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1 7 00 11 4 ... Feet.

2 7 00 11 2 ...

3 7 00 11 2 ...

4 4 00 11 4 ...

5 4 30 11 6 ...

6 5 00 11 8 ...

7 5 30 11 8 ...

8 6 00 11 10 ...

9 6 00 11 0 ...

10 6 00 11 10 ...

11 6 00 11 10 ...

12 6 30 11 10 ...

13 7 00 11 10 ...

14 7 00 11 6 ...

15 7 00 11 6 ...

16 7 00 11 4 ...

17 7 00 11 4 ...

18 4 00 11 4 ...

19 4 00 11 10 ...

20 4 00 11 10 ...

21 4 00 11 10 ...

22 5 00 11 10 ...

23 5 30 11 6 ...

24 6 00 11 3 ...

25 6 00 11 3 ...

26 6 00 11 2 ...

27 6 00 11 0 ...

28 6 00 11 0 ...

29 6 00 11 8 ...

30 6 00 11 6 ...

31 6 00 11 6 ...

P.M.

Mar. H. W. Ft. & in. L. W. (Approx.)

1 10 0 13 5 ... Feet.

2 11 0 13 3 ...

3 ... 3-0 7-0

4 ... 4-0 7-0

5 ... 5-6 7-0

6 2 00 12 0 5-6 7-0

7 3 00 12 6 6-7 6-0

8 4 00 13 0 7-8 6-0

9 6 00 13 6 9-10 6-0

10 6 00 14 0 11-12 6-0

11 7 00 14 10 1-2 7-0

12 8 00 15 0 1-0 7-0

13 9 00 14 2 1-0 7-0

14 11 00 14 0 2-0 6-0

15 ... 3-0 6-0

16 ... 4-0 6-0

17 ... 5-0 6-0

18 2 00 11 0 5-6 7-0

19 3 00 11 6 5-6 7-0

20 4 00 12 6 7-8 7-0

21 4 30 13 0 8-9 7-0

22 6 00 14 0 9-10 7-6

23 6 00 14 6 10-11 7-0

24 7 00 15 0 11-12 6-0

25 8 00 15 0 12-0 7-0

26 9 00 15 0 ...

27 9 00 14 2 1-0 7-0

28 10 00 14 0 1-0 7-0

29 11 00 14 0 1-2 6-0

30 ...

31 ...

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Mar. 9th O Full Moon 4 h 40 m a.m.
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Hoosain Gulam Hoosain is concerned
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I do not know how men bear “the front.” I do not know how human beings can contain in their minds the horrors of it all and not die. Always the noise—always. When “nothing doing” is recorded, the noise is going on just the same, whether big guns, where you have to hold your ears and upon your mouth to prevent the air-shock, or merely the smaller guns: whether *feu de barrage*—which you pray may be our own and not that of the Boche—or the heavy, ominous, shock, shock, shock of the isolated big gun a mile or so away. And while the air is rendered infernal, the mud, the everlasting mud, does its best to smother, to try to suck down, to extinguish the life spark in the human heart. You can't get away from the mud. It is the main fact of existence, just as the guns are the main fact of non-existence. Just try here comfortably in England having wet feet all day and all night, and cold hands and cold body, and no means of anything better for days together. Just try and see whether it is demoralising or not.

The vague marks on the hill, with their throw-ups of chalk and yellow soil, and their Chinese puzzles of wire entanglements are that awesome place—the Front. This is really the Front, whither, we are so often told, men who have come home are simply longing to get back. This is where the Roll of Honour is manufactured and the lists are made that have now become a commonplace of our breakfast tables. And an endless train of mist-blue and of khaki goes up to the hills day and night, and a train—less—endless—comes down. Here the Somme convoys dwindle from the huge camions and the domestic carts to material hand-carried. Donkeys are used to a certain extent, but otherwise food and ammunition and barbed wire and water and trench mortars and stretchers have to be taken along almost entirely by hand. And the enormous concentration of the Somme road, the very essence of human genius and organisation, is directed towards these gashes on the hill-side—these mud holes with their

sand bagged entrances, bored deep into the pitted, pock-marked, wounded hill. There are no mappies here. And here amid the din, amid the exasperating whistling and whistling and moaning of shells and the shocks of explosions, amid the cold and the wet and the filth, men endure, and endure, not as heroes and supermen, but simply because it is the business which all of them have in hand.—Truth.

America's Concern.

Washington, Mar 12.—President Wilson's decision to arm merchantmen followed the opinions of Mr. Lansing and Mr. Gregory. The Government's armed neutrality plan is withheld in order to avoid endangering American ships by permitting information to reach Germany. The only statement obtainable at White-house and the Navy Department was that the President was determined to fully protect American rights, and long before the order was given from White house the Navy Department had completed all necessary preparations to arm merchantmen but Mr. Daniels appealed to the press and public not to discuss the matter.

Washington, March 10.—A Navy Department official says the Cuban Government forces regained the rebel stronghold of Santiago de Cuba. This is regarded as the collapse of the revolution.

Los Angeles, March 11.—The American police have arrested a German captain named Fritzen on a charge of complicity in a plot to blow up the Welland Canal under Capt. von Papen's instructions.

Florence, South Carolina, March 8.—Eight officers of the German steamer *Liebenfels* which was sunk at Charleston on Jan. 21 were sentenced to imprisonment for a year and a fine of \$500 for scuttling her.

Washington, March 10.—Wooden shipbuilders in the United States have been summoned to a conference of the Shipping Board on March 14, with a view to building very speedily a large fleet of standardised ships for Trans-Atlantic trade. It is hoped thus materially to defeat the submarine blockade.

