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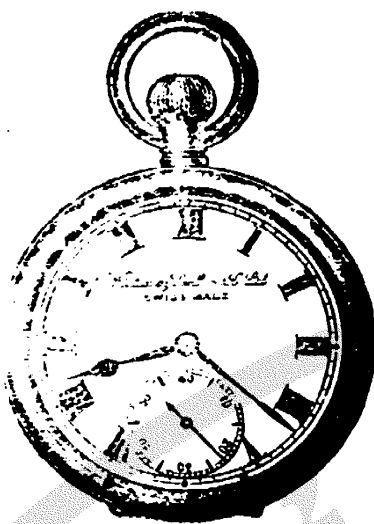
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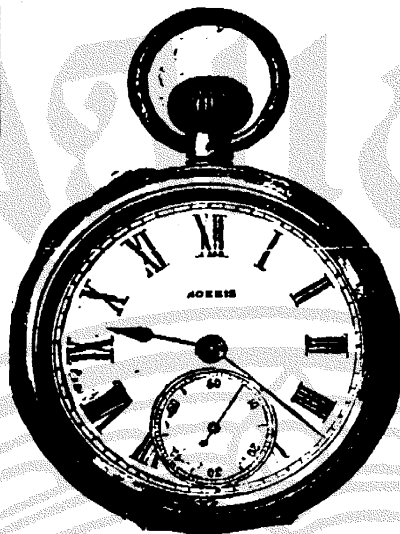
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"Malta" Aug. 7	"Arabia"	7
"Namur" 21	"Morea"	18
"Sardinia" Sept. 3	"Medina"	4
"Somali" 17	"Mongolia"	15
"Nore" Oct. 1	"Malwa"	29
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s.s. Kaga Maru 24	s.s. Suwa Maru Dec. 3
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No departure	19. " "
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TIDE TABLE.

DEPTH OF WATER ON THE
BANGKOK BAR.

FOR SEPT., 1916.

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

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

PHASES OF THE MOON.	
Oct. 4th) First Quarter	5.43 p.m.
11th) Full Moon	1.43 p.m.
19th) Last Quarter	7.51 a.m.
27th) New Moon	3.19 a.m.

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Death of Yuan Shih Kai.

An Authoritative Statement From Peking.

The Peking Gazette has received for publication the following authoritative account of the late President's last illness and death. The physicians who attended him during the period covered by the following report were Dr. J. A. Bussiere, the well-known French physician in the Capital, and Dr. Wong Wen-leo.

Unauthorised and inaccurate reports regarding the death of the late President Yuan Shih-kai have been printed in this and foreign countries. It seems that the time has come to publish a true and official statement on the cause of his last illness and death.

His Excellency Yuan had been observed since four years to show, at intervals, signs of an unsettled condition of health. These signs were attentively followed by his physicians, and gradually the same suggested premonitory signs of a latent Uremia. The more marked symptom was Tachycardia, or acceleration of the pulse rhythm. When his health was at its best, the pulse never rated less than 80 to 85 beatings per minute; a not uncommon record being 90 to 100, and in time of gastric troubles or catarrhal bronchitis, it increased to 120—125 with no corresponding rise of temperature. The other signs—nervous, circulatory, gastric, hepatic, secretory—were also at intervals, met with. There was no doubt of some trouble existing in the President's constitution; and every attention was paid to check the progress of the disease by medication, general hygiene of life and diet.

For the past two years the signs corresponded with those of the period of "tolerance" or "compensation" of this morbid process. The general appearance was a very healthy one. The President had never felt so well in the quiet periods; and five months before his death, during almost the whole past winter everything seemed very satisfactory, better than it had been in previous years.

Causes of Death. Organic and Moral.

The Uremia became apparent or confirmed quite suddenly, when the political state of the country happened to disturb his unstable condition of health. The causes were organic and moral, the former being pre-disposing and second exciting.

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acting upon a weakened circulating system, all the wear and tear of an immense past and present labour, and last but not least of all an overbearing sorrow arising from daily betraying events had a powerful depressing effect on the whole organism, brought up the rupture of equilibrium and undoubtedly were the main factors in the onset of the acute Uremia with a sudden, persistent anuria—a crisis which in five days developed into a fatal end.

His Excellency the President Yuan died from the effect of a very well-known disease commonly met with in old age. On this point there is no doubt (or suspicion) in the minds of the qualified medical men who attended him. It was in their power to foresee what would be the unavoidable evolution of the disease they had diagnosed before its apparent period; but it was beyond any human power to guess at what time and hour it would develop in its acute stage under the action of powerful psychological depressive factors.

The last symptoms, watched hour by hour by impartial witnesses, were those of a progressive asthenia, an inspiratory and paralytic dyspnea with anxiety. They ended in alidity by progressive failure of the heart action with subdelirium and indistinct talking at intervals. But the President kept generally a clear mind and was giving orders up to the last hours of his life. Any other suggestions are unfounded and untrue. The President Yuan Shih-kai departed for eternal rest at his post of command, his great soul having prematurely worn out his body.

Rainfall.

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

KRUNG DEB.

