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|----------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| a.m., Friday         | Colon                    |            |
| s.s. "Nankin" Aug. 4 | s.s. "Malwa" Aug. 18     |            |
| "Novara" Aug. 18     | "Kaiser-i-Hind" Sept. 11 |            |
| "Nore" Sep. 1        | "Mooltan" Sept. 25       |            |
| "Malta" Sep. 15      | "Kashgar" Oct. 9         |            |
| "Nampur" Sep. 29     | "Karnata" Oct. 23        |            |
| "Sardinia" Oct. 13   | "Arabia" Nov. 6          |            |
| "Novara" Oct. 27     | "Morea" Nov. 20          |            |
| "Nore" Nov. 10       | "Medina" Dec. 3          |            |

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|---------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
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| "Nore" Aug. 23      | "Mooltan" July 20          |                |
| "Malta" Aug. 7      | "Kashgar" July 7           |                |
| "Nampur" Aug. 21    | "Arabia" Aug. 18           |                |
| "Sardinia" Sept. 4  | "Morea" Aug. 4             |                |
| "Novara" Sept. 17   | "Medina" Sept. 1           |                |
| "Nore" Oct. 1       | "Mongolia" Sept. 15        |                |
| "Nyanza" Oct. 15    | "Malwa" Sept. 29           |                |
| "Malta" Oct. 30     | "Mooltan" Oct. 12          |                |
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| s.s. Miyazaki Maru " 27  | s.s. Kaga Maru " 23      |

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| 1916                     | 1916                     |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|
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| s.s. Fushimi Maru " 27   | s.s. Kashima Maru Nov. 5 |
| s.s. Hiran Maru Sept. 10 | s.s. Mishima Maru " 19   |
| s.s. Kaga Maru " 24      | s.s. Suwa Maru Dec. 3    |
| s.s. Kamo Maru Oct. 8    | s.s. Atsuta Maru " 17    |

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| 1916                       | 1916                        |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
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| s.s. Yokohama Maru Aug. 30 | s.s. Kamakura Maru Oct. 31  |
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| Aug. | A.M.  |          |           | L. W. | Feet |
|------|-------|----------|-----------|-------|------|
|      | H. W. | Feet in. | (Approx.) |       |      |
| 16   | 5 30  | 12 0     | ...       | ...   | ...  |
| 17   | 6 30  | 12 0     | ...       | ...   | ...  |
| 18   | 7 30  | 12 0     | ...       | ...   | ...  |
| 19   | 8 00  | 11 9     | ...       | ...   | ...  |
| 20   | 9 00  | 11 8     | 3.4       | 7.0   | ...  |
| 21   | 10 00 | 11 5     | 4.0       | 7.0   | ...  |
| 22   | 10 30 | 11 2     | 4.0       | 7.0   | ...  |
| 23   | 11 00 | 11 0     | 4.5       | 7.0   | ...  |
| 24   | ...   | ...      | 5.6       | 7.0   | ...  |
| 25   | ...   | ...      | 6.7       | 7.0   | ...  |
| 26   | ...   | ...      | 7.8       | 7.0   | ...  |
| 27   | ...   | ...      | 8.9       | 6.0   | ...  |
| 28   | 2 00  | 12 0     | 10.1      | 6.0   | ...  |
| 29   | 3 30  | 12 0     | 12.0      | 6.0   | ...  |
| 30   | 5 00  | 12 7     | ...       | ...   | ...  |
| 31   | 6 00  | 12 9     | ...       | ...   | ...  |

| Aug. | P.M.  |          |           | L. W. | Feet |
|------|-------|----------|-----------|-------|------|
|      | H. W. | Feet in. | (Approx.) |       |      |
| 16   | 8 00  | 14 2     | 1.2       | 6.0   | ...  |
| 17   | 8 00  | 14 2     | 1.2       | 6.0   | ...  |
| 18   | 8 30  | 14 0     | 1.2       | 6.0   | ...  |
| 19   | 8 30  | 13 9     | 1.2       | 7.0   | ...  |
| 20   | 8 30  | 13 7     | 2.0       | 7.0   | ...  |
| 21   | 8 30  | 12 11    | ...       | ...   | ...  |
| 22   | 8 30  | 12 10    | ...       | ...   | ...  |
| 23   | 7 15  | 13.0     | ...       | ...   | ...  |
| 24   | 5 30  | 13 9     | ...       | ...   | ...  |
| 25   | 5 30  | 13 10    | ...       | ...   | ...  |
| 26   | 6 00  | 14 2     | ...       | ...   | ...  |
| 27   | 6 00  | 14 4     | ...       | ...   | ...  |
| 28   | 6 30  | 14 4     | ...       | ...   | ...  |
| 29   | 7 00  | 14 8     | ...       | ...   | ...  |
| 30   | 7 30  | 14 10    | 1.0       | 6.0   | ...  |
| 31   | 7 30  | 14 1     | 1.0       | 6.0   | ...  |

## PHASES OF THE MOON.

Sept. 5th ) First Quarter 11.9 a.m.  
12th ) Full Moon 3.13 a.m.  
19th ) Last Quarter 0.17 p.m.  
27th ) New Moon 2.16 p.m.

## Havoc of Guns.

## German Officer's Account.

New York, July 9.—An Associated  
Press telegram from Berlin gives the  
impressions made upon a German offi-  
cer, who was in the trenches near the  
Somme, by the destruction wrought  
by the Anglo-French artillery prepara-  
tion on the front line trenches. He  
says that the Germans here had "rows  
of massively built positions" which  
they had regarded as "practically in-  
destructible and impregnable, but the  
event proved that the progress made  
in offensive tactics since the September  
offensive had not been realized." The  
German officer proceeds:—

At the beginning of the artillery pre-  
paration the enemy showed us a new  
thing in the destruction of observation  
balloons. Artillery swooped down on  
them and shot fire-balls on them from  
above. This showed the whole mark-  
ing of each balloon hit.

