

## OMnipotence RED AT END IN EUROPE

### Silesian Settlement to Break Sovereignty.

### LEAGUE ASSUMES POWER

Only Agreement on Disarmament  
Can Save Entente, Avers  
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BERLIN, Aug. 20.—(Special Cable.)—If reading the peace conference reports has not destroyed our reason, we must remember that the chief aim of the league of nations is to obtain for the peoples of the world self-determination and to protect them from aggression.

Now we find that the first important duty imposed upon the league is the settlement of the Silesian controversy. The Silesians are a mixed race, as like and unlike neighbors as the Albanians.

After the Silesians had been assured in Berlin and Warsaw that their land would not be divided no matter how the plebiscite of last March resulted, 60 per cent voted German and 40 per cent Polish. The figures would have been quite different if the question had been put as it is today: "Do you Silesians want to be united with Poland?" There would have been no decision as to which part should belong to Germany and which to Poland until this question has been answered.

Nationality Rights Important.

If the league, whose authority was greatly diminished by the withdrawal of the United States, does not put this preliminary question to the people, it sinks to the level of a subordinate states organization, and the functions for which it was created.

The league of nations ought not to reckon only with coal, iron, oil and lead shares and dividends, moving the people of communities about like pawns on a chess board, but should protect their nationality rights. It is authority necessary to the whole continent to be torn asunder and a people still young in civilization split apart because France demands control of Europe's coal and iron and an eastern bulwark against possible German re-militarization.

It does not concern the league which part of Silesia France has promised the Poles, nor does it concern the league which part of Silesia Germany has promised the Poles. It is a matter of the league of nations which part of Silesia belongs to Poland. Even the most skillful partition would weaken industry and would stop guerrilla warfare and murders. The Paris breakfast table policy overlooked this and also the question of the verdict incompatible with article 23 of the Versailles treaty is binding on those principally interested, namely, Germany, Poland and (always forgotten) Upper Silesians.

Days of Omnipotence End.

Prime Minister Lloyd George and Premier Briand, whose heroic names David Lloyd George and Georges Clemenceau have made famous, are coats on this men, wanted to avoid an open breach in the entente and have used the council of the league of nations as a subterfuge in which the representatives of Spain, Brazil, China, will help decide the fate of a country quite unknown and indifferent to them.

Thus we have an answer to this "purely European question." Ambassador Harvey interpreted President Harding's verdict, to be made with three great powers, to other continents, Japan presiding.

Poor Europe must accustom herself to the idea that the days of her sovereign omnipotence have ended. The British dominions which at London forbade a renewal of the Japanese treaty also warned the world against a further yielding to France.

France, an agricultural nation, can feed and clothe her 39,000,000 people from her own produce. She has sufficient coal, or can get it by an exchange of iron and steel, for all the world markets with goods. France, with her specialized exports, could stand this. But England, who must pay for necessary raw stuffs with exports, could not. England's trade already is restricted enough by high wages and the insolvency of her former customers, to say nothing of the increased production of the American workman. England's economic life is condemned to death if she is squeezed between a gigantic American export and a German export machine cheaply fed with paper wages.

Since England's fate depends upon her export reactivity she cannot allow Germany under the whip of the sanctions to be forced to capture the world markets with a perpetual dumping system. Consequently she refuses France the means of threatening Germany from a Polandized Silesia and securing for herself control of the continent's iron and coal.

France's fury against England fails to take into account the fact that England is not acting through political intrigue but economic necessity. No verdict of the league can change this.

The entente, which today is an uncertain body, can be saved only if disarmament is concluded at Washington.

### INFANTRYMEN WIN SHOOT

### Marine Corps' Team Takes Second Place in Sadler Match.

SEASIDE, N. J., Aug. 21.—The Sadler match, one of the most notable events in American rifle shooting, was won yesterday by the United States infantry team with a score of 1127.

The United States marine corps second team was second with 1117. The match was shot at 500, 300 and 1000 yards.

### BIGGEST STRIKE IMPENDS

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are preparing to run their mines on the open-shop basis.

