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s. s. Suwa Maru	Feb. 2				
s. s. Atsuta Maru	" 18				

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1916			1916		
s. s. Sado Maru	Jan. 11		s. s. Taiaba Maru	Mar. 7	
s. s. Awa Maru	" 25		s. s. Yokohama Maru	" 16	
s. s. Shidzuoka Maru	Feb. 8		s. s. Sado Maru	Apr. 4	
s. s. Aki Maru	" 22				

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1916			1916		
s. s. Nikko Maru	Jan. 14		s. s. Tange Maru	Mar. 14	
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s.s. "Nankin" Jan. 7, 1916	s.s. "Malaja"	Feb. 5, 1916
" "Novara" " 21	" "Arabia"	" 19
" "Kashmir" Feb. 4	" "Karmala"	Mar. 4
" "Sardinia" " 18	" "Khyber"	" 20
" "Namur" Mar. 3	" "Medina"	Apr. 1
" "Nankin" " 17	" "Mongolia"	" 15
" "Novara" " 31	" "Malwa"	" 29

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1916		
s/s "Nellore" leaves Singapore about Feb. 10	due London	Mar. 16
" "Mongara" do do " 22	do	" 29
" "Nore" do do Mar. 21	do	Apr. 27

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For China.

Due Singapore	Connection with	Leaving London
s/s "Sardinia" Jan. 9, 1916	s/s "Khyber"	Dec. 11 1915
" "Namur" " 23	" "Medina"	" 24 "
" "Nore" " 29	" "	" 21 "
" "Nankin" Feb. 6	" "Mongolia"	Jan. 8, 1916
" "Novara" " 20	" "Malwa"	" 22 "
" "Malta" Mar. 5	" "Mooltan"	Feb. 5 "
" "Nagoya" " 11	" "	" 5 "

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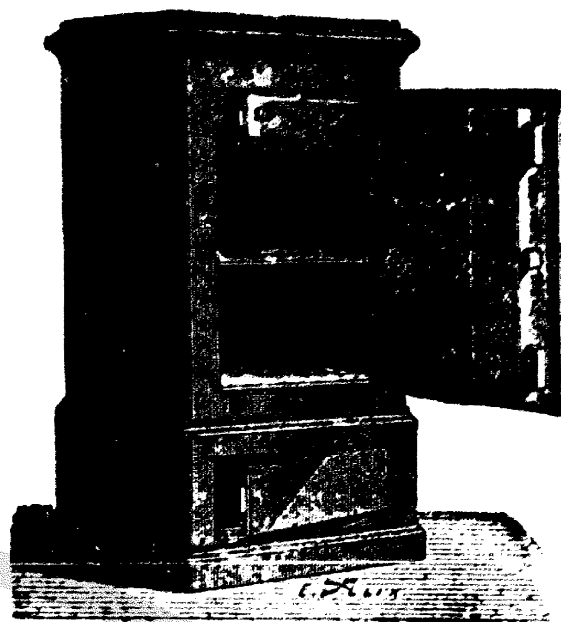
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s.s.	Departure	1st	January	1916.
"Yugala"	...	4th	"	"
"Chutatutch"	...	8th	"	"
"Mahidol"	...	11th	"	"
"Boribat"	...	15th	"	"
"Prachatipok"	...	18th	"	"
No Departure	...	22nd	"	"
"Yugala"	...	25th	"	"
"Chutatutch"	...	29th	"	"
"Mahidol"	...	"	"	"

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DEPTH OF WATER ON THE
BANGKOK BAR.

FOR JANUARY, 1916.

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

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

PHASES OF THE MOON.		
Jan. 5th	New Moon	11.33 a.m.
" 12th	First Quarter	10.16 a.m.
" 20th	Full Moon	3.11 p.m.
" 27th	Last Quarter	7.17 a.m.

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

Python-Eating in Hainan.

Mr. C. Kliene, writing to the N.C. Daily News, says:—In his interesting letter on snakes in Shanghai Dr. Stanley tells us that "in Hainan, python snakes are considered a delicacy." We know that the Chinese are in the habit of consuming all manner of things, but they do so rather in the belief that the disagreeable article swallowed has some special virtue as a "medicine," or will act as a prophylactic, than as food a delicacy. I have lived and moved about in the Island of Hainan for a number of years and during that time have been a good deal in touch with the Chinese settlers there as well as the Loai aborigines of the island; I have never heard that the python is eaten by anybody, much less considered a delicacy. What is really eaten as a specific for rheumatism is a species of water snake, Bungarus fasciatus. This snake averages about six feet long, and is marked with black and yellow speckled bands; its venom is said to be even more deadly than that of the Bamboo snake. Trimeresurus gramineus or serpent banian of Indo-China; it can be obtained at any restaurant if ordered in advance. The bamboo snake is a green pit viper; its Hainanese name is Saentioh-ua; the largest specimen I have seen has been less than three feet long. Its under part is white, and its back being of a uniform bright jade green makes it very difficult to distinguish in the grass. The bite of both these snakes is fatal, though I believe that cures have been effected by deeply lacerating the wound with a sharp knife and quickly applying permanganate of potassium. As death usually ensues in about three or four hours, treatment, to be successful, must be prompt. Pythons are numerous in Hainan and fourteen feet long is quite an ordinary size. These reptiles are skinned, and the skins which form quite an article of trade in South China, are chiefly used in making the drums of Chinese fiddles and banjos.

Dying of Hunger.

A message from Warsaw to the Journal de Genève states that, in spite of enforced evacuations by the Germans in Russian Poland, there remain between 7,000,000 and 8,000,000 inhabitants, who are literally gradually dying of hunger, says a Geneva telegram to the Daily Express. When they cried for bread the Germans distributed bread cards but no bread. For example, at

Warsaw, long processions stand all day before the military bureaux waiting in vain. Women faint with hunger in the streets. The chief of police, von Grazen-app, cynically says that if the population are dying it is the fault of the Russians, who left no food behind.

In rural Germany the distress is becoming acute. A traveller who has reached Paris informs The Express. Thousands who have been used to living on the produce of their own land are now on the verge of starvation because the Government have requisitioned everything, and the separation allowances are not sufficient to purchase even bare necessities. The lack of milk is causing heavy infant mortality, and from December 1, the Government will take charge of all sales. In Baden half a pint of milk per day is the total allowance for families, but single persons have to go without. Butter has vanished from the tables of all but the richest. In Alsace the number of persons on the poor-rate has increased by 50 per cent, since last year. The authorities are now preparing to take a census of the cattle throughout the Empire.

Bangkok Mails Close.

