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" " " " " 26	" " " " " 10	
" " " " " 23	" " " " " 21	
" " " " " 6	" " " " " 21	
" " " " " 20	" " " " " 21	
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" " " " " " " " " "	do Aug 21
" " " " " " " " " "	do Sept 29

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For China.

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a/s "Novara" April 30	a/s "Morea" April 1	
" " " " May 14	" " "Khyber" " 15	
" " " " " 28	" " " " " 15	
" " " " " 11	" " " " " 29	
" " " " " 25	" " " " " 13	
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" " " " 28	" " " " " 30
" " " " " 6	" " " " " 13
" " " " " 19	" " " " " 27
" " " " " 2	" " " " " 11

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1916	1916
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" " " " " 13	" " " " " 13
" " " " " 23	" " " " " 27
" " " " " 2	" " " " " 10
" " " " " 16	" " " " " 24

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" " " " " 19	" " " " " 13
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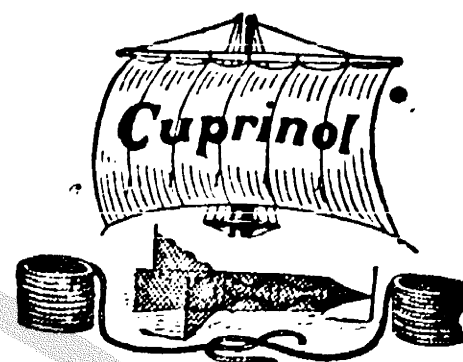
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1916	1916
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" " " " " " " "	4th " "
" " " " " " " "	8th " "
" " " " " " " "	11th " "
" " " " " " " "	15th " "
" " " " " " " "	22nd " "
" " " " " " " "	25th " "
" " " " " " " "	29th " "
" " " " " " " "	" " " "

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

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

PHASES OF THE MOON.

June 30th ○ New Moon 5.25 p.m.
July 8th) First Quarter 6.37 p.m.
" 15th ○ Full Moon 11.22 a.m.
" 22nd (Last Quarter 6.15 a.m.
" 30th ○ New Moon 5.57 a.m.

Colonies and Sea Power.

According to the Berlin newspapers, Dr. Solf, the Secretary of State for the Colonies, delivered a lecture on the subject of "The World War and Colonial Policy" before a large audience in Berlin on May 17.

Before the Minister began, Duke Johann Albrecht of Mecklenburg, welcoming Dr. Solf, said: "After a severe struggle for our existence the frontiers of the German Empire have been extended west and east, and under its protection a new field for colonisation has been secured for the German nation. Through our alliance with our loyal comrades in arms a safe overland route has been opened from our country to distant lands. Yet nothing but our own labour in our own colonies under the protection of our strong and unfettered fleet will secure to our industrious people the independence which we require."

In his preamble Dr. Solf pointed out that in view of the situation nobody could expect from him a speech on the objects of the war. At the end of his long lecture Dr. Solf summoned up as follows:—

"I believe I have proved that the original reasons for an active German colonial policy not only still exist but have even become more weighty, that we need not be too anxious regarding our ability to defend our colonial possessions in the future, that supremacy of the seas is not an absolutely necessary preliminary condition of the possession of colonies but that the possession of colonies may mean a valuable support to Germany's importance on the sea, and finally that an inter-Continental economic union between Berlin and Bagdad would prove an important adjunct to Germany's colonial empire. I further believe that I have proved that it is not the maintenance of our colonial empire which contains the germ of new warlike complications, but rather a voluntary renunciation of our colonies or one which was forced upon us."

After explaining the advantages which Germany's colonies had drawn from their colonial possessions, Dr. Solf concluded: "Without an active colonial policy the sure and peaceful development of Germany in the future is unthinkable."

Discredited Cassandras.

Lord Middleton gave evidence before the Royal Commission on the Irish Rebellion. Before giving the gist of that evidence, we may express surprise that people who have been by events proved right, absolutely right, in their warnings or predictions about the war should be regarded as Cassandras by many people in office, and even out of office. Why is this? Why should those who give good advice, founded on common sense and judgment, or on sound information, be objects of dislike or suspicion to those who have, unfortunately for themselves—and the country—not believed in that advice and not taken it till they were ultimately driven by the force of circumstances to do so?

Apparently those who have been in the wrong from the start about the war, wrong about Germany's strength, wrong about the length of the struggle, wrong about the submarines, and quite wonderfully wrong about recruiting and the question of compulsion—apparently those people do really regard those who, on the other hand, have been right as nasty, disagreeable, unpatriotic persons, as "superior persons" like Horsman, whom Disraeli once ridiculed.

On the other hand, to have been wrong about all these things, to have been stupidly wrong and muddled all through, is to have been, it would seem, a good fellow. We are not sure there is not a kind of freemasonry among the people who, from the first, have been extravagantly wrong about all sorts of things in which it was simple enough, after all, to be right; and if so, they are a powerful and influential lodge, including members with large vested interests. We condole with Lord Middleton, for he has been most objectionably right about the Irish danger; and hence we fear he must be a very unpopular man, viewed askance indeed by all those who, with Mr. Birrell, advised that nothing should be done, and that Sinn Fein was a joke. (Saturday Review.)