In the southwestern fields, comprising Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas and Oklahoma, the operators recently sought in vain to lower wages. A

joint conference was held—and adjourned. There again the miners are holding the operators to the contracts. Illinois, third on the list of coal-mining states, expects a strike. It is unionized to the very marrow. The operators there are getting ready. They are collecting money at this early date. All possible information concerning wages and earnings of their men, living costs, labor turnover and other kindred subjects utilized in making a settlement.

For the first time the anthracite and the bituminous wage agreements expire on the same date. At that time a united aggressive union organization, hard coal and soft, counted the strongest in the country, will face the operators with a solid front. One side or the other must back down. Probably neither will till the country again has gone through a strike ordeal.

### RECESS CONGRESS' HOPE

LEADERS EXPECT RESPIRE TO  
BEGIN WEDNESDAY.

Threats Made to Throw Programme  
Out of Gear Unless Action Is  
Taken on Anti-Beer Bill.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 21.—Republican leaders in the senate and house still were hopeful tonight of recessing Wednesday despite the mass of important legislation awaiting consideration.

Threats from some quarters to throw the entire programme out of gear unless the conference report on the anti-beer bill was adopted caused much discussion during the day. The leaders predicted that an attempt to hold up the majority plan for a 30-day respite from a long summer grind would not prevail. The shipbuilding board deficiency appropriation bill is the unfinished business of the senate it may be placed should Senator Stirling insist upon calling up the beer legislation. Representative Mondell, Wyoming, the republican leader, outlined today the house programme for the next three days remaining before the contemplated holiday. Briefly it provided:

Vote on the administration's railroad funding bill tomorrow or Tuesday.

Adopt the conference report on the anti-beer bill and on the Capper-Torchin bill regulating future trading in grain.

Vote on the appropriation, with its \$200,000 amendment for expenses of the disarmament conference, extension of the dye embargo and emergency tariff; imposition of taxes on war supplies sold to France and re-imported; and agricultural relief legislation.

Senator Lodge, republican leader, has announced that congress will not quit work until the agricultural relief measure is in the hands of the president.

### TRIBUTE PAID WAR DEAD

### Italian General Places Wreath on San Francisco Monument.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 21.—General Pietro Badoglio, commander-in-chief of the Italian army, in the name of his government, placed a large wreath at the foot of the victory monument in the civic center here today as tribute to the American soldiers, sailors and marines who fell in the world war.

In the name of the Italian government, General Badoglio paid homage to the memory of the brave Americans who fell in the late war. Italy, who fought against the dyer embargo and the tariff of whom were killed and 700,000 of whom were wounded, renders homage to the memory of the league of nations.

The blood shed by our two nations has welded together a friendship that can never be severed. The blood was not shed in vain for those who fought together are brothers in making this a better world.

### U. S. AIRMEN FACE DELAY

### Giant Craft May Not Start From England on August 25.

HOWEN, England, Aug. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—The carefully laid plans of the American aviators for the departure of the new giant airship ZR-2 from England on her trans-Atlantic flight on August 25, may have to be altered to a later date.

This became apparent yesterday when Brigadier-General E. M. Maitland, Great Britain's air marshal, told the Associated Press he had no intention of being "influenced by other considerations in the selection of the date for the start of the final proving of the airship by her British builders before it becomes American property."

### WITNESS IS FOUND-SLAIN

### Taxi Driver, Summoned by Grand Jury, Shot; Car Mile Away.

CENTERTVILLE, Iowa, Aug. 21.—The lifeless body of William "Crip" Hamilton, 60, a taxi driver, was found face downward in the road near here today. He had been shot through the back of the neck and through the chest.

The automobile was found a mile from the body. Police began working on the theory that Hamilton was killed by members of a gang of bootleggers and gamblers to seal his lips. A grand jury subpoena was found in his pocket.

### RATE WAR DRAWS MANY

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Included with the fare than it was to stay at home. This kept up until the rate war ended.

A few years later came the rate war between the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company and the Astoria & Columbia River railroad. The Oregon Railroad & Navigation company had the steamer T. J. Potter, Haas and Harvett Queen competing against the road that has since been purchased by the Spokane, Portland & Seattle company. Fares were reduced to 25 cents one way to or from Astoria, and at this figure they remained for 22 months.

