

"Siam Observer"
Oldest Established
Daily Newspaper
in Siam.
Has the Largest
Circulation.
Subscription
English Edition
Tcs. 50 per annum.
Siamese Edition
Tcs. 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. 2

BANGKOK WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1917.

PRICE 25 SATANGS

STEAMER SAILINGS.

K. P. M.
JAVA-SIAM LINE
OF THE
Royal Packet S. N. Co.
(KONINKLIJKE PAKETVAART
MAATSCHAPPIJ.)

DIRECT SERVICE

between Bangkok and Java.

Through Bills of Lading are issued for all Netherlands Indian and Australian 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 due to arrive in Bangkok in the morning of 6th January to load for Singapore direct. For rates of freight and other particulars 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, passages full particulars and Guide Books, etc., apply to

THE ARRACAN COMPANY, LTD.
AGENTS

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 Bangkok.

Ah Seang, Tailor.

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.

Home and Boat Builders and Contractors are invited to pay us a visit.

Our prices are very moderate and we allow a discount of 5 per cent on cash purchases.

HARP VOOR LONG & CO.

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

We have just unpacked a large shipment of our well-known High Class Paints, Varnishes, Linseed, Oils, Brassware, Iron-ware, and Carpenter's, Blacksmith's, Silver smith's Tools, and various kinds of best Chinese silk always in stock.

LIBERATION INVITED. PRICES MODERATE.
Tel. No. 535.

CORRECT DRESS WEAR at WHITEAWAY'S.

Mufflers
in
Cashmere
and
Mercerised
Cotton
for
Wear
to
and
from
the
Ball



New
Stock
of
Shirts,
Collars,
Ties,
Socks
and
Bows
for
Dress
Wear

Complete Stock of British made Dress Shirts, fitted with Stiff or Soft pleated Fronts. All our shirts are cut and made by experts. Perfect fit and style guaranteed, correct in every detail.

THE STORE FOR SMART GOODS IN MEN'S WEAR.

WHITEAWAY, LAIDLAW & CO., LTD.

Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company.

N.B. All Sailings are subject to alteration if and as necessary.

HOMEWARD

1916-17.

MAIL LINE SAILINGS.

Leaves Singapore	Thursday	1916	Connecting at Colombo with	Due London	1916
s.s. "Nyanza"	Nov.	23	s.s. "Mongolia"	Dec.	24
s.s. "Malta"	Dec.	7	s.s. "Malwa"	Jan.	7
s.s. "Nankin"	"	21	s.s. "Kaiser-i-Hind"	"	21
"	1917	"	s.s. "Mooltan"	Feb.	4
s.s. "Novara"	Jan.	4	s.s. "Kashgar"	"	10
s.s. "Somali"	"	18	s.s. "Karnata"	Mar.	5
s.s. "Nyanza"	Feb.	1	s.s. "Morea"	"	18
s.s. "Nampur"	"	15	"	"	"

OUTWARD—1916-17

Due Singapore	1916	Connection with	Leaving London	1916
s.s. "Novara"	Nov.	s.s. "Mooltan"	Oct.	27
s.s. "Somali"	Dec.	s.s. "Kashgar"	Nov.	10
s.s. "Nyanza"	"	s.s. "Karnata"	"	24
"	1917	s.s. "Morea"	Dec.	8
s.s. "Novara"	Jan.	s.s. "Nampur"	"	22
s.s. "Nankin"	"	"	1917	"
s.s. "Nellore"	Feb.	s.s. "Medina"	Jan.	5
s.s. "Novara"	"	s.s. "Mongolia"	"	19
s.s. "Nore"	Mar.	s.s. "Malwa"	Feb.	2
s.s. "Nampur"	"	s.s. "Kaiser-i-Hind"	"	16

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 on-carrying vessel.

ROUND THE WORLD

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

Full particulars can be obtained on application.

THE BORNEO COMPANY, LTD.

Agents

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Japanese Mail Steamship Company.

N.B.—All Sailings are approximate & are subject to alteration if and as necessary.

Steamers are due to leave SINGAPORE for EUROPE as follows:

1916	1917
s.s. Katori Maru	Dec. 15
s.s. Kamo Maru	Dec. 21
s.s. Kashima Maru	Jan. 3
s.s. Mishiuna Maru	Jan. 10
s.s. Suwa Maru	Jan. 17

FOR HONGKONG AND JAPAN.

1916	1917
s.s. Atsuta Maru	Jan. 6
s.s. Hitachi Maru	Jan. 9
s.s. Iyo Maru	Jan. 21
s.s. Miyazaki Maru	Jan. 30
s.s. Atsuta Maru	Jan. 6
s.s. Hitachi Maru	Jan. 9
s.s. Iyo Maru	Jan. 21
s.s. Miyazaki Maru	Jan. 30

JAPAN-AMERICA LINE.

Steamers are due to leave HONGKONG for SEATTLE as follows:

1916	1917
s.s. Tamba Maru	Dec. 12
s.s. Shidzuka Maru	Dec. 19
s.s. Kamakura Maru	Jan. 3

JAPAN-AUSTRALIAN LINE.

Steamers will leave HONGKONG for MELBOURNE as follows:

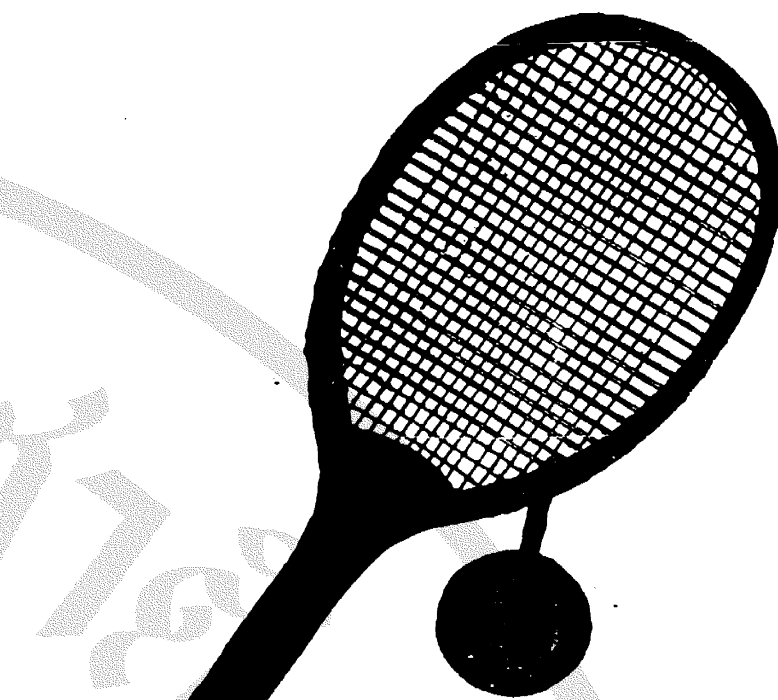
1916	1917
s.s. Tango Maru	Dec. 12
s.s. Nikko Maru	Dec. 19
s.s. Aki Maru	Jan. 12

Round the World Tickets issued in either direction.

For Passage, Freight and all information apply to

THE BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.

Agents.



Gold Medal

Tcs. 25-00 and 23-50.

Spaulding's,

Davis' and

Slazingers'

RACKETS now in stock

Oriental



Store.

TELEPHONE 647.

THE EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD.

Bangkok-Europe Line

m/s "Solandis" ... Arriving End of February 1917

THE SIAM STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

West coast Mail Service.

For Koh Lak, Chumpon, Tako, Langsuen, Bandon, Ligor, Singora, Patani, Panarai, Telupin, Bangnara, Takbai, Kelantan, Becho, Smerak, Bisut, Tringgann, Kretay and Singapore.

Departures from Bangkok

s.s. "Asdang"	...	...	30. 12. 16.
s.s. "Prachatiapok"	...	...	6. 1. 17.
s.s. "Boribat"	...	...	13. " "
s.s. "Asdang"	...	...	20. " "
s.s. "Prachatiapok"	...	...	27. " "

East Coast Mail Service

For Sriracha, Kohsichang, Koh Pai, Koh Pra, Rayong, Rob Samut, Chantaboon, Ban Yao, Krat and Koh Kon as per Sailing list.

s.s. "Chutabutch" will leave Thursday 4 1 17 at noon.
s.s. "Krat" " " Saturday 6 1 17 " "
s.s. "Chutabutch" " " Tuesday 9 1 17 " "

All the steamers are fitted throughout with Electric light and have excellent accommodation for First Class passengers.

