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Ford's Folly.

Hague, Jan. 18 .- The Neutral peace conference organised by Mr. Ford sits permanently at Stockholm and will be styled "The Continuous Committee of

Conciliation."
[London, Dec. 26.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the Press Exchange Telegraph Agency states : "Henry Ford has sailed for America aboard the 'Bergens Fimord' realising that it is impossible to make headway with his mission. Before leaving he gave a cheque for a million kroner (about £56,000) to finance the expedition under a committee of five. The party is continually at loggerheads. Miss Rosika Schwimmer persuaded · Ford that the Scandinavian Governments were ready to assist him, and when Ford found all official doors closed to

him he broken down. The Stockholm correspondent of the "Weekly Despatch" stat 8: "Henry Ford's peac expedition was a German ed to soich Ford was the victim. The pl n was hatched two months ago at Berlin, and Schwimmer was deputed to secure a rich American to finance the rip. It was hoped that Sweden would officially receive the mission and that then W. J. Bryan would be brought to Europe. Finally Von Bethmann-Holloweg was to invite Bryan on a mission to Berlin. Ford returns to America disillusioned.'

Christiania, Dec. 20.—The majority of Henry Ford's peace pilgrims realise that they have come from America on a fool's errand.

A scene occurred among them at a meeting at Christiansand yesterday owing to Ford's alleged censoring of journalists' me-sages. Inez Boissevain, a beautiful Ameri-

can suffragette, shouted: "If we are going to mediate in Europe, we must first mediate among ourselves." Half a dozen delegates commenced to speak simultaneously, and somebody suggested the singing of a national song. Above the din the Rev. Mr. Aked

roared: " My country! Tis of Thee." Mrs Schwimmer, who claimed to have inspired Ford to undertake his mission, implored the "pilgrims" to has been done by fire in one of the lar-rescue Europe from complete destruction.

Other speakers accused the "pil-rims" of tattling and backbiting. Scandinavian journalists witnessed the scene. Subsequently members of the mission addressed the Christiania Students' Union.

Fresh Onslaught Near Czernowitz.

London, Jan. 20 .- The Austrian communiqué states that a new battle has developed on the frontier east of Czernowitz consequent on repeated attacks by numerous Russian columns.

The Blockade.

London, Jan. 18.—The Morning Post under the heading "The Blockade Farce" publishes a Washington telegram giving remarkable figures of America's exports to neutrals in the first ten months of 1915 compared with the same period of 1913. The wheat figures were respectively fifty million against nineteen million, maize 28,950, 00 eagainst 12,750,000 busnels, of figur 5,100,000 against 1,417,000 bar-rels, of bacon 91,500,000 against 30,900-100 pounds, of boots 4,800,000 against 462,000 bales, of cotton 1,109,000 against 53,000 bales, of automobiles and parts twenty million against 1,300,000 dollars. American exports to Germany of wheat were respectively fifteen thousand and tweleve million, of maize fifteen thousand and six million, of flour nil and one hundred and forty thousand, of bacon 273,000 and 1,100,000, of boots nil and 471,000, of cotton 194,000 and 1,700,000, of automobiles 2,800 and 775,000.

New York, Jan. 18 .- It is stated that President Wilson has received from London from Ambassador Page and Colonel House, President Wilson's special envoy to Europe, information that the blockade of Germany will shortly be more stringent. The reports are received with satisfaction by Americans as it is thought an effective blockade will end the dangerous controversy over neutral commerce.

London, Jan. 21.— Damage estima ted at two hundred thousand sterling. gest cotton-spinning mills in Lancas-hire.

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Items of Interest.

London, Jan. 18.—The death has occurred of the Rt: Hon. Arnold Mor-

Rome, Jan. 17 .- Cardinal Mercier had an hour's audience with the Pope and Cardinal Gaspers, the Secretary of State, at the Vatican respectively. He

left a large dossier with the Pope.
London, Jan. 18.—A message from
Mr. Asquith is published at Petrograd. He says " I am confident 1916 will witness the consummation of the hopes of the Allies in the final overthrow of the

common enemy.' London, Jan. 17 .- Mr. Rudyard Kipling in a message to Russia on the oc-casion of the New Year writes:—I cannot look for peace before Germany has been taught that there is a god other than her own lust. We, your allies, will never forget Russia's inflexible fortitude and sacrifice.

London, Jan. 27.-The Labourite S. Finney has been returned unopposed for North-West Staffs.

Hartlepool, Jan. 17.—The Amalga-mated Society of Engineers has passed a resolution protesting against the executive without a mandate voting against the Compulsion Bill, especially "when thousands of our members are defending the country by land and

London, Jan. 17.-The captain and five more of the crew of the Clan Macfarlane have been pick d up and brought to Marseilles.

London, Jan. 17.-The Spanish steamer belgica has been sunk, twentythree of the crew being picked up.

