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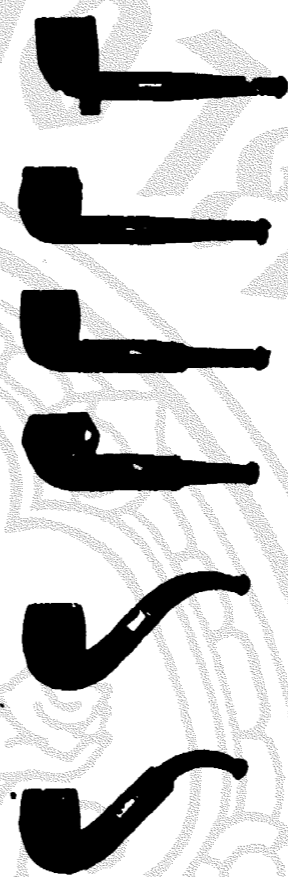
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FOR Feb., 1917.

Feb.	A.M.			L. W. (Approx.)	Fees
	H. W.	Ft. & in.			
1	8 00	14 7	
2	8 00	14 3	
3	6 00	14 5	
4	6 00	14 10	
5	6 60	15 2	...	...
6	6 30	15 5	...	...
7	6 30	15 8	...	...
8	7 00	15 5	...	...
9	7 00	15 4	...	...
10	7 30	15 2	...	...
11	7 30	15 2	...	...
12	7 30	15 1	1-0	7-0	
13	7 30	15 0	1-2	7-0	
14	8 00	14 8	2-0	7-0	
15	8 00	14 6	...	...
16	8 00	14 3	...	...
17	8 30	14 2	...	...
18	5 00	14 8	...	...
19	5 00	15 1	...	...
20	5 30	15 4	...	...
21	6 00	15 8	...	...
22	6 30	15 4	...	...
23	7 00	15 1	1-0	7-0	
24	7 00	15 1	1-0	6-0	
25	7 00	15 1	1-0	7-0	
26	7 00	14 9	1-2	7-0	
27	7 00	14 9	...	...
28	7 00	14 9	...	...
29	...	...	...	...
30	...	...	...	...
31	...	...	...	...

Feb.	P.M.			Foot.
	H. W.	Ft. & in.	L. W.	
	(Approx.)			
1	11 00	12 6	4.5	7.0
2	...	...	5.6	7.0
3	...	...	5.6	7.0
4	...	...	6.7	7.0
5	...	...	6.7	7.0
6	...	...	9.10	7.0
7	3 30	12 8	10.11	7.0
8	4 00	13 1	11.12	7.0
9	5 00	13 6	12.0	7.0
10	6 00	14 1	12.0	7.0
11	7 00	13 10	...	...
12	8 00	13 7	...	...
13	9 30	13 3	2.3	7.0
14	10 00	13 4	2.3	7.0
15	11 00	13 4	4.5	7.0
16	...	...	5.6	7.0
17	...	...	6.0	7.0
18	...	...	6.9	7.0
19	...	...	9.10	7.0
20	2 30	12 7	10.11	7.0
21	2 30	13 0	11.12	7.0
22	5 30	13 8	12.0	7.0
23	6 00	14 1	...	...
24	6 30	14 6
25	7 30	14 3	1.0	7.0
26	8 00	14 2	1.8	7.0
27	8 30	14 2	2.0	7.0
28	10 00	13 10	3.5	7.0
29
30
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PHASES OF THE MOON.

Feb. 7th O Full Moon 10.10 a.m.
15th (Last Quarter) 8.35 a.m.
22nd New Moon 0.51 a.m.
28th First Quarter 11.28 p.m.

Paddy Crop Report for
Mondol Channai.

For January 8-14, 2489.

Krung Sab.

Nondaburi:—The total area under cultivation is about 50,400 rai, the paddy is in better condition than last year. About 51,700 rai have been harvested yielding about 9,910 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 48 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.65 baht per tang.

Minburi:—The total area under cultivation is 235,700 rai, about 15,900 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 51,220 rai have been harvested yielding about 8,170 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 51 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.65 baht per tang.

Phra Pradaeng:—The total area under cultivation is 35,900 rai, about 800 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 6,800 rai have been harvested yielding about 3,240 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 61 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.56 baht per tang.

Samudprakar:—The total area under cultivation is 258,000 rai, about 87,500 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 109,500 rai have been harvested yielding about 32,120 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 51 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.75 baht per tang.

Mondol Krung Kae.

Dhanyaburi:—The total area under cultivation is 337,000 rai, about 10,000 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 283,280 rai have been harvested yielding about 66,220 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 45 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.62 baht per tang.

Pradum Dhani:—The total area under cultivation is 139,300 rai, about 1,500 rai more than last year. The paddy is in fair condition. About 9,780 rai have been harvested yielding about 3,420 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 56 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.68 baht per tang.

Ayudhya:—The total area under cultivation is 1,155,500 rai, about 82,000 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 206,070 rai have been harvested yielding about 107,260 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 48 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.75 baht per tang.

Angthong:—The total area under cultivation is 397,800 rai, about 69,200

rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 203,500 rai have been harvested yielding about 4,050 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 48 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.50 baht per tang.

Singhaburi:—The total area under cultivation is 195,200 rai, about 1,400 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 17,650 rai have been harvested yielding about 10,780 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 44 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.75 baht per tang.