For Freight, Passage and Particulars apply to

THE EAST ASIATIC Co., 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
EFFECTIVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS
\$15,000,000

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

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES

Amoy Ipoh
Bangkok Johore
Batavia Kobe
Bombay Kuala Lumpur
Calcutta London
Canton Lyons
Colonbo Malacca
Fookow Manila
Hankow Nagasaki
Hongkong New York
(Shanghai) Yokohama

BANKING AGENCY

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

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

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

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

Office Hours ... 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturdays ... 9 " " 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 ... £1,800,000
FURTHER LIABILITY OF
PROPRIETORS ... £1,200,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Sir Montagu Cornish Turner, (Chairman)
Sir Henry S. Cunningham, K. C. I. E.
Thomas Guthrie, Esq.
Sir Alfred Dent, K. C. M. G.
William Henry Neville Goshen, 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. B. 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'Oissel, Chairman,
M. A. de Monplanet, Deputy Chairman.

M. E. Bessinet M. P. Boyer
M. P. Desvieux M. A. de Germiny
M. H. Guernaut M. Georges Louis
M. L. Masson M. A. Rostand
M. Edgard Stern M. R. de Tregomain
M. Stanislas Simon

Managing Director—M. Stanislas Simon
Joint-Manager—M. Rene Thion de la Chaumie
Government Supervisor—M. Demartini

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
Batambang
Canton
Haiphong
Hankow
Hanoi
Hongkong
Noumea
Montze
Pekin
Phnom-Penh
Pondicherry
Saigon
Shanghai
Singapore
Papeete
Tientsin
Tourane
Djibouti

CURE THAT COUGH.

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

BANKING COMPANIES

The Siam Commer-
cial Bank Ltd.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID UP CAPITAL
TICALS 3,300,000

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

E. Florio, (Chairman), Phra Boribon
Phra Boribon Raja Kosakorn
Rombat Luang Nit
Phra Jalyos Sombati Narongron,
W. Hrehmer, Esq.
A. Willeke, Esq.

London Bankers—Direction of Dis-
counto Cassellehoff, 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 appli-
cation.

A 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.

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. GUTINS,

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

Oriental Bakery.

Oriental Avenue.

We beg to inform our customers
that we are now booking orders for
Cakes, Puddings, Layer Cakes, Mince
Pies, etc., etc. for X'mas and New
Year, and would kindly request that
orders be sent in early.

TIDE TABLE.

DEPTH OF WATER ON THE
BANGKOK BAR.

FOR Jan., 1917.

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

Jan.	P.M.			L. W. (Approx.)	Feet.
	H. W.	Ft. & in.			
1	9 30	11 5	...	...	...
2	10 00	10 4	...	...	...
3	...	...	9 10	...	...
4	...	...	8 40	...	...
5	...	...	8 10	...	...
6	...	...	7 40	...	...
7	...	...	7 10	...	...
8	...	...	6 40	...	...
9	...	...	6 10	...	...
10	4 00	13 3	...	...	...
11	5 00	13 4	...	...	...
12	6 00	13 5	...	...	...
13	6 30	13 7	...	...	...
14	7 00	12 9	...	...	...
15	7 30	12 6	...	...	...
16	8 00	12 3	...	...	...
17	...	...	7 8	...	...
18	...	...	7 1	...	...
19	...	...	6 4	...	...
20	...	...	5 7	...	...
21	...	...	5 0	...	...
22	...	...	4 3	...	...
23	3 30	12 11	...	...	...
24	4 00	13 2	...	...	...
25	5 00	13 1	...	...	...
26	6 00	13 4	...	...	...
27	6 30	13 5	...	...	...
28	7 00	13 5	...	...	...
29	8 00	12 11	...	...	...
30	9 00	12 8	...	...	...
31	10 30	12 6	...	...	...

PHASES OF THE MOON.

Jan.	8th	0 Full Moon	2 24	p.m.
"	16th	(Last Quarter	6 24	p.m.
"	22nd	0 New Moon	2 22	p.m.
"	30th	)First Quarter	7.44	a.m.

British Politics.

The King's Speech.

London, Dec. 22.—Parliament has
been prorogued till Feb. 7.

London, Dec. 22.—The King's pro-
rogation speech says that "throughout
the months that have elapsed since I
last addressed you my navy and army,
in conjunction with those of our
gallant and faithful allies, have by un-
ceasing vigilance and indomitable
valour justified the high trust I placed
in them. I am confident that how-
ever long the struggle, their efforts,
supported by the inflexible determi-
nation of all my subjects throughout
the Empire, will finally achieve a vic-
torious consummation of those aims
for which I entered the war. My Gov-
ernment has been constructed with
the sole object of furthering those
aims unaltered and unimpaired.

The vigorous prosecution of the war
must be our single endeavour until
we have vindicated the rights so ruth-
lessly violated by our enemies and
established the security of Europe
on a sure foundation. In this sacred
cause I am assured of the united sup-
port of all my people, and I pray to
Almighty God to give us His bless-
ing."

He thanked the Commons for the
unflinching liberality wherewith they
continued to provide for the burdens
of war.

London, Dec. 21.—Further German
comment on Mr. Lloyd George's speech
reveals contradictory views as to Bri-
tain's attitude. For instance, the
"Vossische Zeitung" describes the
reply as a flat refusal, while the
"Berliner Zeitung" says that the mat-
ter is still undecided.

Rome, Dec. 21.—The entire press
praises Mr. Lloyd George's reply to
the peace proposals.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—All the newspa-
pers praise the speech as inspiring to
greater sacrifice and renewed confi-
dence.

British War Work.

London, Dec. 21.—The outlines of
the Government's war-work scheme
are: All males between 17 and 60
years of age will be required to enrol
before the advisory committees in the
various centres. Then Mr. Chamber-
lain's department will decide what
industries, apart from war-work, are
essential, and the proportion of workers
that they require.

Non-essential industries will be
shut down; for instance, the tinplate
trade—it is not intended that tinplates
shall any longer be used in packing
tinned and mustard and such-like
things. Skilled workers will thus be
released to go to steel work. There
will be a register for every locality for
war, industrial or productive require-
ments.

The mobility of labour will be stimu-
lated by the transference of batches to
places where they are urgently re-
quired. Power will be taken to billet work-
ers in private houses. The workers
will be paid trade union rates plus
half-a-crown daily separation allow-
ance where their homes are divided,
and railway fares.

London, Dec. 21.—The Minister for
Agriculture (Mr. Brotherton) announced
that Government intended to fix the
price of wheat at sixty shillings a quar-
ter. Government prices for other pro-

ducts would be announced shortly.
Wheat land was to be used to grow
foodstuffs.

Paris, Dec. 23.—The Chamber has
passed the war-tax on men not serving,
including a fixed duty of twelve francs,
and an increase of 25 per cent in the
income tax.

The Silver Market.

London, Dec. 21.—Montagu's silver
report says that the market is quiet and
supplies are rather scanty, although
there was some profit taking by the
India bazaar and other holders. There
was some general demand, more or less
active, each day. Consequently the
mintage purchases have not been large.
However this is unimportant in view
of the Government of India's pur-
chase of 3,600 bars at Bombay. The
approach of the holidays tends to res-
trict local business.

Weak Stomachs Cause Wind.

Wind in the stomach is caused by
food being retained so long that it fer-
ments if it is vegetable food or purifies
if it is animal food. The usual treat-
ment is to forbid the eating of the food
that causes the trouble. This stops the
discomfort caused by wind, but few
people like to be put on a limited diet.
They generally try another doctor.

Food is retained until it causes wind
because the digestion is weak. That is
a simple statement of a complicated
condition. Digestive weakness may
involve a deficient secretion of diges-
tive fluids, lack of force in the nerves
that control digestion—many things,
in fact—but behind them all is thin
blood. "Without rich red blood good
digestion is impossible" is an establish-
ed fact in medicine. You can enrich
your blood with Dr. Williams' Pink
Pills and begin at once to restore your
disordered digestion until you can eat
what you want, within reason, and en-
joy it. These pills have a direct action
on the nerves also and so are an ideal
digestive tonic. Write for FREE Diet
book to the Dr. Williams' Medicine
Co., Singapore.