CHANDABURI.
Saturday 15th 10 a.m. a.s. Asdang
SINGORA
Saturday 15th 1 a.m. a.s. Prachatipok
HONGKONG via SWATOW
Saturday 15th 12 noon a.s. Drufar
HONGKONG via SWATOW.
Saturday 15th 2 p.m. a.s. Chaochowfu

Exchange Rates.

To-day's Quotations.
LONDON—
Bank Bills, demand 1/6 7/16
Bank Bills, 4 months' sight —
PARIS—
Bank Bills, demand —
GERMANY—
Bank Bills, demand —
NEW YORK—
Bank Bills, demand U.S.A. 35 1/2
INDIA—
Bank Bills, demand Rs. 114 1/2
SINGAPORE—
Bank Bills, demand \$65 1/2
HONGKONG—
Bank Bills, demand, \$78 1/8
YOKOHAMA & KOBE...
Bank Bills, demand, Y71
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	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	a.m.		a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Bangkok Noi ... Dep.	7.30	8.25	1.20	2.10		Ban Krut ... Dep.					12.35
M. Nakhon Patom ...	8.56	10.13	2.45	4.27		Prachuap Kirikan Arr.					2.26
Ban Pong ...	9.33	10.55	3.26	5.38		" ... Dep.			9.5		2.41
Potaram ...	9.55	11.22	4.1	6.17		Pran Kao ...		6.5			4.59
Ratburi ... Arr.	10.26	11.57	4.31	6.59		Wang Phong ... Arr.		6.10	10.59		5.5
" ... Dep.	10.36	12.10	4.41			Hua Hin ... Dep.		6.13	11.14		
Petchaburi ... Arr.	12.1	1.45	6.29			" ... Arr.		6.57	11.46		
" ... Dep.	12.12	2.17				Petchaburi ... Dep.		7.5	11.54		
Hua Hin ... Arr.	1.59	4.47				" ... Arr.		9.37	1.43		
" ... Dep.	2.5	4.51				Ratburi ... Arr.		7.10	9.52	1.55	
Wang Phong ... Arr.	2.37	5.37				" ... Dep.		9.10	11.40	3.18	
" ... Dep.	2.48	5.42				Potaram ... Arr.		6.5	9.22	1.30	3.28
Pran Kao ... Arr.		5.17			6.25	" ... Dep.		6.59	9.56	2.6	4.1
Prachuap Kirikan Arr.	4.38				6.33	Ban Pong ...		7.43	10.19	2.43	4.25
Ban Krut ... Arr.					8.46	M. Nakhon Patom ...		9.2	11.1	3.17	5.6
					10.47	Bangkok Noi ...		11.2	12.23	4.53	6.28

Trang-Tung Song-Singora			Singora-Tung Song-Trang			N. Srithamaraj-Ronpibun			Ronpibun-N. Srithamaraj		
		a.m.			a.m.			a.m.			p.m.
Trang ...	Dep.	8.20	Singora ...	Dep.	7.30	N. Srithamaraj	7.	a.m.	Ronpibun Dep.	8.45	
Tung Song	Arr.	11.22	Patalung	Arr.	10.48	Dep.	7.	11—	N. Junction	9—	1.20
"	Dep.	11.50	"	Dep.	10.58	N. Junction	8.14	12.12	N. Srithamaraj		
Nakon			Nakon			Ronpibun	Arr.	8.25	—	Arr.	10.12
Junction	Arr.	12.40	Junction	Arr.	12.50	Nong Wai-Tang Song (Only			Tung Song-Nong Wai (Only		
"	Dep.	12.55	"	Dep.	1.5	a.m. on			a.m. on		
"	Dep.	2.47	Tung Song	Arr.	1.55	Nong Wai Dep. 10.45			Tung Song Dep. 7.30		
Patalung	Arr.	2.47	"	Dep.	2.20	Tung Song Arr. 4.56			Nong Wai Arr. 1.41		
"	Dep.	2.57	"	Dep.	2.30	Thurs. From 1st January 1916.			Sats. From 1st January 1916.		
Singora	Arr.	6.13	Trang	Arr.	5.30	From 1st January 1916.			From 1st January 1916.		

Battle For Mountain Peak.

Since the memorable storming of Monte Nero no more brilliant page in Italian military history has been written than the amazing conquest just brought to completion, after a four months' siege, of the formidable fortress mountain, Col di Lana, which towers 8,000 ft. high at an acute angle to the great military road which runs from Cortina d'Ampezzo to the P. R. at Padoa, where the peace treaty was signed on November 10. The Italian tricolour is now waving from the snow-capped summit, won at a price of terrific fighting, and signals the victory of Savoy through the grand amphitheatre of the Dolomites.

Col di Lana, or wool peak, served the Austrians not only as a giant guard over the Dolomite highway, but as an ever present menace to the Italian Canale on the road towards shell-wrecked Caprile. So much more strongly was it fortified than any other of the peaks in the vicinity, and so hellish was the incessant storm of steel and lead hurled against the valiant besiegers, that the Alpini renamed it the "Mount of Iron Preparations" for its envelopment began from the first days of the war with the surprise capture of neighbouring heights and the frontal positions of Santa Lucia Hill and Mount Pore.

Furious Fighting.

Before they could start the painful ascent of the Col di Lana along the slopes of Salesei and Agai running from the mountain top and thickly studded with counter approaches, they were obliged to descend the valley of the Andray and there sustain furious assaults while fighting their way across a wide expanse, swept by the enemy's artillery. Early in the days of July the infantry, in a series of daring bayonet attacks, carried the advanced entrenchment on the foothills and successively cleared the enemy from the main ridges sloping to the Pieve di Livinallongo on one side and Livine on the other. Meantime reinforcements surrounded the entire mountain base, and thenceforward began the work of constructing zigzag entrenchments up the mountain sides, the task being carried out in the teeth of deadly machine gun fire, till by October 19 all the enemy's redoubts and defence works as far as Sief Point had been seized one after another. Before the following week was out huge mining operations had destroyed long tracts of overhanging trenches and barbed defences. Five more forts had been rushed and the Italians had won a way considerably more than a mile up the mountain. October 28 saw the beginning of the end. The Imperial forces, consisting of the 3rd Regiment of the Kaiser, Jager and other picked troops, finding their only way of retreat towards Mount Sief was quite cut off, made a desperate effort to break through the cordon of besiegers, but while they were so engaged their principal frontal position, a big flanked redoubt situated 7,000 ft. high on the top of the Salesei Ridge, and having as its outworks five successive tiers of the bayonet, some 500 Imperial Chasseurs and nine quick-firing guns falling into the hands of the Italian Alpini.