At Phra Pradaeng Sept. 10	43.7 mm.
" Minburi " 12	26.8 "
" Nondaburi " 13	8.3 "
" Min. of L. & A. " 14	10.0 "
" Samudprakr " 14	40.3 "

MONDOL KRUNG KAO.

At Krung Kao Sept. 13	14.9 "
" Angton " 13	23.8 "

MONDOL PRACHIN.

At Nagor Nayok Sept. 13	34.0 "
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At Jainad Sept. 13	17.0 "
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German Food Supply.**Agricultural Policy Paved The Way for War.**

Recent Development of German Agriculture is the title of an instructive paper prepared by Mr. T. H. Middleton, C.B., Assistant Secretary to the Board of Agriculture.

Lord Selborne, in a prefatory note, says: "It has been part of my duty as President of the Board of Agriculture to make a study of the agriculture of Germany, and in that work it became apparent to me that, if agriculture had made no more progress in Germany than it has in the United Kingdom during the period 1895 to 1913 the German Empire would have been at the end of its food resources long before the end of the second year of the war."

Mr. Middleton shows that while the yield of crops per acre has increased enormously in Germany in the past 40 years, it has been practically stationary in England. With regard to labour, he points out that the number of persons wholly or partly engaged in agriculture in Germany is 18.3 per 100 acres, against 5.8 in Britain.

The policy of Germany has been to obtain a huge increase of agricultural produce, and it has met with great success. Here is a comparison, showing results obtained, Britain and in Germany, from each 100 acres of cultivated land:—

British farmer.	German farmer.
Feeds 45 to 50 persons	70 to 75 persons
Grows 15 tons of corn	33 tons
11 tons of potatoes	55 tons
4 tons of meat	44 tons
17½ tons of milk	28 tons
Negligible quantity of sugar	2½ tons

The British farmer is more favoured by nature, and the view of leading German agriculturists is that their soils and climate are distinctly inferior to those of Britain.

Production of meat, eggs, and milk is also in favour of Germany.

About 93 per cent of the land of Germany is owned by the men who cultivate it; in England and Wales only 11 per cent of the occupiers are owners. About 48 per cent of the cultivated soil of Germany is laid out in holdings of less than 50 acres, compared with 16 per cent in England and Wales.

The Scarecrow Trick.

In a small country newspaper in Württemberg, says Reuter, appears an official notice ordering the peasants to remove any old clothing from the scarecrows in the fields. It has been found that occupying prisoners of war have exchanged clothes with the scarecrows.

British Trench Mortars.

The "Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant" publishes some interesting notes and comments on the British offensive in Picardy from the pen of the Paris correspondent.

The writer insists that the apparently slow progress of events has not been a matter of surprise or disappointment to the leaders. On the contrary, he maintains, the progress so far made has fully equalled expectations. He continues:—

The results of the French offensive has perhaps led to the belief that the British offensive remained below expectation. That has not been the case, however. The French offensive had a surprising success with proportionally slight loss. The British have had to face the strongest German forces. The prisoners they made were strong, strapping fellows, neither very old nor very young. Something has happened on the western front that also occurred on the Russian front, namely, a remarkable, not quite expected, success of the secondary offensive. The French offensive on the Somme was at the start a secondary offensive subsidiary to the main offensive on the British front. The secondary offensive was so successful that it began to play a more important role than had been intended at the outset. On the Russian front—we may say so openly now—General Brusiloff's offensive was not really intended as the main offensive. The main offensive was to have been launched more to the North.

The "new British army" has aroused general admiration. The Germans are too good military experts to underestimate its value.

I often wonder what they think of the new British trench mortars. These are really infernal machines; I believe they are really the best trench-guns so far invented, with their air-torpedoes, containing 240 kilos of melinite. Where the enemy trenches are less than 300 metres distant their bombardment by the artillery is dangerous as an army's own troops might then be hit. In such a case special trench-guns are required and the British at the present moment possess the best in this line.

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I was interested reading the extract you gave regarding the price now paid for steamships as compared with the prices four years ago. If a Bangkok company like the Chino-Siam or other shipping company had spent a capital sum of say £120,000 or Ticals 150,000 in four fair sized vessels four years ago the company's position today can better be imagined than put down in figures.

Freights are rising, prices of exported articles are rising up and every day in the week you read of sinkings of steamers as if these were matters of every day occurrence. There are no statistics of the sinkings nor of the new vessels that are being built for the mercantile marine, but these must be steadily increasing if one may judge from the statement of the British Admiralty that to-day the number of effective British war vessels are more than there were at the beginning of the War.

The British Black List is a wonderful instrument to bring people to their senses and to safeguard their own selves and their own interests and not to help anybody in difficulties owing to nationality. The most serious case of being put on the Black List is the case of a Chinese miller who has been doing a rattling business lately and being suspected of helping enemy subjects has had to find security and allow his business to be supervised by a staff of British subjects to ensure that everything was in order. I believe the salaries of this staff come to a few thousand ticals monthly.