Saraburi:—The total area under cultivation is 301,700 rai, about 126,500 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 278,990 rai have been harvested yielding about 91,250 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 49 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.50 baht per tang.

Lobbur:—The total area under cultivation is 405,500 rai, about 28,700 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 88,130 rai have been harvested yielding about 46,020 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 44 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.62 baht per tang.

Mondol Nagar Jayari.

Negor Pathom:—The total area under cultivation is 450,000 rai, the paddy is in the same condition as last year. About 68,100 rai have been harvested yielding about 17,020 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 54 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.70 baht per tang.

Samudra Sagar:—The total area under cultivation is 88,800 rai, about 4,700 rai more than last year. The paddy is in the same condition as last year. About 40,410 rai have been harvested yielding about 11,220 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 55 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.80 baht per tang.

Subarn:—The total area under cultivation is 554,400 rai, about the same as last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 93,470 rai have been harvested yielding about 31,160 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 43 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.50 baht per tang.

Mondol Rajaburi.

Rajaburi:—The total area under cultivation is 286,000 rai, about 56,200 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 57,270 rai have been harvested yielding about 12,110 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 58 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.50 baht per tang.

Samudra Songram:—The total area,

(Continued on page 7.)

THE RAINFALL.

Rainfall for the 4th week in January 2489

Locality.	Rainfall recorded during the week.	Rainfall of corresponding week of last year.	Total rainfall for present year to date.	Total rainfall for last year to corresponding date.	Remarks.
Millimetres. Millimetres. Millimetres. Millimetres.					
Ministry of Agriculture	None	None	1141.1	1233.6	
Dhanyaburi	None	None	977.5	1253.3	
Samudprakar	None	None	1881.1	1372.6	
Krung Kao	None	None	1214.8	1073.5	
Angthong	None	None	1741.8	1450.8	
Lobbur	None	None	1508.6	1809.0	
Tainart	None	None	1414.6	1372.2	
Udaihani	None	None	1475.1	1446.2	
Bianuloke	None	None	1809.1	1471.4	
Khaxerengsao	None	None	1257.8	1218.1	
Prachin	None	None	1447.9	1580.4	
Nagor Pathom	None	None	1454.9	1564.3	
Rajaburi	5.5	None	1235.2	1256.0	
Xisaraburi	None	None	1761.5	1722.4	
Bejngmai	None	None	1401.6	863.9	
Singora	65.5	None	1872.9	2190.0	

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TIME TABLE.

IN FORCE FROM 1st JANUARY, 1917 TO JULY, 1917.

BANGKOK-MEKLONG.

Effect of the Blockade.

Paris, January 24.—Lord Robert Cecil, in an interview with a French News Agency, regarding the blockade, said: We had the undoubted right to use our sea-power to cut off supplies from the enemy, and we meant to exercise it to the utmost. Germany was reduced to commandeering all available domestic supplies of copper to a substitute of very dubious value for rubber, and to introducing tickets for food and clothing. The rations allowed to each German are supposed to include half a pound of meat weekly, a few thimblefuls of butter, and eggs every fortnight; and even this is frequently not forthcoming. The bread is very bad in quality, and very scarce in quantity. The potato crop has largely failed and the hopes the German people had founded on it will be largely disappointed. The situation in Austria is even worse.

Sinkings.

London, Jan. 30.—Sinkings: The steamers Jevington (British), Thersedal, Dunstad, Fulton (Norwegian), and Egret (Russian).

London, Jan. 31.—The Admiralty relates a story of cold blooded German brutality in the torpedoing of the steamship Artist in a heavy easterly gale. Sixteen of the survivors were sent adrift and were picked up three days later. Seven had died of wounds and exposure.

London, Jan. 31.—Lloyd's Agency says that the steamer Clanshaw, which struck a mine and went ashore on Jan. 23, has since broken her back and is a total wreck. Salvage has been abandoned.

Hindenburg's Problem.

London, Jan. 22.—The abnormal drain of the Eastern Front is a heavy problem for Hindenburg, particularly as the Riga offensive showed that defence lines cannot be left thinly held. Threats at various points have caused constant movements of weary troops; and it is said that the Railway's rolling stock is wearing badly, owing to excessive use. The heavy surface, and the pressure of bad weather, have weakened the ballasting, and steel for relaying is scarce. According to a despatch from a Bulgarian source Hindenburg knows that the time is rapidly approaching when his Eastern Front will be tested as never before; and his inability to detach troops has given rise to considerable ill-feeling in Sofia, whose repeated appeals for a great offensive against the Allies in Macedonia has met with silence.

Greek Brutality.

Stories told by released victims of Greek brutality recall the worst incidents of the Indian Mutiny Days. One prisoner was kept shut up for 16 days. He was confined with 98 other wounded Venetians in a cell 16 ft. by 20 ft. kept without food for 48 hours, and not allowed to move out of the cell. Among his companions was M. Benaki, Mayor of Athens, whose face was bleeding and whose clothes were soaked in blood. To complaints of overcrowding the only reply of the authorities was "They thought there were twice as many in the room." He was robbed of 125 francs on being seized by the Royalists, and failed to get it back on his release.—Ex.

King Constantine's Decision.

London, January 23.—The Anglo-Hellenic League, tells Reuter that King Constantine yielded to the Allies' ultimatum only after being assured that the Greek people would refuse to fight against the Protecting Powers; but the realisation that Germany is unable to carry out her promises had considerable weight.

