

BANKING COMPANIES

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE

Head Office: 15 bis Rue
Lafitte, Paris.
Capital Frs. 48,000,000
Reserves " 48,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

M. Baron Haldé, Odeol, Chairman.
A. de Monplaisir, Deputy Chairman.

M. E. R. Balthazart, M. P. Boyer
P. Desvaut, A. Rostand
H. Guesnaut, A. de Germiny
L. Varen, W. de Fregomais
G. Varen, R. de Fregomais
Edgard Stern, R. de Fregomais

Managing Director: M. Stanislas Simon
Joint-Manager: Thion de la Chaumée
Government Supervisor: M. Demarital

Branches and Agencies.

Bangkok Hanoi Pondicherry
Batavia Hongkong Saigon
Canton Tientsin Singapore
Djibouti Hongkong Shanghai
Haiphong Peking Tonkin
Hankow Noumea Papeete

Banks.

Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris.
Credit Lyonnais
Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas.
Credit Industriel et Commercial
Société Générale.
The Union of London & Smiths Bank, Ltd., London.

Bangkok Agency.

Transact banking and exchange business of every description—discount, bills, drafts, credit on approved securities—issue letters of credit available in the principal cities of Europe, Asia, Africa and America—receive deposits on current account and allow 1 per cent. per annum interest on daily balances—receive fixed deposits according to arrangement.

J. DEMAY, Acting Manager.

The Siam Commercial Bank Ltd.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID UP CAPITAL
TICALS 3,000,000

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

H. E. Phya Jayasombati
(Chairman)
H. E. Phya Boribun Rajasombati
H. E. Phya Boribun Kosakorn
Luang Riddhi Narongron
H. E. Phya Chodak Rajasathi
G. H. Ardron
H. E. Phya Suphau Sombati

National Provincial Bank
London of England Ltd., London.
Bankers
Swiss Bank Corporation.

AGENTS:—
New York & Japan.—International
Banking Corporation.
France & Bombay.—Comptoir National
d'Escompte de Paris.
Calcutta.—International Banking
Corporation.

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation.
Singapore.—Netherlands Trading
Society.

Penang.—Netherlands Trading
Society.
The Institution buys, sells, and collects
Bills of Exchange on Europe, America,
India, China and Japan and transacts
every description 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.

G. H. ARDRON,

Manager.

Bangkok, March 6, 1918.

Chartered Bank
OF
INDIA AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER.

PAID-UP CAPITAL ... £1,200,000
RESERVE FUND ... £2,000,000
FURTHER LIABILITY OF
PROPRIETORS ... £1,200,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Sir Montagu Cornish Turner, (Chairman)
Sir Henry S. Cunningham, K. O. I. E.
Thomas Outhbertson, Esq.
Sir Alfred Dent, K. O. M. G.
William Henry Neville Goheen, Esq.
The Rt. Hon. Lord George Hamilton, G. O. 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 balances.
Deposits are received for fixed periods
at rates which can be ascertained on
application.

G. R. ALLEN,

Agent.

Bangkok, July 1, 1909.

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 ... 19,500,000

34,500,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS
\$15,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak.—Chairman.
G. T. M. Edkins, Esq.—Deputy
F. C. Souter, Esq. C. S. Gabbay, Esq.
A. E. Campbell, Esq. H. M. D. L. L. L.
S. H. D. L. L. L. E. V. D. Parr, Esq.

W. L. Patterson, Esq.

HEAD OFFICE.

HONGKONG.
CHIEF MANAGER.
N. J. STABB.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES

Amoy Ipoh Peking
Bangkok Johore Penang
Batavia Kobe Rangoon
Bombay Kuala Lumpur Singapore
Calcutta London
Canton Lyons
Colon Malacca
Fookchow Manila
Hankow Nagasaki
Hongkong New York
(Shanghai) Yokohama

BANKING AGENCY

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

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,
Agent.

For Sale.

Revised Tide Tables of M-nam Chao
Phya Bar for the year 1918. Price
Tos. 2.

Apply at

THE HARBOUR DEPARTMENT.
(t. f. n.)

THE
Siam Observer.

THE OLDEST AND LEADING DAILY
NEWSPAPER IN SIAM.

Eight-Page English
Edition.

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 12 per annum

Advertising Rates.

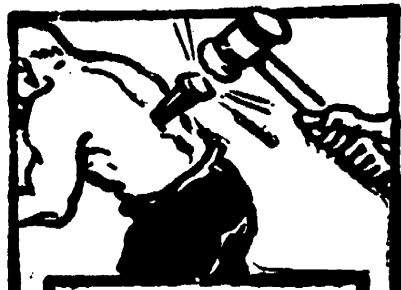
PER INCH.

One insertion ... Tos. 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) ... " 13.00

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 10 a.m.



Driving Pain

Have you a pain
where in your body?
Is it a little pain or a
big pain? Does it tor-
ture a single nerve or
does it grind and rack
your entire being?
But if foolish then to
be driven by pains or
aches, big or little, when
you can drive them away
yourself, any or all of
them, by simply rubbing
in **Little's Oriental Balm**.

Little's Oriental Balm

Under the influence of
this great remedy, aches
and pains are bound to
melt away. Immediate
relief is afforded to head-
aches, backaches, ear-
aches, toothaches, neu-
ralgia, rheumatism and
sciatica. A tortured
world is made free.
At all drug stores.
The British Dispensary
New Road and Dock.

MARTIN'S
APIOL & STEEL
PILLS

A French Remedy for all Irregularities. Thousands
of cases of Menstrual Pain, Headache, Nervousness,
etc., of any frequency or intensity, are cured by using
this medicine. At all Chemists and Druggists. Price 1/-
per box. Sole Importers: THE BRITISH DISPENSARY,
NEW ROAD AND DOCK, SOUTHBAMPTON, ENGLAND.

TIDE TABLE.

DEPTH OF WATER ON THE
BANGKOK BAR.
FOR APRIL 1918.

April	A.M.			L. W.
	H. W.	Ft. & in.	(Approx.)	
1	6:30	13 8	...	...
2	6:30	13 7	...	...
3	6:30	13 4	...	...
4	6:30	13 2	...	...
5	1:0	14 0	...	...
6	1:30	14 2	...	...
7	2:00	14 2	...	...
8	3:00	14 2	...	...
9	3:30	14 2	10:11	8:0
10	4:00	14 2	11:0	8:0
11	4:00	12 11	11:12	7:8
12	5:00	13 10	11:12	7:0
13	5:00	13 8	12:0	7:0
14	5:00	13 5	...	...
15	5:00	13 3	...	...
16	6:00	13 2	...	...
17	6:00	13 1	...	...
18	6:00	13 0	...	...
19	6:30	13 0	...	...
20	6:30	13 0	...	...
21	1:00	13 6	...	...
22	1:00	14 0	...	...
23	2:00	14 2	...	...
24	3:00	14 2	9:40	7:0
25	4:00	14 2	11:12	7:0
26	4:00	13 10	11:12	7:0
27	4:00	13 9	11:12	7:0
28	5:00	13 8	12:0	7:0
29	5:00	13 3	...	...
30	5:30	13 8	...	...

