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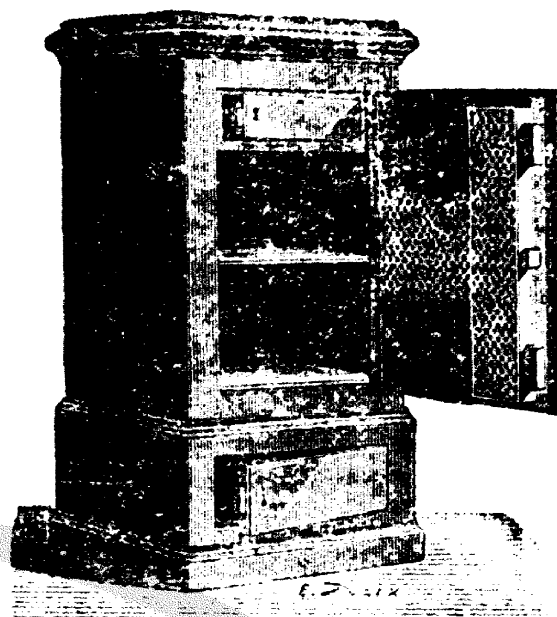
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" " "Kashmir" Feb. 4	" "Karnala"	Mar. 4
" " "Sardinia" Feb. 18	" "Khyber"	" 20
" " "Namur" Mar. 3	" "Medina"	Apr. 1
" " "Nankin" Mar. 17	" "Mongolia"	" 15
" " "Novara" Mar. 31	" "Malwa"	" 29

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" "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" Jan. 28	" "Medina"	" 24 "
" " "Nore" Jan. 29	" "	" 24 "
" " "Nankin" Feb. 6	" "Mongolia"	Jan. 8, 1916
" " "Novara" Feb. 20	" "Malwa"	" 22
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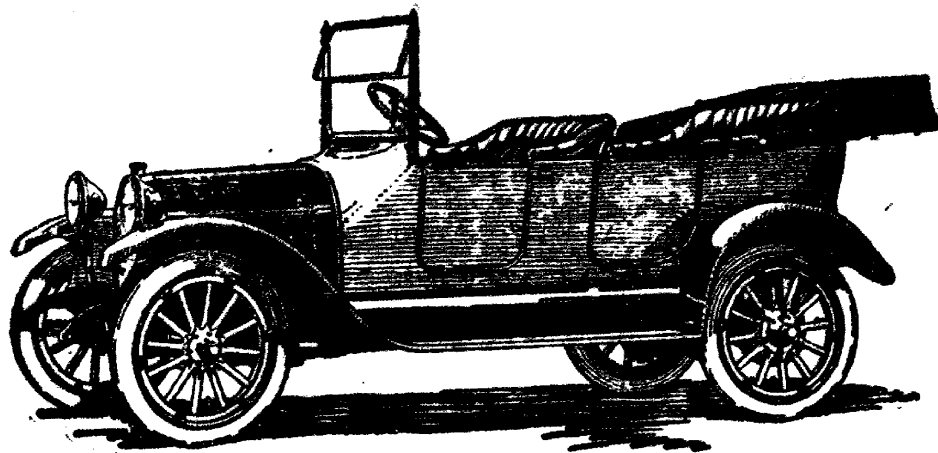
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Jan.	A.M.			L. W. (Approx.)
	H. W.	Ft. & in.	L. W.	
1	11 00	14 0
2	4 00	13 9
3	4 30	14 0
4	5 00	14 6
5	6 00	14 11
6	6 30	15 8
7	7 00	16 0	...	...
8	7 30	15 8	...	...
9	8 30	15 2	...	...
10	9 00	15 0	1-0	6-0
11	9 00	14 7	2-0	7-0
12	9 30	14 6	3-0	7-0
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	14 9	...	...
20	7 00	15 2	...	...
21	7 00	15 6	...	...
22	7 30	15 9	1-0	6-0
23	8 00	15 5	1-2	6-0
24	9 00	15 4	2-0	6-0
25	9 00	15 2	2-3	7-0
26	9 00	14 8	3-0	7-0
27	9 00	14 6	3-0	7-6
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.	L. W.	
1	9-10	7-8
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3	10-11	6-7
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13	9 30	11 0
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15	9-10	7-6
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17	10-11	7-0
18	10-11	7-0
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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
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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.

German News Service.

After the taking of Cissevo and Krushevo, the Bulgarian troops occupied the road from Kichevo to Prilep. Dec. 6.

According to a Bulgarian report dated December 3, after the battle of Prizrend the pursuing Bulgarian troops reached the Servians and engaged them in battle on the left bank of the Tuma river. The Bulgarians defeated the Servians completely, so that their retreat degenerated into a panicky flight. Enormous quantities of war material left by the enemy have caused a complete obstruction of the road.

Dynakowa has been occupied. The Servians left 6 howitzers.

Servian prisoners have stated that King Peter had to be transported on a litter, since a passage for horses is impossible along the Drina.

Regular railroad connection has been established between Sofia and Nisch. Tsar Ferdinand visited the workingmen engaged in the work on the tracks. He went to Nisch where he inspected the buildings occupied by the Servian Government when in Nisch.

Field Marshall von Mackensen has addressed a manifesto to the Servian population, stating that Serbia's invasion by the allied German, Austro-Hungarian and Bulgarian troops has been caused by the hostile attitude of the King of Servia. The invading armies fight against the Servian army only and not against the Servian nation.

The German General urges the population to return to their homes, to pursue their business and to submit to the military regulations. Then it will be possible to restore the country to its former prosperity. The manifesto promises that all damages will be paid to the Servian population.