Among the heroic episodes of the siege, the Gazzetta del Popolo learns, was the following: A large detachment of Alpini managed to force a way into an angle of the mountain near the summit, where they bravely hung on for several weeks, risking death from

hunger, so extremely difficult proved the task of sending them supplies. During that terrible period they bored a counter mine under the peak, changing their own destruction with the blowing up of their last refuge. During the supreme assault, and in the fiercest snow and bitter cold, the Austrian remnant made a stubborn stand. Abandoning their rifles, they fought with stones and did their best to stave off their inevitable fate by rolling big boulders and flinging boxful after boxful of hand-bombs on the heads of the up coming conquerors. Immense stores of ammunition were found concealed among the rocks. While the losses incurred on either side are yet unknown, the final conquest of the Col di Lana has smashed 15 pieces of Austria's adamant gateway into the Trentino, and has robbed the enemy of his forts in the Parola and Livinallongo valleys. Their chief support place here is now securely within Italian domination.

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Dep. 7.00	9.45	1.25	3.33	Dep. ...	9.7
Arr. 9.3	11.41	3.33	5.45
Ban Phaji				Den Chai			
Arr. 9.47	12.20	4.24	6.30	...	12.38
Ban Phaji				Tha Sao			
Dep. 9.57	12.37	4.30	...	...	7.1	2.21	...
Arr. 11.5	1.55	5.48	...	...	7.18	2.40	...
Chengket				Ban Dara			
Dep. 12.33	3.38	...	7.25	...	8.16	3.26	...
Arr. 2.17	5.40	...	9.54	...	...	...	...
Pak'ph				Ban Dara			
Dep. 2.26	6.30	...	...	...	8.24	3.32	...
Arr. 6.11.5	...	...	...	...	10.43	5.30	...
Pisa'loke				Pisa'loke			
Dep. ...	7.4	2.2	...	...	1.45	...	a.m.
Arr. ...	9.5	4.18	...	...	6.20	...	10.34
Ban Dara				Pak'ph			
Dep. ...	9.10	4.26	...	...	3.52	...	7.20 10.43
Arr. ...	10.15	5.38	...	...	7.10	11.6	1.56
Ban Phaji				Korat			
Dep. ...	10.15	5.38	...	...	...	...	...
Arr. ...	11.57	...	...	...	7.12	11.32	1.52
Ban Meh				Ban Phaji			
Dep. ...	...	...	...	...	8.22	12.29	2.59
Arr. ...	3.8	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ban Phaji				Ban Phaji			
Dep. 10.10	12.30	4.41	...	...	6.27	8.37	12.44 3.14
Arr. 11.7	1.26	5.51	...	...	7.13	9.25	1.23 3.58
Gengko				Bangkok			
Dep. ...	6.8	9.28	11.35	3.16 6.00
Arr.
Bangkok				Petrien			
Dep. 7.45	3.50	7.30	3.55	...
Arr. 9.33	5.38	9.38	5.43	...

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		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
Bangna	..	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
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*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
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Tenders are hereby invited for the supply of 4,000,000 Klong Tickets for the Royal Irrigation Department.
Specification and samples of Tickets may be obtained at the office of the Royal Irrigation Department West Bank of the river.

Sealed tenders marked tender for the supply of Klong Tickets must be submitted to the Director General of the Royal Irrigation Department on or before the 17th April B.E. 2459.

The Royal Irrigation Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

Royal Irrigation Department.
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11-18.

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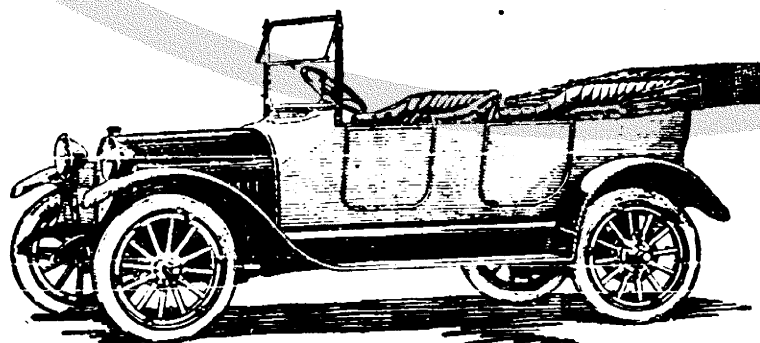
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Great War.**Montenegro.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 13.

An Austrian communique says the Austrians have captured Mount Lovtchen, an important position dominating the back of Cattaro on one side and Cettinge on the other.

The French Front.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 13.

According to a Paris communique a strong German reconnaissance in the region of Ribecourt was decimated. French artillery considerably damaged enemy works south-east of Rheims. There have been artillery operations in Champagne and Argonne.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Jan. 12.

To-day between Argonne and the Meuse we dispersed groups of enemy workmen.

"Clan Mac Farlane" Sunk.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 13.

The British steamer Clan Mac Farlane has been sunk.

Affairs in China.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 13.

Hongkong.—The revolutionaries raided two more Customs stations. There have been no casualties.

The Serbian Army.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Jan. 12.

The Allies Ministers in the name of their respective Governments have explained to the Government at Athens the necessity of transporting the Serbian army to the island of Corfu. Besides, this temporary occupation is dictated by the laws of humanity.

The Russian Campaign.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Jan. 12.

Petrograd.—The Germans have commenced the evacuation of Ponevieje.

A small Russian squadron in the Black Sea has bombarded Varna.

The Rubber Market.

(S. O.) SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

Singapore, Jan. 14.

The London price for rubber is 4/.

A number of local companies have fixed up good forward contracts. As an instance Chengkat Serdeng Estates, Ltd. have contracted for a shipment of 25 tons monthly of fine crepe at 3/3 per pound for the whole of 1916.

British Military Aeroplane Fund.

In connection with the remittance forwarded to the War Office through the British Legation on 21st October last, the following acknowledgment from the War Office dated 5th December to the Under Secretary of State, Foreign Office, London, has just been received:—

Sir,
I am commanded by the Army Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 25th ultimo, No. 174,293 forwarding a cheque for £500 which has been provided by the patriotic action of the British residents in Siam towards the cost of the provision of an aeroplane for the use of the Royal Flying Corps.

The Army Council desire that an expression of their great gratitude for the gift should be transmitted to the generous subscribers, and that they be also thanked for leaving the Council a free hand to utilize the money as is thought best.

I am to add that arrangements will be made for an aeroplane to bear an inscription to the effect that residents in Siam have contributed towards the cost of the machine.

I am etc.

(sd.) R. B. CUBITT.

The list now stands at £767.11/- and is still open, and all contributions, however small, will be most welcome. It is hoped to make another remittance in the near future.

**Court Circular.**

GRAND PALACE,
Thursday Jan. 13.

