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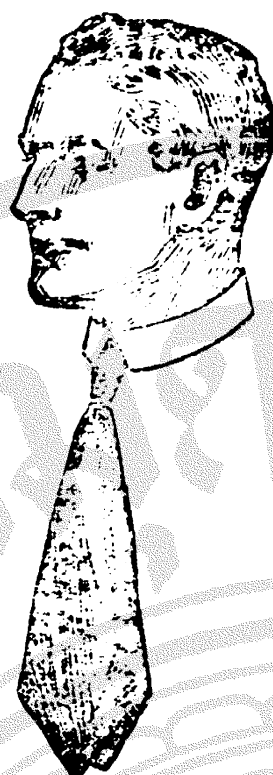
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FOR SEPT., 1916.

Sept.	A.M.		L.W.	
	H. W.	Ft. in.	L. W.	(Approx.)
1	7 00	12 10	2-3	7-0
2	8 00	13 4	3-0	6-0
3	9 00	13 0	4-0	6-0
4	10 00	13 0	5-0	7-0
5	11 00	12 7	6-7	7-0
6	12 00	12 11	7-8	7-0
7	...	...	8-9	7-0
8	...	...	9-10	7-0
9	...	...	10-11	7-0
10	1 30	11 2	10-11	6-0
11	3 30	11 6	11-12	6-0
12	4 30	12 5	11-12	6-0
13	5 30	13 0	11-12	6-0
14	6 00	13 1	...	...
15	6 30	13 1	1-0	7-0
16	7 30	13 2	1-2	7-0
17	8 30	13 3	1-2	7-0
18	9 00	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
31	...	...	...	...

Sept.	P.M.		L.W.	
	H. W.	Ft. in.	L. W.	(Approx.)
1	7 30	14 5	1-2	7-0
2	7 30	14 8	1-2	7-0
3	8 00	14 3	...	...
4	8 00	14 0	...	...
5	8 00	13 8	...	...
6	8 30	13 5	...	...
7	9 30	13 10	...	...
8	5 00	14 2	...	...
9	5 00	14 5	...	...
10	5 30	14 8	...	...
11	6 00	14 8	...	...
12	6 00	14 11	...	...
13	6 30	14 10	...	...
14	6 30	14 6	1-0	7-0
15	7 00	14 1	1-0	7-0
16	7 00	13 10	1-2	7-0
17	7 00	13 8	...	...
18	7 00	13 1	...	...
19	7 40	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 4	...	...
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	...	...
31	...	...	...	...

PHASES OF THE MOON.

Sept. 5th First Quarter 11.9 a.m.
 12th Full Moon 3.13 a.m.
 19th Last Quarter 0.17 p.m.
 27th New Moon 2.16 p.m.

The Great Offensive.

Allied and German Opinion.

In France.

La Victoire, (M. Gustave Hervé).
 The great glory of our army—and more especially of the army at Verdun—is that it has given England time to arm and to organise this formidable army, just as the army is becoming played out and exhausted.

Courage! you who live in the invaded department in the Nord, the Ardennes, the Pas de Calais: those of you who are in the districts of the Aisne, the Meuse, and the Marne-et-Moselle: those in the Haut-Rhin, the Bas-Rhin, and the Moselle: and you too, at Liege, Mons, Brussels, Ghent, and Antwerp. The "Tomnies" have joined the dance! Deliverance is approaching!

Le Figaro, Mr. Joseph Reinach ("Polybe").

We cannot lay too much emphasis upon the moral beauty of the British offensive. Here we have the most formidable military power on earth since the days of Rome, which has made a national industry of war, which is armed to the teeth. There we have an Empire of traders seriously infected with pacifist doctrine. England throws herself into the breach with no army, and no knowledge of war. In two years, which may perhaps seem a long space of time, she had made armies which will be, to-morrow, the largest on the Western front, and she has already learned how to fight so well that she has checked and is defeating the best soldiers of Germany.

In Italy.

La Tribuna (Zouhe. By G. S. Sarti, Special Correspondent on the British front.)

I was able to be present at the battle developing on the Somme. For a long time I watched the grand spectacle of the runs in action, and admired the magnificent, rhythmic and formidable pulsation of the bombardment. From the height on which I stood I could see a very long line of trenches, showing up white, and smoking from the explosions. A great crack seemed to appear in the earth, from which there rose up intermittent columns of smoke. The roar of the guns mingled with the booming of the shell playing an incessant tune, which the echoes multiplied. Neighbouring noises took part in this furious concert: as the constant stream of cars and motorcycles passed along the roads. . . . What I saw was but a detail of the unchained offensive:

but it gave me an idea of the immensity of the action which the British army can undertake since she made her careful preparations.

In Russia.

The Novoye Vremya, (Petrograd, semi-official).

The unity on all front of the military operations of the Allies in their war with Germanism has at last arrived at the stage for which it was brought into existence.