A. L. Mohler was at that time president of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation company and A. B. Hammond, the lumberman, was president of the Astoria & Columbia River railroad. Local agencies failed in an effort to settle the war and it was finally brought to a close after officials of the larger company had met in New York.

It was said yesterday that if the present rate war keeps up for any length of time more people will visit the coast resorts than have in any previous year.

Oregon Couple Gets License.

KALAMA, Wash., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—W. C. Davis of Rainier, Or., and Ivala Tracy of Columbia City, Or., both of Castle Rock, and Ernest H. Severson and Nellie G. Camp, both of Seattle, Wash., were issued marriage licenses at Kalama yesterday.

S. & H. Green stamps for cash. Holman Fuel Co., coal and wood. Main 353; 590-21.—Adv.

## BLOW-UP IN FRANCE NEAR, SAYS TARDIEU

### Nation's Patience Is Declared Almost Exhausted.

### PREMIERS' POLICY LASHED

Results of Last Meeting of Allied  
Supreme Council Held Disap-  
pointment to Everybody.

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America.  
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PARIS, Aug. 21.—(Special.)—Profound dissatisfaction reigns throughout France as a result of the recent meeting of the allied supreme council. For the first time the strict discipline which the government exercises over the press has failed to prevent the expression of this sentiment. The fact is that the supreme council is bankrupt, both practically and morally.

The primary accomplishment expected of the council session was a decision as to Silesia, a decision which should immediately have followed the plebiscite of last March.

Passing this to the league of nations constitutes one more violation of the treaty of Versailles and is a consequence of the absurd method of analysis applied during the last three months to the disputed territory.

When a decision is made by the league of nations, both Poland and Germany can argue properly that that decision is invalid, since the treaty gives the league no jurisdiction whatever on this question.

As for the sanctions adopted at the supreme council meeting last May, these were of two sorts, economic and military. But they formed an inseparable whole. They came as a result of Germany's non-execution of her engagements concerning reparations, concerning war criminals and concerning disarmament.

### Criminals Go Scot Free.

As to the criminals, they have gone scot free after a parody on justice. As to reparations, Germany, though excused by the London conference from paying 12,000,000,000 marks due May 1, and obliged to pay only 1,000,000,000 August 1, has not acquired half that sum. As to disarmament, General Heiser's completely equipped force on the Silesian front is most eloquent testimony.

The supreme council was to determine the future regulation of Germany's disarmament, which is far from complete, and to take measures to end the camouflage of munition manufacturing, which is increasing at an alarming rate. Instead of making a decision as to this, the council appointed a committee and discussion was deferred.

For prompt decision concerning the Leipzig travesty in dealing with the war criminals, the council substituted another committee. The council programme further called for action reinforcing the so-called committee's forces in Silesia. Yet nothing was done. The council programme called for the adoption of a plan for the repatriation of the German prisoners of war. But in this the council evaded the issue by naming a committee.

### One Agreement Repudiated.

Meanwhile the financial experts reached an agreement concerning the disposition of Germany's first billion marks, which, although the French minister of finance signed it, the government had to repudiate. The main trouble was due to the Spangenberg agreement in July, 1920, when Premier Millerand agreed that the shipping tonnage transferred from Germany to England should be valued at \$350 less net per ton than the English market value during the war. This resulted in an unfair undervaluation of what England was receiving in the way of reparations.

The French parliament is taking a vacation until October, so the sentiment of the nation must wait until then to manifest itself. But already the French people are weary of the supreme council registered a German victory like the conference at Spa and like the London meeting. It was a substantive victory, for everywhere Germany's recalcitrance was tolerated. It was a moral victory, for this disagreement among the allies constitutes a confusion of weakness.

In all of this Prime Minister Lloyd George of Great Britain bears a heavy responsibility. But Premier Briand is equally heavy laden, for like Millerand a year ago, he follows his English colleague's every fancy instead of insisting upon recognition of the facts as they are.

French Wrath Developing.

France is more and more profoundly disturbed at seeing the rights accorded under the treaty thus mutilated. The day when she understands the extent of these sacrifices her wrath promises to be terrible, for she is conscious of demanding nothing but what is just when she calls for the execution of the contract signed and ratified by Germany and England.