Petrograd, Jan. 17.—In the Caucasus the Turks twice attempted to cross the Arkhave river but were repulsed. A Turkish artillery depot was captured northwest of Horassan with about a million cartridges and several thousand

Rome, Jan 18.—The communique says: The Italian bombardment of fort Raibl on the frontier of the Trentino has destroyed a position of the cupola and put an enemy detachment to flight. A vigorous Italian counteroffensive on the hills around Oslavia

continues successfully.

London, Jan. 17.—The British relieving force continues to draw nearer and nearer to Kut-el-Amara.

Cairo, Jan 17 .- On Jan. 13 a column dispersed four hundred Arabs forty miles from Matruh. The Arabs fled, leaving all their sheep, goats, and tents. There were no British casualties.

Hague, Jan. 15 .- The American Ford party has left for Rofterdam on the way

Washington, Jan. 15.-The Cabinet has decided not to intervene in Mexico. relying on President Carranza to punish

London, Jan. 15.—At the investiture at Buckingham Palace the new year honours included Sir R. Chalmers of Ceylon.

Sydney, Jan. 15 .- The Government estimates that forty million bushels of wheat are available for export.

Bergen, Jan. 16.—The fire spread from twenty different quarters and thou-sands are homeless. Among the buildings destroyed were the Central Telephone Exchange, four hotels, and three schools. Stavanger is offering shelter to four thousand refugees.

Christiania, Jan. 17.—The fire at Bergen is the largest on record in Norway, and the damage is estimated at 2,750,000 sterling.

London, Jan. 15.—There is a general belief in political circles that the workers have been placed in a false position by card votes and that the great bulk of labour is thoroughly patriotic and favourable to national service. Consequently the labour leaders are sup-porting the bill and working strenuously to disperse any clouds of doubt or suspicion. It is thus hoped that national unity will have a complete triumph.

Shanghai, Jan. 15.-It is reported that Yunnanese troops captured at Suifu on Jan. 9 a body of rebels from Kueichow who were advancing on Chung King, where the rebel leader Tsaino commands the garrison.

London, Jan. 15.-The Spanish steamer Bayo has been sunk by a mine near la Rochelle. Twenty-five were drowned and one saved.

London, Jan 14.—Sir Thomas Holland in an article in the Indiaman says the export of bones is a serious annual loss to India which is deficient in supplies of mineral phosphate. The bones exported represent an annual removal of twenty-two thousand tons of phosphoric acid while the grain exported represents a less of twenty five thousand, but while the bones are worth only half a million the grain is worth forty millions.

Amsterdam, Jan. 15.-The German reply to the Baralong White-papers says Britain's attitude renders it impossible to treat on the affair any further. Britain is responsible for a crime which is a disgrace to international law and humanity and Germany must undertake the punishment for an unexpiated crime and devise reprisals.

Amsterdam, Jan. 18 .- Que en Wilhelmina has visited Monnikendam, Volendam and Birek, and Prince Henry has visited Marken and condoled with the victims of the floods.

London, Jan. 19.-The Prince of Wales has returned to the front.

Petrograd, Jan. 19.-It is stated that the Cabinet has decided to create a higher Council of Ministers to consider the economic, commercial and industrial position in respect to the war. The civil authorities have returned to Dvidek.

New York, Jan. 18. Five Germans and a rubber company have been fined sums of ten to a hundred and fifty sterling for a conspiracy to ship rubber to Germany.

Ancona, Jan. 18.—Five enemy aeroplanes dropped bombs on Ancona killing one person. The damage done

Hongkong, Jan. 18 .- The arrested enemy subjects in Hongkong have been deported to Australia on board the steamer Emaeric. London, Jan. 18 .- In the House of

Commons, Mr. Asquith announced that Mr. Joseph Pease had been appointed Postmaster General Athens, Jan. 19.—Representatives of

the Trade Unions have peritioned King Constantine against the exorbitant prices of necessaries and the unscrupulous speculation of traders.

Amsterdam, Jan. 19.—The Echo Belge says two Zeppelins have been wrecked and a third severely damaged in Belgium.

New York, Jan. 20 .- - Mr. Balderston, special correspondent in Europe of the Pittsburg Dispatch, estimates that Germany spent 72, millions sterling in propaganda and bribery in fifteen neutral countries. He gives details in-cluding harems for Persian potentates. palaces for Chinese mandarins, and motorcars for Greek lawyers.

London, Jan. 19.—The Berlin communique speaks of the British vigorously bombarding Lens and admits a Bussian successful attack southeast of

Riga. London, Jan. 19.-In the House of Commons Mr. Chamberlain said the advance to Bagdad was undertaken with the concurrence of military advisers and the Home Government

Copenhagen, Jan. 19 .-- The German auxiliary mentioned in yesterday's telgram as having foundered at Aero Island was the torpedo-boat Ander. She was completely broken up.

London, Jan. 19 .- M. Briand arrived in London yesterday evening. The Allied Ministers meet in London to-

The mission lunched with the French ambassador, when Mr. Asquith and British Ministers were present, while the French Ministers are the

guests of Mr. Asquith to-night.
London, Jan. 19.—In the House of
Commons Mr. Chamberlain said he had received a report from the Indian Government regarding the murder of Mr. Priestley at Lahore, wherein the opinion was expressed that the brutal crime was not committed for political motives.