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

PHASES OF THE MOON.

Apr. 4th (Last Quarter) 8 h 15 m p.m.
11th (New Moon) 11 h 16 m a.m.
18th (First Quarter) 10 h 50 m a.m.
25th (Full Moon) 2 h 47 m p.m.

If you have anything to sell for which
you wish to get the best price
obtainable send same to,—

The Siam Auctioneering
Company.

Who hold Auction Sales every
Saturday, commencing at 2 p.m.
either at their rooms or at Private re-
sidences. They have always a large
quantity of new and second hand fur-
niture and other goods on commission
sale, including large extension dining
table, wardrobes with mirrors, al-
mirahs, chest of drawers, bedsteads,
chairs, tables, etc.

All old residents of Siam will tell
you that if you require anything from
a Motor Car to a water jar apply to,—

E. M. PEREIRA & Co.

The Bangkok Auction-
eering Company.

Give notice to all their customers
that those who intend to send in goods
for sale at the weekly auctions should
do so one day previous to the sale.

Sales are held weekly at their Rooms
on every Saturday

COMMENCING AT 2 P. M. SHARP.

Goods of all descriptions are obtain-
able at these sales at bargain prices.

Corner of ASSUMPTION SQUARE,
NEW ROAD.

Auction Sale.

PROPERTY OF

Mr. A. Mohr.

On the instructions of the Custodian
of Enemy Property, a Luxurious Col-
lection of Household Furniture of the
latest styles and designs, eminently
suitable for those seeking to beautify
their homes, will be sold at his late
residence at Larn Luang Road, on
Saturday, 20th April, 1918. Com-
mencing at 2 p.m.

Benjamin A. Periera,

Auctioneer.

Pay Us A Visit.

An opportunity to secure at moder-
ate prices—One water tank 2,500 Gallons
capacity. Cash sales (various sizes)
British make, Typewriters; Plunge
baths; Mosquito houses; Iron beds
(complete); Straw hats; Stencil plates
A to Z, 1 to 0; Stationery; Address
labels; (various sizes); Manifold
books; Imitation billiard gam-s;
Babies' chairs; Marble washstands;
Office chairs; and all classes of turn-
ture. Motor Cars; Pianos; and
Carriages always on hand.

Inspection Invited.
The Bangkok Auctioneering
Society

T. S. APCAR,

Valuator, Auctioneer, and
Estate Agent.

Exchange Rates

To-day's Quotations.

LONDON—	
Bank Bills, demand,	1/6 11/82
Bank Bills, 3 months' sight	1/6 9/16
PARIS—	
Bank Bills, demand,	205
GERMANY—	
Bank Bills, demand, Ma.	
NEW YORK—	
Bank Bills, demand U.S.A.	86
INDIA—	
Bank Bills, demand,	Rs. 100
SINGAPORE—	
Bank Bills, demand,	\$ 66 3/8
HONGKONG—	
Bank Bills, demand, D.	\$ 40 3/8
Equivalent of Exchange demand	
London in Siamese Currency:—	
2/- = Rs. 13.06. (Bank Rate)	

"Clogs on Our Wheels."

By ASYABAHU.

Reprinted from the pages of the
Siam Observer.

FOR SALE

AT

The Siam Observer Offices.

Ticals 2.50 each

Through German Eyes.

In his latest contribution to the Ber-
liner Tageblatt, General von Ardenne
discusses "the pause," and makes in-
teresting references to mail-power and
moral.

Starting from the assertion that Eng-
land, France, Italy, and the United
States—General von Ardenne remarks
that "the pause" is waiting behind a
certain—are putting every possible
strain upon their man power resources,
he proceeds:—

"It is clear that the Central Powers
for their part are not folding their
hands in their laps. But they do not
share the rage du nombre, as the
former Imperial Chancellor, Count
Caprivi, used to say; by clever use of
the time, allowed them by the condi-
tions they lay stress chiefly upon the
careful training of the gigantic re-
sources which they also have at dis-
posal.

"The present war—especially the
war of position—has taught us that
units which are "fought out" must be
withdrawn from the front, and need a
certain amount of rest, in order that,
after the incorporation of the neces-
sary reserves, they may recover their full
working force. The time needs a fur-
ther ration d'attente upon the extent
of the loss suffered."

General von Ardenne enlarges upon
the merits of the German system of
resting troops and changing divisions,
and then discusses the German practice
of maintaining army supplies in spite
of all food difficulties in Germany. He
says:—

"Very considerable vicissitudes have
been heard to the utterance have lately
found expression in pamphlets written
by experienced officers—that it is nec-
essary to provide quite particularly
good supplies for troops which are to
be prepared for an offensive on a large
scale. The German Army Command
has not failed in this manner hitherto,
and with the support of the self-sacri-
ficing people at home is still doing its
utmost in this respect. This is shown
especially by the fact that four-fifths
of our whole production of beer and
tobacco, the luxuries which it is most
difficult for the soldier in the field to
do without, are reserved for the fighters
at the front. The importance of these
tonics for stomachs and nerves can be
appreciated only by those who have
shared the lot of the troops."

It will be seen that, while the writer,
in the usual German manner, indicates
that all is for the best in the German
Army, he is really admitting that there
is now considerable discussion as to
the sufficiency of the feeding of the
Army.

General von Ardenne then dis-
cusses the importance of maintaining
moral by giving the Army cheerful
news—especially cheerful news con-
cerning the situation in Germany. He
concludes as follows:—

"One thing is certain: our Army is
now working hard in preparation for
the last act of the great world-drama.
Its masses are coalescing. It is almost
impossible to read the estimates of
numbers in Entente newspapers.
According to The Times, there are 150
divisions on the Western front, and
still 79 divisions on the Eastern front.
The Journal expresses the fear that
some Austro-Hungarian divisions also
may appear at the front. The talk-
ative City organ is groping in the dark.
It can, however, be said that Germany
is able to put a still further strain
upon her well-developed resources of
men. Whether we shall have to
deliver the mightiest of all blows
depends upon whether our enemies
will at last learn reason or persist in
their stubborn blindness. Reason
is, indeed, a rare growth among
men who fool the peoples of the
Entente."

The Munchener Neueste Nachrichten
publishes a sarcastic letter on the 13th
of railway travelling in Germany.