The case of the Danish official of the Mekong Railway is where he helped an enemy firm in Bangkok to send that firm's accounts as if they were the accounts of the Railway Company signed by him as the Manager of the Company in order to delude the censor, but the accounts showing rice as the staple dealing of the firm aroused the suspicions of the censor and thus revealed the secret arrangement. The Railway Company in order to protect itself has dispensed with the services of the official in question.

The Bangkok Dock Company's ship-building scheme has not yet been considered. Figures and reports of capability or otherwise to tackle the proposition have, I hear, been fixed up. The presence of a Director of a Saigon Shipping Company in our city is evidence of the likelihood of the improvement of the shipping business in Siam.

Some dozen years back when a few small steamers were plying between Bangkok and Chantaboon carrying passengers at 5 ticals per head or less whoever would have prophesied that ten years later there would be five steamers like those of the East Asiatic Company doing the same run and commanding double or treble the rate of passage money and freight charges. Yet this is so and is a good standard to go by regarding our calculations for ten years hereafter.

Ten years hence in addition to the present adjunct company of the East Asiatic running as a Siamese company I anticipate that there will be the vessels of the Chino-Siam Company and of a purely national Siamese company plying in and out of the port of Bangkok to coast and neighbouring ports and surely this is time for making arrangements that all these vessels should be built and engined in Siam.

By the way I hear of a *cause celebre* that is likely to occupy the time of the Siamese Civil Court at an early date in connection with a claim for damages by the Navy against the Dock Company. It is alleged, I believe, that a ferro concrete wall erected by the Dock Co. for the Navy at Bang Ni has been carried away by a landslide. The Navy allege defective workmanship and it is understood that the Dock declares that the big explosion of April last, heard all round Bangkok, is the primary cause of the landslide and that they are not liable.

Everybody is talking of the tactful and extremely sensible reply of His Majesty to the members of the Committee of the Football Association in the matter of the recent dispute—as appearing in your paper. This, no doubt, led the way to the highly satisfactory ending of the trouble, which might otherwise have had a baneful effect on the progress of football in Siam.

Will Clergy Strike?

London clergy threaten to strike if women are allowed to preach in churches.

Against the decision of the Bishops of London and Chelmsford to allow women to speak in churches, but not from the pulpit, a body of London clergy have signed a protest which, among other reasons, says—

"We believe that such permission will be an encouragement to those women who publicly claim their right to be appointed to the priesthood and episcopate of the Church, which claim is heretical."

THE

Great War.**Western Front.**

(HAVAS TELEGRAM)

Paris, Sept. 13.

Yesterday in the Somme region by a vigorous offensive south of Combles we carried Hill 115, the Marrieries wood and the whole of the enemy trenches as far as the Bethune-Perrone road. We took 1,500 prisoners.

To-day we captured Beauchavesnes and took by steady assault Labe wood and fresh prisoners capturing material.

In the Meuse region we made progress north of Chapitre wood.

Serbs Making Progress.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM)

Paris, Sept. 13.

Eastern Theatre.—North of Kovil the Serbs continue to make progress. We made progress south-west of Lake Ostrovo.

Bulgarians Occupy Cavalla.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM)

Paris, Sept. 13.

Bucharest.—The enemy continues to retreat towards the Upper Maros and Aluta.

The Bulgarians have occupied Cavalla making prisoner a part of the garrison.

The Picardy Fighting.

London, Sept. 9.—General Sir Douglas Haig, in a communique states the Irish regiments participating on the 3rd inst. in the capture of Guillemont behaved with the greatest dash and gallantry. They took no small share in the success they gained.

Yesterday, ten aerodromes were bombed effectively, and there were many aerial combats.

London, Sept. 8.—Official: Naval aeroplanes yesterday dropped many bombs on the enemy aerodrome at St. Denis Westreux, with good effect. One of our machines is missing. A naval aeroplane brought down an enemy kite balloon at Ostend on fire and returned safely, despite very heavy anti aircraft fire.

Paris, Sept. 8.—Sixteen aeroplanes bombed the railway station, bivouacs and enemy stores on the Somme. A big fire was caused.

Paris, Sept. 8.—South west of Chaulnes the French hold 2½ miles of the railway from Roye to Peronne, which is the enemy's principal line of communication behind the Somme front. The French are intensively bombarding huge depots of munitions and war material at Chaulnes station. It is stated that strong German reinforcements have arrived at Combles to defend it against the British at all costs. The Kaiser himself is believed to be on the spot.

Reuter's correspondent at headquarters says that the terrible character of our bombardment at Guillemont was shown by the fact that the ground past the village was strewn with German corpses, naked, many unwounded having been killed and stripped by the intense concussion, which also killed the occupants of some of the dugouts. The Germans were completely demoralised and surrendered freely. It seems that the Germans withdrew their field artillery from Guillemont, either in order to prevent capture, or as a preliminary to a general withdrawal.

German war correspondents are frankly surprised at the violence of the Anglo-French attacks on the Somme. They are especially impressed with the aerial activity and speak of great swarms of British aeroplanes hovering over the Franco-Belgian frontier, where ten squadrons bombarded the German communications.

