

"Siam Observer"
Oldest Established
Daily Newspaper
in Siam.
Has the Largest
Circulation.
Subscription
English Edition
Tos. 10 per annum.
Siaman Edition
Tos. 25 per annum.

The Siam Observer.

"Siam Observer"
STATIONERY STORE
STOCKS
Account Books,
Office Requisites
and
Stationery of
Every Description.

FIRST DAILY TO BE PUBLISHED IN SIAM.

VOL. 43. NO. 74

BANGKOK THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 1917.

PRICE 25 SATANGS

STEAMER SAILINGS.

K. P. M.
JAVA-SIAM LINE
OF THE
Royal Packet S. N. Co.
(INCORPORATED IN HOLLAND)
MAATSOHAPPT.
DIRECT SERVICE
between Bangkok and Java.
Through Bills of Lading are issued
for all Netherlands Indian and Aus-
tralian Ports.
For rates of freight and passage
please apply to:
DIETHELM & Co., LTD.,
Agents.

British India Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.

The s.s. "Mata Hari" is expected
to arrive on Friday morning 30th
March to load for Singapore direct.
For rates of freight and other par-
ticulars etc.
Apply—
The Bombay Burmah Trading
Corporation Limited.

BURNS-PHILP-LINE

SINGAPORE-JAVA-AUSTRALIA
(MONTHLY SERVICE)
CALLING AT
Batavia, Samarang, Sourabaya
Port Darwin, Thursday Island
Brisbane and Sydney via
Torres Straits.
Through booking to all Ports in
Australia and New Zealand.
For freight, passage, full particulars
and Guide Books, etc., apply to
THE ARRACAN COMPANY, LTD.
AGENTS

HARP HENG LONG

We beg to inform the Public that
we have just opened our shop in
Jawarat Road, Nos. 104-109. We
have received a large stock of Iron
and Brassware, Paint and Oils, &c., &c.
House and Boat Builders and Con-
tractors are invited to pay us a visit.
Our prices are very moderate.

Lloyd de France Insurance Co., Ltd.

*Incorporated in France.

ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT
THE USUAL

**FIRE RISKS, MARINE
INSURANCE,
AND
WAR RISKS.**

For detailed particulars apply

Malcolm Beranger.

AGENT.

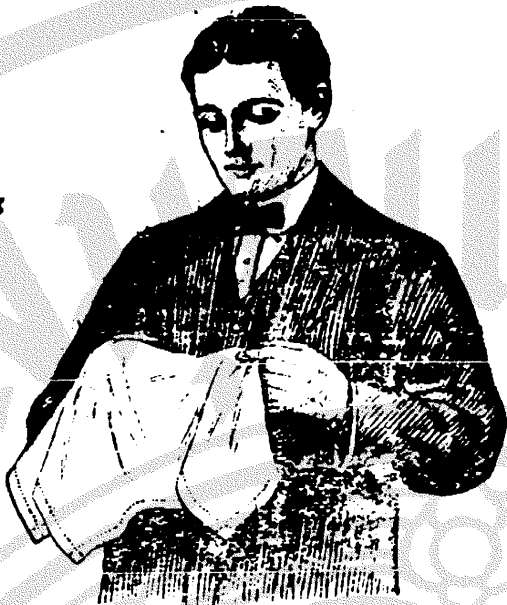
MENS WHITE LAWN & LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS

THE "CHALLENGE" White Lawn Handkerchiefs for Men
exceptional value, one inch border.
Price Tos. 2-50 per dozen.

THE "WEARWELL"

Handkerchiefs
for Men, Strong
White Cambric
with neat
hemstitched
border.

Price
Tos.
3-95
per doz.



THE "ERIN"

Extra fine
White Lawn
Handkerchiefs
wide border,
our most
popular quality.

Price
Tos.
5-95
per doz.

THE "COLLEEN" Pure Irish Linen Handkerchiefs for Men,
Hemstitched border. Two sizes.

Prices Tos. 10-00 & 12-00 per dozen.

WHITEAWAY, LAIDLAW & CO., LTD.

Peninsular and Oriental

Steam Navigation Company.

Full particulars as to

**Sailing Dates,
Passage Rates,
Accommodation
&c., &c.**

May be had on application.

Wireless Telegraphy Fitted on all Steamers.

All passengers holding through tickets will be met on arrival at Singapore by
the Company's launch which will take over heavy baggage for shipment to the
oncarrying vessel.

ROUND THE WORLD

Circular tickets are issued which allow of passengers proceeding to London
via Suez, returning via America, or vice versa.

THE BORNEO COMPANY, LTD.

Agents.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Japanese Mail Steamship Company.

Full particulars as to

**Sailing Dates,
Passage Rates,
Accommodation
&c., &c.**

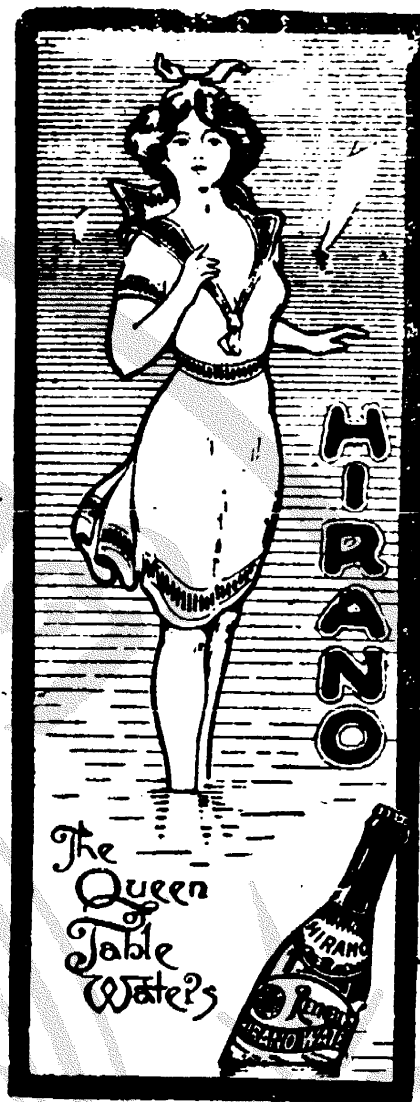
May be had on application.

Round the World Tickets issued in either direction.

THE BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.
Agents.

Reynells Hirano Water

The
Finest
Mineral
Water
in
the
East.



Excellent
alone
or with
Wine or
Spirits

Per case of 48 qts

Tcls. 9-00

Per case of 96 qts

Tcls. 12-00

CELESTIN'S VICHY WATER

in cases of 50 qts, 50 pints, 100 splits.

Tos. 37-50 28-00 34-00

WELCH'S GRAPE JUICE

From choicest concord Grapes

Wholesome—Delicious—Satisfying

AGENTS
FOR
SIAM

Oriental Store

AGENTS
FOR
SIAM

THE EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD.

Bangkok-Europe Line

THE SIAM STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

West coast Mail Service.

For Koh Lak, Chumpon, Taku, Langkuan, Bandon, Ligor, Singora,
Patani, Panarat, Telupin, Bangnara, Takbai, Kelantan, Becho, Semarak,
Biant, Tringgannu, Kretay and Singapore.

Departures from Bangkok

s.s. "Boribat"	...	...	...	31.3.17.
s.s. "Prachatiok"	...	...	...	7.4.17.
s.s. "Asiang"	...	...	...	14.4.17.
s.s. "Boribat"	...	...	...	21.4.17.

East Coast Mail Service

For Sriracha, Kohsichang, Koh Phai, Koh Pra, Rayong, Koh Samut,
Ohanaboon, Ban Yao, Lem Ngoh, Krat & Koh Kong.

Departures from Bangkok

s.s. "Chulalutich", Wednesday noon; not calling at Koh Phai & Krat.
s.s. "Krat", Saturday " " " Kohsichang & Koh Kong.

All the steamers are fitted throughout with Electric Light and have excel-
lent Accommodation for First Class Passengers.
For Freight, Passage and Particulars apply to

THE EAST ASIATIC COMPANY, Ltd.
Managing Agents.

BANKING COMPANIES

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.PAID UP CAPITAL ... \$15,000,000
RESERVE FUNDS.
STERLING £1,500,000 @ 2/- \$15,000,000
SILVER ... 18,000,000
33,000,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS \$15,000,000HEAD OFFICE.
HONGKONG.
CHIEF MANAGER.
N. J. STARR.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES

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

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 description
of Banking and Exchange business
transacted.Office Hours - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturdays - 9 " 12 noon
E. W. TOWNEND,
Agent.

Chartered Bank

OF
INDIA AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER.

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

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Sir Montagu Cornish Turner, (Chairman)
Sir Henry B. Cunningham, K. O. I. E.
Thomas Cuthbertson, Esq.
Sir Alfred Dent, K.C.M.G.
William Henry Neville Goschen, Esq.
The Rt. Hon. Lord George Hamilton, G.C.S.I.W. Foot Mitchell, Esq.
Lewis Alexander Wallace, Esq.Current Accounts are opened and in-
terest allowed at 1 per cent. per annum
on the daily balances.Deposits are received for fixed periods
at rates which can be ascertained on
application.G. E. ALLEN,
Agent.

Bangkok, July 1, 1909.

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE

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

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

M. Baron Hely d'Oisel, Chairman,
M. A. de Monplaisir, Deputy Chairman.M. E. Bessnot M. A. de Germiny
M. P. Desvieux M. Georges Louis
M. H. Guernant M. A. Rostand
M. L. Maveon M. R. de Tregomail
M. Edgar Stern M. Stanislas SimonManaging Director—M. Stanislas Simon
Joint-Manager—M. Rene Thion de la Chaume
Government Supervisor—M. Demarital

London Bankers.

