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" " " " 21	" " " "	July 18	
" " " " 3	" "Arabia"	Aug. 4	
" " " " 17	" "Morea"	Aug. 18	
" " " " 1	" "Medina"	Sept. 1	
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" " "Mahidol"	...	25th	"	"
" " "Asiang"	...	29th	"	"
" " "Yugala"	...	1st	Aug.	"
" " "Boribat"	...	5th	"	"
" " "No Departure"	...	8th	"	"
" " "Prachati-pok"	...	12th	"	"
" " "Mahidol"	...	15th	"	"
" " "Asiang"	...	19th	"	"
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THE**Great War.****Airship Raid on England.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Aug. 2.

Official.—A number of hostile airships before midnight crossed the eastern and south-eastern coast and dropped bombs off the Thames estuary. Their attack is proceeding.

It is officially reported that apparently a considerable number of airships in to-night's raid cruised some time over Lincolnshire, Norfolk, Suffolk, Cambridge, Essex, Kent and Huntingdon and dropped bombs indiscriminately on localities militarily unimportant. Antiaircraft guns at one spot came into action with the airships and, it is believed, fired with good effect. Details are lacking.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE s.s. "Katong" brought 54 bags of mail last evening and the mail was ready for delivery at 9 o'clock this morning.

If the death sentence passed on Casement had not been remitted Casement would have been executed today.

THE "Katong" will leave from the Borneo Company's wharf at 5 p.m. sharp, on Friday the 4th inst., and should arrive in Singapore on Tuesday morning.

SINCE the beginning of the war 86 Victoria Crosses, 130 Military Crosses, 6,150 Distinguished Conduct Medals and 1,700 Military Medals have been awarded.

A TELEGRAPHIC transfer for the cost of the first Fighter subscribed for by the British subjects in Bangkok was forwarded to-day to England through H. B. M. Legation.

THE s.s. Chiklar, which used to be one of the chartered ships of the Chino Siam Steam Navigation Co., is back again in Siamese waters. She arrived in port to-day and is consigned to Messrs. Koon Seng and Co.

WE learn that a programme for motor launch racing is in course of preparation by interested owners of racing and other launches. The races are for small boats and are fixed, according to the present programme, for the 13th inst.

DESPATCHES from Zurich state that General von Schack, commander of the tenth German army corps, has been placed on the retired list, and has been replaced by General Wagner, the commander of the 38th infantry division at Erfurt.

NAI Bien, of Gray's Inn and Mon Chao Traiak, of the Middle Temple, have passed an examination in Constitutional Law (English and Colonial) and Legal History held by the Council of Legal Education in London in Trinity Term.

NEWS reached Mr. M. Topenot of the French Legation by last mail that his younger brother Sub-Lieutenant Louis Topenot of the 216^e R. d'Infanterie, Compagnie de Mitralleuses, was killed at Verdun in June last. This news came from his elder brother Lt. E. Topenot who is also at the front.

THE Medical Officer of Health reports that there were 7 cases of plague notified to him as having occurred in Bangkok during the week ended 29th July. Of these 5 ended fatally. There were 2 deaths from cholera for the same period but no small-pox cases are reported.

THE following passengers arrived by the s.s. "Katong" yesterday:—Mr. E. H. Rankin, Mr. S. O. Brownlen, Mr. G. H. Lynott, Mr. J. O. Cable, Mr. R. J. Swaine, Mr. J. C. Allen, Mr. Nishio, Mr. K. Takesu, Mr. G. Ado, Mr. T. Nakaneur, Mr. R. Olayri and Mr. S. Nenuya.

THE collection of samples of German and Austrian goods which has been shown in a number of industrial centres has been on show in the Town Hall, Birmingham. Samples have been received from British Dominions, Possessions, Protectorates, including Straits Settlements, and Wei-hai-wei. Samples which have been received from China, Manchuria, Chinese Turkestan, and Siam are also on view.