The "Exchange" correspondent at Copenhagen mentions reports from Sofia and Constantinople, that no more letters or wireless messages are expected there from Athens, and adds: "It is supposed that the Allies are seizing all the Greek Post Offices."

Reuter's Athens correspondent says the rowdy elements have bowed to the King's decision, and apparently accepted the situation with good grace.

Sereth not Crossed.

London, Jan. 19.—Accounts now represent the Rumanian situation as much more satisfactory, and it is still improving. The report from Petrograd received at Rome even describes the successes near Pralea and at Vadeni as constituting definite defeats of the enemy on either wing; it is added that the numerical superiority is now on the side of our Allies. The menace to Galatz has been entirely removed.

According to "Reuter's" Petrograd correspondent, the enemy's centre is entrenching on the bank of the Sereth. Although the Germans have shortened their line, it appears from the Austrian newspapers that they have not been able to reduce the number of troops employed in Rumania. The conquered territory has had to be strongly garrisoned, especially the sea coast against Russian attack; and the number of men required is much in excess of the estimate. It appears that this was made clear at the Vienna Conference. There the ways and means in man power seemed to have been discussed.

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ENCOURAGING TRADE.

In another column we give a translation of an Act appearing in an extraordinary issue of the Government Gazette published yesterday. It may be remembered that when the Government deemed it advisable some fifteen years ago to issue Government currency notes, it was enacted that all the silver received for these notes should be held as a reserve in the Treasury vaults. As stated briefly in the preamble to this new amending Act the object of the Government at the present time is to enable a part of this silver reserve to be used for trade requirements through the Treasury. The Minister of Finance is authorised to withdraw twenty five per cent. of the value of the notes in circulation and exchange same for gold coin or bullion or silver bullion. At the same time the Minister is also authorised to withdraw a sum not exceeding 50 per cent. of the value of the outstanding notes for investment in securities. This practically is the same as the law has been hitherto and hence it is that we find in the monthly Treasury accounts so much silver and so much scrip going to make up the total amount of notes in circulation. Under this Amendment Act the Minister of Finance need only hold 25 per cent. of the total circulation in silver coins (i.e. ticals) while another 25 per cent. must be held in gold coin or bullion or in silver bullion and 50 per cent. only in investments. It will be remembered that the present circulation is about 48 millions and thus 25 per cent. of this amount or 12 millions, becomes available for trade purposes, while the silver coin reserve must be another 12 millions.

It is to be hoped that the effect of this Act will bring further prosperity to Siam, at this time when neutral countries are benefitting in various ways. Mr. Oswald Stoll in a recent volume entitled "The People's Credit" argues that banking credit and not gold, is the bedrock of finance. In America the cry of some of her bankers has been "We want gold," while others with equal vigour say: "We do not want gold." "Pay in securities instead of gold." In the last few months business men in Europe appear to have grasped the great fact that banking credit is the real currency of the industry and commerce of the modern world. It is said that in the United States at the present day credit may be created and used as money by a banker to the extent of five times the amount of gold in his coffers.

Any help by the Siamese Government to help to encourage trade in the present times must be welcomed by all.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A RELIABLE stores clerk is wanted by the Royal State Railways, Southern Line.

THE s.s. *Kamuning* will leave from the Borneo Company's Wharf at 4 p.m. sharp, on Friday the 9th inst. and should arrive in Singapore on Wednesday at daylight.

THE races at the R. B. S. C. will begin on Saturday the 10th inst. at 3.30 p.m., Tuesday the 13th inst. at 4 p.m., Thursday the 15th inst. at 4 p.m., Saturday the 17th inst. at 3.30 p.m. Lotteries will be sold each evening on Friday the 9th, Monday the 12th, Wednesday the 14th and Friday the 16th February at 9 p.m.

NEW advts.—The Siam Auctioneering Co. will sell on Saturday next at the premises lately occupied by H. Graebert and Co. a number of show cases, ceiling fans etc. Fresh apples, butter, etc. at the Excelsior Cold Storage. Messrs D. H. Nevsehir and Co., London, are prepared to act as selling agents for local firms. Large assortment of pipes, cigar and cigarette cases etc. for sale at the Oriental Store.

It is stated in the Peking papers that during the first two weeks of January hundreds of people, including ricksha men, coolies, and beggars, both male and female, have been frozen to death in Peking. Many of these cases might have been saved by the judicious distribution of a small sum of money. An effort is being made by the Executive Committee of the Home for Destitute Native Women to relieve, to some extent at least, the suffering in Peking among the poor caused by the severe cold weather.

Paper Currency Act Amendment Act.

B. E. 2459.

The following is a translation of the Paper Currency Act Amendment Act of the year B. E. 2459 which has been published in a special issue of the Government Gazette of 7th February:—

Whereas under the operation of Sections 6, 10 and 12 of the Paper Currency Act, R. S. 121, as amended by the Paper Currency Act Amendment Act, R. S. 125, and of Sections 4 and 16 of the Gold Standard Act, R. S. 127, and Part II of the Notification issued on the 11th November R. S. 127 suspending the operation of certain sections of the said Gold Standard Act, the whole of the coin set apart for the satisfaction and discharge of the currency notes in circulation consists of silver ticals.

