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India and Mesopotamia.

London, Aug. 15.—In reply to Sir E. Carson, Mr. Chamberlain said that the difficulty of transport in Mesopotamia had not been wholly overcome and could not be overcome for some time. He believed matters had much improved and thought everything possible was now being done regarding the medical arrangements.

Mr. Chamberlain said that he had seen an advance copy of the report, in addition to criticisms of the Indian military organisation, which was now engaging the serious attention of the Imperial Government. It named certain officers as having grave responsibility in connection with the state of affairs disclosed at the investigation. These officers would doubtless be examined by the Mesopotamia Commission, whereby their case and the measure of their responsibility would be considered. Meanwhile, the officers named had vacated their positions, to which new appointments had been made.

In reply to Sir H. Craik, Mr. Chamberlain stated that copies of the report of the Vincent Commission and General Duff's memorandum thereon were despatched from India in July. The appendices, including evidence, were sent early in August. The Viceroy stated that a general review of the report and appendices would follow as soon as they had been fully examined. All documents would be submitted to the Mesopotamia Commission as soon as received. He thought they would greatly facilitate their task but in the meanwhile matters treated by the Vincent Commission must be considered still sub judice and the report could not be published.

In the House of Lords, Lord Islington in reply to Lord Middleton repeated Mr. Chamberlain's statement that conditions in Mesopotamia were not yet quite satisfactory largely owing to immense difficulties of transport. He hoped the alterations made in responsible positions would enable the difficulties to be overcome more rapidly and secure more effective administration. The War Office, the Stores Office, and the Indian Government were making every effort to meet the difficulties. Mr. Chamberlain desired him to say the report of the Vincent Commission specially recognised the valuable services of the R. A. M. C. and the Indian Medical Service. All deficiencies revealed by the report were notified immediately and orders issued to make them good.

Mr. Chamberlain announced that he had received a report from the Government of India stating that it hoped by Aug. 1 to forward the whole of the English mail to Mesopotamia from Basra on the day of arrival. They had not traced any cases of pilfering. Inadequate or lost addresses and insecure packing must account for a good many miscarriages. He proposed to communicate further with the Government of India on the subject. He also

Indian Government Bill.

London, Aug. 15.—In the House of Commons in committee on the Government of India amendment bill Col. Yate moved a series of amendments seeking to raise the status of the India Civil Servant. One substituted the title Governor for Lieutenant Governor.

Mr. Charles Roberts resisting this said a large body of opinion in India would now like to see Governors appointed by the home Government, a change of title would further encourage this desire. The changes advocated by Col. Yate were more suitable for discussion in the future when changes in administration in India were considered.

Sir H. Craik and Sir W. Rawlinson and others supported Col. Yate pressing Mr. Roberts to reconsider.

Mr. Roberts pointed out this particular proposal was opposed in joint committee and he asked the House not to raise it now.

The amendment was rejected by 78 to 9, other amendments were withdrawn and the bill was read a third time.

London, Aug. 15.—In the House of Commons in reply to Col. Yate Mr. Forster explained the delay till June 5 of despatch to India of drafts asked for on Feb. 24 was due to shipping and men being previously unavailable. The responsibility rested on those responsible for providing sufficient men for the needs of the Empire.

Col. Yate: As drafts are never sent in hot weather in peace time are not the authorities in England equally responsible with the authorities in India for the deaths?

Mr. Forster: The men were urgently wanted and I am afraid we cannot observe peace-time rules but must send drafts when available.

Nearing the End in Africa.

London, Aug. 17.—General Smuts reports that his troops are closing in on the central railway in the vicinity of Kilosa from north and west, while naval forces have occupied the important Arab town of Dagamboro, capturing a naval four-inch gun.

stated that he was communicating with Government with a view to the simplification and acceleration of the arrangements regarding the effects of soldiers dying in Mesopotamia.

Lord Robert Cecil said he had no further information regarding the treatment of the Kat prisoners, but the United States were sending money and comforts as soon as their arrival at internment camps is known. The main cause of uneasiness was the refusal of Turkey to allow United States officials to visit the prisoners, but private messages recently received were reassuring.

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Great War.

The North Sea Fight.

