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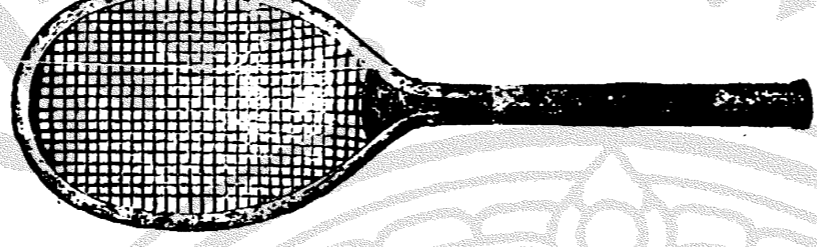
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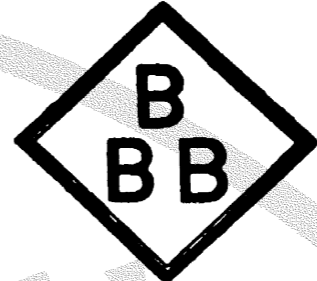
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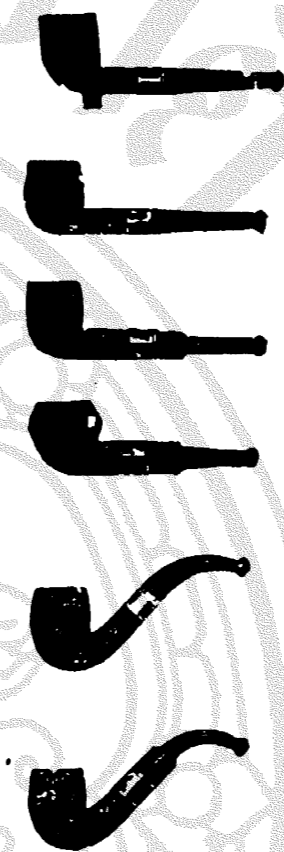
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DEPTH OF WATER ON THE
BANGKOK BAR.
FOR Feb., 1917.

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

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

PHASES OF THE MOON.

Feb. 7th O Full Moon 10.10 a.m.
" 15th O Last Quarter 8.35 a.m.
" 22nd O New Moon 0.51 a.m.
" 28th O First Quarter 11.26 p.m.

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The consignees are Messrs. The Borneo
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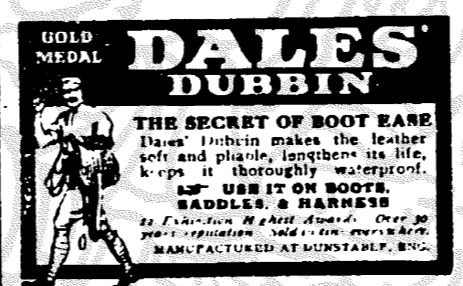
Ships in Harbour.	
Chengtu	Brit. 56
Bishane	" 58
Childar	Nor. 64
Wanli	Chin. 28
Tatouai	Fren. dock
Kang Ping	Chin. 25
Agga	Nor. 81
Phouc Kien	Fren. 81

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The British Advance.

Paris, Feb. 12.—The newspapers pay
great attention to the British advance,
characterising it as of real importance.
They suggest that the British should
definitely ascertain whether the Ger-
man retirement was wholly forced or
represents some new tactical device.

London, Feb. 12.—Reuter's corre-
spondent at headquarters says: The
effect of the incessant British bombard-
ment is indicated by the captured re-
port of a Company commander of the
thirty-first German infantry to bat-
talion headquarters dated Feb. 4. He
wrote: "Our trenches are blotted out,
and dug-outs unusable. Shell after
shell bursts right on the top of
them. British airmen flying very low
direct their fire. Our artillery fired
very little and German airmen only
appeared in the evening and failed to
disturb the British. The latter appear
to be using a new type of gun the shell
from which bursts like a mine and the
area of destruction is large."

London, Feb. 12.—Wireless. Ger-
man Official. We repulsed English at-
tacks eastward of Armentieres and
southward of La Bassée Canal. We
repulsed six night attacks between Serre
and the Ancre, the assailants wearing
sleeve shirts, with heavy losses in a hand
to hand fight. We evacuated a trench
south-east of Serre before the English
attack.

Germany's Mobilisation.

An order of the General Command-
ing the 4th Army Corps at Magdeburg
throws some light on how the Germans
are setting to work with their scheme
of national mobilisation. The order
applies of course to those who have
already been declared unfit for army
service or who are superannuated. The
proclamation calls for home and garri-
son service as army cooks, artisans,
smiths, shoemakers, grocers, laundry-
men, and medical corps. Home service
work includes technical work at artill-
ery and sapper depots and skilled and
unskilled work in food and munition
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vants to officers, printers, compositors
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performed by Landsturm soldiers. The
employment of civilians will liberate
vast numbers of Landsturm for service
at or near the front. The proclama-
tion invites volunteers. Compulsion
will follow if an inadequate number
of men volunteer. Women volunteers
are stated to be acceptable as cooks in
home depots, and also in some branches
of the food depots, in all clerical work,
in many branches of the Army Postal
Service, and in army laundries in home
depots. Identical proclamations are in
course of issue throughout Germany.—
Ex.

The Barrett Enquiry.

London, Jan. 8.—Mrs. Cornwallis-
West, interviewed on the Barrett en-
quiry case yesterday, said that she
would say no more than that her
actions had been misjudged. Her
friends knew that to be so.

Her husband, Colonel West, in a
signed interview, declares that the
tribunal proceedings were understood
to be strictly private and that, there-
fore, the publication of its report is
difficult to understand. It only gave a
misleading impression. No opportunity
was afforded his wife's counsel to
cross-examine Lieutenant Barrett. If
that had been done perhaps a different
complexion would have been put on
the matter. His wife was the victim
of her own good nature. "We under-
stood," said the colonel, "that Lieut.
Barrett was an orphan who had never
known a father or a mother. We did
not know anything of his antecedents
before he joined the army."