"Serbia was always devoted to Russia. Serbia has sacrificed more forces than she had and has shed her blood. Now I have to leave my country as an old man. The destruction of Serbia has been caused by the Tsar's evil councillors." Thus King Peter wired to the Tsar when leaving Servian soil as a fugitive, at the same time sending the Tsar a parcel of Servian soil.

The Frankfurter Zeitung reports on December 2 about a congress of the railroad administration, in Temesvar, Hungary, in order to discuss rapid transit between Berlin and Constantinople.

Constantinople reports from the Irak front state that the British troops who, on Nov. 22 entered the surroundings of Ctesiphon, killed 6 persons occupied with the inner service at the Mausoleum of a Turkish saint and, when the Turks retook the position, after 3 days, the mutilated corpses of the servants were found near the Mausoleum. General indignation prevails all over Turkey about this barbarous atrocity.

The Turkish headquarters report on Dec. 2: The Turkish troops on the Irak front are pursuing the British in order to make their defeat more complete. The British losses in the engagements from November 23 to 26 exceed 5,000 men. Officers and soldiers are demoralised. They leave the regiments and flee into the neighbourhood. The British on one day carried about 2,900 wounded. Among the wounded is the political agent of the Headquarters, "Sir Kemal." The British were unable to stop their retreat in the strongly fortified town of Azizi. Therefore they tried to halt 15 kilometers southwest of this town with their rear-guards protected by monitors, but a sudden Turkish attack during the night from November 30 to Dec. 1 forced them further back in the direction of Kutelamara, 170 kilometers south of Bagdad.

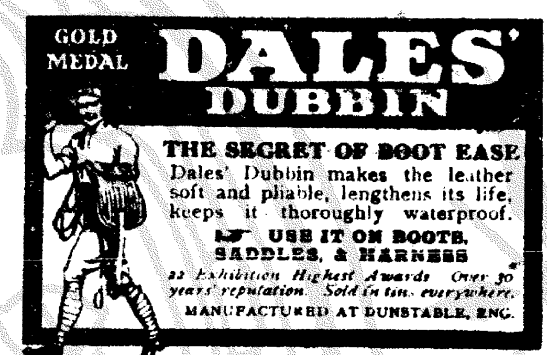
The Turks in Azizi and in the neighbourhood have taken large stores, victuals, ammunition and war material. The Turkish patrols have captured 100 camels. The British were unable to set fire to even a small part of the war material. They left the personal belongings of their officers behind, which proves the magnitude of their defeat. The Turks have captured a motorboat and a lighter with foodstuffs and war material. The fleeing Britishers threw boxes of ammunition into the Tigris. The British in order to conceal their defeat on the Irak front told the population of the surrounding country that they had concluded peace with the troops, but the rapid prosecution has revealed the real state of things. Three aeroplanes out of 4 have been taken from the enemy. They have been repaired and are being used against the enemy.

Headquarters, Berlin, Dec. 4.
OFFICIAL. Eastern theatre: The Russian headquarters report of November 29, which has been partly rectified by the German headquarters report of Dec. 2, does not correspond with the truth in other respects. In the Russian assaults on Nevel, southwest of Pinsk, which were only possible by the inhabitants participating as guides knowing completely these swamps and frost districts, a German commander of the division fell into Russian hands. It is not true that the Germans and Austro-Hungarian troops have retired near Koslince and Chortorisk.

Dec. 6.
A Russian attack southwest of the Babil Lake, west of Riga, broke down before the German lines. The Russian losses were heavy. A German aeroplane hit by Russian artillery, descended near Markgraves, on the shores of Courland. It was however rescued by the Germans.

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GERMANY—	Bank Bills, demand	—
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"Persia" Stories.**Survivors Tell of Liner's End.**

London, Jan. 4.—Reuter's Alexandria correspondent had interviews with Persia survivors, all bearing traces of shock and hardship, being bruised and bandaged, many severely battered. A woman in hospital with a broken leg said that the tragedy was so sudden that they hardly yet realised what had happened. One moment there was the gayest atmosphere of the dining saloon, everybody most jolly; the next they were plunged into the sea, then shaken and bruised in open boats, while the luxurious liner vanished.

The explosion shook the liner from stem to stern. Only those going on deck promptly could hope to escape. Water poured into the liner rapidly until those reaching deck merely slid into the sea. Others were swept away into the waves in an instant. The successful lowering of four boats was a brilliant feat, all working bravely, quietly and quickly. Many were picked up from the water. They emphasised the kindness of the rescuers and the comforts provided on landing.

Alexandria, Jan. 4.—A young lady interviewed by Reuter's correspondent said that at the beginning of lunch the explosion occurred. She ran to her cabin for a life-belt and was twice thrown down in the passage by the rocking of the liner. She snatched a life-belt and rushed on deck. She fell in the companion-way, but was determined not to die in a vessel. As she reached the deck the liner lurched again. She was thrown down badly shaken, but adjusted the life-belt and jumped into the sea. She was rescued in a quarter of an hour.

Others had similar experiences. Mothers went in quest of their children and never returned. Indeed, only two children were saved. The chief officer went down with the ship but was picked up. He says that the captain also went down with the liner. The survivors have lost everything and suffered from cold in the boats, as they lacked warm clothing.

An American's Experiences.

London, Jan. 4.—Reuter's correspondent at Alexandria says that the first narrative regarding the Persia by an American named Grant was given to Reuter. He says he was sitting in the dining saloon at 1.5 in the afternoon and had just finished soup. The steward was asking him "What next?" when there was a terrific explosion. The saloon was filled with smoke and steam from the boiler, which burst. Glass was also flying about.

