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## Affairs in China.

## Parliament Criticised.

We (*Shanghai Times*) have refrained up to the present from directing attention to the disgraceful scenes which have just taken place in the Chinese Parliament, when men became so lost to reason and a consciousness of their responsibility as exemplars of decorum as to hurl chairs and ink pots at their adversaries in debate. No words of condemnation of such behaviour can be too trenchant and caustic. Coolieism could not supply a more distressing scene, and while a great many office-seekers pose as erudite and capable representatives their behaviour betrays the coarseness of their nature and the limitation of their outlook as legislators in a Republic which has a superfluity of ambition but a paucity of men. We have been tempted to advert to the claims suddenly sprung on the Peking Government for the repayment of funds alleged to have been expended during the past year or two on the Republican propaganda, and faint though our appreciation may be at the moment of the Government in office in the Capital it certainly would fall to zero were a ready response made to the demands of these "saviours of the country." It has well been said that the Oriental moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform. We have witnessed the flight of many Republican refugees. Once the late President's power was on the wane the leaders of public opinion sought Chinese soil, but preferably that which extended hospitality under the aegis of a foreign Government, for no man is more conscious of the arbitrary manner in which the Chinese authorities crush disciples of infectious propaganda than the average son of Cathay. The southerners have lately arrived here in a cloud. There is intrigue afloat in this Settlement—it is rampant in the Capital. The political camps are reeking with vituperation and ready for all manner of recrimination. The seats of the mighty are unstable and uneasy, and yet those who are not able to pierce the arcana of plotters are unable to give an interpretation to the movement nor read the signs of the times. But their sense of suspicion is strong. A Peking correspondent, however, essays an opinion that reports from the South lead to the belief that an effort is being made to consolidate a strong southern party with the object of declaring a Southern Republic, which will include seven provinces, should the Peiyang party become too dominant and the representatives of the South not be given better consideration. For some time past various rumours concerning the movement has reached here during the past month, but very little attention has been given to it. People who have just returned from that part of the country are very decided in their views and state that the movement is gradually increasing in strength and that it is time that some notice was taken of it. It is claimed that those living in the Northern provinces are unable to judge of what is really happening in the south and that they are unable to judge conditions in their true perspective. On the other hand, the southerners appear to be very well informed of what is happening in Peking. They believe that some drastic step will be taken with regard to Parliament and that the country will come under the control of the Military Party which will bring into existence the same state of affairs as followed Yuan Shai-kai's action in dissolving the first Republican Parliament. They maintain that this put nearly all of those out of power who fought for the establishment of the Republican form of government and that the country will receive a setback. They maintain that as they would not tolerate Yuan Shih-kai's imperial ambitions neither will they tolerate the governing of this country by what they term the military clique. This is a phase which has to be feared. The "sweets of office" have certainly been flung to some of the southern leaders during the past few months—to propitiate them, it is true, but intrigue is as the breath of life to so many of these men that the outlook is still hopeless for China. Revolution and bloodshed have been the inheritance of China ever since the Republic was dreamed of and became a consummation, and it is to be hoped every effort will be made now to avoid further strife whether it be due to the machinations of officials or discarded servants. Intervention and partition is possible if the same chaotic conditions prevail. The Chinese Parliament, by its disgraceful demonstrations, crushes out every hope of national progress.

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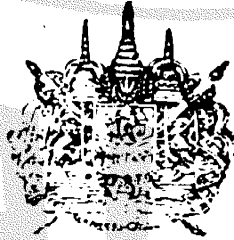
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## German Peace Terms.

("S.O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)  
Singapore, Jan. 9.

The impression is growing in Ameri-  
ca that Germany will disclose the  
outlines of her peace terms. President  
Wilson's chastened mood is attributed  
to the effect of the British blockade. It  
is reported that Wilson will make an-  
other peace move if the Entente de-  
clines to state its peace terms.

## War Tax on Incomes.

("S.O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)  
Singapore, Jan. 9.

Yesterday the legislature unanimous-  
ly passed the first reading of the bill  
imposing war tax, based on income and  
agreeing to a graduated tax on all in-  
comes of \$3,000 per annum and up-  
wards.

## Dusit Park Fair.

Auction Sale in Aid of Cruiser  
and Red Cross Funds.