Conditions in Austria

London, January 29.—The "Tribune
de Geneve" learns from an official
Austrian source that the Emperor
Charles on the advice of the new Pre-
mier has decided to dissolve the Re-
ichsrath and order an immediate general
election. It is not easy to see how any
genuine election can be carried through
at present, Austria being even more
thoroughly denuded of men than other
belligerents, but there can be little
doubt as to the popular attitude to-
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11.30, and p.m. 1.00, 2.30, 3.30, 4.30, and 5.30, daily.
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Bangkok Dep.	7.15	9.45	1.25	3.35	Lampang Dep.
Ayuthia Arr.	9.3	11.41	3.33	5.45	Den Chai "	12.38
Ban Phaji Arr.	9.47	12.20	4.34	6.30	Tha Sao "	...	...	...	7.1
	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	...	Utaradit "	...	...	...	7.18
Ban Phaji Dep.	9.57	12.37	4.30	...	Ban Dara Arr.	...	...	...	8.16
Lopburi Arr.	11.5	1.55	5.48	...	Sawa-loke Dep.	...	...	a.m.	7.1
Chengket Dep.	12.33	3.38	...	7.25	Ban Dara Arr.	...	...	...	8.1
Pak'poh Arr.	2.17	5.40	...	8.54				a.m.	...
Pak'poh Dep.	2.26	6.30	...	...	Ban Dara Dep.	...	...	...	6.24
Pitsa-loke Arr.	6.11	...	...	...	Pitsa-loke Arr.	...	...	...	10.43
	a.m.	p.m.	...	...				...	...
Pitsa-loke Dep.	7.4	2.2	...	...	Pitsa-loke Dep.	...	...	p.m.	1.45
Ban Dara Arr.	9.5	4.18	...	...	Pak'poh Arr.	...	...	...	6.20
	a.m.	p.m.	...	...				...	...
Ban Dara Dep.	9.20	4.40	...	...	Pak'poh Dep.	...	p.m.	a.m.	7.20
S'kaloke Arr.	10.21	5.41	...	...		3.52	...	...	10.43
Ban Dara Dep.	9.10	4.26	...	...	Chengket Arr.	6.21	...	...	9.22
Utaradit Arr.	10.6	5.29	...	...	Lopburi Dep.	...	7.10	...	11.5
Tha Sao "	10.15	5.38	...	...	Ban Phaji Arr.	...	...	...	12.21
Den Chai "	11.57	...	...	...		...	8.30	...	...
Lampang "	4.52	...	...	...	Korat Dep.	...	p.m.	a.m.	7.1
	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	a.m.	Lat Bua Kao Arr.	5.55	...	...	8.40
Ban Phaji Dep.	10.17	12.30	4.41	...	Gengkoi Dep.	...	7.12	...	11.32
Gengkoi Arr.	11.7	1.26	5.51	...			...	p.m.	...
Lat Bua Kao Dep.	...	4.3	...	8.2	Ban Phaji Arr.	...	...	8.22	12.29
Korat "	...	6.8	...	10.3				a.m.	...
	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	...	Ban Phaji Dep.	...	6.27	8.37	12.44
Bangkok Dep.	7.45	...	...	3.50	Ayuthia "	...	7.13	9.25	1.23
P'trieu Arr.	9.33	...	...	5.38	Bangkok Arr.	...	9.28	11.35	3.16
	a.m.	...	...	...			...	...	...
Bangkok Dep.	7.50	...	...	...	P'trieu Dep.	...	9.38	...	...
Bangkok Arr.	9.38	...	...	...			...	...	...

Germans in Spain.

Madrid, Jan. 9.—The German campaign in Spain continues with unabated vigour and it is considered in well informed quarters that it may even lead to the Government's resignation. The pro-Germans not only excuse the German submarine campaign against Spanish merchantmen on the ground that the ships are trading in contraband with the Entente, but they assert that the Premier openly sides with the Entente. They impudently denounce Spain for refusing to join in the peace movement. It is believed that the German Ambassador inspires the pro-German newspapers: at any rate it is significant that he recently declared a Spanish steamer not to have been torpedoed. The captain of the steamer had solicited a safe conduct from him. This haughty pronouncement has aroused indignation in Spain.

Accelerated Shipping Construction.

London, Jan. 11.—Sir Joseph Maclay, the Minister for Shipping Control, has begun work energetically and he has arranged for a rapid acceleration of the construction of new tonnage. Every shipyard on the East Coast and the West Coast will shortly be working at its utmost capacity. Additional labour has been made available, especially for ships nearing completion. Passenger steamers being constructed will be utilised wholly for cargo purposes. Another immense project is the construction of many vessels of great tonnage as naval auxiliaries. They will be standardised ships of simple design and will be constructed with the utmost rapidity. When they are commissioned they will release more than an equal tonnage of merchantmen.

A new naval service extended piece-work system has been introduced as a war measure throughout the shipyards. It has been found that piece-workers produce 50 per cent more than day workers. It is hoped that the trade unions will approve owing to the urgent needs for intensified effort.

The Language of Peace.

Copenhagen, Jan. 15.—A meeting of the German Language Union in Berlin, representing 300 associations, resolved to request the Chancellor not to permit any enemy language to be the common language at the peace conference and to instruct the German delegates to speak only German.

The Russian Political Crisis.

London, Jan. 19.—The "Daily Chronicle" Petrograd correspondent states: M. Trepoff's resignation was due to his refusal to consent to General Protopoff's continuance in office, since while the latter remained co-operation was impossible between the Government and legislative institutions.

The progressive newspapers are not enthusiastic regarding the new Premier, who is opposed to the making of domestic reforms until after the war.

London, Jan. 11.—The "Daily Chronicle" declares that the murder of the monk Rasputin has already had a healthy effect upon Russian political life. The fall of M. Trepoff seems to complete the tendency begun by M. Sturmer's overthrow. Probably it represents a progressive victory.

