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Paddy Crop Report for the Mondol Channai.

For February 8-14, 2459.

Krung Deb. Nondaburi:-The total area under cultivation is about 146, 200 rai, the paddy is in better condition than last year. About 60, 200 rai have been harvested yielding about 17,600 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 47 babts per kwien and that of rice is 1.50 bahts per tang.

Minburi:—The total area under cultivation is 236,700 rai, about 15,900 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 222,300 rai have been harvested yielding about 45,060 kwien or about 1,000

kwien more than last year. The average local price of paddy is 44 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.50 baht per tang.

Phra Pradaeng:—The total area under cultivation is 95,900 rai, about 800 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 77,700 rai have been harvested yielding about 9,000 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 45 bahts per kwien and that of rice is

1.75 baht per tang. Samudaprakar:—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 137,100 rai have been harvested yielding about 40,200 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 46 hahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.50 baht per tang.

Mendel Krung Kao.

Dhanyaburi:—The total area under cultivation is 337,000 rai, about 10,000 rai more than last year. Harvesting has been completed, the crop being about 87,200 kwien or about 2,400 kwien more than last year.

The average local price of paddy is 40 bahts per kwien and that of rice is

1.75 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 25,600 rai have been harvested, yielding about 7,830 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 50 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.87 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 731, 700 rai have been harvested yielding about 390,250 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 50 bahts per kwien and that of rice is

1.62 baht per tang.
Augthong:—The total area under cultivation is 337,800 rai, about 69,200 rai less than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 178,200 rai have been harvested

yielding about 51,755 kwien. The average local price of paddy is 52 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.37 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 126,700 rai have been harvested yielding about 50,170 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 11 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.10 baht per tang.

Saraburi :- The total area under cultivation is 342,600 rai, about 126,5000 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last lear. About 333,900 rai have been harvested yielding about 140,900 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 50 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.50 baht per tang.

Lobburi: —The total area under cultivation is 405,500 rai, about 36,700 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 308,700 rai have been harvested yielding about 122,730 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 38 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1 50 baht per tang. Mondol Nagor Jaysti.

Nagor Pathom -The total area under cultivation is about 450,000 rai, the paddy is in the same condition as last year. About 122,500 rai have been harvested yielding about 32,855 k wien. The average local price of paddy is 53 bahts per kwien and that of rice is

I.50 babt per tang.
Samuda Sagor:—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 85,900 rai have been harvested yielding about 26,800 kwien or about 1.300 kwien more than last year.

The average local price of paddy is 47 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.50 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 306,-666 rai have been harvested yielding about 102,060 kwien or about 4,400 kwien less than last year.

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

Rajaburi:-The total area under cultivation is 286,000 rai, about \$6,200 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 260,800 rai have been harvested. The average local price of paddy is 41 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.50 baht per tang.

Samuda Songram :- The total area under cultivation is about 19,000 rai. the paddy is inferior to that of last year. Harvesting has been completed, the some 4,942,000 rai or about crop being about 5,540 kwien or about kwien having been reaped.

175 kwien more than last year. The average local price of paddy is 52 bahts per kwien and that of rice is

1.50 baht per tang. Bejraburi:—The total area under cultivation is 155,300 rai, about 22,000 rai more than last year. The paddy is in the same condition as last year. About 4),960 rai have been harvested yielding about 11,370 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 60 bahts per kwien and that of rice is

1.50 baht per tang. Kanchanaburi :-- The total area under cultivation is 29,700 rai, about 1,500 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 7 270 rai have been harvested yielding about 1,820 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 41 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.50 baht per tang.

Prachuab :- The total area under cultivation is about 17,200 rai, the paddy is in better condition than last year. About 11,100 rai have been harvested yielding about 2,260 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 46 bahts per kwien and that of rice is

1.50 baht per tang. Mendel Prachin. Chhaxcengaeo:—The total area under cultivation is 497,000 rai, about 12,600 rai less than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. Harvesting has been completed, the crop being about 137,700 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 73 bahts per kwien and that of rice is

1.25 baht per tang.
Prachin:—The total area under cultivation is 221,000 rai, about 7,100 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 216,800 rai have been harvested yielding about 72,270 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 58 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.50 baht per tang.
Nagor Nayok:—The total area under cultivation is 247,600 rai, about 102,-500 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. Harvesting has been completed, the crop being about 59,440 kwien or about

2400 kwien more than last year. The average local price of paddy is 42 bahts per kwien and that of rice is

1.50 baht per tang.

Jolburi:—The total area under cultivation is 133,800 rai, about 7,400 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than a particulated the grounds. vesting has been completed, the crop being about 36,430 kwien or about 9,140 kwien more than last year.

The average local price of paddy is 56 bahts per kwien and that of rice is

1.37 baht per tang.

Krabinburi:—The total area under cultivation is 49,600 rai, about 18,000 rai more than last year. The paddy is in the same condition as last Harvesting has been completed, the crop being about 13,190 k wien or about 4,300 more than last year. The average local price of paddy is

40 bahts per kwien and that of rice is

1.50 baht per tang.

Mendel Nager Svarga.

Nager Svarga:—The total area under cultivation is 223,500 rai, about 8,600 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 153,880 rai have been harvested yielding about 51,290 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 42 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.40 baht per teng. Udaya :- The total area under cultivation is 158,300 rsi, about 18,200 rai more than last year. The paddy is in

better condition than last year. About 155,400 rai have been harvested yielding about 51.800 kwien. The average local price of paddy is 35 bahts per kwien and that of rice is

1.25 baht per tang. Jaynad:—The total area under cultivation is 156,200 rai, about 40,200 rai less than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 41,700 rai have been harvested yielding about 13,430 kwien or about 3,540 less

than last year. The average local price of paddy is from 31 to 40 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1 25 baht per tang.