London, Sept. 10.—General Haig in a communique says:

The spirit and dash of the troops is magnificent. The Irish from Connaught, Leitster and Munster continued their fine work yesterday in an attack on Ginchy. The Rifle Regiments, Warwicks, Kents, Devons, Gloucesters, Surreys, Cornwalls, Welsh and Scottish regiments were also engaged in all the fighting during the week and have done splendid work.

P. and O. Absorption.

London, Sept. 7.—The Peninsular and Oriental Co. meeting has unanimously approved of and confirmed the conditional agreement with the New Zealand Shipping Company.

London, Sept. 8.—The Trades Union Congress at Birmingham has passed a resolution expressing alarm at the steady increase in the number of Chinamen in British ships.

London, Sept. 8.—The Sinkings: The British steamers Tagus and Strath-

In Other Days.**Glimpses of Bangkok Twenty-Two Years Ago.**

(Week Ending Sunday 16th Sept. 1894.)

The Consul for France.—M. Har-douin who went to Chantaboon by last trip on the "Utah," has not returned yet.

The Bangkok Hotel.—The Bangkok Hotel, an old establishment has ceased to exist, and the furniture and effects were sold by public auction yesterday. The bidding at the sale was brisk.

The Chinese Poll Tax.—They are collecting the poll tax from John Chinaman and it is amusing to see John trying to sneak past. He tries every dodge, and when caught is, of course, quite innocent of trying to defraud; but, when he has stumped down his Ticals and received his ticket, John's smile is far from being "child-like and bland," and the Chinese mutterings could never be taken for blessings.

A Missionary Tour.—The Rev. Dr. Dunlap, Mrs. Dunlap and Miss Dunlap, the Rev. J. Carrington, and B. B. Ir, left yesterday afternoon on a missionary tour via Singapore and Penang to Puket, R-nong, and the other western sea coast provinces of Siam. Mrs. Dunlap and family are still in poor health, and accompany the Dr. on a health trip. The party expect to be away for a couple of months.

Departures.—Mr. and Mrs. Rohms and family leave today for Europe. Mr. Rohms, who has for the past two years been Chief Engineer to the Royal Railway Department, has severed his connection with the Government.

The St. Leger.—The winners of the St. Leger are:

Throstle	1
Ludas	2
Matchbox	3

Sale of House Property.—The sale of Captain Jarck's house and land in Windmill Road took place yesterday at 2 p.m. It was not well attended. There were present Captain Vil, representing the owner, Edmund Southorn, Phra Anut, of Singora, Messrs. Williams, Sandreckzi, and a few others. The bidding began at Ticals 1,000 and between the first three named it was raised to Tics 5,500. Phra Anut then bid Tics 7,000, which was raised to Tics 7,300 by Captain Vil, and the property was eventually knocked down at that figure.

Items of Interest.

The Bulgarian front.—The Russians bombarded Badjak on the Bulgarian coast.

Copenhagen, Sept. 9. Hindenburg has arrived on the Somme, accompanied by the Crown Prince.

London, Sept. 9.—The King at Windsor presented the Victoria Cross to the airman Lieut. Robinson.

Amsterdam, Sept. 10.—The King of Bulgaria has arrived at the eastern front to confer with the Kaiser.

Paris, Sept. 9.—The Budget Committee has adopted the bill for credits of 333 millions sterling for the final quarter of 1916.

London, Sept. 8.—A Mesopotamia official despatch states that there were no developments on the Tigris and the Euphrates.

London, Sept. 10.—Official. Naval aeroplanes attacked the railway siding, and ammunition dumps at Lichterveld on Sept. 9 and returned safely.

London, Sept. 9.—Commandeering the National Liberal and Constitutional Clubs has caused consternation in club land. Deputations visited the War Office to protest.

London, Sept. 9.—A Royal Proclamation requires returns to be made of British property in enemy territory, and also claims by British against enemy persons or enemy governments.

Reuter's correspondent at headquarters, writing on Sept. 9 says that Mr. Asquith has been spending a few days in the area of the British offensive. His visit concluded to-day.

London, Sept. 8.—The Mesopotamia Commission has heard the evidence of Surgeon General Keogh, Captain Aubrey Herbert, M.P., Captain Cross, Indian Medical Service, and Sir William Garstin.

London, Sept. 8.—A Zurich letter says that in one fortnight in August a hundred and sixty-one peace meetings were convened by Socialists in different parts of Germany, but were prohibited.

London, Sept. 9.—The Admiralty announces that naval aeroplanes carried out an attack in the morning on the enemy's aerodromes at Ghastelles and Handzame. A large number of bombs were dropped with satisfactory results. All the machines returned safely.

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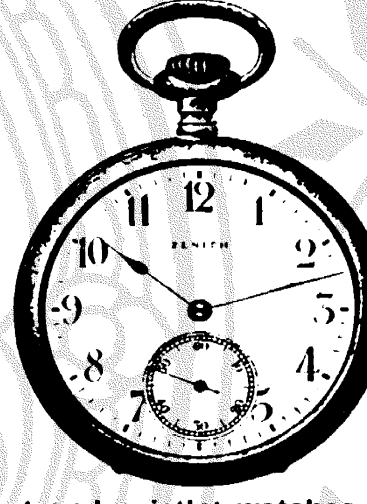
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Despatch of Troops.