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Stations.	Train No.				Stations.	Train No.			
	1	2	3	4		1	2	3	4
	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.		a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.
Paknam Dep.	6.30	9.30	12.45	3.45	Bangkok Dep.	7.45	10.45	2.00	5.00
*Maha Wong ..	6.35	9.35	12.50	3.50	Sala Deng ..	7.52	10.52	2.07	5.07
*Ban Nang ..	6.40	9.40	12.55	3.55	Klong Toi ..	8.00	11.00	2.15	5.15
Chorakhe ..	6.45	9.45	1.00	4.00	*Ban Kluei ..	8.05	11.05	2.20	5.20
*Samrong ..	6.50	9.50	1.05	4.05	Prakonong ..	8.10	11.10	2.25	5.25
Bangna ..	6.55	9.55	1.10	4.10	Bangjak ..	8.15	11.15	2.30	5.30
Bangjak ..	7.00	10.00	1.15	4.15	*Bangna ..	8.20	11.20	2.35	5.35
*Prakonong ..	7.05	10.05	1.20	4.20	Samrong ..	8.25	11.25	2.40	5.40
*Ban Kluei ..	7.10	10.10	1.25	4.25	Chorakhe ..	8.30	11.30	2.45	5.45
Klong Toi ..	7.15	10.15	1.30	4.30	*Ban Nang ..	8.35	11.35	2.50	5.50
Sala Deng ..	7.23	10.23	1.38	4.38	*Maha Wong ..	8.40	11.40	2.55	5.55
Bangkok Arr.	7.30	10.30	1.45	4.45	Paknam Arr.	8.45	11.45	3.00	6.00

*Trains stop only at the request of passengers.

Trains may leave intermediate stations 5 minutes before the stated time

Growth of Pessimism in Germany.

A significant light is thrown upon the present state of public opinion in Germany by the following communication published in the "Tag" of Berlin over the signature of Herr Julius Bichem, the editor of the "Volkszeitung" of Cologne:—

Even for the so far victorious Central Powers, and above all for Germany, which carries the heaviest weight, the war is very hard.

The battlefields are soaked with the blood of our youth, and more one feels the terrible void left in every domain of our life. It is not surprising that everywhere in Germany there is manifested a pessimistic opinion about our situation. The main responsibility for this state of spirit rests with the German Press, which has always underestimated the strength and courage of our enemies.

Our German papers are responsible for the pessimism which increases every day in Germany, as they also were responsible for the open-mouthed and foolish optimism, not less dangerous, which preceded the present depression.

Conscription for Women

Propaganda in Germany.

Much has been written lately in Germany in regard to conscription for women. The idea has not been long considered so seriously as at present. In church circles propaganda is being made in this direction. The writer of an article in the "Christliche Welt" declares in this respect that the war has proved the urgent necessity of conscription for women. Whilst they were largely unprepared to take the places of men, they have on the whole done the work well, the writer says, but fell short in their own domain of house-keeping and nursing. In times like the present, as well as in normal times, the nation may derive more profit from its women, and women themselves will benefit. The writer himself does not give a definite form to his suggestion, but he gives a concise statement of the various forms that have been recommended. Some supporters of the movement merely desire obligatory attendance at continuation classes, combined with a course of domestic science under Government control, the girls to live at home. Others would like to send the pupils to hospitals, children's homes, house-keeping schools and institutions for social work.

Those of more militarist inclinations propose to educate the girls for hospital service and bureaus for the feeding and clothing of the army, or have them taught a man's trade, so as to strengthen the first attack of the army. This direction is combined with the build-

Billing's Imperial Nine.

Mr. Pemberton-Billing was in his most statesmanlike vein in an "after-lunch" address made to the Admiralty Club. He disclosed to the members some highly important secrets.

This war, he said, was not an English war, a Scottish war, a Welsh war; it was even more than a British war. The present Government was not composed of statesmen; they had never risen above the common or garden rank of politician.

"Assuming we had to lose the very valuable and indispensable '23,' I would put in their place a representative from Australia, and I should choose Mr. Hughes. I don't think we could do better. In addition to being out to win the war, we have an eye on commerce after the war. I should also choose Mr. Borden from Canada, and we could not do better than have Botha from South Africa. He has done a great deal of good, and I suggest that, although he fought against us in the Boer War, he had not got his heart in the game. If we had to have a soldier I should choose Robertson and for the sailor I think 'Jacky' Fisher would be a safe man for the Council. I would not recommend him for running the Admiralty between ourselves—(laughter)—but I think he is a very determined and sound man.

