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"Malta" " 15	" "Kashgar"	Oct. 9
"Namur" " 29	" "Arabia"	" 23
"Sardinia" Oct. 13	" "Morcia"	Nov. 6
"Novara" " 27	" "Medina"	Dec. 19
"Nore" Nov. 10	" "Mooltan"	Dec. 3

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"Nore" " 23	" "Kashgar"	July 7
"Malta" Aug. 7	" "Arabia"	Aug. 4
"Namur" " 21	" "Morcia"	" 18
"Sardinia" Sept. 8	" "Medina"	Sept. 1
"Somali" " 17	" "Mooltan"	" 15
"Nore" Oct. 1	" "Kashgar"	" 29
"Nyanza" " 15	" "Arabia"	Oct. 12
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" " "Mahidol"	...	25th	"	"
" " "Asiang"	...	29th	"	"
" " "Yingala"	...	1st	Aug.	"
" " "Boribot"	...	5th	"	"
" " "No Departure"	...	8th	"	"
" " "Prachinburi"	...	12th	"	"
" " "Mahidol"	...	15th	"	"
" " "Asiang"	...	19th	"	"
" " "Yingala"	...	22nd	"	"
" " "Boribot"	...	26th	"	"
" " "No departure"	...	29th	"	"

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FOR JULY, 1916.

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

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

PHASES OF THE MOON.
Aug. 7th) First Quarter 3.48 a.m.
" 13th) Full Moon 6.42 p.m.
" 20th) Last Quarter 7.35 p.m.
" 29th) New Moon 0.7 a.m.

Russian Offensive.

London, July 22.—A German com-
munique admits that the Russians have
crossed the Dvina. This is not men-
tioned in the Russian communique but
it has now leaked out in Petrograd that
the Russians have begun extensive op-
erations on the Riga front. The first
intimation of this was a telegram to
the "Novoe Vremya," announcing the
capture of three lines of German trench-
es, with many prisoners and guns,
which are now in Riga. The correspon-
dent of the "Rouss Gazette" describes
the population as listening most joyfully
to the tremendous bombardment
which commenced on the 16th.

Petrograd, July 21.—A communique
states: Above the junction of the
Styr and Lipa we dislodged the enemy
from organized works and captured the
forls of the Styr. The enemy fled in
disorder at Berestchko, where fighting
is proceeding.

Petrograd, July 22.—A communique
states: Three thousand prisoners were
taken at the junction of the Styr and
Lipa. General Sakharoff's troops were
subjected to a concentrated bombard-
ment whilst crossing the marshes in
the Lipa valley, but they crossed the
river and routed the enemy, pouring a
cloudy fire into the fleeing columns.
They took a thousand prisoners and
several guns.

Petrograd, July 22.—The floods on
the Dniester are benefitting the enemy
by liberating troops to reinforce Kovel
and Vladimir Volynsk and the Buko-
vina and Transylvania fronts, where
more heavy fighting is consequently
expected. Military operations on the
Dniester will probably be impractic-
able for a month.

An ex-town councillor of Vladimir
Volynsk who has escaped says that the
Austrians have departed to Austria, or
forced to labour on the defences all the
able-bodied males remaining. The in-
habitants are starving. The cheapest
black bread is a rouble a pound. There
is no meat. The cats and dogs were
long since devoured. Typhoid is pre-
valent.

Petrograd, July 23.—The commu-
nique records fierce fighting on the left

wing of the Riga position. The Rus-
sians penetrated enemy works at sev-
eral points.

Petrograd, July 22.—A communique
states: The Russian advance continued
south of the Lipa, where General
Sakharoff's troops on July 20-21
captured 300 officers and 12,000 men
including a general and a colonel. This
brings the Austro-German losses since
July 16 to 26,000. An Austrian regi-
ment surrounded on the right bank of
the Styr south of the confluence of the
Lipa surrendered. The Russians are
steadily advancing in Hungary and
have captured the heights of Mar-
marosziget.

In the Caucasus, the successful offen-
sive by the right wing continues. Some
detachments have advanced over ten
miles.

Petrograd, later: It is officially an-
nounced that the Russians have cap-
tured the town of Gumishkanah, forty
miles north-west of Baidart.

We took 1,600 prisoners on the Cau-
casus front, and captured 430 in the
Kialkichevli district, with important
convoys.

Petrograd, July 21.—Russia an-
nounces that henceforth the Geneva
Convention will not apply as regards
Turkish hospital ships, consequent on
the persistent Turkish attacks on Rus-
sian hospital ships.

Russian Cabinet Changes.

Petrograd, July 23.—M. Sazonoff,
Foreign Minister, has resigned and is
succeeded by M. Sturmer who retains
the Premiership. M. Khvostoff has
been appointed Minister of the Interior
and M. Makaroff Minister of Justice.

The Tsar in a rescript addressed to
M. Sazonoff dwells on that minister's
zeal in the service of His Majesty and
Russia and regrets his state of health
has compelled him to resign.

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Talks With Prisoners.

Continuing his description of visits to German camps in Britain, the correspondent of the "Nieuwe Courant" devotes his second article to an account of the camp at East Cote in Northamptonshire.

The camp, he says, is formed to accommodate 4,000 but at the moment there are only half that number, including about 1,000 military and 1,000 civilians. Amongst the military there are the commanders of the Zeppelin *L16*, of the submarine *U23*, and prisoners from *Loos*, etc. The camp is enclosed by a barbed-wire entanglement, two meters broad and three meters high. Escape is practically impossible. The buildings in which the interned are quartered, are situated in a large square, which has been subdivided into four smaller squares by cross-roads, so that the entrances to the various barracks come together in a central square. The barracks are built of fire-proof material, whilst, moreover, fire-extinguishers have been placed in all the halls. The dormitories measure about 30 x 7 meters and are over 3½ meters high. Each contained 32 comfortable beds. There was plenty of light and air, central heating and electric light. There is a pharmacy, a doctor, a dentist and an operating room, so that it can honestly be said that the sanitary arrangements are perfect. There is, in addition, a general hospital and a separate barrack for contagious diseases. Everything looked clean and well-kept. As for the kitchen, about the same quantity of rations is supplied as in other camps and the quality is good. Many a well-to-do Hollander would be glad to see the delicious white bread on his table just now. Nevertheless, some prisoners prefer rye-bread. I also saw the meat in the kitchen. It was of good quality. The coffee, with milk and sugar, was excellent.