A CASE brought by Amdeing Sart against the Siam Electricity Co., Ltd. claiming Tcs. 5,000 as damages for injuries sustained whilst alighting from a tram-car at Sanyek was set down for hearing in the International Court this morning in order to see if any settlement could be arrived at between the parties but as no settlement was come to the Court fixed the 9th inst. for the hearing of the evidence of the complainant. In this accident Amdeing Sart was so badly injured that her leg had to be amputated.

Personal.

We regret to learn that Lady Yomarat became very ill suddenly at her residence, Sala Deng, about two days ago. Upon enquiries made to-day we were informed that she passed a good night and is progressing favourably.

The Yacht Maha Chakkri.

The last of this vessel which had graced the River Chow Phya for many a long year will be seen when she sails down the river on her voyage to Japan on Saturday. She sails under the Siamese flag also for the last time. Her new owners in Japan have sent six Japanese officers and 31 men as crew to take her away and these arrived by the s.s. Katong from Singapore last night. This morning they went on board the Maha Chakkri in a naval launch placed at their disposal.

Charge Against Opium Official.

In the Borsapha Court to-day the Attorney General appeared to prosecute Nait Tan Kway, an official of the Opium Department for complicity in an attempt to defraud female employees of the opium shops. The defence was that the act of the five Chinese arrested when demanding and obtaining a ten per cent. on their month's wages was not an act done with the knowledge or consent of this defendant. After hearing three witnesses Phya Dharmasarneti, Chief Judge who sat in the case, directed the commitment of the defendant to the Criminal Court.

Meeting of Racing Owners.

There was a fairly good attendance at the Owners' Meeting held at the Royal Bangkok Sports Club for the purpose of electing a Racing Sub-Committee for the ensuing racing year.

Phya Arthakara was voted to the Chair and Mr. W. G. Johnson was persuaded to act as Secretary.

The minutes of the last Owners' Meeting having been read and confirmed, the Chairman announced that the business before the meeting was the election of a sub-committee, but as it had already been made a rule that the handicapper could not be included in the sub-committee, he thought it advisable that they should elect a handicapper first. Mr. W. G. Johnson's name was proposed, but he declined to undertake the duties. Eventually it was unanimously agreed that Mr. R. B. H. Gibbins be invited to officiate as handicapper. The following were then elected members of the sub-committee: Phya Arthakara, Prasiddhi, Luang Sunthorn Kosa, Mr. W. G. Johnson, Mr. Cooke-Collis, Nait Cha Yong and Nait Riem Svetaserani.

Golf Notes.

The following are the teams for the match on Sunday "Services" v. "The Rest."

C. L. Watson	C. S. Brighonse
H. Chester Walsh	J. A. Macgill
R. S. Le May	J. H. McDonald
J. H. Heal	S. H. Hendrick
R. Halloran Brown	C. L. Groundwater
E. Wyon Smith	J. D. Powell
J. M. Sinclair	M. A. B. Duncan
E. S. Smith	A. W. Beaman
N. L. Selley	P. Christinas
C. A. Seymour Sewell	L. W. Horne
W. Nunn	J. S. Forrest
W. M. Gilmore	A. Lewis

S. Mary's Mission.

We are asked to state that there will be Special Services to-morrow (Friday) at the above Mission—it being the Second Anniversary of the Declaration of War.

7.30 a.m. Holy Communion.
6.30 p.m. Special Devotional Service.
The collections will be given to the British Red Cross Society. All British subjects are cordially invited.

Departures.

The following are leaving by the s.s. Katong to-morrow:—

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Strachan, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Brown, Miss Spafford, Mr. C. P. Norman, Nait Cha Yong, Nait Ruel, Luang Aravadi, Mr. D. Wilder, Mr. E. H. Rankin, Mr. Malcolm Branger, Mr. E. H. Rankin, Mr. Lynott, Mr. and Mrs. Lim Kim Po and Mr. Geo. Edgar.