Only a Scrap Between Patrols.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Aug. 22.

The North Sea fight was mainly a scrap between patrols, the big ships apparently never getting in contact since the Germans retired when warned by screen patrols.

The German version of the sea fight says that submarines on the 19th inst. sank off the English east coast a hostile small cruiser, and a destroyer and that a small cruiser and a battleship were heavily damaged.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Aug. 21.

London.—The German "Fleet" made an appearance in the North Sea and returned to its base having been put to flight by the British Fleet. Two British cruisers were sunk and two German submarines destroyed.

Explosion in Munition Factory.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Aug. 22.

An explosion in a Yorkshire munition factory is officially reported. It is believed that there has been serious loss of life, but details are not yet published.

Russians Capture Jablonitz.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Aug. 22.

Petrograd Official.—We have captured Jablonitz, twenty-five miles south-east of the Jablonitz Pass.

Italians at Salonika.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Aug. 21.

Salonika.—British troops established themselves west of Bokali and south of Dobgiti and repulsed the enemy inflicting losses.

An Italian contingent has landed at Salonika.

The Western Theatre.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Aug. 21.

We captured to the north of the Somme a strongly organised wood between Guillemont and Maurepas and took important material and 6 cannon.

The Germans attacked Fleury with liquid fire. We stopped the attack by the barrage fire of our infantry inflicting serious losses.

An Aviation Accident.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Aug. 21.

Aviator Brindejone of the Moulinsais was accidentally killed by the falling of his machine in the region of Verdun.

Tin.

(S. O. SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, Aug. 23.

Tin is quoted at \$82 at which price 110 piculs were sold.

Malay States Guides.

(S. O. SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, Aug. 23.

Five officers and men of the Malay States Guides now at Aden will be given the Indian Order of Merit or the Distinguished Service Order for gallantry in the field.

PADDY REPORT FOR AUG. 22.

Nasran 2080 cwt at Tes. 81/104 each
Samruang 630 " " 77/82 "
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Total Coyans 2870 "

Sir Ralph Paget.

A Reuter's message to Singapore dated London, August 16, says that Sir Ralph Paget, formerly Minister at Bangkok, has been appointed Minister to Denmark.

Siam Philatelic Society.

The Siam Philatelic Society held its 62nd Session on Monday August 14th at the Office of the Bangkok Times.

After the ordinary business of the Session was concluded, Mr. J. Michell was called upon to read a paper entitled "Modern History as illustrated by Postage Stamps."

He opened with some remarks on those who abuse the hobby and liken it to collecting match boxes, etc., and pointed out that a Philatelist had to study various subjects to become proficient in the science, and in addition the collecting of stamps taught many things including "History." They illustrated almost every vital change in the history of nations since 1840, the birth of the first Postage Stamp—the British Penny Black.

He divided his paper into five heads: (1) Dynastic changes; (2) Confederation; (3) Revolution; (4) Gain or loss of Independence, and (5) Events commemorated by Special Issues; but added that many other heads might be suggested and volumes written about each.

Stamps of France were shown to illustrate the changes from Empire to Republic; of Spain to show the change from Bourbon to Savoy, then Republic and back to Bourbon; of Norway giving the change to a separate Kingdom in 1905.

Stamps of the North German States, Australia, Malay States and the Confederate States of America well illustrated the second head "Confederation."

"Revolution" appeared to have been fairly spread over the world from the information to be gleaned from the stamps shown, namely:—Mexico, Brazil, France, Spain, Portugal, the Balkan States and China.

Stamps of Cuba, Montenegro and Bulgaria illustrated gain of Independence, while stamps of the Papal States, Transvaal and Orange River Colony illustrated the loss of Independence.

Finally Mr. Michell touched on commemorative issues and drew attention to the fact that many of these served possibly no useful purpose except to the country issuing them. He showed stamps of the "Olympic Games" issued by Greece, of the "Columbus" issue of America, and of the Portuguese issue commemorating the discovery of India by Vasco da Gama in the XIV century all of which illustrated important events in history.

A hearty vote of thanks was given Mr. Michell for his interesting paper, which brought out Philately in a new light, a light not often touched on and not sufficiently brought to the notice of the ordinary layman.