It was impossible to launch the star-board boats. Mr. Grant was sucked down with his shoe caught in a rope. He disentangled himself and came to the surface and clung to wreckage. He got a final glimpse of the liner with her bow in the air and diving downward five minutes after the explosion. Then he collected wreckage for other strugglers and five boats soon pulled in amongst the swimmers and strugglers, rescuing all possible.

There was absolutely no panic. Everyone behaved exactly as if it were merely drill. Each went on deck and reported himself at his lifeboat station. The vessel was soon listing badly and people were clinging to the rail. The last thing Mr. Grant did was to tie on Captain Sprickley's lifebelt. The latter and a military officer are missing. The vessel listed more and more and Mr. Grant slid over the rail into the water.

London, Jan. 4.—The overloaded boats subsequently redistributed their occupants. Four boats roped themselves together and a fifth was further away. "My boat," says Mr. Grant, "at 3.30 in the afternoon separated from the others in order to search for a more frequented channel. We rowed for three hours before we sighted a cruiser. We hailed her, shouting, 'We are English.' When the warship drew

near enough we explained that we were survivors from the Persia and indicated the whereabouts of the others. The others were found at seven in the evening." Mr. Grant paid a fine tribute to the kindness of the British bluejackets. He declares that Consul McNeely sat at the same table but he did not see him, probably because Mr. McNeely's cabin was on the listing side of the liner. He concludes by describing the scene in the water as of the utmost horror. The sea was black with soot. Men, women and children were struggling, some uttering awful cries, others saying good-bye. Afterwards those in the boats found solace in singing hymns.

The Lost Mails.

Cairo, Jan. 4.—The Persia carried an exceptionally large mail. Eleven thousand bags were landed at Malta. The exact number for Egypt and India is unknown, but it is thought that between twenty and thirty thousand bags have been lost.

America Ponders.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The submarine situation is admittedly grave. It is officially announced that President Wilson and Mr. Lansing are taking every means to obtain full information upon which to act immediately. The Cabinet meeting has been cancelled because details of the loss of the Persia are not yet available.

London, Jan. 3.—Lloyd's reports from Panama state that there are excellent prospects [of the Canal being opened] about the end of January.

London, Jan. 2.—It is expected that the proclamation calling up the second set of four groups under Lord Derby's scheme will be issued next week.

London, Jan. 3.—It is reported that Ireland will not be exempted from the Conscription Bill.

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	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.		a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.
Bangkok Dep.	7.—	9.48	1.25	3.33	Ban Meh	...	9.7
Ayuthia Arr.	9.3	11.41	3.33	5.45	Chang Dep.
Ban Phaji Arr.	9.47	12.20	4.24	6.30	Den Chai	...	12.38	...	...
					Tha Sao	...	7.1	2.21	...
Ban Phaji Dep.	9.57	12.37	4.30	...	Utaradit	...	7.18	2.40	...
Lopburi Arr.	11.5	1.55	5.48	...	Ban Dara Arr.	8.16	3.26	...	...
Chengkhet Dep.	12.33	3.38	...	7.25	Sawa'loke Dep.	...	7.—	2.10	...
Pak'poh Arr.	2.17	5.40	...	9.54	Ban Dara Arr.	8.1	3.11	...	...
Pak'poh Dep.	2.26	6.30	...	...	Ban Dara Dep.	8.24	3.32	...	...
Pitsa'loke Arr.	6.	11.5	...	...	Pitsa'loke Arr.	10.43	5.30	...	...
Pitsa'loke Dep.	...	7.4	2.2	...	Pitsa'loke Dep.	...	1.45	...	...
Ban Dara Arr.	...	9.5	4.18	...	Pak'poh Arr.	6.20	...	...	10.34
Ban Dara Dep.	...	9.20	4.40	...	Pak'poh Dep.	...	3.52	...	7.20
S'kaloke Arr.	...	10.21	5.41	...	Chengkhet Arr.	6.21	...	9.22	12.28
					Lopburi Dep.	...	7.10	11.6	1.56
Ban Dara Dep.	...	9.10	4.26	...					
Utaradit	...	10.6	5.29	...	Ban Phaji Arr.	...	8.30	12.21	3.4
Tha Sao Arr.	...	10.15	5.38	...					
Den Chai	...	11.57	...	...	Korat Dep.	...	...	7.—	...
Ban Meh	...	p.m.	...	...	Gengko	...	7.12	11.32	1.52
Chang	...	3.8	...	...			
					Ban Phaji Arr.	...	8.22	12.29	2.59
Ban Phaji Dep.	10.—	12.30	4.41	...					
Gengko Arr.	11.7	1.26	5.51	...	Ban Phaji Dep.	6.27	8.37	12.44	3.14
Korat	...	6.8	Ayuthia	...	7.13	9.25	1.23
					Bangkok Arr.	9.28	11.35	3.16	6.—
Bangkok Dep.	7.45	3.50					
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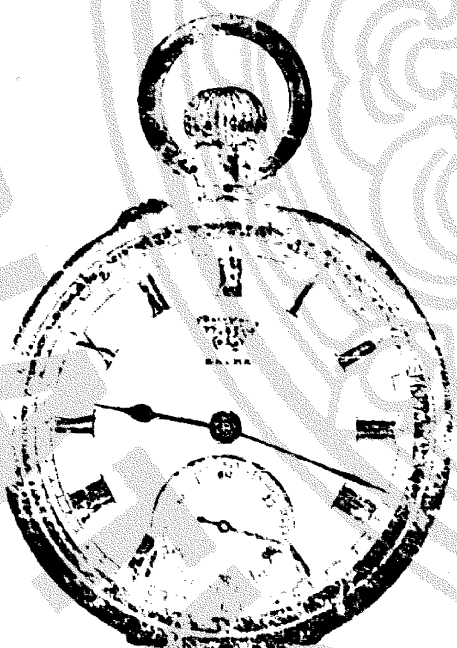
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Great War.

