



## BANKING COMPANIES

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID UP CAPITAL ... \$15,000,000  
RESERVE FUNDS.  
STERLING £1,500,000 @ 2/4= \$15,000,000  
SILVER ... .. 15,000,000  
33,000,000  
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS  
\$15,000,000

HEAD OFFICE.  
HONGKONG.  
CHIEF MANAGER.  
N. J. STARR.

## BRANCHES AND AGENCIES

Aney Ipoh Peking  
Batavia Johore Penang  
Bombay Kuala Lumpur Saigon  
Calcutta London San Francisco  
Canton Lyons Shanghai  
Colon Malacca Singapore  
Fookow Manila Sourabaya  
Hankow Nagasaki Tientsin  
Hongkong New York Yokohama  
(Szechuan)

## BANKING AGENCY

INTEREST Allowed on current ac-  
counts at the rate of 1 per cent per  
annum on the daily balance.

FIXED DEPOSITS are received on  
terms which can be ascertained on  
application.

Letters of credit issued available in  
the Principal Cities of the world.

Drafts granted. Bills negotiated or  
sent for collection and every descrip-  
tion of Banking and Exchange business  
transacted.

Office Hours - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Saturdays - 9 a.m. to 12 noon  
E. W. TOWNEND,  
Acting Agent.

## Chartered Bank

OF  
INDIA AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

## INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER.

PAID-UP CAPITAL ... £1,200,000  
RESERVE FUND ... £1,200,000  
FURTHER LIABILITY OF  
PROPRIETORS ... £1,200,000

## COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Sir Montagu Cornish Turner, (Chairman)  
Sir Henry S. Cunningham, K. C. I. E.  
Thomas Cuthbertson, Esq.  
Sir Alfred Dent, K. C. M. G.  
William Henry Neville Goschen, Esq.  
The Rt. Hon. Lord George Hamilton, G. C. S. I.

W. Foot Mitchell, Esq.  
Lewis Alexander Wallace, Esq.  
Current Accounts are opened and in-  
terest allowed at 1 per cent. per annum  
on the daily balance.  
Deposits are received for fixed periods  
at rates which can be ascertained on  
application

G. E. ALLEN,  
Agent.  
[3]  
Bangkok, July 1, 1909.

## BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE

Societe Anonyme au Capital  
de 48,000,000 de Francs.

## COURT OF DIRECTORS.

M. Baron Hely d'Ossel, Chairman,  
M. A. de Monpland, Deputy Chairman.

M. Bethend  
M. L. Messon  
M. A. Bostan  
M. L. Dorison  
M. E. Boume  
M. Stanislas Simon  
M. Edgard Stern  
R. de Fregomalin  
M. E. Ullmann  
M. Comte A. de  
Germilly

Managing Director...M. Stanislas Simon  
Government Supervisor...M. Demartial

Interest allowed on Current Ac-  
counts at the rate 1 p.c. per annum on  
the daily balances.

The rates of interest allowed on fixed  
Deposit Account can be ascertained on  
application to the Director.

Office Hours.....9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Saturdays ..... 9 a.m. to 12 noon

## Branches and Agencies.

Bangkok Hanoi Saigon  
Batambong Hongkong Shanghai  
Canton Nanking Singapore  
Djibouti Peking Tientsin  
Haiphong Pnom-Penh  
Hankow Pondicherry Tourane

OAMILLE HENRI,  
Manager.

## HARP VOIR LONG &amp; CO.

Facing Sampeng Old Market, Jawara  
Road, No. 184 to 189.

We have just unpacked a large ship-  
ment of our well-known High Class  
Paints, Varnishes, Linseed, Oils, Brass-  
ware, Iron-ware, and Carpenter's, Black  
smith's, Silver smith's Tools, and  
various kinds of best Chinese silks  
always in stock.

INSPECTION INVITED. PRICES  
MODERATE.  
Tel. No. 365.

## BANKING COMPANIES

The Siam Commer-  
cial Bank Ltd.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID UP CAPITAL  
TICALS 3,300,000

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

E. Florio, (Chairman), Phra Boribun  
Phya Boribun Raja Koonbun  
Phya Jalyos Sombati Leang Bit  
Narongree,  
W. Brakmer, Esq.  
A. Wilke, Esq.

London Bankers—Direction der Dis-  
conto Gesellschaft, Swiss Bankverein.  
The Institution buys, sells, and outlets  
Bills of Exchange on Europe, India,  
and China and transacts every descrip-  
tion of Exchange and Banking business.

Current Account Deposits at 1%  
on daily balances.

Rates of Interest allowed on the fixed  
deposits may be ascertained on appli-  
cation.

Safe-Deposit Lockers let to the pub-  
lic at monthly rental.

Apply for particulars.

Office hours ... 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Saturdays ... 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

A. WILLEKE,  
Actg. Manager,

Bangkok, March 27, 1909.

Deutsch-Asiatische  
Bank.

Fully paid up Capital  
Sh. Ticals 7,500,000

HEAD OFFICE ... Shanghai  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS ... Berlin.

Branches -  
Berlin, Peking, Kobe,  
Calcutta, Tientsin, Yokohama,  
Hankow, Tsinanfu, Hamburg,  
Hongkong, Tsingtau, Canton.

## LONDON BANKERS.

Messrs. N. M. Rothschild & Sons.  
Union of London & Smiths Bank, Ltd.  
Deutsche Bank (Berlin) London Agency.  
Direction der Disconto Gesellschaft.

H. FIGGE, CHIEF MANAGER.  
AGENTS IN SIAM.

The Siam Commercial Bank, Ltd.

A. WILLEKE,  
Actg. Manager.

Bangkok, 5-11-10.  
4-11-1911.  
104

THE  
Siam Observer.

THE OLDEST AND LEADING DAILY  
NEWSPAPER IN SIAM.

## Eight-Page English

AND

Eight-Page Siamese  
Editions.

Subscriptions Ticals 50

per annum or Ticals 5

per mensem for

English Edition.

Ticals 25 per annum for

Siamese Edition.

"Weekly Mail"

(WEEKLY EDITION IN ENGLISH)

Ticals 20 per annum.

"Siam Maitri"

WEEKLY EDITION IN SIAMESE)

Ticals 8 per annum

## Advertising Rates.

PER INCH.  
One insertion ... .. 2.00  
Two insertions ... .. 3.25  
Three " ... .. 4.50  
Four " ... .. 5.25  
Five " ... .. 6.00  
Six " (one week) ... .. 6.75  
Two weeks ... .. 9.15  
Three " ... .. 11.55  
Four " (1st month) ... .. 13.0  
Contract rates can be obtained on  
application to the manager.  
Alterations and additions to advertise-  
ments on Pages 2, 3, 6 and 7, must be  
sent to the Office not later than 10 a.m.  
NEW ADVERTISEMENTS must be sent  
before noon.

## Land For Sale.

At Sala Deng and Sathorn roads,  
finest locality in Bangkok.

Please apply to:  
P. ULBICH,  
60 Windmill Road.  
14-28

## TIDE TABLE.

DEPTH OF WATER ON THE  
BANGKOK BAR.

FOR JANUARY, 1916.

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

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

## PHASES OF THE MOON.

Jan. 5th New Moon 11.33 a.m.  
12th First Quarter 10.16 a.m.  
20th Full Moon 3.11 p.m.  
27th Last Quarter 7.17 a.m.

## Bangkok Mails Close.

SINGORA  
Saturday 22nd 10 a.m. s.s. Redang  
CHANDABURI.  
Saturday 22nd 10 a.m. s.s. Anchang

## Exchange Rates.

To-day's Quotations.  
LONDON—  
Bank Bills, demand 1/6 7/16  
Bank Bills, 4 months' sight —  
PARIS—  
Bank Bills, demand —  
GERMANY—  
Bank Bills, demand —  
NEW YORK—  
Bank Bills, demand U.S.A. 35 1/2  
INDIA—  
Bank Bills, demand Rs. 114  
SINGAPORE—  
Bank Bills, demand 65 1/2  
HONGKONG—  
Bank Bills, demand, 77 1/8  
YOKOHAMA & KOBE...  
Bank Bills, demand, 77 1/8  
NOTE:—The rate of interest on Ad-  
vance Bills has been reduced to  
6 per cent. per annum.  
Equivalent of Exchange demand  
London in Siamese Currency —  
£1—Tos. 13.06.—(Bank Rate)

## Praise for Anzars.

From the King, Kitchener, and  
General Birdwood.