London, Jan. 20.-In the House of Commons Mr. H. L. Samuel asked of the War Office if it is possible to extend the daily communique from other British fronts.

London, Jan. 19.—The Leyton Li-beral Club ballot was seven to one in favour of demanding that Sir J. Simon should resign on account of his attitude on compulsion.

Petrograd, Jan. 19.-The Tear has appointed the Emir of Bokhara, Aide de Camp General.

London, Jan. 19.—The Judicial committee of the Privy Council resumed its sittings on Jan. 18. It will hear twenty-one Indian appeals; six from Bengal, four from Madras, three from Northwest Provinces, three from Lower Burma, two from Bombay, two from Oudb and one from the Punjab.

London, Jan. 19.-The Daily News and Daily Chronicle doclare that the Morning Post figures of exports to neutrals are misleading because Holland and Scandinavia are merely importing from America and Great Britain what they formerly received from Germany.

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The German Chargé d'Affaires will be at home on Thursday, 27th January 1916, from 103 to noon, to celebrate the anniversary of the birthday of His Majesty the German

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Having been appointed by the Imperial German Consular Court Trustee to the Estate of the late Mr. A. Osann, of Klong Rangsit, notice is hereby given that all persons owing money to or having claims against the said Estate, are hereby requested to communicate with the undersigned on or before the 29th February 1916.

G. REXHAUSEN (c/o Government Medical Depot), Trustee to the Estate of the late Mr. A. Osann.

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The undersigned beg to announce that the business of Messrs F. Grahlert & Co., will for the present be carried on in the same way as before The premises will be closed for three

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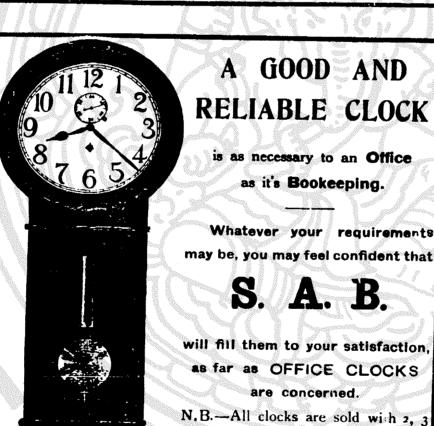
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(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 25. Paris .- The Ministry of the Colonies announces that operations in the Cameroons are coming to a close. Arrangements have been made whereby the mixed columns under General Dobell will deal with the last detachments of the enemy which are reaming in the southern regions.

The Serbian Government.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 25. Athens.-It is announced that the Greek Government sees no objection to the establishment of the Serbian Government at Corfu.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

WE have received a date block from Messrs. Fraser and Neave, Ltd.

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

For prices of good official and mereantile paper please see advertisement on page 7.

THE French steamer "Espadon" arrived to-day from Saigon with 28 bags of mail. It is understood that she replaces the M. M. s.s. Donai.

LUANG Bhasa, Siamese Secretary of Legation at Tokio arrived to-day by the s.s. Espation.

DIXIB Davies and Yambo will give a performance to-night at the Phathanalai Theatre assisted by a Filipino

THE s.s. "Katong" will leave from the Borneo Company's wharf at 6.30 a.m. sharp, on Friday the 28th inst., and should arrive in Singapore on Monday afternoon.

THE Nor. s.s. "Diva" arrived from Hongkong to-day to take up a year's time charter for Kwang Seng Heng, at the rate of \$9,000 (s.s.) per month. She was formerly a Chinese steamer and the present owners are Norwe-

THE three persons who had assaulted Nai Plume, a messenger of the German Legation, on the 17th instant in Si Phya Road and tore off his shoulder strap have made a public apology to the Imperial German Legation and paid Tcs. 100 as compensation.

New Ads...—The B. I. S. N. Co's. s.s. "Zaida" is expected to arrive on Sunday the 30th inst. in the morning. Mesers. Whiteaway Laidlaw and Co., Ltd. are offering special sale bargains in ladies' shoes. The Phathanakorn Cinematograph will give a change of programme to-night. Mesers, the Borneo Co., Ltd. have a notice to conig-

The Navy League.

The amount subscribed to the Cruiser Fund on the 24th inst, was Tos. 182. Mondhel Patani has sent in Tcs. 1,183. The total now amounts to Tcs. 1,845,327.

PADDY REPORT FOR JAN. 25.

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Extracts from the Government Gazette.

It has been decided to change the name of the Police Department now that the Police and Provincial Gendarmerie form one Department from Krom Pontrawane to Krom Tumruet Phra Nakonban.

In Muang Satun, which now forms part of Mondhol Puket, taxes will no longer be collected on land and fisheries as before but the ordinary laws will be applied.