"Then we chuck an airman in. (Cries of 'Name.') Well, if they will not report it I would like to put—'Name' down. Then I would like to see a Liberal and a Conservative on the council. (Cries of 'Names.') For the Liberal I should bring in Lloyd George, with all his faults. (Laughter.) He is a man, and, by God it is men we want. (Cheers.) I think I should be bothered a bit about my Conservative. (Laughter.) It we want an English gentleman who is interested in the future welfare of the Empire I should suggest Mr. Austen Chamberlain, and for my Labour man I should take Mr. Walsh, who is an Imperialist, a brave and fearless man, and who would defy even his own party in the interests of his country. (A Voice: 'Who would be chairman?') I would let them appoint their own chairman. I would prefer, as a matter of fact, to have the King as chairman. I would let them form their committee, which, I guarantee, would really do the work. I am perfectly confident that such a council of nine could come to decisions more quickly than 25 men of various political views and interests, who preferred in most cases to wait and see." (Cheers.)

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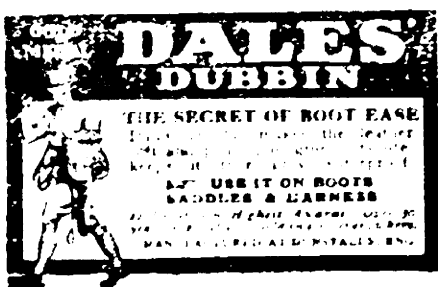
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Great War.

The First Submarine Cargo Boat.

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Mails.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)

London, July 11.

A German submarine arrived at Baltimore with a valuable cargo of dyestuff. When twenty miles off the coast she was chased by British and French cruisers, thus delaying the arrival by four days.

Reuter's correspondent in New York reports that the submarine Deutschland left a German port on June 23. She was in command of Captain Kairig and had a crew of twenty-nine. She carried a thousand tons of cargo, a quantity of mails and a message to President Wilson from the Kaiser.

General Haig's Report.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)

London, July 11.

General Sir Douglas Haig reports:—There was particularly severe fighting at Trones Wood, the southern end of which we captured on July 8, and since we have driven back several German counter-attacks in massed formation, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy.

French Gains.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, July 10.

Yesterday south of the Somme we attacked between the river and Belloy-en-Santerre and took positions along a depth of two kilometres. We captured a fortified village and 300 prisoners.

The British broke down counter-attacks and are progressing towards Ouvillers. Today we captured a line of trenches in the region of Barleux and made 650 prisoners.

In the Champagne we took a line of trenches west of Meuzil hill and cleared the enemy out of the trench.

In the Argonne we annihilated a detachment attacking in the region of the Vosges.

The Russian Front.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, July 10.

Petrograd:—We routed the enemy and took a village in the direction of Stockholm.

Hospital Ship Sunk.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, July 10.

An enemy submarine sank without warning the hospital ship "Operiode" in the Black Sea. Seven were killed.

Anarchists in Argentine.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, July 10.

Buenos Aires. Anarchists in Argentine used revolvers and wounded the President of the Republic.

Kent Visited by Aeroplane.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, July 10.

London.—A German aeroplane flew over the coast of the county of Kent but did no damage.

The Secret Conference.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, July 10.

The Senate has terminated the secret committee passing a vote of confidence in the Government by 251 to 7.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Mr. and Mrs. Muller and family arrived by the s.s. "Kajang" to-day.

THERE will be Rugger practice on Thursday at 5.30 p.m. at the Sports Club grounds.

THE body of the late Moh Noo, mother of Mr. Tan Lib Buey (Wang Lee) will be taken to China for burial by the s.s. "Anna" which leaves for Hongkong on Friday next.

THE s.s. "Kajang" will leave from the Borneo Company's wharf at 2 p.m. sharp, on Friday the 14th inst., and should arrive in Singapore on Wednesday at daylight.

No reception will be held at the French Legation in the afternoon of the 14th inst. but arrangements will be made to receive cards from those who may desire to leave them.

OUT of 9 cases of Bubonic plague reported to the Medical Officer of Health as having occurred in Bangkok during the week ended 8th July, 7 ended fatally. There were no cases of cholera or small-pox reported during that period.

THE following contributions were sent in aid of the Cruiser Fund from 4th to 7th inst. besides local subscriptions:—Mondhol Pitsanuloke Tes. 247, Mondhol Krungdeh Tes. 258, Mondhol Patani Tes. 435 and Mondhol Prachinburi Tes. 3,601. The total subscriptions up to the 7th inst. amounted to Tes. 2,101,956.

PRACTICALLY the whole of the French community in Bangkok was present yesterday at the rooms of the Alliance Française to listen to the "causerie" given by Monsieur de Laforcade on "Some of the Aspects of the Eastern Question." The French and Belgian Ministers were among those who were present.

THE "Catholic Times" of June 2 contains this interesting item, though one is at a loss to understand how such a marriage can be arranged in view of the English Law on the subject and the Catholic attitude on mixed marriages:—A rumour has been prevalent in Rome for some time concerning a supposed project of a marriage between Princess Lelanda of Italy and the Prince of Wales. Nothing definite is known by anybody as to whether there is any truth in it. For the Catholic difficulty in the way of such a marriage seems to be next to insurmountable. The visit of the Prince of Wales to the Italian Front and that of Prince Arthur of Connaught to Rome, where he now is, are, it is surmised, connected with the matter.

The Northern Line.