The writer wonders how people can
complain of railway carriages not be-
ing heated, when they remember how
important it is not to scorch their cost-
ly coats upon hot pipes. He thinks it
is a great advantage to travel in a car-
riage with broken windows, owing to
the need for fresh air when so many
passengers are smoking beech leaves
and hops. And what does it matter if
the floor is dirty, seeing that it is clean
in comparison with the swamps in
Flanders?

Then, again, the absence of foot mats
is welcome evidence of official econ-
omy, and when people say that the
railway carriages are like pigsties
they are only comparing themselves to
pigs. As regards the state of smoking
carriages the writer can only suggest
that it might be well to provide non-
smokers with gas masks. People com-
plain that the trains are late—20 min-
utes or an hour, or an hour and a half.
What folly, since they never before
knew the unspeakable joy that they
feel when a train does at last arrive!

Department of State Railways.

NOTICE.

Tenders are required for the construction of a building in extension of the Central Administration Building.

Plans, Specifications & Schedule of Quantities can be obtained on application to the Technical Office, during working hours i.e. from 8 to 16 o'clock on week days, against payment of 100 Baht per set.

The Department will not be bound to accept the lowest or any tender.

Department of State Railways.
Bangkok, 9th April 1918.

11-13

Notice.

Consignees are hereby notified that B'ances of cargo ex s.s. "Tencor", s.s. "Kaga Maru", s.s. "Atsuta Maru", s.s. "Hirano Maru" and s.s. "Gleniffer", have arrived per s.s. "Katong" on the 10th instant, and will be landed and stored at our wharf at risk, expense, and responsibility of Consignees.

No Claim will be entertained unless made within 10 days after final discharge of the steamer.

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

BORNEO CO., LIMITED.

Agents.

Notice.

Is hereby given that from today the prices for Shell Motor Spirit will be as follows:

"Shell" Benzine.

In 4 gal. tins Tics. 17.— per 2 tins

In 2 gal. cans Tics. 13.50 per 4 cans

Heavy Benzine.

In 4 gal. tins Tics. 14.— per 2 tins

Nal Lert Store.

TEL. No. 239.

Best Food for Summer.

Amritanava Avaleh.

If you feel uneasy, excess of heat in the body, pain in the chest, continuous headache, weakness of the brain, loss of power of understanding, and poor memory, please use this Avaleh only. It is the best food for brain and a good tonic. Consumption, chronic and acute Diarrhoea can be cured by the use of this Avaleh.

PRICES:

TOB 2 PER TIN OF 1/2 LB.

ATANK NIGRAM PHARMACY
297, Samyok, Bangkok.

Oriental Bakery.

ORIENTAL AVENUE.

Daily Supplies of white bread and rolls Brown Bread every Wednesday and Sunday. Fresh cakes always on hand.

Star Hotel,

CONCERT

Every Night.

10-19 A.

Expanded Metal

made from best *British Steel* various sizes and sections in Stock.

Milners' Safes

Patent fire and thief resisting. several sizes in Stock.

Bangkok Dock Co., Ltd.

SOLE AGENTS FOR SIAM.

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

FISH
Smoked Blue Cod
Smoked Murray Cod

CHEESE
Australian
Stilton
Beef Dripping
Turkeys

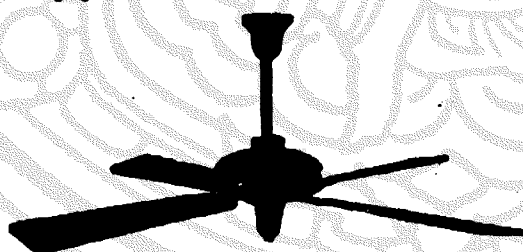
HAM
Boiled Ham on cut
Raw " " "
French " " "
Breakfast Bacon

Finest Australian Pure Creamery Butter in 1 lb. tins.

Picnic Cases Containing Ice, Aerated Water and well water for travellers by Railway or boat. Delivered free at Railway Station or any Bangkok landing.

Electric Ceiling-Fans, Desk-Fans, Ventilating-Fans.

Variety of Types to suit every requirement



FOR SALE OR ON HIRE-PURCHASE.

S.E.C. Electrical Store.

Siam Electricity Co., Ltd.

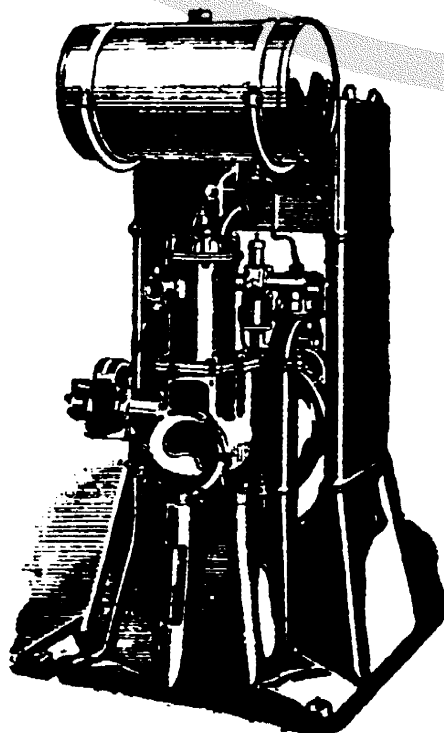
opp. British Legation

Wat Lieb

Telephone 434.

Telephone 850, 851, 852.

"UNI-LECTRIC"



A domestic size Power station that supplies power for Lighting, Fans, Pumping, etc., is simple, requires no expert supervision and is economical to run.

Barrow, Brown & Co., Ltd.

MOTORISTS!

The New



SELF-STARTER



Eliminates all the disadvantages of the ordinary geared starter

Simple—Safe—Silent

Siam Electricity Co., Ltd., Bangkok.

CAV—LONDON—ENGLAND

The Siam Observer

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 1918.

THE DEVELOPMENT OF AVIATION.

At the present moment it is impossible to foretell even the most important effects this great war is likely to produce on the world's history. Some of the most enduring results of the great Napoleonic struggle took their rise in the impulse given to democratic development by the sufferings which succeeded the war, while the spread of the Code Napoleon and the desire for sound administration over large badly-governed districts was of great and lasting significance. On the whole, however, it may be said that the Napoleonic wars did not result in any marked scientific or mechanical development. On the other hand the present struggle, in addition to producing the most far-reaching social and political changes, is also producing the most marvellous results in the field of applied science.

It has been during this war that the art of aviation has been so greatly perfected and it is more than probable that, in future days, historians will regard the development of this art as the most important outcome of the war. Before this great struggle aeroplanes were very few in number and a man went up into the air at the risk of his life, while the practical value of such contrivances appeared so doubtful that Governments were somewhat reluctant to assist the development of artificial flight. To-day the world numbers flying-men by the thousand and each of the belligerent nations possesses many more machines and factories for their output than did the whole world before the war.