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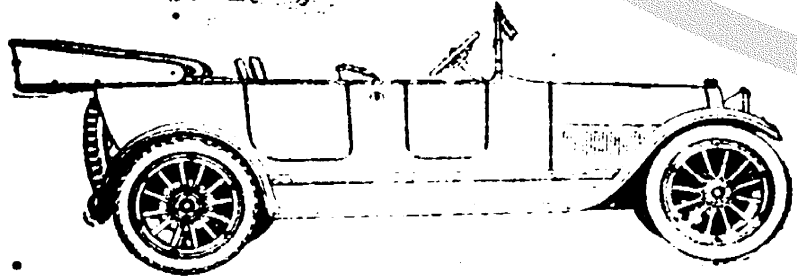
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Tickets 1 Tical each may be obtained from all German firms, the German Club and the Umschan-Office.

The objects to be raffled will be exhibited during the Bazar at the German Legation on the 24th and 25th instants and the raffle will take place there at 10 p.m. on Sunday, the 25th instants.

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Bangkok, 17th March 1917.

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MOMENTOUS EVENTS.

In truth we are living in stirring times, as is brought home to us by the news that has reached us to day. The most sensational message is that emanating from Petrograd to the effect that a bloodless revolution has occurred in Russia, bowing to which the Tsar has abdicated in favour of his brother. In what position the Tsarevitch now stands is not quite clear, but from the mention of the Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovitch having been appointed Regent it would seem that his future rights are being duly safeguarded. The reports that have been circulated for some time past in connection with the political situation in Russia were very disquieting, and they indicated, though in a vague manner, that movements far-reaching and of great importance were taking place. These have come to a head very definitely, culminating in the military revolution of which we have just been informed. So far as we can judge, the political atmosphere of the Russian Empire has been rendered more clear by the change, and the formation of the new government would appear to imply the triumph of one class, but it is impossible to conjecture whether this means the overthrow of the reactionaries. The Tsar himself would seem to be in acquiescence with the new order of things, and it is quite conceivable that he is by no means displeased that the tangled affairs of his Empire have developed to a crisis and thereby found relief. Russian politics concern Russia primarily, but it is a matter for satisfaction that the new government does not appear to be at all in the nature of a republic. Republican institutions may be very well in their way, and they work satisfactorily enough in certain cases, as is sufficiently evidenced, but they are not suitable to all countries; and one of the countries coming under this category is Russia—or such, we think, will be the general opinion. The great advantage of a constitutional monarchy is that it will impart stability to the Russian Government and save the country from being the prey of bureaucrats and office-seekers. Besides which, it would be a matter of regret that the world should have to see the extinction of the Tsardom and the Russian people bereft of the Little Father to whom they have been for so long accustomed. With the fullest respect for France and the other countries which favour the system, we ourselves must confess to a profound dislike of republican rule.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

New Ads.—First consignment of "Hupmobile" cars now on view at Messrs Barrow, Brown & Co.

In another page will be found the time table of the Royal State Railways, Southern Line, which will come into force from 1st April next.

A RAFFLE in aid of the German Red Cross Fund will be held at the German Legation on the 25th inst. as announced elsewhere.

THERE was a religious Ceremonial last evening and again this morning in connection with the inauguration of the new Krom Ayakarn building at Wang Na.

LIANG Athakon Chamart of the Public Prosecution Department who went to Prachuab Kiri Kan on the 6th instants to conduct a murder case, will return on Wednesday.

A BOOK, "Helbeck of Bannisdale," by Mrs. Humphrey Ward, was picked up on the road by our watchman. We shall be very pleased to restore it to the owner on application at our office.

MR. J. R. C. LYONS, who has been sitting in a Special International Court at Prachuab Kiri Kan in a case of murder of three Indians, expects to finish the hearing to-morrow and return to Bangkok on Wednesday.

THE winner of the "Raffle" for a "Brown Engine" motor-car, in aid of the Italian Red Cross, which took place at the Trocadero yesterday night, was Mr. G. Lavizzari. The proceeds of the raffle amount to Ticals 300.

A RETURN of the Medical Officer of Health for the week ending March 10th shows one case of bubonic plague in Bangkok and one of small pox, both resulting in death. There were no other cases of communicable disease in the city.

Extracts From the Government Gazette.

(Of the 18th March 2459.)

His Majesty publicly thanks the inhabitants of Rajaburi and Nongra Phratom for various acts of kindness to the Tiger Scouts during the recent manoeuvres.

The last list of surnames being the 66th contains 89 names bringing the total to 3,639.

The Ministry of War acknowledges His Majesty's gracious presence at the Military manoeuvres and also 30,000 packages of cigarettes for the soldiers and 46,000 vests from Her Majesty the Queen Mother, 20,000 bottles of snuff, and various other articles and food. H. R. H. Prince Jaisad is thanked for the services of medical students sent up to attend to minor ailments.

The Chino-Siam Steam Navigation Company announces that Mr. Kapioti (firm name Thai Hui Chien) has resigned from the Directorate.

H. R. H. Prince Chakrabongse, on behalf of the Red Cross of Siam, acknowledges the gift of Tcs 565 from Phya Surind P. Kadi of Muang Pre.

Obituary.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Emil Klinger, the rice-mill superintendent of Messrs. A. Markwald & Co., which occurred about 9 o'clock yesterday evening, the cause being heart-failure. The funeral takes place to-day at the Protestant Cemetery. Mr. Klinger, who was born in 1869, came to Siam in 1912. He leaves behind him a widow and two sons, the latter being in Europe.