The Session adjourned at 8.0 p.m.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE British s.s. "Kuala" from Singapore with 32 bags mail on board passed Paknam to-day.

AMONGST those who arrived by the s.s. "Kuala" this afternoon were:—Mrs. W. E. McNaught and Mr. A. Strachan.

A PROPOSAL to requisition the whole of the French mercantile marine for the duration of the war is to be considered by the French Chamber.

THE death is announced of Mr. William Henry Ham'ey, the Toy King, head of the famous firm of Hamley Brothers, Ltd., and the inventor of ping-pong.

THERE were six deaths from bubonic plague in Bangkok during the week ended 19th instant according to the return of the Medical Officer of Health. No cases of cholera or small-pox are reported.

A DUTCH trawler reports that whilst fishing she touched a warship lying at the bottom of the sea. She fished up a wireless installation marked with the number 18,135, and a red, white and black signal flag marked 450.

THE profits of the Ford Co. already gigantic, have now been declared for 1915 to exceed the profits of the previous year by over £2,000, the profit for the year being no less than \$52,135,776, which is equivalent to £12,319,953 English money!

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ON 31st December last the Fire Fund of the Sun Insurance Office, for which the Arracan Co., Ltd. are the local agents, amounted to £2,083,198. The Capital Paid-up was £480,000, and the balance at credit of Profit and Loss account, after payment of dividend, £335,271. The total funds of the Office amounted to £2,859,504.

Dr. M. E. Barnes.

Dr. M. E. Barnes, who arrived in Ceylon in April left Ceylon by the s.s. Malta en route for Siam. He will break journey, however, at Kuala Lumpur, where he will spend two months. There the F.M.S. Board, with the assistance of the American Doctors sent thither by the Rockefeller International Health Commission, are conducting investigations. Their research work is to find out the degree of infection in Kuala Lumpur, and besides this they are working along other lines treating a few cases for Anchylostomiasis. After two months' stay, Dr. Barnes will proceed to Siam to take up work there. Two new Doctors arrived in Ceylon recently from the United States viz. Hongkong. They are Dr. Fred W. Edman, who is at present put up on Syton estate, and Dr. J. F. Kendrick, who is staying with Dr. Ivor E. Meyer (Assistant to Dr. Snodgrass) and Dr. M. de Costa (Junior Sanitary Officer). The new doctors have, like Drs Barnes and S. A. Winsor, come to learn the work. The latter is at present working on Ancon estate.—"C. O."

Items of Interest.

Rome, Aug. 15.—An Anglo-Italian commercial agreement has been signed.

Melbourne, Aug. 14.—The death has occurred of the ex-Premier Sir George Turner.

London, Aug. 17.—Official:—The Mesopotamia situation is quite unchanged.

London, Aug. 16.—Lady Helen Brassey has married Major John Murray son of the well-known publisher.

London, Aug. 17.—Count Desalis has been appointed special envoy to the Vatican in succession to Lord Howard.

London, Aug. 15.—The Kitchener fund is £223,500. The Mercantile and the National Bank of India have given £105 each.

Copenhagen, Aug. 15.—The Lower House has resolved by 62 votes to 14 on a plebiscite as to the sale of the West Indies.

London, Aug. 14.—The Staff of the Shiraz branch of the Imperial Bank of Persia have been released and have arrived at Bushire.

Rome, Aug. 17.—Official:—Hostile aeroplanes dropped bombs on Venice and Gudo Lago yesterday night, causing slight damage and no casualties.

London, Aug. 15.—The inquiry into the alleged shortcomings of the air service has found no proof or substantiation of the charges of negligence.

London, Aug. 15.—The British Cotton-growing Association is enquiring with a view to starting large operations in Rhodesia and Mozambique.

The Hague, Aug. 15.—A Bill has been introduced in Parliament to enable the introduction of general compulsory service for Europeans and natives in the Dutch East Indies.

Petrograd, Aug. 17.—Official:—Additional captures have been made of 138 officers and 7,308 men, twenty nine field guns, seventeen heavy guns, seventy machine guns and fourteen thousand shells.

