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London, Feb. 2.- Marshal Haig reports: We carried out a successful enterprise northeast of Guedecourt taking prisoner 56. We drove off an attack in the neighbourhood of Gommecount, and destructively bombarded a munition dump east of Bouchavesnes. Our aeroplanes did much useful work.

Four are missing.

London, Feb. 2.—Wireless. German Official. Between Armentieres and Arras numerous strong English adveness failed. There was lively reconnoitring activity southwest of Miran-mont, northeast of Le Sars. The English penetrated our position on the Guedecourt Beaulencourt road but our counterattack recaptured it taking some prisoner.

London, Feb. 2.—French communique: An enemy at ack south of Leintrey in Lorraine failed. There was lively artillery in the sectors of Louvemont, the right bank of the Mense, Metzeral and the Vosges. A German aeroplane bombed Dan

kirk but caused no casualties and did insignificant damage. London, Feb. 3.-A French communique says: An enemy surprise attack

on a pest in Belgium failed. In the region of St. Mihiel, our artillery carried out a destructive fire against the organisations of Apremont Forest.

Artillery actions continue, especially in the Struma Doiran Vardar zone and north of Monastir.

Paris, official, Feb. 4.—There was an intermittent cannonade at various Two German aeroplanes were felled

in our lines. London, Feb. 3.-Marshal Haig: We drove off raiding parties eastward of Bouchavesnes and in the neighbourhood of Arras. The artiHery caused the retiring enemy considerable losses.

We improved our positions at Beaumont Hamel ridge and entered lines southward of Armentiers, taking a few prisoners.
In the course of sirlights two Ger-

man aeroplanes were destroyed and two driven down damaged. Three of ours are missing.

Poles Refuse to Serve

The Exchange Telegraph Company's special correspondent in Stockholm writes: The plans of Germany and Austria for organising Poland are meeting with obstinate resistance from the elements of Polish society on which the two Powers most relied. Both the "Polish Army" and the "Polish Parliament," announced by the Governor-General, von Beseler, threaten to be complete fiamos.

Prominent individuals, political societies, and Press organs which at first felt it necessary to co operate with the Powers in p seession are now making sharp protests against the delusive self-

government plans and against the forced "voluntary" recruiting, and are even appealing for a boycott of both.

The Polish National Council, an independent body already formed in Warsaw before the Garman proclamation of November 18 which promised a Polish Parliament with 70 members and also a Council of State, is the nucleus of the opposition. The Na-tional Council issued a manifesto plainly aimed against the Germans and Austrians. This demands a complete change in the attitude of the military towards Polish society. The occupation army must ceese to treat the Poles as inhabitants of a conquered country and must treat them instead as a nation called to real independence.

The Social Democrats particularly are opposed to the occupying Powers plans. The executive committee of the party has resolved that "the German and Austrian authorities have Lo right whatever to call upon the Polish people to do military service. The resolution says that a lawful Polish Administration can only issue from a Polish Parliament elected on universal, secret, direct, and proportional franchaise. This is a formal rejection of the German " Polish Parliament,"which is to be elected partly by the district councils and partly by Warsaw and Lodz municipal representatives. The resolution adds that "the occupation authorities must cease the continued forced recruiting of Polish and Lithuanian workmen.

Fearing a universal boycott by the Poles, which would turn their "independence" plans to ridicule, the Germans are trying to negotiate with the revolting organizations and individuals. As a result of this friction the whole Austro-German scheme threatens to break down.

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The Lloyd George Speech.

London, Feb. 2.—Extraordinary precautions are to be taken at Mr. Lloyd George's meeting at Carnarvon tomorrow. Women, with very few exceptions, will not be admitted. Only local electors will receive tickets, under the strictest guarantees.

London, Feb. J.—Mr. Lloyd George, addressing 5,000 constituents at Carnarvon, pleaded for a fair trial for the new Government, which he said had already, inter alia, saved hundreds of thousands of tons of shipping and arranged for the construction of hund-reds of thousands of new tonnage.

He especially eulogised the Munitions Department, saying: "When the time comes, the supply of shot and shell for guns of all calibres will be ample. There will even be a surplus for our Allies." (Oheers.)

- The present muddle in the Balkans was due to improvidence, hesitation and lack of imagination. The Allies are jointly blameable, but the Balkans is the only theatre causing auxiety (cheers). Germany's latest sea policy showed that the Goth had revealed all his nakedness, even to the most in-dulgent neutral. The German offer to allow America to send one steamer weekly to England was insolence almost amounting to insanity. But we would overcome the submarine menace by grit, energy and courage (cheers). The nation must support with money, labour, land and sacrifice

There could not be peace without victory (Cheers). We must demonstrate that Prussia's Baal was a false! god; that it could not protect itself, let alone the German people. Peace will come in 1917 if Germany knows by holding out till 1918 she will be worse off and not better. The Allies must organise all their resources. The Empire can and will do still more than she is at present doing. We must utilise far more than previously the Empire's great resources. With the object of seeing what can be done in that direction, the first Imperial cabinet will commence sittings in a few weeks

It is unthinkable that the great German territories can be disposed of after the war without consulting the Dominions, since they have shed their blood acquiring them. It is unthinkable that this question should be settled without the Dominions sharing the responsibility of considering this issue as part of the settlement of the great world problem following the world war (Cheers).