And whereas, owing to the great rise in the value of the notes in circulation and the consequent locking up of a greatly increased number of silver ticals as a reserve against the notes, it is desirable to provide means whereby a portion of the amount so held by the Paper Currency Department in silver ticals may be made available for the purposes of the Treasury at times when export trade is brisk and Treasury balances are falling.

Now therefore His Majesty the King has been pleased to command the amendment of the Paper Currency Act, as follows:—

(1) Sections 10 and 11 of the Paper Currency Act, R. S. 121, as amended by the Paper Currency Act Amendment Act R. S. 125, shall be repealed and the following Sections substituted therefor:—

Section 10. The whole of the coin received in exchange for Currency notes under this Act shall (except as hereinafter provided) be retained as a reserve to pay these notes.

The Minister of Finance is authorised to withdraw a part of the said reserve (not exceeding twenty-five per cent. of the value of the notes in circulation) and to hold it in gold coin or bullion abroad, or in silver bullion either abroad, or in transit to Siam, or in course of minting into silver ticals.

The Minister of Finance is further authorised to withdraw from the said reserve, for investment, an amount not exceeding fifty per cent. of the value of the notes in circulation.

Section 11. The amounts withdrawn from the coin reserve, as provided for in Section 10, shall be notified in the *Government Gazette*, and the amount to be invested shall be used for the purchase of such securities as the Minister of Finance may think proper.

(2) In lines 1 and 6 of Section 12 of the Paper Currency Act, R. S. 121, the word "bullion" shall be inserted after the word "coin".

(3) In line 1 of Section 18 (b) of the Paper Currency Act, R. S. 121, as amended by the Paper Currency Act Amendment Act, R. S. 125, the words "and bullion" shall be inserted after the word "coin".

Proclaimed on 3rd day of February 2459 (1917), being the 277th day of the present reign.

Submarine Building.

Amsterdam, Dec. 26.—German shipyards are working day and night constructing an enormous fleet of submarines. The only limit to the number is the great difficulty of securing adequately trained crews. The chief training centre is Kiel harbour, where 30 of the newest and largest submarines are daily used solely for the purpose of training crews. A feature of the new vessels is the extraordinary shape. The bows resemble the blade of a scythe, pointing upwards from the outwater. A newly invented process makes the blade extremely hard and sharp in order that a submarine travelling at moderate speed may be able to cut through a wire hawser 1½ inches thick. The larger submarines are equipped for a voyage of 70 days.

In launching a submarine at the Germania wharf recently, the vessel slid down the slip with increasing speed. When it was impossible to check the submarine the horrified spectators saw a big iron implement flying across the slip. The vessel struck the obstacle, bounded up and fell upside down into the water, the crew being drowned.

All Germany is ringing with the coming exploits of the submarine fleet which has renewed the cheerfulness of great bodies of the people.

New York Adopting Conscription.

New York, Jan. 17.—New York has set a patriotic example in the national preparedness campaign and is the first State to adopt conscription. Governor Whitman has signed laws modelled on the Swiss system of compulsory military training and service.

PAUDY REPORT FOR FEB. 7.

Nasuan 4040 ooyans at Tos.	71/85 each
Samruang 310	73/75
Namuang	" "
Total	4350
29 Jan. to 4 Feb. 1917. (Last week.)	
Nasuan	24240 Ooyans.
Samruang	1960
Namuang	"
Total	26,200

THE Great War.

Holland's Troubles.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

Amsterdam.—There is great scarcity of coal, paraffin and potatoes in Holland and there was a big demonstration against the food shortage. In Rotterdam yesterday the grocers' shops and coal carts were plundered.

Raid on Bruges.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

The Admiralty announces that naval aeroplanes attacked Bruges harbour on Friday, bombed torpedo craft and set on fire the dock buildings. Another successful raid on Saturday bombed the docks and railway terminus. All the pilots returned despite the difficulties of intense cold.

Western Line.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Feb. 6. We threw back to the northwest the enemy who had penetrated up to the first line from trenches in the forest of Parroy. We captured a patrol party in the region Ancerville. We destroyed sheltered positions in Alsace in the region of Aspach, northwest of Altkirch and at various points of the German line.

Sinkings.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Feb. 6. London.—The British steamer *Hurstwood* has been sunk; three were killed and two wounded. The Norwegian steamer *Oden* has been sunk; two were killed.

Mesopotamia Report.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Feb. 6. London.—A Mesopotamia report says: We captured on the 3rd instant on the west junction of the upper Tigris three rows of trenches on a front of 600 metres and to a depth of 350 metres.

Plot to Murder Lloyd George.

(“S. O.” SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, Feb. 7. Three women and a man were charged at Derby for plotting to murder Mr. Lloyd George by means of poisoned darts. They were described as desperate people who were doing their best to injure Britain at a time of war.

Enthusiasm in America.

(“S. O.” SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, Feb. 7. There is tremendous enthusiasm for President Wilson throughout America. Wilson takes for granted that all neutrals will follow America's example.

Bernstorff Dismisses Bopp From Consulate.

New York, January 16.—The German Consul-General at San Francisco, Bopp, who was convicted with others of plotting to blow up munition-ships, bridges, etc., has been removed from his office, by order of the Ambassador, Count Bernstorff, for having violated the neutrality of the United States.

Germany and P.ace.