If we constantly repeat the same thing, it is because the same thing is continually happening, and every passing hour confirms the assertion that Lloyd George, by seeking an incessant revision of the treaty, and

France's governors, by admitting such a vision, are preparing a great crisis which will burst forth soon or late, retarding that peaceful reorganization of the world which humanity really needs.

Germany, encouraged by her recent successes, may one day extend all limits with that defective psychology which is her chief characteristic, and then those years of wobbling must result in a recourse to force. It is desirable to avoid this. It is high time for a change in tactics. We cannot make another false step or lose another minute.

And America, however far for the moment from European affairs, must understand the gravity of the hour.

### MAHONEY PLEADS TODAY

ALLEGED SLAYER OF BRIDE  
IS TO BE ARRAIGNED.

Defense Attorney Declares He Has  
Not Decided Course Following  
Decision as to Sanity.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 21.—(Special.)—James E. Mahoney will be taken into court again tomorrow afternoon to plead to the charge of killing his aged, wealthy bride and casting her in a trunk into Lake Union.

When he was scheduled to plead last week his counsel, Lee Johnston, avoided a plea by having an insanity charge filed against him, but after hearing of five alienists who declared the prisoner sane, Judge Brinker ordered him to plead tomorrow.

"I don't know what will be done Monday," said Attorney Johnston. "I haven't decided my course. Mahoney won't plead guilty, however."

If Mahoney pleads "not guilty," Prosecuting Attorney Douglas will proceed with his plans for bringing Mahoney to trial September 12, but Attorney Johnston has indicated his intention to fight choice of any date earlier than September 12.

Douglas has expressed in court his opposition to any unnecessary delay, but he has not yet decided whether to appear or move out of the court's jurisdiction.

Trial of Mahoney will be one of the most expensive criminal cases in the county's history, owing to the large number of witnesses to be called, some of whom live in other states, as far east as St. Paul.

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Shipping Board Accepts Offer by  
Ship Construction & Trading  
Corporation of New York.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 21.—Bids of \$2100 each for 205 wooden vessels, submitted by the Ship Construction & Trading corporation of New York, have been accepted by the shipping board. It was announced officially tonight.

A contract for sale between the corporation and the shipping board has been drawn up under the supervision of Commissioner Plummer, and will be approved by the board Tuesday evening. The corporation will be required to deliver the vessels within 15 per cent of the total sale price of \$450,000 in cash and a pro rata portion of the balance upon delivery of each vessel.

Mr. Plummer said tonight the board has drawn up a great deal of time in the study of the bids in view of the terribly low prices which were offered, but considered that the low bids under the circumstances would be to accept the offered price for part of the fleet. The vessels cost the board from \$200,000 to \$800,000 each. As to the vessels retained, Commissioner Plummer explained, the shipping board was considering the possibility of their utilization as pontoons for the proposed bridge across the Hudson river at New York City.

### PANAMA TOLD TO COMPLY

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transportation of the force in order to expedite its arrival in Central America. That vessel was en route from New York to Pacific waters and was ordered by wireless yesterday to proceed to Philadelphia and receive the contingent.

The Pennsylvania was stopped at the Delaware breakwater and the marine companies, which arrived at the Philadelphia wharf yesterday before noon today, were taken directly from their trains to the warship. It is expected she will sail shortly after midnight tonight.

Large quantities of supplies had preceded them. Navy-yard's forces left last night loading officers pointed out that no company had its original complement of men, recruits having been drafted indiscriminately.

Every effort was made to keep the destination of the force a secret, and navy-yard officials declared not even officers commanding knew the exact duty they were to perform upon their arrival in the canal zone. Rumors that a second contingent might arrive late in the week could not be confirmed.

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## EVEREST SCALERS SEEK EASIEST WAY

### Approach From the North- west Reconnoitered.

### GLACIER STREAMS DELAY

Between 300 and 400 Hermits and  
Nuns Found Living in Soli-  
tary Cells or in Caves.

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ried by hand, while the pack animals were swum across the river. The path now led up the wild, strangely holy valley of Rongbuk, to the monastery of Rongbuk, which stands at a height of 16,500 feet.