This afternoon His Majesty the King visited the Royal Bangkok Sports Club where he witnessed a few races. His Majesty then proceeded to Sudaana Monastery to honour His Excellency Phya Rajnakula, Under-Secretary of State of the Interior, by witnessing his progress in procession to attend the ancient Brahminical festival of "Tri-ambavara" (Sring Festival) in which His Excellency is acting as His Majesty's Deputy for this year.

When the procession had filed past, the Royal Deputy made three obeisances to His Majesty and then retired from the Royal presence, being escorted by the Brahmin priests to the temporary pavilion set up before the Swing. The Brahmin laymen (Naliwan) then performed the swinging ceremony, after which the King's Deputy retired in procession from the scene.

In the evening His Majesty again witnessed the performance in aid of the Cruiser Fund at the Theatre Royal, Dusit Park, as referred to in the Court Circular of yesterday's date.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Latest telegrams will be found on page 6.

MR. Wilder left by the s.s. Katong to-day.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that all lines are in order.

MR. P. Ulrich advertises land for sale at Sala Deng and Sathorn roads.

FOR prices of good official and mercantile paper please see advertisement on page 7.

A LOT of 50) Sangei Bagan rubber shares changed hands early this week at two dollars per share. The seller was a Bangkokian and the purchaser a Singaporean.

THE s.s. Prachatiok arrived yesterday with a large general cargo and the following passengers:—Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Frandsen, Mr. R. Thomson, Mr. C. Amano and Mr. V. A. Fog.

THE Siam Auctioneering Co. will put up for auction at rooms in Oriental Avenue (opposite Observer Office) tomorrow at 2 p.m. sharp a large quantity of new teak-wood furniture.

THE auction sale of household furniture and other effects of Capt. A. Jonsen at his residence in Damrong Raks Road (Wat Saket) will be conducted by Tan Keng Whay to-morrow at 2.30 p.m. sharp.

THE Australian Jockey Club had to hold their last meeting without the presence of their chairman, Mr. Adrian Knox, K.C., who has done much for the club, but was then in Egypt doing what he could for the Empire.

Here is a series of jeux de mots on war words that will take some beating:—Two men visited a restaurant and ordered Turkey without Greece. When they became too facetious, the waitress said: "You can't be so funny, for I shall not serve." "Not so," said they. "Call the Bosphorus." But she wouldn't and they went away Hungary.

THE following papers have been received at H. B. M. Legation and may be consulted by those desiring to do so:—1. Proceedings before British Prize Courts overseas. 2. Proclamation prohibiting the importation of machine tools into the United Kingdom. 3. Defence of the Realm (Isle of Man) amendment Regulations 1915. 4. Vessels and cargoes detained or captured by British forces.

SMOKING is to be allowed in London theatres. The Lord Chamberlain has consented, if any manager applies, to delete from Clause 53 of the theatre licence the word "auditorium." Thus a stroke of a pen alters the licence and allows smoking. Clause 53 reads: No smoking is permitted in the auditorium, the orchestra, the green-rooms, the dressing-rooms, the wings, or within the precincts of the stage, except so far as may be necessary on the stage, in connection with the performance.

The Navy League.

The subscriptions to the Cruiser Fund on the 13th instant amounted to Tcs. 5231. The total now amounts to Tcs. 1,823,508.

S. Mary's Mission.

We are asked to state that it is intended to hold a Bazaar at the above Mission on Friday and Saturday Feb. 25 and 26. Friends of the Mission are asked to make a note of the date. Orders may be sent to the Mission House for any purchases that supporters of the cause would like to make.

British Destroyer Outside the Bar.

Vessels Coming to Bangkok Searched.

Between 9 and 10 o'clock last night as the s.s. Bedang was coming up to Bangkok from Koh Phra she was suddenly stopped by a British torpedo-boat destroyer just outside the bar. A signal was first sent to her requesting her to stop but she paid no heed to it and continued her voyage. She was however not able to proceed many yards when a shot was fired across her bows by the destroyer and she was compelled to stop. An officer accompanied by about 10 or 12 bluejackets from the destroyer immediately boarded her and made a minute search of the vessel going through her various papers and even examining the passports of the European crew on board. We learn that the Chao Chueh Fu which came in this morning was also boarded and searched outside the bar by British bluejackets.

The Races.

The following are the results of the 4th and 5th events in yesterday's races:

(4) Australian Ponies Race.

For Ponies 14.2 and under, 7 furlong handicap. Value Tcs. 250. Presented by the R. B. S. C.

Top Notch Kongsi's Vanni 1
Madame de Bhisanuloke's Nai Chan 2
Luang Patibatti's Flirt 3

Also ran: Nai Pradishit, Lady A. Nancy, Warah, Mad Meg and Irony.
Time: 1 min. 41 4/5 secs. Total: Tcs. 144.

(5) Australian Griffins Race.

6 Fur. H'cap. Value Tcs. 250. Presented by the R. B. S. C.

Phya Arthakara Prasiddhi's Teh Keng 1
Top Notch Kongsi's Varo 2
Sriracha Kongsi's Jacobin 3

Why Not, Vittoria and Maharatt also ran.
Time: 1 min. 25 4/5 secs. Total: Tcs. 13.

Handicaps.

The following are the handicaps for to-morrow's races:

1ST RACE.
Lomluk 9.11, Iowit 6.10, Vittoria 7.2, Seabreeze 6.0, Maha Chai 6.7, Maharatt 6.11, Jacobin 6.7, Hope 8.4, Flicka 5.7.

2ND RACE.
Nai Pradishit 8.8, Lady A. 7.7, Nai Chan 8.7, Warah 6.3, Lady Chan 6.10, Flirt 7.12, Kop 8.5, Varo 8.5.

3RD RACE.
Nip 6.7, Sally 6.9, Phuang Phet 6.5, Shipway 7.12, Aminta 7.7, Old Mel 6.0, Sunflower 8.7, Blind Annie 9.2, Poin 7.12.

4TH RACE.
Sorn Chai 5.0, Thai Laow 8.0, Krat 7.10, Klong Tan 6.0, Nilaraja 7.0, Suvan 7.10.

5TH RACE.
Why Not 5.7, Teh Keng 8.8, Angsilah 7.10, White Hope 5.7, Vittoria 7.1, Maharatt 6.7, Jacobin 6.7, Vaneela 7.0.

6TH RACE.
Nai Pradishit 8.0, Lady A. 7.0, Nancy 5.0, Warah 6.3, Mad Meg 10.0, Irony 6.9, Flirt 7.4, Kop 7.11, Vanni 8.1.

7TH RACE.
Ninn 6.7, Sally 6.5, Phuang Phet 6.0, Shipway 7.7, Thong Dee 8.0, Aminta 7.6, Old Mel 6.10, Sunflower 8.8, Blind Annie 9.4, Isabella 7.0, Poin 7.5.

The Swinging Festival.