King Edward VII Sunk.

Strikes Mine in Heavy Sea.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 10.

Official.—The battleship King Edward VII struck a mine owing to a heavy sea and had to be abandoned. She sank shortly afterwards. The crew was taken off and there was no loss of life. Only two were injured.

[The King Edward VII was a battleship of the B class. She had a displacement of 16,350 tons and was launched in 1903. Her armament consisted of 4 12-in., 4 9.2-in., 10 6-in., 14 12-pr., and 17 3-pr. M. She carried 4 torpedo tubes and had a speed of 19.04 knots. Her complement was 781 and she cost £1,473,245.]

The French Front.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 10.

A Paris communique says that the French batteries did effective work against German trenches in Artois and also interfered German troop movements in Champagne.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Jan. 9.

Yesterday we bombarded enemy works at various points. We repulsed an attack at Hartmannswillerkopf and drove the enemy after taking a trench. We captured prisoners.

To-day in Artois the effective fire of our batteries wrecked the German trenches.

Consular Agents Arrested.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 10.

Athens.—The Allied military authorities at Mytilene have arrested the German, Austrian and Turkish Consular agents.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Latest telegrams will be found on page 6.

THE s.s. "Helios" brought 31 bags of mail to-day.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Malay Peninsular main line is imperfectly working. Local line is in good order. Other lines are in order.

THE s.s. "Katong" will leave from the Borneo Company's Wharf at 7 a.m. sharp, on Friday the 14th inst., and should arrive in Singapore on Monday afternoon.

THE following passengers arrived by the s.s. Katong:—Mr. and Mrs. Percy W. May, Mr. W. Hart and Mr. W. Clevers. Mr. Topinot arrived by the "Donai."

THE race lotteries for Thursday's races will be sold at the Sports Club on Wednesday at 6 p.m., in order to allow visitors time to get back from the football match.

MAJOR Dobson, R. F. A. son of Mr. Nelson Dobson of Clifton, is reported killed in action. He was in the South African War, and at its close he accompanied only by Basutos, undertook the survey of the whole of Basutoland, for which he received a special letter of thanks. Mr. C. H. Ramsay here, to whom Major Dobson was a second cousin-in-law, received confirmation by last mail that he was killed instantaneously in action on 26th September in the great advance upon Loos and is buried in the little cemetery at Veranalles. By the same mail Mr. Ramsay received the news of the death of his step-mother.

A correspondent writes: Regarding the relative merits of the open pony class the following may be of use. At the April 1914 Sky meeting Mad Meg won a 5 furlong race carrying + 3 lbs. against Flirt —4. At the same meeting on the second day in a 6 furlong race Mad Meg +7 was beaten by Flirt —6. On the 3rd day in another 6 furlong race Mad Meg +8 was beaten by Lady A —17 lbs. At the same meeting Flirt carrying 7.10 won a 7 furlong race in 1.39 sec. Warah was a good third with 7 stone having the same weight he carried on Saturday. It will therefore be seen that Mad Meg's win in the bad time of 1.45 was due to the lack of usual speed in her field.

Gallipoli Evacuated.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 10.

Gallipoli has been completely evacuated.

Sir Ian Hamilton's Final Report.

London, Jan. 6.—General Sir Ian Hamilton's final despatch covers thirty-eight pages. It describes minutely the operations prior to and including the famous combined actions during the first fortnight of August, and concludes with a striking passage showing that the supply of munitions and drafts was declining and sickness was taking a heavy toll. Nevertheless, all ranks were cheerful and confident that so long as they stuck to their guns the country would seek to them and see them victoriously through the last and greatest of the crusades.

When Lord Kitchener, on Dec. 11, called for an estimate of the losses involved in the evacuation of the Peninsula, Sir Ian Hamilton replied that such a step was unthinkable. He received on October 16 a cable recalling him to London as the Government desired the fresh and unbiased opinion of a responsible commander upon the question of early evacuation.

Inertia Proves Fatal.

The main feature of the despatch is the stirring description of the tremendous and vital battles in August, the results of which have already been minutely recorded. The surprise of the Turks at Sulva Bay was complete, but owing to the intense heat and the exhaustion of the troops through continuous engagements in a most difficult country, and to perpetual water difficulties, Lieut. General Sir F. Stopford and the divisional general waited to rest the troops.

Sir Ian Hamilton says: Driving power was required, and even a certain ruthlessness, to brush aside pleas for respite for tired troops. The one fatal error was inertia, and inertia prevailed. Meanwhile the Turks were enabled to concentrate heavy reinforcements during a priceless twelve hours.

The Sulva Disappointment.

Eventually General Hamilton himself, who had previously remained at headquarters, went to Sulva Bay to endeavour to put concentration, effort, and purpose into the direction of the men ashore.

The fighting during the following days was severe and continuous, and several successes were achieved. Positions were won and the fighting quality of the men was unsurpassable, but the strength of the Turks was steadily rising and the troops had to withdraw from the captured positions. General Stopford on the evening of August 15 handed over the command to Major General de Lisle because strong and clear leadership had not been promptly enough applied.

Cabled for More Men.

The British forces were dwindling while the Turks had plenty of ammunition and drafts to fill the depleted ranks. General Hamilton thereupon cabled for 50,000 fresh troops. If these had been sent immediately he could have cleared a passage for the fleet to Constantinople, and his disappointment was deep when he learned that reinforcements could not be sent.