Sultan's Order to Army.

A telegram from Constantinople states that the Sultan of Turkey has issued the following proclamation:—

Soldiers, my children, as was announced in the last Imperial proclamation, with a humanitarian object and in order to prevent great bloodshed, we have in concert with the Sovereigns of the Allies, made proposals with a view to opening peace negotiations. The enemy States, disregarding the serious intention and sublime spirit of our purpose, have disdainfully rejected our offer, and we are obliged with our Allies to continue the war which we have waged for two and a half years with honour and glory, leaving to the enemy moral and material responsibility for fresh bloodshed and the ruin of homes.

In this war, in which we are fighting for the defence of our rights and for our existence, you, soldiers, my children, have by your bravery and sacrifices on land and sea brilliantly enhanced the venerated name of Ottomanism. I am convinced that we shall certainly reap the harvest of so many efforts and sacrifices. With the aid of the Almighty we shall obtain the final victory and succeed in delivering our country and existence from the avidity of our enemies.

Henceforth, with our allies, we shall redouble our zeal and efforts in order, with the aid of God, to destroy our enemies everywhere. Inspired with these sentiments, you, soldiers, my children, will give fresh proofs of your bravery worthy of the Ottoman name. May the Almighty crown with success the religious and patriotic efforts which you will make for the defence of the country and the Fatherland, and accord everywhere His divine aid to the Ottoman soldiers.

THE RAINFALL.

Rainfall for the 2nd week in February 2489

Locality.	Rainfall recorded during the week.	Rainfall of corresponding week of last year.	Total rainfall for present year to date.	Total rainfall for last year to corresponding date.	Remarks.
	Millimetres.	Millimetres.	Millimetres.	Millimetres.	
Ministry of Agriculture	None	None	1141.1	1233.6	
Dhanyaburi	"	"	977.5	1253.3	
Samudprakar	No report	"	"	1372.6	
Krang Kao	None	"	1214.8	1073.5	
Angtong	"	"	1541.8	1450.3	
Loburi	"	"	1508.6	1289.0	
Jainart	"	"	1414.6	1272.2	
Udaibhani	"	"	1475.1	1448.2	
Bienuloke	"	"	1809.1	1471.4	
Xhaxerngao	"	"	1257.8	1213.1	
Prachin	"	"	1447.9	1550.4	
Nagor Pathom	No report	"	"	1564.3	
Rajburi	2.6	"	1237.8	1256.0	
Xiaaraburi	13.4	"	1774.9	1722.4	
Bejngmai	None	"	1401.6	863.9	
Singora	"	"	1882.3	2190.0	

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THE**Great War.****British Progress on the Ancre.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Feb. 19

Marshal Haig reports: By a successful operation on both banks of the Ancre in the morning we progressed considerably. We attacked southward of the river and captured positions on a front of one and a half miles opposite the villages of Miraumont and Petit Miraumont. We penetrated over a thousand yards and advanced over a line within a few hundred yards of Petit Miraumont. We captured northward of the river an important position on the upper slopes of the spur northwards of Baillencourt farm on a thousand yards front and successfully repulsed a counter-attack. The enemy's losses were heavy. We took 268 prisoners whereof six were officers.

Later.—Marshal Haig reports: We captured on the Ancre on Saturday 774 prisoners. Three waves of German infantry in the morning accompanied by supporting troops attacked the new positions at Baillencourt farm. They came under our concentrated artillery and could not reach our lines. They were driven back with heavy losses.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Feb. 18.

There were patrol encounters at various points. We invaded enemy trenches at Bois de Pretre and destroyed works and shelters.

South of the Ancre the British penetrated to a depth of a thousand metres along a front of 2,400 metres. They approached Petit Miraumont and conquered an important position to the north of the Ancre. They inflicted heavy losses on the enemy and captured 268 prisoners.

Mesopotamia.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Feb. 18.

Mesopotamia.—The British conquered on the 15th and 16th instant the whole of the Dabra bend capturing 1,995 prisoners. On the 16th they advanced 1,200 yards above the Shamran bend.

Germans Preparing for Big Offensive.

(S. O. SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
Singapore, Feb. 20.

It is stated that Germany is undoubtedly massing troops on the Western front where now there are 166 divisions compared with 128 divisions in November.

The "Times" correspondent suggests the possibility of an attack on England in conjunction with a great naval offensive. Experts agree that Hindenburg must strike soon.

Belgian Relief Suffers.

New York, Feb. 13.—It is officially announced that Americans are withdrawing from relief work in Belgium and North France as the German conditions for continuance of the work are impossible. The President of the Relief Commission states that there are six weeks' food supplies stored in Belgium, which Belgian officials will be authorised to have distributed pending reorganisation of the relief work.

New Siege of Kut.

London, February 13.—Mesopotamia Official.—We scored a direct hit on an enemy bridge at Shumran and sank some shipping. We resumed our advance on Sunday up the right bank of the Tigris and drove back the enemy to his last line trenches in the Dabra bend westward of Kut. We established our line in the evening across the bend from bank to bank on a frontage of 5,500 yards, completely hemming in the enemy.

Russia's Warring.

London Feb. 12.—Wireless: Russian Official. The English armoured cars twice advanced in the region of the mouth of the Sereth and bombarded enemy positions.

London, Feb. 13.—Wireless: German Official. We repulsed two Russian attacks on the Upper Sereth. We stormed a fortified position south of the Vale Putna road and stormed an Italian hill position in the Cerna salient.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE "Siam Observer" wants one or two youths with a knowledge of English and Siamese for newspaper and clerical work.

THE Malay Peninsula main line is in order as far as Prachuabgrikhan. Nongkhal line is interrupted between Korat and Konkaen. Other lines are in good order.

THE Pope has written to the Kaiser, requesting that the German high command will allow, under restrictions, the immediate restoration of Rheims Cathedral, which the Germans have so severely bombarded that it is feared that the building will collapse.