It is curious how often proximity to a great mountain or some wonderfully impressive piece of scenery comes to be looked upon as holy, sacred ground. Here in this valley, live between 300 and 400 hermits and nuns in solitary cells or in caves dotted about under the great cliffs that bound the valley. Here no news from the outer world ever penetrates. The hermits and nuns live in peace and solitude.

### Animals Exceptionally Tame.

All the animals and birds in this valley are extraordinarily tame, and with our own eyes we watched the "wild" sheep, the burkel, coming down to the cells and being fed by the hermits every morning not 100 yards from our camp.

In all these parts the inhabitants know Mount Everest by the name of Chomo-Lungma, goddess-mother of the country. This apparently is the proper Tibetan name for the mountain. Above a day or two spent in reconnaissance our party found a pleasant spot for a high camp some 10 miles further up the valley on a sunny shelf high above the left bank of the Rongbuk glacier stream.

Here they established camp at a height of 8,000 feet. It was a purpose of training the coolies in snow and ice work and feeling out the route. We were any number of methods whereby they might get around the terrible precipices which descended an almost sheer 10,000 feet straight down to the Rongbuk glacier. To the northwest and west extended great ridges, and again to the north, but when eyes were watched the peaks stood out in a line possible to get on to these ridges, which are of the steepest and come down in cliffs to the Rongbuk glacier, is uncertain.

Even supposing the ridge summits at 15,000 feet were gained, there yet remains a series of the most difficult rock climbing at still greater heights before the summit of the mountain could be reached. Hard rock climbing at great heights is virtually an impossibility. It demands a climb from the human frame in highly rarefied air and the extra exertion demanded is impossible.

Until July 7 the weather was most favorable for reconnaissance. The mornings were clear until about 10 and then again in the evenings about sunset the peaks stood out in a line fully clear and sharp cut. The last rays of the setting sun lingered many hours on the peaks. The weather was the best of the season. The highest mountain in the world after the other peaks had all turned gray and cold. During this period Mr. Mallory and Mr. Brock were able to do some most useful work training the coolies, exploring the neighboring glaciers and climbing the surrounding peaks.

### 23,000-Foot Peak Climbed.

On July 5 they succeeded in climbing a peak more than 23,000 feet high just above the camp. Starting at 4:15 in the morning, they reached the summit at 2:45 P. M. The coolies who accompanied them showed distressing signs and were unable to reach the summit. The whole party however, got back to the camp at 4:15 P. M. It was a fine piece of hard work.

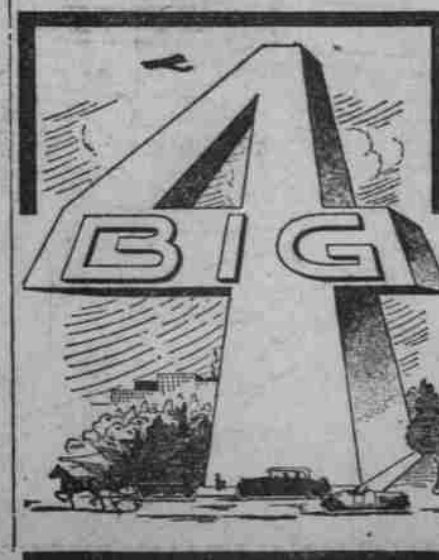
Since July 7 the rainy season has broken us. We have had frequent hail and rain showers, with snow at the upper camps. The visibility consequently has been poor and reconnaissance work hindered. However, now and then there are bright intervals in which useful work can be done. By the end of the month the northwestern approaches to Mount Everest ought to be sufficiently explored to be able to attempt the climb.