The Hague, Sept. 9.—The Governor General of the Dutch Indies telegraphs that five brigades of infantry left Djambi, Sumatra, on Sept. 6 for Moeara Tambesi, where the rebels have lost fifty killed.

Two Dutch soldiers were slightly wounded in an engagement on Sept. 2. Further troops are being sent to Bangko.

Two more companies of infantry have gone to Moeara Roepit from Palembang.

The Dutch Controller at Moeara Tambesi who was reported murdered at Saru Langeon, appears to be safe.

The Hague, later.—The Governor of the Dutch Indies reports that local skirmishes are favourable to the Dutch at Moeara Tobé. There is satisfactory news from other places.

A Regeneration.

London, Sept. 8.—John Ford Elkington, mentioned yesterday, interviewed, said he was afraid that his career in the field was ended, as his knee was shattered by machine-gun fire while in the Foreign Legion, which he had served for twenty-two months in Champagne, gaining the Médaille Militaire and the Croix de Guerre for distinguished conduct in the field. He enlisted in the Legion under his own name. It was no disgrace to any man to serve in the ranks of that famous corps. Moreover, he had a debt to wipe off. Now that debt was paid.

[This is the Lieut-Col. of the Warwickshire, cashiered in Oct., 1914, by sentence of court martial, who has now been reinstated in consequence of gallant conduct whilst serving in the ranks with the French Foreign Legion.]

C. S. Examinations.

London, Sept. 8.—About fifty candidates, half of whom were Indians, competed at the Indian Civil Service examination, the results of which are expected to be announced very shortly. The examination applies to India alone, as no vacancies are being filled in the Home Civil Service until further notice.

The Unexpected Salute.

Salutes are becoming epidemic. In Piccadilly a member of the W. V. C. suddenly saluted a major, who was so astonished that he only made a half-hearted attempt to salute after she had passed. For a moment it looked as if the major had blushed, but it may have been the tan.

The Crown Prince of Bavaria.

The Australians in their brilliant action at Fromelles last month were opposed by a Bavarian Division. These troops were subsequently inspected by the Bavarian Crown Prince, who congratulated them on the fight which they had made and bade them renew their vow "to hold out, for the welfare of the whole Fatherland."

According to the Headquarters correspondent of the "Berliner Tagblatt," the Crown Prince also spoke individually to the men who had particularly distinguished themselves.

"Well, how did you come by your decoration?" he inquired of one man. "For gallant bomb-throwing, your Royal Highness," the man replied. "How many did you throw?" "Over 500, your Royal Highness." "Donnerwetter, what a performance!"

The Crown Prince turned to another, a native of Munich, who enigmatically explained that he had won his decoration "for immediately rushing to the spot where most of them came from." "How many of the enemy did you settle?" asked the Crown Prince. "That I can't say exactly, your Royal Highness," was the reply, "but it must have been a good many."

"How far can you throw?" was the question addressed to a tall grenadier. "Thirty metres, your Royal Highness." "Did you settle many?" "That I don't know, your Royal Highness; but I put a machine-gun out of action with a bomb."

Among the decorated Bavarian non-commissioned officers was a Berlin "Professor" of Geography and History, who, it is claimed, "held off a detachment of Englishmen." Another non-commissioned officer, with two men, had "cleared 75 yards of trench and captured 15 prisoners and a machine-gun." Yet another, a machine-gunner, had fired 14,000 rounds.

New Aeroplane Compass.

A new type of compass specially adapted for the varying conditions experienced in flight has been produced by Dr. Keith Lucas, F.R.S., as the result of the experiments conducted since 1914.

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Humanities of the War.

There is every likelihood of a big war breaking out in South America. From a diplomatic source comes the news that a secret agreement has been made between Peru and Venezuela with the object of taking vast tracts of lands, rightful possession of which they dispute with Columbia and Ecuador.

A famous musician gave a recital the other day in aid of a war charity, and at the end sold his autograph for a sovereign each. The next day he learned to his dismay that his banker had cashed a draft for £10 to which his signature was attached. Some unscrupulous person who knew where he banked had speculated a pound, and had written in the draft above the autograph.

It is whispered that several aristocratic dowagers are terribly flustered by the rumors that a certain dowager who for many years has been in the forefront of Society, and who is intimately acquainted with doings behind the scenes, contemplates publishing her Reminiscences. As her knowledge is of a nature which, if made public, would put the revelations of the late Countess of Cardigan quite in the shade, heaven and earth will be moved to secure an early copy, so that a restraining injunction may be applied for.

It is interesting to learn that no munitions manufactured in America have yet been fired from French guns.

Friends of the pretty daughter of a City magnate have been greatly amused over the predicament she was in at a famous seaside resort a few days ago. Whilst bathing from a tent the first morning after her arrival some one stole her clothes, and she had to walk back to her hotel in a dripping bathing costume, much to the delight of the early morning strollers. To make matters worse, on reaching the hotel she could not for a time get any fresh garments, as the key of her large dress trunk was missing. In the end the lock, a very strong one, had to be forced.