At Gaba Tepe on November 26 Gen-  
eral Birdwood published a special  
order, conveying to the Australian and  
New Zealand Army Corps a message  
with which he was specially entrusted  
by the King. "His Majesty (said the  
order) commanded Lord Kitchener to  
express his high appreciation of the  
gallant, unflinching conduct of our  
men through fighting which has been  
as hard as any yet seen during the war,  
and wishes to express his complete  
confidence in the determination and  
fighting qualities of our men to assist in  
carrying this war to an entirely suc-  
cessful termination."

Lord Kitchener also ordered General  
Birdwood to express to all the very  
great pleasure it gave him to have an  
opportunity of visiting Anzac, "as it  
was not until he had himself seen the  
positions we have captured and held  
that he was able fully to realize the  
magnitude of the work which has been  
accomplished." General Birdwood him-  
self added: "Boys, we may all well be  
proud to receive such messages, and it  
is up to all of us to live up to them and  
to prove their truth."

Belgian Powder Factory  
Disaster.

The Belgian Government powder  
factory, situated at Gravelle St. Hono-  
rine, was blown up by an explosion.  
The men were working at the time,  
and it is feared that the number of  
wounded is great. The explosion was  
distinctly heard at Havre, two miles  
away, when a great number of windows  
were broken. The number of wound-  
ed is estimated at nearly 300.

Additional details regarding the  
appalling explosion in the Belgian Gov-  
ernment explosive factory show that of  
150 workmen who are usually employ-  
ed in the annex where the disaster  
occurred, from 30 to 50 were luckily  
engaged outside, and thus escaped. The  
correct number of victims is not yet  
known. The explosion was caused in  
an excavation 35 metres deep. The  
cause of the disaster is also unknown.

The annex is a heap of ruins. The  
effects of the explosion were plainly  
felt at Trouville, Fecamp, Yvetot, and  
other places a considerable distance  
away, while it gave the impression of  
an earthquake to the inhabitants of  
Havre and Harfleur.—Ex. Tel. Co.

## Mr. Asquith on Peace Terms.

In the House of Commons on Dec. 8  
Mr. Snowden asked the Prime Minis-  
ter if he would give an undertaking  
that no proposals made through neu-  
trals or by any belligerent for negotia-  
tions based upon the evacuation of  
conquered territory should be rejected  
by the Government without the know-  
ledge of Parliament.

Mr. Asquith: As the right hon.  
gentleman is aware, the Governments  
of France, Russia, Japan, Italy, and  
Great Britain have mutually agreed  
not to conclude peace separately dur-  
ing the present war. If proposals of  
a serious character for a general peace  
are put forward, either directly or  
through a neutral Power, by the enemy  
Governments they will not be discus-  
ed by the Allied Governments. Unless  
this contingency arises I cannot give  
any further pledge. As soon as propo-  
sals for peace are put forward it is the  
desire and intention of the Govern-  
ment to take Parliament into their  
confidence at the earliest possible mom-  
ent.

## New German War Loan.

Herr Helfferich's proposal for a new  
war loan amounting to ten milliard  
marks, thus bringing the war credit up  
to 40 milliard marks, was handed in to  
the Reichstag on Dec. 10. Of the last  
loan 4.28 milliard marks remain. The  
Finance Minister said that the new loan  
was not to be used before the spring.—  
Ex. Tel. Co.

## Belgian Queen Under Bomb Fire.

During the last three weeks German  
aviators have made five attacks on hos-  
pitals and medical establishments be-  
hind the Belgian front which are under  
the direction of Queen Elizabeth. Last  
week German bombs killed 100 people,  
three of whom were soldiers. In spite  
of the advice and solicitations of the  
Consuls and doctors, Her Majesty re-  
solutely refused to leave her post of  
danger.

## THE RAINFALL.

Rainfall for the 2nd week in January 2458

Locality.	Rainfall recorded during the week.	Rainfall of correspond- ing week of last year.	Total rainfall for present year to date.	Total rainfall for last year to correspond- ing date.	Remarks.
	Millimetres.	Millimetres.	Millimetres.	Millimetres.	
Ministry of Agriculture	None	None	1238.6	1280.8	
Dhanyaburi	...	...	1253.3	1155.2	
Satunprakar	...	...	1372.6	1320.3	
Krung Kao	...	...	1073.5	954.8	
Anglong	...	...	1450.3	1082.9	
Loburi	...	...	1269.0	1284.1	
Jainari	...	...	...	...	
Udaikhami	No report	...	...	919.5	
Biennloke	...	...	...	970.7	
Petawee	None	37.5	1471.4	1706.4	
Prachin	None	...	1213.1	1546.3	
Nagor Pathom	...	...	1550.4	1863.5	
Rajburi	...	...	1561.3	1033.5	
Bejaraburi	...	...	1256.0	940.2	
Xiangmai	...	...	1722.4	1121.1	
Singora	48.8	33.3	2187.2	1401.1	

## Paknam Railway Company Limited.

## TIME TABLE.

PAKNAM—BANGKOK.					BANGKOK—PAKNAM.						
Stations.		Train No.				Stations.		Train No.			
		1	2	3	4			1	2	3	4
		a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.			a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.
Paknam	Dep.	6.30	9.30	12.45	3.45	Bangkok	Dep.	7.45	10.45	2.00	5.00
*Maha Wong	"	6.35	9.35	12.50	3.50	Sala Deng	"	7.52	10.52	2.07	5.07
*Ban Nang Grong	"	6.40	9.40	12.55	3.55	Klong Toi	"	8.00	11.00	2.15	5.15
Chorakhe	"	6.45	9.45	1.00	4.00	*Ban Kluai	"	8.05	11.05	2.20	5.20
*Samrong	"	6.50	9.50	1.05	4.05	Prakonong	"	8.10	11.10	2.25	5.25
Bangna	"	6.55	9.55	1.10	4.10	Bangdjak	"	8.15	11.15	2.30	5.30
Bangdjak	"	7.00	10.00	1.15	4.15	*Bangna	"	8.20	11.20	2.35	5.35
Prakonong	"	7.05	10.05	1.20	4.20	Samrong	"	8.25	11.25	2.40	5.40
*Ban Kluai	"	7.10	10.10	1.25	4.25	Chorakhe	"	8.30	11.30	2.45	5.45
Klong Toi	"	7.15	10.15	1.30	4.30	*Ban Nang Grong	"	8.35	11.35	2.50	5.50
Sala Deng	"	7.23	10.23	1.38	4.38	*Maha Wong	"	8.40	11.40	2.55	5.55
Bangkok	Arr.	7.30	10.30	1.45	4.45	Paknam	Arr.	8.45	11.45	3.00	6.00



### German Chancellor's Speech.

In the debate on Herr Scheidemann's interpellation in the Reichstag the Imperial Chancellor, Dr. Bethmann von Hollweg, said all reports that Germany was seeking peace in Switzerland, Holland, Sweden, and elsewhere were foolish legends, which the Entente Powers were spreading in order to cover their military failures and make the world believe that Germany was about done for. He could not discuss terms now, but declared that the longer the Allies forced war on Germany the stronger the latter became. Therefore the more severe would be the peace terms. If Germany's enemies did not want to see her strength now they must see it later on. France's terms were reported to be the regaining of Alsace and Lorraine, and England's terms were said to be the crushing of German militarism. But both these demands were impossible, as the Allies had found already on the battlefields. "We stand together," he declared, and the terms of Germany's future must be secured.

There was enough food, if not an over-supply, plenty of cotton was coming up the Danube and the supply of copper and rubber were sufficient. Germany was prepared to carry the war into other fields. The Chancellor, who was loudly cheered, first reviewed the political and military situation. Dealing with the Balkans, he said the explanation of the reason why Bulgaria sided with Germany was because Russia bitterly disappointed Bulgaria's legitimate aspirations with regard to Macedonia for the profit of Serbia. King Ferdinand, he declared, has now kept his word after a glorious but disappointing campaign, and now the Bulgarian colours are waving over their lost provinces. Serbia, instead of seeking to compromise, not only joined the Entente, but decided to attack her Eastern neighbours. The Chancellor paid a warm eulogy to the German troops, and also to the troops of their Allies, for the courage they had displayed in the Serbian campaign. He also praised Turkey for the resistance she had offered at the Dardanelles and Baghdad. The gaining of an open road to the Near East was a milestone in the present war. From the military point of view its value could not be overrated, while from the economic standpoint it allowed the welcome arrival of Turkish produce in Germany.