The second day's bombardment, on  
July 26, brought another surprise in  
the shape of aerial mines of unheard of  
calibre and thrown in incredible num-  
bers. The explosion of the first of  
these air torpedoes caused such a tre-  
mendous detonation that the windows  
of our bombproofs were shattered and  
a massive pillar of black earth was  
thrown up, perhaps a hundred yards,  
into the air. This showed the whole  
neighbourhood with turfs, bricks, and  
earth. It was a regular eruption of  
Vesuvius.

The destructive effects of this uninter-  
rupted throwing of the heaviest mines  
were almost immediately visible. The  
entrances of two bombproof shelters  
were buried within a few minutes,  
and the inmates had to be dug out.  
A few minutes later an orderly who had been sent  
with a message to the left of the com-  
pany returned with the report that the  
trench had been completely levelled.  
Going to verify this, I saw as far as the  
eye could reach crater after crater each  
about 6 ft. deep. The earth in between  
was thrown up in a wild, high-heaped  
chaos of trench timbers and wire en-  
tanglements. Nine months' work, day  
and night, had been destroyed in a few  
minutes.

Report after report arrived of "bomb-  
proof" shelters demolished by these  
aerial torpedoes, the inmates being  
buried in the ruins. As the trenches  
became rapidly levelled, communica-  
tion between the different sections  
grew difficult, and the communication  
trenches leading to the second and  
third lines were so heavily shelled that  
it was impossible to traverse them. An  
orderly sent with a message to the cap-  
tain was away for hours, and, finally,

returned with his mission unaccom-  
plished.

The left flank of my company's  
trench was by this time so obliterated  
that it was difficult to follow its trace,  
and the only means of progress was to  
dash from crater to crater, fully ex-  
posed to the enemy's fire while crossing  
the intervening ridges. I arrived fin-  
ally, after a period of intense danger,  
and found the left platoon of the com-  
pany in the same condition as the right  
platoon.

A number of the men were still  
buried in demolished bombproofs, and  
their comrades worked for hours ex-  
cavating them. During this work our  
intrepid battalion surgeon arrived with  
an oxygen apparatus and stood for  
hours under heavy artillery the admin-  
istering the gas to the half-suffocated  
men and attempting to revive those  
who had been asphyxiated.

The bombardment continued without  
break aerial torpedoes being hurled  
at ranges such as have never before  
been heard of for mine-throwers, while  
the French artillery was pounding  
every yard of the ground with an in-  
tense fire of big shells.—Reuter.

## Cost of Refugees.

## What Holland is Paying.

The Minister for the Interior an-  
nounces that the following amounts  
have been expended on the refugees  
in the country for the 1915 service,  
out of the State Revenue:—(a) for  
the refugee camps:—Nunspeet,  
fl. 984,077; Ede, fl. 1,433,107; Uden,  
fl. 1,007,944; Gouda, fl. 430,352; Veen-  
huizen, fl. 73,347; buildings, fl. 275,190;  
total fl. 4,253,919. The Veenhuizen  
camp was closed in 1915. (b) For relief  
to refugees outside the camps,  
fl. 4,426,598; (c) for education of  
children of refugees, fl. 89,581; (d) for  
employment outside the camps (sewing  
and knitting) fl. 245,173; (e) for relief  
to the families of interned men,  
fl. 103,164; making a grand total of  
fl. 9,124,441.

The number of refugees in the camps  
in 1915 varied between 16,000 and  
17,000. The number of refugees, who  
obtained relief outside the camps, is  
estimated at 30,000 to 35,000. The  
majority of the refugees were Belgians.

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**Lord Haldane.**

A courageous protest was entered in the House of Lords says the "Daily Mail" against Lord Haldane's assumption of the rôle of the nation's guide in the preparations for peace. Memories are not short, and the intense feeling aroused by the appearance on the notice paper of Lord Haldane's proposal "to call attention to the training of the nation to the necessity of preparing for the future" found expression in a manner which in this dignified assembly it is not an exaggeration to describe as sensational.

Lord Haldane rose promptly, at the call of the Lord Chancellor, but the Duke of Buccleuch, sitting immediately opposite, nimbly forestalled him. "My lords, before the noble viscount directs your lordships in foreign policy," he began.

The interruption took Lord Haldane aback. He sat down with puckered brow. The Peers followed the incident eagerly.

"I suggest," continued the Duke of Buccleuch, "that before the noble viscount directs your lordships in foreign policy he should explain his past conduct in misleading Great Britain upon the German danger and misleading Germany upon British policy." ("Hear, hear.")

Lord Haldane, looking pale, moved towards the table. "We are not going to discuss foreign policy," he said. "I have only to say in answer to the noble duke that nobody more than myself desires that the whole facts be brought out about what was done before the war and the preparations we made for it. There has been an extraordinary—er, stream of misrepresentations, untruths, and inaccuracies, and the sooner these things are brought to the test the better, and nobody desires the moment to come for the most complete judgment by the nation of the full facts more than I do. That is all I have to say to the noble duke."

He turned angrily away from his challenger and opened a long speech on the need for improving the educational equipment of this country to meet the conditions which would prevail after the war. A large House was present at the start, but it steadily emptied, and he finished in a thin and wearied Chamber.

Action at once was also called for by the Earl of Cromer, who, however, feared undignified wrangles between the advocates of science and of the humanities. He pointed to the deterioration of the German character and its materialism, and said he could not help thinking that one of the causes was that the atmosphere created by humanistic studies and literature had lost its hold on German public opinion. In fact, the whole national mind of Germany appeared to have become materialised, and that was what he feared in this country if too little attention was paid to humanistic and classical study. With a knowledge of the work done by young Englishmen in various

**U. S. and Turkey.**

Washington, July 16.—Coincidental with the announcement that President Wilson has appointed Mr. Abraham Eleus as United States Ambassador to Turkey comes the report that relations between Washington and Constantinople have taken another turn for the worse.

The reply which the Ottoman Government made to the American Note protesting against the unwarranted sequestration of American goods and the bad treatment of American officials is considered to be unsatisfactory and evasive in character.