B. B. W. N. G.

The following drafts will be sent home by next mail.—£36 to St. Dunstan's Hostel for Blind Soldiers and Sailors, and £15 to the Children's Fund of the National Committee of Relief in Belgium.

An acknowledgment has been received from the Church of England Waifs and Strays Society for a draft for £10.

The next social meeting of the Guild will be held at Mrs. Tully-Christie's house on April 11th, at 4.45. Dr. Hilliard has kindly consented to be present and will give a further account of his experiences at the Front.

Turf Club Races.

Handicaps for Tuesday 20th.

RACE 1.—Sib Hok 7.6, Maprik 7.3, Morakot 6.9, Samardh 6.7, Pinhiran 6.7, Poo Thalay 6.0.

RACE 2.—Max Linder 7.0, Ling Dum 6.13, Yanno 6.9, Shy 6.6, Phra Rot 6.6, Little Imp 6.3.

RACE 3.—Un Chon 7.12, Son Chai 6.2, Plawng 7.7, Ottappa 6.7, Ling Deng 5.0, Thong Chai 7.7, Sung Chandra 5.7, Nilanon 6.0, Bluff 5.9.

RACE 4.—Lily K. 8.7, Silver Cross 8.7, Say When 8.7, Yot Rak 7.7, Merry Legs 6.7.

RACE 5.—Kanda 9.2, Red Star 7.0, Betty 7.0, Antra 6.7, Molly 6.5.

RACE 6.—Ella T. 8.7, Nai Pradist 7.10, Icaro II 7.9, Thong Dee 6.8, Kanda 6.6, Vanida 6.0.

RACE 7.—Mad Meg 8.7, Buffalo Bill 8.3, Mari L. 7.2, Sandfly 7.0, Kop 6.10, Aminta 6.7.

RACE 8.—Gladys C. 9.6, Royal Page 9.5, Moment 8.12, Lady de Melbe 8.8, Mars 6.8, Sundowner 6.3, Phung Boon 6.0.

Railway Traffic Receipts.

Month of February.
Broad gauge (946 km.)

	Approximate	Actual
Year 2459	Year 2458	
Passengers	400000.	356196.
Goods	188000.	192021.
Others	4600.	5834.

Total	592600.	554051.
Total from April to February	4326970.	4260642.

THE Central Office of the Royal State Railways advises us that a new service of fast trains from Bangkok Noi to Chumpon will commence on April 3rd, running on Tuesdays and Thursdays only and returning on Wednesdays and Fridays. The present fast service to Prachuab Kiri Kan on three days a week will cease.

AN engagement is announced between Captain H. S. Oldham, Darham Light Infantry, Chief of British Settlement Police, Tientsin, second son of the late W. B. Oldham, C.I.E., and Mrs. Oldham, and grandson of the late General Sir Anthony Stransham, G.C.B., and Kathleen, only daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Turner, C.M.G., Fusiliers, and Mrs. Turner, of 1, West Halkin-street, S.W.

THE Great War.

French Senate.

(Havas Telegram.)
Paris, March 17.
The Chamber, after a secret discussion on aeronautics, has resumed public session by vote. In an order of the day General Lyautey declared that he considered a technical debate of this kind in secret committee was dangerous in regard to national defence. The Chamber protested, and Lyautey left the house, and tendered his resignation. The Senate then unanimously passed a vote of confidence in the Government. The Senate adopted the bill in advance of the time fixed by law.

Germany and China.

(Havas Telegram.)
Paris, March 17.
Washington.—China has broken off diplomatic relations with Germany.

British Advance.

(Havas Telegram.)
Paris, March 17.
The British advanced on a front of 2 kilometres S. E. and E. of Bapaume, also S. E. of Achiet-le-Petit.

Russians Take Kermanshah.

(Havas Telegram.)
Paris, March 17.
The Russians have occupied Kermanshah.

American Steamer Submarine.

(Havas Telegram.)
Paris, March 17.
London.—A submarine shelled and sunk without warning the American steamer *Algonquin*. The crew were saved.

Abdication of the Tsar.

(Havas Telegram.)
Paris, March 17.
Official.—The Grand Duke Michael has been proclaimed Regent. The Tsarina has been placed under surveillance. Following upon a military revolution, the Duma, of which the Tsar had ordered the dissolution, proclaimed a provisional government under the presidency of M. Rodzianko, supported by the people and the troops. The former ministers have been arrested. The Ambassadors of the Allies have recognised the new government. The Minister of Foreign Affairs, M. Miloukoff, declared that he provisional government was able to give definite victory to the people. The city of Moscow at once adhered to the revolutionary movement. M. Rodzianko has sent to the fleet and the army a manifesto recommending quiet and the continuation of the war.

Petrograd.—Prince Lowfi, the President of the Zemstvo, has constituted a Cabinet composed of elements of the Left. M. Goutchakoff has been appointed Naval Minister of War. Quiet has been restored in Petrograd. The people are congratulating themselves on the abolition of the influence of the bureaucrats. The French and English newspapers consider the movement a victory for the anti-German forces, that it will serve to establish the Entente, and will give to Russia ample means for achieving victory.

Following upon the revolutionary manifestation in Petrograd, the Tsar has abdicated.

Paris, March 18.
Petrograd.—The Tsar has addressed to the people a manifesto abdicating from the supreme power and bequeathing his heritage to his brother, the Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovitch.

Paris, March 19.

Petrograd.—In his manifesto of abdication the Tsar affirms the necessity of bringing the war, at all costs, to a victorious end in concert with Russia's glorious allies. The Tsar has transferred the supreme command of the army to the Grand Duke Nicholas.