Large crowds gathered to witness the Swinging Ceremony yesterday afternoon at the square at Sao Ching Cha. The procession was quite picturesque and a feature of it this year was the number of decorated motor-cars some of which were sent by European firms in Bangkok. The procession besides contained figures of elephants, dragons, a car converted into a submarine and various other representations.

Golf Notes.

The date for the finish of the third round in the Junior Championship has been postponed to January 23rd and the remaining rounds each one week later.

Mr. J. King has been given a handicap of -18.

Bangkok Lawn Tennis Club.

We are asked to state that the Committee have decided to extend the time for making entries for the annual tournament at the above Club. The list will now close at the Club on Monday next, January 17th, at 6 p. m.

The Theatre Royal.

The amateur theatricals at the Theatre Royal, Dusit Park, on Wednesday and Thursday in aid of the Cruiser Fund were voted on all sides as by far the best witnessed by Bangkok audiences. It is a pity that the fatigues of a busy week kept a number of prominent people at home; one thing is certain that those who were not there missed two well spent evenings, which was the verdict of everybody present. There was one other remark we constantly heard and that was the unstinted praise for the Author of the adaptation "A Good Interpreter" and of the original drama "The Man in Khaki." However well or indifferently the actors played their various roles one thing always kept you in a thrill of enthusiasm and that was the story as written by Sri Ayudhya. The first play staged was "A Little Foul Play," which to many persons in the audience was an old friend revived, and was well appreciated. The following was the cast:

Gallant Warren Phya Subarna
Sybil Warren (his wife) Prince Dhani
Mr. Tolbooth Phya Raja
Mary (Servant Boy) Master Surai
Suvannalatta.

This charming comedy, a description of which is perhaps unnecessary, was well sustained throughout. Mr. Tolbooth provoking much amusement by his attempts to get into telephonic communication with 2222 Tooting, and later on by the k-ness of his olfactory nerves smelling frying chicken in the Warren's room.

The cast of the second play staged was:

John Smith (the Interpreter) Prince Siddhibara
Luang Bhakdi Phya Melha
(Father of Saiyud) Dhibadi

Luan Lilasen (a young Siamese) Prince Khechor
Inspector of Police Phya Dhamasadi
Prince Chuladit

A Policeman Mr. Thuan
A Chinese Boy (at the Hotel) Dharinajira

Saiyud (a young Siamese lady) Phya Baromabad
Banrung

The Cashier (at the Hotel) Prince Sudhasi.

The scene is laid at the entrance hall of a prospective hotel in Kuala Kedah. Saiyud running away from her father's room in Bangkok with her lover Luan Lilasen arrives at this hostelry and book rooms. John Smith is engaged for the day as interpreter. He does not speak any Siamese and only knows the words Char char as being equivalent to Yes. He also picks up the names of some places in Siam. A telephone message comes from Singapore which the lady cashier directs the interpreter to attend to. This he unwillingly does and gives his own idea of the message. The message, evidently was from Saiyud's father tracing his daughter. Later the father arrives at the hotel. The interpreter is again kept at work. An Inspector of Police is sent for and the interpreter gives his own version of the father's complaint as a case of snatching a pocket book. The father also hands the police a picture of the man he wants arrested, Luan Lilasen is arrested as he sinks out of the hotel on perceiving the presence of Saiyud's father. While under arrest a telephonic message comes from his firm offering Luan Lilasen a share in the concern. This appears to appease the father and he forgives his daughter. This is the plot as shortly as possible.

This play was the "piece de resistance" of the evening. The adapter showed himself to possess no mean knowledge of colloquial English and the interpretation of John Smith was simply excellent. Prince Siddhibara as John Smith was "it" and then "some," as our friends across the Herring Pond say. He was extremely funny and kept the audience audibly chuckling. All the performers in this act spoke remarkably clearly and so none of the wit and humour was lost. Prince Sudhasi, the lady cashier, moved about with a gracefulness that was charming and simply acted the part of an amateur hotel clerk to perfection.

Phya Melhi Dhibadi as an irate Siamese parent searching for a mis-guided daughter was absolutely perfect. The young Siamese lady was a trifle shy, but kept the Siamese portion of the audience in shrieks with her desire to speak Siamese in preference to English.

Nai Thuan was a good sample of the ideal Chinese boy, who unfortunately is becoming as scarce as ever.

Phya Dharmasadi Montri as an Inspector of Police, not knowing a word of Siamese, acted the part of a limb of the law very well and his anger, at being called upon to arrest a man for snatching when there was no such offence committed, was well simulated. Prince Chuladit made an excellent but dumb Sikh policeman.

The "Man in Khaki" was an original drama in one act by Sri Ayudhya. After witnessing this play one wonder-

ed whether the Author was the first in the field in forecasting the type of play that one may expect to see in a year or so.

The cast was made up as follows:

French
Le Comte de Concy Phra Raja Darun Raksha

La Comtesse de Concy Luang Abkibal
Concy Burimasak-di

Louise de Concy Prince Sakol
Jean Fabre Luang Sondhi

Marthe Fabre servants Phya Anubas
Sisyarimmar

Le Gen. Von Eisenberg Phya Buri
Navarash

Capt. Von Ende Phya Sandara
(Staff officer) Likbit

Sergt Muller (of the Chlaus) Prince Marubara
Keller Phya Basail

Schulz Phya Sri Vikramaditya
>Chlan troopers Sildasat

The acting of both the French and the German characters was exceedingly well sustained. The Author had freely expressed sentiments culled from the modern press in a most feeling manner and these were in turn admirably rendered by the actors. The theme finally decided itself into the theme whether an officer is bound by any personal considerations or whether his one and only duty is strict enforcement of the letter of the law. The General directs that a German soldier guilty of a technical act of desertion under extenuating circumstances, shall not be heard and directs the sentence of death to be carried out not moving an inch from that resolve even when he knows that

is his own son who is to be shot. Hearing the fatal volley fired he sinks into a chair with a curse on the war and on those who had brought it about.

The staging of all three plays was remarkably well done and much praise is due to those responsible for the scenery and effects.

Notes from the North.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Chiangmai, Jan. 6th, 1916.

The birthday of His Majesty the King of Siam has, it seems to me, been celebrated this year with more than usual enthusiasm in Chiangmai. In addition to universal decorations, there was a dinner at the Kao Saman on the 1st inst., followed by lakon at the Chano Luang's theatre, excellent sports and a dinner at the Barracks on the 2nd and a long programme of Sports at the Government School on the 3rd. The school is a fine, new building, with 6 excellent class rooms. The Commissioner of Education and his wife entertained a large number of friends, who were very interested in the various items and Phya Rachaya distributed the many prizes gained by successful competitors.