Kambaeng Bejra :- The total area under cultication is 40,800 rai, about 7,000 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. Harvesting has been completed, the crop being about 13,620 kwien or about 7,220 kwien more than last year. The average local price of paddy is 47 bahts per kwien and that of rice is

1.25 baht per tang.
Tak:—The total area under cultivation is 31,500 rai, about 8,100 rai less than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. Harvesting has been completed, the crop being about 11,670 kwien or about 110 kwien

less than last year. The average local price of paddy is from 34 to 50 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.12 baht per tang.
(It is to be understood that the

kwiens in the various Mondols mentioned in this report are of equal size.) Between the 8th and the 15th inst. the Krung Deb rice mills bought about 20,858 kwien of paddy which came in by river and about 923 kwien by rail, making a total of about 21,781 kwien (rice mill size). The prices at the mills of Kao Na-suan were from 72 to 90 bahts per kwien (rice millers' kwien).

Summary:-The total area under paddy is approaximately 7,069,400 rai, about 480,400 rai more than last year. The area on which the crop has been totally destroyed by flood, drought, insect-pests and other mischance is about 201,500 rai. Harvesting has been completed in many Changvads, some 4,942,000 rai or about 1,606,000

Home Rule for Ireland.

No Coercion of Ulster.

London, March 7.—In the House of Commons Mr. T. P. O Connor moved, with a view to strengthening the hands of the Allies in achieving recognition of the equal rights of small nations, and the principle of nationality, against the opposite German principles of militarism and Government without the consent of the governed, it is essential immediately to confer on Ireland the free institutions long promised her. He appealed to the House to make a united and genuine effort to settle the Irish question.

In reply Mr. Lloyd George said that the Government are prepared to grant Home Rule to those parts of Ireland

clearly demanding it. In addition Mr. Lloyd George declared that the dominant consideration in any Irish settlement must be its effect upon the war. He contended that the different controversialists ignored two fundamentals : firstly, Ireland's grievance is not a material one but something to do with pride and self respect. She never was more prosperous, yet she is no more reconciled to British rule than in Cromwell's days. Secondly, it would be as glaring an outrage upon the principle of selfgovernment to place Ulster under Irish rule against her will, as to deny

self-government to the rest of Ireland. Mr. Lloyd George believed that the ideal of national unity in Ireland would be attained at no distant date, if Ulster were offered facilities and inducements

to come in. The following is the full text of the passage of Mr. Lloyd George's House of Commons speech with reference to the Government offer: "I am not in the least afraid of submitting the proposal of Government to the judgment of any unbiased friend of Ireland in any quarter of of the globe. I put it again, and I want not merely Irishmen to know, but I want men outside the confines of the United Kingdom and of the British Empire to know what it is to day we effer. It is that the part of I eland that clearly demands Home Rule-self-government, shall get it. There are two questions to be asked by all of us. The first is this. Are the people of this country prepared to confer self-government on the parts of Ireland which unmistakably

demand it? The answer which I give on behalf of the Cabinet is that the Government are firmly of that opinion and are firmly of the opinion that that represents the views of the vast majority of the

people of this country. The next point is this. Are the people of this country prepared to force the population of the north-eastern corner of Ireland to submit to Government by a population with whom they are completely out of sympathy. In my judgment, and here I speak on behalf of the Government, they are not.

No party would support a demand that Ulster should be forced into a settlement. His offer of self-government to parts of Ireland would take immediate effect. He was not in the least afraid of submitting his proposals to any unbiaseed friend of Ireland in the Empire, and he moved as an amendment "This House would welcome any settlement which would produce a better understanding betweeen Ireland and the rest of the United Kingdom, but considers it impossible to impose by force on any section of Ireland a form of Government which has not their consent."

In response to an appeal by Mr. Redmond not to participate in a futile discussion but to consult him as regards future action, the Nationalists who adopted a markedly hostile attitude during the Premier's speech, left the House.

Melbourne, March 7.-The Senate has passed a resolution by 28 votes to 2 in favour of Home Rule for Ireland. London, March 7.—In the House of Commons, following Mr. Lloyd George, Mr. Asquith suggested that the Irish question be referred to an outside impartial authority for adjustment of interests and sentiments concerned. The constitution of such a body might be facilitated by the presence here of a number of Dominion statesmen who had aiready solved various problems of

local autonomy, in different ways. Following a request to express an opinion on Mr. Asquith's suggestion, Mr. Lloyd George said it was Nationalists' duty to say whether they meant to oppose a measure embodying the Government's offer.

London, March 8 .- Mr. Asquith prefaced his suggestion by declaring that he did not think a recrudescence of rebellion in Ireland as likely, as the forces at the disposal of the executive were such that any movement would be crushed. Nevertheless, the symptoms were disquieting. He discussed the conceivable expedients for settlement, but did not think a renewal of negotiation between the parties was likely to be successful. The only practical alternative was to invoke the intervention of some outside impartial authority. It would be essential that such an authority act very promptly, and its decision should be subject to the final approval of Parliament.

Mr. Lloyd George interjected, asking . whether such a body would inquire and report to the Government, or whether it would have statutory

powers. Mr. Asquith replied: No; he would make its decision subject to the ap-

proval of Parliament, which was the final authority.

Mr. Redmond, following Mr. Asquith, said that if the constitutional movement in Ireland disappeared Mr. Lloyd George must govern Ireland with the naked sword. He ask why Mr. Lloyd George did not appeal to Sir E. Carson to make sacrifices and agree to a proposal acceptable to the whole of Ire-

Mr Wardle (Labour) regretted Mr Lloyd George had moved the amendment. The House should not bave been asked the unfair question whether it was prepared to coerce Ulster in the

actual circumstances. Mr Lloyd George, replying, said he had suggested two methods of dealing with the details of the Government's proposal-either by a conference of Irishmen, or by the establishment of a commission. The latter was practically identical with Mr Asquith's idea, but it was impossible to introduce a controversial bill on such a basis in the middle of a great war.