Anglo-Siamese Relations.

The Extradition Treaty.

A Blue Book has been issued containing the correspondence in reference to the accession of the Federated Malay States to the Extradition Treaty between the United Kingdom and Siam of March 4th, 1912. On Sept. 27th His Majesty's Minister at Bangkok wrote to the Siamese Minister for Foreign Affairs to inform His Royal Highness that the Rulers of the Federated Malay States of Perak, Selangor, Negri Sembilan, and Pahang had expressed their desire to accede to the Extradition Treaty between Great Britain and Siam of March 4th, 1911, under and in accordance with Article 1 of the Agreement signed at Bangkok on Nov. 20th, 1912. The Article in question provides that such notice of accession may be given with the consent of the contracting parties, and His Majesty's Minister accordingly suggested to the Royal Siamese Government that, should they see no objection, their consent to this notice of accession on behalf of the above-mentioned Federated Malay States might be expressed in a note acknowledging the receipt of the present communication. Prince Davawongse on Sept. 30th replied that the Siamese Government had no objection to giving their consent to the notice of accession on behalf of the Federated Malay States to the Treaty in question. (Malay Mail)

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

THE White Star Company has agreed to pay 644,000 dollars (£128,800) in settlement of all claims made upon it in connection with the sinking of its great steamer Titanic through colliding with an ice floe in the North Atlantic two years ago. Only about one-tenth of this sum goes to British claimants.

The Races.

Second Day's Events.

His Majesty the King was present at the Race Course this afternoon.

Results.

(1) Australian Griffins Race.
COMPRADORES' PURSE.

3 fur. w.f.i. Winners barred. Value Tcs. 250. Presented by the Compradores of Bangkok.

Nai Riem' Maharatt 1
Luang Patibatti's Vittoria, 2

Luang Sunthorn Kosa's Seabreeze 3
Why Not also ran. Maharatt and Vittoria got away first. Seabreeze had a bad start. Maharatt soon took the lead and kept up her place till the end winning easily by about 4 lengths.

Time: 41 3/5 secs. Tote: Tcs. 11.

(2) Siamese Ponies Race.

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

Phya Sri Suriyabaha's Thai Laow 1
Phya Ar'hakara Prasiddhi's Krat 2
Top Notch Kongs's Nilaraja 3

Others that ran were Sorn Chai and Klong Taan. A fair start. Places changed opposite the Police School and at the bend it looked like anybody's race. Thai Laow won by about 2 lengths.

Time: 1 min. 26 1/5 secs. Tote: Tcs. 32.

(3) Australian Ponies Race.

CROWN ADVOCATES PURSE.

For Ponies 14.2 and under. 6 fur. handicap. Value Tcs. 250. Presented by the Crown Advocates.

His Majesty's Nai Pradisht 1
Luang Sunthorn Kosa's Kop 2
Luang Patibatti's Flirt 3

Lady A. Nancy, Warah, Irony and Vanni also faced the starter. Kop took the lead and maintained his place till the strait when Nai Pradisht colored him and beat him by 1 length.

Time: 1 min. 26 3/5 secs. Tote: Tcs. 65.

The Race Lotteries.

The following prices were realized at the lotteries held last evening at the Sports Club:—

1st race Tcs. 401	Maharatt fetching	Tcs. 90
2nd " " 413	Krat " "	100
3rd " " 620	Warah " "	100
4th " " 694	Blind " "	100
5th " " 547	Annie " "	180
	Hope " "	150

Total 2,675

Allied Artillery Busy.

London, Jan. 6.—Sir Douglas Haig reports that on the southern portion of the front the artillery was more active than usual. A morning attack on one of our advanced posts near Maricourt, was driven off by rifle fire.

A number of our aeroplanes made a successful bomb raid on the aerodrome at Douai. A German aeroplane dropped a few bombs on Boulogne, doing no damage.

A Champagne Bombardment.

Jan. 6.—The Paris communiqué says that our artillery severely damaged the enemy works between Soissons and Rheims. It also searched weak points in the enemy front in Champagne, wrecking trenches and blowing up ammunition depots.

Paris, Jan. 7.—The communiqué says that the French carried out an effective bombardment in Champagne and destroyed a number of German trenches. Other minor operations were also favourable to the French.

Bukowina Advance.

Petrograd, Jan. 5.—Desperate fighting continues to the north east of Cernowitz. The Russians are steadily advancing. All enemy counter-attacks have been repulsed with the heaviest losses. A Russian regiment captured 1061 men and four machine-guns.

Paris, Jan. 6.—A Petrograd telegram says that operations are developing successfully for the Russians in the enemy strong defences in Bukowina, whither part of the armies of Von Gallwitz and Von Werde have been sent from Serbia. Nevertheless the Russians are progressing.

Petrograd, Jan. 6.—In the Black Sea on Jan. 3 a Russian torpedo-boat captured eleven Turkish sailing-ships, making prisoners forty of the crews.

King George has awarded eleven orders and thirteen medals to seamen of the Russian Black Sea fleet for meritorious service.

CURE THAT COUGH.

When you have a troublesome cough, it does not mean that you have consumption 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.

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M.R.

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HER MAJESTY QUEEN MARY to the Bangkok British Women's Needlework Guild in recognition of the special war work done for Queen Mary's Needlework Guild.

Friary Court, St. James's Palace. This was accompanied by a gracious letter acknowledging a consignment of fifty Service Shirts sent from Bangkok in September, and saying that the Army's needs are growing daily, and that any contributions are most welcome.

Members are reminded that the meeting will take place on Friday this week, and not on Wednesday, as it usually is. It will be held at Mrs. Skinner Turner's house, and it is hoped that there will be a good attendance of both A's and B's, as it is her farewell meeting, and a photograph is to be taken as a souvenir of the occasion.