The damage done to the sawmill near Wat Saket by fire is put down at Tcs. 80,000. The cause of the fire is said to be due to a child setting fire to a mosquito net with a lighted candle while burning mosquitos.

It has been agreed to accept a composition of 20 per cent, in the bankrupt-cies of the Borisat Rong See Siam and Phra Phibool Phathanakorn.

Luang Chitr Chamnong Wanit.

A notice in our Siamese columns from the Official Receiver is to the effect that the Civil Court has agreed to accept a composition of 20 per cent. made by Luang Chitr Chamnong who was declared bankrupt. The bankruptcy has now been annulled.

The Late Mr. Osann.

The funeral of the late Mr. Arthur Osann took place at the Protestant Cemetery yesterday afternoon. The service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Hillyard and before the interment Dr. Remy, the German Charge d' Affaires, delivered a short address. There was a large attendance and a number of wreaths were sent from various people.

Among those present were:

Dr. Remy, Chargé d'Affaires for Germany; Mr. H. Rieschick, Chancellor, Mrs. Rieschick; Mr. J. Bruchhans, Interpreter; Mr. P. Ulrich, Asst. Interpreter; Mr. O. Bandreczki, Aest. Chancellor, Mr. A. Sandreczki (Austrian Legation) and Mrs. Sandreczki. From A. Markwald and Co: Messrs. H. Bullermann, H. Wilkens, H. von der Heyde. H. Böttcher, H. Jockisch, E. Klinger, Meng. From Windsor and Co: Messrs. W. Brehmer, W. Fuhrhop, F. Bierwirth, J. Hechler, W. B. Vil, W. Müller. From the N. D. L: Mesers. H. Schuengel, A. Petersen, Capt. C. Gosewisch (s.s. "Petchaburi") Capt. W. Taubert, P. Nitze, engineer ("Pitsanulok"), Capt. Grosslohmann ("Samsen"), G. Geissler ("Deli"), Capt. Schulz ("Cyklop"), Capt. Malitz ("Menam"), Capt. J. Metz, Eng. H. Doman from the s.s. "Trautenfels." Capt. Götsche the s.s. "Trautenfels." Capt. Götsche (Pilot Co.). From the Bangkok Dispensary: Mr. R. Schulz, Dr. and Mrs. Schneider. From F. H. Schule Ltd: Messrs. K. Greve and K. G. Weber. From Falck and Beidek: Mr. W. Lamm. From Mohr Bros. Mr. H. Krudop. From Bristol Hotel: Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Prüfer. From Excelsior Ice Manuf. Mr. A. Bermann. From Umschau: Messrs. O. Schäfer, H. Ficker. From Siam Commercial Bank Ltd.: Mesers. A. Willeke and O. Kniepf. From Engel and Menzi: Messrs. E. Jürgens and H. Bartels. From Barmer-Export Ges: Mr. W. Koch. From Samyek Store: Mr. H. Fordan. From Diethelm and Co: Messrs. H. Kunz, L. Schneider. From B. Grimm & Co: Messrs. A. Link, W. Siegert, H. Jungclaus, G. Schaarschmidt, H. Waag, O. Weeber, S. Dost S. Gostzen, C. Kanze, L. S. Dost, S. Goertzen, C. Kruse, L. Bohenzki, W. Clasen. From R. Lenz & Co: Messrs. E. Groote, C. Pruss. From J. R. André Nachf: Mr. A. Mohr. From Samosorn Kha Rajakarn: Mr. & Mrs. A. Kraft. From F. Grählert & Co.: Mr. G. Seidel. From the R.R.D.: Messrs. L. Weiler, O. Neidhardt, A. Gerber, E. Dorow, F. Zabel, L. Rummel, J. Rudholzner, Th. Schneider, W. Engelhardt : Post & Telegr : Mr. C. Zi:swiller, Mr. & Mrs. B. Götte ; Mr. H. Kopp ; Government Medical Dept : Mr. G. Rexhausen, Mr. W. Kornatz. Tatien Dispensary: Mr. E. Rosenberg. Gov. Power Station : Mesers. H. Weidauer, W. Marwau. Harbour Department: Mr. Jürgensen. Transport "Motor' Ltd: Phya Athakarn Prasidhi; Mrs. Johnston, Miss Vil, P. Schalthöfer, C. Hermann.

Canada's Aid. Ready to Give Half a Million.

Ottawa, Jan. 18.—In the House of Commons, Sir W. Laurier affirmed that it was Canada's spontaneous desire to do her duty to bring the war to a successful conclusion. He promised to support the raising of the Canadian forces to half a million. He emphasised however that this must not be a prelude to conscription.

The Premier replied dwelling optimistically on the immediate prospects and paying a tribute to the Canadians who were already sending 120,000 troops having 220,000 under arms. He emphatically repeated he had no faten. tion of introducing conscription,

Football.

▲ football match between England and Scotland will be played on Saturday 29th instant at the Sports Club. The following are the teams : -England (Whites.)