Great indignation prevails in Administration circles, and the discourtesy shown United States Consular agents in Damascus, on top of the flagrant seizure of the property of American missionaries, is regarded as adding insult to injury.

President Wilson has been in consultation with Mr. Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, and Admiral Fletcher. He is considering the advisability of despatching warships to the Eastern Mediterranean to ensure protection of American life and American property. In view of other foreign complications, however, the President may seek to avoid this measure and cast oil on the troubled diplomatic waters by ordering all American missionaries and teachers to leave Turkey.

Much significance is attached to Turkey's attitude, and it is thought that, like Mexico, Turkey is merely an obliging German pawn which Berlin is using in an endeavour to absorb the attention of the United States to such an extent that it will be safe for the Kaiser to send forth his U-boats on missions of murder without further fear of bringing down the wrath of official America on his head.

parts of the world, he could not admit that our system of education had been so great a failure.

The universities of Germany could give a man many valuable accomplishments, he said, "but they are quite unable to produce that invaluable product of this country—an English gentleman."

The Bishop of Winchester emphasised the importance of religion in education. Sentiment could never replace it. "German sentiment culminated in an awful climax in the Hymn of Hate," he remarked.

"Let us learn from Germany: she has shown efficiency in a wonderful degree," counselled Lord Bryce; but her efficiency could not be reproduced exactly in a country like ours. The German was trained to obey, but in that he lost a great deal of that initiative which belonged to the people of this country. Our business men were reproved for their neglect of science, but Lord Bryce declared that at bottom our neglect of education arose from this: "The boys don't care for education and the parents don't care for education."

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**The Siam Observer**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25, 1916.

**AGRICULTURE.**

Mr. G. H. Roberts, M.P. one of the principal members of a Departmental Commission appointed by the British Government "to consider the settlement and employment on the land of discharged sailors and soldiers" has some interesting things to say on the subject of Agriculture. "I consider agriculture," he says "as a root problem of labour." While he is of opinion that soldiers and sailors after the War would prefer to work on the land yet the prospects held out should be such that they could obtain sufficient returns from that labour to enable them to maintain themselves and their families in that higher standard of living which the separation allowances have admitted of being carried out. In fact it would appear that while in peace times there has been much want and perhaps poverty among the working classes, the liberal allowances made to soldiers' wives and children by the British Government has brought to many a rural home "a much needed elevation of living standards." Two things have been proved to the Commission. The one is that within the last quarter of a century or so about three million acres of wheat-growing land have been abandoned by the farmers and allowed to become grass land. The reason for this state of things is that the price of wheat fell to such a price owing to competition with foreign grown wheat that it became no longer a profitable undertaking to cultivate land. The other thing that has become clear is that the War has called up into the ranks of the military nearly a hundred thousand farm hands and that this loss to agriculture has somehow or other to be made up in order that at least the pre-war conditions regarding agriculture might be maintained. The desire of the Commission, however, goes further, and they would like to see at least one million of the abandoned three million acres under the plough again.

It has been brought home that it is dangerous for a nation to depend for food supplies from outside as it is known that while in 1915 Great Britain imported almost the same quantity of wheat as in 1914 the addition in cost amounted to £85,000,000, due to higher prices as the result of exploitation and to extortionate freight rates.

The minority of the Commission propose that the Government take steps to pass the necessary legislation to give a guarantee of 40s. to 42s. per quarter on wheat grown in Britain. This, it is pointed out, will persuade the agriculturist to return to the plough as he will then be certain that the results of his labour will not end in loss.

The price of paddy in Siam fluctuates so much that the cultivator is sometimes in a bad way indeed. If something could be done by the rice producing countries to maintain a regular price for the grain from the millers it would be a boon to the mass of the people who are the workers and at the present time the worst paid of all who are engaged in the rice trade.

**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**

YESTERDAY two hundred Chinese failing to pay the annual poll-tax were towed down to Paknam to work on the road which the Government intends opening between Bangkok and Paknam.

THE Nor. s.s. "Sama" which arrived today from India ports brought a cargo of 200 cases of dynamite, consigned to Messrs. The Borneo Co., Ltd., which as usual was discharged at Paknam. We learn that she had similar cargo discharged at Penang, Port Swettenham and Singapore. Besides dynamite she also had a cargo of coal for her consignees Messrs. The Borneo Co., Ltd.

**PADDY REPORT FOR AUG. 24.**

|                           |            |
|---------------------------|------------|
| Nasman 2080 Coyans at Tes | 831/4 each |
| Saunang 940 "             | 77/83 "    |
| Namuang 180 "             | 75/76 "    |
| Total Coyans              | 3210 "     |

**All About a Stepney Wheel.**

The case against Khun Sayha, an official of the Local Government, and Nai Sib Ek Plien, a military chauffeur, charged with dishonestly receiving a stepney wheel belonging to a lorry used by the Nangseu Phim Thai, was decided yesterday by the Criminal Court which found that the case against the first named accused was not proven but the second accused was convicted and sentenced to six months' imprisonment. Owing to this being a first conviction and the good character borne by the accused the execution of the sentence was suspended.

**From Puket to Bangkok in 42 Hours.**

A party of twenty nine officials belonging to the Ministries of Justice, Interior and Education left Puket on the evening of the 9th instant by steamlaunch reaching the mainland at Trang on the following day. They left Trang by the passenger train at 8.30 a.m. reaching Chung Song at 11.20 a.m. Here a halt was made till the following day as the train does not leave till then. On the 11th at 6.45 a.m. the party travelled by the usual passenger train leaving at 6.45 a.m. and arrived at Chumporn at 5.20 p.m. From this town there is no passenger traffic opened, but there is a working train once in every two days. The party had to stop at Chumporn till the 13th instant. The carriage in which the party travelled was coupled on to the ballast train and left Chumporn at 7 a.m. reaching Bangkok about 2 p.m. They were just in time to change into the passenger train leaving that station and they arrived at Wang Pong at 4.30 p.m. Having slept overnight the party resumed their journey on the 14th instant leaving Wang Pong at 6.13 a.m. and arriving at Bangkok Noi at 4.30 p.m. The party had a third class carriage and the charge for each amounted to only Tes. 15.10. The time occupied in actual travelling was 42 hours.