Fall of Bapaume.

(Havas Telegram.)
Paris, March 19.
Yesterday and to-day N. of the Avre and between the Avre and the Oise we continued to progress on a front of more than 20 kilometres, and to a depth at certain points exceeding 4 kilometres. We took 100 prisoners. We threw back those of the enemy who had penetrated our trenches N.E. of Berry-au-Bac. We repulsed attacks in the region of Fenne-Chambrette, inflicting sensible losses.

A Zeppelin flying over the Paris region was destroyed by anti-aircraft guns at Compiègne, the crew were burned to death.

During the day we brought down 9 enemy aircraft. Lieutenant Gynemeyer destroyed 3, making a total of 34 that have succumbed to his activities.

The British have taken Bapaume. London.—Zeppelins attacked the S. E. part of the County of Kent.

The Races.

The following are the results of last Saturday's racing:—

First Race.
Value Ticals 150 for Siamese Ponies being Subscription Grifins. Distance 4 furlongs. Handicap W-ights.
Phya Pradibaddha's Maprik 6.12 1
Phya Asavabodhi's Pinhiran 6.9 2
Phya Prasiddhi's Sibbok 7.7 3
Phya Strong's Poo Thalay 7.3 0
Phya Anirudh's Samardh 7.6 0
Chao Phya Dharma's Yammo 6.5 0
Time 1.13 2/5. 2 1/2 lengths: 3 lengths.
Messrs. Cranmer and Jeffreys, the starters, did not have much difficulty in getting their field off well together. Pinhiran quickly asserted superiority and led the rest by a good distance but at the bend into the straight he ran wide giving Maprik the lead and all Pinhiran's efforts to get up with the leader failed. Tote paid Tcs. 40.

Second Race.
Value Ticals 150 for same Class of Ponies and same distance.
Phya Krasat's Morakhot 7.7 1
Mr. V. L.'s Ling Dum 6.12 2
Phya Pradibaddha's Phra Rot 6.10 3
Mr. A. C. Warwick's Shy 7.7 0
Phya Pradibaddha's Max Linder 7.0 0
Phya Arthakara's Little Imp 6.7 0
A fairly good start was again effected, Little Imp lagging somewhat. Phya Rot led with Ling Dum and Morakhot in close attendance. Soon Ling Dum displaced the leader. He however could not maintain this position long and Morakhot came along in fine style, winning easily by 6 lengths. Phya Rot being 3 lengths away. Time 1.15. Tote paid Tcs. 41.

Third Race.
Value Ticals 200 for Siamese Ponies Open Class. Distance 4 furlongs. Handicap Weights.
Kana Raja Damneru's Thong Chai 6.8 1
His Majesty's Un Chon 7.13 2
Phya Gadadhara's Hiri 7.4 3
Phya Prasiddhi's Dao 6.8 0
Mun Krai Pechara's Nilanon 7.13 0
The five starters were quickly off on the fall of the flag with Hiri leading and the rest in a bunch except Nilanon who was last. Hiri was caught up by Thong Chai just before the quarter mile bend but Thong Chai ran wide and lost quite a number of lengths but the jockey with much prudence kept to the outside and rode a grand race winning easily from Un Chon who just beat Hiri for second place. Time 1.9. Tote paid Tcs. 11.

Fourth Race.
Value Ticals 200 for same Class as in last Race and same distance.
Mr. G. G. Bart's Bluff 5.3 1
Kana Raja Damneru's Hiran Ratana 6.3 2
His Majesty's Son Chai 6.8 3
Kana Raja Damneru's Sang Chandra 5.11 0
Mr. V. L.'s Ling Deng 5.3 0
Phya Arthakara's Neuter 6.3 0
The start was a very fair one.

The horses started off in a bunch and kept well together about half the distance. In the straight there was a great struggle for premier position Hiran Ratana, Ling Deng and Son Chai occupying the lead in turn until Bluff's rider with great judgment pulled his mount off the rails and rushed past, as a result winning very comfortably a length in front of Hiran Ratana who was also a length before Son Chai. Time 1.11 2/5. Tote paid Tcs. 10.

Fifth Race.
Value Ticals 250 for Australian ponies being R. B. S. C. Grifins. Distance 6 furlongs. Handicap weights.
Phya Gadadhara's Yot Rak 7.9 1
Mr. W. G. Johnson's Molly 6.0 2
Madame de Bhismulok's Silver Cross 9.7 3
Phya Arthakara's Say When 9.7 0
Phya Arthakara's Merry Legs 6.0 0
Out of the original entries of eight Lily E. (9.7), Kanda (8.12) and Red Star (6.7) being scratched, the five starters were got off well together. Yot Rak soon got into premier position with Merry Legs second and Molly third the two heavy weights being whippers in. Getting into the straight Merry Legs got right away from Yot Rak winning by six lengths, there being 4 lengths between second and third. For some unknown reasons Merry Legs' Jockey got off his mount

Western Front.

London, Mar. 11.—Reuter's correspondent at French Headquarters says that the Germans are enormously exaggerating the discomforts on the Somme in order to prove the continuance of the Allies' Somme offensive is impossible. Although it is true that No Man's Land on the Somme is a desert of mud, and villages have been blown to smithereens, there are still plenty of roads to the front-line trenches, and busy railways in the rear. We shall soon know whether the fighting will be resumed on the Somme, south of which the British line is now extended. The French army has never been so strong and the French infantry at Verdun on December 15 performed the finest piece of infantry work seen in this war. The Germans must oppose such men and methods with something more than improved war material, on which they seem chiefly to rely.