The advance of the English and the French is an accomplished fact. It has a particularly high value at the present moment, because it coincides with our own advances in Volhynia, Galicia, and the Bukovina, and with the renewed attacks of the Italian army. So that all the Allied forces concentrated against the Central Empires have moved forward, and all that they have managed to accumulate for the increase of their military power goes into the battle.

Will this general advance lead to a victory which will decide the fate of nations and the culture of the world, or is it merely a transition to decisive victory, which we must await with mainly patience? Who can tell? But one thing is certain: from that moment when the armies of Britain and France on the Western Front launched their attack, it became obvious to the enemy that Germany no longer fights on several fronts. Germany is now a besieged camp surrounded by her foes, who are ready at any moment to storm her from all sides.

And this storming has begun. . . .

The bleeding armies of a blinded nation cannot but see the flags of victory of the advancing armies, which now cover devastated Galicia, or Volhynia, white with the crosses on the graves of the dead, or the fruitful valleys of France and the plains of Belgium, where lie the bones of the dead and the ashes of past burnings. . . .

We know what a heavy burden has been imposed upon a peace-loving world by this war. But our determination is unchangeable, victory is our unchangeable purpose, and in these days of storm we live with one thought, for our splendid soldiers, in one faith, in the justice of our cause and the truth of God!

May He grant victory to the nation who are now washing with their mingled blood such shame from the face of the earth as it has never known before.

In Germany.

Koelnische Volkszeitung.
 At last the powers of the Entente have realised their famous "united front," and are attacking the geograph-

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Lakol Anseiger.

It cannot be denied that, thanks to their formidable preparations, our enemies have effectively come out victorious in the first bout on both sides of the Somme, and have established themselves in our positions on a scale which is by no means insignificant, but which in proportion to the aims and plans which they have set themselves amounts to no more than a dent in our front.

Neue Stuttgarter Zeitung.

It is only fair to acknowledge that the French have been making their attacks with energy and intelligence. By the occupation of Blaches we can now see that the French, who are less than a kilometre from Peronne, are threatening a railway line which is of the greatest importance for the provisioning of our front, and for the movements of our troops.

Berliner Tageblatt. (Major Morant.)

The English are beginning to recognize that the German lines were prepared in a way very different from their expectations. Our positions were constructed with the greatest skill and knowledge. The enemy is making repeated endeavours to destroy these works by an ever increasing concentration of artillery. The enemy's attacks no longer have the character of a break-through. The English infantry is not yet in a condition to get through to the Rhine.

Frankfurter Zeitung.

Now is the long-awaited English offensive realised at last, and the English have entered into a powerful co-operation with the French left wing. But for the first week the English front practically remain "stuck" while the French on both sides of the Somme, but especially the south of the river, made considerable progress.

The performance of the French army, which still finds strength, in spite of the doubtful outcome of the battle for Verdun, to start an extraordinarily energetic offensive on the Somme, is well worthy of notice, while by contrast the English offensive, which with the whole strength of the whole army has so far been unable to force our first lines of defence, is

comparatively trifling. Perhaps on the German side a purely English offensive was being expected, and sufficient credit was not given to the French for their ability to take part in such an attack, and it was believed that the relations between the French and the English were not of a very close character. Now, on the contrary, it appears that the old tradition of the French army has had a very favourable influence on the moral of the troops. It appears that once again the French army is willing to shed its blood for England as it has done so many times before. The English went to work very carefully, but nevertheless they have not been able to avoid very heavy losses.

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Notice.

All Bangkok Shareholders of **The Sungei Bagan Rubber Co. Ltd.** are earnestly requested to attend a meeting at Dr. T. Heyward Hay's residence on Tuesday the 12th instant at 5.30 p.m. to consider a telegram received from the Board of Directors in Singapore with reference to the New Scheme formulated by them.

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THE**Great War.****The Destroyer of the Zeppelin.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Sept. 6.

Lieut. A. L. Robinson of the Worcester, attached to the Flying Corps brought down the Zeppelin on the 3rd inst. He has been awarded the Victoria Cross. He attacked the Zeppelin in the most difficult and most dangerous circumstances. He was flying for over two hours and previously attacked another airship.

Greek Mobilising?

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Sept. 6.

Athens.—It is reported that five classes have been called to the colours.

The British Advance.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Sept. 6.

General Sir Douglas Haig's communiqué says.—We advanced to 1,500 yards of Guillemont and obtained a footing in Leuze Wood. A thousand yards of the front in the vicinity of Falfemont was captured.

French Advance Continued.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Sept. 7.

Paris Communique.—The advance on the Somme continues. Important advantages have been secured. We have joined up the positions north of the river with the south.

The captures in the northern sector since September 3 include thirty-two guns and a large quantity of machine-guns.

Numerous enemy counter-attacks south of the Somme failed.

Leuze Wood Captured.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Sept. 7.

General Sir Douglas Haig's communiqué says.—We are in possession of all the ground between Falfemont Farm and Leuze wood and from there to the outskirts of Guinchy.

(Later) The whole of Leuze Wood has been captured.

Russian Progress.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Sept. 5.