Mrs. Turner resigned her position as President of the Guild at the Committee meeting held last Wednesday, in view of her departure next month for Shanghai; and Mrs. Lyle was re-elected to the office in her place. Mrs. Lyle is expected to return early in March; and in the meanwhile Mrs. Gittins has very kindly consented to undertake the President's work. A box of garments is to be despatched in the course of a week or two, and it is requested that B members will bring their work finished, where possible, on Friday. It is also suggested that they shall sew at the meetings, and turn them into working parties.

The next one will be held at Mrs. Grut's on Wednesday, the 26th at 4.30.

In The Cameroons.

[The French Press Bureau on Dec. 6 issued the following:

Since the beginning of October the French and British operations in Kamerun have again entered upon an active phase and notable results have been attained.

The enemy, the "Figaro" says, attacked on all sides at once, is falling back progressively upon his two central positions of Joko and Yaunde, one 300 kilometres, the other 200 kilometres from Duala on the coast. It is from Duala that General Dobell's Franco-British expeditionary corps started. On October 4 the British companies of this corps seized Sakbajene, 100 kilometres from Duala; on the 10th it took Wum-Biagas, and on November 3 captured Njok, 150 kilometres from Duala and 50 kilometres from Yaunde. The French who went to the southward, entered Sendé on October 24, and Eeeka, 75 kilometres from Yaunde, on October 30.

To the north of the River Sanaga General Cunliffe marched from Koutcha upon Banjo, which he occupied on October 24, and on November 6 he captured the very strong positions of Germans on Mount Banjo.

Colonel Brisset, starting from Ngaundere, entered Tibati on November 3 and thence continued his movement upon Joko, in touch with General Cunliffe's troops. To the east two columns leaving Bertina and Dume have marched on Terna.]

A Nation's Intercession.

London, Jan. 3.—There were crowded intercession services in churches of all denominations throughout the country. Muffled bells emphasised the sense of loss of the gallant dead.

The Bishop of London preached at St. Paul's a most impressive sermon, in which he referred to the ghastly crimes in Armenia, and the torpedoing of the Persia. He urged the need of British preparedness and efficiency, recalling the warnings of Lord Roberts, who was buried at St. Paul's. He concluded that after the day of victory Britain must be worthy of her great place in the world.

Obituary.

London, Jan. 4.—The death is announced of Lady Archdale Wilson, widow of the captor of Delhi.

Compulsion's Welcome.

London, Jan. 5.—The morning papers generally admit that Mr. Asquith has made out a case for compulsion of the single men.

The Times says that the bill fulfils his pledge and nothing more.

The Daily Mail says that the speech has satisfied unprejudiced critics.

The Daily Chronicle says that if compulsion must be introduced it could hardly be introduced more unobjectionably.

These represent the spirit of the comments of the other papers, with the exception of the Daily News, which thinks a general election in a few weeks is probable.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Hodge said that the attitude of Labour largely depended upon to-morrow's Labour Conference. He was grateful to the Premier for giving another day for the debate. He asked Government for an assurance that the bill would not be the preliminary to a permanent measure. Also if Mr. McKenna and Mr. Runciman were behind the bill.

Colonel Seely, who was cheered, urged all to support the Government and give a message to our brave Allies that we are determined with them to suffer all in order to win a righteous victory.

Mr. Redmond said he greatly regretted that his party could not support the bill, because Ireland regarded this as her war, and would make every sacrifice to win. But the bill was unnecessary. He believed that we had more men than we could train and equip. He concluded by saying that he would support Sir John Simon in any action he might take.

London, Jan. 6.—The Commons debate has been adjourned till Thursday.

London Jan. 7.—The House of Commons passed the first reading of the bill by 403 votes to 105.

London, Jan. 6.—A great Labour Congress met in the Central Hall, Westminster, to consider the official attitude towards the compulsory military service bill. Every section of labour was represented except the miners, who are holding a separate conference. A resolution was submitted expressing the workers' opposition to conscription and rejoicing at the magnificent success of the voluntary principle. Also that the Derby results are insufficiently ascertained to warrant Parliament passing a momentous compulsion proposal. Nevertheless, members may vote as they individually think fit.

At the Congress Mr. Hodge said that the resolution represented the views of moderate men and left freedom of opinion to the Labour M.P.'s. He emphasised that if the bill were rejected it would mean an election, which would be the worst possible thing for Labourites, as the issue would then be compulsion pure and simple.

Several delegates, including Mr. Thomas, the railwaymen's representative, while denouncing conscription, declared that a general election resulting from the non-passing of the bill would be a crime against the men in the trenches.

Later.—The Labour Congress has adopted as a substantive motion an amendment opposing the compulsion bill by a majority of 1,215,000 votes.

Recruiting offices on Monday will re-open under the Derby group system.

London, Jan. 7.—The Railwaymen's amendment, urging Congress to use every means in its power to oppose the bill, and recommending the Labourites in Parliament to oppose it, was carried by 1,715,000 to 334,000.

It is understood that Messrs. Henderson, Roberts and Bruce will vote for compulsion to-night, despite the decision of the Congress.

Later.—The Labourites Messrs. Henderson, Bruce and Roberts have resigned from the Ministry.

Later.—The Labour Party has decided to withdraw from the Coalition. Hence the resignations of Messrs. Henderson, Bruce and Roberts, although they are supporters of the bill.

Pointers from Greece.

Opposition to Partial Demobilisation.