While it is true that at present aviation is practised almost exclusively for military purposes the experience of the last three years goes to show that when at last the war is over these machines will be at once utilised for peaceful ends. The big heavy British machines are capable of taking half a dozen passengers and a thousand pounds weight of stores for a five hundred miles flight. Lord Montagu of Beaulieu spoke some time ago on the prospects of a five day journey from London to Australia and it seems that this indeed will be feasible after the war.

With the go-ahead spirit that distinguishes all their undertakings the Americans are already making preparations for "trans-continental airways" which will run across or down the continent. In England also a committee is at work considering the post-bellum application of aeronautics in the British Empire. Everything points to the fact that when the great struggle is over there will come a wonderful development of aerial passenger service that will bring about a unity which will exercise a great influence on the world's progress.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Prashin line is imperfectly working between Krabindra and Bangkok. Chiangmai line is interrupted. Paknamph line is still in good order so far as Loburi. Other lines are all right.



Court Circular.

SAMUDA SAGOR

Friday, April 12.

This morning His Majesty the King, with members of his suite, left Bangkok for Samuda Sagor by boat.

On his way His Majesty honoured His Excellency Phya Bijet Blass Blass, Chief Justice of the International Court with a visit at his residence, where the King remained to breakfast, after which His Majesty resumed his journey to Samuda Sagor.

St. George's Minstrels.

It was the intention to celebrate St. George's Day in this city by a Minstrel and Dramatic Performance in aid of King George's Fund for Sailors to take place at the Theatre Royal which had been graciously lent by His Majesty for the purpose.

This being the holiday month, however, many people will be out of town on St. George's Day and so it has been decided to defer the performance till Saturday, May 25th—the day following Empire day.

The programme will consist of three items. First will come the Minstrels who will give a performance in the style that the Christys and Mohawks made so popular years ago. Next will be produced an entirely original comic operetta written by Dr. Thornely and composed by Mr. A. G. Beaumont, the author and composer of the successful *Slaves of Liberty*. The final item will be an extremely laughable dramatic sketch and it is proposed that a supper and dance shall conclude the entertainment.

A few words relating to King George's Fund for Sailors may not be without interest. The Fund was started last year having as its aim the aiding of the men of the Royal Navy, the Naval Reserve, the trawlers and all those who, by their heroic work upon the sea, have done so much for the Allied cause, and to provide for their dependents. His Majesty, King George, headed the list with a gift of £5,000 and in a very short time the fund amounted to £250,000.

It is possible to earmark any amount raised for the dependents of sailors, or of minesweepers or others lost in the defence of the British Empire and the Allied cause, but unless any special suggestion is made in this connection it is proposed to hand the proceeds to His Britannic Majesty's Minister for transmission to the general fund. It should hardly be necessary to recall the deep sense of obligation we are all under for the magnificent sacrifices of the British Fleet in the war, so it is hoped that the public will be as generous of their patronage as they have always hitherto been as regards the war charities.

Further details as to the sale of tickets etc. will be announced later.

The Scots Night.

In giving the statement of the finances of the "Scots Night," yesterday, it should have been mentioned that the members of the Bangkok St. Andrew's Society beg to tender their grateful thanks to all those who so generously helped towards the success of the evening.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

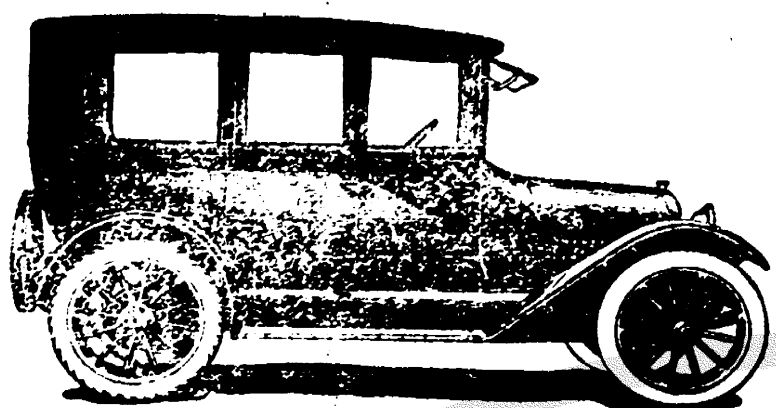
THE Pathanakorn is showing from, to-night an entirely new and attractive programme.

AN Amsterdam message says that Germany proposes to occupy Snake Island at the mouth of the Danube, to convert it into a great fortress, and thus dominate Rumania.

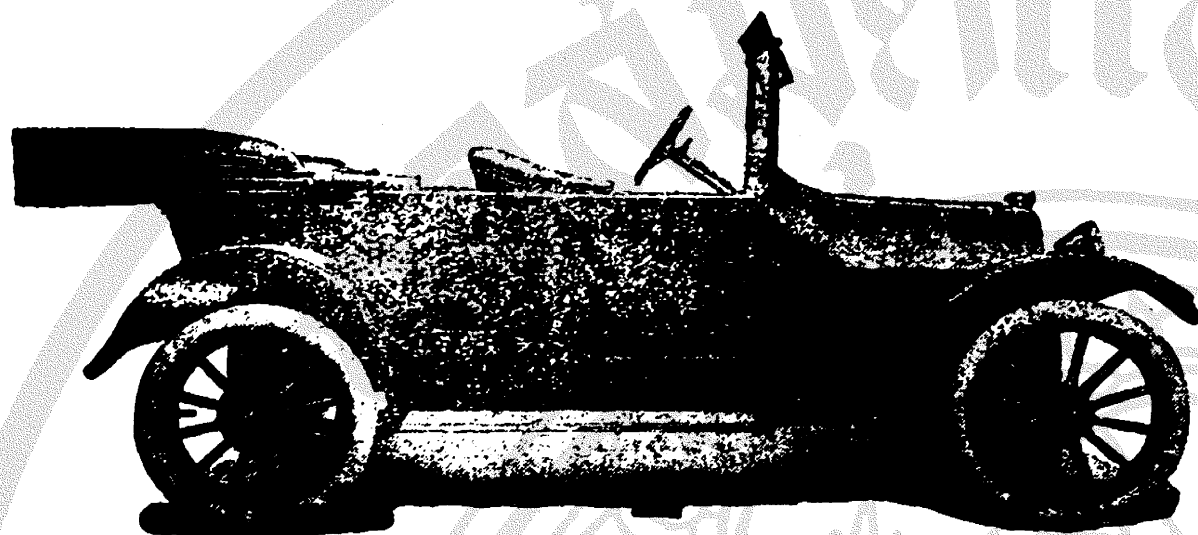
A TONNAGE agreement between Sweden and the Allies has been settled, whereby 72,000 tons of Swedish shipping is placed at the disposal of the Allies. Sweden is permitted to import 64,000 tons of necessities.