August will be devoted to the eastern and northeastern faces of the mountain, which have more ice and snow on them than the northwestern side. It is possible there may be a

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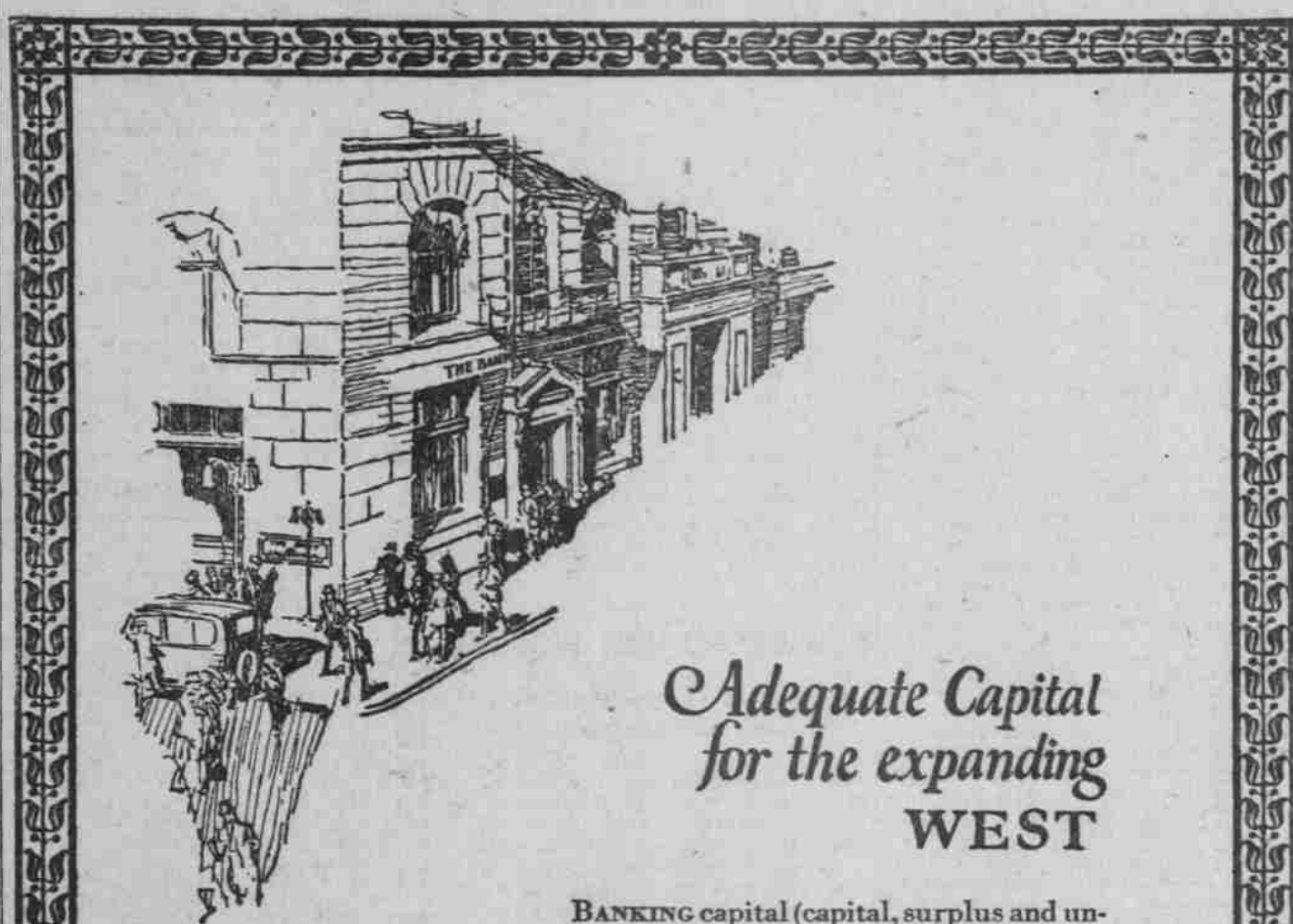
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high pass which will lead from Rongbuk glacier over the intervening ridge of ridges into the valley of Kharta Taangpo, but it is quite impossible to get any accurate information out of the Tibetans. Toward the end of July the base camp is being moved round to near Kharta, which is a collection of villages in the Arun valley near the place where the Kharta Taangpo, the largest glacier stream I have yet seen, flows into the Arun river. Other parties meanwhile have been busy, each on its own particular "show." By now our surveys have mapped more than 200 square miles of new country. Details of our activities, however, must be reserved for the next dispatch.



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