Work on the Northern Line is now finished up to kilometre 591 and it is expected that in another fortnight trains could get up to kilometre 594 where the big tunnel begins. This tunnel will be about 3/4 mile long and work on it is well in progress. Mr. Eisenhofer, the Divisional Engineer from Lampang to Chiangmai whose residence is at Kulu Tan between kilometre 595 and 596, will be returning to his station next week.

Italian Progress.

London, July 7.—An Italian official announcement says:—Our offensive between the Lazzarina and Sugana Valleys continues. Our pressure on the Adige and Astico has obliged the enemy to withdraw.

War Prisoners.

London, July 6.—In the House of Lords, Lord Newton said the German reply to the British request that the Rubleben prisoners should either be fed or released had been received. Germany had not categorically refused the request. Their reply was being studied.

Deeds of the Dominions.

London, July 6.—Mr. Bonar Law, speaking at a banquet in London in honour of the representatives of the Dominions now visiting London, said the General Staff was quite satisfied with the result of the struggle so far. The deeds of the Dominions had become a household word. Our resources would last longer than the enemy's and the staying power of our race would see us to the end.

Irish Problem Solved.

London, July 6.—It is stated that the Cabinet has agreed to Mr. Lloyd George's Irish proposals with additional safeguards providing for Imperial control of harbours and strategic points and protection for Unionists in the south and west. A bill preparing to give effect to the settlement will be introduced in the Commons shortly.

PADDY REPORT FOR JULY 11.

Nasuan 1480 coyans at Tes	81/103 each
Samnang 760	75/82
Namnam 150	73/74
Total Coyans	2390

Personal.

H. R. H. Prince Jainad will leave on the 14th instant en route for the Philippines where he will study the medical system there. The Prince will be away for over a month.

H. E. Phya Raj Binitai of the Ministry of the Interior who has been on a tour of inspection to the Chandaburi circle is now on his way back to Bangkok. It will be remembered he was suddenly taken ill while at Bangplao, but we understand he has now completely recovered.

H. E. Phya Picharana, taking advantage of the closing of the Courts for the Khao Wasah holidays, is making a trip to Nagor Lampang. He is leaving tomorrow morning.

H. E. Phya Arthakara, Attorney General, is leaving tomorrow for the Mondhol of Krung Khao visiting the Ayakarus of the Mondhol and Chang Wai.

H. E. Phya Chasanya Bodi leaves with his family tomorrow for Nagor Svarga to spend the Kow Warsa holidays. While there he will be the guest of his cousin H. E. Phya Ronajaya, H. M's Lord Lieutenant for the Nagor Svarga Circle.

Luang Suwapi, Secretary to the Minister of Justice, and a few friends are leaving tomorrow for Hua Hin for a week.

The Jutland Battle.

Jellicoe's Report.

London, July 6.—Admiral Jellicoe's despatch places the German losses at two battleships of the Dreadnought type and one of the Deutschland type, five light cruisers, six destroyers and a submarine, all of which were seen to sink. Two battleships, one battleship of the Dreadnought type and three destroyers were seen severely damaged that their return to port was extremely doubtful. One of these latter, the *Lutow*, was admittedly sunk.

London, July 6.—Admiral Jellicoe's despatch will be a historic document in the annals of the navy. It appeals rather to students of sea warfare than to the layman, who finds it not easy to follow all the technicalities. At the same time the public is delighted to find in it the fullest confirmation of the British claims, based, as Jellicoe says, on the most careful examination of many individual officers, to the havoc wrought on the German fleet.

The opening words tell with professional terseness the origin and purpose of the battle:

"Sir,—Be pleased to inform the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty that the German high sea fleet was brought to action on May 31 to the west of Jutland. The ships of the Grand Fleet, in pursuance of the general policy of periodical sweeps through the North Sea, had left its base the previous day in accordance with my instructions."

Beatty's Doggedness.

A commentary by a naval expert issued simultaneously with the despatch shows that Admiral Beatty's fleet was an advance squadron. It ran a measure of risk in attacking the enemy before Admiral Jellicoe was able to join the battle, but Beatty followed Nelson's golden rule, "Attack the enemy in sight and cling to him as long as your teeth hold out." The task demanded some courage, but he did not flinch.

When the final combination of the two fleets was effected the enemy would have had little hope of escaping decisive defeat but for the mist, which robbed the British of the harvest they deserved.

The following striking episode of the battle deserves quotation. The *Marlborough* opened fire at 6.17 in the evening, firing seven salvos at a ship of the Kaiser class. She then engaged a cruiser and another battleship. She was hit by a torpedo at 6.50 and listed considerably, but at 7.12 she re-opened a cruiser and at 7.12 fired fourteen rapid salvos at a ship of the Kaiser class, hitting frequently until she quit the line.

Recording the gallantry of officers and crews, Admiral Jellicoe says the conduct of all throughout was entirely beyond praise. "No words of mine can do them justice. Our glorious traditions were most worthily upheld and I cannot adequately express the pride with which the spirit of the fleet filled me."

Various.