London, March 12.—French Official: There was most lively reciprocal artillery work north of the Aisne. Attempted enemy coups de main northwest of Reims and on the right of the Meuse failed completely.

London, March 11.—Marshal Haig: The total prisoners taken at Ires was 294. Our artillery crushed attempts at attack west and north-west of Lens. Artillery was active on the Somme, the Aisne, Arras, Valenciennes, Ypres, and southward of Arras.

London, March 10.—French experts emphasise the importance of the British success at Ires as facilitating the envelopment of Bapaume. They state that several hundred prisoners were captured.

London, March 11.—Wireless. German Official: After infantry fighting at Ires our rear-guards withdrew to the main position. French attacks between the Avre and Oise were unsuccessful and were sanguinarily repulsed. There are renewed French attacks on hill 185 and on both sides of Champagne. London, March 11.—A French communiqué says: We made several successful coups de main on German trenches in the regions of Lassigny, Canny sur Metz and north of the Bois du Jury in the Woevre and captured prisoners and machine guns. There was a fairly considerable reciprocal artillery fire in the sector of Maisons de Champagne. An enemy attempt on our small posts in the region of Lartizen in Alsace failed.

German Report.
London, March 11.—Wireless. Russian Official: We gas attacked south-east of Tukum and east of the Matan road.

We repelled an attempted Turkish offensive on the Sivas road. As a result of fighting in the Hannadan region we occupied Sakhu and pursued the enemy after stubborn resistance towards Bisutun.

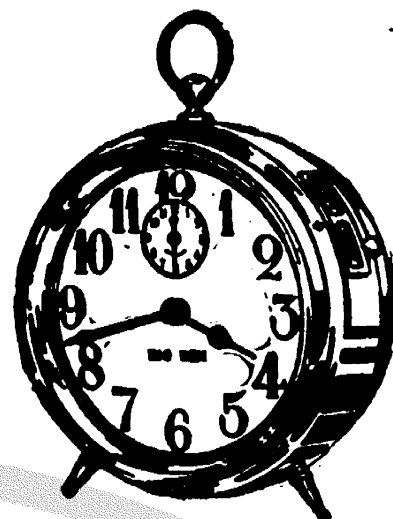
before arriving at the weighing-in enclosure. Phya Gadadhara entered a protest and the stewards disqualified Merry Legs.

Sixth Race.
Value Ticals 250 for Australian Ponies Open class Distance 6 furlongs. Handicap weights.
Madame de Bhismulok's Aminta 7.3 1
Phya Arthakara's Icaro II 7.3 2
Phya Pradibaddha's Kop 7.12 3
His Majesty's Ella T. 8.7 0
His Majesty's Nai Pradisit 7.12 0
Mr. V. L.'s Vanida 6.0 0
At the fall of the flag, Kop turned right round and the field had got nearly a start of 20 lengths before Kop began moving. Aminta quickly got the lead and though challenged by Icaro II she passed the post half a length in front and Kop who started so badly was third a length behind. Time 1.11 2/5. Tote paid Tcs. 19.

Seventh Race.
Value Ticals 250. Same conditions as the last race.
Mr. A. C. Warwick's Lady de Melbe 8.5 1
Phya Arthakara's Mad Meg 8.0 2
Mr. A. C. Warwick's Sandfly 7.5 3
His Majesty's Marie L. 8.0 0
Phya Gadadhara's Thong Dee 6.12 0
Lady de Melbe got the best of the start and won easily, all Mad Meg's efforts to get on even terms failing. Won by a length, two lengths separating second and third. Time 1.24 2/5. Tote paid Ticals. 58.

Eighth Race.
Value Ticals 250. Same terms and conditions as in the sixth race.
Phya Prasiddhi's Royal Page 8.5 1
Phya Pradibaddha's Sunflower 6.3 2
Phya Prasiddhi's Phung Boon 6.0 3
His Majesty's Gladys C. 10.0 0
Phya Prab's Mars 7.0 0
Borisat Say When's Moment 10.0 0
A fairly good start. In the semi darkness was effected and Royal Page quickly dashed into the front with Moment his nearest attendant. At the turn into the straight the rest of the field quickly branched up with Moment, but at this spot Gladys C. and Mars ran out wide almost into the outer rails and Moment following these lost her second place. Sunflower and Phung Boon taking second and third place respectively at the end. Time 1.24 3/5. Tote paid Tcs. 31.