London, March 8 .- The Irish debate was adjourned till to day. London, March 8.-Mr Bonar Law

said he saw no advantage in resuming yerterday's Irish discussion.

London, March 8.—The Nationalists have issued a manifesto that they can

never assent to the previous principle regarding Ulster. They accuse the Premier of a breach of faith, and de-clare his speech will seriously strengthen the revolutionary movement.

London, March 8.—The Nationalists

have issued a manifesto announcing their intention to oppose the Government by all the means in their power, but their attitude towards the war and allegiance to the cause has not altered.

China and Germany.

London, March 6.-In connection with the Pekin situation, Reuter learns that the Allies are closely co-operating in advising China. Conversations are proceeding in connection with financial assistance in the event of breaking off relations with Germany. This will probably take the form of postponement of the Boxer indemnity and revision of the customs tariff. Leading people in China favour the severance of relations, but there are technical difficulties in that respect which the President desires to overcome before as-

Late Wires.

Paris, March 6.- La Liberté's correspondent says the British have been fighting a ceaseless fierce battle from Gommecourt to Irles in the last fortyeight hours on an eight kilometres front. Saturday particularly was marked by a whole series of very violent artillery and infantry actions. The Tommies appreciably advanced despite a resistance which grows daily more powerful. The German retirement has been unceasingly harassed and the abnormal bulge in the German line between Arras and Bapaume is becoming increasingly difficult to defend, and the fall of this salient may be expected very soon. The British artillery has begun an intense artillery attack on the positions below Bapanne. The correspondent says the brilliant action at Bouchavesnes mentioned in yesterday's British communiqué was a surprise movement and its success constituted an important step in the direction of menacing Peronne.

New York, March 6.- The police at Hoboken have arrested Fritz Kolb who confessed he was implicated in a plot to blow up President Wilson and had been concerned in explosions in New York harbour. Two complete bombs were found in his room, in the hotel opposite the piers where German steamers are laid up. The bombs were to have been sent to President Wilson to-day. Kolb's confession has led to the arrest of two accomplices. The police believe they are on the track of an extensive plot for the destruction of Tampico oil works and munition plants in the United States.

London, Mar. 6.-Mr. Bonar Law's reply on the army estimates was followed by a sensational statement by Mr. Dillon who denounced the late Government's policy towards Rumania. He declared he was in possession of good evidence that Brussiloff and other Russian generals operating in Bukhovina opposed Rumania's entry and

prophesied a disastrons ending.

Mr. Dillion read an alleged letter from Lord Hardinge to Ambassador Buchanan at Petrograd describing the Rumanian premier Bratiano as an elusive fellow trying to wriggle out of his pledges. Mr. Dillon admitted he got the letter from a German paper and did not know whether it was genuine.

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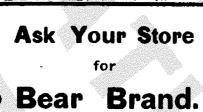
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THE IRISH QUESTION.

----The vexed question of Home Rule for Ireland is once again clamouring for solution in Great Britain, and is seriously engaging the attention of Parliament, in spite of the still greater claims of the War. The situation is curious and perhaps unique, and the politicians who are called upon to deal with it are not to be envied, as the feeling appears to be so strong on both sides that there seems little possibility of their being able to arrive at a settlement which will approach giving satisfaction to either party. Ulster stoutly declines to have Home Rule, and if the latter be granted to the rest of Ireland it will not be content, as by the exclusion of Ulster that part of the country which is the great source of revenue will be severed from the larger but poorer part. To the foreigner the bitterness displayed by the two main political parties in Ireland often occasions wonder. One frequently hears it ascribed to religious difference, Ulstef being Protestant and the remainder of the country Roman Catholic. But the real difference is a racial one, and were it not for this fact Roman Catholics and Protestants would be able to live together amicably in Ireland, just as they do elsewhere. The Ulsterman is, generally speaking, of Scotch or English descent, mostly the former; and in type of character and inherited qualities he is a very different individual from the descendants of Brian Bhoru and the other ancient Irish Kings. The true Celt is a genial and engaging person, gifted with n keen sense of humour, ready of wit, and often brilliant; but he is above all things a dreamer, a mystic, an idealist, largely contemptuous of the practicalities of life, and preferring to expend his energies on behalf of some romantic cause, even if it be hopeless or extravagant. He has little or nothing in common with the calculating sagacity, the prudence and grasp of opportunity which have helped the Ulsterman to bring wealth and prosperity to his province. To make of Ireland a united nation will be about as difficult as to make oil and water mix together, and the lot of those who are called upon to essay the attempt is not a happy one. In the spring and summer of 1914 Ireland was divided into two armed camps, and civil war would almost certainly have ensued had not a greater struggle broken out, in it both parties being claimed for a common cause. The opposing parties were in a state of the highest tension. There actually was bloodshed, and there is small doubt that there would have been a great deal more but for the epoch marking event of August 4. Mr. Lloyd George will add vastly to his reputation as a statesman if his name is to be handed

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satisfactorily a problem that has for so

long disturbed the political life of the

HER Majesty the Queen Mother, H.R.H. the Princess of Petchaburi and their suites are returning to Bangkok to-morrow from Rajaburi.

THE sixth annual general meeting of shareholders of the Rajah Hitam Cocoanut Estate, Ltd., will be held on Friday, March 23, at 5.30 p.m.

WE understand that the Royal Italian Legation in Bangkok is authorized to receive subscriptions to the Italian War Loan, 5 per cent, now being issued.

THE s.s. Katong will leave from the Borneo Company's wharf at 4 p.m sharp, on Friday the 16th inst., and should arrive in Singapore on Tuesday morning.

New ads.-The S.E.C., sole agents for the Maxwell nioton car, have received the first consignment of these cars. Mr. D. Froiman is selling a collection of household furniture, etc., at reduced prices.