A company has been formed in America to build aeroplanes and dirigibles to fly from New York to London. The capital is £1,000,000. The aeroplanes are designed to carry six tons of mail and passengers at a minimum speed of 100 miles per hour.

From the front comes the news of a dramatic reunion of father and son. Five years ago the latter left England after a violent quarrel with his father, a retired colonel. He was in Australia when war broke out, and at once joined up. Wounded in the recent fighting he was being carried into the field hospital just as his father—who had been given the command of a battalion of his old regiment—was passing by. The latter recognised his boy and rushed to his side. Needless to say, the meeting was an affecting one, and the father has now succeeded in obtaining a commission for his son, who has recovered from his wound.

Hetty Green, the wealthiest woman in the world, whose death took place last month in New York, is said to have left a fortune of £25,000,000. She

died without having realised her life's ambition to make her son the richest man in the world.

Members of Smart Society in the know are chuckling over the plight of the wife of a certain sporting nobleman. The lady, intensely jealous of her husband, had him watched by detectives. The latter, not being able to discover anything, thought it prudent, after some months of dogging, to send in their bill, the amount of which so horrified the lady that she refused to pay. The detectives now threaten to send the bill to the husband, who knows nothing of the shadowing to which he has been subjected.

Harry K. Shaw, the former husband of Evelyn Nesbit, and slayer of Stanford White, is negotiating for the erection of a new steel plant in Detroit which is to rival Pittsburgh in the making of light steels. This would seem to indicate that he has completely recovered his sanity.

An amusing story of how a wealthy Scotch farmer was brought into marriage with an American lady has just come to light in the New York Divorce Court. The farmer happened to reach America in Leap Year, 1912, got introduced to a lady who gave him to understand it was quite the regular thing for women to do the marriage proposing in Leap Year. The Scotsman did not enthuse over the custom, but finally decided to be a sport and do while in America as Americans do. Immediately after the marriage, however, he learned that Mrs. Davis didn't love him, and had only married him for his money. On his refusing to make it over to her he was told to "Get out." He did so, and entered an application for divorce. This has now been granted him.

To find out how Adam and Eve managed to get along in the Garden of Eden, two Americans, Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Estes, spent two months in the woods. Unclothed and without a weapon or implement of any kind, they went into the wilderness. At the end of the two months they had managed to clothe themselves in deer-skins. Their first coverings, however, were made from bark, which they stripped from the trees by means of sharp stones.

A prominent lawyer was advised by a medical friend to visit a certain seaside resort and undergo a special treatment at a vegetarian institution. He went, and was placed on strict vegetarian diet. The first day things went well, and on the two following days he likewise took kindly to the food. But on the fourth day he played truant, as it were. He had his nuts for breakfast, as usual, but went to a grill room at noon for a beefsteak. He returned to his "digs" for the tea—went to an hotel for dinner (had six courses), and next day permanently left the institution to which he had been sent. When he arrived home at the end of a fortnight his doctor complimented him upon his improved health!