Petrograd.—In the Carpathians we made progress towards the Hungarian frontier.

The debris of a Zeppelin and another dirigible have been found on the east coast.

French and British Progress.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Sept. 5.

Yesterday we made progress north of the Somme. East of the forest we broke up violent counter-attacks.

South of the Somme we took the first line of the enemy on the Barleux-Denicourt front.

We have occupied Chilly, Soyecourt and a part of Vermandovillers.

The prisoners taken on the 3rd and 4th inst. amount to 5,200.

We repulsed attacks north of Verdun and took 101 prisoners.

The British progressed on a front of 3 kilometres to a depth of 600 (metres). They captured 800 prisoners.

To-day we consolidated the conquered ground, and repulsed counter-attacks on the banks of the Somme, taking 101 prisoners.

PAUDDY REPORT FOR SEPT. 7.

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King Constantine III.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
Singapore, Sept. 5.

The London Times denies the reports of the abdication of the King of Greece. It says that the King is ill.

Preparing For 1917.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
Singapore Sept. 7.

Dutch telegrams report that the Entente Powers have placed large contracts for munitions in America for delivery in 1917.

Bulgarians Retreat.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
Singapore, Sept. 7.

Dutch wires received here report that the Bulgarians have retreated on Monastir.

The Vivat-Brisbane Collision.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
Singapore, Sept. 7.

The Appeal Court judgment of the Vivat-Brisbane collision case was delivered to-day. Judges Ebdon, Sproule and Farnshaw were unanimously of opinion that the Vivat was solely to blame and gave judgment reversing the decision of the lower court. It is understood that the case will be taken up to the Privy Council.

Rugger.

The following are the teams taking part in to-morrow's rugger match at the R. B. S. C.

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Referee.—Mr. R. B. Mair.

The Tatol Forest Fire.

Greek Queen Saves Princess Catherine.

A London paper of July 15, says: Telegrams from Athens state that, after a slight calm, the fire which has destroyed the Royal Palace of Tatol and most of the forest has redoubled in violence. It has now reached the Chelidonom wood and seriously menaces Kiphissia, the summer retreat of wealthy Athenians, which immense numbers of troops are endeavouring to save.

The palaces of the King and the Crown Prince are completely lost, and it is impossible to render aid to Major Metaxas and twenty soldiers in the palace of the Dowager Queen Olga, which is completely surrounded by flames. It is now stated that the treasures and souvenirs of the late King George were saved from Queen Olga's palace, and that his tomb is also intact.

Queen Sophie was saved under dramatic circumstances as she was fleeing with the young Princess Catherine in her arms. King Constantine remained on the scene of the fire until the last possible moment, giving orders, but was finally persuaded to leave in his automobile, when the flames began to lick the air around him.

Several Hundred Casualties

The number of dead seems to be much greater than was first estimated. The bodies of numerous soldiers surrounded by the fire have been found carbonised, and two sub-lieutenants of the King's Guard, several non-commissioned officers and the police commissary, M. De Marousai, are missing. The carbonised body of M. Chrissopepathis, the chief of the detective service charged with the security of the King, has also been found. He was one of the functionaries whose removal from office was demanded by the Entente Powers. Colonel Delaportas, isolated for a long time from the fire, saved himself with difficulty after being severely burned. It is estimated that several hundred persons have lost their lives or been burned by the outbreak. The Athens-Larissa railway line has been completely destroyed.

A preliminary inquiry into the causes of the fire shows that it broke out between eight and half past eight o'clock on Thursday morning in a part of the forest about nine miles from the palace and, fanned by a strong breeze, reached the Royal Residence about two o'clock.

The Athens police have arrested seven Greeks, refugees from Turkey, on a charge of having caused the fire.

Football.

Assumption College.
Versus
Royal Pages' College.

Yesterday, a very fine football match was played between the Royal Pages' School and the Assumption College on the grounds of the former.

Both teams played a fast and well-combined game, but the Assumption, though somewhat lighter in weight, had the better of the game during the first half; and the interval came with a score of 2-1 in their favour. Unfortunately for them, they could send in only ten players at the restart, their left half-back being forced to retire owing to an injured foot. Soon after, their centre-half had to be removed too, owing to severe cramps in both legs.

With such a handicap against them (9 players against 11), their bright hopes were pretty well gone, but still they kept on attacking hard, convinced as they were that such a step would prove the surest defense, and on several occasions they came very near scoring again. But the home team retaliated strongly, and after some 20 minutes' hard play, they equalised and a few minutes before the finish they succeeded to score once more, the game ending 3-2 in their favour.

After the game, H. E. Phya Prasiddhi, who was a spectator, expressed his satisfaction at the fine gentlemanly game played by both schools, and we dare say every witness will stand by this verdict. Much credit is due to the scholars of both Colleges who had come to witness the match, for their gentlemanly behaviour towards the players, as well as towards each other. None of those shouts, so common on certain football fields were heard from either side, and all equally applauded any fine piece of play, whichever side was responsible for it.