SAYS the "Singapore Free Press" of Feb. 15:—A St. Andrew's Cathedral yesterday, the marriage took place of Mr. Arnold Howard Jones, of the Chartered Bank, Bangkok, and Miss Alison Mary Scott, of Shanghai. Mr. Jones came down from Bangkok a few days ago to meet his bride. The ceremony was performed by the Ven. Archdeacon Swindell. The bride was given away by Mr. John Greig, manager of the Chartered Bank in Singapore, and Mr. Duncan Campbell was bestman.

Mr. Ward Price, the British war correspondent at Salonika, in answer to a question as to what the Allies are doing at Salonika says: Our object is first to cut the Berlin-Bagdad railway and sever Germany's connection with her Eastern Allies, also to refashion the Balkans and to thwart German schemes. If the Germans had reached Salonika they would have built a Mediterranean Kiel there and Egypt would have been threatened by a fleet as strong as that in the North Sea. By re-establishing Serbia we fulfil our duty to an ally and build a Slav dam across the tideway of German ambition.

Sports Club Football.

There will be a football match between Veterans and Griffins at the Royal Bangkok Sports Club to-morrow (Wednesday). The following are the teams:—

Veterans. (in Blue)

Carson, Reith, Pollard, Selley, Lo May, Olsen, Bagger, Finnie, Grunemann, Malcolm, Cranmer.

O

Robertson, H.E. Jones, Walsh, Ramsay, Chapman, Glahnson, Preston, Halls, Bowdon, Thune, Jenkins.

Griffins. (in White)

It is hoped to hold a dinner and Smoking concert at the Club on Saturday evening after the Pollard Cup Final. Any members wishing to have dinner at the Club are asked to put their names down on the Club notice board or to inform the Honorary Secretary.

Night-Shirt Raids.**Deeds of the Warriors in White.**

London, Feb. 13.—A correspondent at headquarters, describing the snow-shirt attacks mentioned in the German communiqué, says that the Canadians startled the millionaire's shop in a village by demanding a hundred ladies' night-shirts of the largest size. There were shouts of laughter from the Canadian trenches when the night-shirts were doled out over the khaki, and tied up with blue ribbon. The party went out in the moonlight and snow, and with rifles and bombs cleared dug-outs and brought back prisoners.

Similarly the Gordon Highlanders sallied out in white smocks and white painted helmets. They destroyed German outposts and blew up a nest of dug-outs, capturing prisoners.

London, Feb. 13.—Wireless: German Official. Numerous enemy reconnoitring advances between Ypres and Arras failed.

London, Feb. 14.—Marshal Haig reports: We drove off a strong raiding party south of Yps. The enemy suffered heavy losses, and some prisoners were taken. The enemy's repeated attacks south of Serre were unsuccessful.

We penetrated several hundred yards of positions east of Sonchez and destroyed a trench rail-head, four mine-shafts and many dug-outs. The enemy resisted stubbornly, many being killed and 47 taken prisoner. Our casualties were light.

We destroyed several occupied dug-outs northeast of Neuville St. Vaast, north of Loos and east of Ypres.

A small party reached our trenches south of Armentières, but was ejected.

Capetown, Feb. 12.—It is officially announced that a small Union expedition routed the followers of the turbulent native chief Mandume at Ovambo land in "German" South West Africa, on the 6th, killing forty, including Mandume himself. Nine men of the Union force were killed and eleven injured. No further trouble is anticipated.

Matters Racing.

On the opening day of the Spring Race Meeting at Kuala Lumpur, Brown Comet won the Planters' Purse, distance 6 furlongs, in 1 min. 21 4/5 secs. This was Brown Comet's 36th win in seven years' racing.

At the recent Kuala Lumpur race meeting R. Billett, the jockey, was suspended for six months for boring Pegasus in the Klang Plate on Thursday, 8th February.

Lucky Boristat Say When for it is reported that Lakafoss cost, landed in Bangkok, Ticals 770. The two lotteries of which the Boristat had the whole of the first and only a quarter of the second (though there was a half claim) brought in Ticals 791 net so that the prize of Ticals 250 is clean profit.

Still this is not anywhere near the case of Gladys C (late La Vie) who in her first innings won four races in which the prize money alone was Tcs. 1,000 not to speak of the lotteries. It is said this was the price paid for the animal.

In the first race on the Off Day of the recent Kianwan race meeting at Shanghai, the dividends were, win \$1,291.50; places \$39, \$177.60 and \$19.40. The winner of the second race paid \$71.20, of the third race \$33.30 and the fourth race \$21.40.

Mr. H. J. Clifton Smith writes to the Malay Mail of Feb. 18th:—Through the medium of your paper I beg to apologise to the several members of the Selatour Turf Club who purchased Place Tote tickets on my horse Batu Gajah on Thursday afternoon for not having appeared within the specified time against the decision of the judges. Nullo, which placed second—instead of Batu Gajah—was many lengths behind. It is an ill wind, etc., but perhaps the members who had placed tickets on Nullo, and received money to which they were not actually entitled, will forward such money to Mr. P. W. Gleason, who, I believe, is receiving donations, etc., for St. Dunstan's Home for Blindfold Soldiers and Sailors.

The s.s. Kuala brings up to-morrow the black racing pony Moment for a local syndicate.

Fighting the U-Boat.

British Navy's Achievements.

London, Feb. 13.—In the House of Lords, Lord Curzon reiterated that Admiral Jellicoe was not dissatisfied with the past fortnight's operations.

Referring to the measures to safeguard neutral shipping, Lord Curzon said: "We have signified our willingness to pay increased freights, provide special insurance, offer premiums to crews, and even purchase ships. Arrangements have also been made to build new ships in America and Japan. We are converting passenger into cargo ships, and the sanction of deckloads has added half a million tons to our carrying capacity."

Lord Curzon foreshadowed the further restriction of imports, including the total prohibition of non-essentials.