### Evacuation Of Helles.

London, Jan. 12.—The following is the full text of General Monro's historic dispatch. "The Turks attempted a heavy attack on our lines at Helles on Jan. 7, between 1.30 and three in the afternoon. Our trenches were continuously shelled. From three to four in the afternoon the bombardment became intense. Turks opening a heavy musketry fire. At four o'clock they sprang two mines near the western Birdcage and Fusilier Bluff and a quarter of an hour later they fixed bayonets all along our front. Their officers were seen apparently endeavoring to make the men assault but they were only successful in doing so opposite Fifth Avenue and Fusilier Bluff. After midnight it was only just possible to use the piers and lighters and it was impossible to carry out the programme of embarking troops in destroyers alongside the sunken ships at W. Beach owing to the connecting piers being washed away. The embarkation at Gully Beach became impossible. One lighter went ashore there and remaining troops had to march to W beach for embarkation. Despite these difficulties the programme at W. Beach and Y. Beach was completed by 2.30 a.m. and the troops from Gully Beach and all beach parties had embarked at four a.m. A hostile submarine had been reported off Cape Helles at nine the previous night.

The Staffords shires completely repulsed them, a large proportion of the attackers being killed or wounded. Our casualties were 135. Aeroplane reports show the naval fire on the left flank was most accurate and it is probable the enemy suffered considerably. The night of 7th was the final evacuation. The operation was quietly and successfully continued. January 8 was fine

with sea calm until after four in the afternoon when the weather suddenly worsened and at eleven o'clock the wind was thirty five miles an hour.

The Turkish artillery was practically silent the whole night, until the stores were fired simultaneously by a time-fuse after the evacuation had been completed. The Turks then fired red lights all along their line, and immediately opened heavy shelling of our beaches and second line trenches. The red lights continued for an hour and a half and the shelling until after day-break. The French embarkations were carried out by their own navy who also greatly assisted us by embarking some of our animals.

### Socialist Interpellation.

After the Chancellor's review Herr Scheidemann introduced the interpellation on behalf of the Socialists, which reflected their desire for the immediate institution of peace negotiations. He declared that if the war went on any longer the United States of America would be the only Power which could be called the victor, as Europe would commit suicide on the day more blood was spilt. The people in all lands wanted peace, and surely there must be some way out of this terrible business. The Chancellor knew that the whole world was waiting for Germany's overtures.

The Socialists loudly cheered their spokesman's speech.

### No Safe Conduct For Boy-Ed.

In the House of Commons Sir E. Cornwall asked the Foreign Secretary whether he had been asked for a safe conduct for Capt. Boy-Ed, of the German Embassy in the United States, and would he say how many safe conducts had up to the present been issued to Germans and Austrians to enable them to return from the United States to Europe.

Sir E. Grey said the answer to the first part of the question was in the negative. The number of safe conducts granted to Austro-German subjects was four.

Mr. Cargill Bellairs understood that none of these passports were of a military character.

Sir E. Grey said they were all for civilians, and included Dr. Dumba, the late Austro-Hungarian Ambassador in the United States.

### Mackensen at Constantinople.

Athens despatches announce the arrival at Constantinople of General Mackensen, accompanied by two regiments of Bavarian infantry and several batteries of artillery, also German police officials, who will co-operate with the Turkish authorities in suppressing anti-German demonstrations.—Ex. Tel. Co.

### What Invasion Means.

A telegram to the "Echo de Paris" from Geneva says that, according to the "Munster Nachrichten" the damages from the Russian invasion in East Prussia are estimated at three hundred million marks. Thirty-four thousand buildings were destroyed of which 2,400 were at Königsberg, 13,000 at Halle-Stettin, and 18,600 at Gumbinnen. Inhabitants numbering 35,000 abandoned the villages.—Ex. Tel. Co.

### Germany's Rejected Called Up.

Those Germans who have escaped military service owing to the medical declaration of inability have now been called up to join what is described as the "Working Service."—Ex. Tel. Co.

### Capt. Coy-Ed's Safe Conduct.

Mr. Lansing has forwarded to the British and French Embassies a formal request for safe conducts for Capt. Boy-Ed and Von Papen.

There is a report current that M. Zwiernick, the Austrian Charge d'Affaires, has asked for his passports following upon a forty minutes' conference with Mr. Lansing.—Ex. Tel. Co.

### German "Deal" With Denmark.

In order to keep up the rate of the mark Germany has decided to exchange 15 million marks in paper money for Danish gold. Sterling, which has been down as low as 87 10, has gone up to 17.80 today.—Ex. Tel. Co.

### Austria's Call for Youths.

A telegram received in Zurich from Vienna announces the call to arms on Jan 1 of Class 1898, consisting of all youths who will become 18 during 1916.—Ex. Tel. Co.

### "Beg a hair of him for Memory"—Shakep. A PICTORIAL LIFE

#### HIS LATE MAJESTY KING CHULALONGKORN

Is shortly to be published in book form with an English translation by BENJAMIN A. PERIERA. His Majesty has been graciously pleased to accept the dedication.

#### NOTICE TO CONTRIBUTORS.

The publisher will be glad to receive photographs and sketches of the late King for publication. These should in every case bear the name and address of the sender, and if possible particulars concerning the picture. The return of the contributions is guaranteed. If the contributors do not desire their names to be published with the picture this should be stated. A presentation copy will be sent to all accepted contributors.

BENJAMIN A. PERIERA, The Phathanakorn Office, Bangkok.

### Oriental Bakery.

#### Oriental Avenue.

Daily supply of:

White Bread, Large and small loaves, French rolls, dinner rolls, saltstangen.

Fresh Cakes, Plum, Currant, Plain, Madeira and assorted tea cakes. Cakes of all other varieties made to order.

Rusks, Biscuits, Croustades, etc.

## Best "Crown" English Make

### Perfumery

SEE

Kiam Hoa Heng's

STOCK

East Bank River Menam.

### BANGKOK LIBRARY.

Suriwongse Road,

(Near the Lawn Tennis Club.)

Open daily, Sundays excepted. Sept. 1st to Feb. 28th—4 to 6.30 p.m. March 1st to Aug. 31st—4.30 to 7 p.m.

Annual Subscription Tcs. 20

Half yearly Subscription Tcs. 12

Quarterly do " 8

Monthly subscription Tcs. 3 for visitors only, who will be required to deposit Tcs. 5.

Subscriptions, payable in advance, date from day of payment, and may be handed in at the Library any time in the year or sent to

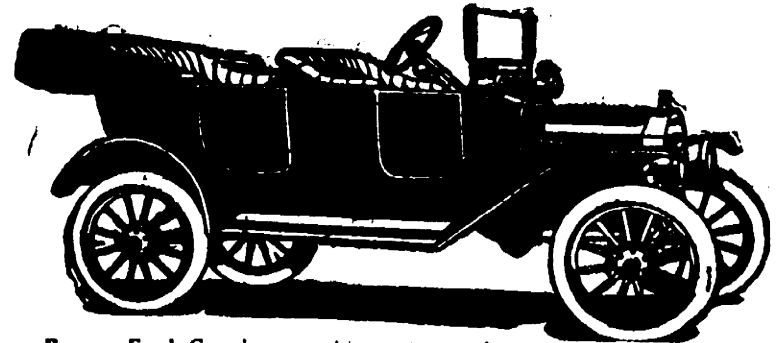
MRS. S. G. LAMBERT.

Hon. Treasurer.

### CURE THAT COUGH.

When you have a troublesome cough, it does not mean that you have consumption or that you are going to have it, but it does mean that your lungs are threatened, and it is just as well to be on the safe side and take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy before it is too late. For sale by British Dispensary.

### FORD CARS TCS. 2150-00 FULLY EQUIPPED



Buy a Ford Car because its cost of upkeep is less than a (cheap) due to its lightness and unequalled strength which renders it the most economical of cars. Buy a Ford now. Orders Booked at

The BANGKOK DOCK MOTOR GARAGE

## Christmas Sale

From December 5th to the 30th

Largest Stock, Lowest Prices

ALSO CASH DISCOUNT 25 PER CENT.

NO DISCOUNT FOR DYING COLOURS.

Great Buying Chances Now Presented!

BE WISE AND GRASP THE OPPORTUNITY

Don't Forget to Bring Your Children.

Don't Miss Such a Good Chance.

S. IKESAKI,

Tapan Mon.

BANGKOK.

### MENAM MOTOR BOAT CO., LTD.

#### TIME TABLE.

LINE 1—BANGKOK TO BANG QUANG & MUANG NAWA.  
Boats leave Bangkok to Bang Quang, Muang Nawa & Pakret.  
a.m. 6.40, 7.30, 8.00, 9.30, 10.30, 11.40, 12.10.  
p.m. 1, 1.30, 2.30, 3.10, 3.50, 4.40, 5.30, daily.  
Bangkok to Samkuk ... 2.30 p.m. daily.  
" " Kai Koh Yai ... 1.00 ...