New York, Dec. 28.—The Tribune reprints the following article, published recently in the Berliner Lokalanzeiger:—“We began the war a year too soon. When we have secured a German peace we must begin immediately our reorganisation on a broader basis. We must carefully calculate in advance what the country lacks in raw material and secure immense reserves to remain unused until some day in the future. We must also establish a definite commercial understanding with countries outside Europe to prevent munition supplies going to our enemies. Finally when the next war comes it must not be a year too soon.”

Wire News.

London, Jan. 30.—Mesopotamia Commission has examined Earl Crewe.

Christiania, Feb. 2.—Mails and goods traffic with England has been suspended.

Washington, Jan. 30.—President Wilson has vetoed the Immigration Bill owing to the literary test.

Paris, Jan. 30.—It is officially estimated that 10,690,000 acres have been sown with wheat compared with 12,580,000 last year.

London, Jan. 31.—Reuter is informed that the Turks are trying to suppress the Arabic language and also to eliminate introducing non Arabic prayers.

New York, Feb. 1.—The cotton market on opening experienced an unprecedented break but recovered later. The stock-markets were similarly affected by the wildest selling since the war began.

Madrid, Jan. 31.—The military tribunal has abandoned proceedings against Major Francisco, of the General Staff (accused of making a speech against the Allies), but the Captain General has ordered him two months detention as a disciplinary measure.

Copenhagen, Feb. 2.—At a secret sitting of the Riksdag, the Minister for Foreign Affairs announced the Government's intention to endeavour to ensure the maintenance of trade with other countries. All parties approved.

The sitting closed with the Speaker appealing to members to meet the new situation with dignity and tranquillity.

London, Feb. 1.—The death has taken place of Admiral Kane, hero of the Callopie in the Samoa affair of 1889.

[It was during a terrific storm in the South Seas, during which many ships were sunk in harbour, that the Callopie won safety by a magnificent dash to the open sea. The crews of other vessels cheered her, and a well known poem records the episode.]

London, Feb. 1.—Wireless Russian Official. Despite asphyxiating gas and frost we cleared out the enemy from the Kalencem highroad and reoccupied our trenches. We frustrated on Wednesday three attacks against heights eastward of Jakobeni, taking prisoner there on Tuesday more than a thousand. Our warships captured five boats near Anatolia.

London, Feb. 1.—Mr. Prothero, speaking at Maidstone on the fixing of produce prices, appealed to farmers to cultivate to the greatest extent and so induce India, Egypt and the Dominions to follow the example of sacrifice of war profits and enter on a great movement whereby we should be able to snap our fingers at Chicago speculation.

Christmas in London.

London spent a sober, but decidedly cheery Christmas, despite the bad fog which darkened the streets, and made travelling difficult. Everything possible was done to make the time pleasant for the forces in London. The Y.M.C.A. Huts were crowded with Dominion soldiers on leave or those British soldiers who could not reach their homes for Xmas day, while many hundreds of soldiers were received as guests in private houses. By permission of the King about 400 soldiers' children were entertained in the Royal Riding School of Windsor Castle on Boxing day. The guests were restricted to the children of men serving in the Royal Berks Regiment, and men from the Royal Estate. Arrangements were carried out by General Carteret-Carey, acting Governor of Windsor Castle and Mrs. Carteret-Carey. There was a 30 feet high Xmas tree, the decorations of which were given by the Duchesses of Albany, while 200 toys, all British made, were sent by the Queen and Princess Mary.

Germany's Colonies.

London, Jan. 31.—Mr. Walter Long, Secretary of State for the Colonies, in a speech at a War Loan meeting at Westminster hall, said: “I speak with responsibility and as representative of the Overseas Dominions, who are the pride and glory of the Empire to day, when I say: Let no man think that the struggles whereby we have acquired the German Colonies have been fought in vain. Let no man think that these territories shall ever return to German rule.”

Since he had been at the Colonial Office he had been very much struck with the fine liberality that the native races in all parts of the world had shown in order to help the country.

Mikado as Poet.

On the morning of January 18, at the Hall of the Phoenix, in the Imperial Palace, their Majesties the Emperor and Empress attended and performed the ceremony of the inauguration of the gathering for composing Japanese poems for this year. His Majesty's own poem on the occasion was:—
“Snow-white high peak of the Fuji is in our sight,
“On the bough of the pine tree of the Ancestral Throne in the Imperial Palace.”

Menace to the Swiss.

London, Jan. 22.—Hindenburg's concentration behind the Swiss frontier has three possible objectives. One is the offensive via Belfort, to anticipate the Allies in their movements. Another is an offensive against Italy to relieve the pressure on Austria. The third is the invasion of Switzerland, to turn the French right. The enemy is not only aiming at tactical results but has also to consider food collection. The German defeats in the west during 1916, are still a source of angry recrimination among the German leaders, and unless Hindenburg can do something quickly the state of defeat will become permanent and final.

It is considered here that he will stake everything on a big throw, and the neutrality of a state is not likely to curb his military necessities. He is reinforcing non-Prussian units, and the indications are that the Prussians will be used for home defence and the northern part of the eastern line, while Bavarians, Saxons and Wurttembergers are apparently to bear the casualties of the Western front in conformity with the measures of the Home Defence organisation, which suggests that the movement of troops from one front to another has not been a success during 1916.

The “Times” correspondent at Amsterdam reports that the German official mention of successful reconnaissance between the River Deller and the Rhine Canal is regarded there as a possible indication to a great new war movement on the Swiss frontier.