The return match is to be played on the Assumption ground some time in November.

World's Highest Trade Route.

Highway Between India And Chinese Turkestan.

In no part of Asia are communications more difficult than between Chinese Turkestan and India, says a British consular report published in the Board of Trade Journal. The route to India, perhaps the highest and most difficult trade route in the world, runs across range after range of stupendous mountains culminating in the Kara Koram, which is crossed by a pass at the great height of 18,550 feet. This route is only open for, at most, six months in the year. An attempt is being made to find an improved route. The recent diversion through the Shyok Valley is not viewed favourably for the alleged reasons that it is longer, is above the altitude at which grazing and water are obtainable, and is narrow for passing. A second route used by Bajauris and other hillmen runs from Peshawar through Dir, Chitral, Bost, Gumbaz (Afghan Wakhan) and Sarikol to Yarkand. An average trade of 150 loads per annum passes along this route, which is less difficult and shorter than the Leh route.

The above-mentioned routes compare most unfavourably with the communications with the Russian Empire. At present the main route runs across the Terck Davan, a pass 11,000 feet high, to Osh and Andijan. This route, which reaches the railway in fourteen stages, is only closed for trade during January, and in some years is open throughout the year except for a day or two after storms. A new railway extension from Kokand and Namangan has been opened to Jalalabad and was expected to reach Uzkend by the end of 1915, the net result being to bring the railway some 30 miles nearer Kashgar. The Russian railway, which is approaching Yerni, the capital of Semirechia, from Arys on the Tashkent-Orenburg line, is due to reach Yerni during 1916; it will then probably be prolonged eastwards.

The Tip Nuisance in Japan.

A story is published in a Tokyo paper of a waitress who has amassed ¥500,000 in tips and is said to be living in a grand style in her private residence though she still continues to hold her position as head maid in a restaurant. How long it has taken her to save this large sum is not stated, but as she was born in 1856, three years after the arrival of Commodore Perry, in Tokyo Bay, she is, obviously, no longer young. Commenting on this story the Japan Chronicle says that of late years the bad example set at popular summer-resorts and other places has raised the expectations of servants and attendants to such an extent as to strike dismay in the hearts of light-pursed people. A rise in the scale of tips affects other prices also and visitors to Japan from Shanghai know to their cost how much the latter have risen during the past ten years. A holiday in Japan used to be cheap. To day it is becoming more and more expensive. And the tip nuisance is to some extent responsible for this.

Chiengmai Notes.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Chiengmai, Aug. 8th, 1916.

We have had a lot of rain this month and the river has been very high indeed; last Sunday many gardens and roads were under water. Happily this unpleasantness only lasted one day; but, to-day, as I sit at my window writing I glance out and see to my dismay the river rising again and it has already forced its way over the banks. I trust it will stop at this.

The rain seems to have been all right for the paddy; there is every prospect of an excellent crop.

Every bit of land immediately round Chiengmai is planted but I hear there is a good deal unplanted below as the people seem to be very poor owing to the previous bad season and are without buffaloes and seed, and this probably accounts for the beggars one sees now-a-days in the town.

I was glad to hear Mr. Collins was out driving yesterday. He has been seriously unwell, but we hope he will now keep quite well and get strong again for his voyage to America in the spring.

There has been an epidemic of diarrhoea lately: Ping Pong has become a regular feature.

The work of clearing the jungle has commenced in preparation for the College to be built at the foot near the Huey Keow; a very pretty site, but I should think somewhat malarial.

The shops in Chiengmai now have plenty of new stores from Bangkok. Recently flour was practically unobtainable as indeed potatoes are at present, their price being 8 tica's a mitta (26 lbs). Soda water cannot be bought at all now, so the latest cry is "Boy, bring me a whisky water" usually followed by a low humming sound. Lately the price of soda water was Tes. 2-20 per dozen, but now the factories have stopped making it as they cannot get the necessary materials.

We are suffering from a plague of dogs in the town—similar to Bangkok in the olden days, covered with horrible sores and wounds. Why not tax dogs?

The country side looks very prosperous and pretty and I do enjoy bathing in the clear cold stream on the hill.

Anarchy Near Canton.

Depredations By Brigands And Pirates.

A special representative of the Daily Press writes:—

Throughout the province, and particularly in the Delta, things are in a perpetual state of turmoil. Armed robberies by members of the "People's Army," roving bands of robbers, pirates, and even by soldiers who are sent from time to time to suppress this state of affairs, are quite common. It is a matter of daily occurrence to find junkies robbed, and travellers who attempt to go from one place to another even by the main roads are stripped of all their belongings. No road in the whole province is safe, and mail couriers, as also messengers on Government service, share the same fate as ordinary wayfarers. The officials are unable to cope with the situation, and the robbers know very well that they are fairly safe from arrest at this time. Lately they have become so bold that shops and houses in the biggest village are looted in broad daylight.