London, July 5.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Chamberlain said that the report of the enquiry into medical arrangements in Mesopotamia had not yet been received.

London, July 6.—The casualty lists include: Killed, Brigadier C. R. Prowse wounded and missing: Captain C. Craig, M.P.

Viscount French has been appointed Colonel of the Irish Guards.

An Army Order says that wounded officers and men will henceforth wear a gold braid stripe on the left arm and an additional stripe each time they are wounded.

Submarine Liners.

To Sail from Hamburg to New York.

Germany's only English language daily newspaper in New York—the *Evening Mail*—announces that the Hamburg-America Line has completed arrangements for a regular Trans-Atlantic submarine service between Hamburg and New York. It is to be a "super-submersible" service, and the first super-submersible is due to arrive on or about July 4.

The announcement, says the *Daily Mail* New York correspondent, adds that the new merchant submarines are built on a scale large enough to allow them to carry twenty-five torpedoes, and this space will be used for cargo, passengers, and mails. The vessels will be armed for defensive purpose with a 3 in. gun similar to those mounted in British, French, and Italian liners. It is "expected" by August 8 that five of these super-submersibles will be operating regularly. They will leave Hamburg and go by the north of Scotland, or through the English Channel as conditions warrant, and will make the voyage in about ten days, a sustained surface speed of fourteen knots being guaranteed.

Crew of Sixty.

It is planned to enter New York by way of Long Island Sound, taking advantage of the three-mile limit and stretch of water between Montauk Point and Cape Cod. Each submarine is 150ft. long, with a 45 feet beam, and carries a crew of sixty men. The navigating bridge, when the boat is running on the surface, is 30 feet above the waterline. Above the main hull is super-imposed the deck, and above this a third deck and navigating bridge. The super-imposed deck has portholes like an ordinary passenger steamship, and it is on this deck that passengers will be accommodated.

One thousand pounds will be asked for a single fare. At this price several passages have been booked by business men. Fuel will be carried sufficient for a voyage of 6,200 miles. The cargo will consist of drugs, chemicals, and jewels. The chemicals, it is calculated, will pay for the voyage, as atropine, which sold before the war for a farthing a grain, is now bringing ten pence a grain, while other chemicals are selling for £20 an ounce. The *Evening Mail* ends its announcement with the assurance that the Transatlantic submarine service will render absolutely ineffective the British interference with German mails.

A Novelist's Forecast.

It is a curious coincidence that in his book just issued Mr. Ridgwell Cullum, the novelist, deals with the coming of the submarine liners. He draws a picture of the problem Britain has to face after an inconclusive peace. The Germans set to work and soon have a fleet of 300 submersible Dreadnoughts, and they await the perfection of the Prince's "U" rays, a device which will give eyes to the submarines when under water, enabling them to see mines and other deadly weapons from long range. Then they intend to wage war and starve Britain into surrender, destroying all our commerce. Prince von Hertzwohl, the inventor, has perfected the "U" rays, but he bluffs the Germans into believing that there is some serious defect, and he sailed secretly, under water, to England with the only complete "U" rays installation in existence, and with the secret still his own. Britain is thus enabled to build a fleet of under-sea liners, fitted with "U" rays, which will secure her against the dangers of submarines and mines and remove the peril of being reduced to starvation by blockade. The Prince has to pay for his daring with his life, for he is shot by German spies on English soil; but the Teuton agents are outwitted by Ruxton Fowler, a British Minister, and captured. Britain is safe for a time, but the novelist leaves us to wonder what will happen when Germany discovers the secret of the "U" rays; and when the naval battles will be fought under water? Will it, however, be worth while to build submarines at all if there is no safety in submersion?

Austrian Losses.

Over Half a Million in a Month.

London, July 6.—Petrograd: The communique records successes in many sectors from Riga to the Carpathians. A thousand of the enemy were made prisoner in the region of Baranovitchi. The enemy on the right bank of the Dniester was routed and hundreds were made prisoner. The small town of Mikolitchine on the railway to Korosmezo from Delatyn has been captured.

London, July 5.—Petrograd: The General Staff estimates the Austrian losses at over half a million in a month. Military writers are most optimistic regarding the prospects. Russian guns are pounding Baranovitchi from three sides at a four mile range. The Russians are enveloping the left wing on the Styry, of the Germans who, in the Chartorysk region, are frantically striving to counteract the great Lutz thrust.

The Austrians in Southern Galicia are now cut off from railway communication with Hungary. The Austrians are unable to reinforce Stanislaw from the Carpathians.

A Perjury Charge Fails.

It will be remembered that some months ago the Krom Ayakarn, charged three Indians, Yumer Khan, Dos Mohamad and Mohamad Hussein in the International Court with having murdered another Indian named Masan in Paknampho on the night of May 18 last year.

The International Court by a judgment delivered on December 14 last sentenced Dos Mohamad and Mohamad Hussein to fifteen years imprisonment each, but discharged Yumer Khan holding that there was not sufficient evidence to convict, although his case was one of great suspicion.