We "farangs" have, comparatively, spent a war time Christmas week but, though there has been nothing like the usual Northern Meeting, we have not been at all dull. With sundry dinners, polo and competitive matches at the Gymkhana Club, there has, in a small way, been quite a lot going on. The winners of the tennis doubles are Mr. Bakolen and Khun Klue, while Khun Vipan further upheld the honour of the International Court by getting into the single's final, in which he was defeated by Mr. Walton. The Chief Judge accompanied H. R. H. the Prince of Bhisuloke to Lampang for the opening of his new Court and has therefore been unable to compete in these games. In squash racquets (doubles only) the victors are Messrs. Walton and Dalgleish. A football team from Prince Royal's College took on a polyglot Christmas crowd and conclusively proved the advantages of youth and regular play together.

My days of climbing hills, wading streams and babbling in the "Observer" are nearly over and, though I have never been an ardent devotee of the North, Chiangmai is essentially a station of real friends, to whom I shall be most sorry to say good-bye. I suppose I have seen as much of up-country H.S.M. officials as any European woman in Siam and, at the risk of repeating previous remarks, I should like, in farewell, to express my great appreciation of their kindly courtesy. I have not only experienced it in Chiangmai, where the officials are my personal friends and where I have had a chance of returning their hospitality but in every station in this Mondhol. If six years in the North have had no other useful effect, they have enabled me to know, and sincerely like, the people, who aid in the administration of Siam.

A SAN Francisco paper tells of a poor young Irish couple who went to the priest to be married, but had not the necessary money. "Let me go home, reverend father," begged the girl, "and I will get the money." The ceremony over, the girl said: "God bless your reverence." Here is the pawn ticket for your hat and overcoat, which I took from the vestry.

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Swedish Officers in Persia.

The Swedish Foreign Office has no official information from Persia, the only details available being those contained in newspaper telegrams. It takes no responsibility for what Swedish officers may or may not be doing. Swedish officers in Persia who were appointed by the Government some years ago are all back again and serving in the Swedish Army. Those now serving are privately employed and have no authority from the Swedish Government.—Ex. Tel. Co.

Bread Tickets for Turks.

The Turkish Government are pre-

paring to issue bread, milk, beef, and coal tickets, as in Germany, and Germans are supervising the work. It may be remembered that the German Government promised their people a better time as regards food supplies when Constantinople was reached but it is difficult to understand how they will be able to fulfil their promise, as Constantinople is now unable to support itself.—Ex. Tel. Co.

THE New Zealand House of Representatives has approved of the Legislative Council's amendment of the Gambling Act, granting on extra day's racing to clubs that lost days through the military occupation of their grounds.

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Fighting in Mesopotamia.

Official Telegram, British Foreign Office
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General Aylmer's advance from the base to join General Townshend at Kut-el-Amar met with a most stubborn resistance on the 7th and 8th at Sheikh Vand, 25 miles from K. T. The Turks were discovered in a most able strength as close to the Tigris. The British infantry entrenched and the following morning the cavalry penetrated the trenches on the Turks' right flank and accounted for a whole battalion. In the engagement five hundred and fifty Turkish prisoners, sixteen officers, and two guns were taken. English infantry losses were heavy. Next we made a similar move on the left bank.

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Peace Pilgrims And Pressmen.

Mr. Bryan went aboard the Oscar to bid farewell to Mr. Ford, and was warmly welcomed. He left the ship half an hour before she sailed. Thousands of people assembled on the pier, and considerable excitement was occasioned by someone shouting, "Gott strafe them!" When the gangway was removed Mr. Ford was called to the taffrail. His countenance was beaming. Mr. Ford announced the receipt of a cable from the King of Norway assuring the party a warm welcome.

At 3.15 the Oscar sailed. There were 73 peace pilgrims aboard and 54 newspaper men.

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[We known since then that Mr. Ford's good intentions were not appreciated in Norway. Ed. S. O.]

All-Night Swim in Mediterranean.

The remarkable escape of M. Sylvain Escoffy, a French officer passenger who was in the steamer Calvados, torpedoed in the Mediterranean by a German submarine, is narrated in a letter to his brother, which is published in the "Times." Writing from the Port of Spain, Yola, to his brother on Nov. 23, M. Escoffy says:

"On Nov. 23 we were on the way to Oran, Morocco, when suddenly we had the distant report of a gun. The captain changed his direction and made for the nearest land. The sound of firing became more distinct and the shots came nearer. Then I realised that we were being attacked by a submarine.

The Calvados stopped immediately. In a minute I undressed and put on a life-belt. I had in my section a young corporal named Galtéja, of Bouffarik, whom I knew to be a courageous and good swimmer. I told him to do as I had done and he let himself overboard. When he reached the water I threw over a plank and went after it. Together we started swimming, pushing the plank before us. When we had gone about a mile the submarines came alongside of us, facing the Calvados. A moment later we saw our steamer torpedoed and bodies thrown into the air.

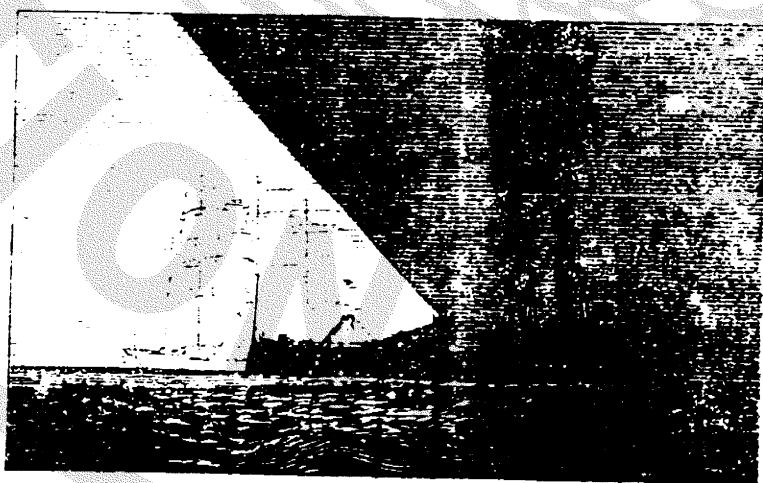
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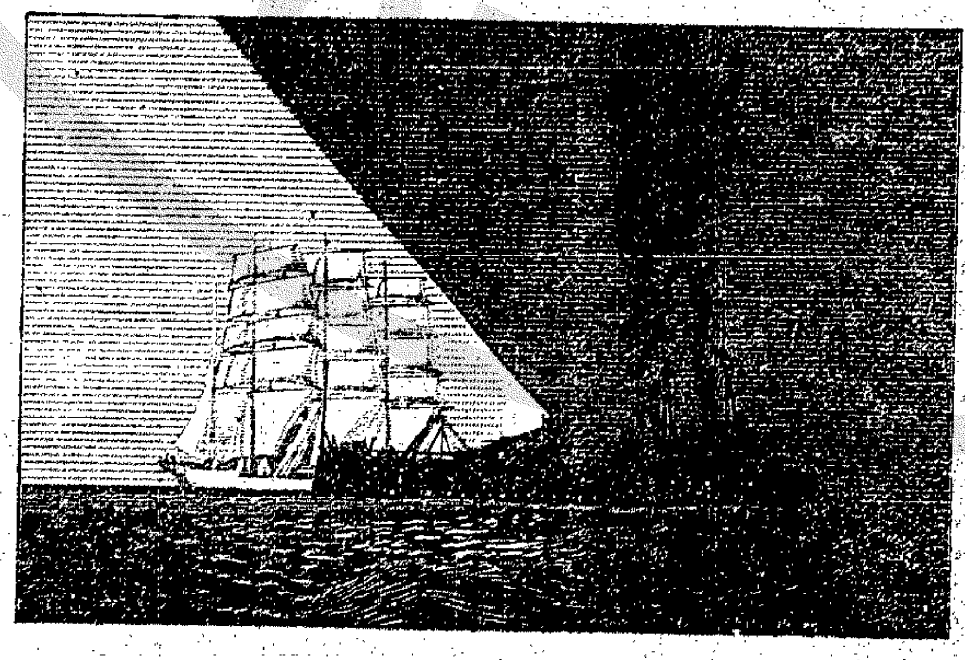
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Last Agony of Monastir.