The auction sale at Phra Pradibad-  
dha Bhudha's stall at the Dusit Park  
Fair last night was well attended. The  
sale was held in aid of the Cruiser  
Fund and the British Red Cross Fund.  
When His Majesty heard that the auc-  
tion was going to take place he re-  
marked to H. E. Phya Prasiddhi Sub-  
hakar that it was for a good cause and  
instructed His Excellency to send a  
Mahadik to Phra Pradibaddha to in-  
form him that His Majesty would like  
to be present at the sale. His Majesty  
arrived at the stall at about 11.30 when  
the sale commenced. Miss Van Varasiri  
being in charge of the hammer. The  
first article put up for sale, an inlaid  
lady's writing desk, presented by Mr.  
E. S. Wooler was bought by His Ma-  
jesty for Tcs. 100. His Majesty most  
graciously gave the desk back to be  
auctioned again and requested that the  
sum realized on his sale be divided  
equally between the Cruiser and  
British Red Cross Funds. After some  
brisk bidding the desk went to  
Luang Amphai, a judge of the Nagar  
Svarga Court for Tcs. 1,000.

Another inlaid table offered by Mr.  
A. C. Warwick was next put up for  
sale, the proceeds to go to the aid of  
the Cruiser Fund. This was knocked  
down to Messrs. Swanson and Sehes-  
ard, the well-known firm of local  
engineers for Tcs. 2,200.

The people who attended the sale  
included Siamese nobles, officials and  
Europeans and the large stall was  
crowded.

The bidding throughout was very  
brisk and among those who bid were  
His Majesty the King, T. E. Chao Phya  
Abhai Raja, Chao Phya Dharma, Chao  
Phya Sri Vichai, Phya Prasiddhi  
Subhakar, Phya Maha Yodha, Phra  
Pradibaddha Bhudha, Luang Amphai,  
Mr. Swanson, Mr. Reiss and others.

As His Majesty was leaving the stall,  
the Europeans present gave him three  
hearty cheers and a tiger.

The auction lasted for about two  
hours and the fair auctioneer who had  
an arduous time is to be congratulated  
on her powers of persuasion which  
were in a great measure responsible  
for the large prices realised.

Phra Pradibaddha deserves credit for  
organising a sale for so worthy a cause.  
He wishes to thank all those who  
helped to make the sale the success it  
was.

## A Correction.

In our issue of yesterday under the  
heading "How a Race Horse Arrived"  
there appears to be many inaccuracies.  
In point of fact, the racing pony,  
"Accelerator" was brought up from  
Singapore per s.s. "Kuala" and not  
per s.s. "Kijang," being shipped in the  
"cotton bales" entirely under cover and  
enclosed by boarding, breast high, on  
all four sides. These boards form some  
of the permanent cattle fittings, with  
which s.s. "Kuala" is supplied, and  
further, the horse was standing on a  
wooden deck furnished with battens  
and was also provided with coir mat-  
ting. The local agents inform us that  
while it is true that the ship had an  
exceedingly bad voyage, there was no  
cargo of any description within range  
of the animal's box, and if the pony  
arrived in poor condition, this was not  
in any way due to carelessness on the  
part of those in charge of the vessel.

## A New Steamship for this Port.

It may interest our readers to know  
that telegraphic advices from Singapore  
have been received by the local agents  
to the effect that the new Straits Steam-  
ship Co.'s s.s. "Kepong" is due to leave  
Singapore for Bangkok, to-day. We  
are informed that she can carry about  
1,500 tons cargo over the bar and 2,700  
tons when fully loaded, and we under-  
stand that she is built on somewhat  
different lines to the s.s. "Kijang" and  
s.s. "Kamming." She should arrive  
here on Tuesday morning.

## THE Great War.

### General Haig's Report.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)  
London, Jan. 8.

General Haig reports:—We repulsed  
a counter attack and consolidated  
two posts to the north of Beaumont  
Hamel. We successfully made a raid  
at day time on a wide front southeast  
of Arras and penetrated as far as the  
third line destroying many dugouts and  
doing much damage to the enemy's de-  
fence. We captured 240 prisoners in  
minor actions since Christmas. Our  
aeroplanes bombed a number of places  
of military importance behind the lines  
with good results.

### Italian Advance.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)  
London, Jan. 8.

A wireless Italian official says we  
advanced 500 metres on the Carso  
front.

### Allies' Reply to Wilson.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)  
Paris, Jan. 11.

M. Briand, in the name of all the  
Allies, yesterday handed to the United  
States Ambassador the reply to the  
communication from President Wilson  
of December 19. The Belgian Minister  
of Foreign Affairs was present.

### German Attack Repulsed.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)  
Paris, Jan. 11.

We repulsed after a lively fight an  
attack against our trenches in the Bois  
Cailleries inflicting serious losses.

### North of Metau.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)  
Paris, Jan. 11.

Petrograd.—We broke into the first  
German line north of Metau and cap-  
tured 21 heavy and 11 light cannon,  
also munitions and material.

### Greece Submits.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)  
Paris, Jan. 11.

The Greek reply to the ultimatum  
forwarded on the 10th instant accepts  
the Entente's conditions.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Mrs. Heyward Hays arrived by the  
s.s. *Halvard* to-day.