The British Dispensary, Bangkok.
Sole wholesale agents for Siam, Tcs.
2.25 per bottle or Tcs. 12/- per 6 bottles.

Auction Sale.

Favoured with instruction from
J. B. WEST, Esq.

THE
SIAM AUCTIONEERING CO.

Will sell

On Saturday the 30th Dec. 1916

Commencing at 2 p.m. sharp.

At his residence Suriwongse Road

Near "Troadero" Hotel

The whole of his household furni-
ture & effects, including Sewing Ma-
chine, Iron Bedstead, Tables, Ice Chest,
Chairs, Mirrors, Crockery, Glassware,
Water tank, Two newly painted Vic-
torias, etc.

For Terms & Particulars see cata-
logue or apply,—

E. M. PEREIRA & Co.



OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN AT THE FRONT IN FRANCE.
Scene at a Heavy Howitzer Battery.

Items of Interest.

London, Dec. 26.—Miss Elizabeth Asquith is engaged to the American diplomat Mr. Gibson, who tried to save Nurse Cavell.

Amsterdam, Dec. 24.—Count Lozerin has been appointed Austrian foreign minister, and Baron Burian finance minister.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—Minister of Militia Sir Sam Hughes in a speech here strongly favoured universal military training, for home defence and compulsory service overseas.

London, Dec. 22.—The "Times" announces a probable further increase in price, with a view to possible more stringent restrictions on the import of paper and papermaking material.

London, Dec. 24.—A meeting of the representatives of fifty thousand operative cottonspinners at Manchester yesterday unanimously decided to apply for a 20 per cent advance of wages. The application cannot be presented until Jan. 1 when the present agreement expires and under this agreement there can be no alteration of wages until the middle of February.

Cairo, Dec. 25.—The Sultan of Egypt has conferred the Grand Cordon of Mohamed Ali on Sir Reginald Wingate in recognition of his eminent services to Egypt. The Sultan says: "Thanks to you the Egyptian army has attained its present perfection and not only has the Sudan been definitely pacified but the ancient frontiers have been restored by the retaking of Darfur."

Paris, Dec. 24.—The coal crisis has been partly settled. Three thousand men will be sent to the mines, the freight tax will be abolished, and the British government will become the sole transporter. Storeships are to be divided into three groups, namely coal, commissariat and supply. Fleets are proceeding to different ports, convoyed by warships. The importation of alcohol into France and Algeria has been prohibited.

London, Dec. 24.—It is suggested in some quarters that America needs enlightenment as to the Allies aims. The Dundee Advertiser urges that Col. Churchill be sent to the United States as a missionary of Empire. The Observer says that special representation in the United States is necessary. If Lord Bryce is unable to go, why not Lord Rosebery? Why not both together? Perhaps the best choice would be Mr. Asquith.

Malbourne, Dec. 24.—Mr. Hughes has been invited to attend an Imperial Conference early in the year and it is believed that he will accept.

Mr. Fisher and Mr. Stanley, the new ministers, have been elected at Sheffield and Ashton under Lyne unopposed.

The Times says that all the Dominions prime ministers have been invited to the Conference which will be a series of War Council meetings for discussing the war organisation and after war problems. It will probably be consulted as to peace conditions.

London, Dec. 25.—A month ago the weekly production of British eighteen-pounder ammunition was forty-three times the weekly production of June 1915, of medium guns and howitzers sixty-six times, of heavy howitzers 323 times. The total output in one week in November was thirty per cent more than the entire reserve stock at the beginning of the war. The monthly output of medium guns in November was nearly forty times the monthly average of the first year, of heavies about twelve times, for every ton of explosive used in September 1914 over eleven thousand tons were used in July 1916.

London, Dec. 22.—The Times in an

editorial says that a memorandum to the Viceroy from nineteen representatives of the Imperial Council says a document which does not bear the name of a single representative of the fighting races of India or a single member of the Punjab can hardly be held to embody the views of all Indian communities, while the memorandum appears to have been drafted in haste without careful consideration. Indian politicians who are generally the signatories of the memorandum in particular will be well advised to remember that the culminating phases of the greatest war of history do not constitute an appropriate time for pressing extravagant and unworkable demands.

Tigris Progress.

London, Dec. 22.—Lt.-Col. Godfrey Collins telegraphed from Basra on Dec. 8: All that human foresight, money and work can do are being done to day for the welfare of the troops in Mesopotamia. Upriver traffic shows decided continued progress. The British troops have full winter rations and clothing and ample medical supplies.

Mesopotamia, official, Dec. 23.—Aeroplane twice raided the Turkish advanced base near Baghdad. The artillery heavily bombarded hostile trenches near Kut-el-Amara and Samarra.

NO LAXATIVES are so gentle and effective as

PINKETTES

that's why children can safely take them.

Of chemists. 1/- per box. Wholesale agents for Siam The British Dispensary, Bangkok.

LOTTERY.

IN AID OF THE

FRENCH RED CROSS.

First Prize One Ford Car,

20 H.P. 4 CYL. 5 SEATER

With all Accessories Including Electric Light.

Over One Hundred Other Prizes

Which are on show at the International Store.

Tickets Sold at:

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE, INTERNATIONAL STORE, PHARMACIE FRANCAISE, BRITISH DISPENSARY.

HARRY A. BADMAN TOWN STORE

BUAN SOON LEE & CO.

KIAM HOA HENG & CO.

SIAM STAMP CO.

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

FIAT MOTOR CARS.

NEW MODELS 1917.

Including:

Mod. 62, 4 cylinder 10-12 H.P.

„ 70, 4 „ 15-18 „

„ 85, 4 „ 25-30 „

„ 65, 12 „ 40-50 „

All models fitted with electric light and self starter.

A consignment of mod. 62 (4 seater and 2 seater) and mod. 70 will arrive shortly.

G. KLUZER & Co.

SOLE AGENTS FOR SIAM.

Repairs

Repainting

Reupholstering

Siam Motor Works Ltd.

Motor

Accessories

of all kinds.

HAND MASSAGE.

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

Prices.

Tcs. 7 First quality

„ 5 Second „

S. IKESAKI, Tapan Mon.

To Let.

Spacious Godown on Westbank of river at Took Mai suitable for Rice, Produce, etc.

Apply to:—

“S.”

c/o Siam Observer.

Godown Wanted.

6,000 sq. feet or larger, in the neighbourhood of Rachawongse Road.

Apply to:—

“P.”

c/o Siam Observer

To Let.

Buildings & yard in Unakarn Road to let—Main Building 18x12 metres suitable for Carpenters Shop, godown or could be adapted for Cinema Theatre.

Apply: “A. B.”

c/o “Siam Observer”

t.f.n

Motor-Cars for Hire.

I beg to inform the Public that I have in my garage

Several Motor-Cars in Good Condition and Order for

Hire at all hours Day and Night.

Also Motor-Cars can be had on hire monthly at a very Moderate Charge. Arrangements can be made with the Manager who will call at any residence on being requested to do so.

ARBIB SHAH,

Opposite Europe Hotel,

Telephone No. 687 New Road.

24 O.—25 Jan.

The Signature.

To distinguish the original and genuine Worcestershire Sauce from the many imitations, see that the signature of **LEA & PERRINS** appears in *White* across the *Red* label on every bottle.

No other sauce has such an exquisitely delicate flavour, or such a reputation among discriminating people in every part of the world.

Lea & Perrins

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.

Now On Sale.

The
Siam Directory
for
1917
PRICE
75c. only.

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

Wanted.

Wanted to buy and sell or exchange all kinds of second hand furniture, household Articles, Books etc.

Apply to:—

D. FROIMAN,
No. 138, Si Phya Road,
Second-Hand Furniture Store.
(Next to Whiteaway Laidlaw & Co.,
Limited).
t.f.n

Notice.

The sale by public auction of Machinery, godowns etc. of the two Steam Rice Mills, the property of the Ministry of Finance, situated at Paknampoh Mondol Nagor Sawan, and at Klong Soi No. 7 Tanyaburi Mondol Krung Kao, respectively, will take place on the 29th January 1917 at the office of the Inspector General of Finance, Krok Wat Muang Kao Bangkok, at 2 p.m. Full particulars can be ascertained from the above mentioned Department on any day during office hours.