London, Feb. 13.—In the House of Lords Lord Beresford stated that there was not the slightest cause for panic. We had done remarkably well and would do much better though we had a bad time to face. Submarineism was nearer being well in hand than it had ever been, owing to men fresh from sea experience of submarine bringing new ideas to the Admiralty.

Mastery Within Six Weeks. The gross tonnage before the war of vessels exceeding sixteen hundred tons was 16,850,000; on Jan. 31 the reduction was between five and six per cent of that tonnage. A number of German submarines had been operating in the past fortnight which would never return to their own shores. New devices were being invented and applied.

Lord Charles Beresford declared that he was confident that we should have submarineism really in hand in six weeks or so.

Lord Lytton, for the Admiralty, said that every device of human ingenuity was being employed most energetically against submarines. The Admiralty was confident that we could continue not merely to furnish our armies with munitions and supplies and carry out our obligations towards our Allies, but could also keep free certain routes for neutral commerce and obtain the necessary supplies for our own people.

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The Offer To Negotiate.

London, Feb. 13.—The mystery of Germany's offer to negotiate with the United States to prevent war, cabled on the 10th and 12th, was heightened by a German semi-official telegram characterising the report as a "complete invention," but is cleared up by a Washington message, saying that a State Department announcement shows Berlin again to be lying.

The announcement says that the Swiss Minister on Saturday afternoon orally suggested that Germany was willing to negotiate provided that the commercial blockade of England was not interfered with. Mr. Lansing requested that the suggestion be made in writing. The Swiss Minister on Sunday night accordingly presented a communication: "The Swiss Government is requested by the German Government to say that the latter now, as before, is willing to negotiate, formally or informally, with the United States, provided that the commercial blockade of England is not broken thereby."

Mr. Lansing's Reply. Mr. Lansing replied on Monday: "I am requested by the President to say that the Government of the United States will gladly discuss with the German Government any questions which it might propose for discussion, if it withdraws the proclamation of Jan. 31, in which suddenly, without previous intimation of any kind, it cancelled the assurances of May 4 last, but it does not feel that it can enter into any discussion with the German Government concerning the policy of submarine warfare against neutrals which it is now pursuing unless and until the German Government renews the assurances of May 4 and acts upon those assurances."

London, Feb. 13.—The combination of trickery, arrogance and panic which is characterising Germany's attitude towards the United States is revealed in despatches from American correspondents, freed from the trammels of German censorship, on their arrival in Denmark and Switzerland from Berlin. It appears that extraordinary precautions were taken to conceal the decision as to unrestricted submarine warfare, which was taken at the grand Anglo-German Conference at German headquarters on the Kaiser's birthday. Even Herr Zimmermann gave no hint when he saw Mr. Gerard on the eve of Herr Bethmann Hollweg's announcement of Jan. 31. The surprise was effectual, but to none more than the Germans, who were absolutely dismayed at the promptness of President Wilson's rupture of relations. Then followed an amazing attempt to browbeat Mr. Gerard into signing a revised version of the Prusso-American Treaty of 1799, with a view to securing the inviolability of German property in the United States in the event of war.

Gerard Wouldn't be Sandbagged. When Mr. Gerard refused, Count Montenegro, on behalf of the Foreign Office, threatened to detain Americans in Germany.

Mr. Gerard's reply that he would not be sandbagged led to the abandonment of the attempt to hold him and other Americans as hostages.

The next move was to offer to negotiate through the Swiss Minister, with the result cabled on the 13th, which is bound to precipitate a climb down by Germany. That Germany dreads American intervention, despite bluster, appears from a statement attributed to Foreign Minister Zimmermann on Jan. 30, that if the United States gave Germany a free hand the war would end in a few months.

New York, Feb. 14.—President Wilson's response to Germany's attempt to negotiate was cabled on Feb. 13 and has stirred enthusiasm throughout the country. The Press comments caustically on the exposure of a craftily laid scheme to divide American opinion and place the United States in a false position.

Naval Measures. Washington, Feb. 14.—The acting President of the Senate has introduced a Bill which is enacted to open the United States ports to Allied warships conveying merchantmen against submarines, and to enable such warships to patrol waters against German raiders.

The introducer was unwilling to say if he had the support of Government, but he understood that the Bill might be acceptable to Government.

Washington, Feb. 14.—The House passed the Naval Bill appropriating 365 million dollars. It includes emergency amendments for commandeering shipyards and munition works and acquiring patents for aircraft.

The New Polish Cabinet.

Amsterdam, Jan. 8.—The "Frankfurter Zeitung" reports that the response to the German call for volunteers to serve in the Polish army is negligible. The levying of men will be the first important problem before the new Polish Cabinet when it assembles this week. The Polish Cabinet Council will consist of 25 members of which Germany will appoint 15 and Austria 10. All political parties will be represented except the National Democrats.

London, Feb. 13.—Mr. Balfour has sent a letter to Ambassador Page warmly thanking America for her solicitude for British subjects in Germany, especially war prisoners.

Wire News.

London, Feb. 12.—Silver is at 38 1/6, with competitive buying, and remains firm.

Amsterdam, Feb. 12.—Berlin Official. The V. 69, from Ymuiden, has arrived at a German base.

London, Feb. 12.—The King received General Barrow upon his appointment to the India Council.

London, Feb. 13.—C. M. Gs: Mr. F. W. Major, chief of customs in East Africa; Mr. Fredrick Spire, provincial commissioner in Uganda.

London, Feb. 12.—Wireless. German Official. We advanced in the Duna-Kiselin area in Moldavia.

Petrograd, Feb. 14.—The classes of 1897-98 have been called to the colours, and will provide a million more effective forces during the next few months.

Rotterdam, Feb. 14.—Hunger riots took place in the principal streets, provision shops being pillaged. The police dispersed the crowds with sabres and sticks.

The Hague, Feb. 14.—The Second Chamber has voted confidence in the Government by 46 to 26. The question arose on the discussion of military classification measures.