"The Chef, who is a German like the rest of the personnel, declared the food left nothing to be desired. There is, moreover, a canteen, where a penny buys half a liter of coffee with milk and sugar, or half a pound of bread, etc. The prisoners themselves have arranged a theatre accommodating 600 persons. For open-air exercise there are foot-ball, basket-ball and other field sports. No one is obliged to work. Some were occupied with music, painting, reading, writing, games, etc. They all looked well. And all those whom I questioned, only regretted their lost liberty. The submarine and Zeppelin officers had separate quarters, corresponding to those of the British officers. With the lieutenant of the Zeppelin *L1*, I discussed the work of the Zeppelin. I asked whether they could observe well from a

Items of Interest.

London, July 22.—The Kitchener memorial fund has reached sixty thousand. The Queen gave £250, Queen Alexandra £250, Lord Lansdowne £100.

Stockholm, July 23.—It is announced that submarines entering territorial waters are liable to be attacked by Swedish armed forces without warning.

London, July 22.—The Rev. Frank Woods, Vicar of Bradford, has been appointed Bishop of Peterborough. Mr. Skinner Turner, Barrister, has been appointed assistant Judge of the Supreme Court in China.

London, July 21.—Sir Mortimer Durand has been nominated as Governor of the School of Oriental Studies by the Royal Asiatic Society, in succession to Lord Reay, who has resigned on account of his frequent absence from London.

London, July 20.—General Booth solemnised the marriage of Major Hugh Sladen and Captain Mottee Both-Tucker, the daughter of Commissioner Both-Tucker. A number of Indian members of the Salvation Army attended.

great altitude. It is as if one sees from a mountain the landscape in the valleys," he replied. "So you can see exactly where your bombs come down?" I asked. "Certainly," he replied. When I asked, why, then, so many civilian and so few military institutions were hit, he replied that, when fired at, they dropped their bombs where they were. I told him that the military places mentioned in the Wolff wire, had not been hit. He would not believe it. Yet I personally had visited these places and had seen for myself that they had not been touched.

"I further saw the German sailors of the outpost flotilla of the North Sea, chasseurs and infantry men. All expressed their contentment. Only the barbed wire went against the grain. The bathing establishment contains bath-tubs and donches and has central heating. The prisoners receive callers every three weeks.

"The good impression I received at Alexandra Palace was strengthened by this second visit. It was pleasant, after all the misery of war to see this human kindness. Taking all in all I can say that thus far I can report nothing but good impressions. I wish to point out in conclusion that I was allowed to speak German to the prisoners whenever and wherever I liked.

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*Maha Wong ..	6.35	9.35	12.50	3.50	Sala Deng ..	7.52	10.52	2.07	5.07
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Sala Deng ..	7.23	10.23	1.38	4.38	*Maha Wong ..	8.40	11.40	2.55	5.55
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NECESSARY BUSINESS OF INDUSTRY.

Under the Military Service law now in force in England exemption may be claimed by a single-handed trader on the ground that serious hardships would ensue to his trade if such an individual, who solely carried on that trade, was called upon for service, always provided that the business was not one which in the public interest ought to be discontinued. It would appear that the question of what business or industry is necessary or unnecessary is left to the decision of the Tribunals and no definition is laid down. However profitable a business may be proved to be does not concern the Tribunal. A dealer in spirituous liquors, however large the taxes and duties he may pay to the Government, is nevertheless called up for service as his business will not be considered one that endures for the public weal. This rule as to exemption is bound in the end to regulate the common sense of the people and keep them from engaging not only in trades opposed to the nation's interest but also from engaging in haphazardous business without proper investigation as to likely results. It will help people to reserve all their money for investment in Savings Banks or Government Bonds. It is needless to observe that in our midst there are people whose desire to get rich rapidly makes them believe all the cock and bull stories of huge profits and thus hard earned savings or funds derived from legacies are put into businesses without any practical and rational advice from disinterested persons. The number of persons who have been almost ruined by placing their all in businesses which render competition inevitable does not appear to provide an object lesson. Businesses which would appear unnecessary to the most disinterested observer are being established, which the smallest degree of reflection ought to have forced on one's mind as superfluous. For one instance we would point to the number of rice mills that are being built in the Ayutthia Province. Perhaps it is not possible in any country to regulate the number of businesses of a certain class which might be established in a given area, but some indirect pressure might be employed for the ultimate benefit of those directly concerned in these ventures.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE SIAM Import Co., Ltd. advertise Saxon two-seater cars for sale.

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THE Annual Summer Sale at Whiteaway Ltd. and Co., Ltd. commences on Tuesday next, August 1st.

THE East Asiatic Co.'s m. s. Chumpon is expected to arrive this afternoon from Europe via Singapore.

MR. BENJAMIN A. PERIERA, Auctioneer, will sell on Saturday, August 5th three motor launches at Chin Kung's Dock.

THE new programmes to be shown to-night at the Phathanakorn and Phathanakorn cinematographs will be found elsewhere.

THE wedding of Mr. A. A. Favacho and Miss Maria Antonio took place this morning at the Assumption Church at 7 o'clock. The marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. Father Colombet and many friends and relatives of the bride and bridegroom were present at church to offer them their felicitations.