The Ayakarn appealed on the ground that the evidence against Yumer Khan was sufficient for a conviction and that the sentence on the other two accused was inadequate. Dos Mohamad and Mohamad Hussein also appealed against their convictions.

The Appeal Court fixed the 22nd June for the hearing of the appeals, but on that occasion Mr. Tentsch who appeared for Dos Mohamad asked the court to postpone the matter. He intimated that he was presenting for perjury two of the eye-witnesses called by the Crown Prosecutor against his client in the International Court, and wished to have that case settled first. The Court allowed the application.

The International Court this morning gave judgment in the perjury case.

The accused in this case were Nai Noi and Nai Muen who in the murder trial gave evidence to the effect that they saw Dos Mohamad and Mohamad Hussein and other Indians carrying a corpse toward the river on the night of the murder. The case for the present prosecution was that these two witnesses committed perjury in as much as they were not anywhere near the place where the murder took place on the night in question.

The two accused (who were undefended) pleaded not guilty, and Mr. Tentsch on behalf of his clients called a number of witnesses in order to show the Court that Nai Noi and Nai Muen could not have seen anything of the murder. After hearing these witnesses the Court closed the case and did not call upon the witnesses for the defence.

This morning Phra Sukhum read the judgment of the Court dismissing the case on the ground that the witnesses for the prosecution could not be believed.

Mr. Tentsch informed the judges that he would appeal against the finding of the Court and asked that the accused be kept in confinement pending the decision of the Appeal Court, but the application was refused and immediate discharge of the accused was ordered.

The Allied Advance.

High Praise for British Troops.

London, July 5.—General Sir Douglas Haig reports that hand-to-hand fighting continues between the Anere and the Somme. Five hundred more prisoners have been taken.

London, July 6.—General Haig says in his communique: Fighting is continuous, mostly in the nature of local struggles for strong points, the result being that we have advanced slightly in certain sectors and lost no ground. The German casualties to day were very heavy. The total number of prisoners is now over six thousand. There is trench warfare on the rest of the front.

London, July 6.—General Haig reports: We made a further slight advance near Thiepval. South of the La Bassée Canal, after a discharge of smoke and gas, we made successful raids on the enemy line in which the Royal Welsh Fusiliers especially distinguished themselves, taking forty prisoners. The Highland Light Infantry successfully raided enemy trenches west of Hulluch. Many Germans were killed and some made prisoner.

London, July 5.—The slower British progress is explained in a French semi-official message on the ground that the Germans expected a British and not a French attack, thinking that the latter were exhausted at Verdun. They accordingly massed their best troops against the British. Hence the French papers are most eulogistic regarding Britain's effort, especially the brilliant capture of La Boisselle which was the enemy's strongest organisation. There is a consensus of praise for the bravery of the new armies.

Most Gallant Feat in War.

A distinguished neutral observer, dealing with the first triumphant assault on Mametz, which the enemy believed to be impregnable, says he does not believe there was ever a more gallant feat in war. Nothing the Japanese did against the Russians was so perfectly heroic. Similarly at Comme-court, though they failed to capture the salient, the British had not died in vain for they held the German masses and thus enabled success to be attained at other points.

Carranza Climbs Down.

London, July 5.—Washington: Carranza has accepted the principle of mediation and the danger of war is averted.

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Frivolous Exhibitions in the Smart Set.

A recent article in an evening paper on the invasion of the lower strata of society, since the war began, by the industrious alien, serves as a reminder that it is not only among waiters, cinema artists, musicians and music-hall performers that the ubiquitous foreigner is stepping into the shoes of Britons who have been called upon to take up arms in their country's cause, says a writer in The World.

Lolling at ease in the gilded palaces of pleasure—the smart restaurant, the West End theatre, the river side retreat, and even in the homes of our ancient aristocracy, may be found the alien, whose well-lined pockets and lavish expenditure are held to atone for anything that may be lacking either in his morals or his manners.

A philosopher would find ample food for reflection on the cynicism of the age and the ease which gold, from whatever source, can attract human affection, in a glance round a fashionable restaurant in war time. One of the least edifying spectacles of the moment is that some greasy alien of uncertain nationality, who has in some mysterious manner "packed up a parcel" in "munition deals" entertaining a beautiful English woman whose pre-war lover is fighting his country's battles in Flanders or Egypt or Mesopotamia. Her eyes flash just as brightly for the repulsive Hebrew, with his oily grim of possession, as they did for her clean-built, handsome English companion of a year ago—she lays a bejewelled hand on his arm with just the same captivating air of possession—she listens to his purring, spitting discourse with just the same attention as she devoted to the merry pleasantries of the boy who has gone.

The jewels, that he lavishes on her have been bought with the product of the machine that has torn her lover from her side; the dresses and the furs with which he clothes her are wrung from the overflow of a world's suffering; he himself is one of the vultures who watch the slaughter from afar, and batten on the carcasses.

But none of these things seem to make his superb limousine less acceptable, his jewels less welcome, his presence more insupportable, his clumsy caresses more odious.

Far from it. The fair lady beams proudly round the room with a satisfied air of possession, and seems to dare her envious rivals to dispute her claim.

