasites, making a total of 13,082 first treatments administered.

Dispensary Work.

Representatives of the campaign have been engaged in examining and treating cases in some of the neighbouring amphurs. About 500 were treated in Amphur San Sai, 800 in Amphur Sarapee, and more than 800 in Amphur Hangdong.

The Director made a short trip to Muang Prao during June. Two men were sent ahead to notify the people of Muang Prao and the neighbouring villages of the proposed visit, and to instruct them with regard to latrine erection. These men received the whole-hearted support of the Nai Amphur, so that when the Director reached Muang Prao he found that over 100 protected pit latrines had been installed. In the village of San Sai (near Muang Prao) latrine accommodation had been provided for every household, so that soil pollution had ceased in that village. The latrine were found to be of a very satisfactory type.

Examinations and treatments were given daily in Muang Prao and in some of the near-by villages. Large numbers of people came daily to be examined or to use the microscopes. During the nine days spent in Muang Prao, 1,300 persons were examined and 1,275 were given treatment either for hookworm or other parasitic infection. Twice this number could easily have

been treated during this time if it had been possible to do the microscopical examinations of so many. The medicines were entirely used up by the end of the ninth day. On the afternoon of that day some two hundred applicants waited several hours to learn whether there would be medicine enough to treat them the next day, but it was impossible to treat them. Arrangements were made to send more medicine in charge of men qualified to treat those who were unable to be treated on this occasion.

In addition to this work, many persons sick with other diseases applied for aid, and an average of 50 persons a day received medical examination and treatment. There is no medical officer located in Muang Prao, and many of these sick people had suffered much from lack of early and proper treatment.

Case Reports.

In order to show some of the benefits which have come to individuals taking the treatment and being cured of their infection, the following cases

are reported. The numbers refer to the record books kept in the office in Chiengmai.

No. 483, male, aged 20 years. He applied for treatment a few weeks after the work was opened in Chiengmai, at which time he was so weak that he was hardly able to walk to the dispensary. The hemoglobin was 40 per cent, the heart was dilated, and the patient was edematous. Stool examination showed infection with hookworm, and also liver flukes. After treatment he immediately began to improve in health, and within a few months was able to take up work as a horse boy, in which capacity he has been serving acceptably for almost a year. The heart is no longer dilated, the edema has never recurred, and he has had excellent health. The infection with liver flukes still exists.

No. 1,383, male, aged 27 years. This man, who is of a very nervous temperament, suffered for several years from convulsive seizures which were of such frequency that he was unable to do any work. During such periods he would have as many as 20 to 30

attacks during the day, the attacks consisting of uncontrollable twitching of the arms and legs. Examination showed the presence of hookworms and roundworms, and treatment was administered once with thymol, and again with oil of chenopodium. He greatly improved in condition after treatment, so much so that he was able to work a rice field this year. Over a year has intervened since the time of treatment, during which period he has not had any convulsive attacks.

No. 2,323, female, aged 10 years, a pupil in the Prachaya Girls' School. She was an under-sized, emaciated little girl, who made every effort to keep up with her classmates in her studies, but was unable to do so. Great efforts were made to help her by the Superintendent as well as by her teachers, but her mental difficulties seemed to be so great that her teachers finally requested the Superintendent to send her home as they felt that further efforts were useless. The Superintendent, however, made arrangements to have all the pupils examined and treated for hookworm infection, and

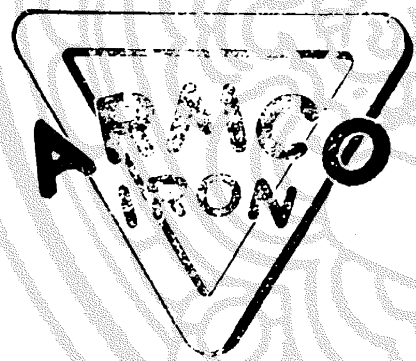
this little girl was among the number found infected. After treatment she promptly began to show physical improvement, and within a few weeks was beginning to be well-nourished and healthy. To the surprise of everyone, she also soon showed a most marked improvement mentally, and during the remainder of her stay in school her teachers reported that she made excellent progress in her work.

No. 7420, female, aged 12 years. On examination in April, 1917, she was emaciated, weak, and somewhat anemic, the hemoglobin registering 60 per cent. In spite of quinine therapy, she suffered from febrile attacks every three or four days. Examination showed the presence of hookworms and roundworms, and she was given treatment. Improvement in her physical condition was prompt and marked. During the following twelve months she had but one attack of fever. Her hemoglobin has increased to 80%, and she has become a well-nourished, strong and healthy girl.

No. 11,228, female, aged 21 years. For several years she has been failing in health, becoming weaker and weaker, and for the past two years she has been unable to leave the house. She walked with difficulty from the sleeping room to the verandah, and complained of dizziness and black spots before her eyes following this slight exertion. Her anemic condition was so extreme that the hemoglobin would not register on a Tallynist scale, and was estimated to be about five percent. In the specimen of stool, enormous numbers of hookworm ova were found, but no other parasites were present. The heart was dilated as is usually the case in such a profound anemia. She was given treatment on June 18, 1918, and from the first two stools expelled, 443 hookworms were counted. Unfortunately, through a misunderstanding, the remaining stools were not saved, so that the total number of worms expelled is unknown, but is estimated at least 1,000. As this individual lives near Muang Prao, it is difficult to follow her case closely, but a messenger sent three weeks after the first treatment reported that even within that short period she had begun to recover strength rapidly, and was able to walk about freely from house to house in the village, something she had been unable to do for two years. Full recovery from an anemia so profound will be no doubt be a matter of many months. This is the most severe case of hookworm infection which has been seen since the beginning of the work in Chiengmai.



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