THE charge of criminal libel brought by Mr. C. Grant, late assistant manager of the Langkat Oil Co., Ltd. of Sumatra, against Mr. J. H. Forran, the representative mining engineer of the above company at Singapore, was decided last Saturday. It was alleged by the complainant that Mr. Forran had made certain false representations to the Head Office which brought about the dismissal of complainant from the services of the company. The Court found that the representations sent by the defendant were made in good faith and with a view to protecting the lawful interests of the company and therefore the statements were privileged. The charge was dismissed. Mr. G. K. Wright appeared on behalf of Mr. Forran.

Tomorrow's Football Matches.

The following test matches for the Siam Football Association's Senior Cup will be played to-morrow afternoon, play commencing at 4.30 p.m.

At the Wild Tiger Club, The Palace Guards versus South Bangkok. Referee, H.S.H. Prince Kachara.
At Suan Kularb, Royal Pages Club versus Siam Electricity Co. Referee, Mr. R. D. Craig.
At Dhebsirand, Eleventh Infantry versus Ministry of Justice. Referee, Phra Rajdarunraksh.

The Griffin Scheme.

A meeting of owners will take place at the R. B. S. C. on Wednesday, 2nd August, at 5.30 p.m. for the purpose of electing a new racing sub-committee.

The following are the names of subscribers for the new griffins this year. It will be noticed that there are 30 griffins subscribed for which is a record number under this scheme:—

Stallions.—4 Royal Stables, 1 Madame de Bhismuloke, 1 Nai Cha Yong, 2 Mr. V. L.

Geldings.—3 Mr. A. C. Warwick.

Mares.—1 Phya Arthakara, 1 Madame de Bhismuloke, 2 Luang Sunthorn Kosa, 2 Mr. V. L., 1 Nai Cha Yong, 1 Phya Galadharabali, 1 Luang Asavadet, 1 Nai Riem, 1 Mom Chao Vipanya, 1 Nai Dit Bunsag, 1 Mr. J. F. G. Tilaka, 2 Mr. W. G. Johnson, 2 Mr. Hamilton Price, 1 Mrs. Graham, 1 Messrs Brighthouse and Stiven.

Bangkok Steamer Held Up.

The s.s. "Haldia" Boarded By British Bluejackets.

The s.s. "Haldia" which came into port yesterday was held up at Pulo Obi and relieved of 3 bags of mail. According to a statement made by the captain the "Haldia" was on her way from Swatow bringing with her mails from Hongkong and Swatow. On reaching Pulo Obi at about 1.30 in the morning a searchlight was suddenly turned on her and a signal was sent from a warship, which transpired to be the H.M.S. "Cornwall," ordering her to halt. Six armed bluejackets and an officer boarded the vessel and demanded to see the mail. The Captain on making inquiries was told by the officer that the examination of the mail was made at the request of the Singapore authorities who were informed that the "Haldia" was carrying enemy mail from Swatow. The "Cornwall" was therefore respatched from Singapore to intercept the mail. The officer took the Swatow mail which consisted of 3 bags and locked them up in the Captain's cabin, sealing it and placing a guard at the door. Later on he changed his mind and took the mail on board the warship and requested the "Haldia" to follow the warship up to Saigon. After a stay of about 20 hours at that port the "Haldia" was allowed to resume her voyage.

Pulo Obi is a little island to the south of Cochin-China and is about 24 hours journey from Saigon.

The "Haldia" left Swatow on the 18th instant and arrived here 3 days after due date.

THE Siam Electricity Co., Ltd. have received a new stock of 50 and 100 c. p. 1/2 watt lamps and also ordinary metallic filament lamps from 6 to 50 c. p.

THIRTY undesirable Chinese were deported under orders from the Minister of Local Government on board the s.s. "Kanchow" on the 22nd instant.

ON the 24th inst. the Police Department sent 26 habitual criminals to Koh-pai. There are now nearly 400 habitual offenders interned on the island.

KING'S College at Bangkok was closed to-day for what would be called the Mid-Summer holidays. As the duration of these holidays would not allow of a trip outside our shores we should see some of our scholastic friends frequently in Bangkok.

ERZINJAN captured by the Russians was the headquarters of the Turkish IV. army corps and was a place of some military importance with large barracks and military factories. The population numbers about 15,000 of whom about half are Armenians living in a separate quarter. A carriage-road leads to Trebizond and other roads to Sivas, Karahisar, Erzerum and Kharput. The plain, almost surrounded by lofty mountains, is highly productive. It was an important place in the 4th century when St. Gregory lived in it. The district passed from the Byzantines to the Seljuks after the defeat of Romanus, 1071, and from the latter to the Mongols in 1243. After having been held by Mongols, Tartars and Turkomans, it was added to the Ottoman empire by Mohammed II in 1473. In 1784 the town was almost destroyed by an earthquake.



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Nemo.

A fellow townsman just returned from Japan has related one or two things which might be worth while remembering. For instance when one sees vituperation in the press about Siamese and the use of firearms, it might be well to know that not long ago in Japan, where a certain train service and tram service ran on parallel lines, an engine driver fired a gun and wounded a passenger on the tram car.

The emotion on which he acted was a sudden one against the tram car driver which evidently arose in this way. The trams dash off but have to come to a standstill opposite each railway station. As soon as the trains start, off dashes the tram, gets ahead of the train and stops at the next station. The engine driver got exasperated with the tram driver at this and hence the shooting.

It might be interesting to know that the fares of trams in Japan are about the same as ours. The Japanese train services are excellent and the traveler's wants are well catered for.

I learn that the price of copper has nearly trebled on the anti-war prices and that all the copper coins in China, of which there are tons, are being purchased at a premium. It might be interesting to know what is being done with Siam's copper coins. I know for a fact that scraps of iron lying unknown to one in one's compound are being ferreted out by boys and coolies who are making a good business with the itinerant iron mongers, who have suddenly cropped up in our midst.