**Rugger.**

There will be a game of Rugger at the R. B. S. C. on Saturday. The following are the teams:—

**Merchants (Colours.)**

|           |               |            |
|-----------|---------------|------------|
| Croucher, | Chapman,      | McDonald,  |
| Jackson,  | Robertson,    | Rasmussen, |
| Malcolm,  | Schneider,    | Dalsgaard, |
| Keynes,   | Preston,      | Hewison,   |
| Cranmer,  | Forrest J.S., | Voirel.    |

**O.****The Rest (Whites.)**

|          |             |                  |
|----------|-------------|------------------|
| Johnson, | Fitzgerald, | Sutton,          |
| Carson,  | Ramsay,     | Reis,            |
| Butler,  | Hodgkinson, | Ferdinands,      |
| Steele,  | Reith,      | Cooper-Johnston. |

K. O. at 5.15 p.m.  
Referee: Mr. R. B. Mair.

**Questions for Greece.**

Athens July 16.—M. Venizelos's organ, the "Kiryx," today discusses and condemns the political coercion to which time-expired men are being subjected by the agency of the so-called "Revolutionary Leagues."

The Liberal Party, it is added, does not propose to ask the electors to choose between any political figurehead and M. Venizelos, or between war and peace. The nation knows that M. Venizelos is not mad and that he is not trying to become King: nor is King Constantine so much under the influence of evil counsellors as to be on the point of abdicating in order to become the leader of the anti-Venizelist party.

The nation may prefer King Constantine to any other Sovereign, but it is also free to prefer M. Venizelos to any other politician as head of the Government. The nation, too, knows that there is no politician who would prefer war, so long as there remains any chance of peace without prejudice to the interests of the country: and that, further, no conscientious statesman would sacrifice these interests to a temporary peace which would render war inevitable at a moment that might be little favourable for Greece.

The question which the electorate will have to answer is the constitutional one, whether the Crown has the right to select as its counsellors persons politically agreeable to it, or whether it is bound to accept the responsible advisers designated by the will of the people.

The electors will be asked to decide whether in great national issues the Crown has the right to vindicate personal opinions and to impose these views by successive dissolutions of the Chamber; and, again, whether the nation desires to relapse into the regime of corruption favoured by the old parties, as represented by politicians like M. Gounaris.

Finally, the Greek people will have to bear in mind that the success of the two last wars in which Greece was engaged was ultimately due to the Protecting Powers; that without their aid the country cannot continue to exist; and that Greece must incline towards the Entente Powers, who command the Mediterranean.



## The "What Not's."

## Change of Programme.

Last night the What Not's presented a complete change of programme to a good house. The first half of the show consisted of the cinema show. The films shown were entirely new and were appreciated. The Great Renville Roberly was "great" in his magical experiments with watches, rings, dice, etc. He quite mystified the audience with his illusion "The Bathing Cabinet." Charlie, Miss Irene Beryl and the Warlys were heartily applauded in their several new turns of singing, dancing and sketches. The curtain was rung down with the last item—The "Slave Dance" by Miss Irene Beryl the classical dancer. The audience dispersed at 11.30 p.m. having spent a very enjoyable evening.

## Rise and Fall of the Freight Market.

## Freights for Hongkong.

During June, 70 cts. to 1 Dollar.  
 " July \$1 to 60 cents.  
 " Aug. 18. 50 cents.

## Freights for Singapore.

During June 40 to 55 cents.  
 " July 65 to 70 cents.  
 " Aug. 18 65 to 75 cents.

Freights for Swatow rose in July to \$1.05.  
 In August the s.s. Eiger took a cargo for Singapore at 35 cents, and this reached on the 23rd August to \$0.40.

## The Austrian Offensive On the Isonzo.

Some characteristic details have come to light in regard to the intentions of the Austrians on the occasion of their recent offensive against the Italian front.

It has been now proved that whilst delivering their great forward push in the Trentino, they had intended a serious attack in the region of the lower Isonzo, for the success of which they had been counting on the withdrawal of the Italian reserves and of parts of the front line forces from the Isonzo.

Their preparation for a rapid advance in Venetia had been made with great thoroughness and there were not wanting indications to prove what fate was in store for the towns they would have encountered on their way had their plans succeeded.

Thus we find that officers had been detailed to follow the troops invading the Venetian plains, with instructions to collect all the most valuable objects and works of art from the Italian churches and museums and to send them to Austria. These officers had been duly provided with Baedekers and works of reference on the history of art! Truly "kultur" pushed to its farthest limits!

The tenacity however of the Italian defence in the Trentino, with the serious losses it involved for the Austrians, as well as the victorious resistance of the Italian army against the Austrian attacks on the 15th and 16th of June in the Montebelluna sector, dissipated the Austrian command from insisting upon their original plan, to which they substituted the less ambitious project of an attack on the Canso to be delivered with the help of asphyxiating gases. Great preparations were made for this and the utmost care was taken not to omit any detail which might help the success of the enterprise. It is interesting to note that a lecture on the use of gases was given to the officers of the 20th Honved division which had been told off for the attack, and that at the end of it several officers expressed their disapproval of the employment of such dishonourable means of warfare. Amongst them General Sarkany who commanded the 18th Honved brigade, rather than act against his convictions, requested to be relieved of his command.

The attack with gas was brought about on the morning of the 20th of June. Between 5 and 5.30 a.m. after a violent artillery preparation against the Italian positions in the zone of S. Michele and S. Martino, and on the Isonzo, the Austrians sent forth dense clouds of gas which, favoured by a light wind, reached the Italian lines.