The Union of London & Smiths Bank, Ltd.
Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris.

Bangkok Agency.

Current Accounts are opened and in-
terest allowed at 1 p.c. per annum
on the daily balances.Deposits are received for fixed periods
at rates which can be ascertained on
application.

O. HENRY, Manager.

Branches and Agencies.

Bangkok ... Phom-Penh
Batumbang ... Pondicherry
Canton ... Saigon
Haiphong ... Shanghai
Hankow ... Singapore
Hanoi ... Papeete
Hongkong ... Tientsin
Noumea ... Tourane
Monte ... Djibouti
Pekin ...

A FAMILY NECESSITY.

Every family should be provided
with Chamberlain's Pain Balm at all
times. Sprains may be cured in much
less time when promptly treated. Lame
back, lame shoulder, pains in the side
and chest and rheumatic pains are some
of the diseases for which it is especially
valuable. Try this liniment and be-
come acquainted with its qualities and
you will never wish to be without it.
For sale by the British Dispensary

BANKING COMPANIES

The Siam Commer-
cial Bank Ltd.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID UP CAPITAL
TOTALS 3,000,000

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

E. Florio, (Chairman), Phra Boribon
Phra Boribon Raja Kasakorn
Ranbat Luang Kit
Phra Jaiyos Sombati W. Brahmar, Esq.
A. Willeke, Esq.London Bankers—Direction der Dis-
conto Gesellschaft, Swiss Bankverein.
The Institution buys, sells, and collects
Bills of Exchange on Europe, India,
and China and transacts every descrip-
tion of Exchange and Banking business.Current Account Deposits at 1%
on daily balances.Rates of Interest allowed on the fixed
deposits may be ascertained on applica-
tion.Safe-Deposit Lockers let to the pub-
lic at monthly rental.

Apply for particulars.

Office hours ... 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturdays ... 9 a.m. to 12 noon.A. WILLEKE,
Actg. Manager.

Bangkok, March 27, 1909

KWONG ON CHEONG

HIGH CLASS TAILOR.

Opposite Oriental Avenue on the
NEW ROAD.Executes all kinds of Tailoring in
the latest fashions.Send Post Card, and he will wait on
you personally

TIDE TABLE.

DEPTH OF WATER ON THE
BANGKOK BAR.
FOR March 1917.

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

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

PHASES OF THE MOON.

Mar. 9th 0 Full Moon 4 h 40 m a.m.
16th (Last Quarter) 7 h 15 m p.m.
23rd (New Moon) 10 h 47 m a.m.
28th (First Quarter) 5 h 18 m p.m.

Special Notice.

If you wish to make a good
BARGAIN!
Call at the B. A. S.
(Opposite H. B. M. Consulate)
Household furniture to suit all
tastes and pockets.
Assorted merchandise always in stock.
Bargain sales every Saturday,
commencing 2 p.m.
GOODS IN STOCK:—Watches, Clocks, Tables, Wardrobe
with mirror, E. fans, Dressing table,
Dressing room mirror, Bedsteads, Ice
chest, Hat stand, Mantelpiece, writing
desk, Book case, Typewriter, Crocking
stone, Gramophone, A first hand Or-
gan, also, One Victoria carriage, com-
plete, and One Saigon made D. g. cart,
harness, lamps Etc. Ladies shoes. Cig-
arettes, French butters, Nor. Sardines.
A large quantity of "Golf" Whisky
Etc., Etc., Etc.

For particulars apply to:—

T. S. APCAR,

Auctioneer and Estate Agent.

Notice.

CONSIGNEES OF GOODS:—

Ex s/s "Kiri Maru"
"Fushimi Maru"
and Balances ex s/s "Koenan", "Eury-
lates", "Hysion", "Acapenor", "Anti-
choa", "Euryades", "Telamoa", "Ping
Soy", "Telrosias", "Oanfa", "Perseus",
"Ningchow" and "Benrinnes".
are hereby notified that same have ar-
rived per s.s. "Kuala" on 20th, inst.,
and will be landed and stored at
our Wharf, at the risk, expense and re-
sponsibility of consignees.No Claim will be entertained un-
less made within 10 days after final
discharge of the cargo will be liable
for go-down rent.

BORNEO CO., LIMITED.

Agents.

HARP YOUR LONG & CO.

Facing Sampeng Old Market, Jawara
Road, No. 184 to 189.We have just unpacked a large ship-
ment of our well-known High Class
Paints, Varnishes, Linseed, Oils, Brass-
ware, Iron-ware, and Carpenter's, Black
smith's, Silver smith's Tools, and
various kinds of best Chinese silks
always in stock.

IMPROVED PRICES

MODERATE.

Tel. No. 525.

Notice.

I, the undersigned beg
to notify all customers
and clients that my
business is now located
at the new building at
the corner of Klong
Poh Yome and Bang-
rak

Ah Seang, Tailor.

Bangkok Mails Close.

HONGKONG via SWATOW.

Friday 30th 1 p.m. s.s. Chengtu
HONGKONG.

Friday 30th 11 a.m. s.s. Childar

SINGAPORE.

Monday 30th 3.30 p.m. s.s. Katong

(European Mail)

CHANDABURI

Saturday 31st 10 a.m. s.s. Krat

HONGKONG via SWATOW.

Saturday 31st 1 p.m. s.s. Linan

Exchange Rates.

To-day's Quotations.

LONDON—
Bank Bills, demand 1/6 7/16
Bank Bills, 3 months' sightPARIS—
Bank Bills, demandGERMANY—
Bank Bills, demandNEW YORK—
Bank Bills, demand U. S. A.INDIA—
Bank Bills, demandSINGAPORE—
Bank Bills, demand \$65 1/2HONGKONG—
Bank Bills, demand \$ 65YOKOHAMA & KOBE—
Bank Bills, demand Y70 3/8NOTES—The rate of Interest on Ad-
vance Bills has been reduced to
6 per cent. per annum.

Equivalent of Exchange demand

London in Siam Currency

Tel. 13.08.—(Bank Rate)

Marshal Haig's Views.

Appended is a fuller report from
Australian papers of the interview of
Marshal Haig with the French war
correspondents.The Field Marshal was asked whether
a great offensive was imminent. He
replied:—It matters little who com-
mences. If the Germans begin at-
tacking at points north or south,
which they consider the most favour-
able, we are ready. Their folly will
cost them dear. We possess trained
armies and cavalry in full working
order, so that defeat may be turned
into a rout, preventing the possibility
of the Germans, even in the far rear,
re-entrenching. We most certainly
shall break the German front severely
and at many points. The Germans
have the advantage of a powerful net-
work of railways behind their front,
helpful for defence and first attacks.
Our great offensive may be limited at
some points and indefinite, but we shall
strike without respite until the German
armies are totally destroyed.Asked regarding the coming pros-
pects, Field-Marshal Haig replied:—
"This year will see upon the battle-
field the decisive events of the war,
namely those showing that Germany is
beaten from a military point of view,
and possibly also see peace. We are
all desirous of doing everything in our
power to achieve it. Peace can only
come with absolute victory, attained
by force. Our armies and our Allies
must not allow themselves to be de-
ceived by Germany's suggestions and
threats. Germany, in offering peace,
only thinks of preparations for the next
war. If we unfortunately yielded to
such perfidious appeals we should face
a tragedy and recommence in another
three years. Our soldiers understand
that, I have entire confidence in my
troops and their morale is above sus-
picion."Regarding peace, the Field Marshal
said:—"We are all square-jawed, mean-
ing that we have an indomitable will
to fight until the end. Our two most
serious pre-occupations at the present
time are railways and artillery. The
war not merely calls for armies. We
have had to construct, during the last
few months at the rear of our lines
over 230 miles of railways. I recently
showed some of the managers of the
greatest English railways what had
been done and what was still required.
They understood the urgency and the
extent of the task. Regarding munitions,
we have reached the maximum, and
can now supply the Allies in ex-
cess of their needs, but we must have
more artillery, especially heavy guns,
and must not merely equal the enemy,
but overwhelm them with the whole of
our strength."The newspapers of England and
France give prominence to Field-Mar-
shal Haig's interview, which was ac-corded to French journalists, accorded
to the British headquarters, and
given in French, the purity and fluency
of which surprised the journalists.
One of them, in summing up his im-
pressions of the British Commander-in-
Chief, said:—"Von Hindenburg is a
sly old fox, but Haig is a gentleman."
The interview took place in a retired
chateau buried among trees. On the
roof of the building converged a maze
of telegraph and telephone wires. The
Field-Marshal's first question to the
journalists was: "Have you seen my
soldiers in the trenches? I can trust
them entirely to secure victory." He
concluded: "Our eagerness to advance
is at least equal to that of the French,
as our frequent raids prove. While
we are waiting for the moment so im-
patiently expected, we must accumu-
late material to give this decisive effort
finality. The enemy will try to discount
our arrangements, but all has been
foreseen. I believe no effort against
us can prevent the Allies from carrying
out their intentions. The affectionate
fraternity in arms of the British and
French troops will continue after the
war, for the blood of the two peoples
has been mingled on heroic soil,
which will hereafter be sacred to both
nations."

Telegraph Lines.

The Post and Telegraph Department
reports that Malay Peninsula Main line
is in good order as far as Prach-
inburi. Saigon and Panchinburi
lines are crossing between Patrav and
Prachinburi. Other lines are in good
order.