The abolition of the Huay lottery has been responsible for many things of which in a future contribution. People said that the rich men would suffer and at least a thousand rickshaws would have to go to the dust heaps. It has not been so however, judging by the evil smelling newly oil-laden specimens that have been lined along the roadway opposite the Local Government offices during this week.

I have been curious enough to make a few enquiries and find that the Royal Railways have not suffered in their passenger traffic receipts, but curiously enough, they have in the miscellaneous goods. On the Mekong Railway, which as one knows is a short line, there has been a considerable reduction in the passenger traffic receipts. On the Paknam Railway the receipts have not suffered. The trainways on the other hand have done well since the Huay has been stopped.

By the way I hear the Paknam Railway has had a record six months and that the gross receipts have exceeded a hundred thousand ticals. The Bangkok train line erected at a cost of about 30,000 is said to be paying handsomely.

The thousand or so shares of the Bangkok Dock Company which were placed in the market by the Trustee of the Estate of the late Mrs. Kurtzals are being snapped up in small parcels by local investors. With the news of the declaration of a half-year dividend there is something of a scramble for these just now at the price of 82 or 83.

Surely something might be done to abate nuisances in this progressive city. I remember a high diplomatic functionary complaining of the paddy ash nuisance some years ago and it was not long before the responsible party of his own initiative ended the nuisance. At the present time the various mills using this fuel are spouting out black ash which not only makes our surroundings filthy but even affects our clothes.

The Late Major Hadden.

"The Times" under the heading "Fallen Officers" has the following:—

Major Eustace Walter Russell Hadden, Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire L.I., was the younger son of the late Rev. R. H. Hadden, vicar of St. Mark's North Audley-street, Chaplain-in-Ordinary to Queen Victoria and Hon. Chaplain to King Edward, and of Mrs. Hadden, of Hazel Hatch, Addlestone, Surrey. He was educated at Westminster and Christ Church, Oxford. While an undergraduate he was gazetted second lieutenant in November, 1904, to the Oxford and Bucks L.I. (T.F.), being promoted lieutenant in September, 1911, and captain in September, 1914.

In April of this year he was promoted temporary major. In 1910 he was attached for a year to the 52nd L.I. at Shorncliffe. He was called to the Bar at the Inner Temple in 1912, and a year later went to Siam in a legal capacity under the Siamese Government. He returned to England a month before war was declared. In March, 1915, he went overseas and almost immediately was so seriously injured in the face that his eyesight was despaired of. He recovered, however, in a wonderfully short time, and returned to duty without coming to England. He remained with his regiment till June 7, when he was admitted to hospital and operated on the same day for appendicitis, dying on June 10. He was the senior officer left of his battalion, and, though only 25 years old, commanded it for some time.

**THE
Great War.****The Battle of Pozieres.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, July 28.

The battle of Pozieres is described as the most furious hitherto. Crack German troops employed in the battle were slaughtered on instant sight, and the onslaughts of the Brandenburgs were mowed down.

French Capture Fortified House.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, July 28.

Paris.—The communique says a French surprise attack south of the Somme captured a fortified house south-east of Estrees with prisoners. The day was quiet elsewhere except in Champagne where there was a fierce artillery duel west of Proseles.

Importance of Capture of Erzindjan.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, July 28.

Petrograd.—The capture of Erzindjan is a most important success. It secures the Trebizond-Erzurum road and gives the Russians unfettered use of the sea base of Trebizond which would be most useful if the Grand Duke means to strike at the Turkish main positions at Sivas (120 miles from Erzindjan) and enter the Anatolian plains in the heart of the Turkish Empire.

In Other Days.**Olimpses of Bangkok Twenty-Two Years Ago.**

(Week Ending Sunday July 29, 1894.)

• Pilot Jackson Drowned.—Everybody will be sorry to hear that that bluff old mariner, pilot Jackson, has been drowned, through the up-setting of a boat, just inside the bar. He was away on Friday in the barque *Zuleika*, which he was taking out over the bar, and on Sunday morning a brief telegram was received from Paknam asking that another pilot might be sent down, as Jackson had been drowned.

The British Legation Medical Officer.—We understand that Dr. Nightingale has been formally appointed medical attendant at H.B.M. Legation. The post is worth \$3,000 a year at the present rate of exchange.

The Koh-Pai Lazarate.—A resident who has lately been on a short trip down the Gulf informs us that the plague hospital on Koh-pai is a very primitive concern. There are two or three bamboo shanties, a kitchen, and no water supply worthy of the name. If this is the case we may thank our stars that there has been no necessity hitherto for sending patients there.

A Tale of a Dog.—The French Consulate was more like a dog-show than anything else for a few minutes on Wednesday. The French *coiffeur* turned up with a lady poodle and family, which he claimed. It appeared that he lost the mother about the beginning of 1892, and she accumulated the family later. Mr. Birden demanded the return of the lot, as the present possessor couldn't have got the pups but for the poodle. M. Hardouin felt unequal to the occasion, and he therefore hurried the whole kennel out of the Consulate and talked in a severe tone of voice to the unhappy Mr. Birden.

The Electric Light.—We hear that the electric light will shortly be introduced in the Bangkok police station as well as the stations along the line.

Personal.—Mr. Page will be leaving on Monday or Tuesday for Java for a short trip for his health. Java's sanatorium is becoming a favourite place with Bangkok residents. Mr. T. S. Black of the British Consulate and Miss Smith of the Educational Department are there now. Mr. Michell will also be leaving in a day or two for a few weeks' sailing about the coast.

Affairs of Ireland.

London, July 20.—Mr. Redmond has published a memorandum which he sent to Mr. Asquith and Mr. Lloyd George on Tuesday declaring that delay in introducing the Bill and the irritation caused by Lord Lansdowne's speech, had created a most serious situation in Ireland. Any proposal to depart from the terms agreed upon would compel the Irish Party to declare the agreement ended.

British Legation Telegrams.