London, Jan. 6.—A Milan telegram says that it is reported at Athens that serious dissensions have arisen between the Greek War Minister, M. Yanakitis, and the Chief of the General Staff, Gen. Dusanis, who threatens to resign if the War Minister wishes to demobilise fifteen per cent of the army.

In view of serious mutinies at Kavalla, Dusanis opposes and has annulled the War Minister's order for furlough for the oldest class.

Relations With the Allies.

Athens, Jan. 6.—From official sources it is reported that Italy has formally informed Greece that the troops landed in Albania will not under any circumstances cross the frontier of Northern Epirus.

Athens, Jan. 6.—The French Government has informed Greece that it holds at the latter's disposal, ten million francs as an advance from the loan now being negotiated.

London, Jan. 7.—In the House of Commons, Sir Edward Grey said he did not think that the Allies' diplomatic situation in Greece was other than satisfactory.

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German News Service.

WESTERN THEATRE: At several places, artillery, mine and hand grenade engagements have taken place. Near Bapaume two British aeroplanes were shot down; the inmates are dead.

Dec. 7. Near Berry-au-Bac, mine blasting is going on a large scale. A French trench was destroyed and all the inmates killed by a mine of the enemy.

East of Auberive in the Champagne, the Germans have taken 250 metres of a French advanced trench and captured more than 60 Frenchmen.

Vienna, Dec. 8.

HEADQUARTERS. The Italians only attacked near Osavia where all attacks failed.

Dec. 6.

The Italian artillery is bombarding Gorz and the neighbourhood and on the Tyrolean frontier, Ladare and the positions north of Ledaro valley. The Italian infantry attacks against the Doberdo Plateau and San Martino failed.

Berlin, Dec. 3.

At the inauguration of the Reichstag sessions, President Kaempff reminded his hearers of the brilliant victories of Germany and her allies. It was useless for the enemies to attempt to defeat the Germans by hunger, since they could not achieve their ends by military means. The President stated that all the necessary victuals exist. An organisation will regulate the prices, so that everyone will be able to obtain the necessary victuals at reasonable prices.

"Hold out, don't yield and triumph!" said the Bavarian Crown Prince Rupprecht to a correspondent of the Hungarian Az Est. The last offensive of the enemy was unsuccessful, in

spite of unheard of profusion of ammunition against inferior German forces. The German losses were small in comparison with those of the enemy.

During the battles in October the British lost 2000 officers. Crown Prince Rupprecht pointed out the bravery of the Hungarian troops who many times fought shoulder to shoulder with the Bavarians.

The Grandduchess of Baden sent to the Kaiser an artistic drawing "Quiet heroism," representing women cultivating the fields while the men are marching to join the army. The Emperor thanked the Grandduchess saying "German women have in heavy times been at the height of their task and full of creed and in firm conviction. In all parts of the Empire, they have followed the example given by the German Princesses. God bless their work."

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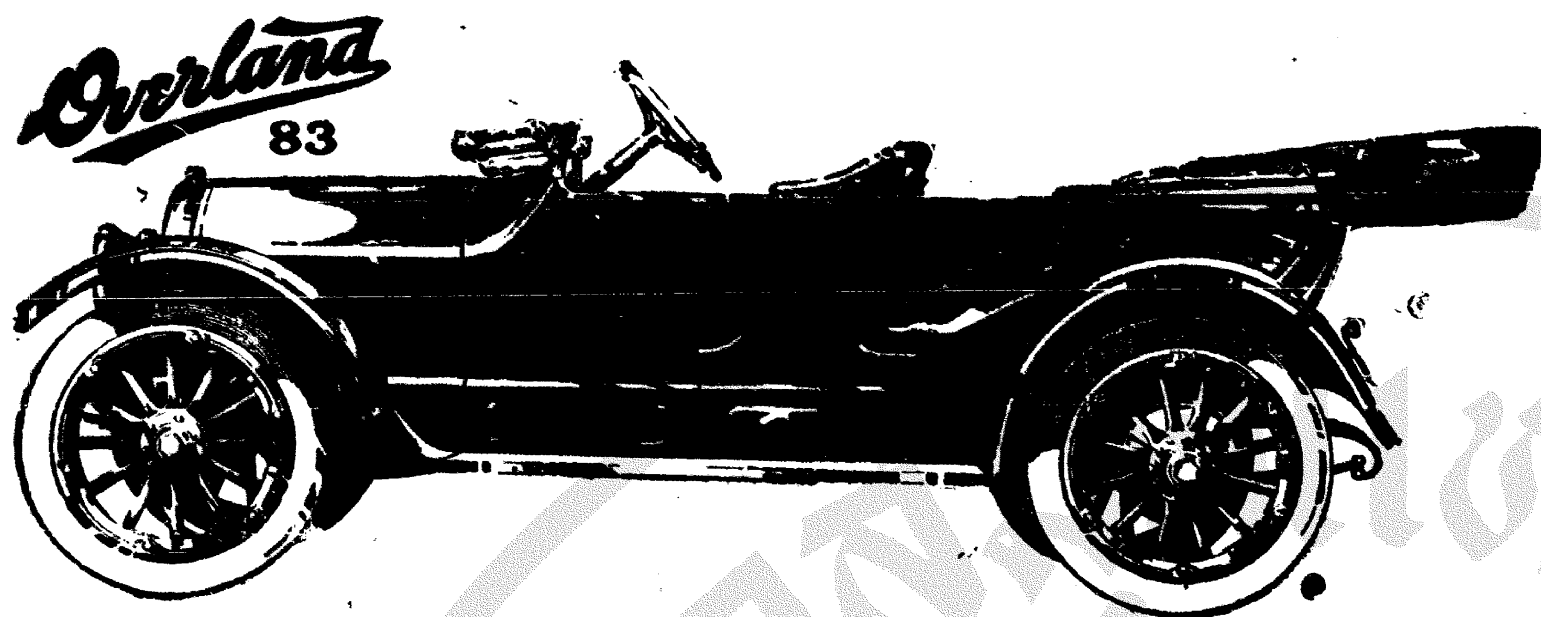
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We repulsed counter-attacks north-east of Czernovitz and inflicted enormous losses capturing three hundred soldiers.