LINE 2—TANON TOK TO PAKLAT in connection with Paklat Train Cars Thabha.  
Boats leave Tanon Tok every full and half hour from 6.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m.  
After 7.30 when sufficient passengers.

LINE 3—THA CHANG WANG LUANG TO KLONG BANGKOK NOI.  
Boats leave Tha Chang Wang Luang landing a.m. 7.30, 8.30, 9.30, 10.30, 11.30, and 12.30 and p.m. 1.30, 2.30, 3.30 and 4.30 daily.

LINE 4—KLONG SAMRONG LOCK TO BANG HIA.  
Boats leave the Lock in connection with the Paknam Railway train 10.45 a.m. from Bangkok.

### ROYAL STATE RAILWAYS.

(Broad Gauge Lines.)

#### TIME TABLE

In force from 15th Dec., 1915.

Bangkok	Dep.	a.m. 7.00	a.m. 9.48	p.m. 1.25	p.m. 3.43	Ban Meh	a.m. ...	a.m. ...	p.m. ...
Ayuthia	Arr.	9.3	11.41	3.33	5.35	Chiang	Dep.	9.7	...
				p.m. ...				p.m. ...	...
Ban Phaji	Arr.	9.47	12.20	4.24	6.30	Den Chai	"	12.38	...
						Tha Sao	"	2.21	...
						Utaradit	"	7.18	...
						Ban Dara	Arr.	8.16	3.26
								...	...
Ban Phaji	Dep.	a.m. 9.57	p.m. 12.37	a.m. 1.30		Sawalohe	Dep.	a.m. ...	p.m. 2.10
Lopburi	Arr.	11.5	1.55	5.48		Ban Dara	Arr.	8.1	3.11
								...	...
Chengkot	Dep.	12.33	3.38	...	7.25				
Pak'poh	Arr.	2.17	5.40	...	9.54				
Pak'poh		p.m. 2.26	a.m. 6.30	...	...	Ban Dara	Dep.	a.m. 8.24	p.m. 3.32
Pitea'loke	Arr.	6.6	11.5	...	...	Pitea'loke	Arr.	10.43	5.30
Pitea'loke	Dep.	a.m. ...	a.m. 7.4	p.m. 2.2	...	Pitea'loke	Dep.	p.m. 1.45	a.m. 7.0
Ban Dara	Arr.	...	9.5	4.18	...	Pak'poh	Arr.	6.20	10.34
Ban Dara	Dep.	a.m. ...	a.m. 9.20	p.m. 4.40	...	Pak'poh	Dep.	p.m. 3.52	a.m. 7.20
S'kaloke	Arr.	...	10.21	5.41	...				10.43
						Chengkot	Arr.	6.21	9.22
						Lopburi	Dep.	...	12.28
Ban Dara	Dep.	a.m. ...	a.m. 9.10	a.m. 4.26	...			7.10	11.6
Utaradit	"	"	10.6	5.29	...	Ban Phaji	Arr.	...	12.21
Tha Sao	Arr.	"	10.15	5.38	...			8.30	3.4
Den Chai	"	"	11.57	...	...				
Ban Meh	"	"	p.m. ...	...	...	Korat	Dep	a.m. ...	p.m. ...
Chiang	"	"	3.8	...	...	Gengkoi	"	7.12	7.00
								11.32	1.52
						Ban Phaji	Arr.	p.m. ...	2.59
								8.22	12.29
Ban Phaji	Dep.	a.m. 10.00	p.m. 12.30	a.m. 1.41	...	Ban Phaji	Dep.	a.m. 6.27	a.m. 8.37
Gengkoi	Arr.	11.7	1.26	5.51	...	Ayuthia	"	7.13	9.25
Korat	"	"	6.8	...	...	Bangkok	Arr.	9.28	11.35
								3.16	6.00
Bangkok	Dep.	p.m. 7.45	p.m. 5.38	...	...	Petrieu	Dep.	a.m. 7.30	p.m. 3.55
Petrieu	Arr.	9.33	...	...	...	Ban Phaji	Arr.	9.38	5.43
								...	...



**Wanted.**

Wanted immediately experienced Clerk for general office work, must be quick at figures.

Apply X. Y. Z.  
c/o Siam Observer.  
20-21.

**Notice.**

Tenders are hereby invited for the supply of Mild Steel plates, bars, and Angles etc., for the Royal Irrigation Department.

Specification may be obtained at the Office of the Royal Irrigation Department West Bank of the River. Sealed tenders marked tender for the supply of Mild Steel plates etc., must be submitted to the Director General of the Royal Irrigation Department on or before the 15th February 1916 at 10 a.m. when the tenders will be opened.

The Royal Irrigation Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

Royal Irrigation Department.  
Bangkok, 17th January B.E. 2448.  
18-25

**Notice.****TO CONSIGNEES OF GOODS:—**

Ex s.s. "Atrous"  
" " "Knight Companion"  
" " "Sardnia"  
" " "Hakata Maru"  
and Balances ex s.s. "Helenus" "Hyson" "Kioto" "Kathlamba", "Benavon", "Aisuta Maru" "Kashima Maru" and "Suwa Maru",  
are hereby notified that same have arrived per s.s. "Kuala" on 19th inst., and will be landed and stored at our Wharf.

No claim will be entertained unless made within ten days of final discharge of the steamer.

Goods not cleared within 3 days after final discharge of cargo will be liable for go-down rent.

BORNEO CO., LIMITED.  
Agents.

**Notice.**

Is hereby given that the price for SHELL MOTOR SPIRIT has been raised to Tcs. 5.25 per tin of 4 gallon as from to-day.

Bangkok, Jan. 17th, 1916.

**Nai Lert Store.**

Retail Agent:  
"SHELL" MOTOR SPIRIT.

**To Let.**

A two-storeyed Bungalow situated in Windmill Road bearing No. 23, with out-house.

(Near Mr. Sandreski's house)

Apply to—JIWAJEE RAJA & SONS  
Rajawongse Road.

28-27 J.

**Economy in War-Time.**

When a firm has spent a great deal of money in advertising it cannot alter its prices without losing much of the benefit of its advertising.

It is therefore an undoubted advantage to buy advertised goods when general prices are rising.

**Ferro Concrete Pontoons**

for River Landings and Floating Houses.  
Everlasting, Indestructible, no expense for upkeep or renewals, cost compares very favourably, with that of wood or steel,  
**as the first cost is the last.**

A Pontoon in actual service can be inspected by arrangement.

Prices and particulars on application.

**The Bangkok Dock Co., Ltd.**

**IN STOCK B.M.C. TO-DAY.**

**FISH**  
Kippers  
Filleted Fish  
Dried Codfish  
Codroe Caviare

**Pheasant's**  
Turkey  
Boiled Ham on cut  
Raw Ham on cut  
French Ham on cut  
Breakfast Bacon  
(fresh arrival)

**Fresh Australian Butter.**  
**Fresh Australian Apples.**

**CHEESE**  
Gruyere  
Roquefort  
Gouda  
Savoie

SOCIÉTÉ ANONYME BELGE

**S. A. B.**

CITY. TELEPHONE 436.

Regular stocks arriving of the following

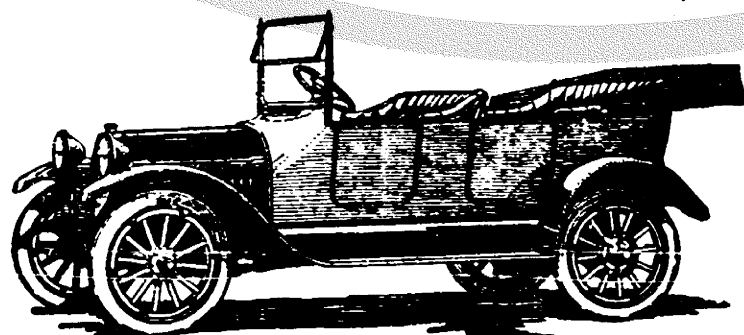
**Daily Requirements:**

<b>Wines</b>	<b>Perfumes</b>	<b>Cigars</b>
<b>Beers</b>	<b>Soaps</b>	<b>&amp;</b>
<b>Liquors</b>	<b>Lotions</b>	<b>Cigarettes</b>
<i>etc.,</i>		<i>etc.</i>

**Studebaker**

**THE STUDEBAKER MOTOR CAR**

Model 1916—4 Cylinders  
Electric Starter and Lighting (Wagner System)



**PRICE TCS. 3600**

The Studebaker is not of the class of cheap American Car. The Studebaker is a high grade medium price Automobile. Special feature of the New Model: Two auxiliary seats which disappear into the floor when not in use.