Owing to their deadly effects the Austrians succeeded at first in penetrating into some of the Italian front trenches; but were soon dislodged with much bloodshed and the loss of many prisoners and it has been ascertained that many of them fell victims to their own gases. The Italian counter-attack was characterized by a magnificent "elan" which carried all before it and there is no doubt that the Italian soldiers, goaded to fury by the barbarous methods of the adversary, were not to be held back in their counter-attack.

It is already well known how the Austrian command had formed special squads of men armed with spiked clubs with the mission of despatching the Italians found gassed on the field. "Kultur again!"—(Communicated.)

## THE

## Great War.

## Fighting in Salonika.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Aug. 24.

Salonika.—Fighting continues on the Serbian left. All Bulgarian attacks were repulsed. The Serbians continue to make progress north of the Strupino. There was bombardment at Doiran and at the slopes of Velez.

General Sarrail warmly praised the British Infantry and Yeomanry.

## A German Admission.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Aug. 24.

Amsterdam.—It is semi-officially admitted in Berlin that the battleship Westfalen, which is of the Nassau class, was hit by a torpedo on Aug. 10 (1916). The damage is said to be repairable. The report says that the ship remained capable and was manoeuvring and that the second torpedo missed her.

## The British Front.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Aug. 24.

General Sir Douglas Haig's communique says that south of Thiepval the British have gained a further two hundred yards of trench and have straightened their line.

## Havas Telegrams.

Paris, Aug. 23.

We repulsed attacks in Vaux and Chapitre woods. South of the Somme the enemy succeeded in taking a footing in some trenches west of Soyecourt which had been captured by us on the 21st instant.

We repulsed an attack south of Hartmannswillerkopf.

Marseilles.—The s.s. Orenouque from Saigon arrived today.

The Eastern Theatre.—The Allied armistice are continuing the struggle. They have taken the southern batteries and have occupied the line on the heights of the Vardar.

London.—A British submarine has sunk a large German cruiser.

Petrograd and Rome.—Nothing of any importance has taken place.

## Curious View on Verdun.

Amsterdam: The German Imperial Chancellor's newspaper supporters have evidently got instructions to admit that the German situation does not appear to be satisfactory. The "Weser Zeitung," the great Bremen paper, in a remarkable article appealing for whole-hearted support of Herr Bethmann Hollweg, states that the following is the position of Germany at the present moment:—

"The hour has come when we must clench our teeth and summon all our power and determination, for the situation is grave. Our offensive before Verdun has got its teeth in so tight that it is absolutely unable to let go; our Austrian allies' fine offensive in the Sette Comuni has long been condemned to a standstill; and the plucky advance of the Turks in Persia is gnawing only at a subsidiary field of operations. And now the English and French are hard upon us on the Somme, the Russians are upon us from Riga to Rumania, and the Anglo Boers in East Africa."

"Valona is lying upon the Austrians and Hungarians, Salonica, the Bulgarians, Armenia and the Suez Canal the Turks. Nor are they making any progress worth mentioning. And anxious sighs arise to Heaven, owing simply to the inexhaustible rain which seems to be literally in alliance with the enemy blocking us."

"In every quarter and corner are difficulties and obstacles raising again and again the anxious cry: 'How shall these things end?'"

The journal proceeds to comfort its readers and urges them to note how cool and unalarmed is the General Staff, begs them to give the military authorities that full confidence they asked for in a remarkable circular sent from the western headquarters a few days ago, and above all, urges that at this moment Germans should throw no stones in the Chancellor's thorny path.

It assures its readers that the war has reached its zenith and adds: "The

## The Anglo-Japanese Alliance.

Baron Kato, four times Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ambassador to the Court of St. James, and the present leader of the Doshikai—the controlling influence of the House of Representatives, is the younger of the men who must be regarded as directing the course of Japan at the present time. Like all men of character, outspoken zeal and staunch loyalty to a friend as to a principle, Baron Kato has enemies and is reported by them to be unpopular. But he is known as a man of courage, frank to a degree and his political opponents respect him. Baron Kato was asked to depart from his customary reserve in dealing with the press and to give his views on the agitation started by a small element of the Japanese opposition and newspapers—an agitation that has been fostered and spread abroad until the public has commenced to believe that, after all, perhaps Japan might be considering a change of policy and a transference of her friendship.

Baron Kato was not disinclined to speak, but pointed out that his own position in the matter was well known—referring more particularly to a most interesting and exhaustive review of Japan's attitude towards Great Britain and the Alliance, given by him to the "Mainichi" of Osaka and published on January 1, 1915. Baron Kato said:

"It matters not who takes the reins of Government in this country or what cabinet is in power, our attitude towards England and the Alliance will remain the same. The people of Japan want the alliance and will want to continue this treaty of friendship and of mutual defense for all time to come. It is the rock on which our foreign policies stand. All other ententes and agreements are merely supplementary to this main plank in our national platform. No ministerial change can alter this position or this policy."

The Anglo-Japanese Alliance stands for the peace of and peace in the Far East. If any man thinks this Alliance was conceived for covered into simply because it might be useful in times of war, he is mistaken.

In its relation to the situation in China, for instance, the Alliance is one of peaceful guardianship, safeguarding China's integrity and the principle of equal opportunity which are essential in conserving the interests of Japan in those of Great Britain.

So long as the Anglo-Japanese Alliance stands, no power can break the integrity of China or really threaten the principle of equal opportunity. If Japan alone were to attempt this it would have to mean a tremendously increased outlay upon army and navy.

The Anglo-Japanese Alliance has vastly increased the prestige Japan. The moral effect has been and is incalculable. England is our friend and England is always loyal to her friends. This all other powers know and have known. No country can go to war with us without having first to reckon with Great Britain. We cannot compute in figures what this Alliance has been worth to Japan.

But the Anglo-Japanese Alliance is beneficial to Great Britain also. During the present war, Great Britain has been able to withdraw her ships from the Far East, whereas, if the Alliance had not been active and as actively carried out by Japan, a considerable portion of the British fleet must have been sent to these waters.