THE Dutch Ministry of War has refused to exempt from military service the armistice De Waal, who is a director of the Fokker Aeroplane Factory at Schwerin, Germany. On the other hand, declines to grant him the passports necessary to enable him to return to Holland. Passports have also been refused to a number of Belgians, Swedes and Swiss who desire to proceed to their respective countries via Germany.

Siamese Tin.

The report of the Siamese Tin Syndicate for the nine months ended 31st December shows a profit of £20,633 after writing off £2,173 for depreciation, and to this is added £7,574 brought forward, giving a total of £28,207. A dividend of 10 per cent. was paid in October and a further dividend of 10 per cent. was paid in March this year, leaving £1,207, which subject to the payment of excess profits duty (if any), will be carried forward. Since the 31st December last the profits have been satisfactory, and the directors have therefore decided to pay an interim dividend of 10 per cent., payable on the 14th July to all shareholders registered on the 30th June. All three dredges were in commission during the whole period. The amount of ground worked was 1,273,209 cubic yards while the tin ore won was 724 long tons. A great amount of time, 719 hours, was lost over the top tumbler sent out with dredges Nos. 2 and 3, which frequently gave way. War conditions greatly delayed the dispatch of substitutes. Early in 1916 a new top tumbler arrived, was put in place and has proved satisfactory so far. The working costs averaged 6.261 per cubic yard. This high cost is partly due to an increase in the price of charcoal, partly to the great increase in the price of all imported stores and materials owing to the war and partly to loss of time of the individual dredges. However, the nature of the overburden prevents a good yardage factor, so that the costs can never be as low as those of dredges working in tree ground. Local supplies of labour have been barely sufficient to meet the demand caused by the rapid increase in the number of dredges in the district, with the result that the price has risen and the quality fallen. Towards the end of the year a start was made in opening up the Bandon mine. The difficulty of obtaining the necessary plant has caused much delay, but it is expected that production on a small scale will begin in July, 1916, and the mine will be in full swing by November. The lease for the Bangrin property has been received, but nothing has been done towards commencing work. A dredge is essential.—Ex.

Items of Interest.

London, July 27.—Lord Lytton becomes civil Lord of the Admiralty in succession to Lord Devonshire.

London, July 25.—The Liverpool Cotton Market will be closed on July 29 and five following Saturdays.

London, July 27.—A petition to relieve Sir Roger Casement was presented to Mr. Asquith last evening.

Rotterdam, July 25.—The Feyesmoord shipyard are constructing four large submarines for the Dutch East Indies.

London, July 27.—The death is announced of General Sir H. J. T. Hildyard, C. B. (Campaigns: Egypt and South Africa).

London, July 25.—The vote for the civil service supplementary estimate includes £20,000 for the Shackleton relief expeditions.

The Hague, July 26.—At a meeting of the fishing industry to discuss the British seizures it was announced that Holland had sent a strong protest.

London, July 27.—In the House of Commons Mr. Asquith announced that the resolutions of the Economic Conference would be discussed on Wednesday.

London, July 28.—The Washington Government has cabled to Britain protesting against the blacklisting of firms in the United States as an invasion of neutral rights.

Washington, July 28.—The Senate has passed a bill authorising the expenditure of 312 million dollars on the army, a third more than was voted in the House of Representatives.

Amsterdam, July 27.—The Norddeutsche Lloyd steamer Nordney from Sweden with a cargo of iron ore was sunk in the Baltic, the captain and three of the crew being drowned.

Malta, July 26.—It is understood that the non-enforcement of military service acts against Britishers residing in the Colonies and Protectorates is due to the fact that they are inapplicable to Ireland.

London, July 27.—In the House of Commons Mr. Asquith announced the King would be advised to take steps to deprive the Duke of Cumberland and Albany and Prince Albert of Schleswig-Holstein of their honours and titles.

German Paper to Help Turkey.

London, July 22.—Constantinople official reports say Turkey is obtaining a further advance of about two millions sterling from Germany. She receives not coin, but depreciated German exchange bonds, whereon she will base a fresh issue of paper money. The transaction illustrates the methods of enemy finance.