AMERICA is putting forth a colossal ship-building programme. Within a few weeks a great number of destroyers, merchantmen, and submarines will be building at Philadelphia and Boston shipyards. Since November the United States Government has converted a large, barren island in the Delaware River into the biggest ship-building yard in the world, and also created a town of 20,000 inhabitants on the island. This yard assembles parts which are manufactured at a thousand factories. It is anticipated the island yard will turn out 40 ships of 8,000 tons each in 1918. After September it will finish a merchantman in every two days.

Chevrolet Cars.



Sedan Type and
Open FOUR SEATERS due shortly.



The Car of the best design in the light
inexpensive running type.

Siam Import Co., Ltd.
Sikak Phya Sri-City.

FINEST

American Linen Writing Paper in
different grades.

FOOLSCAP SIZE for Official Correspondence

OCTAVO SIZE for Mercantile Work.

CARBON PAPERS IN TWO SIZES.

A STOCK OF

Exercise Books and Index Books

Just Unpacked

Stationery of all Description

At Very Moderate Prices.

"SIAM OBSERVER"
Stationery Store.

The Ukraine.

In an article in the New York Sun George Raffalovich, the son of an Ukrainian father and a French mother, an author of repute under the pen-name of Bedwin Sanda, gives some enlightening and interesting facts concerning the reborn nation:—

"Ukraine covers 850,000 square kilometers, an area greater than that of France and only a little less than that of Italy, Spain and Portugal together."

"Taking the figures usually given by European writers of repute, there are to-day 29,000,000 Ukrainians in the south-western provinces of Russia, between one and two millions in Siberia, where they have, especially in the Amur region, extensive settlements; three and a half millions in eastern Galicia, four hundred thousand in northern Bukovina, and perhaps half a million in northern Hungary on the southern slopes of the Carpathian Mountains. To the figures would be added the half-million Ukrainians who are at the present time in the United States, probably as many in the Dominion of Canada, a few thousand in Australia, and about fifty thousand in Brazil. There are Ukrainian settlements in Turkey, in the Dobruja, and in southern Hungary, but they are very small."

"The bulk of the Ukrainians consists, therefore, of those in Ukrainian Russia, in Galicia, and in Bukovina, for they inhabit the compact territory which is only artificially—or shall we say politically?—divided between Russia, Austria, and Hungary. Leaving out the Russians, or Ukrainians of Hungary, who express no desire to work politically with the other members of their nation and who insist, even in America, upon societies of their own, we have a population of over 33,000,000 stretched between the Caucasus, the Black Sea, the Carpathian Mountains, and the San River."

Some Particulars.

"The purely Ukrainian governments of Russia are:—

1.—Ukraine of the Right Bank (of the Dni-per): Podolia, Volhynia, Kief and Kholm.

2.—Ukraine of the Left Bank (of the Dni-per): Tchernihov, Poltava, Kharkov, south-west Khursk, Veronezh and the region of the Don Cossacks to the Sea of Azov.

3.—On both sides of the Dni-per lies the Steppes Ukraine, comprising Ekaterinoslav, Kherson, and the eastern parts of Bessarabia, and Tauris.

4.—Forth Caucasus, adjacent to the region of the Don Cossacks, comprising Kuban and the eastern parts of the Stavropolskoi and Terek government.

"In all these districts the Ukrainians

form from 76 to 99 per cent. of the total population, the rest being Jews, Poles, and lastly, Russians."

"Ukraine's popular form of government attracted settlers from near-by countries, and the fame of the freedom of its institutions reached as far as Ireland, as is shown by the Celtic names that are still preserved in Ukraine. The writer says:—

"The Burik dynasty founded Ukraine. When it disappeared, the next organisation that kept the Ukrainians together was the republic of the Cossacks, whose domain overlapped Lithuania and Poland, who occupied much of the Ukraine soil."

"The Cossacks were organised something on the lines of the chivalry of Western Europe. Their precepts were obedience, piety, chastity, and equality. The Assembly was the only authority they recognised. The Hetman (headman) was elected by, and was responsible to, the Assembly for his actions. If he offended he was inconspicuously deprived of office."

The Rada.

"The Assembly, called Rada, was periodical and comprised representatives of all classes of the community who often criticised freely the policy of the Hetman. In the interval between Radas the Hetman ruled the country by a series of decrees. When any section of the Ukrainian community was dissatisfied with the person or the policy of the Hetman it was entitled to call together a Rada, which in such cases was called a Black Rada. If Black Rada happened to be representative enough, and the complaint met with the approval of the majority, the Hetman might be compelled to resign."

"While the Muscovites lived under an absolute monarchy, while the Poles were ruled by a hangy and exclusive aristocracy, in Ukraine all were free under the Lithuanian kings, and republican institutions were gradually taking root. Many people would have the surrounding countries and go to settle in Ukraine. Such names preserved in Ukraine as O'Brien and O'Rourke tend to prove that people came from much farther to settle in the happy land."

"It has been said that the Ukrainian race seemed qualified to put into practice the idea of universal equality and freedom. The science of war was there brought to high perfection. At the same time a literature was produced which glorified the Cossack life in attractive ballads and tales. The Slavonic world is proud of the history of this free State."

"It is on the Poles that lies the stigma of wrecking this promising nation, since it was under Poland that Ukraine was at that time. The whole of Ukraine, or rather all that was left of it after the Tartar incursions, was easily con-

A GOOD INVESTMENT

is always sought after. Any expenditure, however, which promotes one's well-being is a sound investment. Good health, undoubtedly, is one of the greatest assets a man or woman can possess for without it none can be at their best physically or mentally. Beecham's Pills are the best and health the joy of life is secured. Beecham's Pills are a perfect investment for all who desire to promote and maintain good health. It is wise to have recourse to this wonderful medicine on the first signs of indigestion. When the stomach is disordered, when the appetite is poor, when the bowels are irregular, and the system generally out of order you cannot do better than take a course of this most famous medicine. You will certainly benefit. There are ample returns in health and satisfaction for all who invest in the remedy of

Beecham's Pills

Prepared only by THOMAS BEECHAM, St. Helens, England.

Sold everywhere in boxes, price 9d (36 pills) 1/6 (56 pills) & 2/6 (103 pills).