It is true that in both countries publicists have objected to the Alliance for racial, religious, or commercial reasons. Some contend that Great Britain is hampered in her activities by the Alliance; but these protests do not disturb the British authorities or affect the intellectual people of England.

In Japan, too, there has been a dissentient voice, but the government of the day—whatever it may be, and those who understand the relations between Great Britain and Japan are no more disturbed by this and no less appreciative of the value and benefit of the alliance than the same classes in Great Britain.

It is only those who do not know the history of the Alliance and those who do not comprehend its real object who indulge in far-fetched and foolish criticisms.

Even between relatives and families, sacrifices must be made on both sides if its smoothness is to be secured and maintained. No alliance or agreement can be made the instrument for benefit of one party alone. It is, therefore, in the mutual benefits derived that the permanency of the Alliance remains and friendly co-operation and relations secured."

mercifully descending curve will be shorter than the ascending." France says the paper is exhausted, and for years Italy and Russia are economically ruined. "England, with her unsolved Irish problem and her national service as thorns in her flesh, shows unmistakable signs of decay." The paper concludes that black as the present may look, the "future belongs to Germans."—Ex.

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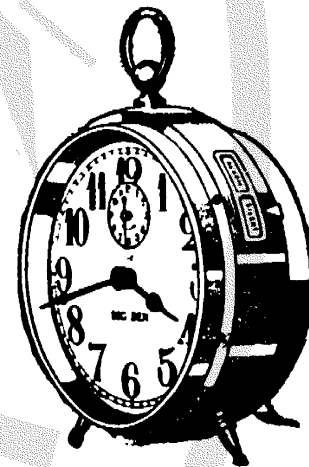
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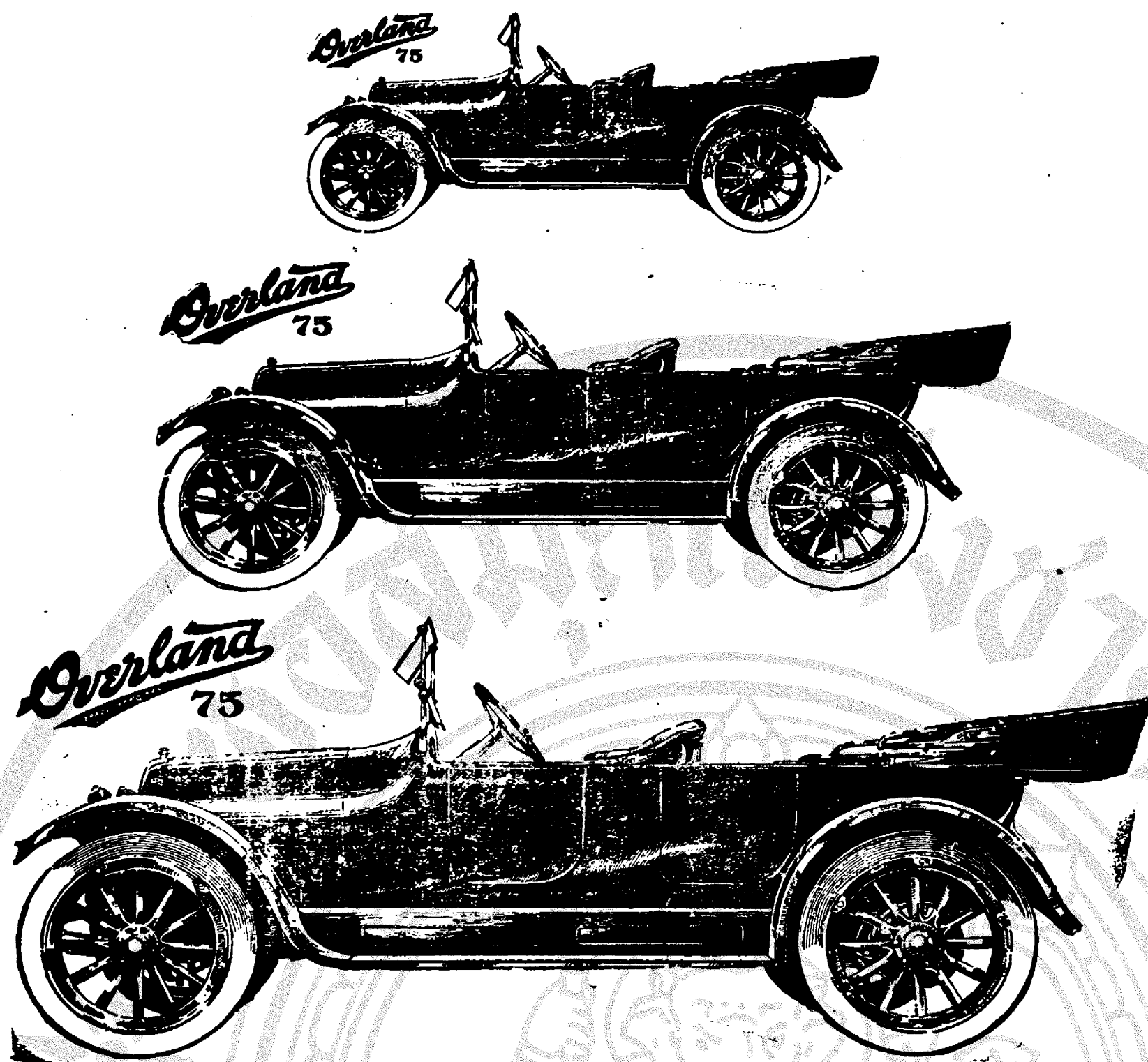
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#### War in the Treetops.

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Milan July 9.—After a brief artillery preparation, the Italians on Thursday morning opened a violent attack against the entire enemy line on the Sette Comuni Plateau. During Thursday the infantry, moving from Grotto dei Colombi under Monte Zebio [west of Monte Baldo], succeeded in occupying various positions on the eastern slope of that mountain. They arrived to within 300ft. of the summit, and took 400 prisoners during the various attacks.