Violent Methods

Are unnecessary to conquer that
bitter enemy of civilization Rheuma-
tism. All its forms, including Rheuma-
tism Gout, can be cured permanently,
safely and inexpensively by Little's
Oriental Balm. No matter how much
pain your Rheumatism is causing you.
No matter if you have tried a dozen
oils, ointments and embrocations with-
out material relief. Here is a remedy
that gets down to business at once, and
knocks out every vestige of pain. It
is the only thing you can depend upon
with certainty. It never disappoints.
Helpless cripples have left the hospital
with their last hope gone. Sceptically
they tried Little's Oriental Balm.
Got relief and final cure. What the
medicine did for them, it will do for
you. Don't let another day pass with-
out it.Sold at Ten 1 per bottle. Of all
Chemists and Patent Medicine Vendors
throughout Siam.

Agents for Bangkok.

THE BRITISH DISPENSARY

New Road and Seelack.

MENAM MOTOR BOAT CO., LTD.

TIME TABLE.

LINE 1—BANGKABUE TO BANG QUANG & MUANG NAWN.

Boats leave Bangkok to Bang Quang, Muang Nawn & Pakret.
a.m. 7.00, 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.10.

p.m. 1, 1.30, 2.30, 3.10, 3.50, 4.40, 5.30, daily.

Bangkabue to Samkuk ... 2.30 p.m. daily.

" " Kai Koh Yai ... 1.00

LINE 2—TANON TOK TO PAKLAT in connection with Paklat Tram Cars Thahin

Boats leave Tanon Tok every full and half hour from 6.30 a.m. to 7.30 p.m.
After 7.30 when sufficient passengers.

LINE 3—THA CHANG WANG LUANG TO KLONG BANGKOK NOI.

Boats leave Tha Chang Wang Luang landing a.m. 7.30, 8.30, 9.30, 10.30
11.30, and p.m. 1.00, 2.30, 3.30, 4.30, and 5.30, daily.

LINE 4—KLONG SAMRONG LOCK TO BANG HIA.

Boats leave the Lock in connection with the Paknam Railway train
10.45 a.m. from Bangkok.

ROYAL STATE RAILWAYS.

(Broad Gauge Lines.)

TIME TABLE
In force from 1st April, 1916.

In force from 1st April, 1916.												
Bangkok	Dep.	a.m.	7.—	9.48	1.25	p.m.	3.33	Lampang	Dep.	...	a.m.	7.33
Ayuthia	Arr.	9.3	11.41	3.33	5.45	...	...	Den Chai	...	...	p.m.	12.38
Ban Phaji	Arr.	9.47	12.30	4.24	6.30	...	...	Tha Sao	...	...	7.1	2.21
								Utaradit	...	...	7.18	2.40
								Ban Dara	Arr.	...	8.16	3.26
Ban Phaji	Dep.	9.57	12.37	4.30	...	...	...	Sawa'loke	Dep.	...	a.m.	7.0
Lopburi	Arr.	11.5	1.55	5.48	...	...	...	Ban Dara	Arr.	...	8.1	3.11
Chengkot	Dep.	12.33	3.38	...	7.25	...	...			
Pak'pho	Arr.	2.17	5.40	...	9.54	...	...			
Pak'pho	Dep.	p.m.	2.26	6.30	...	...	...	Ban Dara	Dep.	...	a.m.	8.24
Pitsa'loke	Arr.	6.	11.5	...	...	...	...	Pitsa'loke	Arr.	...	10.43	5.30
Pitsa'loke	Dep.	p.m.	7.4	2.2	...	...	...	Pitsa'loke	Dep.	...	p.m.	1.45
Ban Dara	Arr.	9.5	4.18	...	...	...	...	Pak'pho	Arr.	...	6.20	10.34
Ban Dara	Dep.	a.m.	9.20	4.40	...	...	...	Pak'pho	Dep.	3.52	a.m.	7.20
S'kaloke	Arr.	10.21	5.41	...	...	...	...	Chengkot	Arr.	6.21	a.m.	9.22
								Lopburi	Dep.	...	7.10	11.6
Ban Dara	Dep.	a.m.	9.10	4.26	...	...	...	Chengkot	Arr.	6.21	a.m.	9.22
Utaradit	...	...	10.6	5.29	...	...	...	Chengkot	Dep.	...	7.10	11.6
Tha Sao	Arr.	10.15	5.38	...	...	...	...	Ban Phaji	Arr.	...	8.30	12.21
Den Chai	...	...	11.57	...	...	...	...					3.4
Lampang	...	p.m.	4.52	...	...	...	...	Korat	Dep.	p.m.	a.m.	a.m.
								Lat Bua Kao	Arr.	3.57	...	7.0
								Gengko	Dep.	3.56	a.m.	8.40
Ban Phaji	Dep.	10.—	12.30	4.41	a.m.	...	...	Gengko	Dep.	...	7.22	11.32
Gengko	Arr.	11.7	1.26	5.51	...	...	...				...	1.52
Lat Bua Kao	...							Ban Phaji	Arr.	...	8.22	12.29
											2.59	
Korat	Dep.	...	4.9	...	8.2	...	...	Ban Phaji	Dep.	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.
		...	6.8	...	10.3	...	...	Ayuthia	...	6.27	8.37	12.44
								'angkrok	Arr.	7.13	9.25	1.23
Bangkok	Dep.	7.45	...	...	3.50	...	...			9.28	11.35	3.16
Petrieu	Arr.	9.33	...	...	5.38	...	...			a.m.	a.m.	6.—
								Petrieu	Dep.	7.50	...	...
								Bangkok	Arr.	9.38	...	5.55

Turkey Threatened with Famines.

Fatalism and Filth.

There has just arrived in Holland, writes the Amsterdam correspondent of the "Daily Chronicle" on 8th Feb., a gentleman who holds a very responsible position of a commercial and financial character in one of the largest business houses in Constantinople. He brought with him the very latest impressions from that city, and the picture he gives me is by no means a cheerful one.

Privately I send you his name and position, so that in giving publicity to his statements you need not doubt their genuineness and seriousness. Were you to publish his name, more than one head would come off in Constantinople.

I asked first for a general impression of the conditions in Constantinople. He then gave the following gloomy picture:—

"Constantinople is a starving city, where very certainly dozens of poor creatures perish every day, and where for a year and a half typhus, cholera, and plague have never been absent as epidemics. Constantinople is physically filthy, and over all hangs the terrifying spectre of famine, which also threatens nearly all Turkey in Europe.

A Miserable Mob. — With characteristic fatalistic indifference the authorities make no effort to cleanse the city, but have abandoned it to a condition of repulsive dirtiness. One has hardly set foot out of doors when one is surrounded, almost assailed and borne down, by an insistent mob of beggars, dirty and half-perished with hunger.

"Every race of the Orient, every Balkan tribe, is represented in this army of beggars: Turks in turbans, Jews in ragged overcoats, Greeks in baggy garments once white and waistcoats once finely embroidered; Bulgarians, Egyptians, African negroes, wild-looking Albanians—all are there mingling pell-mell with maimed and halt soldiers, and others with grave but less obvious war wounds."

"And what," I asked next, "is the condition of the more fortunate classes, and what is the feeling about their power to continue to take part in the war?"

The traveller replied, "That I cannot form any definite conclusion about but it needs no gift of prophecy to say that from all appearances, and all that a member of the general public can hear, the Turks are at the end of their resources. In any case Turkey has

certainly mobilised all that she has to mobilise—old and young men with one hand or one eye I have seen under military orders.

"Turkish losses up to now have been very heavy. I heard several, who are in a position to form a fairly accurate estimate, put them at a million and a half men.

Germans' Heavy Hand.

"Complete control of the Turkish army has been assumed by the Germans. All the highest and higher commands are filled by Germans. Also the administration of national affairs is in German hands, with the result of a perfect inundation of German officials everywhere. The Turkish military have absolutely no voice in directing affairs, the German feldwebel or sergeant having higher power than a Turkish captain.

"The Turkish soldiery are only kept in order by vigorous, vicious and constant corporal punishment for any and every alleged offence.

"I gathered the impression that the Turks are secretly convinced they will not be allowed to retain Constantinople after the war. Frequently I was able to talk with financiers, merchants and business men. Their views are all coloured by sinister presentiments regarding the future. Turkey, they admit, can only lose as the results of the war.

"They argue that the Turkish Empire having such widely extended coast-lines, it should have been the policy of Sultans to maintain good relations with Powers in whose dominions there live the greatest number of Mussulman subjects, and who possess the strongest naval forces. 'But it is against these very Powers,' they mournfully continue, 'that Enver and Talaat and Djemal and their accomplices have ranged themselves, and it is only fear of the dreadful consequences which prevents us from speaking out.'"

My informant said there so far has been no open rebellion against conditions, as this is quite impossible under the rule of the German police, who keep order in the city with iron despotism, but deep rage and discontent are universal, "and I am sure," he added, "the popular wrath only waits till the Germans leave the city before it breaks out with the utmost violence."

Athens, March 18.—The Entente Ministers have returned. A cargo of wheat is being discharged at the Piræus for relief purposes.

The Reliability of
BEAR BRAND
MILK
has now been
proved
IN BANGKOK
for upwards
of 10 years.



Try it means
adopting it.
Hundreds of
satisfied
customers use
BEAR BRAND
only

NATURAL SWISS MILK.

Hygienic products of the greatest merit.

Free from germs. Absolutely safe.

Rich in cream and highly nutritious.

ASK YOUR STORE OR DISPENSARY

FOR

"BEAR BRAND."