At Mytilene the Allies have arrested the German and Austrian Consuls and several suspects. All were taken on board the Allies ships.

Salonika.

A neutral consul bearing a German name has been arrested by the Allies. It is reported that papers seized at the Austro-German Consulates implicate him of espionage. The Greek Government has protested thereat, also against the arrest of Greeks suspected of espionage. A telegram from Salonika also say that the Allies have also ordered the arrest of German and Austrian women employed in cafés and a number of German, Austrian, Turkish and Bulgarian men of social standing.

Amsterdam, Jan. 3.—A Sofia telegram says that public opinion is excited at the arrest of Consuls at Salonika. The Bulgarian Cabinet has decided to retaliate by arresting officials who remained in Bulgaria after the departure of their Chiefs from the British, French and Serbian Legations.

A Constantinople telegram states that the Porte has protested through the American Embassy against the arrest of the Ottoman Consul at Salonika. It is stated that the Porte will take reprisals against subjects of the Allied powers in the event of the steps taken by Greece not leading to the release of the Consuls of the Central Alliance.

Paris, Jan. 4.—A Salonika telegram says that arrests of the enemy subjects continue. The Allies have decided to clear the town of all suspects, who are placed on an Allied ship.

The arrival of the Russian Grand Duke Boris, who is reported to have an important secret mission, has caused considerable stir.

The World Says.

London, Jan. 3.—All the papers express their horror and indignation at the latest submarine enormity.

The Times says: Even Austrian impudence and cynicism cannot plead that five minutes is time enough to get hundreds into boats. The repetition of such attacks in particular waters ought not to be possible. We cleared the submarines from our home waters when we took the task seriously in hand. We should be able to baffle them along our chief route to the East as well.

The Chronicle says: The case of the Persia is on all-fours with that of the Lusitania. We in this country scarcely need fresh reminders of the barbarity against which we are fighting in order to stiffen our determination to fight it down and out. That the murdered women and children of the Persia will begin our minds when the day of reckoning comes, there can be no doubt whatever.

The Morning Post says: Such disasters are the consequence of war waged by an enemy who has consistently and cynically violated all the laws of nation and the customs of humanity.

The Graphic says: The Germans have added a fresh infamy to the many already committed.

The Telegraph says: Louder than ever is it proclaimed to all the world that the victory of Germany would be a victory for sheer brute force and bloody-minded vindictiveness, without sense or conscience for anything but the work of imposing a yoke on the rest of mankind. The Persia massacre has effected that much if no more. It might have strengthened, if that were possible the resolution of the Allies to rid Europe of this organised devilry. As things stand, it has merely deepened the loathing with which the German name is regarded throughout the civilised world.

The Daily Mail says: As it is fruitless to denounce Tirpitz and his pirates, the object of the nation must be to hit them hard and hurt both them and the people that preens itself on their infamies. The cowardly sinking of the Persia will steel the heart of Britons and prompt them not to mere denunciation but to action.

The Daily News says: In this instance the grief and suffering to which the Atlantic murders inured us are shared by our fellow citizens in India, and the link of sorrow will not be less or enduring than the link of victory.

The Daily Express says: Germany has elected to turn Europe into a shambles. She must pay the full and bitter penalty.

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London Jan. 4.—The men available under Lord Derby's scheme were single 2,170,231; married 2,832,210. Those who offered were single 1,150,000; married 1,609,263. The rejected number 207,000 and 221,853. The report says that 103,000 single and 112,431 married enrolled for immediate service; 840,000 single and 1,344,979 married offered for service under the group system.

The single failing to offer themselves under Lord Derby's scheme were 1,029,231, of whom 378,071 were classed as indispensable owing to other national services, leaving 651,160 single who had not volunteered, which the report describes as far from a negligible quantity. Therefore it was impossible to utilize the services of the married till the singles had been secured by other means.

Jan. 4.—A Proclamation calls up Derby groups six, seven, eight and nine for Feb. 8.

The Imprisoned Consuls.

London, Jan. 4.—Both French and German communiques state that there

was no event of importance in any theatre.

A telegram from Athens says that the Bulgarians have imprisoned the British and French vice-consuls at Sofia as reprisals for the arrest of enemy consuls at Salonika by the Anglo-French troops.

Greece has protested against the arrests and has now sent a written protest to the Entente against the arrest of certain Hellenic subjects at Salonika.

Paris, Jan. 4.—An official note says that the enemy consuls arrested in Salonika will be taken to Marseilles, and will be given safe conducts to Switzerland. The note adds that, in reply to the arbitrary and illegal act of Bulgaria against the French vice-consul in charge of the archives of the Legation at Sofia, the French Government has ordered the arrest of the Chancellor in charge of the archives of the Bulgarian Legation in Paris. The latter is ill and has been allowed to remain in his apartments.

Paris, Jan. 5.—A communiqué states that the Bulgarians have pillaged several villages on the Greek frontier.

A Hongkong Matter.

London, Jan. 4.—In the House of Commons, replying to a question by Sir E. Cornwall with reference to the granting of licences for hotels in Hongkong to Germans, Mr. Bonar Law said that no question of policy was involved. The Executive Council acted throughout in a judicial capacity under the Licensing Ordinance.



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