H.E. PHYA Interavichit, the Assis'ant High Commissi ner of the Patani Circle, arrived in Bangkok to-day by the s.s. Prachatipek with Tes. 1,000,000, are really badly off for food? "-Pinang Government Revenue collections, and several chests of opism.

THE

Great War.

Western Front.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, March 14. Yesterday we carried up to Maisonsde-Champagne all the enemy trenches on a front of 1,500 metres. We conquered Hill 185.

To-day we made three surprise attacks between the Avre and the Aisne and brought back prisoners. We stopped a strong counter-attack to the west of Maisons-de-Champagne and Hill 185. We maintained all our positions. The number of prisoners taken yester-

China Breaks with Germany.

(HAVAS l'ELEGRAM.)

Paris, March 14. Peking.—The Senate has approved the rupture of diplomatic relations with Germany.

Duma Adjourned.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris. March 14. Petrograd.-The Duma and the Council of the Empire have been a ijourned.

In Persia.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, March 14. Petrograd.—We occupied Bizontoum

Arming American Vessels.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, March 14. Washington.-Mr. Lausing has officially notified the Embassics and Legations at Washington and the United States' representatives abroad that Ame rican vessels will in future be armed when traversing the German blockade

Bulgaria's Prisoners.

Bulgaria is said to have at the present time nearly 90,000 prisoners of war, including Russians, Rumanians, Serbians, French, Italians, British, Australians, and Canadians, and even a few

The Balkan correspondent of the Nieuwe Rotterdamsche Courant" gives some interesting details of the fate of these unfortunates. In so far as approximately correct data are available-no lists of prisoners of war are issued in Bulgaria-there are at this moment in that country about 37,000 Serbian prisoners, 12,000 Russians, 20,000 Rumanians, 900 French of various races, 200 Italians, 500 British, a few Japanese, and a few Greeks of the

Venezelist army.

The British prisoners are the best taken care of by their relations at home. As long as the Danube was open big consignments arrived promptly every week.

Imperial War Conference.

Mr Macfadyen's suggestion that the Crown Colonies should be represented at the Imperial War Conference brings a reply from Mr Algernon E. As-pinall, Secretary, West India Com-mittee, to the effect that the question of the representation of the Crown Colonies and Dependencies at Imperial Conferences has frequently engaged the attention of the West India Committee. If all the lesser colonies were invited to send delegates it is obvious that the Conference would assume unwieldy proportions, and a difficulty has been to suggest the name of any individual sufficiently acquainted with the conditions prevailing in the various colonies to be in a position to represent their interests adequately.

German Rations.

We had an opportunity the other day of submitting a full list of the latest German rations to an expert in the chemistry of food. He took a piece of paper, made an elaborate calculation, and finally reported as

"This works out to be 980 calories a day. I est 2,100 or 2,500. Most people eat 3,000. Our Army rations are

And yet there are people who persist in asking: "Do you think the Germans



Big Shipowning.

For the eighteenth consecutive year the "Syren and Shipping" publishes the annual table showing British fleets of over 50,000 tons. The 61 companies which figure in the list own between them over 2,000 vessels, representing a tonnage of 12,000,000 tons gross. Lloyd's Register give total tonnage of the British Mercantile Marine as 18,825,356 tons gross. But of even greater interest is the fact that for the first time in the history of the world one management alone controls over one and a half million tons of British shipping; or, in other words, a twelfth of the Mercantile Marine. To Lord Incheape is due the enterprise which has brought about the fusion of interests of the P. and O., B. I., and the New Zealand Federal Companies, whose fleets individually consist of:—P. and O. 59 vessels, of 493,991 tons; B. I., 143 vessels, of 693,320 tons; New Zealand Shipping Company, 16 vessels, of 146,140 tons; and the Federal Steam Navigation Company, 22 vessels, of 195,372 tone, giving a gross total of 1,528,823 tons. But the tendency to amalgamate does not stop here. The million ton mark is passed by the Ellerman Lines, Ltd., whose total is 289 vessels, of 1,310,362 tons, Included in these figures is Sir John Ellerman's latest acquisition -the Wilson Line, of Hull, whose fleet consists of 80 vessels, of 217,524 tons; the Ellerman and Bucknall Steamship Company, 28 vessels, of 132,944 tons: the City Line, 43 vessels, of 274,131 tons; the Ellerman-Hall Line, and others. Just under the million mark are the Furness Lines, with 220 vessels, of 960,124 tons, which include the Prince Line fleet of 39 vessels, of 181,211 tons. Big shipowning this; for if we bracket the three amalgamations, we get a total of 3,359,443 tons of shipping, which equals about 18 per cent., or very nearly one-fifth of the total British Mercantile Marine under the control of three managements?

Germans and Turks.

I am indebted to a correspondent for some particulars of a remarkable book, entitled "The Turks and the Germans after the War," which has lately been published in Berlin. The author, Ernst Marre, is a business man with wide experience of the Orient, and his unavowed but unmistakable purpose is to discel the illusions of his compatriots about the Ottoman Empire as a profitable field for German commercial exploitation. Of course, he tickles their ears with abuse of the English, who, among other wickedness, are responsible for Turkish dislike of the German yoke. Still, there it is! "We shall have a hard struggle," he pathetically confesses, "before we can make the distrustful Turk realise that German civilisation does not aim at extortion and oppression, but is, with a few exceptions, most altruistic."—Truth.

Law Suit Over German Vessels in the Philippines.

Following the break of relations between the United States and Germany, and the possible seizure by the American Government of German steamers detained in Philippine waters, suits involving the recovery of nearly half a million pesos for money and supplies given by Behn, Meyer and Company to the 21 German steamers detained in Manila, Cebu and Zamboanga Bays were filed recently in the Court of First Instance against the steamship companies owning those vessels, says the "Manila Times" The suits, 21 in all, one for each vessel, allege that on August 1, 1914, on account of the declaration of war by Germany against a number of European nations, it became necessary to detain German vessels plying on high seas in neutral ports. The plaintiff claims that it has been acting as agent in the Philippines for those steamers. It asks for the attachment of the vessels pending decision by the court, for which it has filed bonds equivalent to the amount sought to be recovered, in each case. Judge Ostend had issued the writs of attachment prayed for.