The paper goes on to quote the following from the “Frankfurter Zeitung's” military critic: “We assume the French armies will be released by a British two million army, taking part of the French Front, on the Somme. The freed forces will presumably take the offensive between the English right, and the Swiss frontier. The offensive will probably be prepared by very sharp exploratory bombardment. Our tactics will be similar.”

Truth About Germany's Rumanian Booty.

Budapest, December 12.—There is no difficulty in showing that the quantity of grain which fell into the hands of the invading armies in Rumania does not exceed one-fifth of the quantity exported from Rumania to the Central Empires during 1915 and 1916.

German statistics just received here show that even if the German Powers should be in a position to harvest the Rumanian crops next summer the total supplies to be obtained from Rumania will not be equal to double the quantity Germany alone has been receiving yearly from that country while it was neutral.

From January 1, 1916, to August 15, 1916, Rumania exported 2,332,000 tons of grain and fodder to the Central Empires. Of this quantity Germany received 1,200,000 tons, Austria 997,000 tons, and Hungary 135,000 tons. Germany's share represented the normal consumption of that country for only 26 days out of the 365. Nevertheless it was considered of vital importance to secure it.

The most important point, however, is that the harvest of Rumania is three or four weeks earlier than that of Germany. The Germans hope, therefore, that next summer the Rumanian harvest will help to alleviate the distress from which they will be suffering owing to the fact that their own supplies will have been exhausted.

Whether they will be able to hold out even then is, however, extremely doubtful.

British Captures in January.

London, Feb. 2.—Marshal Haig reports: We have improved our position northward of Beaumont Hamel and carried out a successful raid south-eastward of Neuville St. Vaast. We repulsed attempts to approach our line south-eastward of Armentieres and eastward of Ypres.

Two other attacks in the neighbourhood of Wytschaete, by strong parties dressed in white, were beaten back with heavy casualties.

The enemy's artillery is more active southward of Ypres.

The British took prisoner 1,228 Germans, including twenty-seven officers, during January.

Among the regiments specially distinguishing themselves were the second battalion of the 3rd New Zealand Rifle Brigade.

London, Feb. 1.—The French communiqué says that a French air squadron bombed railway stations and depots at Crecy and Vonnay, and bivouacs east of Nele. A French gun aeroplane fired fifty shells into the cantonments of Mesnil, Saint Nicaise and Heilly on the Somme.

London, Feb. 2.—The French communiqué says that there is nothing to report except a lively artillery duel at Hartmanns-willerkopf and east of Metz.

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India and War Conference.

Delhi, Jan. 24.—It is expected here that Sir James Meston, the Maharaja of Bikaner and Sir S. P. Sinha will be absent from India for at least three months: that is, if they leave at once so as to attend the first meeting at the end of February. The meetings will probably occupy three or four weeks. It has not yet been settled who will officiate as Lieut-Governor of the United Provinces in the absence of Sir James Meston. It may be said that the choice of the three delegates is warmly approved in official circles.

Later, Jan. 24.—The “C” and “M” Gazette says: India has every reason to congratulate herself on the wisdom that has guided the choice of her representatives.

The “Tribune” considers all three estimable, but not representative of the people or Princes. In this sense the selection is disappointing.

The “Punjabee” strongly objects to India being represented solely by the Secretary of State, the others being merely assistants. At least one should have been elected by the Members of the Legislative Councils.

Scripps Saved “Great Bear” Survivors.

The following is an extract from the Motor Boating for December 1916:—When the Arctic schooner *Great Bear*, built for scientific research at a cost of \$63,000 for John Scripps, of Chicago, tore a hole in her hull in the Bering Sea, there was a Scripps motor on hand to come to the rescue of the imperilled lives of the ship's company. Captain Louis Lyne, who was in charge of *Great Bear* when she ran aground on Pinnacle Rock, took a hurried look at the damage done and decided that there was no hope of saving the schooner. All hands, therefore, piled into the lifeboats and at 3.30 of a none-too-warm morning the party left the wreck, well supplied with food, clothes and ammunition. In *Great Bear's* small-boat equipment was a Scripps-powered lifeboat, and it fell to the lot of this motor to tow the four lifeboats with twenty-one men aboard to a place of safety. This was valiantly done, and credit for saving the lives of the party is given to the reliable Scripps power plant.

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The World's Shipping.

Effects of the War.

That the destructive effects of the European war on the world's shipping will require at least ten years to repair is the deduction made from available figures by H. L. Aldrich, writing in "International Marine Engineering" (New York). If this is true, we may look for a shipbuilding boom lasting a decade or more. Of the tonnage of about fifty million existing at the opening of the war, nearly half, Mr. Aldrich calculates, has now been destroyed, commandeered, or interned; and he believes that before the war ends, fully half, or twenty-five million tons, will be in a condition requiring replacement. At present the building capacity of the world's shipyards is 2,500,000 tons a year. Mr. Aldrich's conclusion easily follows. We quote below the steps by which he arrives at it:

"When the war broke out in August, 1914, the gross tonnage of the merchant marines of the world was approximately 50,000,000 tons.