Studebaker
Established 1858

**STUDEBAKER SERIES
"18" CARS**
NEW MODEL 1917.
Another consignment expected shortly.
It is advisable to book in advance in order to obtain prompt delivery.
G. KLUZER & Co.
Agents.

Siam Motor Works Ltd.

**LARGE
SHIPMENT
JUST ARRIVED**

MOTOR HORNS

**of
Special pattern
and
Inexpensive in Cost**

Siam Motor Works Ltd.

HAND MASSAGE.

An ingeniously made massage ready for use at any moment. Come and see it at our shop.

Prices.

**Tos. 7 First quality
" 5 Second "**

S. IKESAKI, Tapan Mon.

Oriental Bakery.

ORIENTAL AVENUE.

Daily supplies of white bread & rolls.

Fresh Cakes:—Plain, Currant, and Assorted tea cakes. Other cakes made to order. Crown bread every Wednesday & Sunday.

BANGKOK LIBRARY.

Suriwongse Road

(Near the Lawn Tennis Club.)

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

Annual Subscription Tcs. 20

Half yearly Subscription Tcs. 12.

Quarterly do " 8.

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

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

MRS. G. K. WRIGHT,
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

"Clogs on Our Wheels."

By ASVABAHU.

Reprinted from the pages of the Siam Observer.

FOR SALE

AT

The Siam Observer Offices.

Ticals 2.50 each.



UNDER ROYAL PATRONAGE



RAIN IS WELCOME BUT

it is important to take extreme precaution in keeping away from it.

Waterproof Overcoats of all varieties, especially light in weight.

TO BE HAD AT

Kiam Hoa Heng & Co., Ltd.

TELEPHONE 180.

Copperplate Printing

**SIAM OBSERVER
SPECIALITY.**

THE Only Printers in Siam to do this kind of work.

**SEND YOUR PLATES,
WE DO THE REST**

Siam Observer Electric Printing Works.

Motor Boat For Sale.

Length 22' 4" Breadth 6' 4", draught 1' 5" 6 H. P. Engine (Kelvin) in good running order.

Apply to:—
"F"

c/o Siam Observer.
29, 31, 3 A.

Notice.

Our store will be closed on April the 2nd.

Respectfully,
ORIENTAL STORE.
29—31

Notice.

On account of the Krut Thai Festivals The Siam Commercial Bank, Ltd., will be closed to public business on Saturday, the 31st of March and on Monday the 2nd of April 1917.

The Siam Commercial Bank, Ltd.
A. WILLEKE,
Actg. Manager.
29—30

Notice.

The undersigned Exchange Banks will be closed to Public Business on Monday the 2nd proximo being Siam-see New Year.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.
E. W. TOWNEND,
Agent.

For the Chartered Bank of India Australia and China.
G. E. ALLEN,
Agent.

For the Banque de l'Indo-China Agency in Bangkok.
CAMILLE HENRI,
Le Directeur.
29—3 A.

Notice

Notice is hereby given that the 21st. Ordinary General Meeting of the SIAM-SEE TRAMWAY COMPANY, LIMITED will be held at its Office on Friday the 30th. March 1917 at 4.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving and adopting the Directors' Report and Accounts for the year 1916, declaring a dividend and transacting other ordinary business.

By Order of the Board,
FRED. G. DE JESUS,
Secretary.
23—30

**Notice.**

Notice is hereby given that Monday the 2nd April 1917 will be observed as a Holiday in the Customs Service.

By order of
THE DIRECTOR GENERAL.
Custom House.
26th March 1917.
26—31

For Sale.

One saddle (English made) complete with two bridles, large and small side boards with mirrors. Chest of drawers with mirrors, large and small bookcases, almirahs, wall pictures, Dressing tables with mirrors, travelling boxes, writing tables, Bentwood chairs, tea table, Iron Bedsteads, mattresses, washstands, dining tables, Electric table lamps and fans, clocks in good condition, floor screens, glass ware, porcelain, tea-sets, Kitchen stove etc., etc.,

Apply: D. FROIMAN,
138, Si Phya Road,
Next to Whiteaway Laidlaw & Co., Ltd.

Notice.**CONSIGNEES OF GOODS:—**

Ex s/s "Machao"
"Pembrokehire"
and Balances ex s.s. "Ping Suey"
"Oanfa", "Ningchow", "Teucer",
"Pelens", "Aisuta Maru" and "Kamo Maru"
are hereby notified that same have arrived per s.s. "Katong" on 29th inst., and will be landed and stored at our Wharf, at the 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 go-down rent.

BORNEO CO., LIMITED.

Agents.

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
Dried Cod
Codroe Caviare
Haddock
Bloaters
Kippers
Filletted

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

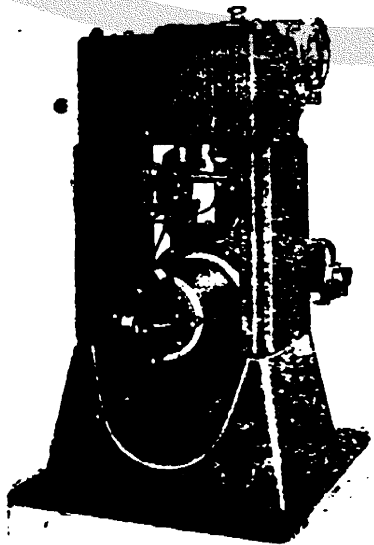
CHEESE
Roquefort
Australian
Cheddar (English)
Canadian
Gruyere

Fresh Australian Butter and Best English Margarine No. 1 & 2.
Pure Beef Dripping in 2lb Tins.
H. B. Bulmer & Co's Champagne Cider.

Picnic cases containing Ice, Aerated Water and Well Water for travellers by Railway or boat delivered free at Railway Station or any Bangkok landing.

"White Horse" Whisky.**"An Easy First"**

Obtainable Everywhere.

Uni-Lectric Lighting System

Barrow, Brown & Co.

Sole Agents.

The Siam Observer.

THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 1917.

PHILOSOPHY AND PATRIOTISM.

Is it possible for an individual to rise above the limitations imposed upon him by his birth, or is it legitimate for him to attempt to do so? One is tempted to ask the question after perusal of M. Maurice Marterlinck's last book, *The Wrack of the Storm*. In his former writings he has been above all things the mystic, the man of poetic insight, capable of subtle revelations of things unseen, and taking the standpoint of a common humanity with all the world. In his new book, however, he is throughout the partisan of his stricken country, and, as might be expected, he is fired to indignation by his theme. In his language he displays admirable restraint, and he finely expresses the opinion that the race of men as a whole has revealed a greater capacity for self-sacrifice than any prophet would have thought wise to attribute to it. It is not, however, the author of *The Bluebird* or *Princess Maleine* who seems to speak in such a passage as the following: "Let there come a thousand years of civilization, a thousand years of peace, with all possible refinements of art and education, the sub-conscious element of the German spirit will remain absolutely the same as to-day, and would declare itself, when the opportunity came, under the same aspect, with the same infamy." This is not the criticism of a philosopher, but the fulfilment of a patriot burning with a thirst for vengeance. In the affairs of everyday life it is both natural and highly proper that an individual should always bear in mind the first claim which his own country has upon him, and his actions should be dictated accordingly. But it should be the aim of the philosopher and the man of letters, purely as such, to attain an altitude from which he can survey the entire human race as one vast brotherhood. This is a hard doctrine, and it is perhaps impossible for any man actually to reach that height. Such, at any rate, is the conclusion to be drawn when we find so humane a man as M. Marterlinck voicing a sentiment of hatred which he pessimistically considers will remain as a perpetual heritage. His philosophy of life has been called upon to stand too great a strain, and he has descended, for the time being, from the region of the universal to that of the particular. But it is vain even for him to attempt to peer into futurity for a thousand years, and we have no standard by which to gauge conditions or opinions so far hence. There is grace in optimism, and many people will prefer to believe, with Browning, that "everything happens for the best in this best of all possible worlds."

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE s.s. *Kalong* will leave from the Borneo Company's wharf at 6 p.m. sharp, on Friday the 30th inst., and should arrive in Singapore on Tuesday morning.

WE regret to announce the death which took place to-day of the youngest daughter of Mr. X. de Laforcade. A service will be held tomorrow at 5 p.m. at the Assumption Church.

WE are asked to announce that the Motor Gymkhana which was intended to be held at the Royal Bangkok Sports Club on Saturday next will not take place owing to an insufficiency of entries.

THE Medical Officer of Health reports that four cases of bubonic plague in Bangkok were notified during the week ending March 24th, and three deaths resulted. One case of small-pox was notified, but there were no other notifications of communicable disease in the city.

THE following passengers arrived by the s.s. *Kalong* to-day:—Mrs. R. H. Brown, Mr. Loris Melicoff, Mr. J. de Spiganovietz, Mr. R. Dick, Mr. A. C. Hills, Mr. W. M. Davies, Mr. A. E. Foyster, Mr. F. C. Ferguson, Mr. Seth Paul, Mr. P. A. Hoffman, Mr. W. J. van Hein, Mr. Y. Katano and Mr. J. Roberts.

NEW ads.—The s.s. *Mata Hari* is expected to arrive on March 30. The Oriental Store will be closed on April 2. The local Exchange Banks notify that April 2 will be observed as a Bank holiday. A motor boat is advertised for sale at Whiteaway, Laidlaw and Co. The Siam Commercial Bank will observe the 31st inst., and April 2nd as holidays owing to the Krut Thai festivals. The Borneo Co. have a new notice to consignees.

**Court Circular.**

DUSIT PALACE.

Wednesday, March 28.