The defendant companies are Norddeutscher Lloyd S. S. Company. owning eleven of the vessels in question, the Hamburg-Amerika Line, owning four of them, the Deutsch-Australischedampschiffs Gesellschaft, owning three of them, M. Jebson, owning two, and the Deutsch Supsee Phosphat A G. owning one. It is alleged that these firms have their central offices in Germany, and have no other property in the Islands than the ships they own.

The amount sought to be recovered includes not only the sum of money and cost of provisions given to each of those steamers for their maintenance and support of their crew, but also the expenses incurred by Behn, Meyer and Company in transporting their

The Scheldt Question.

The German prize ship Ursula Fischer, which had attempted to puss along the Scheldt from overcrowded Zeebrugge to Antwerp and was stopped by a Dutch naval vessel, has had to return to Zeebrugge. The Netherlands Government evidently stands firm in its refusal to open the river to prizes of war just as it would oppose by force any attempt of warships to use the Dutch part of the river.—Ex.

Wire News.

London, March 8.-Reuter learns authoritatively that the Chinese Premier has withdrawn his resignation. London, March 7.-It is announced

that the campaign for National Service Volunteers ends on March 31.

London, March 6. - Wireless, Bussian Official: In the Caucasus we are pursuing the Turks who are withdrawing to Bidjarsonne. We occupied the villages of Husseinabad and Chariak. We attacked the summit of Asadabad in the direction of Hamadan, southeast-wards of Abzol Lake, pursuing the Turks towards Dovletabad.

Our airships bombed Buranovitchi. Washington, March 7—The Supreme Court has finally confirmed the British ownership of the Appam, which was kidnapped last year.

London, March 5 .- Silver is featureless and the market is steady.

Amsterdam, March 6.—In the Reichstag the War Minister alleged that prisoners in the hands of the Allies were exposed to fire. He announced the institution of similar reprisals and other restrictions on prisoners. The Press Bureau exposes many of the Minister's misstatements and demonstrates that the allegation is made to disguise the fact that prisoners in German hands were employed in the danger zone long before the French employed German prisoners on their front

London, March 5-Lord Milner interviewed by Reuter said that the results of the Allied Conference at Petrograd exceeded his expectations. The results were largely owing to the support of the Tsar, who was particularly gracious to his lordship and insisted that the war spirit of Russia was unanimous. The only controversy regarding waging the war dealt with the most effective form of administration. London, March 5 .- Mr. Neville Chamberlain speaking at London saidthat he had now a hundred thousand National Service Volunteers and wanted half a million.

Rome, March 7.- A new anti-submarine department under an Admiral has been created. Its functions include the arming of merchantmen and re-warding of those sinking or disabling submarines.

London, March 7.- In the House of Commons Sir Kinloch Cooke asked whether Government intended to hold a series of imperial war cabinets; and would they be continuous?

Mr. Bonar Law said that an imperial war cabinet meets in the near future. Until the delegates arrive he cannot answer the point.

London, March 7, - Wireless Italian official: We repulsed with heavy losses night attacks at Costabella and penetrated the lines at Mosciagh on the Asiago Plateau.

London, March 7.-The Press Bureau states that the arrivals for the week were 2,528, the sailings 2,477 vessels. Sunk: -of 1,6.0 tons and upwards, fourteen; under 1,600 tons nine; unsuccessfully attacked, twelve : fishers sunk,

Paris, March 8.—Official. The destroyer Cassini was torpedoed in the Mediterranean on Feb. 28 The magazine exploded and she sank in two minutes. 7 officers and 100 men perished, and 2 officers and 32 men were saved.

Paris, March 8.—The captain of the Cassini perished. The survivors state they were struggling in the sea and darkness striving to reach floating rafts when they heard voices shouting in French "This way, comrades," then a submarine appeared and fired on them with rifles or a machine-gun, while a shell just missed the rafts.

New York, March 7 -The newspapers comment scathingly on the Anstrian note. The New York Times says that the reasoning therein surpasses in hardihood the most daring exploits of the Grman mind in the whole war. The New York Herald says that Austria was been given an opportunity to choose between Prussianism and decency and chose Prussianism. Therefore relations must immediately be

broken off. Amsterdam, March 7.—The Telegraaf says the Germans have ordered a complete stoppage of Belgian industries, thus practically throwing out of employment the whole population. They allege the reason is the inadequacy of coal and transport. Store-houses at Hasselt, containing twenty thousand kilogrammes of coffee besides other foodstuffs belonging to the Belgo-American relief committees, have been

London, March 7 .- The Press Bureau announces that Mr. Neville Chamberlain has issued a list of trades of primary importance, in which National Service Volunteers are utilisable. The list includes mining, metal work, shipbuilding, agriculture, transport, engineering, aircraft, textiles, chemicals, leather, food, home miscellaneous metal, and other trades.

destroyed by fire.

London, March 7.-In the House of Commons Mr. Balfour stated that the evacuation of troops and artillery from North Greece is proceeding satisfactorily, but certain demands are still unfulfilled. About 6,000 regulars and 3,(KH) gendarmerie are still north of Peloponuere. The Greek Government has released the Venezelists and promised to abandon proceedings against

New York, March 7-There is a growing agitation against the eleven obstructionist Senators. A mass meeting was held at New York and resolved on demanding a coalition cabinet, inclusive of Mr. Root. Mr. Roosevelt has collected thirty pieces of silver for presentation to Senator Stone.

N.Y.K. Fleet to be Armed.