The officials are all afraid of each other, and the native Press is not allowed to allude to the real state of affairs. The result is that neither the Provincial Government nor the Peking authorities know exactly what is going on, and, even if they did, they are so busy with rebellion that it is difficult to see what they could do. Appeal after appeal has been addressed to local officials, but has met with scant attention.

Police Join Brigands.

The so-called police in many of the villages are just as bad as the brigands, and have been known to join them in some of the bigger attacks. The village elders and the merchants in every district have done their utmost to impress upon the Government that if this state of things is allowed to go unchecked it will mean financial ruin to the province, but up to the present the only soldiers sent to help have been those who were causing trouble in other places, or of whom their officers were afraid. When a band of these gentry arrives things usually improve for a day or two, until the newcomers have had time to find their way about; then the state of affairs becomes worse than ever.

There have been several small fights between the different bands of robbers, and the result of these fights is usually the whole-scale looting and sometimes firing of any villages in the vicinity. Business throughout the province is paralysed, and many people have fled with no intention of returning.

Soldiers are to be met with everywhere and the moment they appear the people clear out. Very few of them are decently clothed, and even in one band there are never more than two or three with the same sort of equipment of rifles.

Canton's Fears.

The Provincial Government at Canton has its hands full with the present

Channel Tunnel.

The advantages for passengers and commerce in times of peace which will follow from the construction of the Channel Tunnel, and also the feasibility of the undertaking, have been discussed, and now appear to be admitted on all sides. There remains the question of the advantage or danger from the tunnel in time of war.

The arguments against it are based on the opinions of Lord Wolsey and other generals and admirals formed 35 years ago, in what may be called the Mid-Victorian period, when our only possible enemy was considered to be France. Lord Wolsey admitted that in the event of a war with any country except France the tunnel would assist us. So the first point to keep in view is that the military opponents of the tunnel of 35 years ago agreed that in a war with Germany or any other Power but France the tunnel would help us greatly.

The military reason they advanced against the tunnel was that the French, in a time of profound peace, might, by surprise, send troops through the tunnel and seize the Dover end, and pour troops into this country for the capture of London. Lord Wolsey allowed that, given half an hour's notice, the invasion by the tunnel would be an impossibility, and fifty resolute men at Dover could defend it against ten thousand trying to come through.

The Dover Forts.

He said that to counteract this risk of surprise by the French we should require a fort or forts at Dover with garrisons, and this would cost money. The forts and garrison at Dover which command the tunnel mouth already exist. They were built for the protection of the naval harbour, and always have a garrison. Lord Wolsey's argument against the tunnel appears, therefore, to have been completely met in this respect.

Peace with France had continued for 55 years at the time they decided an invasion by the French. It has now lasted 100 years, and instead of being a hostile Power to be guarded against, as they thought, we are now more intimately bound to them than any two countries speaking different languages have ever been since the world began. I do not think any modern strategist will now suggest the possibility of this country being invaded by France by surprise through the tunnel.

A Submarine Boxy.

Questions do, however, still remain and perturb some persons' minds. They ask, if we make the tunnel and require its assistance in any future war, can we be sure of our power to defend it and keep the trains running?

Could not bombs and mines be laid on it by submarines or ships which would destroy it? Sir Francis Fox and Monsieur Sartiaux, the two great engineers concerned in the tunnel plans, both say that the tunnel will be driven in the chalk at such a depth below the bottom of the sea that no explosion of mines could affect it in the least, even if they were placed exactly over it would be a utterly unavailing undertaking. In such a matter the opinion of the engineers must be accepted.

The two mouths of the tunnel will be at a distance behind the cliffs on each side, and the electric power stations will be placed still further inland, so this thirty miles of tunnel will provide a means of communication with France which cannot be attacked by air or sea, but which can be immediately closed by either France or England when they wish. This country will, in fact, enjoy all the advantages of being an island or a Continental Power at will.

If There Were A Tunnel Now.

The advantages of such a communication with our Ally in time of war cannot be estimated. It would in this war have saved the millions of tons of shipping which have been employed in the transport of men, stores, and munitions, and whilst we are justly proud of the way in which this has been done, we realise that these ships could have been employed in bringing food and supplies to the country and to our Allies. They say in Paris that if the tunnel had been built, the cost of coal, which is excessive in Paris now, would have been lower by £1 a ton.

The effect the tunnel might have had on the military operations of the present war is a fascinating subject for discussion, but it is not the time to do it now. The fact remains that the Germans, though they have tried their hardest, have failed to reach Calais or to cut the line to Paris. So the tunnel would have been in continuous service, and would have been of incalculable value. The Calais tunnel mouth would be fortified by the French, and Calais and Boulogne seem now to have become the outposts of the defence of London.—E.

civil war that is raging and it will be a long time before the situation can be restored to a normal state. No wonder that the people in Canton are afraid of looting by the soldiers of the successful side. One of the reasons why Shum went to Wuchow a few days ago to meet Luk was to see if he could make arrangements to get money from him for his soldiers, who have not been paid now for three months. Shum has promised to pay up all arrears on August 29, and if he is not able to do so we may expect developments.