(British Legation telegrams are not to be regarded as official communications from His Britannic Majesty's Representative, unless they are marked "official.")

Will Rumania Join the Allies?

(Unofficial.)

London, July 27.

In summer of 1813 the Armies of the European powers, who had combined to crush the domination of Napoleon were conveying (? converging) on the last armies of the Emperor in Saxony. In autumn the conveying (? converging) armies closed like a wire at Leipzig. That was the end of the Great Emperor's attempt at "Weltherrschaft." To day neutral countries throughout Europe are asking whether the situation is paralleled. The Central Powers are held by a continuous line from the north sea, where the Belgian army holds guard, to the Alps where the Italians are attacking. The line is continued from here to Salonika by sea but the grip is not less effective than on land. East of Salonika the central powers have a corridor of communication with Asia through Constantinople but this corridor stops short in the plains of Mesopotamia where the English army holds the approach to the sea. The eastern wall of this corridor is formed by the long Russian line beginning in Armenia which is now wholly Russian since the capture of the last great Turkish fortress of Erzindjan. The line continues along the Austrian and German frontiers to the Baltic. There is only one gap in the line. Rumania holds that gap and at this moment all Europe is asking whether, in the coming weeks when the harvest is got in, Rumania will abandon neutrality and join the Allies.

Meanwhile east and west the advance continues. General Brusiloff held for the moment on the Stokholms river on the road to Kovel, has turned sharply southwest and broken the Austrian line on the road to Lemberg. Still further south in Galicia the Russians have overcome the obstacle of the swollen Dniester and have reached the Carpathian ridge. But it is doubtful if they will attempt to force the Passes here till the two railway centres to the north, Kovel and Lemberg, are in Russian hands. North of Kovel are marshes where no man can fight. North of the marshes fierce Russian attacks are being made in constant succession over 300 miles of front so that Hindenberg is obliged to transfer his reserves now here now there.

Western Front.

On the western front, with its far more powerfully fortified positions and far greater concentration both of men and of guns progress is necessarily slow but the entire German second line on the Somme is now in Franco-British hands and the attack on the third line is now beginning. What Kovel and Lemberg are to the Russians on the East front, Peronne and Bapaume are to the Franco-British on the west. What will come after these four points have fallen remains to be seen.

The Tin Market.

("S.O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, July 29.

Tin is quoted at \$89.50.

The Silver Market.

London, July 20.—Montagu's silver report says activity in the Indian bazaars caused a recovery but China sales led to a renewed fall. The rise in price of money in London has unsettled China exchange so the possibility of an adverse influence from China exists. Owing to American silver mines have been shut down.

The Mesopotamia Debate.**India's Military Organization Questioned.**

London, July 20.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Lloyd George explained the relations hitherto existing between the Indian Government and the War Office with regard to Mesopotamia. Sir W. Robertson was responsible for the direction of operations and policy and Sir Beauchamp Duff was responsible for supplies. When he was short of anything he asked the War Office to remedy the deficiency. Every such request had been honoured since Sir W. Robertson had been responsible for the operations. The present arrangement was not very satisfactory, and it had been consequently arranged that while India remained the main base, the force in Mesopotamia would continue to be administered by the Commander in Chief in India, who would receive

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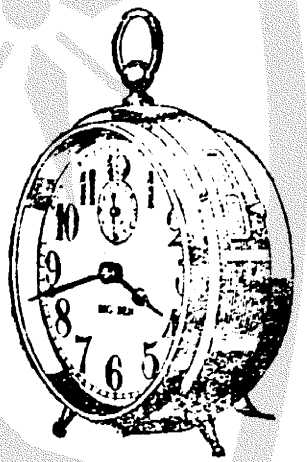
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instructions from and be responsible to the Army Council in regard to all matters of personal administration and supplies. Arrangements had been made to despatch to India officers who would assist in the organisation of supplies.

The War Office would be responsible for transport. As far as could be ascertained, supplies at the base were at present abundant; it was the transport that had broken down. The river transport was most difficult. He was sure that every steamer available in India had been sent out.

In reply to an interruption by Sir R. Jardine, Mr. Lloyd George explained that the Army Council would have no control over forces in India; its control would be over forces in Mesopotamia, and the organisation and supplying of those forces. He was assured that legislation was not necessary to make that control absolute. Officials sent out would represent the War Office, and the Commander-in-Chief in India would within the limits of his resources have to honour requisitions for the army in Mesopotamia.

He welcomed the suggestion of several members that light railways such as that at Alexandria might be transferred to Mesopotamia. He emphasised that the War Office opposition to the publication of papers was initiated by the military members of the Army Council, and in concluding he insisted that any negligence or incapacity should be held to account and the enquiry should not delay action.

Mr. Chamberlain's Responsibility. Mr. Chamberlain, replying to an observation of Sir A. Mond, said that he fully accepted his proper responsibility for the doings of the Indian Government, but the work of that Government would be extremely ill done if any Secretary of State endeavoured from London to govern India, or administer the forces there. How far he and the Government of India discharged their responsibilities would be reviewed by the committee on Mesopotamia, to whom all documents, including the confidential ones, would be given.

Mr. Ian Malcolm: Including the Vincent evidence?

Mr. Chamberlain: Of course. Sir Edward Carson: If the Vincent report shows incompetency on the part of someone still carrying out his duty, will the Government act without awaiting the report of the committee?

Mr. Chamberlain: If incompetency is proved to our satisfaction, it will be our duty to act immediately.

Mr. Chamberlain, referring to the allegations of negligence on the part of the Indian Government, pointed out that the additional cost of the Mesopotamia Force had been borne by the Imperial Government. He quoted the tribute of General Duff as to the assistance of Sir William Meyer. No financial difficulties had ever been thrown in General Duff's way.

Mr. Chamberlain concluded: The Government of India has achieved more than it was expected to perform in the great overseas expedition. The scale demanded by the present war was never contemplated by the Imperial Government on behalf of India.