Jenkins, on. Sutton, Descon, Selley, Preston, Bowdon, ls, Jones, Roberts, Wo Roberts, Wooller, Cranmer.

0 Scotland (Colours.) McDonald, Robertson, Malcolm, Ramsay, Chapman, Craig, Findlay, Pollard,

Reith, Pollard, Carson.
Referee:—Mr. D. Robertson. K. O. 4.45 p.m. There will be a Smoking Concert the same evening at 9.30 p.m.

The So-Called Indian Rebels in Siam.

The following report has recently been published in the New York Times of November 30, 1915 :--

War's Disorders Reach Even Far Siam; Germans Drill and Arm Indian Rebels.

Interesting confirmation of the theory that the disorders in the Orient, arising out of the war, are now affecting the Kingdom of Siam and adjacent British possessions was recoived here yesterday in private letters from the East. The first intimation of this new development was noted in the official information sent at the end of last week that direct cable communication with British India by way of the Straits Settlements was interrupted and could only be had by way of Saigon, in French Cochin China, at an increased rate.

The British-owned India cable runs from Aden east to Penang in the Straits Settlements. Thence it sends out two branches, the shorter, a combined cable and a land line, through Siam and Burma into India; the longer, a cable, down the Straits of Malacca to Singapore and thence up the coast to Saigon. For messages to India the cable company usually uses the shorter and less expensive route from Penang. Calcutta, through Siam via Bangkok and Rangoon. This is the line which is interrupted.

The probable source of the interruption is indicated in the letters referred to, telling of disturbances in Siam and Burma. One of these, written at the end of September, says

"Trouble, which we have had rumours for some time past was breeding in Siam and its adjacent territory, has at last broken here. Just north of Tongkah, (on the west frontier of Siam) in the Province of Renong and ber of which in this country has been Tongqua (Siam) there arrived some few months ago various and sundry German officers. These officers were evidently in close touch with Indian and Burmese revolutionists. Following upon their arrival thousands of Sikhs, Punjabis, and Pathans began to float in, and before their emigration from English ports was stopped slight ly over sixteen thousand had arrived. They were at once taken over by the Germans and began a virtual military

'Nothing was done in absolute breach of Siamese law and no arms were shown. However, the Siamese authorities in these provinces are very weak, and it was generally conceded that as soon as the Germans could run arms in they would invade lower Burma and endeavour to create a general native uprising. British and French cruisers started in to patrol the coast to prevent such gun-running exploits, and the situation was rapidly becoming most tense.

"I learned to-day that a consignment of arms has slipped through and the British authorities are wild. Five transports (two regiments) of Territorials have been landed at Victoria Point in anticipation of an outbreak, and every one is living in mortal terror of what is going to happen. An uprising on such a scale will be no fun, I can assure you, and there is no telling what its ramifications will lead

"The Siamese Post Office, according to treaty, is run by the Germans, the Customs by the English.

"A riot has already occurred just north of Renong. Report has it that a body of Indians is moving on Tavoy (Burma) and Lord knows what will happen next.

Special to the New York Times.

Washington, Nov. 29 .- It was said in behalf of the Siamese Legation tonight that no information had been received there that in any way tended to confirm the report that Germans are engaged in recruiting Indian rebels in Siam and sending them into British

A similar report, stating to have its source from London appeared to have been partly repeated in the French press by "le Journal" of Paris December 21; and by "le Petit Troyen" of Troves December 22, in an identical wording, with our own translation as follows :-

Ils Organisent Au They Are Organising Siam Une Attaque in Siam An At-Contre La Bir- tack Against Bur-

Londres, 20 dec- London, 20 Decembre.-Une lettre ember.-A private privée, reçue à letter, received at Londres, donne les London gives the détails suivants sur following details événements on the events proprovoqués au Siam voked in Siam and et en Birmanie par Burma by German les menées alle- intrigues:

mandes: "Since some-"Depuis quelque time, it has been temps, on remar- seen that there has quait une grande been a great agitaagitation an Siam tion in Siam and et dans les terri- in the neighbourtoires voisins. Au ing territories. To nord de Tong-Kay, the north of Tong. dans les provinces Kay, in the prode Kenong et vinces of Kenong Tong Kay, arrive and Tong Kay, arrent il y a quel- rived some months ques mois, une ago, a number of quantité d'officiers German officers of allemands de di-various arms. These verses armes. Ces officers were eviofficiers étaiant evi- dently in relations dement en rap with the Indian sight, ports avec les ré- and Burmese revo- If the

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"Rien ne fut fait ' Nothing was cocontre la loi siam- mmitted against the oise, et on ne mon. Siamese law and no tra ancone arme, arms were shown. Cependant, dans ces However, in these provinces, les au- provinces, the Siamtorités siamoises ese authorities are sont tres faibles, et very weak, and the les Allemands et Germans and their leur complices complices had de-avaient décidé d'en-cided to invade vahir la Birmanie Burma from the du Sud et de tenter South and to atde créer un soul- tempt to create a evement général general uprising of des indigénes. the natives.

es indigenes. the natives.
"Des croiseurs "French and français et anglais English cruisers organiserent des organised patrols patrouilles le long along the coasts.' des côtes."