Graphic descriptions are given of the scenes preceding the last agony and the fall of Monastir. For three weeks this agony had been prolonged, amid general distress and desolation, and refugees arrived at Salonika, with harrowing details of the suffering and panic which preceded the final surrender, which was effected as much for the saving of the heroic little army as of the inhabitants remaining in the doomed city.

Telegraphic inquiries were sent all day long to Monastir, says the Corriere's correspondent, asking if the town still resisted, and up till near the end Monastir replied invariably. "We are still holding out." Then, for three hours, no answer came. At midnight, Colonel Vassitch wired from a point outside the town, saying that he was still holding positions on the Corna, and after this there was nothing more. Greek frontier messages, which followed, stated the Bulgarians had advanced south-east, ten miles beyond Monastir, and that the vanguard had already appeared at Kenali, near the railway.

The conditions were grave, as it was evident that the Bulgarians were trying to surround the heroic little Serbian army. Nothing remained for it but to retreat precipitately in the direction of Ochrida, while steps were taken to hand the town over to the invaders and to save the inhabitants from bombardment. The Bulgarians had also succeeded in occupying part of the road to Resna. Trains had ceased going beyond Florina, in Greek territory. Small detachments of Serbian troops lingered at a distance of two and a half miles south-west of the town, protecting the retreat of the main forces. Two regiments which, at the last moment, had been hurried from the north to reinforce the heroic defenders of Monastir, were retreating with the rest of the troops along the road to Albania.

A Terrible Retreat.

The aspect of the troops was heart-rending, and the hardships they endured all description. They trudged along, foot-sore, weary, and hungry, in a whirlwind of snow, over ice-paths, bearing their sufferings heroically. Holding together in groups and small detachments, the stronger ones encouraged and helped the weaker ones. Nearly all were almost overcome by hunger and cold. The picture was no longer one of an army, but of a ghost of an army, and the wonder was they still held together. The Bulgarians were pressing them hard, and finding difficulties, also, in their pursuit, but, naturally better supported, they formed a semi-circle extending over a line of twelve miles from Prilep to Novak and Krushevo.

Reinforcements of two Serbian regiments from the north which formed a total of 6,000 men, might have prolonged the defence, but they were so exhausted by their march of seventeen days over impossible roads, with uniforms torn and ragged, hardly any boots, and a scarcity of bread, that they were unfit for strong resistance. They went for forty-eight hours without eating, and lost 120 of their number, who fell, overcome by the rain and the snow, and were left dead on the mountain paths. These troops could not be called reinforcements, rather a multitude of haggard spectres more fit for the hospital than for the battlefield. Yet, despite their condition, they were ordered, on the very day of their arrival, to join in the battle outside the town, and the marvel of it all was that they still fought like tigers. But their strength soon gave out, and rather than sacrifice such heroes, their commander

decided upon retreat, leaving the town in the enemy's hands.

Bulgarian Comitadjis, under the leadership of Paul Kristoff, immediately, took possession of the city, and published their violent manifesto, saying: "Five hundred years ye were under the Turks; three under the Serbs, now ye are free."

Persian Preparations.

The "Hamburger Fremdenblatt" says: We learn from a Persian paper, the "Harwar," that the Persian Government has decided to fortify Teheran, and has called up Kadjar troops to act as a garrison force. These troops are already marching towards Teheran.—Ex. Tel. Co.

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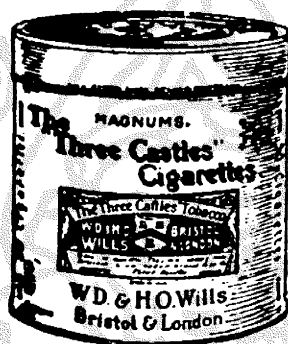
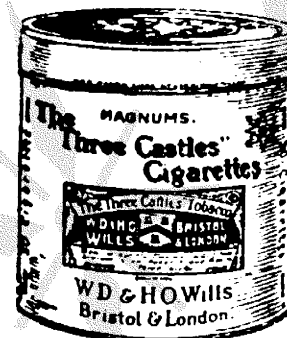
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German News Service.

Berlin, Dec. 7.
TRANSOCEANIC SERVICE. Field Marshall von Hindenburg stated in an interview with the correspondent of the Neue Freie Presse: "I am thankful towards the nation which is so very kind to me, but I do only my duty. Germany's enemies will not admit our successes, so that we must go on. It is a most curious thing that the warring nations do not realise that they only sacrifice themselves for Britain."
 He further stated it is German watchword not only to hold out but to advance and triumph. The Russian excuses that their defeats have been caused by the lack of ammunition are false, since they had more than the necessary ammunition stocks at their disposal at the deciding places at the front.
 In Korno mounts of ammunition have been left by the Russians and were found there by the Germans. These places were abandoned owing only to the demoralisation of the Russian troops and the moral state of the Russian army is not a bit better to-day than it was at the time Field Marshall von Hindenburg recounted with warm words the achievements of the Austro-Hungarian army which is now so splendidly defending the Italian front.
 Berlin, Dec. 8.
HEADQUARTERS.—Near Ipek, 80 cannon and much war material have been taken. Yesterday more than 2000 prisoners were made.
 Berlin, Dec. 9.
TRANSOCEANIC SERVICE.—A Danish paper has compiled the history of the German Crown Prince during the war, as reported by the enemies of Germany.
 Aug. 5, 1914: The Crown Prince was the victim of an attempt against his life in Berlin.
 Aug. 18: He was severely wounded on the French frontier.
 Aug. 20: A second attempt was made against his life, whereby he lost one of his legs.
 Aug. 24: A third attempt was made against his life.
 Sept. 4: He committed suicide.
 Sept. 13: He died in a hospital in Brussels.
 Sept. 15: He commanded on attack near Verdun.
 Sept. 16: He was wounded by shrapnel in Poland.
 Sept. 18: He was wounded once more on the French front.
 Sept. 20: He was hustled to his deathbed.
 October 24: He was buried in Berlin.
 October 25: His body was found on the battlefield.
 Nov. 3: He was once more buried.