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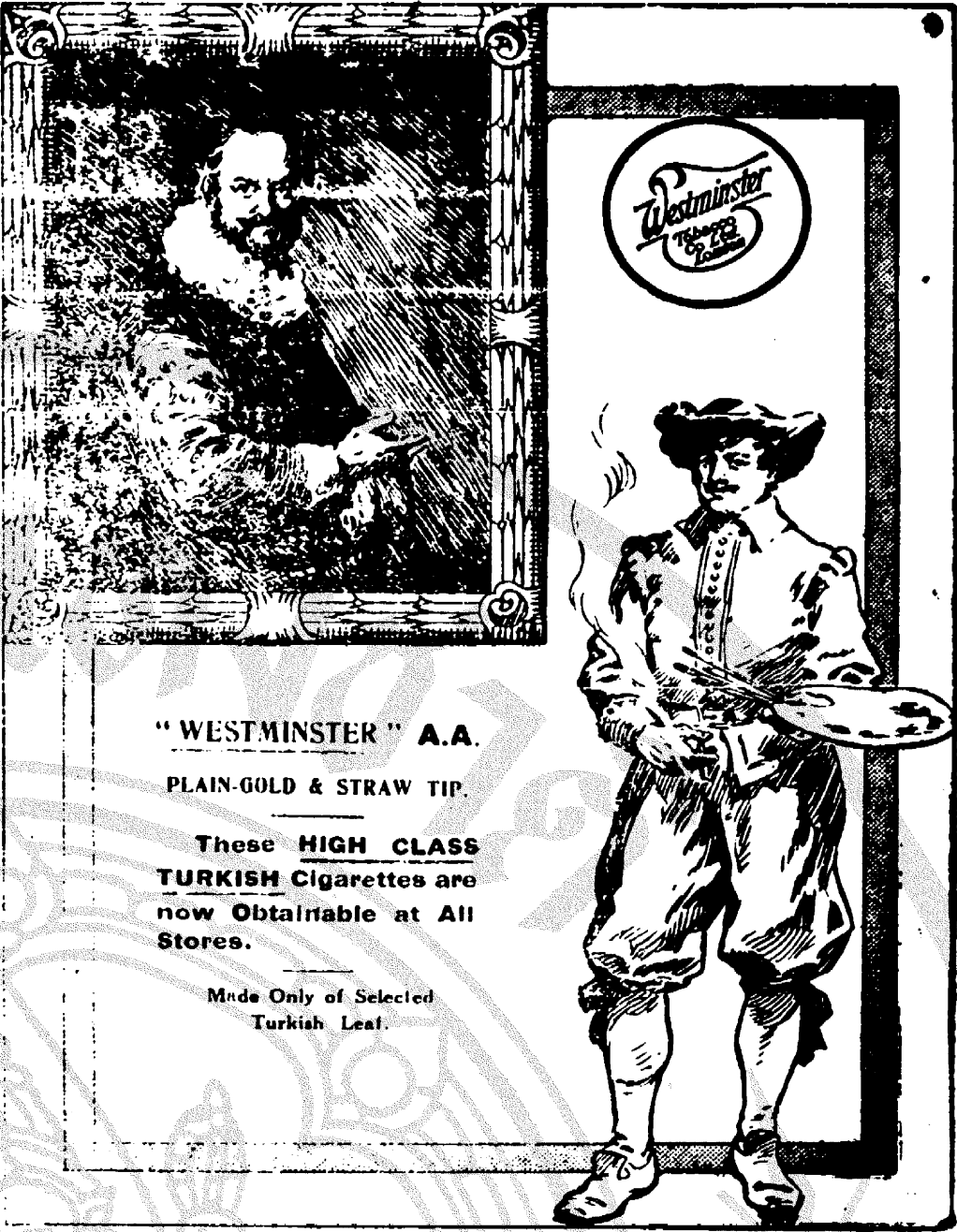
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Paknam Dep.	6.30	9.30	12.45	3.45	Bangkok Dep.	7.45	10.45	2.00	5.00
*Maha Wong ..	6.35	9.35	12.50	3.50	Sala Deng ..	7.52	10.52	2.07	5.07
*Ban Nang Grong ..	6.40	9.40	12.55	3.55	Klong Toi ..	8.00	11.00	2.15	5.15
Chorakhe ..	6.45	9.45	1.00	4.00	*Ban Kluei ..	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
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*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 Grong ..	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.

Bulgar Attempts.

London, Sept. 10.—Berlin announces that the Bulgarians have captured the Rumanian town of Silistria on the south bank of the Danube.

Bukharest Official.—On September 8, Russo-Rumanian forces repulsed the Bulgarians at Bazarjik.

Bukharest, Sept. 10.—Official: Heavy fighting continues in the Maros Valley, west of Toplitza. We occupied Chikseroda. The enemy are bombarding Giurgevo. Our aviators bombed Rustchuk.

Bukharest official:—The Rumanians are bombarding Widin, Lomjalanka and Rahova, which are aflame.

Petrograd, Sept. 10.—The Bulgarians are evacuating Varna.

[Varna, on the Black Sea, is at one end of the railway which leads to Rostchuk on the Danube, both places in Bulgaria. On the opposite bank of the Danube to Rustchuk is Giurgevo.

Lompalanka and Rahova (Bulgaria) on the Danube directly north of Sofia. The Maros Valley leads west from the north of Rumania into Transylvania].

Solonika, Sept. 10.—East of Vetrenik the Bulgarians abandoned several trenches and material.

Solonika, Sept. 10.—British Official. On the Struma front we shelled Jemikoz and Nevolji. Enemy patrols and working parties were dispersed and a successful raid carried out on the Doiran front.

Great Air Activity.

London, Sept. 11.—A feature of the communiques is the increasing aerial activity on all fronts, developing literally into a war in the air. Fighting is at close quarters on the French front wherein machine guns play a prominent part. Many French aeroplanes attacking Chaolnes made two journeys to replenish their bombs.

Seven aeroplanes raided Kovel and Kojitsche railway. A Russian aviator tackled two enemy machines which fired. There were numerous airfights near Riga and the Germans were always beaten off.

Rumanian aeroplanes bombed Turtukai.

A French air squadron on Saturday fought forty actions, inflicting heavy losses. On Saturday night squadrons dropped 450 bombs on stations in the region of Chauny; also on Ham and South Peronne. Numerous fires were observed.

Mr. Asquith's Visit.

London, Sept. 10.—Reuter's correspondent at headquarters says Mr. As-

quith's visit to the front so far as is known was purely inspectional without any political significance. The Premier evinced much interest in the headquarters of the Flying Corps and made a regular tour of ammunition dumps examining our shells and specimens captured from the Germans. He had an excellent opportunity of witnessing the colossal expenditure. He spent a good deal of time in a casualty clearing station talking with the wounded soldier, and also visited Fricourt.

German Food Supply.

Amsterdam, Sept. 11.—The German Food Dictator, Herr Batoeki, replying to criticisms on the cutting down of food says it is false to imagine that the harvest is a record one. That is impossible owing to the shortage of labour and manures. The rations in Berlin will presently be a half pound of meat and nine pounds of potatoes.

Brussiloff's Views.