Very heavy fighting continues along this front, where the Italians seem determined not to pause for breath until they have freed the Val Galmarara and Val d'Assa.

The enemy's resistance has proved unexpectedly stubborn, and this resistance has been favoured by the extraordinary difficulties of the ground, as well as by the desperate nature of the guerilla warfare in which the enemy here is indulging. The forest-crowned and extremely irregular surface of the mountain slopes is dotted with huge lichen covered rocks, which form magnificent shelters for the sharpshooters and machine-guns of the Austrian Army which in its retreat seems to have endowed its soldiers with unlimited quantities of material, with orders to resist according to every primitive instinct, and above all with such a fear of falling into Italian hands as is almost comic. The treetops are alive with men armed with rifles and machine-guns. A passage is arranged above from one tree to the other, while below wire entanglements everywhere hinder the advance.

Prisoners taken here manifest every sign of mortal fear. They have had inculcated upon them the idea that instant death, or even torture, awaits them on surrender. Their amazement at the humane attentions they receive knows no bounds.

These prisoners, however, are not at all up to the standard of two months ago. A group of 300 whom I met on Friday were entirely demoralized and unkempt, and seemed veritable outcasts of the famous "punitive army." While they are well furnished with ammunition, they are certainly not well supplied with food, for they seem content to munch bread from morning till night under the Italian agis. The principal food of the Austrian army in the Trentino appears to consist of Norwegian sardines.

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### The British Offensive.

In an interview regarding the British offensive, given by Lord Derby, Under-Secretary for War, to the London representative of the "Brooklyn Eagle," his lordship said:—

The British offensive on the Western front is proceeding in logical accordance with the British policy of wearing down the enemy. The war will not be ended by spectacular assaults upon detached sectors of the German line, but by putting as many German soldiers out of action as lies within the power of the Allied Armies. To that end the British Army is now contributing a splendid effort, an effort meeting with full measure of expected success.

Our preparations were complete to the last detail: our supply of munitions, resulting from months of strenuous nation-wide endeavour, is able adequately to meet the demands of unprecedented bombardment; the organization of our supply services is arranged to serve any emergency; the co-ordination of each department of the Army seems to have been perfect. My belief is that the British armies have demonstrated by their behaviour during the last seven days that British organization is inferior to no army organization in Europe.

It has been said that Nivelle Chapelle and Loos were the initiation of the new British armies; the battle of the Somme has supremely proved our volunteer soldiers to be worthy of the most splendid British traditions.

In reply to a question whether he believed the present British offensive to be the "big push," Lord Derby remarked:—Anything which decimates the German Army is a "big push." I do not believe it possible to characterize any given military operation as the final offensive. The task of defeating Germany is a slow task. We shall defeat Germany by incessant pressure; that is why our offensive proceeds steadily and surely from day to day, is more significant than any separate incursion through the German front—a form of attack singularly without permanent value and highly dangerous.

The battle of the Somme, Lord Derby declared, had emphatically demonstrated that the British medical organization was markedly superior to that of the German forces. The new steel helmet had completely vindicated its adoption. I have heard (he continued) unofficially that minor casualties in our advance have been considerably reduced by the device: in fact, minor head wounds are now rare.

Any advance like that now undertaken by the British Army entails certain necessary casualties, but our losses have not been unduly large. The method of the British advance is calculated to secure a permanent military advance for every serious casualty: we are not wasting men by sporadic tactics, but we are demanding the full price for every British life lost and for every foot of France we regain. Do not suppose that because our advance is slow it is not sure: it is because our advance is sure that it is slow.

I do not believe there is any likelihood of the German Army collapsing like the Austrian Army did before the battering of General Brusiloff. I believe we had a hard fight before us—a fight demanding the best that British manhood has to give. But I believe our wearing-down policy will ultimately incapacitate the German armies: I believe the war will end in only one way. And I know that way will be the British way.

### Harvest Prospects in Hungary and Germany.

In the Hungarian lowlands it is feared that the harvest yield will be below the average, and it is becoming increasingly difficult to suppress the expression of public discontent. There are unmistakable signs of general unrest, mostly caused by the enormous sacrifices for the defence of Galicia and by the apprehension that the Hungarian forces will prove insufficient if called upon to defend their native country.

Amsterdam, July 9.—The "Kolnische Volkszeitung" publishes the following agricultural report:—

The weather in the greater part of Germany has recently been very wet. How far the wet has caused serious damage cannot yet be estimated. We must be prepared, however, for this year's harvest beginning much later than usual and for the harvesting itself to be more difficult because of the reported laying of the corn by the rain.

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| Paknam Dep.       | 6.30      | 9.30  | 12.45 | 3.45 | Bangkok Dep.      | 7.45      | 10.45 | 2.00 | 5.00 |
| *Maha Wong "      | 6.35      | 9.35  | 12.50 | 3.50 | Sala Deng "       | 7.52      | 10.52 | 2.07 | 5.07 |
| *Ban Nang Greng " | 6.40      | 9.40  | 12.55 | 3.55 | Klong Toi "       | 8.00      | 11.00 | 2.15 | 5.15 |
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| Klong Toi "       | 7.15      | 10.15 | 1.30  | 4.30 | *Ban Nang Greng " | 8.35      | 11.35 | 2.50 | 5.50 |
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### Paddy Crop Report for the Mondol Xannai.

For August 1-7, 2459.

#### Krung Deb.

**Nondaburi:**—The area planted up to date about 8,800 rai, the paddy is about 1 sok high, in better condition than last year.

**Minburi:**—The area planted up to date is 111,000 rai, about 12,500 rai more than last year. The paddy is, at a height of about 1½ sok, in flourishing condition and is better than last year.

**Phra Pradaeng:**—The area planted up to date is about 7,750 rai, the paddy is over 1 sok high, in better condition than last year.

#### Mondol Krung Kao.

**Dhanyaburi:**—The area planted up to date is 297,100 rai, about 31,700 rai more than last year. The paddy is at most 1 sok high, in better condition than last year.