New consignments Arriving shortly.

**G. KLUZER & Co. Sole Agents for Siam.**

**NOW ON SALE**

The

**Siam Directory**

For 1916.

Price

**Tcs. 7-50 Only**

The only Complete Handbook and Directory of Siam with much more information than any other published.

**The Siam Observer**

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 1916.

**A PRAISEWORTHY JUDGMENT.**

The *Manosarn* of the 15th instant contains a judgment of the Dika Court which will help much towards commercial probity in this country and we therefore give it the most unqualified praise. Two years ago an action was begun by the Singer Manufacturing Company against a Chinese for the recovery of a sewing machine, which the Company alleged had been hired by a man named Chin Lee under a hiring agreement whereby he agreed to pay 10 ticals a month as hire and provided he paid 115 ticals at any time the machine would become his property. He paid the hire for the first month and disappeared. The manager of the Company found the machine in another Chinese shop in the same street the following month and he obtained the help of the Police to sequester it. He then brought an action in the Court for Foreign Causes which the Court dismissed on the ground that under the Company's agreement the ownership of the machine was vested in Chin Lee and the defendant had called evidence to show that it passed through two or three owners before the defendant had purchased it. The Company appealed and the Appeal Court affirmed the judgment of the lower Court. The amount involved in the case being below that necessary to file a petition of appeal to the Dika Court, one of the judges of the Appeal Court was good enough to help the Company to file a petition of Dika by endorsing the petition as a fit one for investigation by the highest Court. The *Manosarn* gives the full text of the judgment signed by H. R. H. Prince Svasti Chief Justice, Messrs. C. Niel, Skinner Turner and Phya Kittikar reversing the judgment of the Courts below and holding that under the agreement between the Singer Company and Chin Lee the ownership of the sewing machine still remained in the Company and that the defendant's vendor or vendors, could not therefore give him a valid title to it. The machine or its price with 100 ticals counsel's fee and Court fees in the three Courts were adjudged to the plaintiff. Writing as mere laymen without going into the nice technicalities of the law as to when ownership is parted with it could be easily seen that the Company trusting to the honesty of Chin Lee allowed him to take possession of their property under the distinct agreement, so far as the Company was concerned, that it was an agreement of hire. Chin Lee, evidently meant to do the Company as soon as he got possession, and finding others of his ilk ready and willing to take their chance in a dishonest deal parted with the property to his own advantage. It would be a pity indeed if the law helped such open-faced dishonesty and one can only hope to see a few more judgments of this nature from the Dika Court to help towards the commercial probity of Bangkok, which men of Chin Lee's stamp are endeavouring to thwart.

For prices of good official and mercantile paper please see advertisement on page 7.

**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**

Latest telegrams will be found on page 6.

The Post and Telegraph Department reports that all lines are in order.

THE subscriptions to the Cruiser Fund now amounts to Tcs. 1,538,195.

OWING to the Tilaka Golf Competition there will be no cricket match on Sunday the 23rd inst.

THE Criminal Court was again engaged this morning in hearing the case against Akorn Hah Yong and two others charged with the murder of the Amphur of Talat Mai.

THE s.s. "Kuala" will leave from the Borneo Company's wharf at daylight on Saturday the 22nd inst., and should arrive in Singapore on Tuesday at daylight.

THE annual field day sports of the Bangkok Christian College will take place to-morrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. All friends of the institution are cordially invited.

THERE will be a football match on Sunday the 23rd instant on the Premane Ground at 4.30 p.m. between the Siamo-Chinese Co-operative Club's team and the Straits Jovial Minstrels.

WE have received the January number of the College News, the magazine issued by the Bangkok Christian College. It would be interesting to note that the College had the list of wine in the annual sports held at Sun Kularb this year securing 4 first places, 1 second and one tie (1st place).

A JAPAN contemporary states that the "Yasaka Maru" was insured by the Tokyo Marine Company for 4,000,000 yen—the hull for 2,500,000 yen and the cargo for 1,500,000 yen. The insurance was entered into in accordance with the War Insurance Regulations, whereby the Government insures the insurance company for the recovery of 80 per cent. of any loss the company may incur. The Government will pay 3,200,000 yen of the loss.

ONE of the best tipping stories (says the "Evening Standard") concerns an ancestor of Lord Durham, who always wore a rough coat made from the fleece of his own sheep. When a new doorkeeper refused to admit him he sat quietly down on a doorstep to wait the arrival of someone who could vouch for him. When this happened the doorkeeper became profuse in apology, and then had the impudence to "hope your honour will give me something to remember you by again." Lambton looked him up and down, and then caught him a mighty buffet. "Ay, lad," said he, as he passed in. "I don't think ye'll forget old Lambton again."

THE Grand Premio Carlos Pellegrini of 60,000 dollars to the winner and 6,000 dollars to the second (one mile and seven furlongs), which was run for on Nov. 7, was gathered from "El Jockey" (Buenos Aires), resulted in a deadheat. The two horses concerned were San D. de Alvar's Dijital, by Calepino out of Doubtful Honour, and the Indecis Stud's Occurrence, by Val d'Or out of Meltona; Francesco Arcuri rode Dijital and D. Tortorolo Occurrence. Nine others finished behind them. Occurrence has now won ten races (inclusive of the dead-heat) of the value of 178,782 dollars, and stands a long way first among the winning horses in the Argentine. Dijital is third, with nine victories (inclusive of the dead-heat), with a total of 94,300 dollars.

THE Lord Mayor of Birmingham (Alderman Neville Chamberlain), speaking at the prizegiving of the elementary schools section of Birmingham Athletic Institute, remarked: "I often heard my father (Mr. Joseph Chamberlain) say with pride that exercise was not necessary to him, and it certainly was a fact that he never walked anywhere if he could ride. I am afraid in that respect, if in that respect only, he set a bad example to other people. Certainly people who tried to follow that example generally found that it led to disaster." The Lord Mayor impressed on his audience the value of physical training. "There was a time," he added, "when people thought if they educated the minds of the children their bodies might take care of themselves. They knew better now. They knew that physical training during childhood could give remarkable results in the strengthening and development of the human frame."

**Trade Agreements With Neutrals.**

In the House of Commons on Dec. 13, Sir J. Lonsdale asked if the policy of the Foreign Office in concluding trading agreements with neutral Powers was to prevent Germany receiving only such articles as were not contraband.

Lord R. Cecil said the answer was in the negative. The policy of the Government in concluding trading agreements which the Foreign Office endeavoured to carry out was to inflict on Germany all economic pressure possible to bring the war to a speedy and victorious conclusion.

Mr. Booth: Does that include the commercial agreement with Denmark?

Lord R. Cecil: Yes, sir.



## Racing Notes.

The January race meeting is now a thing of the past but I may be allowed to say that it was a very successful one, and that the thanks of all race-goers are due to the officials for providing them with an excellent four day programme.

His Majesty's presence on two of the race days helped much towards this success and it is hoped that His Majesty will be present in Bangkok to see the Cup run for on the 26th February.

The lotteries were a success from the Club point of view, but from that of owners they were not. We have been told that lotteries were held to help the owners in augmenting their prizes. Ticals 25) for a race is about the smallest sum in the East for prize money. If the lottery brings an owner another Ticals 150 it would be a boon. But it has been different.

Taking for instance a claim of a half by an owner. In the race Hope won the owner would have got 90 ticals risking 85 ticals to get it. In Krat's second race the owner would have got if the pony won 86 ticals risking and losing as he did 100 ticals. In Hope's second race the owner would have got ticals 96 risking 130 ticals which as it happened he lost. In Lomlak's second race the owner got 85 ticals risking 100 ticals for the purpose. In Mad Meg's second race the owner would have got ticals 199 risking 150 ticals for the purpose, which he lost. In Varo's second race the owner would have got 73 ticals risking and losing as he did 140 ticals. In Teh Keng's last race the owner got 51 ticals risking 140 ticals for the purpose.

I am afraid I cannot vaticinate a long life to the lotteries if prices of horses are run up inordinately in this manner. It is true this is more the owners' view than that of the subscriber for tickets. I know however that in every case the bookmaker gave better odds to start with. *Ex post facto* the bookmaker's prices were generally as bad as ever.