He recalled the fact that at the outbreak of war six hundred Indian Civil Servants (?) were placed at the disposal of the War Office; Indian troops had been sent to China, Egypt, France and East Africa, besides Mesopotamia, fully organised and equipped with guns. He emphasised the difficulties arising from the unrest in the Punjab, from German intrigues, and asked the House to recognise the efforts of the Indian authorities to assist the Empire in peril, as well as the bravery, fortitude and endurance of the Indian troops.

London, July 20.—In the House of Lords, Lord Crewe made a statement on the same lines as that of Mr. Asquith and Mr. Chamberlain.

Lord Cromer said that much of what had happened was due to Lord Kitchener's reforms.

Lord Sydenham said that nothing had been done to remedy the deficiencies in the Indian military organisation since 1911.

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Lord Islington said that he had just seen a telegram saying that all the troops in Mesopotamia were now on full rations, except for vegetables and milk. It was upon the original suggestion of General Nixon that he considered himself in a position to open the road to Bagdad, that consultations began. General Nixon was then considered incompetent on the part

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ident that he could occupy Bagdad without reinforcements; these would only be required to hold the position when won.

A committee was constituted of representatives of the India, Foreign and War Offices and the Admiralty, to advise as to the practicability of the advance. This was subsequent to Oct. 3rd. A few days later, the Government of India recommended the advance provided that a complete division arrived in Mesopotamia within two months.

The Government decided to send two divisions, and telegraphed on the 23rd sanctioning the advance if General Nixon was satisfied that the available forces were sufficient therefor.

The advance was not pressed from Home on either the Government of India or General Nixon. The initiative originated with the military leaders on the spot. The decision was only taken after a full consultation of all the competent authorities here, in India and on the spot. They were unanimous that the advance could be made. The Government merely acquiesced in the decisions of the military experts.

Since March there had been sent out a complete general hospital, with 36 officers and 201 other ranks, in addition to 210 medical officers, 625 others and 600,000 yards of mosquito curtains. Eight hospital ships were under construction, and sixteen had been ordered. To help the outflow from Mesopotamia, there had been sent to India a general hospital, a station hospital, 78 officers and 314 others, a motor ambulance with four officers and a hundred others, 129 army medical officers and 222 others, and 198 lady nurses.

Lord Middleton asked what proportion had gone up river, and said that there was no information as to the further measures being taken to obviate the difficulties of transport.

Transport Difficulties.

Lord Sydenham said that of twelve paddle-steamers asked for, two had arrived, two were en route and two were under construction. Thirty-two had been arranged for in India, and sixteen had arrived. He gave further figures as to other steamers, tugs, barges and launches, and said that a Supply Officer for Mesopotamia had been appointed. He hoped that the improvements would remove doubts as to the troops being properly cared for.

Lord Curzon said that the Vincent Commission Report was en route to England, but a telegram had been received from Simla stating that the

Commission were satisfied. The Viceroy had asked the Commission if there was anything in the Report requiring immediate action. They had replied No; they believed that everything possible was being done.

Lord Middleton asked a question as to the sufficiency of rations.

Lord Islington said he believed that the ration was the same quantity as in France.

In reply to Lord Beresford, he reiterated that neither the Government nor the Indian Government had information of any criticism on the part of General Townshend regarding his force going forward.

The Inquiries Commissions.

London, July 20.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Lloyd George announced that a Bill embodying the Government's proposals regarding the inquiries concerning Mesopotamia and the Dardanelles would be introduced on Monday. The inquiries would be searching.

London, July 22.—A Cabinet meeting was held in the morning—which is unusual—it is presumed to choose Commissioners to define the scope of the Mesopotamia and Dardanelles inquiries, and also to secure a final agreement as to the terms of the Irish Bill.

London, July 22.—General Sir O'Moore Creagh in a letter to the Times says Lord Kitchener's system of administration of the army in India was sound and infinitely better than that it superseded. The only flaw which Kitchener told Creagh was forced upon him by the Government is the system of finance but the control of the finance department is lost in war.

Medina.

Cairo, July 22.—Authentic news comes in of the recent fighting at Medina where the Turks sortied against the besieging Arabs. The Turkish casualties were 2,500. Arabs lost 500 and captured quantities of arms. The Arabs are bombarding el-Taif and its speedy capitulation is expected.

Cairo, July 22.—Turkish aeroplanes dropped bombs on Suez and one bomb on Port Tewfik.

London, July 21.—The British steamers Gaugemore and Karina have been sunk in the Mediterranean. The crews were saved. The British steamer Yzer has been sunk.

The French steamer Cottois has been sunk. The crew landed at Algiers.

London, July 22.—The new Army Council is composed of Mr. Lloyd George (President), Lord Derby (vice President) and Generals Sir William Robertson, Cowans, Macready, David Henderson, Von Donop, Robert Whigham and L. W. Forster.

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American News.

The British Black List.

Washington, July 21.—The State Department has informally asked the British Embassy for information as to the application of the Enemy Trading Act to American firms and corporations, with a request that due publication be made of the list of a hundred firms and individuals in the United States with which Britishers are advised not to trade.

Washington, July 22.—After a Cabinet conference, the State Department instructed the ambassador in London, to ascertain what American business men have been black-listed, and to enquire the reason therefor.

Negotiations are progressing favourably with Mexico, with the appointment of a joint Commission to settle border differences.

President Wilson has personally appealed to the European Rulers to co-operate in feeding the starving population of Poland, and asks the British, French and Russians to allow the passage of foodstuffs to the Germans and Austrians on the guarantee that they will be exclusively allotted to civilians.

A New Naval Programme.
Washington, July 22.—The Senate has adopted the Naval Appropriation Bill providing for a three-year construction programme, including four dreadnoughts and four battle-cruisers to be built immediately. The Bill provides for an expenditure of \$315,800,000 in the first year, \$45,800,000 more than the Bill which passed the House.