A Tokio wire of February 21 says: The Nippon Yusen Kaisha has recognised the necessity of arming its fleet of merchant steamers and has sought the advice of the Government. It is reported that the steamers will be armed shortly. The Suwa Mara and fourteen other vessels of the European line which are no ler Government charter, the Toyoma Mora and fourteen other vessels of the same line but not under Government charter, will no armed. The ships which are navigating via the Cape and via Panama will not be armed for the present. The ways and measur a to arm Japanese steamers our be car led out only after agrangements had been made by the Departments of Communication and Navy owing to economic and other reasons. The guns to be mounted will differ according to the nature of the steamer and a place where the shells will be stored will also be provided. It will take one year to arm the 25 vessels of the N.Y.K. alone.

German Newspaper's Troubles.

The "Cologne Gazette," in the course of some discussion of the employment of women in newspaper offices,

The difficult position of the trade illustrated, better than by many words, by the fact that, according to the last statistics no fewer than 1,430 German newspapers and periodicals are no longer able to appear. In addition to the reduction of revenue—it is said that during the last year of war the advertiesment revenue of a widely circulated Berlin local paper has been reduced by £450,000 - there are the increased costs of production, the extraordinary rise in the price of paper, ink, and so on. The small addition to the sale price, which most newspapers have in ide for some time past, is very far from making up for the increased

Sinking of the "Worcestershire." The Malras Mail of February 24th

We have to-day received the following press communique from the Government of Madras: - "As rumours of an alarming nature are understood to be in circulation in the city of Madras, the Government of Madras are in a position to state that the evidence as to the cause of the sinking of the Bibby liner, "Worcestershire," indicates an internal explosion. So far as the Government are aware, there is at present no reason to suppose that any hostile vessel is in the Bry of Bengal, and the military preparations that have ary character and afford no ground for any alarm on the part of the public."

Dresden Arsenal Blown Up.

A letter, dated December 30, which was found by the French authorities on a German prisoner, says:

"Have you heard that the Dresden arsenal has been blown up? They say it was terrible and that it recalled the 'trommelfeuer' on the Somme. A thousand women and young girls were killed. But the news is being kept absolutely secret.

"No one can obtain railway tickets for Dres len, except in urgent cases, and then it is necessary to be provided with a safe conduct.

"Yesterday all the windows were broken within a radius of eighteen kilometres, and if the fire spreads to the munitions depots, Dresden will certainly be blown to atoms.

"Trees are being felled night and day in the Redebeul, wood, in the direction of Redebeul, in order to prevent the fire from spreading.

"One fire has been burning from 11.30 on the day before yesterday and another broke out to-day at the some hour. "Some hospitals filled with badly wounded have already been blown

Caillaux's Passport Withdrawn,

M. Joseph Caillaux, the former French Premier, has had his diploma-tic passport withdrawn by the French Government and is thereby restrained from travelling freely in Allied and nentral countries. It is said that this action was taken because of suspicion that M. Caillaux went to Rome recently to plot a separate peace whereby France and Italy were to make peace with Germany, desserting Great Britain,

Russia and the other Allies. Joseph Caillaux, who employed his wife to murder the editor of the Figare, is the most sinister figure in French public life. He has been exposed as a willing instrument of cormopolitan finance when he was Premier, and a pro-German rather than a supporter of the "Entente" in the foreign policy which he conducted secretly but parallel to that of his own Foreign Minister. Quite recently the Times unveiled the intrigues for a separate peace in which he was engaged in Rome. Yet be still wields enormous influence and quite inexplicably remains the leader of the Radical Socialist party, the strongest group in the Chamber of Deputies, and this though there is no more thoroughly detested personage in France, as several popular lemonstrations have shown. Happily M. Briand has had the courage to cancel the passport which allowed the expremier to visit neutral and allied countries, and his capacity for mischief-

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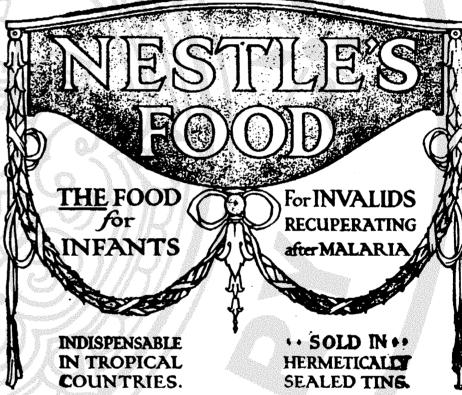
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Filibusters at Work.

Washington, Mar. 5 .- President Wilson in a statement yesterday evening and inaugurally addressed the new informed the country he is without power to arm merchantmen or take other steps to meet the submarine menace without the authority of Congress. An extra session is required to give him the authority but it is useless while the Senate works under the present rule permitting a small minority to keep an overwhelming majority at bay. He proposes therefore to call a special session of the Senate to-day to revise the rules and supply means of action to save the country from dis-

Washington, March 5. - The Senate meets to day in extraordinary circomstances. President Wilson delivers in the morning his inaugural message from the steps of the Capitol, but meanwhile he has stirred the nation to the core by a manifesto denouncing "a little group of wilful men representing only their own opinion" who have withstood five hundred supporters of the Government policy at a cisis fraught with more far-reaching possibilities of national danger than any Government has ever experienced.

President Wilson emphasises that the whole nation supports the Govern-ment with unprecedented unanimity, but the impression may be created abroad that other Governments may do as they please without fear of America doing anything. The great Govern-ment of the United States has been rendered helpless and contemptible and the only remedy is to alter the rules of the Senate. The country can be relied upon to draw the needful

Washington, Mar 6.—President Wilson gave an eloquent inaugral address from the steps of the Capitol. He dealt at length with the present situa-tion and said: We have been deeply wronged upon the seas. Some of the injuries done us have become intolerable. We wished for fair dealing and justice, freedom to live and be at ease against organised wrong. With this thought we have grown more and more certain that the part we wished to have played was the part of those who mean to vindicate and fortify peace. We have been obliged to arm curselves and make good our claim to a certain minimum of right and freedom of action. We stand firm in armed neutrality. We may even be drawn on by circumstances to a more immediate association in the great strug-

London, March 5.-The fact that the Neutrality Bill was talked out in the Senate by the Filibusters in nowise affects President Wilson's position, since it merely means that a handful

of obstructionists dalked against the c'ock until noon, when Congress automatically expired. President Wilson then took the oath for a new term Senate.