We are authoritatively informed that the Siamese Government have no besitation in stating that the reports of an outbreak anywhere in Siam are entirely without foundation. They are grossly exaggerated and they are determined not to permit any proceedings of the kind indicated in the above article which might compromise the neutrality of Siam and will, without hesitation, take measures which seem proper to suppress them.

Drastic New Regulations.

London, Jan. 19.-The text of the Government Bill to amend the law of enemy trading empowers the Board of Trade to make an order against any business in the United Kingdom connected with the enemy, prohibiting it carrying on during the war or winding

London, Jan. 20,—The latest news about the enemy trading bill is that it is most drastic. The Board of Trade may stop any business belonging to a firm carrying on trade wholly or mainly for benefit of, or controlled by, enemies, whether here or in enemy countries, and may also take over any German patent. Inspectors may examine any business for the purpose of ascertaining whether it is controlled by or benefitting the enemy. The Registrar of Companies may refuse to register a company if anyone of the subscribers to the memorandum of association, or a proposed director, is an enemy. Shares cannot be transferred to or for the benefit of an enemy. Any company registered here and doing outside the United Kingdom business which if done in the United Kingdom would be trading with the enemy, may be wound up. Restrictions contained in the bill operate not only during the war but until they are removed by order in council.

London, Jan. 20.—A report will be shortly published by the Board of Tradesub-committee recommending the immediate imposition of general tariff on certain imports for the purpose of fostering twelve industries for which Great Britain was largely dependent on Germany before the war including electrical apparatus and optical glass. The report mentions that on the outbreak of war the manufacture of magnetos was largely in the hands of Germany although they are essential to motorcars and aeroplanes. The Government seized the German firms large stock in England the non-withdrawal of which was one of Germany's

failures,

Stars As Compass.

How to Find One's Way in The Dark.

The art of finding one's way at night without the aid of a compass was described to a large audience, including a number of naval and military officers, at the Royal Society of Arts by Lieutenant-Colonel W. A. Tilney, late of the

17th Lancers. His idea, he said, had been to work out the direction of the largest and most easily distinguishable stars, so that the least educated would not only be able to recognise them at sight, but their whereabouts would be known for every hour of the night, and the whole dome of the heavens would become a compass. Such knowledge would be of immense value to soldiers, and would revolutionise night warfare, saving hundreds of lives.

If they put their front buttons on the North Star their breasts would give them angles of 45 degrees and their shoulders right angles, and after a little practice it became second nature to recognise the points of the compass at

If the troops now fighting in Europe could be taught to recognise only two stars their fighting capacity would be increased, and men who were only slightly wounded would be able to find their way back to the dressing station, instead of wandering into the enemy's lines.

Floods in Holland.

Dutch telegrams to the Sumatra papers state that the Zuider Zee at Nijkerk dyke has broken. The railway to the North has been destroyed and communication with the Northern Provinces thus cut off. Many towns are under water especially in the Pol-ders of North Holland along the coast of the Zuider Zee, in Friesland also in South Holland. Enormous quantities of cattle have been destroyed. The railways to the interior have also in many cases been totally destroyed and communication rendered impossible. Dykes, roads and quays have all been seriously damaged. On Thursday night many of the suburbs of Rotterdam were under water and the tramway services stopped. The dyke from Mal legat to Roosestraat as well as the railway line has been demolished. The polder at West Vorkenoord is entirely inundated. Some families have been saved but there are many signs of a heavy loss of life. The railway from Rotterdam to Dordrecht has been partly washed away.

Further information states that the storm has des royed all teler telegraphic communication and is still raging furiously. Prince Henry is visiting the stricken districts. Half of the houses on the Island of Marken have been destroyed. Seventeen dead have been recovered from the debris and amongst this total are seven children. The Marken fishing fleet was totally wrecked.

A telegram on Monday states that the Dutch Press is publishing harrow. ing descriptions of the damage done by the storm

The flooded polders in North Holland will be useless for agricultural purposes for years to come. Military detachments are guarding at all points to prevent thefts and are rescuing lives and property whereever possible. The weather is showing signs of abating. A relief commission has been appointed with Prince Henry as President to visit North Holland and dispense relief. A man-of-war has been sent to Marken with relief. At Meppel in the North West and at Over j-set the situation is e:ill critical, at Paterawolde the water is still rising. The Red Cross Society have sent bedding and comforts to Amerefoot and Voldenham and two autos full of clothing for the destitute in North Holland.

A fierce storm is reported as having passed over the whole of Germany. (Exchange.)

Confession Of Criminals.

The Duty of Counsel for The Defence.