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mercial and strategic map of the Bri-  
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#### National Anthem Sung by Prisoners.

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"This never-to-be-forgotten week among my countrymen has made me more thankful than ever that I am an Englishman, and, if I am not very much mistaken, my imprisoned countrymen at Ruhleben have made the enemy respect us and our brave men at the front."

Discussing his experiences, the Bishop said: "My visit was a great surprise to the men, as I am the only Englishman that has been admitted to Germany during the war. I at once explained to them that I came after an invitation from the German authorities and with the full sanction of my own Government as Bishop of Northern Europe."

In all my varied experience I have never seen a better organised bit of community life. The prisoners administer their own affairs entirely, and the German Guard and the official censor seem to be there just to fulfil requirements."

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"Among the 3,600 prisoners there is no crime, and the moral standard is much higher than is usual in a community of such dimensions. All kinds of civilising, humanising, and spiritual influences are at work. As for food, the men practically live upon their parcels from home. Everything that goes to the life of the camp in the way of materials, etc., has been sent out from this country or provided at the expense of the British Government. I may add that all letters from the men may be relied upon as accurate, as practically everyone with whom I came in contact said they found it so difficult to persuade relations at home that they were not keeping something back."

#### Fair and Straight.

"The Camp censor—a German officer—is an absolutely fair and straight man in full sympathy with the prisoners. Although he could have done

so had he wished, he never once attended a meeting at which I spoke, and I was allowed to bring away every note I made, and every paper given to me."

"In fact, I was never once interfered with in the slightest degree from full and uninterrupted connection with the men from start to finish."

"On the last night of my stay I obtained permission for the prisoners to sing 'God Save the King,' and this was repeated when I addressed the whole camp in the open air. I shall never forget the scene of indescribable enthusiasm."

"During my visit to the officers' camp at Blankenberghe the prisoners were kind enough to say that my coming was a breath of fresh air. When I was received at the War Office by General Friedrich, who was surrounded by his Staff, he told me that I was quite free to strengthen and encourage the nationality of my own countrymen; and, further, to visit any camp in Germany, an offer which, to my great regret, I could not accept, as all arrangements had been made for my return to London."

The Bishop travelled to and from Berlin on his English passport.

#### 29,297 Deaths in Two Years.

Amsterdam, Dec. 2.—A Berlin telegram states that statistics have been published regarding sanitary conditions among prisoners of war in camps in Germany, according to which, on August 1 this year there were 1,663, 791 prisoners of war in Germany, 29,297 having died during the two years of war, 6,032 from tuberculosis, 4,201 from spotted fever, 6,270 from wounds, and 4,603 from other illnesses. The cases of tuberculosis were decreasing, thanks to brilliant medical treatment, and numerous patients were able to leave the sanitary institutions. The statistics say that only 0.10 per thousand prisoners of war committed suicide.—Reuter.

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## The Siberian Express.

### Improvement Wanted.

In a letter to the *Beck* a writer calls attention to the necessity for a number of improvements in the trans-Siberian express service if the latter wishes to justify its claim to be regarded as a modern and convenient, as well as the shortest, route between West and East. A recent journey from Petrograd via Harbin and Dairen to Shanghai, thence to Japan, and via Vladivostok back to Petrograd, affords him occasion to make several observations about the Siberian express, which sets out once a week both from Petrograd and Vladivostok.

To begin with, it is almost impossible to obtain a ticket for the train even two weeks ahead without having direct access to a Ministry, inasmuch as on the train by which I, at least, had to travel, there was only one first-class coach (eight small coupes and four in the mixed coach), of which one was allotted to the *chef de train* and two others were also occupied by officials. In the majority of the other sections were passengers bound for near stations (Viatka—Perm), beyond which these places remained empty. Is it fitting to give places to such short-distance passengers to the detriment of those bound for remote points?

Since nine days must be spent in the train, the question of catering is one of no small importance. For this purpose there is a restaurant car. The task of the caterer is far from an easy one, especially that of obtaining fresh provisions throughout the journey. This problem could be lightened if, along the entire line, the buffets were leased to one and the same person on the easiest terms, or, still better, gratis; but, seeing that passengers for nine days at a stretch are wholly at the caterer's mercy, since as a rule at intermediate stations the buffets do not function, it is essential that the greatest care should be taken to guarantee the quality of the food which he supplies. Stale steaks or game that has been kept in refrigerators all winter should be unconditionally excluded, and game should be allowed only when it is absolutely fresh. The requirements of hygiene are equally necessary as regards the scrupulous cleanliness of the kitchen and of the restaurant attendants, who at present are clad in dirty liveries, their hands unwashed, and their nails black! For the convenience of passengers the restaurant car ought to be placed not at one end of the train, but in the centre. This is particularly important seeing that the bath is installed in the same car, to reach which at present one must pass through all

the other cars, the restaurant included. Owing to the present inconvenient arrangement, the majority are obliged to forgo the bath, which, moreover, is frequently out of order.