Writing on August 26, the same correspondent says:—

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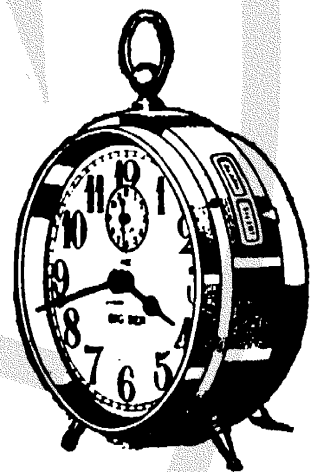
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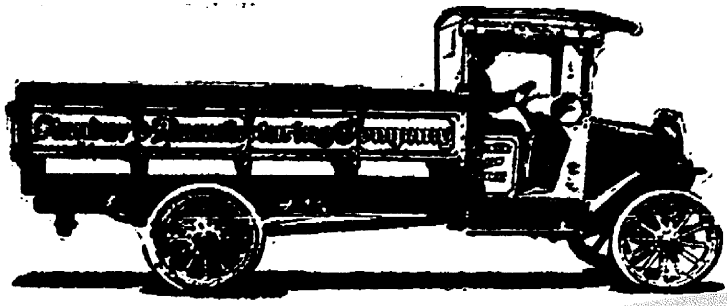
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Immense Stores of Supplies at Verdun.

New York, July 16.—The fact that all railway communications were cut at Verdun forced the French to depend entirely on motor transport to bring up their supplies of food and shells from the bases. Daily during the last part of February and the first part of March ten thousand trucks wobbled along back and forth from Bar-le-Duc in the snow and ice or the mud and ruts of the "Grande Route." The weather changed from winter to spring and back again so often that none of the polo weather prophets could tell what kind of roads the following day would bring.

Bar-le-Duc which is about forty-five miles from Verdun, is the nearest big railhead and consequently the greatest military storehouse in the Verdun sector. In that little town everything was changed over the night of February 21, from the tranquillity of jelly-making to the bustle and hurry of a most important center in one of the world's greatest battles. Many of those thousands of motor trucks that filled through the streets of Bar-le-Duc in a never-ending stream were manufactured in America. They were Packards, Whites and Sanfers and many of the ambulances were Joffrois and Fords. All of them are faster than French cars of corresponding size, and it is perhaps for that reason that their record for accidents is high and their repair bills large.

Efficient Auto Service.

The French automobile service, which, since its lion's share in the defense of Verdun, is praised everywhere as one of the most efficient branches of the army, has a summary way of dealing with breakdowns and crippled cars. The biggest and strongest trucks are held in reserve as "wreckers." Some of them carry derricks to help clear the road, while others depend on their bulk and towropes with which they pick up the invalid cars, leaving them sometimes on two wheels, and haul them back to Bar-le-Duc or some other auto park for repairs. These wreckers are so diligent that no car can stand at the side of the road "en panne" for more than an hour or two without attracting their attention. Unwary ambulance drivers who left their cars in trouble to return to the base for spare parts often came back to find the ambulance missing and later got word from Bar-le-Duc or some more distant park that the derelict had been dragged in and would be held forty-eight hours, and thereafter sent to Versailles and the Government shops. In the first days of the attack, and periodically

thereafter, when troops were being changed or shells brought up, traffic was so great on the road from Bar-le-Duc to Verdun that when we turned our ambulances off the road to change tires or make some other slight repair we had to wait two or three hours before we could get back in the stream of cars and continue our way.

Screened From Air Raids.

The range of villages is easily taken from the air, so most of the munitions brought up in these trucks were piled in the open fields and covered with tarpaulins, painted brown and green, to hide them from the enemy airmen. In the open fields, too, were commissary stores—meat, bread and barrels of wine. There is scarcely a field in a five-mile circle around Verdun that is not used for some war purpose. There are no more crops and no more cattle in that part of the world, so when a farm is not used for an aeroplane base or a shell park it is covered with tethers and tent-pegs, paper and tin cans, relics of rations of preserved beef or "monkey meat," and other litter to show that troops have camped there in the come and go to and from the trenches. That section of France is no longer open agricultural country but a great city with millions of transients for its population and thousands of trucks for its taxis.

Oxygen Reservoir.

I often saw in the fields piles of oxygen reservoirs with autos specially constructed to carry a dozen of them at a time in racks. Oxygen is used for inflating the scores of observation balloons ("sausages") which stand out against the sky in a long line east and west as one approaches Verdun. Of course all of these balloons are "captive," but some of them have gear so that they can be hitched to automobiles and hauled from place to place without descending or even breaking off telephone conversations. This transfer device is used principally on the balloons nearest the front, on which the Germans are most likely to get successful artillery practice and make things uncomfortable for the men taking observations of the German trenches. These reservoirs of oxygen are also sent up to the first-line trenches for the artificial respiration apparatus used for men in the saps and mines where work has gone far enough to cut them off from the open air.