London, Sept. 11.—The Chronicle has an interview with Brussiloff in which he says that the game is already won and will end next August.

Helpers From Africa.

Pretoria, Sept. 10.—General Botha announced that in view of the frequently expressed desire of natives to be allowed to help the overseas government, at the request of the Imperial Government he had arranged that five battalions, each two thousand strong, should proceed to France to do dock labour.

The Western Fighting.

Hindenburg's Failure.

Paris, Sept. 10.—The enemy counter-attack on the night of Sept. 8 is said to have been ordered by the Kaiser and directed by General Hindenburg personally. At least three divisions of Wurtembergers, Mecklenburgers and Saxons made four most furious assaults within seven hours and were driven back by artillery and machine-gun fire with enormous losses, not gaining an inch of ground. A combatant says that the Germans fell like flies and the ranks behind had to scramble over the bodies of their comrades before falling in their turn. Apparently Hindenburg took no account of the losses. The 12th Saxon Division suffered most severely, one regiment of it being wiped out. Four hundred corpses were counted in a length of two hundred yards.

Francis Joseph's Reflections.

The "Ripening Future."

On July 31 the Emperor Francis Joseph addressed identical letters to the Austrian and Hungarian Frontiers. Unlike the Emperor William, he deals almost exclusively with the sacrifices and privations of the people.

The letters run:—
We have reached the second anniversary of the days in which the unrelenting temper of our enemies forced us into war. Although I regret with pain the long duration of this severe trial imposed upon mankind, I am filled with high satisfaction as I look back upon the grievous struggle which is constantly justifying afresh my confidence in the invincible power of the Monarchy.

Worthy of their brave sons who, in cordial association with the armies of our glorious allies, heroically resist the constantly renewed attacks of superior forces, my beloved people at home also display that high measure of enthusiastic fulfilment of duty which is appropriate to this great and serious time. United in a mighty will for victory, they make with unflinching determination every sacrifice required to secure a future honourable and permanent peace. With proper appreciation of the measures necessary for the welfare of the fatherland they bear the restrictions of economic life rendered necessary as a result of the war, and they bring to nought the cunning intentions of our enemies which seek to imperil systematically the existence of the peaceful population.

In fatherly anxiety my heart shares with every one of my loyal subjects the care which weighs upon them and which they bear so steadfastly, the pain for the fullness, the anxiety about the dear ones in the field, the disturbance of the fruitful labours of peace, and the serious deterioration of all conditions of life. But, leaning upon the edifying experiences of two years of war, I look with perfect confidence to a future which is now gradually ripening, in the happy conviction that my brave peoples truly deserve victory and in the confident belief that the mercy and justice of Providence will not withhold victory from them.

In these grave but hopeful days of remembrance I am impelled to let the population know once more that their unflinching patriotism and courage in sacrifice fill me with proud joy, and that I recognize with a grateful heart their valiant behaviour, which is an assurance of final success.

Accident or Design?

Police Inquiry into New York Explosion.

It is impossible at present to give an accurate estimate of the damage done by the great explosion at Communipaw. So widespread is the havoc caused, so many buildings were either destroyed or damaged, that the sum may well run into millions. The Statue of Liberty had its massive granite pedestal chipped and cracked by the explosion of the barge, which drifted down upon it.

Fortunately the loss of life will probably be very small. Only two men are known to be dead thus far, though other victims are quite likely to have been buried in the ruins caused by the explosion. Two men, the President of the National Storage Company and the dock agent, have been arrested and charged with manslaughter. This is a technical charge, as they are responsible for the mooring of the barge.

The authorities are inquiring into the report that a German plot is responsible for the disaster.

Twelve Reasons for Thankfulness.

The Bishop of Birmingham suggests 12 reasons why the nation should give thanks to God to-day:—

- (1) That we did not cause the war.
- (2) That we did not act in the cause of justice and national righteousness when the demand was made upon us.
- (3) That we have fought cleanly.
- (4) That the desires of our enemies have not been realized.
- (5) That our manhood responded to the call.
- (6) For the union of classes in the land.
- (7) That the whole Empire has realized what Empire means.
- (8) That we have not suffered in this island home from the temporal misery which has been the lot of other lands.
- (9) For the heroism of our sufferers.
- (10) For the grandeur of ideal which is now permeating the nation.
- (11) For the dawn of victory.
- (12) For the hope of the future.—Ex.

Shipping Notes.

The Chin. s.s. Kung Ping 1741 tons Capt. J. B. Hawer, arrived from Singapore to-day with a ballast cargo and 8 bags of mail. The consignees are Messrs. Wang Lee.

The Chin. s.s. Kwang Lee 646 tons Capt. S. Sano, arrived from Singapore to-day with one bag and 7 loose letters of mail. The consignees are Messrs. Guan Chiang Beng.

The Nor. s.s. Hellas 849 tons Capt. Berg, arrived from Singapore to-day with a general cargo and one bag of mail. The consignees are Messrs. The Borneo Co., Ltd.

Ships in Harbour.

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Changchow	Brit.	56
Hellas	Nor.	58
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INDIA—		
Bank Bills, demand	Rs. 113 3/4	
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