To-day is the commencement of the Siam-see New Year Festival and the Ceremony of taking the Oath and of Drinking of the Water of Allegiance.

At 5 p.m. the King proceeded to Amarindra Hall, where the religious ceremony was being celebrated. At 5.29, the hour being auspicious, the King lit a gilt taper, which he presented to His Royal Highness the Holy Prince Vajiranana, the Supreme Patriarch of the Kingdom. With the candle His Holiness lit the "Thien Jaya" ("Candle of Victory"), a candle which is to be kept burning for three days, during the whole of which period several sets of priestly chanters will chant passages from the Holy Scripture as ordained for this ceremony.

Bangkok Christian College.

A very enjoyable function took place yesterday evening at the above College when diplomas to the successful students of the past year were distributed. Usually on an occasion like this prizes were also awarded but the students very generously contributed the cost of same towards the purchase of a brass band for the newly-formed Boy Scouts Association.

The programme of the evening included four orations in the following languages taught by the College: Siam-see, English, German and French. The diplomas were presented by Mr. F. Dundore Arnould. Mr. Franklin in a lengthy speech referred to the good work done by the college under the guidance of Mr. and Mrs. McClure and expressed his and the school's deep regret at their forthcoming departure. As a token of the students' gratitude to their late teachers he asked them to accept a small gift.

An act from Shakespeare's "As You Like It" was next staged, and was followed by a Siam-see play "The Reward of Faithfulness" which was admirably rendered.

The function ended with the singing of the National Anthem.

Bukit Tengah Coconut Estate, Ltd.

The fourth ordinary general meeting of shareholders in the Bukit Tengah Coconut Estate, Ltd., took place last evening at the offices of the Company, Hongkong Bank Lane. There were present Mr. W. Nunn (in the chair), Mr. S. H. Hendrick and Comdr. W. L. Grut (Directors), Dr. H. Campbell Highet, Messrs. A. Helvard, A. Mathiesen, Kay Ingerslev, A. Marcan, and A. R. Malcolm, with the Secretary.

The Chairman, in presenting the balance sheet and report, referred to the number of debentures taken by shareholders, the change in management made during the year and the steps taken to deal with pests by means of the erection of a fence around the Company's property.

The balance sheet including the remuneration of directors for the year 1916 (£100) was passed unanimously.

The election of Messrs. S. H. Hendrick and W. L. Grut to the Board was confirmed, and Mr. W. Nunn was re-elected a director.

Mr. Alex H. Donaldson was elected auditor for 1917, and the meeting concluded.

The Mahatma Coy.

Dr. Richard Rowe and Mystic Mora gave their opening performance last night at the Pathanakor, before a large audience. The show consisted of Clairvoyance, Hypnotism, Thought-reading, Magic, etc., and the performers gave a really good exhibition of their talent. Several of the audience had written questions with them and Mystic Mora quite mystified them by not only giving the question and the answer to it but also by describing the person who wrote and held the slip of paper on which the question was written. The cabinet trick was a very amusing one indeed and caused much laughter.

Mystic Mora also gave a very clever exhibition of thought-reading and finding hidden articles such as pens, watches, etc. and the Death test, in which she takes the principal part, was quite astonishing.

The Hypnotic show was conducted by Dr. Rowe. All the turns were very good and the two performers were heartily applauded. It is seldom that Bangkok residents get a chance of seeing a really good show and we would advise our readers not to miss this opportunity. Those who wish last night were given a full two hours' real entertainment. In addition to the show given by the Mahatma Co. some very good films are also being exhibited. The seating arrangements as they are at present prevent those who occupy higher-priced seats from going to the stage to test the cleverness of these two artists but arrangements have been made to remedy this defect from tonight onwards.

German Red Cross Bazaar.

(Communicated.)

On entering the Bazaar grounds the visitor received the most agreeable and favourable impression of the spacious entertainments which offered a more effective picture by their tasteful arrangement than the first German Red Cross Bazaar last year. Mr. F. Zabel did not only succeed in giving a most elegant form to various stalls, but he also laid great stress on the decorations.

A veritable storm was created at the customs gate where Messrs. J. Bruchhaus, O. Sandrecki and P. Frege had placed a very difficult time because it must be understood that more than 3000 persons passed the gate. On entering the ground one met at first on the right side the Kun Tan stall. There Miss A. Walla assisted by Messrs. W. Hausing, H. Bartels, K. W. Nordmann and B. Roggan sold the industrial products of North Siam presented by the German engineers. Thereafter followed the fortune harbour of Mrs. P. Bock and Mrs. E. Neidhardt where by a lottery good gains could be obtained. Within the flower hall, conducted most ably by Miss E. Sandrecki and A. Sandrecki, there were valuable orchids, palms and other plants on sale presented by Mr. C. Roebelen. Adjacent to this there was an oriental stall selling Javanese sarongs and sweets. Within the gambling hall the bank was ably supervised under the leadership of Mr. W. Kornatz and rich gains accrued therefrom to the Red Cross. Near this tasteful bank building we saw Mrs. J. Kraft and Mr. A. Bernmann most ably looking after the neatly decorated gambling box, where dice below seven and above fourteen were rewarded with useful prizes. In the next hall the visitor found first class needlework and other handicraft offered by Mrs. A. Scharnberger and Miss A. Scharnberger and also Miss E. Goosewitsch, and Miss M. Goosewitsch. There is no doubt that these ladies did even better than the best merchants of Venice. The next stall showed a choice selection of Chinese porcelain and Chinese silk wares, which were rapidly distributed.

The next large Piazza was occupied by members of the navy. At the turnable coast-battery Messrs. R. Casper, F. Korth, and P. Riggelsen conducted the action against a cruiser. Bird-shooting and plate-throwing were in the hands of Messrs. W. Paschender and H. Wioncke. Bow-shooting and saloon gun-shooting were looked after by Mr. F. Ecks. Messrs. W. Jahnigen, R. Caspers and H. Meng created much laughter at their stall by throwing at figures as also at the nodding Aunt Anna, and at the power-measure "Hauden-Lukas." High above the Belt Tent there hovered a large model of a Zeppelin well constructed by Mr. H. Hoppner. Mr. H. Rudolph was in charge of the Rutschbahn i.e. the big slide. A Siamese "Sant Talok" and a Chinese "Ngui" kindly sent by Mr. and Mrs. O. Frankfurter, and moreover the war pictures under the leadership of Captain G. Gottsche greatly added to the general success. Ale and food were, as last year, in a most praiseworthy way, sold by the well-known Bavarian "Gasthaus zum Lochl" where Messrs. H. Wilkens, H. von der Heyde, H. Botcher and P. Schalthofer pluckily faced the waves; whilst Mr. P. Nitzze sold good old German sausages and Mr. H. Fordan sold tobacco, and much tobacco, to smoke. In the same "Gasthaus" the visitors were delighted by the music of H. Wilkens, H. von der Heyde and F. Hennecke, who gave zither songs and fine brass music. In the Bolz-zelt Mrs. G. Hechles, acting both as a sailor-wife and as a Red Cross sister, helped all to a hearty and somewhat dark liquor. In the Dutch bakery the hardy bakers U. Neenaber and H. Reinicke worked with full force. The product of their ovens was sold by Miss D. Goosewitsch and found much appreciation.

Within the rooms of the ground floor a cold meal was served by Mr. H. Weeber together with ample stengahs, Passier and other cold drinks. In front of the representation house Messrs. Hechler and Kolbe explained a large model of the submarine-freighter "Deutschland" with motors, periscope, searchlight and propeller.

In the upper rooms there was an exhibition of toys and souvenirs, brass figures and carved handicraft exhibited by the naval gentlemen. These objects were most ably handed to connoisseurs by Mrs. M. Kumpel, Mrs. A. Frankfurter, Miss A. Goosewitsch assisted by Messrs. G. Geisler and P. Eggert. A further section contained the water-paintings, pencil-drawings and artistic prints, presented by Mr. C. Sandrecki, which were rapidly sold by Mr. A. Sandrecki.

A small carriage and pair of goats sent by Mrs. Rieschick, collected much money for the Red Cross and was as a matter of fact a real novelty in the bazaar; whilst the sale of flags by Miss Prüfer, souvenir-crosses by Miss J. Vil, other medals by Mrs. M. Vil, Mrs. G. Sandrecki, Miss A. Goosewitsch, Miss E. Goosewitsch, Miss M. Goosewitsch, and Miss E. Sandrecki, as also the sale of flowers and national flags by Miss N. Reese, the roses presented by Chao Phya Tewer and offered by Mrs. A. Link and Mrs. C. van Wemel, flower-wreaths offered by Mrs. G. Sandrecki and Miss E. Sandrecki, balloons sold by Mr. H. Hoppner, photo-albums by Mrs. J. Kraft, as also

the electric youth-well of Mr. R. Jeffré and Mr. H. Schroeder, were indeed a full success and brought big bargains to the Red Cross.

Exquisite music rendered by the band of the Royal Siam Navy attracted many admirers of real good music and gave much aid to the general success.

Amongst the guests there were several Royalties and high officials, the entire German and Allied communities as also many Chinese, Arabs, Malays and other nationalities.

On Sunday at eleven o'clock the drawing of the first German Red Cross Lottery took place, for which the committee consisting of H. Geyer, H. Wilkens, E. Jürgens, W. Koch, and K. G. Weber did much appreciable work.

Useful and pretty prizes were obtained by the lucky winners and the drawn numbers were already published on Monday.

Many tickets were already sold for a second German Red Cross Lottery during the Bazaar and it may be stated that Mr. H. Geyer has alone and personally inaugurated this good work for a charitable cause.