London, Aug. 17.—The following was the result of the Derbyshire bye-election consequent on Sir E. Grey's promotion to the House of Lords:—Sir Francis Blake (Coalition) 3,794. Dr. Turnbull (Independent) 621.

London, Aug. 17.—A telegram from Budapest says that M. Polony's in the Chamber attacked the Government for transferring the command of the Hungarian army to a foreigner, Hindenburg. Polony's denunciation of the Austrian generals was cheered.

Paris, Aug. 15.—The visit of the Kaiser to the western front, where the Germans are being reinforced with heavy artillery and troops is regarded by the newspapers as clear proof the enemy is still seeking a decision in the west and has abandoned the idea of winning in other theatres.

London, Aug. 16.—In the House of Commons in reply to Mr. Snowden, Mr. Chamberlain said he was not prepared to interfere with the action of the Government of Madras regarding the paper New India. He was not aware that every Indian paper of government had protested or that the Government's action had created indignation throughout India.

Firm Hand with Sweden.

London, Aug. 17.—Reuter announces the Government has decided to prohibit all exports to Sweden except under the most stringent licence.

London, Aug. 17.—The reason for the prohibition of exports to Sweden is a new Swedish law which prohibits imports from giving any information regarding the ultimate destination of imports, which information is essential under the British Customs (War Powers) Act.

King George Under Fire.**Tour of the Western Front.**

London, Aug. 15.—The King motor-ed to the danger zone accompanied by the Prince of Wales and Staff and watched shells bursting on both sides. His Majesty quitted the car at a point near the old British front line and walked over the centre of the area of conflict at the beginning of July and then crossed the old No Man's Land, pitted with shellholes and strewn with the debris of war. He remarked: "It's wonderful how any human being could have lived through it."

His Majesty paid tribute to all branches combatant, and non-combatant and men and women, and said that he rejoiced in their noble efforts, heartily seconded by all parties at home. "The heavy sacrifices made by the armies have not been in vain. The Allies' arms will never be laid down until their cause has triumphed."

His Majesty scrambled over the parapets, refusing help, and visited graves where Britishers lay buried. He walked along many yards of what were once German trenches, and was greatly pleased with the result of our gunnery. He entered forty feet dugouts, and remarked that the Germans evidently thought that they were going to make a long stay, "but they are not faring so well now."

His Majesty next witnessed the "strafing" of Pozieres in the very midst of the action, to the accompaniment of striking shells. He reluctantly withdrew after overstepping his allotted time.

Later.—The King returned to London yesterday evening in excellent health.

His Majesty the King has sent a message to the Army in France, expressing his great pleasure and satisfaction at his just concluded visit. He had been able to judge for himself of the splendid condition, spirit and cheerful confidence animating all. He refers to his visits to the scenes of the latest desperate struggles, and his appreciation of the demands made upon their courage and physical endurance in order to assault and capture positions prepared during the last two years, and stoutly defended to the last.

Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters says that the King spent a week in France, touring over the war area. He visited the trenches and his presence evoked extraordinary scenes of enthusiasm. His Majesty met King Albert, M. Poincaré, General Joffre and other distinguished officers.

Italy's Advance.

London, Aug. 15.—The Italian communiqué says:—We captured enemy trenches west of San Grado, Mount Pezinka in the Carso and east of Gorizia. We took prisoner sixteen hundred.

Rome, Aug. 16.—Official:—Our hydroplanes successfully bombarded in the morning warships and airships at Trieste, causing numerous fires.

London, Aug. 14.—Lord Northcliffe in a newspaper article on the Isonzo battle written on Aug. 13 says the Austrian trenches on Carso plateau are blasted and drilled out of the rock with machinery similar to that used in constructing the Simplon tunnel. Hordes of Croats and other races worked night and day with pneumatic drills and dynamite in making dug-outs. The ferocity of the fighting can be imagined when it is known that the capture of the Calvarie position outside Gorizia alone cost Italy fifteen months of bloodshed and the discovery of kneeling bodies mummified by the scorching heat testifies to the character of the climate. An example of the enemy's hatred of Italians is found in the Italian wounded who were found mutilated, with skulls smashed with spiked maces. A curious fact was that English was often the only language common to the Italians and their prisoners, as both had been in the United States or Canada. Lord Northcliffe throughout his visit did not see an Austrian aeroplane or balloon; Italian balloons float undisturbed directing the fire of their batteries while the Austrians are firing blindly.