The General Council of the Bar were invited recently by the secretary of the Bar Committee at Shanguai to answer the question: What is the duty of counsel who is defending a prisoner on a plea of "Not guilty when the prisoner confesses to counsel that he did commit the offence charg-•d ? In a report approved by Sir Edward

Carson, K. C. and Sir Robert Finlay. K. C. the Council have divided their answer into two parts. They say:-"If the confession has been made before the proceedings have been commenced, it is most undesirable that an advocate to whom the confession has he-n made should undertake the defence, as he would most certainly be seriously embarrassed in the conducting of the case, and no harm can be done to the accused by requesting him to retain another advocate.

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defence. Sush a confession "does not release the advocate from his imperative duty to do all he honourably can do for his client." The Council add :-"But such a confession imposes very strict limitations on the conduct of his defence. An advocate "may not assert that which he knows to be a lie. He may not connive at, much less attempt to substantiate, a fraud." Thus it would be wrong, for example, to suggest that some other person had committed the offence charged, or to call evidence in support of an alibi.

China's New Ruler.

London, Jan. 20.-Lord Robert Cecil in reply to Sir J. Rees said the new emperor of the Empire of China had not yet been proclaimed and no instructions regarding his recognition had been sent to Sir. John Jordan. The matter however was being considered.

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Great War.

Germans Counter-Attacked.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Jan. 24.
Yesterday the Germans attacked the front west of the region of Neuville Saint Vasst penetrating into the first line of trenches. The chasseurs by a counter-attack saved the position on a front of 200 metres and inflicted considerable losses to the enemy.

financial consequences of French Aeroplanes Bombard Monastir.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Jan. 24.
Salonika.— A French squadron of 45 acrophoses bombarded Monastir on the 23rd instant causing much damage to the station at Ceserues, the railways and munition depots.

The Caucasus and Persia.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.) Paris, Jan. 24.

Petrograd.--In the Caucasus we continued the pursuit of the enemy capturing numerous prisoners.

In Persia we repulsed the enemy in the defile of Kandelian and occupied Sultanabad.

Floods Still Rise In Holland.

Amsterdam, Jan. 20.—King George has wired to Queen Wilhelmina his sympathy in connection with the floods. Que-n Wilhelmina has continued her inspection of the flooded districts. The waters are still rising and the floods spreading. The Dutch Government while appreciating foreign sympathy intimates it does not desire relief funds to be opened abroad. A dyke burst at Termonde in Flanders and a flood on the Meuse destroyed a bridge near Namur and many were drowned in the adjacent villages.

Townsend's Relief.

Aylmer Nearly at Kut.

London, Jan. 19.—In the House of Commons Mr. Chamberlain said he had not yet received a despatch on the battle of Ctesiphon and he had no information regarding co-operation of the Bristish forces in Mesopotamia with Russians in Persia.

Mr. Chamberlain added the weather was atrocious in Mesopotamia and had

stopped all progress.

Mr. Chamberlain continued that the weather had moderated and Aylmer had advanced and was vesterday close to the Essin positions (cheers). General Nixon left yesterday and the command was assumed by General Sir Percy Lake.

The War Council.

London, Jan. 20.—Reuter is authorized to state that the Adied war council had for its object a continuation of the discussions mangurated in Paris for the purpose of assuring perfect coordination in the presecution of the war. It also discussed questions of naval, in litery, economic, diplomatic and many technical matters, concerning which various Government departments were consulted. The decisions are naturally secret but this latest conference has given the fullest evidence of the perfect unity of purpose, determination and confidence in the conduct of the war and its eventual result.

italy's Campaign.

Rome, Jan. 19.—The communiqué says: The enemy bombarded Cimego and Bargo causing a fire at Cimego. We replied by bombarding Strada Caldanezzo station where trains were moving. On Monday night we repulsed an attack on the heights of Santa Maria, the enemy leaving thirty dead.

In The House,

London, Jan. 20.—In the House of Commons Mr. Asquith said arrangements for an extension of the Allied councils were progressing. He announced that Government had decided that an inquiry into the Suvla bay operations was impracticable at present, but finally an ample inquiry would be held and full justice done.

Major Hunt drew attention to the British blockade and questioned whether it was effective.

Sir E. Grey said he understood the matter would be discussed next week, but any statement that the Navy was crippled by the Foreign Office was grossly unfair and entirely misrepresented the fact.

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Items of Interest.

London, Jan, 19.—The British steamer Marere has been sunk; the crew were picked up.

Sbanghai, Jan, 19.—Six thousand Imperial troops are garrisoning Suifu. Troops are constantly moving southward to Hweisiau. Slight skirmishing is reported on the Yuannan border. Troops from Kweichau are awaiting developments at Sunkan.

London, Jan. 21.—Hongkong British residents have been invited to sign a petition to Mr. Bonar Law, asking for greater representation for the public in the executive of the Legislative Councils.

London, Jan. 21.—The Dundee Chamber of Commerce has resolved by an overwhelming majority, the recommending of an export duty on jute with repates to Britain and her Allies.

London, Jan. 21.—The Hon. E. S. Montagu has been returned unopposed

for West Cambridgeshire.