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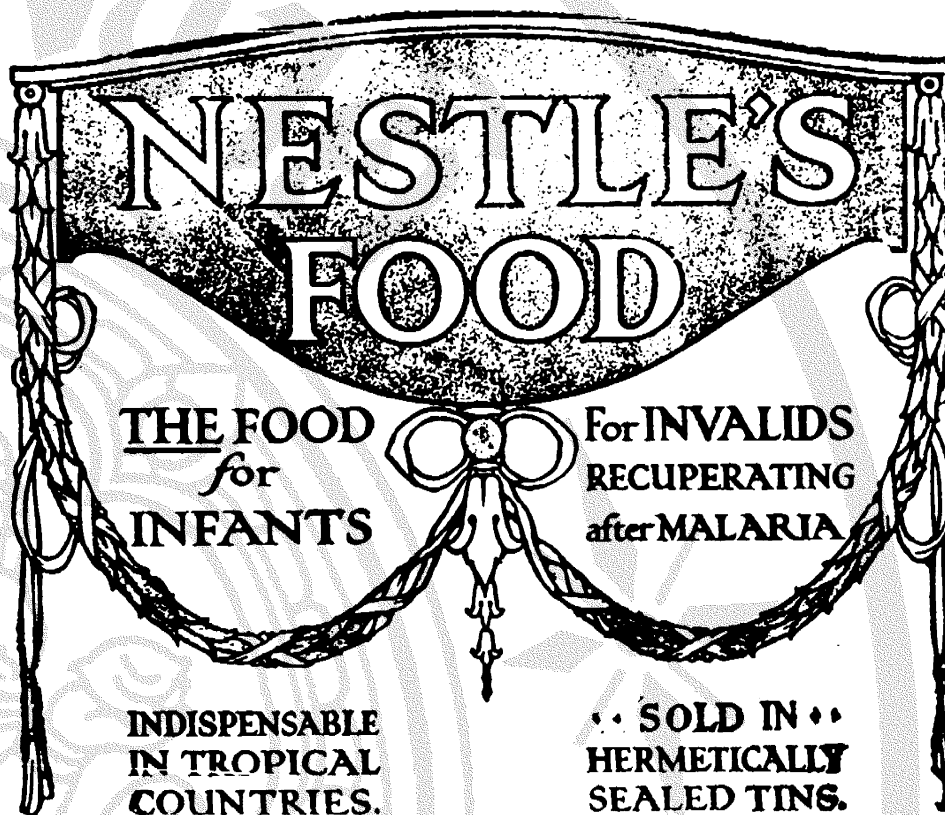
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Baghdad Occupied.

London, March 11.—Mesopotamia. Official: We made a surprise attack and crossed the Diala by moonlight on Thursday, established a strong post on the right bank, and bridged the Tigris below the confluence with the Diala. A strong detachment marched up the right bank and found the enemy six miles south-west of Baghdad. We drove him back two miles. We forced the passage of the Diala on Friday and advanced four miles towards Baghdad. Our right bank forces dislodged the enemy from their second positions and bivouacked on the captured ground. Dust storms and a violent gale prevailed. We forced back the Turks three miles west and south-west of Baghdad on Saturday.

[The Diala flows into the Tigris about eight miles south of Baghdad on the left (that is east) bank of the Tigris. Baghdad lies in the fork of the Diala and Tigris, also on the left bank of the Tigris.]

London, March 10.—The fact that General Maude's cavalry was only fourteen miles from Baghdad on March 6, meeting with little opposition, led some experts to confidently announce Baghdad was already in the hands of the British, but more cautious critics point out that nothing has been yet disclosed as to the whereabouts of General Maude's main army, which will probably require time to develop larger movements while the season of inundations is approaching.

The rout of the Turkish army, however, has already resulted in the collapse of the Turkish operations in Persia whence they are being pushed out by three Russian columns. The Turkish armies are so scattered in distant adventures at the behest of the Germans that they are not likely to succeed in concentrating reinforcements against General Maude.

London, March 22.—Mesopotamia. Official, Baghdad was occupied on Sunday.

London, March 12.—The fall of Baghdad is the subject of editorials in all the newspapers. The Times concludes an article reminding us of the great and worthy part India has played in the triumph. It says "it should always be remembered that a very large proportion of the forces which General Maude guided to victory are Indian regiments. The cavalry which hung on the flanks and demoralized the Turkish army and chased it to its confines in Baghdad must have been almost exclusively Indian cavalry. The infantry, which bore months of privation and proved in the end masters of the Turks, included Indian units which had already fought heroically in

Church Workers Association.

The first business meeting of the Church Workers Association was held at Dr. Hillyard's house at 6.30 p.m. on Friday, March 16th, 1917, and it was decided that the Bangkok Branch of the Association be conducted upon the same lines as many other branches, and that the Officials should consist of a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and Treasurer, and one or more Superintendents of Needlework—there being no Committee. It was proposed by Mrs. Traves and Seconded by Mrs. Duke that the offices of Secretary and Treasurer be combined, and this was carried.

The following officers were then elected:—President Mrs. Simmons, Vice-President Mrs. Geo. Hon. Sec. and Treas. Mrs. Thornely, Superintendents of Needlework, Mrs. Warwick, The Reverend Dr. Hillyard and the Reverend C. R. Simmons accepted the position of Chaplains. It was arranged that sewing meetings should be held every Friday afternoon at 4.45 at St. Mary's Mission (commencing on Friday next, 23rd, instant) the 4th Friday in each month being a monthly meeting at which it is hoped there will be a full attendance.

The Quarterly business meetings will take place on the 4th Friday in March, June, September and December (the first of such meetings being on June 22nd next) and all Members and Subscribers are specially requested to attend these meetings.

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France, Gallipoli and Egypt. Whatever mistakes the Indian military administration may have made in the earlier stages of the Mesopotamian campaign, the valour of the Indian troops who contributed so largely to its successes on the Tigris was never questioned. In the last few days there have been discussions which seemed to imply that India's help in the war chiefly consisted in a belated offer of financial aid. She has done far more, for in common with ourselves she has given the blood of her best and bravest, and nowhere more than in the deserts of Mesopotamia."

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We know that the Russo-Rumanian Army is handicapped quite as much by poor communications as by lack of munitions, that Sarraïl has in front of him a terrain which does not admit of the employment of any very great numbers, and that the Italians are limited by the nature of the country and their available strength to little more than an advance upon Trieste.

Therefore, we cannot count upon a decisive attack upon a static and continuous offensive on these fronts. We can only look to our Allies to "hold" or pin down at least as many enemy divisions as are now opposed to them, and we must rely upon the French and ourselves to break the enemy power in the West, which amounts to about 120 German divisions.