The Sind Affair.**Beginning to Look Blacker.**

London, July 26.—In the House of Lords Lord Midleton asked for further information as to the Sind troop-train disaster.

Lord Islington said further inquiries had been telegraphed to India with regard to various allegations made here but replies had not yet been received. The information available all seemed to point to lamentable, if not culpable, negligence. He expressed the deepest sympathy, which he was sure the whole House would share, with the families who had suffered an apparently unnecessary loss.

London, July 27.—In the House of Commons Mr. Chamberlain announced he had asked the Indian Government to report whether the loss of life in the troop-train was due to the route taken or to lack of proper arrangements or to both. Whether it was urgently necessary to send drafts by that route immediately instead of sending them to the Deccan till the monsoon broke in northern India.

Sir A. Markham: Did the Indian Government take any steps in the troop-train matter till it was mentioned in the House of Commons.

Mr. Chamberlain: The Indian Government instituted an enquiry as soon as it had knowledge of the facts and informed me of the occurrence by telegram dated 11th June 15. The Indian Government is awaiting the result of the enquiry before fixing the responsibility.

Mr. King: Indian papers drew attention to the matter before June 16.

Col. Yates: Can arrangements be made to prevent a repetition for Indian troops in Arabia spoiling en route from Bombay. Couldn't money compensation be given to British officers at Aden in lieu of bad rations.

Mr. Chamberlain: I have telegraphed to India for information.

In reply to Mr. Snowden Mr. Chamberlain said it was not necessary to specify reasons for the exclusion of Mrs. Besant from Bombay.

Eastern Affairs.

London, July 24.—In the House of Commons Mr. Chamberlain announced that he had directed the Government of India when they had fixed the responsibility for the deplorable troop-train incident, to hold those responsible to strict account.

The Mesopotamia Bill provides for the setting of a Commission in India with the same compulsory power regarding the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents as in England. If sittings are required elsewhere, as in Egypt, the necessary provision will be made by an Order-in-Council.

Coconuts and Troops.

London, July 25.—In the House of Commons Mr. Bonar Law announced that he was inquiring into alleged purchases of coconut estates in various parts of the Empire by an alien firm.

Mr. Bonar Law also said that Government was carefully considering the recruitment and training of native troops in East, West and Central Africa. Steps were being taken to make the best military use of natives of tropical Africa.

East African Success.

London, July 28.—Colonel Northey wires officially from East Africa on July 24th as follows:—We have expelled the southern German force, including the bulk of the Krupp's crew from a strong position midway between Nowlarenburg and Franke. The enemy after several strong but unsuccessful counterattacks retired towards Franke, abandoning a four inch howitzer and two machine guns. The Governor of Nowlarenburg was captured but died of wounds.

Submarine Trader Bremen Missing

London, July 25.—The Times correspondent at New York says that the Germans fear that the submarine Bremen has been lost.

Java Sugar Purchases.

London, July 25.—It is reported in the City that a further arrangement has been made with Holland for another large purchase of Java sugar, financed by the issue of Treasury Bills.

The Kitchener Fund.

London, July 25.—The Kitchener Memorial Fund is now over £121,000. The Eastern Telegraph Company contributes £250; the Bengal Iron and Steel Co. £100.

London, July 27.—Owing to the growth of the Kitchener Fund with a view to placing it on a national basis, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, Cardinal Bourne, the Chairman of the Free Church Council, the Chief Rabbi, "General" Booth, Sir John Jellicoe, Viscount French, Sir Douglas Haig, and the M. P. Mr. Barnes and Mr. Crook have been invited to join the council. Also the Governor General of the Dominions and the Viceroy of India.

Sensational Flight.**Across Germany to Poland.**

Paris, July 26.—The aviator Marchel flew over Germany on the night of the 20 and was taken prisoner by Austrians at Cholim owing to the failure of his motor. He dropped a proclamation in German in Berlin declaring the Central Powers pre-mediated the war, that the strength of the Allies and the distress of Germany was growing, that neutrals were alienated by the cruelties of the Germans who were fighting for bloodthirsty kings and junkers, while the Allies were struggling for the liberty of all peoples.