"Great Britain was credited with 21,045,049 tons. She has lost through destruction over 2,734,106 tons, leaving a balance of less than 18,310,943 tons. The Government commandeered over 50 per cent. of the larger and more efficient vessels. Counting these as about 9,000,000 tons, it leaves only about 9,000,000 tons of British merchant vessels, still in commercial service. The Government is running the ships for all they are worth, so that if the war lasts two years more the commandeered ships will be fit for little else than scrap, except at enormous expense for repairs. The 9,000,000 tons of vessels still in the ocean trade will be largely old vessels of comparatively small carrying capacity, and more or less uneconomical and inefficient.

"Germany was credited with 5,184,720 tons. She has lost over 600,000 tons, leaving a balance of less than 4,584,720 gross tons interned. These ships are deteriorating at the rate of 15 to 20 per cent. a year. Many of these are old vessels, so that this merchant marine will not be of much value at the end of two years more of war, except at enormous cost for repairs.

"France began the war with 1,929,286 tons. She has lost over 309,023 tons, leaving a tonnage of something under 1,613,263. Like the other merchant marines this one will require enormous expenditure to restore it.

"The merchant marines of the other belligerents are correspondingly reduced in tonnage and efficiency.

"At the outbreak of the war the

United States was credited with 7,928,688 tons. Over 600,000 tons were added by foreign vessels coming under the American flag. Vessels under construction in shipyards to-day and those that have been delivered since the war broke out approximate 1,750,000 tons. American vessels lost during the war aggregate 65,580 gross tons, making the total American merchant marine in commission and under contract at least 10,215,101 tons.

"Up-to-date the belligerent merchant marines have been reduced in tonnage about as follows:—

Total tonnage.		
August 1, 1914	50,000,000	
Destroyed	5,000,000	
Commandeered by British	9,000,000	
Commandeered by other belligerents	3,000,000	
Interned Tonnage		
Allies	4,400,000	21,400,000
Total		28,000,000

"Two more years of war must of necessity result in the destruction of considerable more tonnage.

"What might be called the tonnage efficiency of the 16,400,000 tons of commandeered and interned vessels will be enormously reduced and require very large expense to keep any of it from the scrapheap.

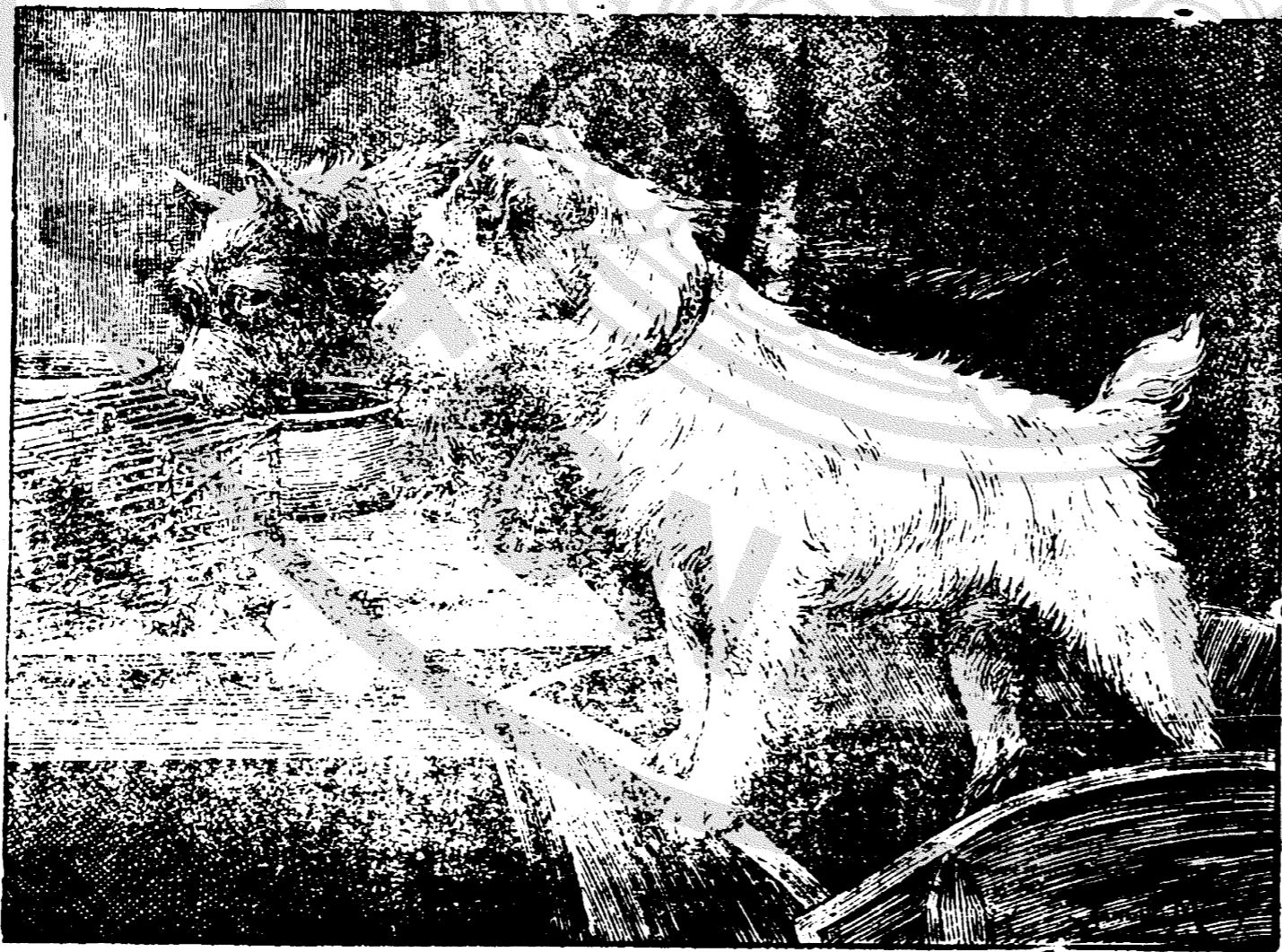
"It is apparent that with two years more of the war the world's merchant marines will be considerably under 25,000,000 tons, and in tonnage efficiency much below the standard of 1st August 1914.