Everything depends upon whether any new divisions can be created to reinforce the German armies in the West, and how long their reserves of manpower will enable them to make good the wastage of war.

Early in 1916 the *Times* Military Correspondent estimated that the German reserves of man-power amounted to about three millions. Since then, however, the Germans have raised their field armies from four to five millions by depleting their reserves to a corresponding extent, and we may assume that Germany's permanent losses during 1916 amounted to not less than another million. From which it follows that their present reserves scarcely exceeded 1,000,000 men at the beginning of 1917.

1917. Quite recently Mr. E. D. Curtin wrote in the *Times* that at the close of the war there were 14,000,000 men in Germany between eighteen and forty-five years of age, to whom must be added "boys who were then sixteen and seventeen" and 350,000 men over forty-five who have joined the Colours, which gives us a "grand total of 15,000,000." Of these, 3½ million remain in the mines, manufactures etc., etc." and "there must be at least 4,500,000 Germans out of action at this moment. . . . With something over 11,000,000 called up, Germany has now 6,000,000 or a little more all told, many of whom are not all united for service as yet." But if the "grand total" was 15,000,000, of whom 3½ remained to "run" the country and 4½ millions were out of action, Germany must "now" have 6½ millions, of whom five millions were in the field and 1½ millions remained available to replace casualties.

Mr. Curtin, however, omitted to estimate the unfit, who must have amounted to at least 25 per cent, of the fifteen millions: but he does say that "many" of those who remain "are not at all suited for service at the front."

Therefore we may take it that on his showing the German reserve of manpower can scarcely exceed a million men.

Finally, we find that Mr. Hilaire Belloc has recently estimated German reserves of men-power at rather more than $1\frac{1}{2}$ millions. Thus there appears to be a consensus of opinion that Germany has now not more than about $1\frac{1}{2}$ millions of men to meet the wastage of war, and we have now to estimate what that wastage will be.

During twenty-seven months of war Mr. Curtin estimates that at least 44 million Germans were out of action. Mr. Hilaire Belloc's estimate is much higher. In any case, Germany's permanent losses have exceeded 150,000 men a month out of an army whose average strength was well under three-quarters of what it is now. Consequently, Germany's permanent losses for 1917 should average 200,000 men a month, or 24 millions for the year, which is just twice her probable remaining reserves.

Another line of argument shows us that in thirty months of war Germany used up five classes of youths, besides all the untrained men of over twenty-one years of age, and that she has now only one class of youths to come on, namely, that of 1919, which cannot possibly be sufficiently matured to take the field until August next.

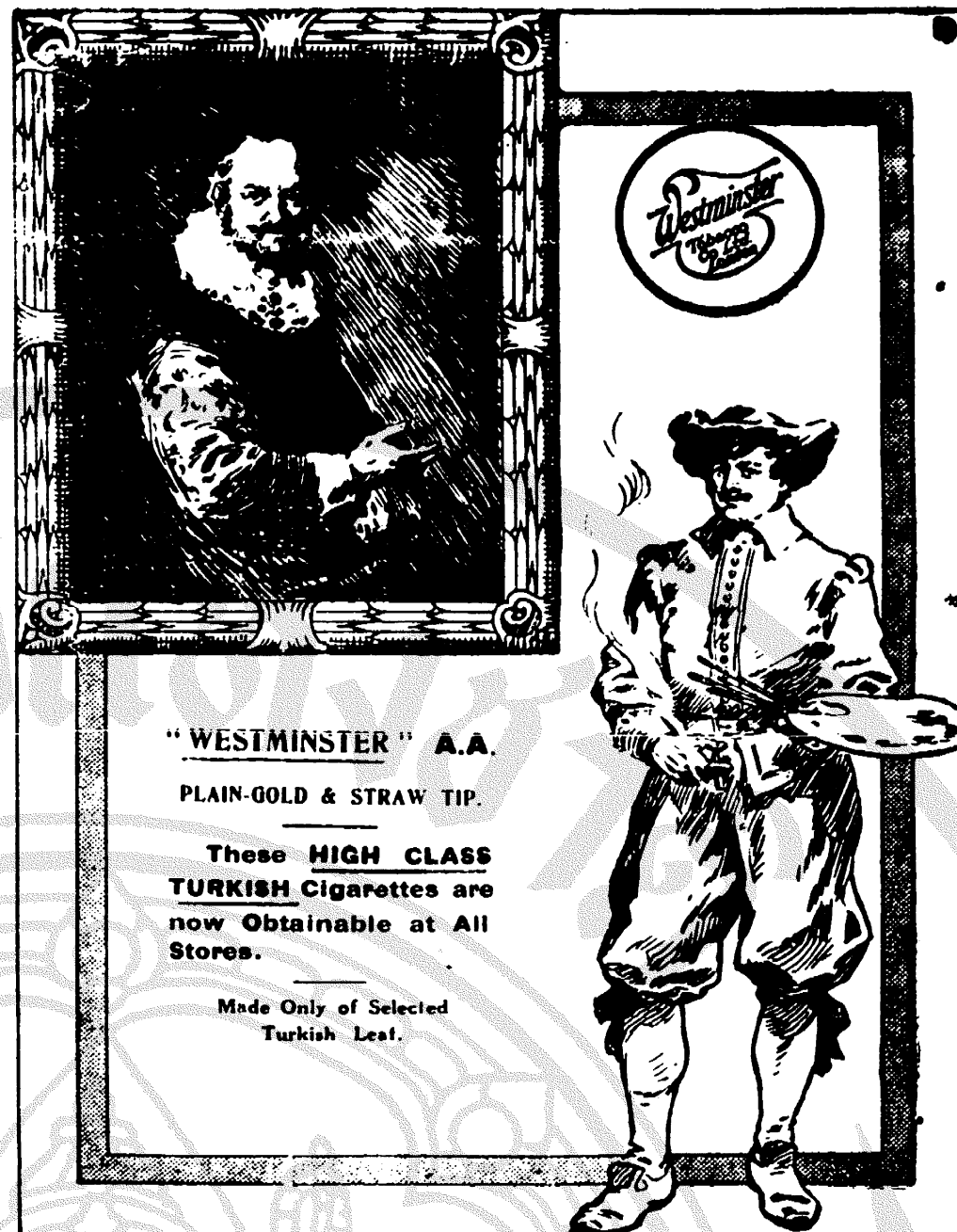
Finally, we have to note that last year serious fighting commenced at Verdun on February 21, in the Trentino on May 21, in Galicia on June 4, and on the Somme on July 1. Assuming, as we are entitled to assume, that all the Allies should be able to commence simultaneous offensives round about Easter of this year, and remembering that the German Army is now 25 per cent. more numerous than it was last year, it follows that we ought to be able to inflict upon the Germans far heavier losses this year than the 14 millions she suffered last year.