Notice.

CONSIGNEES OF GOODS:—

Ex s/s "City of Madras"
"Pheonius"
"Jensen Maru"
"Teenkal"
and Balances ex s/s "Benavon", "Kamo Maru", "Gleniffer", "Tydeus", "Oanfa", "Ningchow", "Kocmun", "Peleus", "Euryptilus", "Teucer", "Machaon", and "Pheonius",
are hereby notified that same have arrived per s.s. "Katong" on 3rd 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.



A LARGE STOCK

OF

**Ladies' and Gent's
Bicycles and Cycle
Covers.**

**BROWNLOW WATER FIL-
TERS—TO ENSURE A
CLEAN & HEALTH-
FUL DRINK.**

Plain Cups and Saucers.

Children's Shoes, etc.

AT

**Kiam Hoa Heng & Co.,
Limited**
Phone 180.

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
Filleted Fish
Haddock
Bloaters

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

CHEESE
Roquefort
Australian
Stilton
Savoie
Cheddar (English)

Fresh Australian Butter and Best English Margarine
Pure Beef Dripping in 2lb Tins.

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

"White Horse" Whisky.

"An Easy First"

Obtainable Everywhere.

INSURANCE

RISKS ACCEPTED

AT

Current Rates.

FIRE.

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

LIFE.

China Mutual Life Insurance Company, Limited.

MARINE.

World Marine and General Insurance Company, Ltd.

MOTOR CAR RISKS.

Employers Liability Assurance Corporation Limited.

Louis T. Leonowens Ltd.

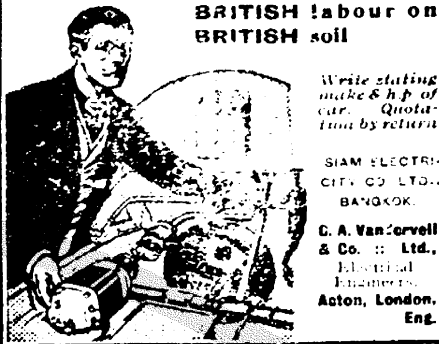
SOLE AGENTS FOR SIAM.

CAY ELECTRIC STARTERS

Depress the plunger switch—the engine starts immediately. Let in the clutch and away you go. Could anything be easier?

Can be fitted to chassis with out alteration to chassiswork

**BRITISH made with
BRITISH material by
BRITISH labour on
BRITISH soil**



Write stating make & type of car. Quotation by return

SIAM ELECTRIC CITY CO. LTD.
Bangkok.
C. A. Macdonell & Co. Ltd.
General Managers.
Aston, London, Eng.

The Siam Observer

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 1917.

THE ROYAL BENEFACTIONS.

His Majesty's benefactions in the course of the birthday celebrations this year have been very large. The Navy League, a national institution dear to the King and greatly esteemed by a patriotic people benefits to the extent of £1,000 fields. This Navy League of Siam might be termed the pet child of the King and came into existence shortly after the Great War, and curiously enough several months before the British Overseas Navy League was established. The amount then considered necessary for the building of a cruiser will, thanks to the hearty response of the people, soon be reached. The sum of five hundred thousand has been given to institutions devoted to the alleviation of human sufferings and His Majesty's munificence in this direction is very well known. The Vajira Hospital was purchased and set up as such by His Majesty four years ago. What a boon it is for the people of the neighbourhood and others may be gathered from the figures during this period which show 2,470 in-patient patients and 31,037 out-patient cases, in addition to 1,330 surgical operations performed. To our mind philanthropy cannot be more usefully directed than in the cause of helping the poor and needy in cases of sickness and His Majesty's liberality, not only in the matter of these particular benefactions but all through the reign, year in and year out, is highly meritorious. The gift of Ten Sakh to the Bangkok Nursing Home and a similar sum to the St. Louis Hospital for the furtherance of the work of those institutions, demonstrates the breadth of His Majesty's interests and will be deeply appreciated by the communities which are served by these two institutions. It might truly be said that in the matter of giving in charity His Majesty King Rama VI emulates the virtues of the Great Emperor Asoka who two thousand years ago founded numberless hospitals in India, the vast ruins of which, in some cases, exist to this day.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

WE have received from Mr. C. Pappayanopolis a date book for 1917.

THE following passengers arrived today per s.s. "Katong"—Rev. Dr. H. Hilliard, Mr. J. V. de Jesus and Mr. V. de Jesus.

THE Berlin Tagblatt states that owing to the scarcity of copper Germany's new stampings will be made of aluminium.

THE importation into the United Kingdom of jewellery, gold and silver articles other than watches and watch cases is prohibited even if sent by post.

THE s.s. "Katong" will leave from the Borneo Company's wharf at 5 a.m. sharp, on Saturday the 6th inst., and should arrive in Singapore on Tuesday morning.

KING George has granted authority to Mr. John Harris Heal, Inspector-General in the Siamese Department of Mines and Geology, to wear the Third Class of the Order of the White Elephant, conferred on him by the King of Siam, and to Mr. Cecil Heber Forry, Major in the Siamese Gendarmerie, to wear the Fourth Class of the same Order.



Court Circular.

GRAND PALACE,
Tuesday, January 2.
This morning at ten o'clock His Majesty the King proceeded to the Baisai Hall, where he lit candles and incense and then entered the Amarindra Hall, where the morning service was celebrated after which food was presented to sixty priests. When the auspicious time drew near, the King proceeded to the Chandra Bhyobhas Pavilion to change his attire. At sixteen minutes and eight seconds after twelve o'clock His Majesty mounted the bathing seat and the Ceremonial Bath in accordance with ancient Royal usage took place, during which the priests recited the "Jayamangala" stanzas and music was played.
After the Ceremonial Bath, the King presented gifts to the sixty celebrants of the service, who recited the blessing and then retired. The King then presented the customary gifts to aged officials.

In the afternoon the Brahmin priests of the Court celebrated the ceremony of blessing the Royal Palace according to Brahminical rituals.

At five o'clock His Majesty the King proceeded to the Amarindra Hall, where His Royal Highness The Holy Prince Vajiranaana, Supreme Patriarch of the Kingdom, preached a special sermon.

At eight o'clock the King honoured His Excellency the Minister of the Royal Household with His presence at a dinner party given by His Excellency at the Ministry. During dinner His Excellency the Minister, on behalf of the officials and servants of the Royal Household, made a loyal address to which His Majesty graciously replied. The officials and servants then sang a loyal song, after which His Majesty left the Ministry and proceeded to Rajavardisth Landing where he embarked on a motor launch and made a trip on the river to witness the illuminations. On returning, the King disembarked at the same landing, from which place he drove to the Grand Palace.

To-day His Majesty the King was graciously pleased to confer decorations on certain officials whose names are given below.

The Most Exalted Order of the White Elephant.

TO BE KNIGHT GRAND CROSS.

(THE HIGHEST CLASS)
1. General His Excellency Chao Phya Badindra D. Janujit, A.D.C., Minister of War.

TO BE KNIGHT COMMANDER.

(SECOND CLASS)
2. Third Grand Court Officer His Excellency Phya Anuraksha Rajmondir, Ministry of the Royal Household.

TO BE COMMANDERS.

(THIRD CLASS)
3. First Court Officer Phya Debarhorn, Director of the Royal State Robes Department, Ministry of the Royal Household.
4. First Court Officer Phya Rajakosha, Ministry of the Royal Household.

The Ratnabhorn Personal Order.

(SECOND CLASS)
1. Lieutenant General His Excellency Phya Deb Arjun, Chief Aide-de-Camp-General.

(THIRD CLASS)
2. Police-Colonel Phya Thakol Sarasilpa, A.D.C., Commander of Gendarmerie of Nagor Sarga Circle.
3. Deputy Grand Chamberlain Phya Prasan Duriyasabha, The King's Master of Music.

Obituary.