Copenhagen, Feb. 13.—The Hamburger Nachrichten announces that a terrible explosion has occurred near Hamburg. Two large ammunition factories were destroyed, 63 being killed and a like number injured.

London, Feb. 13.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Hope-Intimated that interned Germans would be employed on agriculture and other work of national importance. (Cheers). Compulsion would not be applied to civilian prisoners.

London, Feb. 14.—The Times says that it is understood that Lord Balfour of Burleigh's committee on post war trade policy unanimously recommends Imperial Preference as the foundation of our future world economic policy.

Rome, Feb. 13.—Italian seaplanes bombed the arsenal, ships and harbour of Pola and returned safely. An enemy air squadron bombed a hospital train at Brindisi on Feb. 6 and Red Cross officers and civilians were wounded.

London, Feb. 13.—The Press Bureau states: An explosion, preceded by a fire, occurred at a munitions factory in Yorkshire this morning. It is believed that all employees escaped. Some damage has been done in the neighbourhood and possibly there are some casualties which are as yet unknown.

New York, Feb. 13.—An Associated Press message from Berlin says that five German army corps were concentrated on the Dutch frontier when the ruthless submarineism began, while other neutrals, whom President Wilson invited to join America, were indirectly reminded of the fate of Belgium and Serbia.

London, Feb. 12.—Wireless. Italian Official. We reached Tarvis station and repulsed an enemy attack in the Vodel zone after violent hand to hand fighting, the survivors being captured. We reestablished our lines eastward of Gorizia and completely repulsed the enemy, with serious losses, taking 100 prisoners.

London, Feb. 12.—In view of the so-called submarine blockade, the Board of Trade figures of imports of foreign and colonial corn to the United Kingdom last week are particularly interesting. They were wheat 2,766,200 hundred weights and maize 1,969,300, compared with 1,111,800 and 495,800 respectively for the same week of last year.

London, Feb. 14.—Mr. Addison, speaking at Bedford, said: "We are beating the Germans in the output of heavy guns. Three hundred and sixty-five were produced in Britain during the last week of January, compared with an average of twenty-two during the year ending June last; medium guns, seventy-six, compared with 73."

British Trade Boom.

The Board of Trade returns for 1916 issued on January 6 showed that the imports were of the value of £249,152,679, an increase over 1915 of £97,239,329, and an £252,317,566 in excess of 1914.

The exports showed a substantial advance, reaching a total of £506,546,212, an increase over the 1915 figures of £121,677,764, and £75,324,855 more than 1914.

The imports for the month of December were £75,406,306, increase £5,072,391, and the exports of the month £39,928,460, as against £5,980,941 in December, 1915.

The chief items of increase in imports were cotton, increased £4,045,361, and meat, increased £1,640,951, while among British exports the chief increase were cotton goods, increased £4,442,850, and woollen goods, increased £248,469.

Conditions in Constantinople.

Berne, Jan. 5.—A neutral citizen who has lived several years in Constantinople gives details of the conditions existing there. He says that the people are eating bread which smells of petroleum and has been made of what was abandoned by the troops in Gallipoli. This wheat was drenched with petroleum in the hope that it would be rendered useless. Sugar costs 14s. per kilogramme and coffee costs 14s. per kilogramme while petroleum costs 30s. for 25 gallons. The Bosphorus fisheries have been abandoned owing to the presence of mines. The Russian fleet periodically bombards the sailing stations and it has practically blockaded the Bosphorus since the capture of Trebizond. Of 250 merchant vessels at the Golden Horn at the beginning of the war all except six have been sunk by the Russians in the Black Sea or by the British or French submarines in the Sea of Marmora.

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German Plans.

The "Times" military correspondent discusses at length German plans for this year, and whether the enemy will strike east or west. Hindenburg, he says, retains a strategic reserve of inconsiderable magnitude for throwing this way and that, and even this reserve can only be safely used in this manner when the autumn rains immobilise the Allied Armies on the principal fronts to a certain extent and for a certain time.

By his loss of men, by his increasingly serious economic situation, and by the absence, to say the least of it, of all enthusiasm for the war among the mass of his people, the enemy is certainly very hard hit, and there can be little doubt that Hindenburg told his Imperial master when Bukharest was taken that German arms had reached the culminating point of victory and that the time had come to make the peace which the German people demand with increasing insistence.

The German armies had resisted, not indeed, victoriously, but with credit, and it was obviously the best thing to do to sell out at the top of the market if any buyers could be found. The strong improbability of final success, and the increasingly cruel cost of continuing the war, made peace a necessity for Germany and for her confederates.

Power of Resistance.

But we must not run away with the idea that the enemy was exhausted. He was, and is, in a position to resist militarily for long, and even to gain some future successes. It was simply that the future contained no reasonable prospect of decisive victory, and that the internal condition of Germany had become so bad that the whole-hearted support of the war by the people could no longer be counted upon.

How bad things are we do not know, but many reports from good sources leave no reasonable doubt that things have taken a great change for the worse in the last few weeks.

But it takes two to make peace (continues the "Times" correspondent), and the writer is here only concerned with what Hindenburg will do if the war continues. Is it to be the West, Salonika, Italy or the East that will claim the chief attention of the Marshal until the spring finds the whole of his enemies prepared to meet him with their full strength?

We can put the West out of account, first because the Germans have had such a gruelling in France, and secondly, because a German offensive in this quarter would suit us so well that we cannot dare to hope for it. What would suit him best would be never to bear the West mentioned again. Meanwhile

his plan is to amass heavy guns, snipers, and men, so that his inferiority in the West may be less sensible in 1917 than in 1916.

After stating that there is a chance of the enemy "attempting something" against Italy, and that the situation in Switzerland also needs attention, and must not be disregarded he proceeds—

"But, in spite of these centres of attraction, we may well believe that Hindenburg, who has always affirmed that the greatest danger threatens from Russia, wishes to continue in 1917 the campaign broken off in the autumn of 1915."

What Russia Must Expect.