To-day the most important pro-nouncement is expected. Meanwhile, as an example of "German insolence," the Mexican intrigue is stirring up American feeling to a boiling point. Attention is called to the point that Germany calmly battered American States, of which Texas alone is larger than the whole of Germany.

Russia's Advance.

London, March 7.-Russian comm nique: We took possession of Asadahad summit and pursued the Turks who are retiring towards Kangaver. We are tighting the fleeing enemy near Sinna in the direction of Bidjar and are continuing the pursuit in the direction of Donleta' ad.

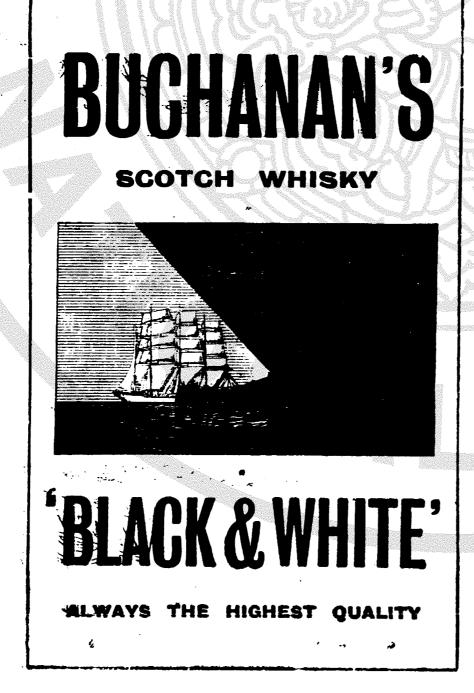
[Asadabad is at the top of the range of hills to to the west of Hamadan; Kangevar is down in the valley on the way to Kermanshah; Sinna and Bidjar are right away to the horth. All are in Persia, but approaching the western border.

Sensational Trial Opened.

London, March 6.—The Trial of the alleged conspirators against the life of Mr. Lloyd George opened at the Old Bailey before Mr. Justice Low, the Mahommedan Barrister, Mr Riza, defending.

The Attorney General prosecuting suggested that the attitude of mind and conduct of the prisoners was due to an unreasoning and inveterate batred of Britain, profound dislike to compulsion and other measures for the defence of the country, and a hatred of the statesmen wrose duty it had been to recommend the adoption of such measures.
He maintained that the prisoners were a gang of dengerous revolutionaries, and the State would be lacking in its-duty if it had failed to get in touch with them by means of secret agents.
London, Mar. 7.—At the Old Bailey

in the conspiracy trial, Mrs. Wheeldon gave evidence of a secret service agent, Gordon, who told her that he was a conscientious objector and had been helping interned people to escape. This naturally interested her, owing to her sympathies with conscientions objectors. She bargained with Gordon that she would get him poison to kill dogs in the internment camps, to enable his friends to escape, if he would help her son and two other youths to flee the country to avoid conscription.



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Items of Interest.

 Λ technical newspaper estimates at £1,000,000 the damage done by the recent munitions explosion in London district.

It is aunounced from a diplomatic source in Bome that the late Emperor Francis Joseph signed 21,000 death sentences during his reign. This total does not comprise military executions.

. Another enormous dividend has been declared by the Nippon Kisen Kaisha, a steamship company of Kobe managed by some business men con-nected with the Kuhara Mining Co. of Osaka,—153 per cent. per annum.

We learn on excellent authority, says the P. and T. Times, that a meeting of merchants, bankers, and other business men in Tientsia City resolved to withdraw all monies lodged with the German Bank in Tientein.

A message has been received at divisional headquarters, Maymyo, from army headquarters, India, and circulated to all volunteer corps in Burma that no more men are to be enlisted. The order, it is understood, refers to the whole of India.

The Nord-Sud Agency says that the Russian Finance Minister has, as an experiment, organised 115 savings banks on the various fronts of the Army, hoping that subscriptions to the loan will be forthcoming, and recalling that ten million roubles were subscribed to the last loan in the Treasury Bureau at the front. The total amount received at the savings banks during December throughout the whole empire was 85,200,000 roubles notwithstanding the subscriptions to the loan.

It is reported on good authority that the American steamers Ausable, Maumee and Winnebago, which left Norfolk respectively on December 24th, December 29th and January 1st for Buenos Ayres, presumably loaded with coal, carried several millions of dollars in gold for Germany, which it was intended to tranship at sea to German raiders. None of the steamers are reported as arriving at Buenos Ayres. All are owned by an enterprise which has steamers on the British black list.

Says an American paper: According to reports from Rome, the Duke and Duchess d'Aosta are to be placed upon the throne of Greece by the Entente Allies, driving King Constantine into exile. Constantine has been a thorn in the side of the Allies ever since Allied troops were landed at for placing the Duke d'Aosta, who is a relative of the King of Italy, on the

throne of Greece, Italy has agreed to land a large army in the Balkans to aid in the coming Allied Balkan offensive.

Salosika Position,

Paris, March 7 .- The deputy M. Chappedelaine, who was sent on a mission to Salonika by the Foreign Affairs Committee, states that if Sarrail had had two more divisions when Monastir fell, he could have gone to Uskub, liberating half of Serbia and threatening the high road to Constantinople. How ever, gigantic work had been accomplished and the army was now reinforced. He arges that the blockade of the Otranto Channel should be completed and the road-Santi Quaranta to Monastir should be finished, thus enabling troops and material to be brought up more quickly. He concludes " a tremendors task confronts the eastern army."