Says the London and China Express of Nov. 22.—The death took place on 16th, after a short illness, of Mr. E. B. Gould, formerly of the British Consular Service in Siam, and subsequently British Consul General at Alexandria. Mr. Gould was born in 1847, and was thus 69 years of age. He passed an examination, and was appointed a Student Interpreter in Siam in January, 1868. He was subsequently promoted to be Second Assistant, June, 1872, and First Assistant, May, 1878, Acting Vice-Consul at Bangkok on various occasions from 1878 to 1884, when he was promoted to be Vice-Consul for the territories of Chiangmai, Lakhon, and Lampoonchit, to reside at Chiangmai. He became Consul in Siam, November, 1885, and acted as Charge d'Affaires from June to September, 1896, and again from May, 1887 to November, 1889. In 1891 he was transferred to Port Said, and was appointed Consul, with the personal rank of Consul-General for the City and Port of Alexandria, November, 1897. He was appointed a Companion of the Imperial Service Order in 1903, and retired on a pension, November, 1909.

NEW ARRIVALS.—The s.s. *Maha Hari* is expected in Bangkok on the 6th instant. The Borneo Co. have a new notice to consignees. Alterations in the dates of departure of the East Asiatic Co's coast boats are notified. The Pantharakorn notify a change of programme for tonight.

THE Great War.

Austro-German Successes.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 2. A wireless message from a German official report says: We threw back the Russians as far as Braila bridgehead and maintained position east of Macin in the Dobrudja.

A wireless message from an Austrian official says: To the east and north-east of Kezdi Vasarhely we took Nereja and Tulnici.

Prisoners Taken by the French.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Jan. 1. Saigon official.—During the year 1916, the French in crushing the enemy at Verdun and in their attacks on the Somme took 78,000 prisoners.

Greece and Allies' Demands.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Jan. 1. The Entente has addressed a Note to Greece demanding reparation for the outrage on 1st December last, the transport of the Greek artillery to the Peloponnese, the releasing of political prisoners, a public salute to the flags of the Allies and the free use of the Island of Itea and the railway at Larissa.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 2. The Italian Minister has handed the Government a Note demanding reparation for the events on December 1st and 2nd, and making other demands.

Allies and Poincare.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Jan. 1. The sovereigns of the Allies have exchanged with President Poincaré on the occasion of the new year the resolution and firm determination to carry on the war until victory is attained.

Allies' Reply to Peace Suggestions.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Dec. 31. The collective reply of the Allies to the suggestion of peace by the Austro-Germans has been forwarded by M. Briand to the United States Ambassador. It reiterates the agreement made in London excluding all separate peace, establishes responsibility on the Central Powers in the declaration of war, declares that it is Germany who violated all treaties and that she is not qualified to re-establish peace. The reply concludes by saying that peace is impossible without reparation for the violation of Belgium. The peace of the world is assured by guarantees of the rights of the people and the liberty of nations.

The Spanish reply to Wilson's Note declines the invitation to participate in a preparation for peace in view of the attitude already adopted by the Allies.

Havas Telegrams.

Paris, Jan. 1. Washington.—The "World" denies that President Wilson has sent a new Note to the belligerents.

Paris, Jan. 2. Yesterday a German attack on the right of the Meuse completely failed.

Petrograd.—The situation is unchanged on the Rumanian front where violent combats continue.

THE L. and C. Express of Nov. 22 says:—Rice in good demand at firm rates. Rangoon two Stars on the spot sellers at 19s. 3d., Straits Quality 18s. 6d., Japan 23s., and No. 1 Garden Siam 19s. Broken Rice is firmly held.

Golf Notes.

The December Medal has been won by Mr. R. M. McCrone with a net score of 72, with Mr. H. P. Bagger a close second:

R. M. McCrone 92 — 20 = 72
H. P. Bagger 95 — 22 = 73
H. Chester Walsh 82 — 2 = 80

Mr. Walsh has put up a record round for the course as follows:

4. 6. 1. 4. 3. 5. 4. 4. 4. = 38.

The Special Stroke competition held on New Year's morning resulted in a tie between 4 players:

S. Brighthouse 85 — 4 = 81
W. M. Gilmore 96 — 15 = 81
J. A. Macgill 85 — 4 = 81
H. Chester Walsh 83 — 2 = 81

The Ladies' competition held on Christmas Day resulted in a tie between Mrs. Shand and Mrs. Gittins, and the replay took place on 1st January.

Mrs. Gittins won with a score of 7 against Mrs. Shand's score of 8.

The Caddie Sports will be held on Sunday January 7th.

Siam's Trade.

The following approximate return received from the Customs Department, shows the values of Imports and Exports during the month of December 1916:

Imports.	
3 % Goods	Tcs. 7,364,291
Wine, Beer, & Spirits	192,983
Gold leaf	157,500
Bullion & Coin	157,500
Opium	278,610
Total	7,893,384
Exports.	
Rice	Tcs. 9,060,258
Teak	549,371
Other goods	1,723,304
Total	11,332,933

Germany's Peace Offer.

Amsterdam, Nov. 12.—A semi-official Berlin message to the Cologne Gazette expounds the military and political position as the German Government claims to see it. It is obviously intended as an inspired amplification of the Chancellor's speech. The situation is said to be as follows:

1. Germany admits that she wants peace. "We are invincible and more than sufficiently equipped for all further demands upon us, therefore we can frankly admit that we desire peace as earnestly as every other European people."

2. Germany is not pursuing and has not pursued a war of conquest. All she wants is adequate guarantees that there will never again be any hostile coalitions against her. "The statesmen of the Entente Powers have only to fulfil the one condition required by Germany and her allies—namely, that there shall be no more aggressive coalitions against us."

3. For the fulfilment of this one condition there must be certain guarantees, which do not include the actual annexation of Belgium. "To this end certain securities must be obtained which Germany demands and whose final introduction is secured by the pawn objects which Germany holds firmly in her hands."

Vague Demands. Like the Chancellor's speech, this communique nowhere states what are the securities Germany demands, but it does describe Germany's position as that of the complete victor able to impose terms.

It is clear to anybody capable of thought that the French desire to break through our front and recapture the lost districts (2,300 French towns and villages, one quarter of all the French corn land, and a third of the total value of French industrial works) is unfulfillable in long years, even if the crazy sacrifices of men and material can be maintained. The same is true of Russia, whose fantastic sacrifices of men have brought a break through no nearer. After the ninth Isonzo battle Trieste is as secure as ever from Italian assault. "Two years' development has annihilated Russia's Balkan plans."

Thus Germany describes herself as the victor and proceeds to demand her own terms. Obviously the situation—military, political, and economic—is not such as this communique pretends. Though no illusions need be entertained regarding German financial, economic, or human exhaustion, and though she is not yet beaten, no sane neutral doubts that she can be. The Chancellor is fully aware that the colossal effort ordered in the shape of a levy en masse is Germany's final effort.

Army's Meatless Day. For the first time I received recently from a well-informed source a positive assurance that meatless days are not unknown any longer to the German Army. Thus the Cologne Gazette's argument of German invincibility, apart from the fact that she has lost the whole of her Colonies, should I decide no one, Germany's impudent assumption that she alone is in a position or has justification for imposing terms is merely an attempt to hoodwink the neutral public and the whole of this fresh peace talk is as impertinent as the official experiments in the same direction which have preceded it.—D. Mail.

R. B. S. C.

Booking of Courts for the American Tennis Tournament.

1. In order to facilitate the playing off of all events in the tournament as quickly as possible, it has been decided to allot provisionally certain days for particular events. (See Club Notice Board.)

2. There is no objection to any players who happen to meet opponents in the ordinary way, playing off any event with such opponent at any time on the Club courts.

3. For the first week starting 8th Jan. four courts (3, 6, 7 and 8) will be available for tournament play after the number will be decided by the Hon. Secretary. Members are requested to enter their names at the office as early as possible for the days on which they intend to play.

4. If a sufficient number of competitors to fill all tournament courts do not enter their names for any particular day, the remaining courts may be booked for ordinary play. If further courts are required for tournament on any particular day the member who has booked the court shall receive at least two days' notice that it is required for tournament.

5. Members are requested to play off as many tournament matches on the same day as possible.

6. After February 5th competitors must arrange to play off their remaining matches and for this purpose they shall have prior claim on courts 5, 6, 7 & 8.

7. All matches, except finals, must be played before 16th Feb.

8. In singles each competitor and in doubles each pair must return their score on cards, provided for the purpose, on the day of play. A box will be provided for their reception in the bar.

9. Should a player fail to turn up on days for which he has booked he may be qualified for the event by the Tournament sub-committee unless he cancels his booking two days in advance or exchange with another player.

The Western Line.