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	2.45	Bangkok Dep.	7.45	10.45	2.00	5.00
*Maha Wong "	6.35	9.35	12.50	2.50	Sala Deng "	7.52	10.52	2.07	5.07
*Ban Nang "					Klong Toi "	8.00	11.00	2.15	5.15
Chorakhe "	6.40	9.40	12.55	3.55	*Ban Kluei "	8.05	11.05	2.20	5.20
*Samrong "	6.45	9.45	1.00	4.00	Prakonong "	8.10	11.10	2.25	5.25
Bangna "	6.50	9.50	1.05	4.05	Bangjak "	8.15	11.15	2.30	5.30
Bangjak "	6.55	9.55	1.10	4.10	*Bangna "	8.20	11.20	2.35	5.35
*Prakonong "	7.00	10.00	1.15	4.15	Samrong "	8.25	11.25	2.40	5.40
*Ban Kluei "	7.05	10.05	1.20	4.20	Chorakhe "	8.30	11.30	2.45	5.45
Klong Toi "	7.10	10.10	1.25	4.25	*Ban Nang "	8.35	11.35	2.50	5.50
Sala Deng "	7.15	10.15	1.30	4.30	Grong "	8.40	11.40	2.55	5.55
Bangkok Arr.	7.23	10.23	1.38	4.38	Paknam Arr.	8.45	11.45	3.00	5.55

*Trains stop only at the request of passengers.
Trains may leave intermediate stations 5 minutes before the stated time.

quered by Lithuania, and the principalities of Kiev, part of Poland, and Volhynia became part of the Russian Empire. Being, however, of higher culture than the conquering, the conquered provinces gave their language and their laws to Lithuania."

A Misunderstood People.

After various social and political disturbances the situation in Ukraine grew worse and worse. She lost all her rights one by one, and finally her name was almost forgotten by men. Then, says the writer:—

"Came the Japanese war and the first revolution."

"The constitution of 1905 was a sincere act of the Czar. It was not perfect, it left many restrictions which should have been removed, but it was a good beginning. The first and second Dumas obtained an important proportion of nationalist deputies elected by the Ukrainian peasantry."

"The baron de Krieger, the Black Hundred, and the pan-Russian set their minds to the solving of two new problems—how to poison the minds of the Czar and his advisers and how to explain the constitution in such a way that its effect could be nullified."

"They succeeded with the help of an unlooked-for ally. The social parties showed their opposition to the Ukrainian nationalist movement. The result of this unholy alliance for the crushing of a people was that the constitution was gradually explained away and lost all its meaning."

"For instance, in the first Duma there was an Ukrainian Club composed of forty-four nationalist deputies. It worked through the first and second Dumas, when the members exceeded six."

"This was too much for the Government. The regulations concerning the electoral system were revised. In the third Duma there was no such numerous as an Ukrainian party. As if by magic the problem of how to deal with rebels had been solved. The anti-Ukrainian Press took what comfort it could in the thought that these sixty Ukrainian members elected to represent 22,000,000 people enslaved by Russia had been a bad dream."

"Confiscations, prohibitions, arrests, exiles followed. The anti-Ukrainian propaganda was resumed in U.S.S.R. and spread even to France and England, where writers and journalists otherwise sober-minded were led to believe that there was no Ukraine nation, no Ukrainian nationalism. 'There was not even such a word in the Russian dictionary, unless it meant frontier.'"

"The new nation will not bear the stamp 'made in Germany,' as many writers have asserted for, says Rodolphe:—

"The newly-won independence of Russian Ukraine does away with the charge of pro-Germanism which was freely leveled at all those who advocated this autonomy."

"The birth of the nationalist movement in Russian Ukraine was automatic. Its life was fostered by Ukra-

nians themselves, fostered by Ukrainians of all classes."

"As a matter of fact, the Ukrainians, who know the Germans, like them least. Muscovites or Great Russians may admire the Teuton system of efficiency. The Ukrainians are too much of an artistic nation to care overmuch for 'Kultur' without poetry. If there are pro-Germans in Russia they are certainly not the individualistic, democratic Ukrainians. A meridian need not fear betrayal from that quarter."

Of the great natural resources of the new nation the writer says:

"The famous black soil of Ukraine covers three-quarters of the country. To the north as well as in the Carpathian Mountains are some 110,000 square kilometers of forest. The agricultural soil covers 53 per cent. of the aggregate territory of Ukraine and 32 per cent. if we take in the whole of European Russia, which is however, six times greater than Ukraine itself."

"The annual production of cereals in Ukraine is two-thirds of the whole production in the Russian Empire. It is greater than that of Germany or France. The exportation of cereals from Ukraine amounts to 27 per cent. of the production, and of all the wheat exported from Russia a ninth comes from Ukrainian soils. As a matter of fact the trade of Ukraine is more developed than that of any other part of the empire."

"Ukraine ranks highest among all the countries that comprise the vast Russian Empire as to the annual agricultural production. Wheat, rye, and barley are the staple crops of Russia's agriculture and the annual production in Ukraine of these products amounts to one-third of Russia's output. As to other farm products, Ukraine's position is also very conspicuous."

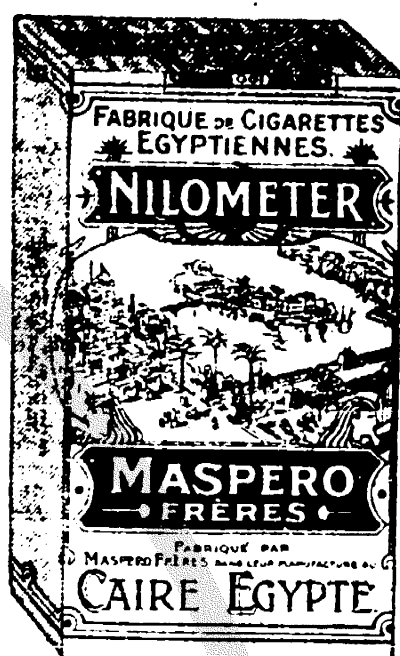
"Barley, for instance, is especially cultivated in the Ukrainian provinces of Podolia, Volhynia, Kiev, and Kiewson; these provinces together yield five-sixths of the annual production of all Russia. Ukraine produces almost all the tobacco of the empire, and she has the largest and finest orchards and vineyards of European Russia."

"The immense natural resources of Ukraine furnish splendid opportunities for the development of manufacturing industries. As a matter of fact, 62 per cent. of Russia's annual production of pig-iron and 68 per cent. of Russia's production of steel come from Ukraine. These few facts may furnish sufficient indication of Ukraine's economic significance to Russia."

TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.

If you want a clear head and good digestion you must not let your bow become clogged with poisonous waste from the body, as is always the case when you become constipated. Proper food, an abundance of water and plenty of outdoor exercise should keep your bowels regular. When that fails you should take Chamberlain's Tablets. They cause a gentle movement of the bowels and are easy and pleasant to take. For sale by the British Dispensary.