There was a meeting of the Racing Sub-Committee held yesterday. I hear that Mr. Hamilton Price pointed out that he may in all probability be absent from Bangkok or he may be called upon at any time to hand over to his *locum tenens*. Under these circumstances the position of handicapper has been offered to Mr. W. G. Johnson.

Mr. Hamilton Price, who came to the rescue of the sub-committee when no handicapper could be found and had for that purpose to resign from the sub-committee, was unanimously asked to rejoin, which I am glad to say he did.

The races have been fixed for Saturday 26th February, Tuesday 29th Feb., Thursday 2nd March and Saturday the 4th March. The King's Cup will be run on the first mentioned date.

## Ceylon's Gift.

The Press Bureau issues the following from the Colonial Office:

The Governor of Ceylon has reported by telegram that the Legislative Council of the Colony, in testimony of their loyal and devoted allegiance to his Majesty the King and the British Empire, on Nov. 18 unanimously passed through all its stages an ordinance empowering the Governor, out of the general revenue of the Colony, to pay to H. M. Treasury the sum of £100,000 annually for a period of ten years as a contribution to the cost of the war.

Mr. Bonar Law has sent the accompanying telegram in reply:

The Secretary of State for the Colonies to the Governor of Ceylon, 2 p.m. Nov. 23.

Your telegram of Nov. 19.—H.M. Government highly appreciates generous contribution of Ceylon and the loyal sentiments of the Legislative Council which accompanied the gift. They gratefully accept it.

## Queer Turf Story.

Some queer Turf stories occasionally come from Australia. Here is one from Kalgoorlie: "Prior to the commencement of the racing at Somerville the officials of the Goldfields Racing Club detected a wire leading from a fence near the judge's box to a place outside the course, where a few unregistered bookmakers ply their calling. At the conclusion of one race a man was seen manipulating the wire, and on being searched an electric battery was found under his coat. At the same time a confederate at the other end of the wire was caught, who had receiving instruments in his possession. When finishes are close it is impossible for the spectators outside the course to tell which horse was won until the winner is led in, and bets are freely made after the horses pass the post. Apparently the wire was used to signal the winner's number to the confederate, who was then able to bet on a certainty. The club has not yet decided what action to take against the men concerned."

THE

## Great War.

## Compulsion Bill and Married Men.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 20.

As a result of yesterday's debate on the Compulsion Bill it was decided that men married after 2nd November 1915 will be treated as single for purposes of the Act. The date originally fixed was 15th August 1915.

## Montenegro Will Not Surrender.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 20.

A French official wireless says that the news about the surrender by the Montenegrins was premature. It is now announced that Austro-Montenegrin negotiations have been broken off as the conditions imposed were quite unacceptable to Montenegro.

## The War Position.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 20.

An Allied war council was held to-day and they considered the general position of the war. M. Briand and other French Ministers, also a number of naval and military officers attended.

## Paddy Crop Report.

For December 22-31, 1915.

## KRUNG DMB.

Minburi: The total area under cultivation is about 190,000 rai, the paddy is in good condition. Harvesting has been done on about 28,700 rai.

Phra Pradaeng: The total area under cultivation is about 80,000 rai, the paddy is in good condition. Harvesting has been undertaken on about 17,100 rai.

Smudprakar: The total area under cultivation is about 105,000 rai, the paddy is in good condition. Harvesting has been handled on about 62,600 rai.

## MONDOL KRUNG KAO.

Dhanyaburi: The total area under cultivation is about 328,000 rai, the paddy is doing well. 115,600 rai have been harvested.

Pradumdhani: The total area under cultivation is about 112,000 rai, the paddy is doing well. 40,000 rai have been harvested.

Angtong: The total area under cultivation is about 466,000 rai, the paddy is doing well. 5,400 rai have been harvested.

Singburi: The total area under cultivation is about 194,000 rai, the paddy is doing well. The crop is being harvested.

Loburi: The total area under cultivation is about 375,000 rai; the paddy is doing well. 25,600 rai have been harvested.

## MONDOL NAGOR JAISRI.

Nagor Pathom: The total area under cultivation is about 470,000 rai, the paddy is in good condition. Reaping has been done on about 267,400 rai.

Smudsegor: The total area under cultivation is about 84,000 rai, the paddy is in good condition. Reaping has been done on about 53,000 rai.

## MONDOL RAJBURI.

Rajburi: The total area under cultivation is about 230,000 rai, the paddy is doing well. 13,400 rai have been reaped.

Smudsonggram: The total area under cultivation is about 20,000 rai, the paddy is doing well. 14,800 rai have been reaped.

Bejraburi: The total area under cultivation is about 192,000 rai, the paddy is doing well. 7,700 rai have been reaped.

## MONDOL PRACHIN.

Prachinburi: The total area under cultivation is about 233,000 rai, harvesting has been done on 67,900 rai.

Nagor Nayok: The total area under cultivation is about 143,000 rai, harvesting has been done on about 51,400 rai.

Jolburi: The total area under cultivation is about 131,000 rai, harvesting has been handled on 24,300 rai.

Krabindrburi: The total area under cultivation is about 31,600 rai, harvesting has been undertaken on about 16,300 rai.

Reports have not been received from Mondaburi, Krang Kao, Sraburi, Subarnburi, Kanchanaburi, Xbaerengso, and Mondol Nagor Svarga.

Summary:—The total area under paddy is approximately 6,380,000 rai, about a quarter of a million rai more than last year. Harvesting is everywhere in progress. The crop may be expected to be about 2.5 million kwien.

## San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.

The Foreign Trade Department of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, United States of America, invites correspondence from Bangkok merchants with a view of arranging satisfactory connection with local exporters and importers.

The department has issued a map of the world showing all the steamship lines plying between San Francisco and foreign ports with their ports of call; is preparing a pamphlet descriptive of this port with full information as to the labor, cost of entering, clearing, loading, discharging, etc., exports etc., has prepared a list of all the principal commodities exported, giving a brief description of them, how put up and packed, weights, measurements, etc. These will be sent to every American Consul in the world together with the map and pamphlet mentioned above.

Individual requests from any merchant in Siam to get in touch with American buyers and sellers regardless of where they may be located in the United States will receive prompt and careful attention free of any expense by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.

The map and pamphlet described above will be on file in the reading room of the American Consulate at Klong Poh Yome. The reading room is open to the public daily from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and those desiring information about United States products and manufactures are cordially invited to consult the catalogues and other commercial publications on file.

## A Possible Slump in Rice.

Freights for Hongkong and Singapore have considerably increased during the last few weeks. While 25 (dollar) cents per picul was charged for Bangkok loading for rice consigned to Hongkong about 5 weeks ago, the price now charged is 50 cts. To Singapore freights are now at 37½ cts. whereas about 6 weeks ago they were as low as 17. Shippers are holding back large quantities of rice owing to the high prices prevailing and if things go on like this we shall soon see a great slump in the commodity here more especially as the rice crop this year is quite a large one.

In their last paddy crop report the Ministry of Agriculture give the following figures:—The total area under paddy is approximately 6,380,000 rai, about a quarter of a million rai more than last year. Harvesting is everywhere in progress. The crop may be expected to be about 2.5 million kwien.

## Dutch War News.

The French Minister of Marine has written to the "Petit Parisien" stating that preventive measures had been taken against the menace of submarines in the Mediterranean. For rapid evolutions a special French squadron had been organized under the command of Admiral Dartige du Fournet. Light cruisers and torpedo boats from the Italian and British Fleets have also joined and are operating with the French squadron.

**Holland and Smuggling.**  
Smuggling is still being extensively carried on West of Maestricht, where many Belgians are implicated in participating in illicit trade transactions which are receiving the warmest support possible from Germany. Several secret smugglers' stores have been discovered, stocked with fats, oils and petrol. Two smugglers belonging to Beegh have been arrested in possession of German money.

**British Prisoners.**  
The British Officers formerly interned on this island of Wierengersclaus have been brought back there. The Germans interned at Bergen will also be taken to Wierengersclaus. The British submarine officers off the E17 have arrived at Groningen.

**On the Greek Frontier.**  
The "Daily Chronicle" learns that the Germans, Austrians, Bulgarians and Turks will jointly commence an offensive movement against Salonika within the next few days. Immense forces are being concentrated on the Greek frontier.

**The Greek Army.**  
The Greek Government deny the statement that they are about to demobilize their forces. A portion of their mobilized forces will shortly be granted a month's furlough.

**The Ford Party.**  
Ford's peace party arrived at the Hague on Saturday. There was no official reception. In the evening they gave a soiree at the Hotel Wittebrug at which the Dutch Ministers and many members of the Dutch Parliament were present.