The drawing day of this second lottery has not yet been fixed but will soon be published.

In order to do away with the rest of the exhibition and provisions in a useful way, a Frühstücken i.e. a lively morning meeting took place before noon on Monday. There the excellent abilities of Mr. Th. Gaethke as auctioneer produced very high monetary results. The books of the Red Cross Bazaar have as yet not been closed, but already now the clear profit amounts to more than 48,000 Ticals.

Dr. Remy as organiser, as also the members of the general committee, i.e. Mr. F. Zabel, Mrs. M. Rieschick and Mr. H. Rieschick, have seen with great joy that the work has been entirely successful.

The New Russia.

Petrograd, March 22.—The Bourse Gazette says correspondence between the Tsaritzza and M. Froppoff has been discovered proving the Germanophile tendencies of the late Government and confirming the reports of efforts of adherents of the old regime to conclude a separate peace with Germany.

Petrograd, March 22.—The story of how General Korniloff, commander in Petrograd, informed the Tsaritzza that she was deprived of her liberty is told for the first time. The scene was in the Tsaritzza's private apartment at Tsarskoe Selo. The Tsaritzza, who was dressed in black, asked to what she was indebted for his visit.

General Korniloff said: "I have come to tell you of the decision of the provisional Government. The Tsaritzza said: "Proceed. I am listening."

General Korniloff then read the decree depriving her of liberty and establishing a strict guard over the palace, removing the former guard.

The Tsaritzza asked him not to dismiss the servants, who were familiar with the habits of the sick children, especially Sergeant Berevenko, the male nurse of the Tsarvitch. General Korniloff replied that there was no objection and then withdrew.

Petrograd, March 23.—The Government delegates have gone to Mohileff to conduct the ex-Emperor to Tsarskoe Selo. A procession of knights of the order of Saint George, officers and men of the Imperial Bodyguard, marched to His Majesty's palace with a red flag emblazoned with "liberty" and a band playing the Marseillaise.

Petrograd, March 22.—All members of the dynasty have placed themselves at the disposal of Government. The ex-Ministers will be tried by jury. The death penalty is being abolished.

Reactionary prisoners are being treated in accordance with the old regime. Interviews are not allowed and correspondence is controlled but ex-Ministers are allowed to wear their own clothes. Elaborate precautions are being taken against their committing suicide.

Government has decided to grant passage money to Russian emigrants desiring to return to Russia.

Petrograd, March 22.—All commanders in the field have issued spirited addresses to the troops hailing the new regime and calling on them to crush the enemy.

Petrograd, March 22.—The Holy Synod has sent a message of the churches exhorting obedience to the new Government and declaring the revolution is the work of God.

The Grand Duke Nicholas had a moving send off from Tiflis by troops and civilians. In a farewell speech he said that after the war he would return to his little estate.

Politically released from Siberia who have arrived at Chita include the famous Maria Spiridonova, who had a great reception from the crowd which carried her shoulder high, preceded by a military band.

A Polish regiment carrying the old Polish revolutionary flag of 1863 met with an enthusiastic reception at Kieff. The flag was handed over to the President of the Executive Committee who said, "Free Russia will go hand in hand with free Poland."

PADDY REPORT FOR MARCH 28.

Nasman 2350 cooyans at Tca.	65/83 each
Samuang 510 " "	52/62 "
Namuang 160 " "	57/58 "
Total	3020 Cooyans "

THE Great War.

French Warship Sunk.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, March 21.

The French ironclad *Danton* has been torpedoed in the Mediterranean. 296 perished, and 806 were saved.

French Colonial Banks.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, March 24.

On the proposition of MM. Blynsen and Margaine, the Commission of Exterior Affairs gave a promise that the privileges of the Banks of Indo-China and West Africa should be renewed by the legislative voice and not by decree.

Blockade Running.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, March 27.

The Transatlantic American steamer *St. Louis*, after forcing the blockade, has arrived at an English port.

Captures of Submarines.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, March 26.

London.—It is confirmed that a number of German submarines have been captured, including the commercial submarines *Deutschland* and *Bremen*.

President Wilson Takes Action.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, March 27.

Washington.—President Wilson has decided to send an expeditionary force to France, and is also considering a project of affording very important financial assistance to the Allies.

China and Germany.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, March 27.

The German Minister has quitted Peking. The Chinese Minister at Berlin has demanded his passports.

The Western Front.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, March 24.

Yesterday we advanced between the Somme and the Oise to N. E. of the Canal of St. Quentin. We progressed N. of Soissons, in spite of desperate resistance. We pursued enemy detachments on the heights of Torn to E. of Tergnier. The Germans set fire to La Fere. To-day we established our position E. of the Canal of St. Quentin, and reached some points on the west bank to N. of La Fere. We repulsed enemy attacks at Berry au Bac, E. of Rheims and W. of Monthomme, and took prisoners.

Paris, March 26. Yesterday we continued our offensive on the Somme and the Aisne. Our soldiers, inflamed by the sight of the German ravages, fought with the utmost fury and everywhere drove back the enemy, who suffered heavy losses. The British repulsed all attacks, and effected a coup de main N. E. of Loos. To-day we repulsed with severe losses several attacks on the front Lassigny-Benay.

On the Somme and the Oise we maintained all our captured positions. We brought down five German aeroplanes. An air squadron of ours dropped a thousand kilos of projectiles on the works at Thionville and Bassin de Briey and the railway stations of Conflans and Montmedy.

Paris, March 27. Yesterday we progressed at Bassecourt de Coucy, and occupy Cambray. N. of Bassecourt de Coucy we drove out the enemy from his trench-line Caris-Serrais. We brilliantly took by storm Coucy le Chateau, which was energetically defended by the German. We progressed N. of Soissons, and seized a farm N. W. of Margival. We were successful in a coup de main in the sector Font de Paris (Argonne) and took prisoners.

Salonika.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, March 24.

We re-captured Hill 1248 after a violent combat.

Russian News.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, March 26.

Petrograd.—General Alexieff has been provisionally given the supreme command of the army.

Russian detachments pursued the Turks and penetrated the village of Moussoul.

Rubber and Tin Market.

(S. O. SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, March 23.

At the Rubber Auction prices declined. Spoked sheet averaged 152, pale crepe 154. Tin was \$97.25.

Wanted.

Storekeeper wanted for Import Firm, able to provide guarantee.

Apply:—

"H"

c/o SIAM OBSERVER.

28—30

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the 36th Ordinary General Meeting of the SIAM ELECTRICITY COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at its Office on Thursday, 29th March 1917 at 5.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving and adopting the Directors' Report and Accounts for 1916, declaring a dividend and transacting other ordinary business.

W. L. GRUT,

Vice-Chairman.

22—23

AT LAST!! "BIG BEN"



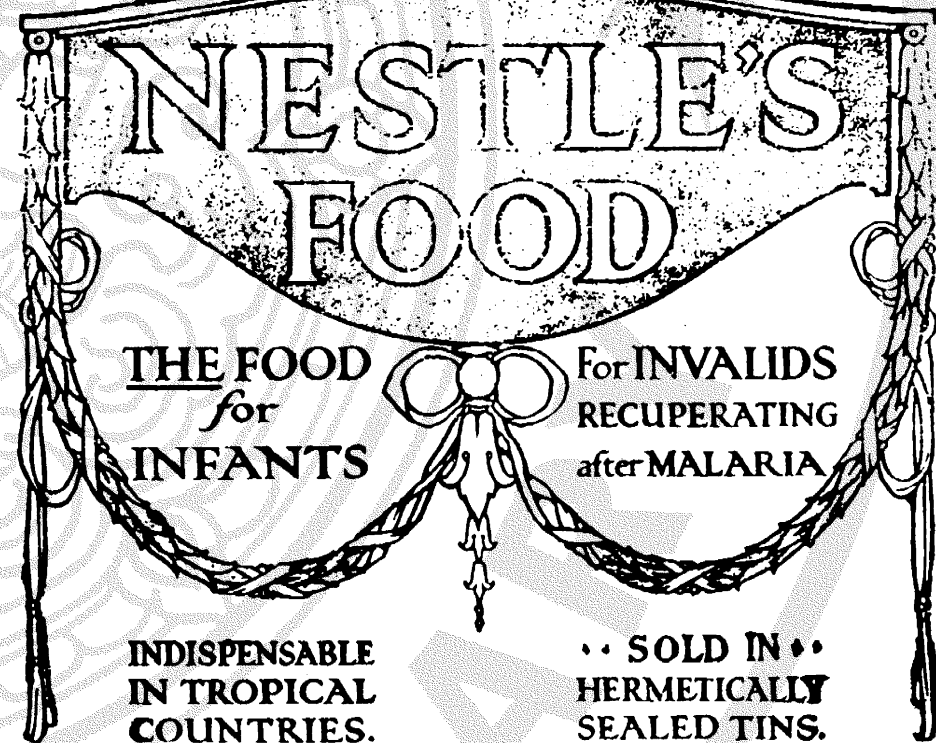
(the best Alarmclock ever made)

Has arrived in Bangkok.

See him at

S. A. B.

SOLE AGENTS.



INDISPENSABLE IN TROPICAL COUNTRIES.

•• SOLD IN •• HERMETICALLY SEALED TINS.

PROCURABLE AT

The Apothecaries' Hall,
Messrs. Harry A. Badman & Co.,
Buan Soon Lee & Co.
and at all other Stores.

The Nestle & Anglo Swiss Cond. Milk Co.
BANGKOK.

Electric Fittings

from the simplest to

the most elaborate designs.