Thus the net conclusion we come to is that Germany is quite incapable of replacing anything like the losses we ought to be able to inflict upon her this year, and that, therefore, we have good reason to anticipate a victorious peace before Christmas; and it is interesting to note that business men all over the civilised world, taking account only of the economic position, and having no regard whatever to the military situation, are conducting their operations on the basis of peace before the new year.—P. M. G.

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Food Supplies.

London Jan. 17.—When the Order-in-Council went forth giving the Controller of Food powers to dictate the size of meals eaten in hotels, restaurants, chop-houses, etc., the expectation was raised that the measures taken would result in direct economy and a conserving of the food-stocks of the country. But a two months' experiment has practically proved the futility of the new food regulations. Instead of less food being eaten in London and elsewhere it seems that the consumption of meat, fish and game has greatly increased. Though only two courses are allowed at luncheon, and three at dinner, the regulations have been set at defiance through larger portions being served and through people also ordering and receiving second helpings. The blunder of not considering cheese as a separate course has also led to a large increase in the amount of that form of food consumed in public places. And all this in the face of the frantic appeal to the nation to economise in every way. There is evidently a screw loose somewhere. Either the innate selfishness of humanity at large is too great to be circumvented even in times of desperate war, or else the statistics of food consumption both before and after the issue of the new regulations have been compiled on inaccurate lines.

It is always a difficult matter to interfere with the social and domestic habits of a nation, and particularly of a people such as that which inhabits these islands. We have always had the reputation of being good, ironclad men, and even in the "starving forties," when the industrial population was so hard hit, the tables of the middle and upper classes were well provided with good things. In the seventy odd years which have since elapsed the scale of dietary of the whole nation has sensibly improved both in variety and the methods of cooking employed, until we have in some measure arrived at a point beyond which it would be difficult to go. The very trying character of our climate, combined with the comparatively low cost of food, since the war, all conduced to the consumption of larger meals than our Continental neighbours indulge in, and the habits contracted in the piping times of peace we evidently find very hard to throw off, even though necessity points the way.

Lord Devonport, the new Food Controller, is said to take a very serious view of the situation, and doubtless as a result of his fresh examination of the problem we may shortly expect some new and drastic regulations which shall bring about what the Government desire. There is no barking the dog that unless something can be achieved

in the way of reducing the consumption of meat we shall be facing something like a serious shortage before very long. The wintry weather of the past week—we have been living in a practically continuous snowstorm since Sunday—has led to heavy mortality among the sheep, particularly young lambs and their dams, while the stoppage of all ploughing owing to the deep snow-fall considerably spoils further prospects of winter wheat sowing.

The whole subject of war-economies is, however, so complicated that it is hard to draw a generality which will be strictly fair to the community as a whole. Anyone who moves much about among the middle classes, for instance, cannot but be struck with the many changes which the war has

brought about in their style of living. Here will be found the genuine attempt at economizing, for in their case it is sheer necessity which urges the pruning knife in its career. So one cannot judge of the real temper of the nation from the class which uses hotels, restaurants and eating-houses: and then again this class can retort that it does not stand alone. What about the working classes, which have been continuously prosperous since the war began? Butchers will tell you that to-day these people are demanding the best joints of meat; and grocers tell the same tale, that it is their best goods which the labouring man and his wife now purchase. Inferior joints of meat, old lots and cheap provisions are a drug of the market at the moment, and this notwithstanding that the

cost of living in 1916 had risen 87 per cent. above pre-war prices. All the same, one would rush to a very rash conclusion if one were to infer from this that the working classes are spending all they get. The records of the War Savings Committees now established in nearly every town and village contradict that theory. The fifty odd millions of 15s. 6d. War Savings Certificates represent principally the savings of the working man. The truth is that large sections of the nation have been rendered very prosperous by the war—as others have been reduced in income through it—and with more money to spend they have naturally improved the scale of their meals, without at the same time squandering all they receive on their stomachs. And after all, it must not be forgotten that

even in prosperous England, in normal times, at least one-tenth of the population are always living within the starvation line or near it. The war has brought some glimpse of more comfortable conditions to many of these poor folk. It is when taking all these things into consideration that one realises the immensity of the question now presenting itself, and yet it is necessary that the whole nation, and not parts of it, should exercise more discretion in the use of food if we are to display that lasting power which we are told over and over again can alone win the war.



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