MASPERO FRÈRES Limited. CAIRO



NOT OF TASTE, JUDGES OF WHAT A GOOD
EGYPTIAN CIGARETTE SHOULD BE, ALWAYS SMOKE
ONE OR THE OTHER OF THE BRANDS DEPICTED
ABOVE. FOLLOW THEIR EXAMPLE.

Maspero frères

ORIENTAL STORE Agents for Siam.

MAGNETOS

A consignment of BRITISH MADE
THOMSON BENNETT MAGNETOS
HAS ARRIVED

Suitable for 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 Cylinder Motor Engines.
Also other useful Motor Accessories.

ON VIEW AT Phone No. 157.

The Bangkok Dock Coy's Motor Department.

Bangkok Hotel

BANGKOK.

An up-to-date hotel with every convenience. Very central location.

UNDER JAPANESE
MANAGEMENT.

European or Japanese Meals served at all hours.

Spacious accommodation at
MODERATE RATES.

All requirements met.

L.F.R.

Phathanakorn Cinematograph

WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY

An Entirely New and Attractive Programme
From Saturday 13th. to Tuesday 16th. April 1918.
A VERY POWERFUL ALL-BRITISH FILM
"LONDON'S ENEMIES."
In 5 Parts.

This gripping feature reveals the tactics of a stormy gang of foreign spies led by a well known adventurer. They were unmasked and hunted down through the pluck of a young naval lieutenant and his sister.

The Universal Wonder Serial
"THE GRAY GHOST"
Thirty-two Reels in Sixteen Episodes
Episodes 9. "THE PEARL NECKLACE" In 2 Parts.
"10. "SHADOW" "2"

TRIANGLE KEYSTONE PRESENTS
"THE SNOW CURE"
3 Reels of Solid Fun.

During the hot season a sip of good wine is not a luxury but a necessity.

A glass of wine during and after dinner is the best invigorator.

You can always find a variety of Preserves, Wines, and Liquors to suit both taste and purse at

THE INTERNATIONAL STORE.

Telephone No. 570.

Corner New Road and Custom House Lane.

"BUICK" Spare Parts.

UNDER ROYAL PATRONAGE

Buick Car owners will be pleased to learn that we are expecting very shortly to receive spare parts for all Buick Cars in this City, thus we are able to meet the demand and give a more efficient Service.

In the meantime, we have a good stock of LODGE Sparking Plugs for all types of Cars and Motor Cycles, as well as for Buick Cars.

Kiam Hoa Heng & Co., Ltd.
SOLE AGENTS.

AIDS TO TRADE.

The business problem of to-day is not the manufacturing, but the selling end of your business. Anything that increases sales is of importance to the business man—and advertising is the great sale increaser.

The "Observer" specialises in advertising that sells goods and develops trade.

For rates etc. inquire from the Manager or ring him up on the Phone.

Notice

Advertisers are kindly requested to send in changes of advertisements before 11 a.m. of the day they intend the advertisement to appear. Should any advertisement arrive after that hour the same will be held over to the next day.

A Practical Policy For German Colonies.

By Sir H. H. Johnston.

The German Overseas colonies: what is to be done with them if the Great Alliance is sufficiently victorious in this war?

Expositors of German opinion and the views of the governing class in Germany have duly threatened us that after the war and the recovery of the German colonies, leaseholds, and footholds, all of these large and small areas in Africa, Eastern Asia, and Oceania will be organised henceforth for a future war on the colonial empires of the Western and Far Eastern Powers. This coast strip or island will become a famous base for submarines in seas where, up to now, no German submarines have penetrated. This mountain will be so fortified that no European army could ever force it to surrender.

This native tribe shall be steered to hostility against all other white men but Germans; and so on. The Germans can hardly blame us if we take them at their word in the letter, says Sir Harry Johnston in the Evening Standard.

We are bound to believe that if we gave back Samoa, New Zealand would be obliged to support a very large navy and be always edgy about the Western Pacific; if we restored German New Guinea, Australia would be compelled to adopt the principle of National Service which she still contemplates; and if we re-admitted the Germans to South-West Africa the Union of South Africa would revolt; to East Africa, Africa would be menaced; to the Cameroons, and French and French Nigeria would be perpetually summing with native nervousness and uncertainty of allegiance.

We did not take up the gage of battle to aggrandise our Empire. If we refuse to induct Germany into Africa and Oceania, who is to take her place? Native Governments? Impossible for many years to come. In none of the (formerly) German African territories has there been a strong native government, any one predominant tribe able to maintain order, secure respect for life and property, and keep down the slave trade.

There is no need, however, to depart from the definitions just laid down by President Wilson and Mr. Lloyd George. In every region which was formerly under the German flag let the wishes of the people be consulted as to their future guardians. This can be done from chieftainship to chieftainship, large or small. Most of the chiefs or big men can now write and read, thanks to the missionaries, usually English, American, or French. Let

such responsible head men or kinglets or national councillors state in writing the wishes of the majority of their people, on the issue defined—namely (1) Do they wish to be replaced under the German Government? (2) If not, what other European or American Power would they prefer as guardian?

The Powers to whom these territories are handed over, by the wish of the natives, as compensation for German damage, and as a guarantee of the security of limitrophe possessions, shall be pledged henceforth to maintain in them a policy of Free Trade and no discrimination in foreign trade or local industries. Therefore, if the Germans make peace in 1918, and so long as they maintain that peace, they shall be as free to trade in, and in a reasonable way to colonise, their former possessions as they were before the war, with the proviso, of course, that no injustices shall be done to the native, whose interests in the matter of land settlement shall be considered to come before those of Europeans.

My own preferred scheme is that the German colonies in Africa shall be divided between the contiguous British, French and Belgian colonies and protectorates, according as the natives shall wish, and that Portuguese East Africa shall have restored to it the Tanga Bay district which Germany forcibly occupied some twenty years ago. And that all these lands which once were under the German flag shall be perfectly free to German trade and industry—as much, that is, as they are to those of other European peoples.

I should also like to see a great International Committee of Advice set up somewhere in Western Europe to supervise the whole affairs of Tropical Africa and advise the Powers entrusted with African administration; and that on this committee not only should the "African" powers be represented, together with the United States and Brazil, but that representation should be accorded to Holland, Scandinavia, and Greece (all of whom have great com-

mercial interests in Africa), and also to a reconciled Germany, Austria, and Turkey.

Lethal Chamber for Lies.

Mr. Charles T. King writes in the Daily Express: The Department of Information is situated on the second floor of the Foreign Office and elsewhere, and to judge by a map of the world indicating its branches in red, its outposts are everywhere from Iceland to Oceania and from Manchuria westward to San Francisco. The director of the Department of Information is Colonel John Buchan. He has left off writing fiction, and is engaged in killing fiction.