**Montenegro.**  
General von Koevesse's army has taken the Montenegrin position near Mojkorats and Gadusa. In the west they have advanced at Lozaj Mchetin, Ipek and Plav.

**The Consuls.**  
The Greek Government has accepted the Allied Ambassadors' assurance that the Consuls arrested at Salonika will be liberated.

## Chubbs' Safes

## Read the Testimonial

7th April 1914.

SIAM FOREST CO., LTD.

Bangkok.

Dear Sirs,

With reference to our conversation by telephone, we beg to confirm that the Chubb Safe, Book quality, which we had at the Teck Lee Rice Mill, proved a success in every respect during the recent fire.

The said safe was located in the office premises, the very place which suffered most from the fire as it was directly situated in the channel of flames and heat brought over from the burning mill. The heat and effects of the fire in that house were so intensive that no traces could be found afterwards of all the office and dwelling furniture contained therein, but the contents of the safe were in perfect condition, the bank notes are now as good as they were before and the Ticals contained in ordinary gunny bags show no appearance of having been over-heated, only some coins stored loose were blackened to some extent but in no way disfigured.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) A. BERLI &amp; CO., m. b. h.

Catalogues and Full Particulars from

The Siam Forest Co., Ltd.

## INSURANCE

## RISKS ACCEPTED

AT

## Current Rates.

## FIRE.

Employers Liability Assurance Corporation Limited.  
The State Assurance Company, Limited.  
The China Fire Insurance Company, Limited.  
Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Co., Ltd.

## LIFE.

China Mutual Life Insurance Company, Limited.

## MARINE.

World Marine and General Insurance Company, Ltd.

## MOTOR CAR RISKS.

Employers Liability Assurance Corporation Limited.

Louis T. Leonowens Ltd.

SOLE AGENTS FOR SIAM.

## Greece and Bulgaria.

The Bulgarian Ambassador at Athens has given King Constantine further assurances of Bulgaria's friendly attitude towards Greece. Should it be necessary for the Bulgarians to cross the Greek frontier to attack the Allies, Bulgaria will on the conclusion of hostilities make every reparation to Greece.

The Netherlands Overseas Trust is at the moment in a critical position and there is every likelihood that it may be dissolved. Several distinguished members, however, are devoting their energies to placing matters in a right position, and there is a possibility that they may succeed.

The Dutch steamer *Leto* struck a mine near the Galloper lightship. The *Leto* was carrying a cargo of grain. Later information states that 23 of the crew were taken off by the s.s. *Alkara* and brought to Rotterdam, three of the crew remaining on board. Still later news states that those remaining on board signalled for help and were taken off as the vessel was rapidly sinking.

According to the "Tijds" the Pope has stated to his almoner in Belgium that no peace is possible till Belgium be freed and recompensed for her sufferings.

The "Daily News" learns from a diplomatic source at Rome that the intervention of Rumania on the side of the Allies may be looked for before the commencement of Spring.

At Mulhausen, an enormous explosion has taken place in the gas works, and munition magazines.

South Jacobstadt, on the Dwina, the German forces have been compelled to retire.

Vienna denies the truth of the reported evacuation of Czernowitz and the capture of the heights by the Russians.—"Penny Gazette" 12th Jan.

## Judge Moore's Wins.

Of the 30,000 dols. offered in cash, prizes and plate at the recent annual National Horse Show in New York the highest individual winner was Judge W. H. Moore, so well known at Olympia, who had fourteen horses entered. The Moore entries have led the prize-list winners since 1909, but this year's total is less than usual on account of the strong opposition they met with in the numerous classes. However, Judge Moore established a precedent by winning all four championships for heavy harness horses, besides being placed in reserve in two of them. Mr. Moore's entries gathered in 22 first prizes, three seconds, and two thirds, and while defeated for the 100 dols. Alfred G. Vandervilt Memorial Cup his entries won the highest prize from the amateur driver's standpoint of the exhibition, which was the class for four-in-hand teams shown to a park coach. His great horses, Lord and Lady Seaton, were the leaders, and Burmaster and Micah on the wheels, making a superb outfit. Lady Seaton also captured the 500 dols. prize to be won outright, presented by the American Hack & Haul Society. Second in the number of blue ribbons won was Mr. Charles E. Cox, of Malvern, Pa., who won with hackneys shown to halter as well as in the harness classes, scoring eleven firsts, two seconds, and two thirds.

## Siam Observer.

## Special War Edition

Subscription Tcs. 4 per mensem

# Dewar's Whisky

**THE Leading Whisky**



## Dewar's Whisky.

### THE Great War.

#### Extending the Blockade.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Jan. 19.

London.—The Government has in view the extension of the blockade of German ports trading with neutral countries in Europe in order to prevent all commerce with the Central Powers.

#### The Italian Campaign.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Jan. 19.

Rome.—We have completely re-established our line north-west of Gorizia.

#### Montenegro Still Holding On.

Austria's Conditions Not Acceptable.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Jan. 19.

It is announced that all negotiations have been broken off between Austria and Montenegro the conditions laid by Austria not being acceptable to the King of Montenegro.

The families of the diplomatic corps are embarking at Saint Jean Medra for Italy.

#### The French Front.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Jan. 19.

Yesterday we wrecked German trenches between the Oise and the Aisne.

#### The Arrested German Consul.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Jan. 19.

The German Consular agent arrested at Mytilene has arrived at Toulon.

### Germany and Neutrals.

New York, Jan. 12.—It is believed the Lusitania agreement with Germany has been practically arranged. Count Bernstorff's motion for a satisfactory settlement is ascribed to his expectations that this will open the way to a campaign to induce the United States to secure a relaxation of the blockade.

Amsterdam, Jan. 12.—Apparently Germany is at length realising the effect of the Armenian horrors and Germany's responsibility for these on neutral opinion. Replying to Socialist Liebknecht in the Reichstag, von Stum, representing the Foreign Office, said enemy intrigues had compelled the Porte to remove Armenians in certain districts and assign new places of residence. Owing to certain reactions from this measure an exchange of views was proceeding between Germany and Turkey.

Amsterdam, Jan. 12.—A German proclamation again limits the bread ration to half a pound daily per head. Corn supplies are sufficient but, not abundant.

#### Naval Matters.

London, Jan. 12.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Macnamara announced that a court martial would shortly be held to ascertain the cause of the loss of the cruiser Nautilus.

London, Jan. 13.—The Leith steamer "Traquair" has been sunk, the crew being saved.

London, Jan. 13.—The "Golconda," with five hundred enemy Aliens, aboard from India, has arrived at Tilbury. The passengers were not allowed to land but will be transferred to the Flushing boat.

#### The Capture of Attaches.

An officer of the Greek steamer Spetzai, interviewed at Naples, said that they were 120 miles from Patras at 5.30 in the evening, when an Austrian aluminium submarine of the latest type came into view, and fired a shot at the vessel. The captain immediately stopped, and it is not true to say that he attempted to escape. He showed the ship's papers and the list of passengers to the submarine commander, who declared prisoners Col Napier, Capt. Wilson, and Capt. Finler, but the latter, who belongs to the Red Cross Society, was subsequently released.

Capt. Wilson threw his bag overboard, but it floated and was recovered by the Austrians.

An Italian diplomatic courier from Athens for Rome escaped detection.

The officers of the Spetzai, are fully convinced that it is a case of espionage, as the Austrians were perfectly informed of the three British officers on board, while the rest of the passengers were ignored.—Ex. Tel. Co.

# CIDER

## H. P. BULMER'S

Famous Sparkling Herefordshire Cider is most refreshing and are ideal drink for the Tropics.

Guaranteed to be the pure juice of the apple only and is not artificially aerated.

OBTAINABLE FROM

### The Borneo Company, Ltd.

Bangkok.



**Col Hall Walker's Gift.****Stimulus to Horse-Breeding.****Question in Parliament.**

In the House of Commons Sir F. Cawley asked the Secretary to the Board of Agriculture in what way the nation would benefit by becoming the owners of Colonel Hall Walker's thoroughbred horses.

Mr. Asquith said the Army Council made earnest representations to the Board of Agriculture that, as an effect of the war, the supply of horses suitable for military purposes was dangerously depleted. The acceptance of the hon member's generous offer would provide a greatly needed stimulus to the horse-breeding industry, and also provide a much-needed supply of military horses. (Hear, hear.)