Nov. 4: Once more killed by the French.
 Nov. 8: He went insane and was deported to a lonely castle.
 Nov. 13: He was appointed Chief Commander on the eastern front.
 Nov. 17: He was killed once more.
 January 16: 1915: He was wounded again.
 February 3: He was sent home.
 Berlin, Dec. 9.
HEADQUARTERS. The Balkan combats are being continued successfully south of Piejje, south of Scutia and near Ipek. The Bulgarian troops have occupied Djakova, Dibra, Struga, and Ochrida. The combats on the Wardar are progressing.
 Vienna, Dec. 7.
HEADQUARTERS. Austro-Hungarian troops have entered Ipek. East of Ipek, the enemy have been thrown back after tenacious combats, in which 9 cannon were taken. South of Piejje, the Montenegrin advances have been repulsed. In the frontier district north of Banane, the Austro-Hungarian attacked the Montenegrin main positions. They stormed the trenches near Sunodol, south of Noyibazar, 1300 more prisoners being taken.
 Vienna, Dec. 8.
 The attacks against the Montenegrin positions north of Berane were successful. The Austro-Hungarians have taken 80 cannon, 160 ammunition cars, 43 automobiles and much other materials. The troops of General von Kovetz yesterday captured more than 2,000 men among whom were 300 Montenegrins. The Arnauts are everywhere participating in the engagements against the Serbians.
 Berlin, Dec. 10.
HEADQUARTERS. The Bulgarian troops south of Scutia, have taken 10 cannon from the British. The troops of General von Kovetz during the last two days have captured 1,200 men.
 Dec. 8.
HEADQUARTERS. Western theatre: East of Auberville, the enemy's attempts to dispute the terrain gained by the Germans failed. Besides the prisoners, 3 machine guns have been taken. Northeast of Souain, the Germans took from the French the position 500 meters long on Height 133. Four counter-attacks were repulsed, 1 officer, 120 men and 2 machine guns being taken.
 Dec. 10.
 French handgrenades attacks against the new German positions on height 133 northeast of Souain have been repulsed.
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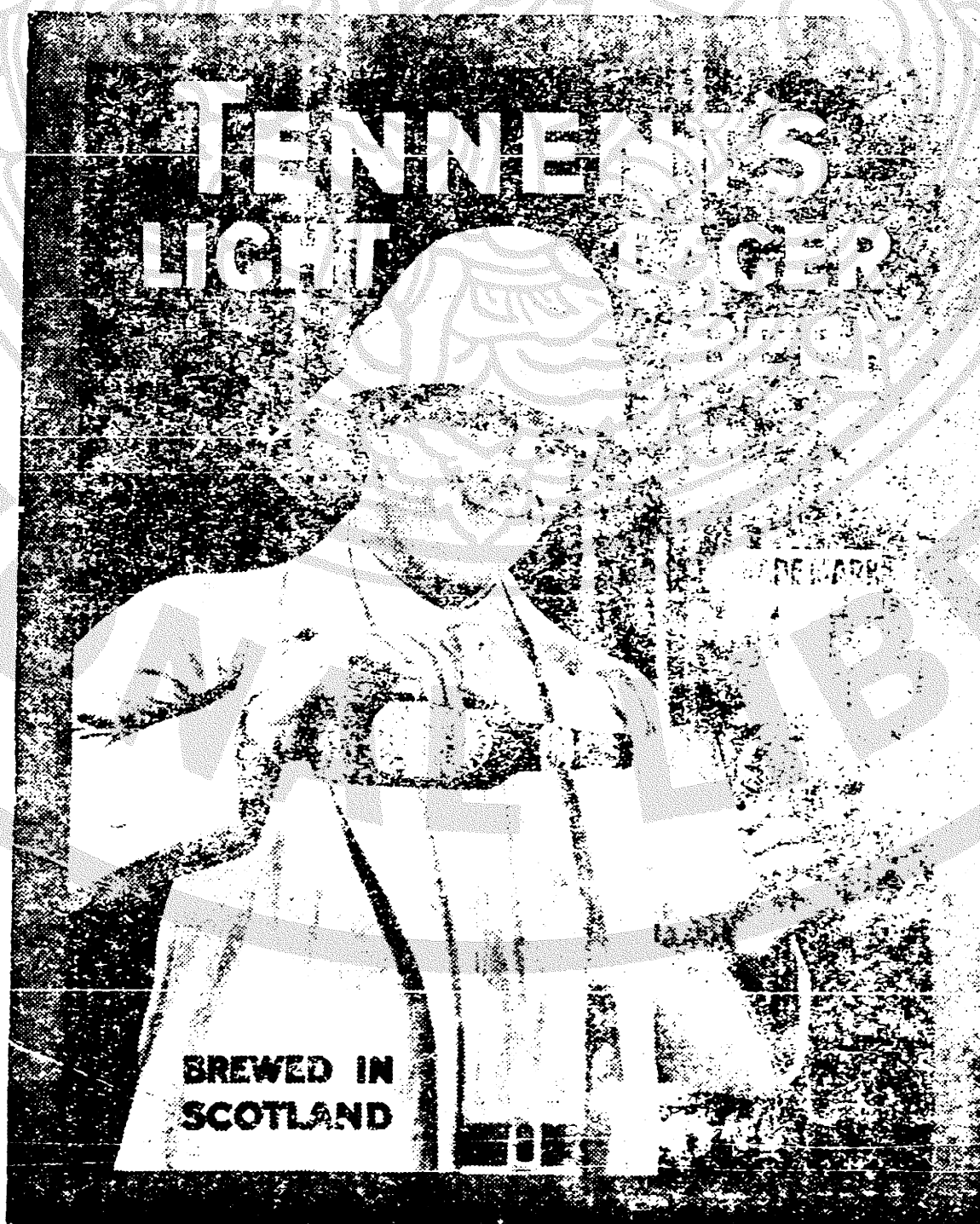
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