London, Dec. 21.—General Haig reports: We searched and bombed a few hundred yards of trenches and dugouts northward of Lens, doing great damage without ourselves suffering many casualties. Our positions northward of the Somme and near Le Sars were heavily shelled at intervals. We successfully bombarded the enemy defences and trench mortar emplacements in the neighbourhood of Bullock and westward of Messines.

There were a number of air fights. An enemy aeroplane was destroyed and five damaged. Three of ours are missing.

Paris, Dec. 28.—A communique says: There was marked artillery activity in some sectors south of the Somme, where an enemy battery was exploded. We successfully fired several mines in the region of Beaurains, south of the Aisne, and then raided the enemy lines, capturing prisoners.

The Greek Situation. London, Dec. 27.—The Greek Government is still satisfactorily carrying out the Allies' demands and the second Allied note has not yet been presented.

PADDY REPORT FOR JAN. 2.

Nasuan 1970 coyans at Tcs. 74/82 each
Sauruang 80 " " " 73/74 "
Nasuang " " " " 2050 "
Total Coyans

Telegraph Lines.

The Post and Telegraph Department reports that Malay Peninsular Main line is crossing with Southern railway line. Krat line is interrupted beyond Rayong. Other lines are all right.

DO YOU COUGH?

Don't overstrain the fine membrane of your throat in trying to dislodge the phlegm. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy will accomplish this for you, and cure the cold that is causing it. For sale by British Dispensary.

อย่าลืม! ไม่ควรทำสองยกต
ทางเรือ ก็ลระ
อโนดาช



DON'T MISS THE MINATURE NAVAL BATTLE!

BY APPOINTMENT TO
H.M. THE KING and H.M. THE QUEEN MOTHER



S. A. B. JUST ARRIVED
A SELECTED STOCK OF
Icy Hot Bottles
Perfect Construction
Highest Efficiency
Keep Contents icy cold three days or steaming hot 24 hours.
Various Prices and Sizes.

JUST RECEIVED
A FRESH SHIPMENT OF
Roderick Dhu Whisky.
FRENCH BEER (TIGER BRAND)
AMERICAN NATIONAL BEER (EAGLE BRAND)
AND
RED HEART BRANDY.
Malcolm Beranger.



"FOR THE BLOOD IS THE LIFE."
YOUR BLOOD WANTS PURIFYING

IF You are troubled with Eczema, Bores, or Eruptions of any kind constantly bursting through the skin.
IF You are suffering the aches and pains of Bad Legs, Blood Poison, Abscesses, Ulcers, Scalds, and Ulcerated Sores, Glandular Swellings, &c.
IF You have that constant itching and inflammation of Itch.
IF You are in the grip of Rheumatism, Sciatica, Lumbago, Gout, &c.

All these are sure signs of impure blood, and calling for immediate treatment through the blood.

Clarke's Blood Mixture is pleasant to take and guaranteed harmless to the most delicate constitution of either sex.

REFUSE SUBSTITUTES.

Clarke's Blood Mixture
The World's Best Blood Purifier.

MOTOR BICYCLES.

IXION
IXION
IXION

MOTOR BICYCLES

Another Shipment Just Arrived

Siam Import Co., Ltd.

Sikak Phya Sri-City.

The Sea War.

London, Dec. 21.—Sir Norman Hill in an article calculates that the British steamship losses during the twenty seven months of war have been eleven per cent of total tonnage, or under half of one per cent monthly. He concludes: "A ten shillings in a hundred sterling blockade would never starve us."

Athens, Dec. 21.—The text of the Greek note regrets that the continuance of the blockade and the Entente's toleration of an artificial extension of the revolutionary movement in the Islands is disquieting the population and hampering the rapprochement between the Entente and Greece. It urges the Entente to seek with Greece an improvement of the present situation with a view to quicker settlement of the questions at issue. It declares that if anarchy spreads through the country, the Government may no longer be able to maintain order.

Paris, Dec. 21.—The Government has charged the direction of the blockade under the authority of the under-secretary for Foreign Affairs.

London, December 21.—The Danish steamers Hroptatyr and Dansberg have been sunk.

Copenhagen, Dec. 21.—The German liner Friedrich Wilhelm which ran ashore has been refloated.

Mr. Amery, M.P., gives an account of his escape in a boat from the Caledonia. The submarine trained a gun on the boat, which was closely examined. Mr. Amery hid beneath the steersman's feet, escaping notice; the submarine then made off carrying the captain.

London, Dec. 22.—Sinkings: Steamers Flimston, Blair Hall (British), Taki Maru (Japanese) and Prima (Norwegian).

London, Dec. 22.—The British India steamship Itonus has been sunk.

London, Dec. 22.—Sinkings: Steamers Gerda (Danish), Skiffet (Russian) and Madig (Norwegian). The American steamer Kaiser, mined and badly damaged, has arrived at Nantes.

London, Dec. 23.—A correspondent describes the heroism of the rescuing of the crew of the oil tanker Conch, which was torpedoed at eleven in the evening of Dec. 7. A destroyer at three in the morning observed a huge conflagration travelling at a speed of eight knots. She went at full speed thither and was horrified to see thirty men huddled forward. Three steamers a quarter of a mile distant had been for hours powerless to approach the lakes of fire from the oil welling from the sides. There was a nasty sea running and the Conch was lurching in all directions. Thrice destroyers crossed her bows, throwing overboard rafts, belts and buoys. Many of the crew jumped and

were saved. After two hours all the life-saving apparatus was gone and a destroyer in the most magnificent and most daring way went alongside and took off nine still aboard. Ten minutes later the Conch disappeared.

Danedin, Dec. 23.—The Aurora has sailed for Ross Sea to rescue Macintosh's party. Shackleton is aboard.

Who Was to Blame.

London, Dec. 23.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Macpherson, Under-Secretary for War, announced the results arrived at by the War Office courts of enquiry, cabled in August. The courts' findings had not yet been published, but he informed the House that "the lady in the case was outside military jurisdiction." The Government's displeasure had been conveyed to Maj. Gen. Sir J. S. Cowans, who would remain in his post as Quarter-master General of the Forces temporarily, in the country's interest. General Sir Henry Mackinnon had been retired under the age limit. No action was possible or desirable. Colonel D. Badcliffe had been removed from his command.

Mr. Macpherson referred to the undisclosed action in the case of Brigadier Owen Thomas, due to military requirements. He paid a tribute to his great services to the War Office.

[The above wire seems to refer to the Mesopotamia and India troop-train inquiries.]

Eastern Fronts.

London, Dec. 22.—The Russian communique says that on the Rumanian front enemy attempts at the offensive were repulsed. In the Dobrudja (our) detachments withdrew northwards, after stubbornly resisting superior forces on the whole front. A regiment daringly attacked the advancing Bulgars, who were thrown into a lake and were mostly drowned.

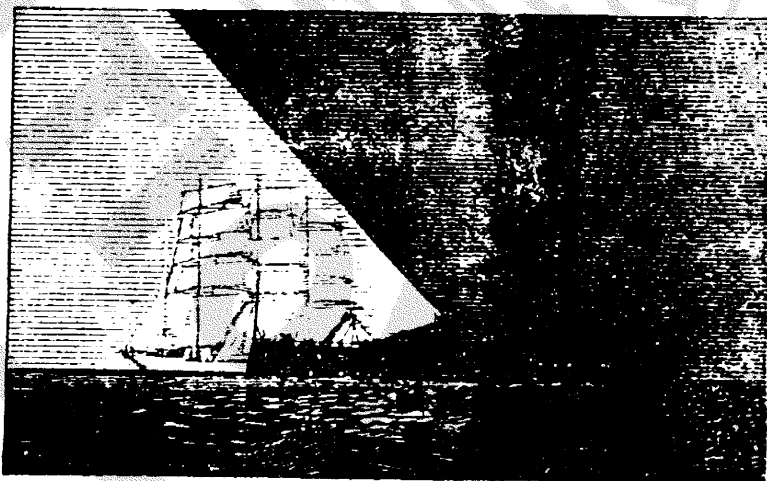
Amsterdam, Dec. 23.—A German communique records minor incidents on the western and eastern fronts, and claims the storming of several Russian rearward positions in the Dobrudja and the occupation of Tulcea on the lower Danube. It is stated that the number of prisoners has increased to over 1,600.