Sad Occurrence in Brussels.

Amsterdam, July 26.—The Echo Belge says an impressive sermon was delivered by Cardinal Mercier at Brussels on the occasion of the National fête. Thousands frantically applauded him. The Brabantonne was sung and Mercier was followed to the station by a large crowd singing the Brabantonne. German troops charged with the bayonet and terrible screaming ensued. The Germans struck women and children with rifle shots. Near the Bourse the crowd in the public squares shouted "long live the King, down with Germany" and down with the Kaiser. Many arrests were made.

Much of Little.

Rome, July 26.—Mr. Lloyd George's prediction of victory in a few months is much commented on. It is pointed out that Mr. Lloyd George has precise knowledge of the military power of the Allies and the conditions of the Central powers.

Foodstuffs into Enemy Territories.

London, July 27.—Official: The Imperial Government proposes to admit foodstuffs into territories occupied by the enemy, provided that the enemy reserve wholly to civilians foodstuffs in those territories and allow neutrals selected by the President of the United States to control the distribution. If the offer is refused or unanswered before harvest time, the Imperial Government will hold the Central Powers responsible and exact such reparation as can be secured by the Allied arms or enforced by the public opinion of neutrals for every civilian starved to death in the occupied territories.

America Purchases St. Thomas.

Washington, July 25.—Official: The United States has practically concluded the purchase of the Danish West Indies for five million sterling. The treaty confirming the sale will probably be signed today and go immediately to the Senate.

Ships Sunk and Captured.

London, July 24.—The British steamers Wolf, Llongwen and Knutsford have been sunk. The crews were saved.

London, July 25.—The steamer Olive has been submerged in the Mediterranean.

Naples, July 26.—Seventeen of the crew of the torpedoed steamer Mongwen have been landed. Fourteen were drowned by the capsizing of a boat.

London, July 27.—Sunk in the North Sea the Norwegian steamer Kentigern.

Copenhagen, July 27.—German destroyers have seized a Norwegian and two British steamers in the Sound. A German cruiser has captured the Wilson liner Eskimo in the Skagerrack.

Christiania, July 28.—Crowds on the hills saw a German auxiliary, disguised under Swedish colours attack the Eskimo in territorial waters.

Shipping Notes.

The Nor. s.s. Chiklar 1102 tons Capt. H. Nielsen, arrived from Singapore to-day. The consignees are Messrs. Kwang Seng & Co.

The Dutch s.s. Ban Ho Liang 501 tons Capt. C. Krutte, arrived from Soerabaya to-day with a cargo of molasses. The consignees are Messrs. Ban Seng Chiang & Co.

The British s.s. Linan 1336 tons Capt. E. J. Pottinger, arrived from Hongkong to-day with a cargo of kerosene and 3 bags of mail. The consignees are Messrs. The Borneo Co., Ltd.

The Chinese s.s. Yushun 1029 tons Capt. W. G. Legges, arrived from Singapore to-day. The consignees are Messrs. Khoo Seng & Co.

The British s.s. Katong 863 tons Capt. W. L. Gardner, arrived from Singapore to-day with a general cargo and 51 of English mail 12 cabin and 14 deck passengers. The consignees are Messrs. The Borneo Co., Ltd.

Ships in Harbour.

Wooli	Chin.	12
Waishing	Brit.	56
Katong	"	58
Hupoh	"	81
Yushun	Chin.	J
Champion	Dut.	22
Chiklar	Nor.	17
Linan	Brit.	5
Huichow	"	1
Ban Ho Liang	Dut.	J-1