**Pradumdhani:**—The area planted up to date is 270,400 rai, about 52,300 rai less than last year. The paddy in the high-lying districts is doing splendidly, but that in the low-lying districts is doing only fairly well and about 15,000 rai have been damaged by floods and crabs.

**Krung Kao:**—The area planted up to date is 765,300 rai, about 71,700 rai less than last year. The paddy in the low-lying districts to the extent of about 900 rai has been damaged by floods, the remainder is in good condition, about the same as last year. The height being about 2 sok.

**Anglong:**—The area planted up to date is 355,700 rai, about 7,000 rai less than last year. The paddy to the extent of about 3,700 rai has been damaged by floods, the remainder is doing well, better than last year. The height being over 3 sok at most.

**Singburi:**—The area planted up to date is about 178,700 rai. The paddy in the low-lying districts to the extent of about 850 rai has been damaged by floods, the remainder is in better condition than last year, about 2 sok in height.

**Sraburi:**—The area planted up to date is 87,800 rai, about 64,100 rai more than last year. The paddy is about 1½ sok high, in better condition than last year.

**Lobbari:**—The area planted up to date is 341,800 rai, about 133,400 rai more than last year. The paddy is about 4 sok high, in better condition than last year, except in Amhbur Lobbari.

#### Mondol Nagor Jaisri.

**Smudsagor:**—The area planted up to date is 25,900 rai, about 36,600 rai less

than last year. The paddy to the extent of about 1,000 rai has been damaged by drought and floods, the remainder is doing only fairly well and is inferior to that of last year.

**Subanburi:**—The area planted up to date is 233,100 rai, about 3,150 rai more than last year. The paddy to the extent of about 1,650 rai has been damaged by floods, the remainder is about 2 sok high, in better condition than last year.

#### Mondol Rajburi.

**Rajburi:**—The area planted up to date is about 130,100 rai. The paddy to the extent of about 15,900 rai has been damaged by drought, floods, crabs and caterpillars, the remainder is doing only fairly well and is inferior to that of last year. The height being about 1½ sok.

**Smudsanggram:**—The area planted up to date is 6,500 rai, about 300 rai less than last year. The paddy to the extent of about 300 rai has been damaged by drought, the remainder is not doing very well for want of rain.

#### Mondol Prachin.

**Khazengas:**—The area planted up to date is 270,400 rai, about 52,300 rai less than last year. The paddy is about 1 sok high, in better condition than last year.

**Prachinburi:**—The area planted up to date is 152,800 rai, about 1,140 rai more than last year. The paddy is at most 2½ sok high, in fair condition but is better than last year.

**Nagor Nang:**—The area planted up to date is 190,900 rai, about 143,700 rai more than last year. The paddy is about 1½ sok high, in better condition than last year.

**Jolburi:**—The area planted up to date is 107,150 rai, about 55,800 rai more than last year. The paddy to the extent of about 750 rai has been damaged by drought, the remainder is only partly good, about the same as last year. The height being about 2½ sok.

**Krabindraburi:**—The area planted up to date is 22,350 rai, about 43,700 rai more than last year. The paddy is at a height of about 1½ sok, in fair condition, about the same as last year.

#### Mondol Nagor Sarga.

**Kambangburi:**—The area planted up to date is 11,650 rai, about 3,240 rai more than last year. The paddy is at most 2 sok high, in better condition than last year.

**Tak:**—The area planted up to date is 6,830 rai, about 5,100 rai less than last year. The paddy is not doing very well for want of rain and is inferior to that of last year, except in some places where the crop depends upon the use of small irrigation works the plants are better.

Reports have not yet been received from other Chachais of the Mondol Xannai.

### Back Chat in Court.

Quite a humorous aspect was given to his case by a prisoner charged at Old Street as a suspected person attempting to steal from a van in Hoxton. The case proceeded in all seriousness while P.C.s Williams and Puffs gave evidence as to the prisoner and two others attempting to steal from vans. When pursued the prisoner ran into a house in Mansfield-street, King's-road, and was caught hiding under a bed. He gave the name of William Smith. When called on for his defence, the prisoner went into the witness box. Asked if his name was William Smith, he said: No, John Oliver. The Chief Clerk: Oh, then Smith is an alias? Oliver is your right name? No, Jack Silver is my right name. Mr. Proud: That is No. 3. Prisoner: The police know me as Oliver, and that I was in the Army. Mr. Clarke Hall: When were you discharged? Prisoner: I'm not discharged. I'm a deserter, escaped from the escort, Mr. Proud: When was that? Prisoner: Three weeks ago. Have you been working since? Well, no, the Army want me back. Why have you not gone? Prisoner: Well, I was walking out with a young woman, and was with her last night when the constable came up and said, "Oliver, we want you." Naturally I said, "I'm not Oliver. My name is Smith." Then I did a bunk and ran into the house in Mansfield-street. I never tried any van, nor did the two men with me. I've always been convicted as a suspected person, never for stealing. Mr. Clarke Hall: What was your last sentence? Prisoner: Three months. Mr. Clarke Hall: You must go to prison again for three months. Prisoner: What about the Army? they want me. He was removed.—EX.

### The Diamond Duchess.

Susan Barber, eighty-two, was charged at Tower Bridge with begging in Waterlooville.—The prisoner, who is known as the "Diamond Duchess," has had a long criminal career. She is an expert pick-pocket and there are about fifty convictions against her. She gained her sobriquet when, as a young woman, she was seen with a young woman bearded with jewelry, she worked the Channel boats. Mr. Cecil Chapman, suggested she should go to the workhouse. The prisoner: No thanks, they handle you there like pigs there. I would sooner go to prison, where I can sleep comfortably.—Mr. Cecil Chapman sentenced her to a month's imprisonment.—EX.

### Shipping Notes.

The N. S. s. Prometheus 1024 tons Capt. H. J. Jones, arrived from Saigon yesterday with ballast cargo. The consignees are Messrs. Yung Heng Long.

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