Bomb Outrage in Frisco.

San Francisco, July 23.—Six persons were killed and twenty nine injured in a bomb explosion amongst the spectators of a "Preparedness" parade. The bomb concealed in a suitcase, was placed in front of a house which was demolished. Several persons received postcard warnings which they disregarded.

Expert Campaign Views.

Paris, July 22.—General Haig, interviewed, said: "The supreme decisions of the war are on the battlefields in the west. There it is that we must impose the peace for which it will be worth our while to have fought, for we shall have earned it."

London, July 22.—General Russki, interviewed in Petrograd en route to Finland to convalesce, said that the Allies were aiming at continuous pressure at a number of different points. If they could avoid the mistake of advancing too quickly, the end would come sooner than was expected.

Amsterdam, July 22.—"Everything is at stake." This is a recurring phrase in an inspired letter from the front given prominence in the semi-official Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung. It

says: "The battle surpasses imagination. The Russians, rejuvenated and re-equipped, have overrun the eastern wall, thus relieving the Italians. France is reborn, and pouring, with the British, a hurricane of iron on the Somme."

After a delirious attack on the "cold-blooded shopkeepers of the Thames, who are attacking the health and life of German women and children," the writer says that the army is doing its duty magnificently, and wonders if the people at home realise the gravity of the hour, when the flower of the nation is facing the British, Russian and African hordes.

Britain's War Work.

London, July 22.—Reuter's special correspondent has visited munitions and shipbuilding centres and naval bases in the United Kingdom and has been an eye-witness of the gigantic work of Britain in the Allied cause. He tells, as an instance, how he steamed for a whole morning along the river through a famous shipbuilding centre. Both banks were lined with warships and merchantmen of all sizes and kinds, being constructed at double the rate previously regarded possible.

These vessels included warships of dimensions, speed and gun-power that must not even be hinted at, and mysterious vessels hidden by canvas screens. He also saw most of the ships damaged in the Jutland fight, including the Warspite, which the Germans claim to have sunk, but which is now repaired and ready for sea.

Italy's Campaign.

Rome, July 22.—A communiqué states that the Italians have captured the Bolle Pass and scored other successes completing the possession of Vallone mountain.

Rome, July 22.—It transpires that Bahisti, an ex-Austrian Deputy for Trent, who was fighting with the Italians, was mortally wounded at Monte Corno and, being picked up by the Austrians, was hurried off to Trent and hanged, the hangman being summoned by telegram.

Rome, July 21.—Huge and representative processions marched to the Capitol to commemorate the martyrdom of Bahisti. Dense crowds in the streets shouted "Death to the Assassins." The Mayor, several professors, and Deputies made speeches and referred to the unspeakable barbarity of the enemy, urging the Government to reply by declaring war on Germany, internment enemy subjects and seizing enemy property.

Rome, July 21.—A decree extends to all enemy countries and their Allies the retaliatory measures adopted against Austria in June, 1915.

London, July 21.—A supplementary vote of credit for 450 millions for the war is officially announced.

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The African Campaign.

London, July 22.—The War Office says that General Smuts reports that on July 21 enemy forces endeavoured to interfere with our communications west of Tanga were driven off southwards over the Pangani river. Muhiza and Anani have been occupied giving effective possession of the whole of the Usukuma railway which is being repaired.

A Belgian official message says a strong enemy force dislodged by the British occupation of Bukaba and Karagwe found its retreat barred by weaker Belgian forces in the southwest corner of Victoria Nyanza. The bulk of the German Europeans were killed or captured, the remainder fled in the direction of Malindi. The German commander was captured. We found the German steamers Mwanga and Otto Heinrich scuttled in San Juan Sound. Quantities of arms and munitions and forty boxes of specie were captured. The vessels can be easily raised.

Telegraph Lines.

The Post and Telegraph Department reports that Tavy line is interrupted beyond Sumatra frontier. Malay Peninsula main line is interrupted between Prachuabgirikan and Chumpon. Other lines are all right.