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German Harvest.

Berlin, July 16.—Simultaneously with an interview with the Minister of Agriculture on the German crop outlook, in which Baron von Schorlemer expressed himself as very confident and gratified over the prospects, but conservative and reserved as to the probable figures of production, the central grain concern for the empire has issued a statement warning against over-optimism and exaggerated hopes from the harvest.

The impression appears to have gained ground that the harvest will be so abundant bread cards will be abandoned. The statement of the grain concern, while in no sense pessimistic, dashes any such hope. It warns against the demands already being spoken of and based upon the assumption that very abundant grains for bread would be harvested.

It points out that much grain must be given to the model, cake and cereal factories, and rye to the coffee roasting concerns as substitutes, and finally, that a large reserve must be accumulated.

Herr Batoeki of the Kriegs Ernährungsamt (War Maintenance Office), the so-called food dictator, has ordered restriction of the consumption of eggs, an economy made necessary by the increasing scarcity.

Eggs may no longer be had for breakfast in restaurants, cafes and refreshment rooms, but only for luncheon and dinner. The large hotels and private families are not yet affected. The communal, municipal and provincial authorities are empowered to specify between what hours eggs may be served. Violation is punishable by a fine or a year in prison.

Further drying and conserving of summer vegetables has been prohibited until after August 1. Speculators had denuded the market of fresh vegetables for that purpose in order to obtain much higher prices later for dried or canned vegetables.

According to the Berliner Tagblatt, a "fat" or "lard" card will probably be the next addition to the line of various food cards.

Slowly but steadily Batoeki is centralizing the food supply and distribution of the empire.

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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 Greng "	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	Bangdjak "	8.15	11.15	2.30	5.30
Bangdjak "	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 Greng "	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

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Japanese Press Comment.

Says the "Japan Adviser." The Hochi, commenting on the news that several members of the American Congress have agreed to form an association with the view to keeping in communication with the Parliaments of China and other Powers, so that fair and just criticism of diplomatic questions may be made, and also on the Asahi despatch printed on August 10 that about twenty members both Houses of Congress have organized themselves into an association for the preservation of the integrity of and the open door in China, says that the two reports must have referred to one undertaking. The editor would wait to know the truth after he shall have received a fuller report. He further says:

"These reports together with the reports that the American capitalists are negotiating for loans to China suggest that the Chinese problem is being seriously discussed in America. The conclusion of the Russo-Japanese Convention may have had something to do with that American activity. The fact that a responsible Russian agent in Newport was called upon to explain the truth of the new pact to the Associated Press representative endorses our assumption."

"We do not know whether or not there is any secret agreement made between Japan and Russia, much less do we know its contents even if there were. But the Convention, as published, was an ordinary one and should not have caused any anxiety on the part of the Americans. If the American people took any serious notice of it and decided to take action about it, it must have been a result of their assumption that there is a secret part of the Russian pact which would destroy the principles which have been approved by the world so far. But such was not the expectation of the makers of the pact."

"We have no doubt that Russia and Japan will be faithful to the principles of the territorial integrity of China and the open door. Judging from the fact that England and France heartily welcomed the pact, the Americans need not indulge in such imaginations."

What the responsible Russian agent in Newport said to the Associated Press man is right that the pact has nothing to do with the open door principle, but aims at preventing intrigues and improper activities of Germany in China. We hope that the American statesmen, by organizing the association as reported, would study these questions carefully so that they will come to a clear understanding of the situation."

U. S. and Entente Powers.

The Jiji reviews the financial and economic relations of the Entente Powers with America and says:

"America at first declared against giving financial assistance to any of the belligerent Powers. Later she reversed her position and beginning with \$30,000,000 which was lent to France in October the year before, last loans have been made to Russia, Canada, Italy and other countries. In September last year a \$500,000,000 loan was made to England and France, in order to facilitate the trade between America and the two European countries. Then came the loan to Russia of \$50,000,000 and the loan of \$100,000,000 to France. America has been giving considerable help to the Entente Powers financially. Moreover, America is giving indirect assistance to them by means of provisions, arms, war materials sold to them, and with the view to facilitating the payments for these purchases America was willing to buy back her own bonds held by those countries. These things have helped much to relieve the strained exchange relations between America and Europe. At present America looks as if she were a manufactory of the Entente Powers. Some goods have been sent from America to Germany. If not directly, but through Holland, Scandinavia and other neutral States, but the amount is small. Besides, after England tightened her control of the seas the amount has been steadily decreasing. We can say that out of \$1,173,000,000 worth of 17 kinds of war materials sold by America within 21 months, by far the greater part went to the Entente Powers. Indeed, the assistance of America has been great. The Entente Powers will not forget the goodwill of the Americans. Some people seem to doubt the ability of America to continue any longer her assistance to the Entente Powers. But there is no reason to doubt it, because America by giving such assistance will not feel any financial drawback at all, but will only be benefited by it herself."