Large stock held.



Siam Electricity Co., Ltd.

Wat Lieb

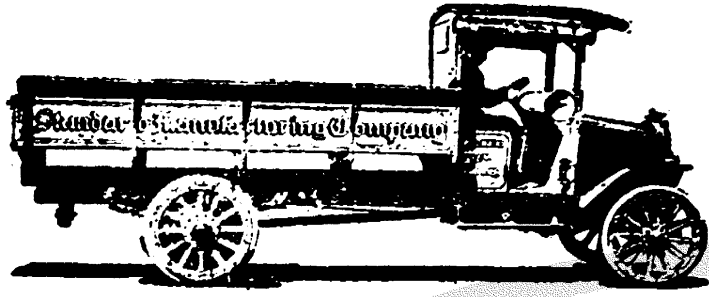
Telephone 850, 851, 852.

S.E.C. Electrical Store.

opp. British Legation

Telephone 434.

DENBY



MOTOR TRUCKS.

The finest value ever offered in Commercial Vehicles.

One and two Tonners Just Arrived.

Siam Import Co., Ltd.

Sikak Phya Sri-City.

The Dardanelles.

Late Premier's Statement.

London, March 20.—The House of Commons was crowded with distinguished visitors, including the Dominions statesmen, when Mr Asquith rose to make his statement on the Dardanelles report. He asked if it was not in the national interests to print the evidence, why in the name of common sense and common justice did not the same argument apply to the report itself? The problems of the first four months of war were as numerous and as complicated as had ever confronted any statesman. He was content to leave the manner of their handling to the judgment of history. He defended the war procedure of the previous Cabinet and denied there was lack of precision or that experts were not given opportunities to express their views.

Mr Asquith took exception to the Commission's references to Lord Kitchener, after mentioning Lord Haldane as one of those who most strongly pressed for the appointment of Kitchener, although the latter was a man of formidable personality, disposed to keep his own counsel. It was a complete mistake to suggest that he lived in isolation, not consulting military opinion. Upon no man in our history had a heavier burden been laid. Hence he was indignant at the recent attacks on Kitchener.

The Dardanelles expedition was primarily naval because Lord Kitchener proved to the War Council the troops were not available. The War Council spent three whole days examining the available resources of men, and even summoned Lord French from France to hear his views. The War Council also ascertained the opinion of other British and French experts. The whole of naval expert opinion favoured the enterprise. Lord Fisher's adverse view was not founded on technical or naval objections but on an avowed preference for a different objective in a totally different sphere.

Dealing with the alleged delay in sending troops, including the Twenty-ninth Division, he emphasised the immense difficulties in that respect. The Russian position was then bad and there was urgent pressure by Joffre and Lord French to keep the Twenty-ninth Division. Kitchener might have been right or wrong. Certainly he had weighty reasons; moreover, what would have been said if the civilian members of the War Council overruled Kitchener? While the operations were proceeding he was in almost hourly consultation with Lord Kitchener, Sir Edward Grey and Mr. Churchill.

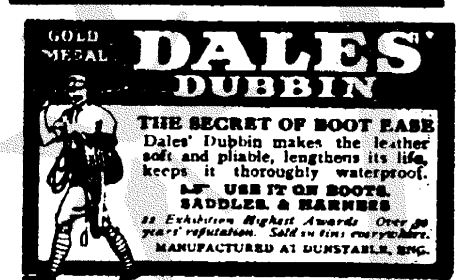
Mr Asquith therefore took strong exception to the statement in the report that the War Council did not meet during the critical period. Speaking of the operations generally, he maintained they saved the position in the Caucasus, prevented for months the defection of Bulgaria, kept three hundred thousand Turks immobilised, and destroyed a corps d'elite of the Turkish army and contributed to the recent favourable events in Egypt, Mesopotamia and Persia.

Sir Mark Sykes declared the Dardanelles operations besides immobilising more than 300,000 Turks saved the Russians in the Caucasus and prevented the Turks overrunning Persia and opening a road to India. There was no doubt the operations were worth the blood and treasure spent. The Commission's declaration on this aspect should not have been made without a far fuller investigation. He thought the continuance of the sittings of the Commission useless (loud cheers). He emphasised that the Anzacs and others who died at Gallipoli shed their blood perhaps more advantageously than in any other war theatre.

After arguing that Lord Fisher as First Sea Lord failed to exercise his right not to utilise the Fleet in the Dardanelles, Mr. Churchill proceeded on a strong defence of the operations and quoted facts refuting the Commission's references to heavy loss of blood and treasure. On the contrary the advantages of the attack made themselves invaluable in many spheres of operations including the active admission of Italy to the Allies. He referred at length and regretfully to the abandonment of the operations, when they were apparently on the eve of success, and pointed out that this was due to the discouragement suffered from many of the most influential quarters which had a hampering effect.

Mr. Churchill concluded. "The Commission may condemn the men who tried to force the Dardanelles, but your children will keep the condemnation for all those who did not rally to their aid."

Lord Clyde, one of the Commissioners, said that beyond the complaints of those who were criticised the only complaint was of non-publication of the evidence with the report.



BUCHANAN'S

Scotch Whiskies



A GRAND SPIRIT

"BLACK & WHITE"

AND

"RED SEAL"

Buchanan's Whiskies.

Proprietors of the following well-known Brands

"RED SEAL"

Tos. 22-50 per case.

"BLACK & WHITE"

Tos. 26-00 per case.

"ROYAL HOUSEHOLD"

Tos. 33-00 per case.

Obtainable at All Stores.

Sole Agents

The Borneo Company, Ltd.

The Empire's Council.**An Historical Meeting.**

London, March 20.—The first of the series of the historic cabinet conferences at which the Dominions and India are represented was commenced at the Premier's house to-day.

Groups of journalists and photographers gathered in Downing Street but a bleak and piercing wind prevented anything like a crowd.

The first to arrive was Mr. Walter Long, followed by Sir E. P. Morris, the Premier of Newfoundland, who only returned from France yesterday evening.

Following the arrival of members of the Cabinet came a succession of motorists, with the Rt. Hon. Sir R. S. Borden, the Hon. F. D. Hazen, Sir Joseph Ward, the Rt. Hon. W. F. Massey, Mr. Chamberlain with the Maharajah of Bikanir, Sir J. S. Meeson and Mr. N. P. Sinha walked over from the India Office. General Smuts was the last to arrive. He and the Maharajah of Bikanir were in uniform; all others were in mufti.

London, March 20.—The Dominions statesmen were greatly impressed by the tone of the Cabinet proceedings, which opened with a speech from the Premier, to which Sir R. Borden, Mr. W. F. Massey, General Smuts, Sir E. P. Morris and the Maharajah of Bikanir replied.

The Cabinet then proceeded to ordinary business and subsequently the representatives attended the Dardanelles debate in the House of Commons.

It is officially stated that Mr. Walter Long attended as a member of the War Cabinet and spoke on behalf of the Crown Colonies.

London, March 20.—The War Cabinet met for 21 hours.

London, March 16.—The Manchester Guardian is publishing a special number to synchronise with the first meeting of the Imperial Cabinet. It contains Mr. Lloyd George's message that the Overseas representatives were asked to attend because we feel it imperative the whole Empire should assist in arriving at certain impending decisions about the war and peace terms, which are decisively important to the future of all its peoples. The meetings are evidence of still greater changes which the war is bringing about in the inter relations of different parts of the Empire, the full nature of which will not be apparent till after the war and the consequences can only be dealt with then.

London, March 21.—The papers hail the opening of the War Cabinet as the beginning of a new era in Imperial relations.

The Daily Telegraph says we can now assume the existence of a strong

public opinion throughout the Empire and a common policy, including defence and the establishment of an Imperial council, but it is essential to preserve the independence of the various parts.

The Times says great European problems will henceforth be problems for the Dominions as well as for Britain. The fancied remoteness of the Dominions is at an end.

The Morning Post says yesterday's War Cabinet is the beginning of a union for mutual defence and a death-blow to the view-point taken of the conference in 1907, of equal treatment for strangers in the Dominions. We must have a great united union supported by the Imperial and Overseas Governments, and manufacturers, merchants and producers, and inspired by a national ideal. The British peoples required a world war to interpret the meaning and value of Empire.

Eastern Fighting.

Bulgarian communiqué: We repulsed enemy attacks between Lakes Ochrida and Prespa, and East of Lake Prespa.

London, March 20.—Wireless German Official. The nine days battle between the Ochrida and Prespa Lakes and also in the heights north of Monastir was without result. The French storming attacks failed.

London, March 20.—The Mesopotamian despatch announcing the Turkish withdrawal suggests the Turks may likely be caught in the Anglo-Russian pincers since Baku is only fifty-seven miles from Khanikin, on which the Russians are advancing from the East and are at present eighty-three miles from Khanikin.

FILES and files.—Letter and Foolcap sizes, lever and Pilot pattern. Ticals 2, each only.

PORT WINE—you will find Sandiman's the best, and although we have just received information from them that the price on some is advanced five shillings per case, we are selling at the old price of only Ticals 2. per bottle.

ICE CHESTS—Three patterns to choose from, lasting teak, improved repeatedly to meet the requirements of Siam.

E. M. PEREIRA & Co

MARTIN'S APIOL & STEEL PILLS
A French Remedy for all Irregularities. Thousands of Ladies keep a box of Martin's Pills in the house, so that on the first sign of any irregularity of the System a remedy may be administered. These pills are recommended by the most eminent medical authorities. At all Chemists and Grocers, or sent direct to the Proprietor, MARTIN, Chemist, SOUTHAMPTON, ENGLAND.