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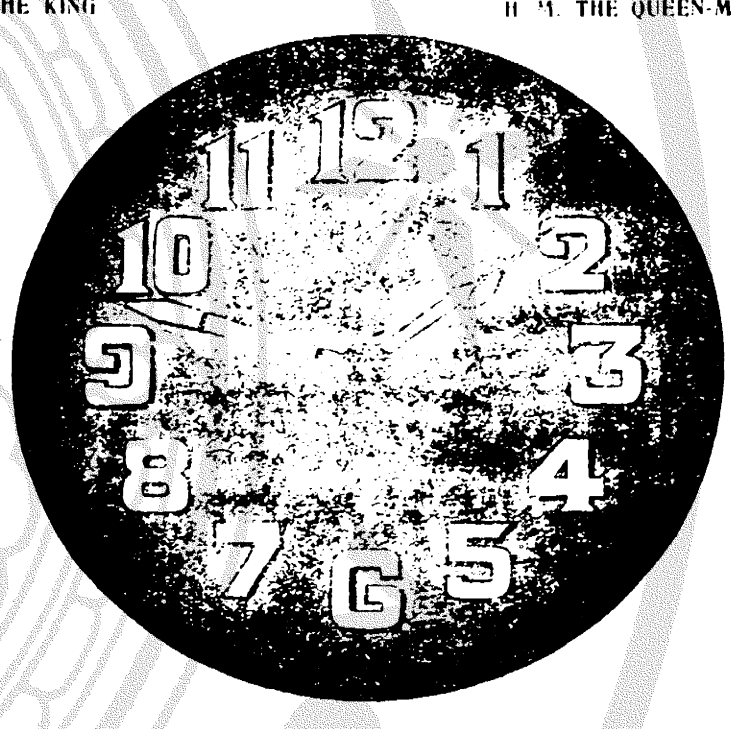
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Mesopotamia.

London, July 26.—In the House of Lords, Lord Middleton, asked regarding the rations of the troops in Mesopotamia, said that the War Office were endeavouring to get information which would allow them the Derby rations or give the equivalent in value of the rations issued in France. He had telegraphed asking whether the troops were receiving full scale rations and hoped that the answer would be satisfactory.

London, July 26.—In the House of Commons Mr. Asquith announced the personnel of the Mesopotamia commission as follows: Lord George Hamilton (chairman), Lord Donoughmore and Lord Hugh Cecil, Messrs Williamson M.P., Hodge M.P., and the Dardanelles Commission as Lord Cromer (chairman), Mr. Hon. Andrew Fisher, Sir Thomas Mackenzie and Messrs Cawley M.P., Clyde M.P., S. Gwynn M.P.

He emphasised the difficulties of the selection of Commissioners and thought it was desirable to give the commission a Parliamentary complexion while excluding members who had shown bias or partiality. He was prepared to accept suggestions amplifying or strengthening the Commission. The names of the Commissioners were favourably received.

Mr. Asquith has agreed to add a naval and military representative to the Dardanelles commission and Mr. J. Wedgwood M.P. to the Mesopotamian commission. Both commissions will be empowered to enquire into the origin, inception and conduct of the operations.

London, July 27.—Mr. Walter Roche, M.P. is added to the Dardanelles commission.

London, July 27.—The Morning Post says Lord Kitchener shortly before his death suggested that the Imperial Government and the Dominions should legislate prohibiting Germans for twenty-one years after the war becoming naturalised or domiciled in the Empire, or becoming partners or shareholders in British businesses.

Rainfall.

We have received the following telegraphic reports of rainfall from the Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Lands and Agriculture:

MONDOL RABURI		
At Rajburi	July 31	6.3 mm.
.. Bejraburi	" 31	2.1 "
.. Smudsongram	Aug. 1	7.8 "
MONDOL NAGOR SVARGA.		
At Kambaengbejra	July 31	6.5 "

Dutch War News.

The Belgian Government will shortly issue an official statement that Belgium has no intention whatever of increasing her territory at Holland's expense.

A German message states that from their whole front guard only 11 have deserted.

German prisoners taken on the Somme included some from a company which had been transferred from Verdun.

A Berlin communique states that all is now quiet on the Somme. The Netherlands Overseas Trust have subscribed 300,000 to the fund of the Dutch Relief Committee.