German lies down throughout the United States, Turkish lies down in Palestine and Asia Minor and the borders of Persia, Austrian lies, full of Pilsener flavour, down in Northern Italy,

Oriental lies down in the hamars of India, all sorts of lies that look like truth down in Europe, Asia, Africa and America—all three the Department of Information is seeking to kill.

While I was in there a day or two ago they were sending out beautifully printed and illustrated magazines, with the articles in language of the peoples for whom they were intended and pictures with messages that know no frontiers. They were sending out articles, paragraphs, photographs, maps, messages, cinema, women and men. They sent out Sir F. E. Smith. They are sending out Miss Annie Swan, the novelist, and Miss Violet Markham to speak to the American people.

I picked up a broad, beautifully illustrated magazine, and found it was all photographs embedded in Arabic text. The title of the magazine looked like glorified shorthand mixed up with half a dozen clean bowled wickets. In the middle, right across two pages, was a superb photograph of Jerusalem. This was one of our special Palestine editions.

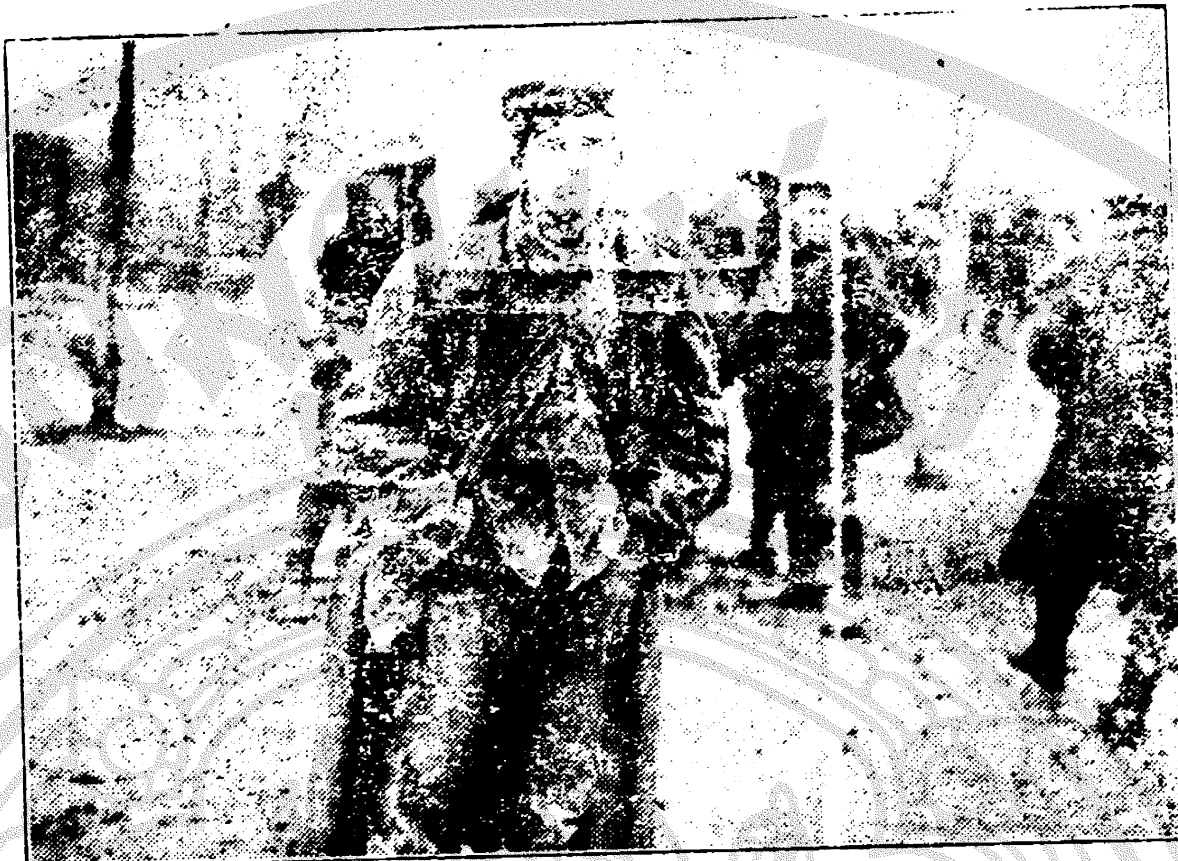
Millions a Month.

In addition, a constant stream of information is flowing from the department in all sorts of daily, weekly, and monthly local newspapers in all sorts of towns all over the world. About 700,000 copies of the "War Pictorial" have been sent out. Over a million copies of certain pamphlets of truth have been printed abroad under the influence of the department to save the strain on paper here and to minimise the risk.

Great stacks of appeals to German workmen have been placed under the noses of German workmen by means which will make a fascinating story when the war is over. Every month the despatch of publications from the department of information exceeds four millions. Six Oriental papers printed in the native languages are sent out. They counteract among Mahomedans the German lie that Britain wants to crush their religion.

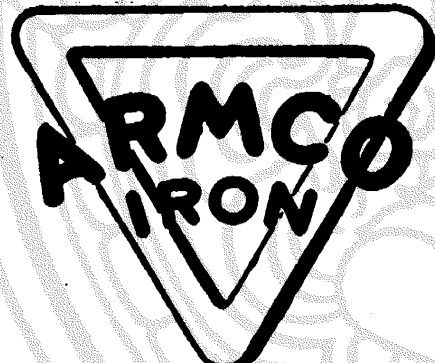
There is a constant cabling and wireless service all over the world. They send out about one and a half million words that are flashed over and under the seas every month. British officers are now on their way to Russia with ten complete cinema outfits to show the truth in that vast country, where the people have been the victims of so many lying tongues.

What is the purpose of it all? To refute German lies and aid in winning the war. That, however, is only a part of it. The War Cabinet, through its Department of Information, is showing long vision. It has set up machinery of truth which it is hoped will have a good effect all over the world when this war, long and terrible as it is, has become but an incident in the story of freedom.



OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN ON THE BRITISH WESTERN FRONT.

Types captured in the last push. A member of the All is lost League.



Resists Rust



Built in the Right Way of the Right Material

"ARMCO" Iron Flumes

(Lennon Type)

"Armco" Iron Flumes are mechanically and theoretically correct. They offer little friction to the water—their joints are simple and watertight.

"Armco" Iron Flumes are easily erected by inexperienced men—curves offer no obstacles.

And above all you get the unique durability of "Armco" Iron—made pure and uniform, and rust-resisting, by special manufacture.

California Corrugated Culvert Company.

Sole Agents for Siam

The Borneo Company, Ltd.

Printed and published by R. Fénelon for the "SIAM OBSERVER" Press Ltd., Oriental Avenue, Bangkok.