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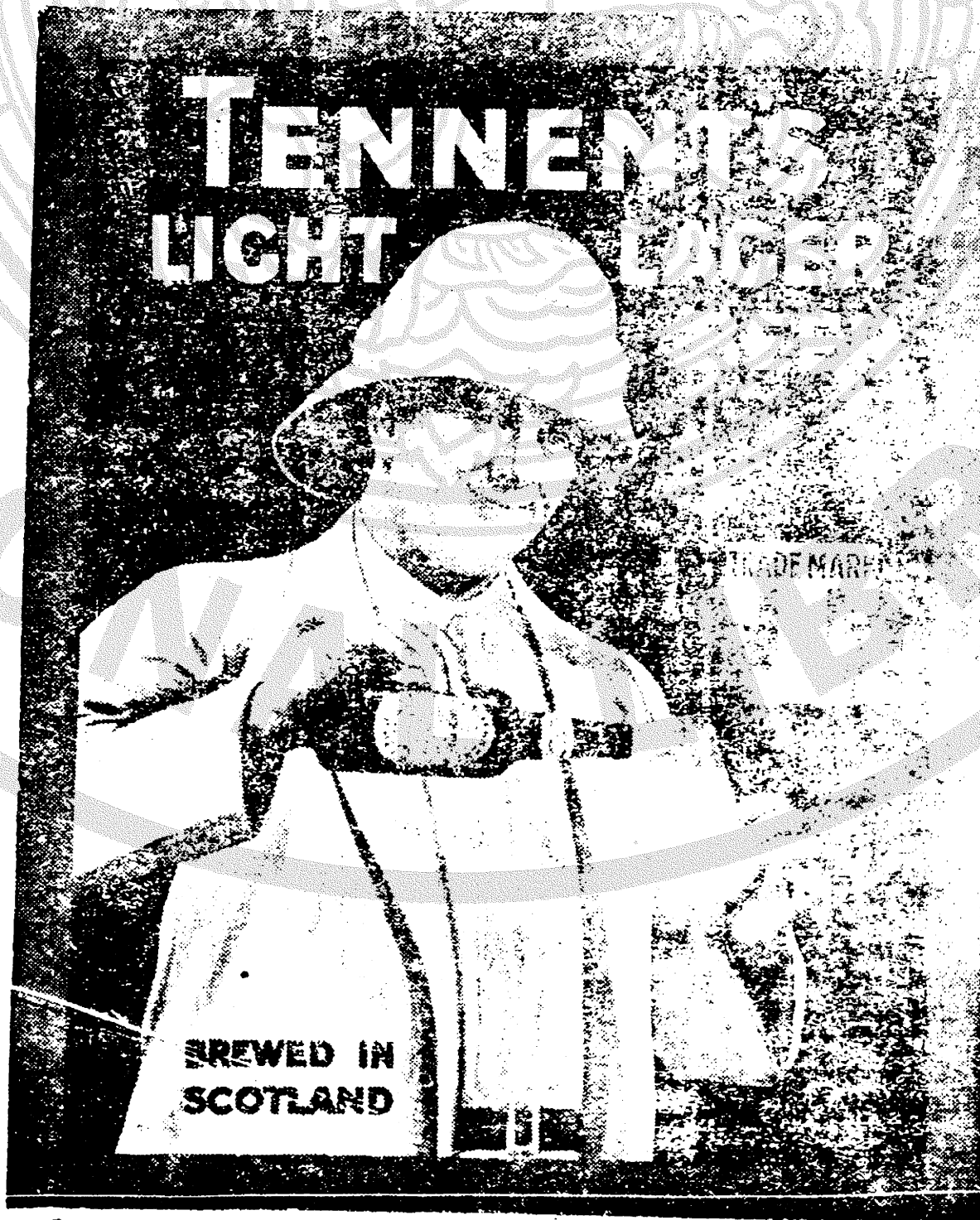
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A German aeroplane bombed Belfort but did no damage.

Rainfall.

We have received the following telegraphic reports of rainfall from the Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Lands and Agriculture:

MONDOL KRUNG DEB.		
At Minburi	July 23	47.9 mm.
" Minburi	" 24	21.2 "
" Min: of L. & A.	" 27	7.6 "
MONDOL KRUNG KAO.		
At Singburi	July 26	1.4 "
MONDOL NAGOR JAISRI.		
At Nagor Pathom	July 26	2.5 "
MONDOL RAJBURI.		
At Kanchanaburi	July 26	7.0 "
" Rajburi	" 27	9.8 "
" Smudsongram	" 27	11.3 "
MONDOL PRACHIN.		
At Nagor Nayok	July 26	10.2 "
" Jolburi	" 26	5.0 "
MONDOL NAGOR SVARGA.		
At Nagor Svarga	July 25	33.8 "
" Udaidhani	" 25	13.0 "
" Jainad	" 25	35.3 "
" Kambaengbeja	" 26	31.0 "

The African Campaign.

London, July 22.—The War Office says that General Smuts reports that on July 21 enemy forces endeavouring to interfere with our communications west of Tanga were driven off southwards over the Pangani river. Mhiza and Amani have been occupied giving effective possession of the whole of the Usambara railway which is being repaired.

A Belgian official message says a strong enemy force dislodged by the British occupation of Bukaba and Karagwe found its retreat barred by weaker Belgian forces in the southwest corner of Victoria Nyanza. The bulk of the German Europeans were killed or captured, the remnant fled in the direction of Madihil. The German commander was captured. We found the German steamers Mwanza and Otto Heinrich scuttled in Stuhlmann-sound. Quantities of arms and munitions and forty boxes of specie were captured. The vessels can be easily raised.

Telegraph Lines.

The Post and Telegraph Department reports that Tavoy line is interrupted beyond Siamese frontier. Malay Peninsula main line is interrupted between Prachuabgirikan and Chumpon. Other lines are all right.

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NEW YORK—	
Bank Bills, demand U.S.A.	36
INDIA—	
Bank Bills, demand	Rs. 113 3/4
SINGAPORE—	
Bank Bills, demand	\$65 1/2
HONGKONG—	
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YOKOHAMA & KOBE—	
Bank Bills, demand	¥71 3/8
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London in Siamese Currency—	
Pes. 13.08.—(Bank Rate)	

Church Services.

Assumption Church.

July the 30th. 7th Sunday after Pentecost.
5.30 a.m. 1st Mass.
6.10 a.m. 2nd Mass for the Native Community.
8 a.m. 3rd and last Mass for the Foreign Community.
4 p.m. Rosary, Instruction, Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament.
Week Days.
5.30 a.m. 1st Mass.
6 a.m. 2nd and last Mass.
Devotion of the Month: The Most Precious Blood of our Lord.

Christ Church.

Service for 6th Sunday after Trinity.
Processional } Jerusalem on high.
Hymn }
Psalm: 148 Chant Martin in A flat.
150 Chant Higgs in C.
Magnificat }
and } Marchant's Service in
Nunc Dimittis } E flat.
Hymns: Light's abode, celestial Salem.
Thou hidden love of God. Before Jehovah's awful Throne.
Vesper: With Thy Benediction.

S. Mary's Mission.

Sunday, July 30.—6th Sunday after Trinity.
7.30 a.m.—Holy Communion.
9 a.m.—Matins and Sermon.
Hymns: Jesu, Thy mercies are untold.
Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult.
Oh, what the joy and the glory must be.
4 p.m.—Sunday School.
There will be no service on Wednesday evening, Aug. 2. But there will be Special War Services on Friday, Aug. 4. (The 2nd Anniversary of the War.)
7.30 a.m.—Holy Communion.
6.30 p.m.—Devotional Service.

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