New York, Jan. 19.—Mr. Trebitsch Lincoln, the ex M. P. for whom extradition was applied, whilst en route to court in connection with an appeal against extradition escaped from custody on the pretext of going to the lavatory of a restaurant, and disappeared.

London, Jan. 19.—The United States Ambassador in Berlin reports that no German submarine in the Mediterrancan admits responsibility for the destruction of the Persia.

Tokio, Jan. 19.—The Japanese Minister at Peking has been instructed to inform Yuan Shi-kai that Japan is unable at present to receive a congratulatory misson on the occasion of the Japanese coronation.

Ottawa, Jan. 20.—Mr. Bordon announced in the House of Commons that there were 15,500 enlistment in Canada in the first fortnight of January.

Pretoria, Jan. 20—The first South African infantry brigade has arrived in Egypt.

London, Jan. 21.—The Board of Trade will enquire into the loss of the Persia.

London, Jan. 19.—A courtmartial is being held at Chatham for the trial of certain survivors of the Natal. The proceedings are private.

London, Jan. 19.—The death is not

London, Jan. 19.—The death is announced of Sir A. R. Scoble, K. C., of Canada and India, and member of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council.

London, Jan. 19.—It is understood

that Mr. Pease will not be in the Cabinet.

Petrograd, Jan. 19—It is stated that a Japanese Prince will visit Russia and

a Japanese Prince will visit Russia and England in April on an important political mission.

London, Jan 19.—Lord Montagu of Beaulieu is home in England. He is

still suffering from the effects of his experiences.
Ottawa, Jan. 19.—In the House of Commons, the Minister of Finance announced that Canada was entirely defraying the cost of the Canadian Ex-

peditionary Force.

London, Jan. 20.—The Dutch liner
Rijvdam is ashore near Gravesend. The
passengers are mostly American. None

Amsterdam, Jan. 19.—A Nish telegram says the Kaiser met King Ferdinand there yesterday and after cordial greetings watched from the citadel a march past of Bulgarian, Macedonian and German treops. The Kaiser presented King Ferdinand with a Field Marshal's Baton and King Ferdinand appointed the Kaiser Colonel-in-Chief of an infantry regiment. The Kaiser's retinue included Generals Falkenhayn, and Mackensen, an Admiral and several other Generals. King Ferdinand was attended by two Princes, the Premier and others.

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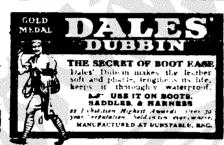
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National Service Bill.

Australia's Opinion.

London, Jan. 19.—Mr. Thomas, M.P., the protagonist of the Labour opponents to the military bill, in a interview declared that once the bill was law there should be no question of strikes. He would have no hand in promoting an industrial revolution as long as the war continued. Provided Mr. Asquith's promises were kept regarding safeguarding the measure from abuse to the detriment of labour, etcetera, he should use his influence to keep industry going.

London, Jan. 19.—In the House of Commons the Labour members accepted a Government amendment to the Compulsion Bill designed to prevent industrial conscription.

The Government accepted the amendment, providing that the Admiralty have first call on men secured under the measure.

Mr. Macnamara pointed out that the Admiralty had power to raise three hundred thousand men and actually needed fifty thousand more by March 31. Already they had got twenty thousand of that number and he did not anticipate any difficulty in getting the men required, but the amendment was in consonance with the spirit of the bill and was therefore accepted.

The debate was notable for a maiden speech by Sir G-orga Reid who said Australians thought the only possible question now was not what our rights

were hundreds of years ago, but what they were likely to be if we were licked. Incidentally Sir George repudiated the observations of Sir Ivor Herbert who had accused Lord Kitchener of being wrong throughout the matter of recruiting. Sir George said the opinion of Australians was that Lord Kitchener in raising the citizen armies had preformed one of the grandest duties any British soldier had ever performed.

Sir John Simon moved an amendment seeking to invert the procedure under the Military Bill, namely requiring those affected to go before a tribunal and if not exempted they be placed in a special register. If the total so registered is substantial they be automatically enlisted by order in council. The amendment was defeated by 283 to 53.

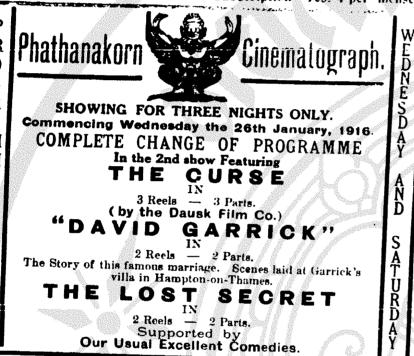
Major-Genl. Ivor Herbert introduced an amendment including in the bill not only those who were eighteen on Aug. 15, 1915 but those who had subsequently become eighteen.

Mr. W. Long said Lord Kitchener did not desire this amendment, believing that the bill as it sands will give the men required for victory.

The amendment was negatived.
In the course of the debate Sir F. E. Smith mentioned that of three million who bad joined the colours there was not a single case where a deat—sentence had to be carried out.

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