"Germans declare that they are impressed by what they term the internal disorganisation of Russia, and affirm that the Russian armies are exhausted and short of war material. It remains always true that the Austro-German railway system is far superior to the Russian, and that the German Auxiliary Service Act, already in operation while Germany's enemies have done little but talk, will supply the drafts needed for an offensive campaign."

"Russia must certainly be prepared to find herself in 1917 the anvil for the German hammer, and must make her plans in conformity with this leading idea."

"Meanwhile the present German design is obviously to secure the line of the Sereth perhaps the Pruth, and in any event the mouths of the Danubius. Thereby the German line, so intolerably extended when Rumania came in, will be shortened to its least possible length, many enemy divisions can be restored to general reserve, and Hindenburg will be more free to use them where he will."

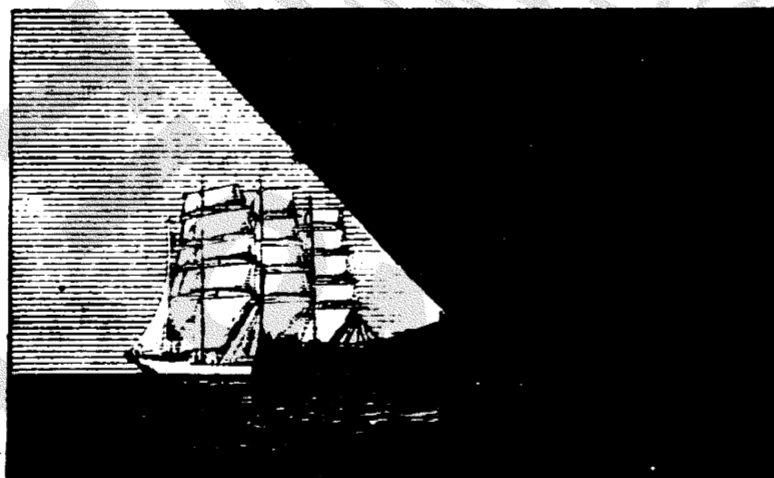
"We can hardly expect a winter campaign by Germany on the whole Russian front, as Hindenburg's past experience of such an undertaking must have left unpleasant memories, but in May all the armies will be in movement, and Russia is not likely to exclude from her calculations a transfer of German weight to the left by rail and an advance on Petrograd in co-operation with the German navy."

Austro-German Financial Combine

Amsterdam, January 15. The "Nieuw Pester" of Buda Pesth states that capitalists in Germany and Austria-Hungary are negotiating a gigantic banking concern for the Central Powers. Over £50,000,000 have already been put in the enterprise which aims at the development of commercial interests during the transition stage after the war.

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The Submarine Campaign.

London, Feb. 12.—In the House of Commons, the Vote of Credit has been unanimously passed.

Compulsory Service in India.

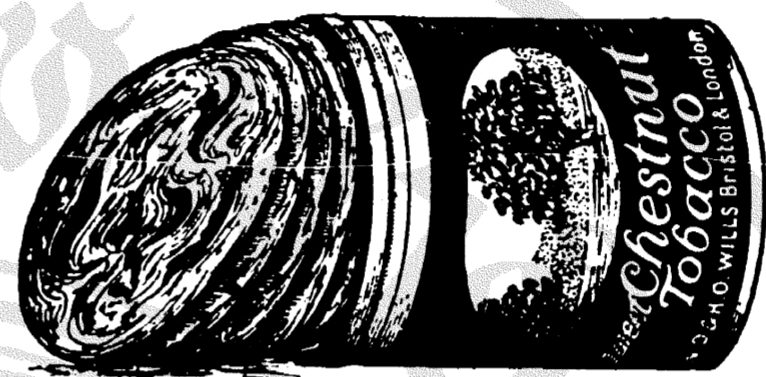
"In view, however, of the development of German industry in munitions in Switzerland, the German Government is proposing to send to these factories her own subjects who are residing in Switzerland in conformity with a special clause in the new law relating to compulsory national service."—Ex.

Amsterdam, January 11.—A notable speech urging ruthless submarining as Germany's sole surviving hope in the war was delivered yesterday at Hanover by Herr Stresemann, a National Liberal member of the Reichstag. He said that before the war Germany was the second strongest economic power with the second strongest merchant fleet. The war had annihilated Germany's world trade and her colonies. She had lost her cruiser squadron and unless the pre-war situation was altered it would mean a collapse of national economy. If peace was concluded without Germany possessing the Flemish coast England would win the war. The German debts necessitated new taxes amounting to between £300,000,000 and £420,000,000 a year.

Compulsory Service in India.

Delhi, Feb. 2.—An Ordinance for the registration of certain European British subjects was gazetted this evening, making it obligatory for every male European British subject for the time being in India (not being a member of His Majesty's naval and military forces, otherwise than as a Volunteer enrolled under the Indian Volunteer Act, 1869), who, for the time being, has attained the age of sixteen years and has not attained the age of fifty years on 1st February, 1917, to register under the Ordinance. Failure is punishable by a fine extending to Rs. 500.

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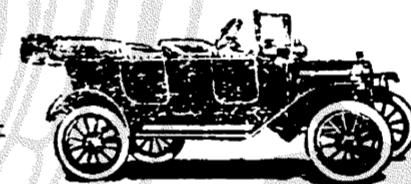


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The British War Loan.

London, 12th January.—The details of the war loan accidentally leaked out at Manchester where bundles of prospectuses were sent for delivery. Their contents reached the Manchester Stock Exchange and efforts were made to transmit the principal conditions to London by telephone and telegraph. The result was that an immediate censorship was instituted. Manchester was telegraphically isolated.

A thousand clerks were ready in the Bank of England's new loan office to deal with the rush of prospectuses and a dozen strong rooms have been constructed for the storing of gold paid in for loan debentures.