London, Dec. 22.—An Italian official states that the enemy shelled the military hospital at Gorizia, despite visible Red Crosses. There were six casualties on the staff.

London, Dec. 22.—Salonica official: We successfully raided Kavali, capturing prisoners. The navy effectively bombarded entrenchments at Neohori.

BUCHANAN'S

SCOTCH WHISKY



'BLACK & WHITE'

ALWAYS THE HIGHEST QUALITY

Buchanan's Whiskies.

Proprietors of the following well-known Brands

"RED SEAL"

"BLACK & WHITE"

"ROYAL HOUSEHOLD"

Sole Agents

The Borneo Company, Ltd.

Germany's Food Question.

Amsterdam, Dec. 23.—The German papers have been most intrigued as to the quantity of cereals captured in Rumania. It is believed that the bulk of the crops were previously destroyed. Enthusiastic expectations are damped by the statement of Herr Batocki. The "Lokal Anzeiger" says that he never made the statement of the 22nd inst. attributed to him by a Hungarian newspaper.

Amsterdam, Dec. 23.—A Vienna communique says: The primary duty of the Government is to feed the people. It will aim at the restoration of full constitutional conditions and the conclusion of a treaty between Hungary and Austria with a view to closer economic conditions.

The "Frankfurter Zeitung" doubts whether a Czech like the new Premier, Herr Martinic, will bring Austria salvation, and says that he was formerly an Austro-Hungarian separatist, but possibly the war has changed his views.

In Greece.

London, Dec. 22.—A message from Syra dated the 20th, says that arrests of Venizelists in Athens continue, and the military party is gaining ground. The newspapers are violently attacking the Allies. The removal of Greek troops is proceeding slowly. The newspapers declare that the people in Thessaly are protesting and interfering with the entraining of artillery. The Allied Ministers are still aloof.

London, Dec. 23.—Venizelist telegrams from Salonika say that the persecution of the Venizelists at Athens continues. The Royalists are celebrating their boasted victory over the Allies. University students are tortured, professors imprisoned for having demonstrated pro Entente sympathies. All the streets of old Greece Towns, hitherto named Venezelos, have been officially changed to "First December". The war minister has conveyed the King's congratulations to his troops for their exemplary behaviour and courage on Dec. 1 when it is claimed they saved the country from enemies hoping to overthrow the dynasty.

Non-British Seamen.

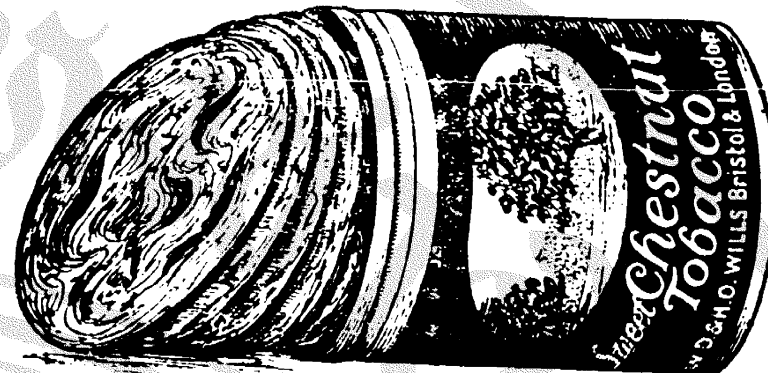
London, Dec. 22.—A joint conference of representatives of the miners, railwaymen and transport workers has passed a resolution against the movement to import coloured labour into Britain and protesting against the extended use of Chinese and other Asiatics on Admiralty transports and merchantmen until the services of British and friendly alien seamen have been utilised to the fullest extent.

Serbia's Ragged Raminant.

The special correspondent of the Paris "Journal" rowed across the Danube by night from the Rumanian shore and landed on the occupied portion of Serbia. He was met by a score of hawg-ridden figures in ragged uniforms, part of 10,000 survivors of Serbia's original army. They live as outlaws in the mountains and harry the enemy whenever opportunity offers. Once they descended on an occupied town and put the Austrian garrison to flight. Punitive expeditions, both Austrian and Bulgarian, have failed to intimidate the raiders and the enemy has long since learned not to provoke them. One day a Serbian general landed among them from a French aeroplane, putting fresh heart into their guerrilla warfare. The correspondent conversed with one of their leaders who told him of atrocities, massacres, and famines due to the despatch to Germany of Serbia's ample food stocks. The whole of this year's harvest had been requisitioned. Children were already dying for lack of food and suicides were numerous. By the end of the year there would be no bread for anyone. He concluded with this message: "Tell our brothers at Salonika to make haste for Serbia is at her last gasp."

**Because of its delicate aroma and
sweetness of flavour Sweet Chestnut
Tobacco assures that pleasing
contentment.**

THE CRITERION OF QUALITY.



THIS HIGH CLASS TOBACCO

NOW ON SALE

AT ALL STORES.



In Stock :

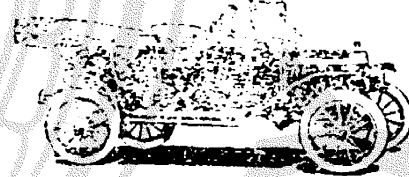
**Tsingtau
Pilsen
Beer**

In cases of 48-1 bottles

Nai Lert Store

SOLE AGENT FOR SIAM.

VALUE **VALUE**



The Ford is not only the least expensive car to buy, but it is the greatest Automobile Value in the World. It is only Ford methods of manufacture and Ford quantity production that allows the sale of a car so perfectly built as the Ford at the Ford Price! And the makers have now made a

BIG REDUCTION

In the Ford Price. It is now only
TCS. 2300!!

No Waiting Immediate delivery from stock at

THE BANGKOK DOCK MOTOR GARAGE.

SOUTHERN LINE. In force from 9th October, 1916.

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

		Tues. Thurs Sat.	daily	daily	daily	daily			daily	daily	daily	Weds. Fris. Suns.	daily
		a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	a.m.			a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.
Bangkok Noi	Dep.	7.30	8.25	1.20	2.10		Chumpon	Dep.					7.45
M. Nakhon Patom	"	8.56	10.13	2.45	4.27		Prachuap Kirikan	Arr.					7.45
Ban Pong	"	9.33	10.55	3.26	5.38		Pran Kao	Dep.				9.5	2.26
Potarama	"	9.55	11.22	4—	6.17		Wang Phong	Dep.			6.5		2.41
Rathuri	Arr.	10.26	11.57	4.31	6.59		"	Arr.			6.10	10.59	4.59
"	Dep.	10.36	12.10	4.41			Hua Hin	Dep.			6.13	11.14	
Petchaburi	Arr.	12—	1.45	6.29			"	Arr.			6.57	11.46	5.5
"	Dep.	12.12	2.17				"	Dep.			7.5	11.54	
Hua Hin	Arr.	1.59	4.47				Petchaburi	Arr.			9.37		1.43
Wang Phong	Dep.	2.5	4.57				"	Dep.			7.19	9.52	1.56
"	Arr.	2.37	5.37				Rathuri	Arr.			9.10	11.40	3.18
Pran Kao	Dep.	2.48	5.42				"	Dep.					
Prachuap Kirikan	Arr.	4.38	5.47				"	Dep.			6.5	9.22	1.30
Chumpon	Arr.						Potarama	"			6.59	9.56	2.6
							Ban Pong	"			7.43	10.19	2.43
							M. Nakhon Patom	"			9.2	11—	3.17
													5.6

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

Summary of West.

Enemy attacks south of the Danube were heavily repulsed. English armoured motorcars participated, beating

The Egyptian Blow.
Paris, Dec. 27.—Le Matin says the British success in Egypt and Mesopotamia may imperil the Hedjaz railway and with the help of India lead to a systematic attack on Bagdad, forcing Turkey to recall important forces from other fronts.

Why Submarines Cannot Wait To See Results.

to see the result of her work, because battleships and even light cruisers seldom put to sea nowadays without a stream of fast torpedo craft specially detailed to deal with hostile submarines. Consequently the attacking boat, after

Bangkok Mails Close.
CHANDAEURI
 Thursday 4th 10 a.m. s.s. Chuwatutch

TIME TABLE.

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

(Broad Gauge Lines.)

TIME TABLE
in force from 1st April, 1916.