Phathanakorn Cinematograph.

TO-NIGHTS THE NIGHT.

Follow the Crowd to the Laughter Show.

THE GREAT MAHATMA COMPANY.

Dr. Richard Rowe "The Austral Wizard,"

Hypnotist and Electrical Healer.

Mystic Mora Clairvoyante Fortune Teller.

DO THE DEAD RETURN

To Communicate Messages to the living through Mediums.

Think Twice and investigate Mora's Powers.

She Foretells the future and gives Advice on Mining, Racing, Lost Relatives, War, Love, Marriage, all the important events of life.

SIM LA SEANCE. The Funny Cabinet Act

THE DEATH TEST. Thousands of volts of Electricity used.

A Great Laughter Show, Vaudeville, Magic, Hypnotism.

Double Picture Programme.

During the season of Dr. Richard Rowe the free list will be entirely suspended.

FOR SALE.

An English translation by His Majesty the King of a booklet entitled

"The Buddhist Attitude towards National Defence and Administration"

BY

His Holiness The Supreme Patriarch

OF

The Kingdom of Siam

Price 65 Satangs per Copy.

FOR SALE AT

The Siam Observer Press;
Messrs. H. A. Badman & Co.; The Oriental Hotel;
The British Dispensary; Messrs. John Sampson & Sons
Oriental Store; & Messrs. Whiteaway Laidlaw & Co., Ltd



"WESTMINSTER" A.A. TURKISH CIGARETTES

PLAIN and STRAW TIP. 50s Tins

GOLD TIP. 100s Tins

These High Class Cigarettes are made only of carefully selected Turkish leaf.

ON SALE AT ALL STORES.

Fresh Apples.

Swiss & Edam Cheese

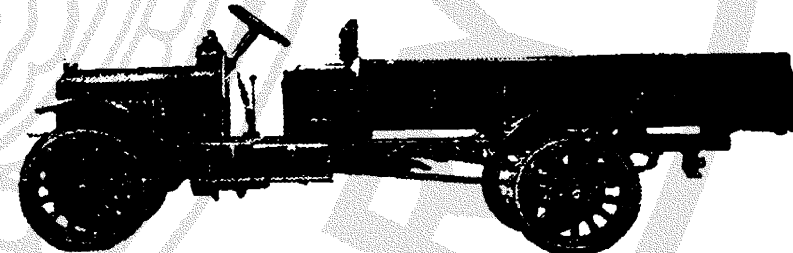
Australian Pat Butter

Smoked & liver sausage

Beef & Pork sausage.

"Excelsior"

Cold Storage.

THE HUDFORD 1 TON TRUCK

The light, strong, easily handled "Hudford" with a Special body adapted to your particular business, makes a cheap and effective form of delivery. Merchants find that the "Hudford" adds new customers, helps them to serve the old ones better at lower cost, is easy to operate, costs little and is one of the best investments they can make.

THE CHEAPEST ONE TON TRUCK
Demonstrations and full particulars of running costs etc., at the SOLE AGENTS
THE BANGKOK DOCK Co., Ltd.
Stockists of the Famous Michelin Tyres.

Meklong Railway Co., Ltd.**TIME TABLE.**

IN FORCE FROM 1st JANUARY, 1917 TO JULY, 1917.

BANGKOK-MEKLONG.					MEKLONG-BANGKOK.				
Distance from Bangkok.	STATIONS.	Train No.			Distance from Meklong.	STATIONS.	Train No.		
		I.	III.	V.			VI.	VI.	
		A.M. P.M. P.M.					A.M. P.M.		
Km. Bangkok Dep.		8.30	12.30	4.30	Km. Meklong Dep.		8.35	12.35	
33.1 Mahachai					B. Hlame				
Terminus Arr.		9.50	1.50	5.50	33.8 Terminus Arr.		9.55	1.55	

The Company's Steam Launches will meet Trains to carry through passengers across the Tachin River at a fixed rate.

BANGKOK-MEKLONG.					EKLONG-BANGKOK.				
Distance from B. Hlame.	Train No.				Distance from Mahaehai.	Train No.			
	STATIONS.					STATIONS.			
	I.	III.				II.	IV.	VI.	
			A.M.	P.M.			A.M.	A.M.	P.M.
Km.	B. Hlame				Mahaehai				
	Terminus Dep.	10.20	2.20		Terminus Dep.	6.45	10.45	2.45	
33.8	Meklong Arr.	11.40	3.40	33.1	Bangkok Arr.	8.08	12.05	4.05	

BANGKOK TERMINUS: Opposite The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Ltd

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.

RUB IT IN.

A good many people think rheumatism cannot be cured without taking nauseous medicine. Chamberlain's Pain Balm massaged thoroughly into the skin has cured far more rheumatism than any internal remedy in existence and gives relief quicker. For sale by the British Dispensary.

Charmed Life of Guynemer.

A French flying officer was congratulated one day by some gushing women on the announcement of his latest success.

"You have now won," said one, "the Legion of Honour, the Military Medal, and the War Cross—why, what other decoration can you win yet?" His reply was rather chilling. "The wooden cross," he said.

Lieutenant Georges Guynemer, (who was officially reported to have brought down his 35th German aeroplane), is (states the "Daily Express") said to have been the hero who kept the little wooden cross in mind while the world thought only of his long list of victorious fights. Indeed, few living airmen have been nearer to death than this lad of twenty-one, the most successful of all the daring flying officers of the French army. The number of enemy machines he has brought down is larger than the official figure, which counts only those which come down on French ground. Last September his real record was nearly thirty, and in the last two or three months he has been very busy.

Twice at least, in his career of triumph, he has barely missed death. Nearly a year ago he lay in hospital with wounds in his face and left arm received while fighting an air battle near Verdun.

He had exchanged his favourite machine, "Old Charlie," for a newer and faster machine, and for once he miscalculated the speed at which he travelled. Seeing two German aeroplanes above him, he rose and chased one of them. He got right behind it, and fired. The German went over and over to the ground. It was then that Guynemer blundered.

He swooped after the second enemy, but his machine shot ahead after he had fired only a few shots, which missed. The German now had the advantage, and riddled Guynemer's engine casing with bullets.

Two bullets pierced Guynemer's left arm, and splinters cut deep into his cheek and nose. Had he held on his course the German would no doubt have slaughtered him, but although wounded he did not lose his presence of mind. He dived suddenly, as if his machine were done for, and the German passed on. Then, with one hand, Guynemer brought his machine up again landed safely in the French lines, and was sent to hospital.

"I will make the Germans pay for keeping me inactive," he said as he lay in bed. After a few weeks he was able to keep his promise, and the toll he took of the German aeroplanes rose

rapidly. In November he did the "hat-trick"—the first and only occasion on which any airman has done this although the official record credited him with only two of the three machines he brought to grief.

Guynemer's first flight was on July 19, 1915. He was up in a two-seater with an observer to act as a machine-gun operator, and after a long and fruitless search for enemy flying men was on his way back to the aerodrome when he saw a spot away towards the horizon. He came up with a German aeroplane just over Soissons, and there over the centre of the city, in view of hundreds of his compatriots, fought his first duel in the air.

It lasted ten minutes. Guynemer took his machine to within fifty feet of his rival to give his observer practically

point-blank range, and the machine gun fired 115 bullets. Then the observer was wounded in the hand, and Guynemer had his chance to prove his resourcefulness. He took control of the machine gun as well as of the aeroplane, and continued the rain of fire against his adversary. All at once the Prussian pilot sank forward in his seat, evidently killed or unconscious, and his observer threw up his hands, in gesture of despair. A fraction of a second later the German machine burst into flames and plunged to earth.

General Wire News.

Amsterdam, March 21.—There was a disturbance at Rotterdam after the

weekly meeting of the revolutionary Socialists and the police charged the crowd with swords.

Washington, March 21.—A United States note to Carranza, President of Mexico, is published, declining a proposal of neutral action with a view to forcing a European peace by cutting off the exports to belligerents.

London, March 21.—The result of the bye-election at Stockton-on-Tees was:

Watson (Coalitionist) 7,841.

Backhouse (Peace candidate) 596.

Mr. Pethick Lawrence, the peace candidate of south Aberdeen, was speaking to an audience of two hundred when the hall was rushed by several thousands and the windows broken.

The police charged the mob.

Salonica, March 28.—Severe fighting

continues north of Monastir, where the French pressing their advantage have captured a dominating height.

Washington, March 20.—President Wilson has authorized the expenditure of 115 million dollars to speed up naval construction and for the purchase of auxiliary craft. 374 additional naval officers have been secured by drafts from the naval academy.

Washington, March 21.—The Navy Department has ordered two hundred small submarine chasers each from the Navy-yard and private firms.

Siam Observer -
Special War Edition

Subscription Tcs 4 per month.



BRITISH OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN AT THE FRONT IN FRANCE.
A Scene in the mud.

BEAVER BRAND MILK.

The product of government inspected cows, fed in the rich valleys of
BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The Milk in addition to being sterilized and pasteurized, is homogenized by a
SPECIAL PATENT PROCESS
which renders the Milk more easily digested, and causes the.

CREAM

to be evenly distributed throughout the entire contents. It is this feature which makes
Beaver Brand the Most Perfect Milk Known.

GUARANTEED ABSOLUTELY PURE AND FREE FROM ALL BACTERIA.
KEEPS INDEFINITELY IN ALL CLIMATES.

QUALITY BETTER
PRICE LOWER

than any other well know Brand.

STEPHENS, PAUL & Co.

SOLE IMPORTERS.

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