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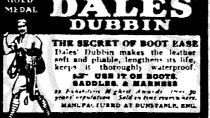
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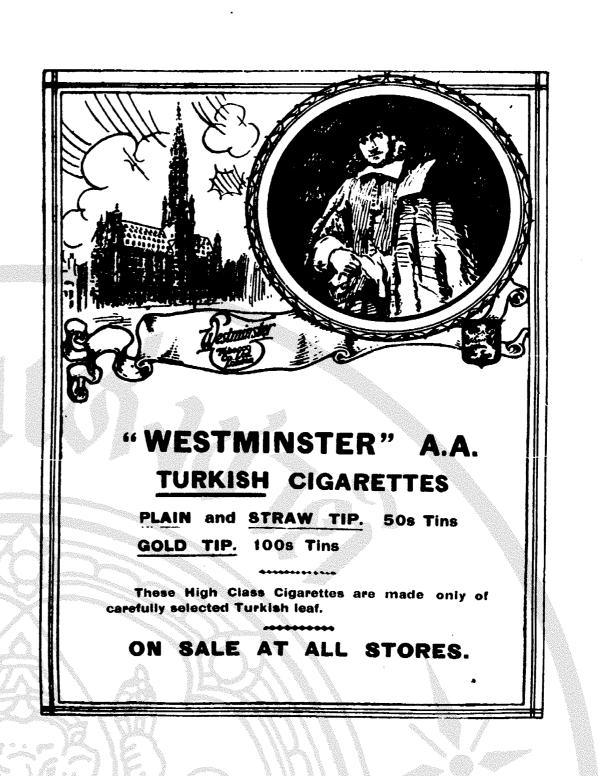
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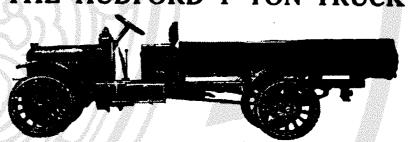
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Australian Politics.

Melbourne, March 6.- Two Senstors, supporters of the Government, declined to vote on the prolongation of Parliament until the charges of corrup-tion in connection with the Senate vacancies were cleared up. The Government finding itself in a minority decided to dissolve the House of Representatives thus enabling the elections to be held simultan on ly with the elections for the eighteen Senate

vacancies due by efficient of time.

During the debate in the Senate it was suggested that Mr Andrew Fisher and Sir George Beid temporarily represent Australia at the Imperial War Conference Application in contain the Conference. Anyhow it is certain the visit of Mr Hughes and other Australia delegates to England is indefinitely postponed.

The Prince of Wales's Future.

London, March 6.-In the House of Commons Mr Bonar Law announced the Prince of Wales had resigned the chairmanship of the Pensions Committee, which the Pensions Minister now

He paid a tribute to the Prince of Wales's zeal for the welfare of soldiers and sailors as giving great promise of the part he will play in public affairs with increasing years.

Mr Asquith associated hims If with

the tribute.

America and Germany.

London, March 6 -The revelation of the German overtures to Mexico has occasioned consideable heart-searching in Germany and there are numerous questions on the subject in the Reichstag. Herr Zimmermann said the despatch was sent in code and he was not aware how the Americans obtained and deciphered it. It was a misfortune that they did, but he was not sorry that the overtures had become known in Japan, through the publication in

New York, March 8.-A Hindoo and some German -doctors are accused of conspiring to get up a military expedition. The police say prisoners confessed to having plotted under the direction of von Igel, formerly of Bernstorff's staff, to invade India via China. The Hindoo posed as a Persian merchant and fradulently obtained a passport to Berlin, where he confer- buried for monts Many were drowned red with prominent officials then red in the mud through which they were turned to New York, and assisted von unable to wade.

Igel in the preparation of literature in London, Mar. various Indian languages and carried Official. The English attacked southon an active campaign. Accused received sixty thousand dollars.



BRITISH OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN ON THE WESTERN FRONT. Big German Ammunition left in a trench at St. Pierre Division.

British Line of 130 Miles.

London, Mar. 5.—The communiques reveal that the British line now extends as far south as Roye near Noyon, which is the nearest point of the German line to Paris. The British line Vores to Roye is 130 miles.

The special correspondents describe the appalling state of the evacuated German ground. Every possible gun and stores were removed but the whole battlefield is matted with bodies, un-

London, Mar. 5 .- Wireless. German ward of St. Pierre Vaast wood and captured a trench sector on the Bouchaves

nes Moislains road. We stormed and captured a French

position in Caurieres wood on a front of L500 metres and repulsed nocturnal counter attacks.

We captured an important position in the south east corner of Fosses wood taking prisoner 578, with sixteen machine-guns, twenty-five quick loaders. There were numerous airlights and the enemy lost eighteen aeroplanes yesterday while we lost four. London, Mar. 5.—A French com-

munique says: After a very intense bombardment in the region of Caurieres wood on the right bank of the Meure. the enemy violently attacked on a front of three kilometres between Chambrettes farm and Bezonvaux. Repeated assaults between Caurieres wood and Bezonvaux failed but the enemy gained

a footing in our advanced elements north of Caurieres wood but our fire smashed all attempts to penetrate the wood with heavy enemy losses

Double Income Tax.

London, March 6.-In the House of Lords replying to several members who had drawn his attention to the great injustice done to the Dominicus, specially New Zealand, owing to the double income tax, Lord Hylton admitted the hardship and said that doubtless Parliament would have to consider the question before long. He contended that the colonies wanted the best of both worlds and submitted that

the development of the Dominions was secured in the first instance at least by British capital. Therefore the Dominions should consider the question of making some reduction or agreeing to a compromise in the case of persons in Great Britain who have invested in colonial undertakings and he assured the House that the Treasury would consider the question.



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