Well, it is a material age, and we are a material nation. Even the great upheaval of the war has done little to disturb the convention that riches, from no matter what source, are the one

essential thing. Non olet, said the cynical Roman Emperor, as he laid an iron grasp on the proceeds of prostitution—non olet, smiles Lady Cora Coldheart as she snuggles herself into the thousand-guinea sable coat which represents a market "rig" in some death dealing commodity.

It's all in the game, in war or in peace, in storm or in sunshine, whether the world quakes or the seas fall, though hundreds of thousands of the salt of the earth are writhing in agony or tortured with hunger and thirst, our woman must be swathed in purple and fine linen, must be decked in diamonds and pearls, must ride in Rolls-Royce cars and live in palaces. It is all in the game, and the moralist who claims that this is no time for such frivolity would find himself howled down if he dared to breathe such a notion within hearing of any member of the smart set. It is purely a matter of taste, and English taste does not seem to be affronted at such exhibitions as I have described; but it is unthinkable that similar sights would be tolerated in Paris at the present moment. The French people have more sense of fitness.

Rhine-Danube Canal.

Important projects are being considered for the improvement and extension of the German canal system, says the American Consul at Brunswick.

At a recent meeting of the Central Association for German Inland Navigation (the second that has been held since the outbreak of war) a large part of the session was devoted to the consideration of two important waterways. These are the Danube-Oder Canal and the great project of the Rhine-Main-Danube Canal. After a thorough discussion a resolution was adopted approving the construction of a navigable Rhine-Danube waterway, which is to be regarded as a most important task of the German Empire, in order to promote the foreign commerce of Germany and to open up in connection with the western canals a north-west and south-east route.

The enterprise is recommended because a Rhine-Danube canal can be technically carried out, and its geographical course will assure Germany a commercial route which cannot be blockaded or cut off in war, and in peace will afford the most effective means for strengthening middle-European commerce.

It is likely that the much-discussed continuation of the Rhine-Hanover Canal to the river Elbe at Magdeburg will be built in the near future. The city of Brunswick has already bought a large tract of land for a harbour.

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An Unknown Country.**Scientist's Wonderful March of 11,000 Miles.**

Some interesting details have been revealed, says Reuter, of the discoveries made in Central Asia by Sir Aurel Stein, who reached England on the completion of a two and a half year's journey, undertaken by order of the Government of India, through Eastern Turkestan, westernmost China, the Pamirs, Russian Turkestan and along the Perso-Afghan border. In endeavouring to find new routes he followed a line of march to the Pamirs which took him across Darel and Tangier, a territory in the Hindoo Koosh, never before visited by Europeans. The visit was made possible by the chance that Pakhtun Wali, an exiled chief from Chitral, who has carved out for himself a new kingdom there, was then endeavouring to consolidate it by getting into friendly relations with the Government. This was on ground of historical importance in ancient times, which had been visited by the old Buddhist pilgrims from China.

Ancient Writing on Wood.

After crossing into Chinese Turkestan, Sir Aurel Stein made his way as rapidly as possible towards the desert round the dried-up Lob Nor (Lak Lop), visiting on his way a sand-buried old site in the Talamakan desert. He discovered many ancient writings on wood and in an early Indian language dating from the third century A.D. Among other discoveries at the same desert site was a large ancient orchard, still showing with uncanny clearness the elaborate arrangement of fruit trees and vines carried over trellis, all dead. The settlement had been abandoned close on seventeen hundred years ago, and the river which once carried water to it now loses itself in the sand at a very great distance. The explorer followed up through the Lop desert the earliest route by which the Chinese carried trade and influence into Central Asia from the end of the second century before Christ. For over 20 marches the route was now quite waterless, a terrible wilderness of salt and wind and eroded clay, and ice sufficient to assure at least one month's supply of water for the party (which including excavation labourers, counted 35 people) had to be carried. Perhaps his most important discovery was the tracing of this ancient route and of the numerous ruins along that part of it which lay through a dried-up ancient delta.

It was by this route that the ancient Chinese conveyed all their silk to Central Asia and the far-off Mediterranean. The numerous pieces of exquisite Chinese silk and brocades found in the cemeteries will open up a new chapter in the history of textile art.

Hundreds of Copper Coins.

In that part of the desert which was waterless in ancient times for a distance of some 150 miles he was able with accuracy to track the route of the ancient caravans by finds of coins and other small objects accidentally dropped. In one place the direction in which a convoy had moved was clearly marked by hundreds of copper coins strewn by the salt-encrusted ground. They had probably dropped from a load during a night march, and had remained untouched for at least sixteen hundred years, as the route had since that period been wholly abandoned. Ancient ammunition in the shape of bronze arrowheads, probably from some arsenal, also strewn the track in the salt desert near that point. During another portion of his travels Sir Aurel explored for a distance of 250 miles a further section of the armed fortified border line by which the Chinese had endeavoured to protect their western-most marches in Kansu against ancient Hun raids. From the ruins of watchtowers found in continuous succession along the wall he recovered intact numerous written records on wood dating from the first century before and after Christ. His travels involved over 11,000 miles of marching over mountain and desert. The explorer spent some three and a half months among the mountains north of the Oxus, in Russian territory, and spoke in high terms of his treatment by Colonel Yagello, the commandant of the Pamirs Division, and of the ready assistance given by the Russian authorities on every occasion.