**Prince of Wales.**

A story of the Prince of Wales is told in the "World." A London lady had five sons; one was killed in the Boer War, three enlisted in the Army during the present struggle, and one became an Army chaplain. Unfortunately the whole of the three combatant officers have been killed. A few days ago the one surviving son was addressing—as is the wont at the Front—a number of soldiers in more or less informal fashion. As a matter of fact, those who know the Prince are aware that chaplains hold little chats with the men far oftener than large parade services, and in the present case the chaplain was speaking in homely terms to a number of men who were standing round him. He was explaining that he spoke under considerable difficulties because he had just heard of the death of his last surviving brother, and he narrated in simple language how his mother was left all alone in London. When he had finished his address a young officer came forward with outstretched hand and remarked: "I heard what you said, sir, about your brothers, and I am extremely sorry to hear it. I hope you will accept this expression of my profound sympathy, but," he said, "I do wish you would give this card to your colonel and ask him to give you leave of absence for ten days so that you may go and see your mother in London and console her on her loss." He took out his card and wrote a few words on it, and handed it over. It was the Prince of Wales.

**Germany's Monstrously Hard Task.**

Lecturing in Berlin on Dec. 8, Herr Harden stated: In beating one of our enemies completely we have not yet succeeded, to say nothing of the defeat of the totality of our enemies. It should be Germany's great achievement that the war should be practically entirely fought on foreign ground. Some victory must be reached, though the task is monstrously hard. We must, above all, avoid a war of attrition such as our enemies are planning; therefore those at home must be prepared for further sacrifices and privations. So far we have suffered no deprivation at all. We all live too comfortably. The Government must also tell us the real truth about how we actually stand, and how questions affecting the people's food have been settled. The lecture was made with the approval of the military authorities, who read the text of the speech beforehand. —Ex. Tel. Co.

**German Financier's Admission.**

I had occasion to discuss the question of German economy with a gentleman who had just visited the Berlin conferences of leading banking firms. He

said that for the first time since the war German financiers admitted that the situation was extremely grave, because Germany had to finance all her bankrupt Allies and could not borrow anything outside her own border. That was at one and the same time her strength and her weakness. —Ex. Tel. Co.

**Your Morning Head-ache will disappear after a dose of**

**DOLOREX**

**the tiny laxatives which do not gripe.**

Of chemists, or from the British Dispensary Ltd. Dept. 5c. Bangkok.

**Concert**

There will be a

**Grand Musical and Vaudeville Concert**

GIVEN AT THE

PHATHANALAI THEATRE

ON

**Wednesday Jan. 26.**

BY

**DIXY DAVIS & YAMBO**

ASSISTED BY THEIR

**Great Phillipino Orchestra**

This will be the only opportunity of seeing this "DUO" in their Singing, Dancing and Comedy numbers.

*Don't Fail to see these eminent Artists' performances!*

The

**Siam Auctioneering Co.**

Who hold Auction Sales Every Saturday guarantee to obtain the best prices procurable for your goods. This together with the prompt settlement of accounts; their knowledge of languages; their long local establishment; the liberal manner in which they accommodate those who wish to leave the country by the earliest opportunity has appealed to the business instincts of the leading Consulates, Mercantile firms & all who have anything to sell, making them the leading auctioneers of Siam.

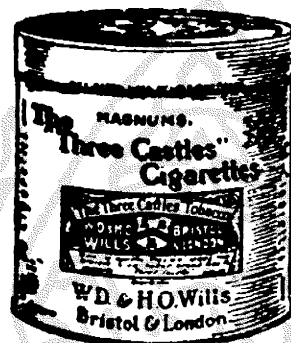
For Terms & Particulars apply...

**E. M. PEREIRA & Co.**

**"THREE CASTLES" 50s****MAGNUMS**

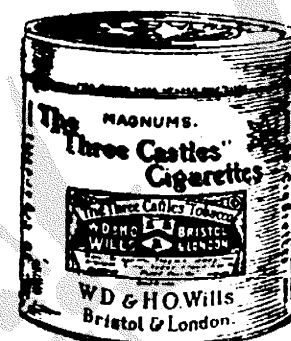
**Have**

**Arrived.**



**OBTAINABLE**

**EVERYWHERE.**



**McGREGOR**

**FOOTBALLS**

**NOW IN STOCK**

The "McGregor" Football has the largest sale of any high class Football in the world. It is durable, strong, light, perfect shape and waterproof.

We have also received a very choice selection  
OF

**Jaeger Pure Wool**  
**Sweaters and Coat Sweaters**  
For Ladies and Gentlemen.

**HARRY A. BAMDAN & CO.**

**FINEST** American Linen Writing  
Paper in different grades.

**FOOLSCAP SIZE (OFFICIAL)**

Strathmore Parchment 8 1/2 x 13 Tcs.	4-05	Per Ream
" " " " " "	5-00	"
Fairfield First Quality " " " "	3-50	"
" " " " " "	4-10	"
Tekoa Linen Bond " " " "	2-75	"

**OCTAVO SIZE (For Mercantile Work)**

Strathmore Parchment 8 1/2 x 11 Tcs.	3-50	Per Ream
" " " " " "	4-20	"
Fairfield First Quality " " " "	3-00	"
" " " " " "	3-50	"
Tekoa Linen Bond " " " "	2-10	"
" " " " " "	2-50	"
Certificate Bond " " " "	1-75	"
" " " " " "	2-00	"

**PRINTING PAPER.**

News, Ledger, Bank, Foolscap and Linen paper of every description and sizes. Prices on application.

"SIAM OBSERVER"  
**STATIONERY STORE.**

## The Latest V. C.

## Rescue in a Fog.

Private Thomas Kenny, No. 17424, 13th (Service) Battalion Durham Light Infantry.

For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty on the night of November 4, near La Housselle. When on patrol in a thick fog with Lieut. Brown, 13th Battalion, Durham Light Infantry, some Germans, who were lying out in a ditch in front of their parapet, opened fire and shot Lieut. Brown through both thighs. Private Kenny, although heavily and repeatedly fired upon, crawled about for more than an hour with his wounded officer on his back trying to find his way through the fog to the trenches. He refused more than once to go on alone, although told by Lieut. Brown to do so.

At last, when utterly exhausted, he came to a ditch which he recognised, placed Lieut. Brown in it, and went to look for help. He found an officer and a few men of his battalion at listening post, and after guiding them back with their assistance Lieut. Brown was brought in, although the Germans again opened heavy fire with rifles and machine guns, and threw bombs at thirty yards distance. Private Kenny's pluck, endurance, and devotion to duty were beyond praise.

## Off to Chicago.

Among the applicants to Mr. Hedderwick at North London Police Court was a gentleman of diminutive stature, who asked the Magistrate to append his signature to the "green form" so as to secure a passport to Chicago. The applicant was said to be a grandson of the late General Booth. In reply to the Magistrate he said he was under size for the Army, being only 4ft. 9in. He explained that he was a minister of religion, and had been ordained in America. He came to England in August last with his mother, who had important business here. His work was now in Chicago, and he wanted to go there for an indefinite period. Mr. Hedderwick: Have you a congregation hungering for the World there? The Applicant: Yes. He added that his parents were British, and were missionaries. He (the applicant) was born in Paris. Mr. Hedderwick: Now you want to go to Chicago, which has been described as a sort of hell upon earth. I should think it is a very hot place (Laughter). Height and physical strength are of no consequence in the spiritual world? The Applicant: Quite so. Mr. Hedderwick (who has hitherto refused to sign any "green form") said he would make an exception in this case, and append his signature to the document.

**Phathanakorn Cinematograph.**

**TO-NIGHT! TO-NIGHT!!**

The Greatest Film Serial

**The MILLION DOLLAR MYSTERY**

In 23 Chapters 46 Reels.

Episode 15. "The Borrowed Hydroplane" 2 parts.

" 16. "Drawn into the Quicksand" 2 "

**Pathe's Exclusive Feature**

**"Business as Usual"**

In 3 Massive Reels.

PROGRAMME CHANGED

WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY



## MILK

Can be obtained from all  
Retail Stores and Dealers

AT

Milkmaid Sweetened Condensed: Tcs. 20.85 per case  
44 satangs per tin.

Milkmaid Sterilized Milk: Tcs. 12.45 per case  
28 satangs per large tin, 14 satangs per small tin

**Nestle & Anglo-Swiss Condensed  
Milk Co., (London),**  
Singapore, Bangkok, etc.

A LIGHT

Refreshing

DRINK

FOR ALL

Seasons

**TENNENT'S  
LIGHT LAGER  
BEER**



BREWED IN  
SCOTLAND

**DON'T  
FORGET**

TO ASK

FOR THE

RED

TRADE MARK  
**T**

IT'S IT

**Obtainable Everywhere.**