The German Ambassador Von Kuhlmann has requested the Netherlands Relief Committee to take charge of a large number of sickly German children.

The "Besochi" has had to unship her mails at Kirkwall.

Sabang coaled 29 ships during the fortnight ended the 20th instant. Six of them were English, one Russian, and the remainder Dutch. They bunkered 2,785 tons.

Thirty-seven thousand four hundred guilders are to be earmarked for building six barracks for quarantined Europeans at Medan, says the "Java Bode".

Arabs murdered in June Captain Von Moller and five German reservists at Jeddah. They had escaped from Singapore to Bandoeng, Java, which they left in April and had a very adventurous voyage to Arabia.

A Berlin communique says that the British attacked over a front of 40 kilometres with 17 divisions and 200,000 men, with the result that they penetrated the first German line of trenches to the south of Hindenburg to a depth of 5 kilometres. The British also captured the Verdunvillers wood. Fierce British attacks were driven back, the Germans capturing 17 officers and 1,200 men.

Aviators dropped bombs on towns in the Schwarzwald.

Large numbers of desertions have recently taken place from the German Infantry.

A Berlin message reports that the Germans have retired from the north of Shargon.

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Telegraph Lines.

The Post and Telegraph Department reports that Malay Peninsula main line is in order as far as Chumpon. Krat line is not properly working with Chandaburi. Other lines are all right.

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SINGAPORE.
Friday 4th 3 p.m. s.s. Katong
CHANDABURI
Saturday 5th 10 a.m. s.s. Krat
COPENHAGEN.
Saturday 5th 12 noon s.s. Chumpon

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Bank Bills, demand
GERMANY—
Bank Bills, demand
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Bank Bills, demand U.S.A. 36
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Bank Bills, demand \$65 5/8
HONGKONG—
Bank Bills, demand 1
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LINE 4—KLONG SAMRONG LOOK TO BANG HIA.
Boats leave the Look in connection with the Paknam Railway train 10.45 a.m. from Bangkok.

ROYAL STATE RAILWAYS.

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TIME TABLE

In force from 15th Dec., 1915.

Bangkok				Ban Moh			
Dep.	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	Dep.	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.
7.45	9.45	1.25	3.33	Chang	Dep.	9.7	...
Ayuthia	Arr.	9.3	11.41	3.33	5.45	...	...
Ban Phaji	Arr.	9.17	12.20	4.24	6.30	...	...
Ban Phaji	Dep.	9.57	12.37	4.30	...	...	...
Lopburi	Arr.	11.5	1.55	5.48	...	...	...
Chengket	Dep.	12.33	3.38	...	7.2	...	...
Pak'poh	Arr.	2.17	5.40	...	9.5	...	...
Pak'poh	Dep.	2.26	6.30	...	...	...	...
Pitsa'loke	Arr.	6	11.5	...	...	...	...
Pitsa'loke	Dep.	...	7.4	2.2	...	...	...
Ban Dara	Arr.	...	9.5	4.18	...	...	...
Ban Dara	Dep.	...	9.10	4.26	...	...	...
Skalohe	Arr.	...	10.21	5.41	...	...	...
Ban Dara	Dep.	...	10.6	5.29	...	...	...
Utaradit	Arr.	...	10.15	5.38	...	...	...
Tha Sai	Arr.	...	11.57	...	...	...	...
Den Chai	...	...	3.8	...	...	...	...
Ban Moh	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chang	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ban Phaji	Dep.	10.10	12.30	4.41	...	...	...
Gengko	Arr.	11.7	1.26	5.51	...	...	...
Korat	...	...	6.8	...	...	...	...
Bangkok	Dep.	7.45	3.50	...	...	...	...
Petrien	Arr.	9.33	5.38	...	...	...	...
Ban Phaji	Dep.	6.27	8.37	12.44	3.14	...	...
Ayuthia	...	7.13	9.25	1.23	3.58
Bangkok	Arr.	9.28	11.35	3.16	6.11
Petrien	Dep.	7.30	3.55
Bangkok	Arr.	9.38	5.43

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