London, Aug. 16.—The Italian communiqué says:—We captured trenches on Mount Becinka on Carso plateau and east of Gorizia, and took prisoner 350. Enemy attacks on the remainder of the front were repulsed.

An Italian air-squadron dropped 24 tons of explosives on railway and military establishments near the important stations of Prynica and Dornberg, with good results.

Rome, Aug. 17.—In his speech at the opening of Parliament, Sir Boselli, the new Premier, said Italy must secure Italian aspirations by definite conquest and must closely maintain her agreements with her Allies.

Army Entrance Examination.

London, Aug. 15.—The war Office announces that in the case of candidates who have served with Imperial or Dominion forces, including the Indian Army Reserve, the upper limit of age for attendance at the Army entrance examination in November will be twenty five otherwise nineteen.

The British Front.

London, Aug. 15.—General Sir Douglas Haig, in a communiqué, says entry was forced into the enemy's trenches near Monquet farm where from we returned with prisoners. We repulsed two attempted raids on our trenches on the right flank, while a feinted raid south of Armentieres caused much commotion among the enemy of which our artillery took full advantage.

Paris, Aug. 14.—The French captured their objectives in the German third positions in eighty minutes. Their losses were wonderfully small considering four lines of trenches were crossed and there was desperate close fighting.

After capturing a mile of trenches north of Maurepas, the Anglo-French forces at certain points reached the Guilleminot Maurepas road. Mors over south of Maurepas all the German positions east of the Maurepas Clercy road were captured on a front of two kilometres to a depth of 300 to 500 metres after a fierce fight wherein the enemy lost heavily. Both operations were brilliantly conducted and rapidly executed and many prisoners were taken in addition to the sixty captured south of the Somme.

London, Aug. 18.—Sir Douglas Haig's communiqué says:—The enemy counter attacks on Pozieres were most determined, with large forces on a broad front, and were made successively yesterday night and in the early morning. Six lines of German infantry advanced, but ran back after the heaviest losses. Our guns and machine-guns did great execution. The enemy in no case succeeded in entering our lines. An enemy counter attack today from Martin Pütz was repulsed, we capturing prisoners.

A German aeroplane was killed behind our lines near Pozieres.

Paris, Aug. 18.—The unwounded prisoners taken north of the Somme yesterday exceed two hundred, and five machine-guns were captured.

Salonika Advance.

Salonika, Aug. 17.—Under cover of a heavy Allied bombardment, the French occupied the Bulgarian positions south of Lake Doiran and established themselves on Tortoise Hill, in the neighbourhood of the village of Dolzeli, well within Serbian territory.

The Bulgarian casualties were considerable, the shell fire apparently disorganising the defence of the enemy. Albanian insurgents in the Durazzo region have seized the Austrian provision depots at several places.

Salonika, Aug. 16.—The Allies have slowly and inexorably closed up on the Bulgarian lines along the front from lake Prispato to Demirhisar. The enemy has without intermission been worried by a heavy bombardment. The principal lines between the belligerents south-westward of Doiran are two minor hills on which the Allies are gradually creeping.

Capt. Fryatt.

A Threat to Germany.

London, Aug. 16.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Asquith said the Government had determined not to tolerate the resumption of diplomatic intercourse with Germany after the war till reparation had been made for the murder of Capt. Fryatt.

Some of our Allies had suffered greater and more extended brutalities than ourselves at the hands of the Germans. We were consulting with our Allies as to the most effective steps to be taken and what conditions should be exacted in the peace terms to secure a reparation satisfying justice. (Loud cheers.)

America's Navy.

Washington, Aug. 16.—The House of Representatives has approved the Senate's three year naval construction programme including the immediate building of four Dreadnoughts and four battle cruisers. The personnel of the navy will be increased to 74,000.

The Naval Bill provides for the expenditure of seventy nine millions sterling in three years, which is nine millions more than was previously provided by the House of Representatives.

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