"How much new tonnage has been built outside of American shipyards since 1st August, 1914, is only conjectured, but it is undoubtedly very small. No one can even approximate the tonnage that will be built in the next year or two.

"According to Captain Robert Dollar, the shipyards of the world during the past fifteen years have built approximately 2,500,000 tons per year. Accepting this as a minimum capacity of the shipyards of the world, it will be seen that it will require pretty nearly ten years to bring the world's merchant fleets back to a sufficient tonnage to handle the world's commerce.

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The New "O.R." Bread.

White bread will disappear next Monday and the Government bread will be sold in every baker's shop in the country. By the side of the Government bread, will be sold standard bread and various descriptions of stone milled, and household brown breads, all of which conform to the new Government regulations, being made from flour containing more than the minimum percentage of wheat.

Some 200 men at Tooting, celebrated Boxing Day by starting work on the land handed over by the L. L. C. C. to the Vacant Land Cultivation Society for growing food. There are 400 more local applicants for plots, when the remaining nine acres of the estate are divided.

The death is announced of Madame De Thebes, the famous French prophetess who claimed to have foretold in her yearly almanac the Boer War, the Serbian Massacre, the great Charity bazaar fire in Paris, the discovery of radium, etc.

Mr. Grahame-White, the famous airman, was married last week end to Miss Ethel Levey, who is appearing in a revue with Harry Laidler. Both parties have already been divorced. Mr. Grahame White last July and Miss Levey in 1916.

Food and Stock Problems.

The serious problem of depletion of future food supplies owing to farmers killing off young pigs to save the cost of rearing them, now that the prices of all wheat offal are so high, is met by a suggestion from the Board of Agriculture. Each village must now, the Board consider, have a common swill tub—for potato peelings and other refuse suitable for pig food. The possibility of also extending the scheme to all big towns when the local authorities would collect and distribute the contents of swill tubs is being considered.

Tradesmen in many London and Suburban localities have within the last few days notified their regular customers that beginning from Jan. 1st, all weekly books and other credit will be discontinued. With staffs reduced to the minimum, they find it necessary severely to curtail all work in connection with book-keeping, and delivery and collection accounts; and in the second place they are chary about continuing to give credit to households whose bread-winner is liable to be called up at any moment.—Ex.

Stockholm, Feb. 2.—The press hesitates to pronounce definitely on the new situation. It recognises that it is serious, but recalls the German proclamation of February, 1915, and its feeble results.



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Rushing up the Shells to the Guns.

Impenetrable Fog.

Black fog over London and suburbs last night was worse than the previous night. It was practically impossible to get anywhere on foot, and in many cases motor-buses got lost, and were left stranded up side streets far out of their proper course. One bus was led from the Strand by its conductor, in a brown paper shade. Pedestrians groped along by the aid of electric torches and candles, and often got lost in their own streets or failed to find entrances to the railway stations. The police with lanterns led the foot passengers and wheeled traffic alike at Blackfriars Bridge. Underground trains were blocked with people, who took refuge in them, and one electric train was lost for two hours, having got on

to the Midland Railway at Acton. The fog was also very dense at Manchester and Birmingham.—Ex.

Holland and the German Note.

Amsterdam, Feb. 1.—Competent circles regard Germany's announcement of ruthless submarining as a matter of grave anxiety.

Amsterdam, Feb. 1.—The Dutch press dwells on the risks of the cutting off of Dutch sea-borne imports and exports and the entire paralysis of industry through Germany's latest threat.

Telegrams state that Germany is resorting to this new desperate action because she is aware that she cannot win. "The time has come now or

never when Holland must seriously ask where her interests lie the safest. The reply thereto is not doubtful. The Allies are fighting for the freedom of our country."

The Handelsblad associates the recent rumours of German troop concentrations and fortifications on Holland's eastern frontier with the new German measure, and deduces that Germany is convinced the Holland will be forced to take up arms.

The Allies Undismayed.

London, Feb. 1.—Mr. Asquith in a speech at Ladybank, said that the victory of the Allies was inevitable. The notion that the struggle was about

to end in a stalemate was a mere dream. He urged all to subscribe their utmost to the War Loan, and also the necessity of mobilising and organising labour. He denounced the new German submarine campaign and said that the situation was grave but the Navy, and measures such as arming merchantmen, acceleration of construction and allocation of the tonnage resources of the Allies, were all being used in order to counter the campaign.

Paris, Feb. 2.—The papers, while recognising that the task of the Allied fleets is daily harder, refuse to be intimidated by the threat of further atrocities at the very moment when the enemy's force is falling.

London, Jan. 30.—Eighteen year old men have been called up.

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