U. S. Prosperity And Japan.

The Chugi Shogyo, commenting on the prosperity of the American trade, says that while America should be congratulated upon it, there is a cause for concern for Japan, because America with the wealth accumulated in the war will dump her capital in a flood in China, thereby securing concessions there. This is something which the Japanese people should take note of."

New Persian Agreement.

The Asahi, commenting on the news of a new agreement between England and Russia, concerning Persia, which

was reported by the Asahi despatch from London, says:

"This agreement is an important insurance of peace, which is related to us indirectly to some extent. The Convention of 1907 only guaranteed peace between the two Powers in Persia. Behind Russia there was Germany at that time. In the spring of that year, British newspapers printed pro-Russian articles and warned Russia against the pleasing promises of Germany, to which the Russian papers replied that Russia was only sorry that such a convention was not entered into five years before that. But while the convention was signed in August, that year, it was only an agreement on paper. Until the recent war started, Russia was looking at England with suspicion, as she was instigated by Germany. But then the ambition of Germany in Persia and Asia Minor gradually showed its head and another third party appeared on the scene. So the convention on paper has now come to have sentiment in it."

"The present new agreement which aims at preventing the ambitions of Germany and Turkey in Persia and Asia Minor is a timely one. What we Japanese should consider is whether the friendship between England and Russia will continue after the war, now that we are in friendly relations with England and Russia. Some Japanese doubt it, and some Russians doubt also. They say that after the war, Germany which had maintained friendly relations with Russia in the past, would again come to re-establish that friendship with Russia. The consequence of it, they think, will mean that Russia will be estranged from England. But the recent agreement about Persia answers all these anxieties. The agreement concerning Persia at once means an agreement concerning Afghanistan and India. In this respect the new agreement differs materially from the convention of 1907. The new agreement considers Germany and Turkey as common enemies. Thus, Russia and England will from now on co-operate in Persia and Central Asian regions, whereas Japan will co-operate with these two nations in the Far East. The meaning of the change in the British Alliance treaty of the third Power invading India has now become clear. So the agreement referred to has a direct interest to us."

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LINE 4—KLONG SAMRONG LOCK TO BANG HIA.
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Bangkok	Dep.	7.00	9.48	1.25	3.33	Lampang	Dep.	a.m.	7.33
Ayuthia	Arr.	9.3	11.41	3.33	5.45	Den Chai	"	p.m.
Ban Phaji	Arr.	9.17	12.20	4.24	6.30	Tha Sao	"	...	...	7.1	2.21
						Uttaradit	"	...	...	7.18	2.40
Ban Phaji	Dep.	9.57	12.37	4.30	...	Ban Dara	Arr.	...	...	8.16	3.26
Lopburi	Arr.	11.5	1.55	5.48	...						
Chengket	Dep.	12.33	3.38	...	a.m.	Sawa'loke	Dep.	...	...	a.m.	7.1
Pak'poh	Arr.	2.17	5.40	...	7.25	Ban Dara	Arr.	...	...	8.1	3.11
					9.54						
Pak'poh	Dep.	2.26	6.30	...	...	Ban Dara	Dep.	...	...	a.m.	8.24
Pitsaloke	Arr.	6	11.5	...	...	Pitsaloke	Arr.	...	...	10.32	5.30
Pitsaloke	Dep.	7.4	2.2	...	...					p.m.	a.m.
Ban Dara	Arr.	9.5	1.18	...	...	Pak'poh	Arr.	...	...	1.45	7.00
										6.30	10.34
Ban Dara	Dep.	9.20	1.40	...	...				
Skaloke	Arr.	10.21	5.41	...	...	Ban Phaji	Dep.	p.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.
								3.52	...	7.30	10.43
Ban Dara	Dep.	9.10	1.26	...	...	Chengket	Arr.	6.21	...	9.22	12.58
Uttaradit	...	10.6	5.29	...	...	Lopburi	Dep.	...	7.10	11.6	1.56
Tha Sao	Arr.	10.15	5.38	...	...				
Den Chai	...	11.57	...	...	...	Ban Phaji	Arr.	...	8.30	12.21	3.4
Lampang	...	4.52	...	...	...			
						Korat	Dep.	p.m.	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Ban Phaji	Dep.	10.17	12.30	4.41	...	Lat Bua Kao	Arr.	5.55	...	...	8.40
Gongkoi	Arr.	11.7	1.26	5.51	...	Gongkoi	Dep.	...	7.12	11.32	1.52
Lat Bua Kao										p.m.	a.m.
						Ban Phaji	Arr.	...	8.22	12.29	2.59
	Dep.	...	...	...	8.42					a.m.	a.m.
Korat		...	6.8	...	10.32	Ban Phaji	Dep.	6.27	6.37	12.44	3.14
						Ayuthia	...	7.13	9.25	1.23	3.58
Bangkok	Dep.	7.45	3.50	Bangkok	Arr.	9.28	11.35	3.16	6.00
Petrien	Arr.	9.33	5.38						
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						Bangkok	Arr.	9.38	5.45

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