[illegible]

CHANDAEUR

Thursday 4th 10 a.m. s.s. Chueatutch

A LIGHT
Refreshing
DRINK
FOR ALL
Seasons

TENNENT'S
LIGHT

BREWED IN
SCOTLAND

DON'T
FORGET
TO ASK
FOR THE
TRADE MARK
T
IT'S **IT**

Obtainable Everywhere.

The Campaigns.

Summary of West.

London, Dec. 29.—Although no operations on a big scale on the British front are at present being carried out, the Germans are never given a moment's peace. The Liberte's correspondent on the British front relates that never a day elapses without a raid on the German lines, inflicting heavy losses on the enemy and keeping the Germans continually on the tenterhooks, never knowing where the next blow will fall. The result of this harassing has exceeded all expectations. Besides the raids the British artillery fire has become ever heavier and big guns are unceasingly showering shells behind the enemy front, particularly on lines of communication, seriously hampering supply services and this is what the Tommies call the "off season."

London, Dec. 28.—Summarising the situation on the British front at the close of the expiring year, Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters says the enemy has advanced a few acres in two places only, whereas we have gained thrice as many square miles. The enemy casualties including Verdun are well towards a million and a quarter. The British line is nearly twice as strong as the end of 1915 and the cannon now crash in scores where a year ago they snarled in pairs.

Paris, Dec. 29.—The communique says: On the left of the Meuse the enemy artillery violently bombarded our positions on the Morthomme hill 340 front. We vigorously countered.

London, Dec. 29.—General Haig says of three enemy parties attempting a raid northward of Gommecourt two were driven back by our fire. The third reached our trenches but was immediately ejected.

The enemy at night fired many gas shells on places behind our front line in the neighbourhood of Arras and Lens.

There have been a number of air-fights in which three hostile machines were destroyed and three others driven down damaged.

The Eastern Front.

Petrograd, Dec. 28.—The communique says: Our scouts crossed the Narajvka, drove off the enemy's patrol guard and carried back construction material and barbed wire entanglement.

The enemy pressed back our detachments and occupied a series of heights on the Moldavian frontier.

Enemy attempts to cross the Dniester were checked.

Enemy attacks south of the Danube were heavily repulsed. English armoured motorcars participated, beating

back attacks of the enemy, who took to flight.

London, Dec. 28.—The Berlin communique records very violent fighting in the wooded Carpathians, without stating the results.

Strong Russian counterattacks to regain ground at Rinnick Sarat failed. We further progressed. Over ten thousand prisoners have been taken in the Rinnick Sarat fighting.

Petrograd, Dec. 28.—A communique says: A German offensive in the Kovel region has been bloodily repulsed. The Germans delivered an attack on nearly the whole of the Rumanian front. The enemy succeeded in driving back the Russians and Rumanians on the upper Rinnick but everywhere else they were repulsed. Fighting is being continued.

The Turks were driven back in the region of Lake Van.

Amsterdam, Dec. 28.—Vienna Official: Fighting in Wallachia continues favourably to us despite the arrival of strong Russian reinforcements.

The Egyptian Blow.

Paris, Dec. 27.—Le Matin says the British success in Egypt and Mesopotamia may imperil the Hedjaz railway and with the help of India lead to a systematic attack on Bagdad, forcing Turkey to recall important forces from other fronts.

Run of Bad Luck.

Why Submarines Cannot Wait To See Results.

A Naval expert writes in the Daily News of November 7:

Our submarines have had a run of rather bad luck in the North Sea lately. On August 19, the date that the Falkmouth and Nottingham were sunk by enemy submarines, Lieut.-Commander Robert Turner twice torpedoed a German battleship of the Dreadnought type, but the vessel managed to get back to port, at any rate according to the German official statements.

Exactly two months later the German light cruiser Munchen was torpedoed by another of our submarines, and once again the damaged vessel's return to port was chronicled, the statement being that she was only slightly damaged. The incident which occurred on Sunday must be added to the list of those where, in default of more reliable information, we are compelled to accept the German story.

The trouble in these cases is that the attacking submarine cannot wait about to see the result of her work, because battleships and even light cruisers seldom put to sea nowadays without a stream of fast torpedo craft specially detailed to deal with hostile submarines. Consequently the attacking boat, after

seizing a favourable moment for discharging her torpedoes, is compelled to lie low for a long time in order to avoid an attempt made to locate and destroy her.

A Growing List.

The Germans are piling up quite a long record of ships torpedoed, but, according to them, not sunk. In the Baltic last year they saved from this fate the light cruiser Gazelle, the battleship Pommern, and the battle cruiser Moltke, and let it be admitted, it has yet to be proved that they were wrong in their claims.

In our own service the battleship Marlborough, the armed cruiser Roxburgh, and a light vessel of the Chatham class (lost in the Adriatic) have survived torpedo attacks. And what may happen to one ship may reasonably happen to another.

There is nothing surprising in the fact that an enemy Dreadnought should have been encountered off the coast of Denmark. The popular idea that the German battleships are normally moored alongside the banks of the Kiel Canal is as false now as it has always been. We cannot, because of enemy submarines, keep our big ships off the German ports to prevent these coast-wise excursions, and although, as this incident shows, our submarines are constantly on the watch, they can no more prevent German squadrons from putting to sea than the German submarines in the North Sea can prevent the constant patrol of those waters by our cruisers, or the frequent sweeps in which the Grand Fleet indulges.

Weapon of Opportunity.

The submarine, in spite of its development, is still the weapon of the opportunist, and in normal naval warfare the handicaps under which it works are tremendous. Luck enters more into its work than into that of any other type of warship. Only infrequently do they get a chance of firing more than one torpedo at their intended victim, and a matter of a few yards one way or the other in hitting the enemy ship may mean all the difference between sinking her and sending her back into port damaged.

If she is a Dreadnought and is sunk there is a bounty of about £5,000 for the crew of the submarine. If she survives the crew get nothing, although they have run all possible risks and done the best that in them lay. Some day perhaps there will be a prize bonus for effort as well as a prize bounty for achievement.

Bangkok Mails Close.

CHANDAEURI
Thursday 4th 10 a.m. s.s. Chutatch

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. 1.30, 2.30, 3.10, 3.50, 4.40, 5.30, daily.

Bangkok to Samkuk ... 2.30 p.m. daily.
" " Kai Koh Yai ... 1.00 ...

LINE 2—TANON TOK TO PAKLAT in connection with Paklat Train Cars 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.

Station	Dep.	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	Station	Dep.	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.
Bangkok	Dep.	7.00	9.48	1.25	3.33	Lampang	Dep.	...	...	...	7.33
Ayuthia	Arr.	7.30	11.41	3.33	5.45	Den Chai	...	...	...	...	12.38
Ban Phaji	Arr.	9.47	12.20	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 Toke	Dep.	...	...	7.00	2.10
Lopburi	Arr.	11.5	1.55	5.48	...	Ban Dara	Arr.	...	...	8.1	3.11
Chengket	Dep.	12.33	3.38	...	a.m. 7.25						
Pak'poh	Arr.	2.17	5.40	...	9.54						
Pak'poh	Dep.	2.26	6.30	...	...						
Pitsa'loke	Arr.	6.0	11.5	...	...						
Pitsa'loke	Dep.	a.m. 7.4	p.m. 2.2	...	...						
Ban Dara	Arr.	9.5	4.18	...	...						
Ban Dara	Dep.	a.m. 9.20	p.m. 4.40	...	...						
S'ka'loke	Arr.	10.21	5.41	...	...						
Ban Dara	Dep.	a.m. 9.10	p.m. 4.26	...	...						
Utaradit	Arr.	10.6	5.29	...	...						
Tha Sao	Arr.	10.15	5.38	...	...						
Den Chai	...	11.57	...	...	...						
Lampang	...	4.52	...	...	...						
Ban Phaji	Dep.	a.m. 10.00	p.m. 12.30	4.41	a.m. 6.00						
Gengko	Arr.	11.7	1.26	5.51	...						
Lat Bua Kao	Dep.	...	4.2	...	8.2						
Korat	...	...	6.8	...	10.3						
Bangkok	Dep.	7.45	...	...	3.50						
Petrieu	Arr.	9.33	...	...	5.38						

A LIGHT

Refreshing

DRINK

FOR ALL

Seasons



DON'T FORGET

TO ASK

FOR THE

RED

IT'S

IT

Obtainable Everywhere.