Another defect is inadequate ventilation. The windows lack net-screens to keep out the coal dust, so that the passenger must either close the windows and submit to being stifled by overheated, impure air, or open the windows and soil his clothes and the coupe with soot. On Japanese trains on the South Manchuria Railway electric fans are installed, not only in the restaurant car, but also in every coupe. These fans can be turned on and off at the passenger's option, at any hour, to the inestimable enhancement of his physical comfort during summer travel. On the Siberian express, on the contrary, there is only one (electric) ventilator, and that in the restaurant car, and great persistence is necessary to induce the attendants to set it in motion. As a rule the answer is, "It's out of order," or "The current insufficient" (in the day time too), and generally one observes a desire to conserve the electricity. The lavatories on the Siberian express are not supplied with separate taps for hot and cold water. Then, the water is usually dirty; there are no towels and soap, so that unless the passenger possesses his own, he cannot enjoy a wash. The water stored on the Siberian Railway is not only not filtered, but is not even passed through gauze, so that it is always dirty, frequently clogs the pipes, &c. Why are there not on these trains women specially employed to keep the coupes tidy and to dust several times a day? Why, in lieu of carpets, which constitute hotbeds of dust, dirt, and infection, cannot we have linoleum, which is both cheaper and more durable?

### Manchurian Railways Contrasted.

The outlay required for the aforesaid improvements is too insignificant to merit discussion. How is it that on entering the South Manchuria express you are literally charmed by every convenience? The equipment of the lavatories is ideal; the organisation of the restaurant car, the entire service, the attendants, who astonish you with the cleanliness of their hands and clothing (white)—in general, the whole environment; the more than excellent dinner, faultlessly cooked and served—all these details are so well thought out that involuntarily one asks oneself the question: Is all this possible in a restaurant car? It is rather more appropriate for the most fashionable Paris restaurant! And the forthright of the attendants, their readiness to oblige, and, above all, their tidiness! Why is all this found among our new Allies and not among us? Incidentally (concludes the writer), the

Japanese delegates were given places in a car with gas illumination; moreover, the gas gave out half-way and our honourable guests had to travel in the dim light of candles.

### Telegraph Lines.

The Post and Telegraph Department reports that Malay Peninsular Local line is still imperfectly working between Sarawak and Singapore. Other lines are all right.

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Bangkok Dep.	7.00	9.48	1.25	3.33		Lampang Dep.	...	...	7.33
Ayuthia Arr.	9.3	11.41	3.33	5.45		Den Chai	...	...	12.33
Ban Phaji Arr.	9.47	12.20	4.24	6.30		Tha Sao	...	...	2.21
						Uthairit	...	...	2.40
Ban Phaji Dep.	9.57	12.37	4.39	...		Ban Dara Arr.	...	...	8.16
Lopburi Arr.	11.5	1.55	5.48	...					3.26
Chongket Dep.	12.33	3.38	...	7.25		Sawa'loke Dep.	...	...	8.24
Pak'pho Arr.	2.17	5.40	...	9.54		Ban Dara Arr.	...	...	8.1
									3.11
Pak'pho Dep.	2.25	6.30	...	...		Ban Dara Dep.	...	...	a.m.
Pitsaloke Arr.	6.1	11.5	...	...		Pitsaloke Arr.	...	...	10.43
									5.30
Pitsaloke Dep.	7.4	2.2	...	...					p.m.
Ban Dara Arr.	9.5	4.18	...	...		Pak'pho Arr.	...	...	1.15
									7.00
Ban Dara Dep.	9.20	4.40	...	...		Pak'pho Dep.	...	...	7.30
Skatoke Arr.	10.21	5.41	...	...					10.43
						Chongket Arr.	6.21	...	9.22
Ban Dara Dep.	9.10	4.25	...	...		Lopburi Dep.	...	...	9.22
Uaradit	10.6	5.29	...	...					11.6
Tha Sao Arr.	10.15	5.38	...	...		Ban Phaji Arr.	...	...	12.21
Den Chai	11.57	...	...	...					3.4
Lampang	4.52	...	...	...		Korat Dep.	3.57	...	a.m.
						Lat Bua Kao Ar.	5.55	...	7.00
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Gengko Arr.	11.7	1.26	5.51	...					11.32
Lat Bua Kao	...	6.8	...	10.3		Ban Phaji Arr.	...	...	12.29
Korat	...	4.2	...	8.2					2.59
Bangkok Dep.	7.45	...	...	3.50		Ban Phaji Dep.	6.27	8.37	12.44
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						Bangkok Arr.	9.28	11.35	3.16
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