Dwindling French Population.

It is an extraordinary fact that since the 1871 war between France and Germany the latter country has doubled its population, while the former stands at about the same figure, namely, 39,000,000.

The alarm is being sounded, but somewhat too late to remedy the evil, for present purposes at least.

Although statistics are invariably galling things, those just issued in France showing the relative increase in populations of various countries are worth studying.

For the years 1906 to 1910 Germany's birth rate increased 141 per 10,000 inhabitants, England comes next with 115; Austria-Hungary takes third place with 114; Italy 113, Belgium 87, and France 7.

Since 1910, however, France's population has been gradually diminishing; and with the loss of life occasioned by the war, there are reasons to believe that she is worse off, numerically speaking than forty-four years ago.

Had France's birth rate kept pace with Germany's, the present war might have been averted.

Rainfall.

We have received the following telegraphic reports of rainfall from the Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Lands and Agriculture:

MONDOL KRUNG DEB.

At Min. of L. & A. July 7 0.3 mm.
.. Min. of L. & A. .. 9 0.5 ..
.. Min. of L. & A. .. 10 28.4 ..

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At Krung Kao July 7 3.7 ..
.. Angtong .. 7 37.0 ..
.. Singburi .. 7 23.2 ..
.. Sraburi .. 7 13.5 ..
.. Lobburi .. 7 8.7 ..
.. Angtong .. 8 24.0 ..
.. Lobburi .. 8 30.5 ..

MONDOL NAGOR JAISRI.

At Nagor Pathom July 7 38.4 ..

MONDOL RAJBURI.

.. Rajburi July 7 11.5 ..
.. Bejraburi .. 7 12.8 ..
.. Smudsongram .. 7 5.0 ..
.. Rajburi .. 8 2.2 ..
.. Smudsongram .. 8 105.9 ..
.. Bejraburi .. 9 2.2 ..

MONDOL PRACHIN.

At Khaoengsao July 6 7.8 ..
.. Nagor Nayok .. 6 11.7 ..
.. Prachinburi .. 7 13.6 ..

MONDOL NAGOR SVARGA.

At Nagor Svarga July 6 5.4 ..
.. Udaithani .. 6 49.0 ..
.. Nagor Svarga .. 7 5.6 ..
.. Udaithani .. 7 65.1 ..
.. Jainad .. 7 51.5 ..
.. Kambaenghejra .. 7 3.9 ..
.. Tak .. 7 4.4 ..

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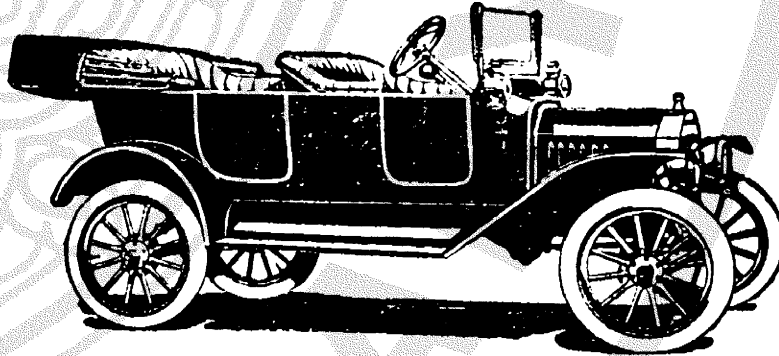
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The Rejected Conference.
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The Russian Mobilisation.

Our contemporary makes it clear that the Chancellor's arguments regarding the origin of the war have not altered its views on this subject, but

Future of Belgium.—If this is really the meaning, the conversation can be herewith at an end, for the whole world knows Britain will never be able to ensure peace without the full restoration of Belgium's independence. But the German Chancellor also knows this, and intends hereto to break off all negotiations; and one can, seen from this standpoint, read this in his words: "Both you and we desire a lasting peace, but we do not regard ourselves as permanently safeguarded against attacks on your side if we unconditionally surrender Belgium and the other conquered territory; name your guarantee, therefore, and say what compensation you are willing to make. If we concede what would be asking for our favourable military position, make our position strong at the peace negotiations."

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					Tha Sao	"	7.1	9.21	...
Ban Phaji Dep.	3.57	12.37	4.50	...	Ucharit	"	7.18	2.40	...
Lopburi Arr.	11.5	1.55	5.48	...	Ban Dara Arr.	8.16	3.26
Chengkok D p.	12.33	3.38	...	7.2	Sawa Toke Dep.	a.m.	p.m.
Pak'pho Arr.	2.17	5.40	...	9.5	Ban Dara Arr.	8.1	3.11
	p.m.	a.m.				a.m.	p.m.		
Pak'pho Dep.	2.26	6.50	Ban Dara Dep.	8.24	3.32
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