London, January 14.—The war loan has made an excellent start. It is stated that the first hundred million was received in a few hours. Lombard Street was early crowded with investors and enquirers. Several banks required 20,000 prospectuses apiece. The visitors included many Anzacs, some of whom have substantial private means and are anxious to help the old country financially.

The Liverpool Corporation is applying for a million for investment. In addition to the Prudential Assurance investment three subscriptions to the loan yesterday exceeded a million and several for a quarter of a million, including one from an unnamed Cardiff merchant. It is estimated that the subscriptions reached £200,000,000 by evening.

The "Standard" states that a friendly society official estimates the societies and trade unions will subscribe millions to the war loan.

Subscriptions in new money for the loan are pouring in. Although the banks were closed at the usual hour yesterday the Bank of England loan office was kept open until six o'clock in the evening and a steady stream of investors all day long testified to the eagerness to help the country in the hour of crisis.

The newspapers emphasise that while Germany has been unable to touch us in most things she has certainly beaten us in the number of small subscribers to her various loans. Happily the London bank managers and clerks yesterday reported that they had never before known a time when calls upon their aptitude for rapid concentrated business were so numerous. Splendid reports have come in from every part of the United Kingdom.

Mr. Harold Cox, in an article on the new loan in the "Sunday Times," states: Mr. Bonar Law will not be disappointed for the nation has hitherto easily raised all the money necessary to meet its tremendous outgoings. Even for

the current financial year £400,000,000 will be required to balance income and expenditure and the whole of this must be raised by the present loan. It would, at the same time, be futile to raise only enough to carry on until the 31st March. For the loan to be a success it must cover our prospective needs, at any rate, up to mid-summer. Mr. Bonar Law has, therefore, wisely not limited the loan. Private business, well able to respond for the country, despite the pressure of the war, is extraordinarily prosperous. With the partial exception of the professional classes practically the whole community are living in a high state of comfort than they have ever known before. Hence if the nation determined to economise private expenditure a sum amply sufficient to meet immediate needs can be raised without serious difficulty.

Italian Help and Its Reward.

New York, Jan. 11.—The Washington correspondent of the "World" states that Italy has agreed to place a very big force of troops at the disposal of the Allies and that the latter have promised her in return the possession of the province of Trieste, Southern Albania, including Avlona, and the coastal fringe of Dalmatia.

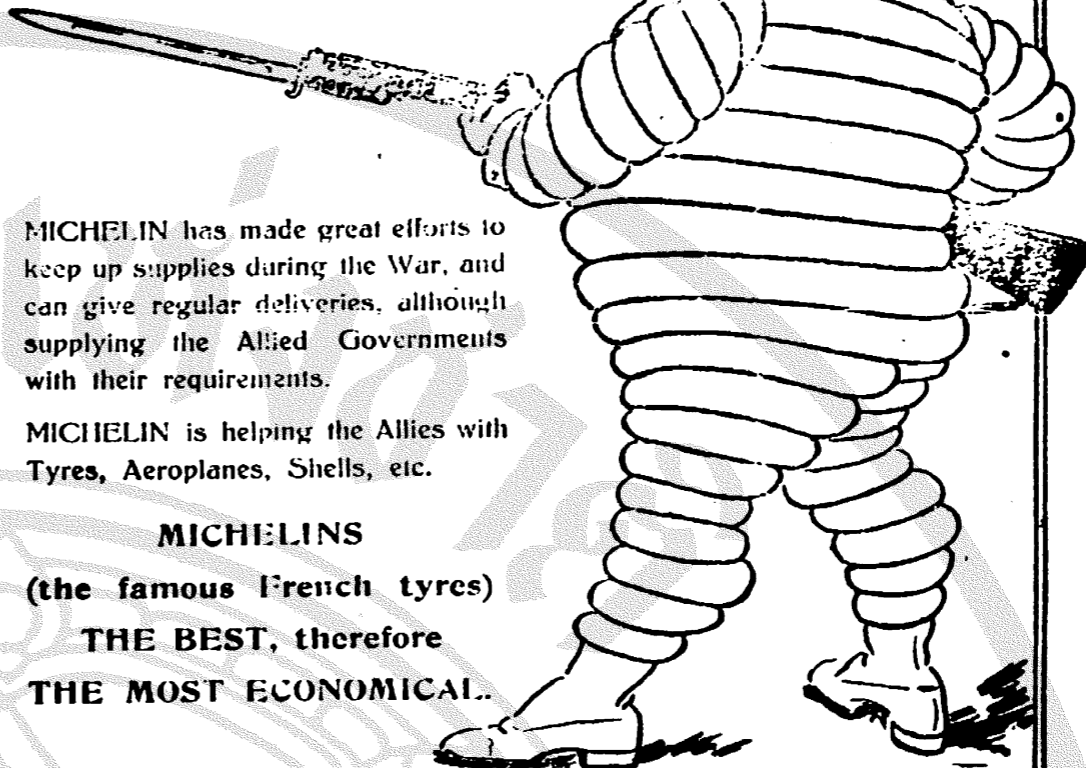
Italian King for Greece?

New York, Jan. 16.—The Rome correspondent of the "Tribune" states: It is understood that King Constantine will be deposed and an Italian prince, a relative of the King of Italy, will succeed him. Mr. Venezelos is supporting the proposed change. A cousin of King Emmanuel has been offered the post but he has not yet accepted it. The Allies' diplomats at Washington state that they are not surprised at the "Tribune's" message.

Athens, Jan. 15.—Telegrams from Press correspondents in the country indicate that the Government's implied acceptance of the Allies' ultimatum has delighted the populace. It is expected that the withdrawal of troops from Thessaly will prevent Greece from joining in the war, while the Venizelist Government will not be allowed to come to Athens to punish the reservists who are living in great fear of reprisals for the outrages committed on the 1st and 2nd December. The Allies' Ministers are still asking for a direct answer with regard to the release of the imprisoned Venizelists and the re-establishment of the Allies' control of certain services. It is considered to be certain that the Government will withdraw its reservations immediately.

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