The Murder Conspiracy.

London, Feb. 3.—An extraordinary story was told by the Attorney General, prosecuting on the resumption of the hearing of the Derby charge. He alleged that it was intended to murder Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Henderson by means of poison contained in phials sent from Southampton to Derby and handed by Mrs. Wheeldon to a Government agent who obtained her confidence.

It was proposed to shoot poisoned darts at Mr. Lloyd George at Walton Health.

The Attorney General said that the prisoners were desperate dangerous people, shelterers of fugitives from the army, doing their best to injure Britain in the war. Mrs. Wheeldon's son William is a conscientious objector, at present under arrest. Mason is an expert in poison. He described how two government agents obtained the confidence of Mrs. Wheeldon by one representing himself as a fugitive from the army, and a member of the Independent World Worker's organisation. He related conversations regarding the phials of poison, including the subtlest vegetable poison curare it is which alleged Mre.

Wheeldon obtained from Mason. [Mrs. Alice Wheeldon and her daughter Harriet Ann Wheeldon, Alfred George Mason and his wife Winnie Mason, are accused of conspiring to poison Mr. Lloyd George (Premier) and Mr. Henderson (Labour member of the War Cabinet.)

Notice.

Sriracha Co., Ltd.

Notice is hereby given that a General Meeting of Shareholders of the above Company will be held on the 17th February 1917, at 4 p.m. at the Com-pany's Office, Bangplue, Changwat Thonburi.

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- To appoint an Auditor. 3) To transact any other ordinary business

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Secretary. 9---16

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Application for license to sell spirituous liquors in Mondol Krungdhep, in the Year B.E. 2460.

Persons desiring to carry on the sale of spirituous liquors in Mondol Krungdhep during the year 2460 must send in their applications to the Department of the Inspector General of Finance and Registry of Revenue Farms and License Departments, Wat Muang Khae Line, Bangkok.

Persons who already hold licenses for the present year should send the some attached to their applications to the above departments within the 15th. March B.E. 2459. The Licensing officors will not undertake to issue licenses in time for use on the 1st. April 2460 to any persons, being previous license holders, who fail to make their applications with license attached within the time above mentioned.

Dated 10th. February 1917. Department of the inspector General of Finance and Registry of Revenue Farms and License Department. F. 10-13 & M. 8-15.

Notice.

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Notice.

"In the matter of the Estate of the late John Ewen Dalgleish Esq."

"Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against, or owing money to, the above John Ewen Dalgleish Esq., who died at Chiengmai on the 13th January 1917 should communicate with the Borneo Company Limited, Chiengmai, on or before the 31st March 1917, after which date no claims against the deceased's Estate will be entertained.

19. J. e.o.d. 28 F.

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French Report.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.) London, Feb. 11.

The French communique says: We made coups de main west of Akberive and in the sectors of Hezanges and. Parroy and made prisoners. There was violent artillery firing at Vacheraustille and Caurieres wood front. An enemy aeroplane was brought down. A French seroplane yesterday night bombed the railway station and barracks at Karlsruhe. German aeroplanes bombed Dunkirk, Amiens, Nancy and Pont St. Vincent. Two were killed and four injared.

U. S. Ambassador Leaves Germany.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.) London, Feb. 11.

New York.—A Berlin message says that Mr. Gerard, the U.S. Ambassador and the Embassy Staff received their passports yesterday evening and leave for Switzerland tonight. All American Consuls, Red Cross members and other Relief workers have been ordered to assemble at Munich and will proceed to Berne.

"California" Torpedoed.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Feb. 10. The Anchor liner California from New York to Glasgow has been torpedoed. One was killed and thirty injured; the rest are being landed. The survivors of the California include one American and it is believed others were on board. The American Consul is making full enquiries. Latest American advices say that at least two, possibly three, American-born children are missing in the California.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Feb. 9. London.-The British steamer California with a crew of 173 and 32 passengers has been torpedoed without warning. There were twenty victims. It is believed two American children perished and a third is missing.

Destroyer Strikes Mine.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Feb. 10. The Admiralty announces that the British destroyer Oldestyfe patrolling in the Channel struck a mine and sank. All the officers are lost. There were five survivors.

The Senussis Routed.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Feb. 10. Egypt Official.—Sayed Ahmed and his Senussis main force southward of Girba have been routed and have fled. We occupied Siwa and also Munasiblass and captured a convoy which was ambushed leading a party from Girba. The Senussis' casualties were two hundred including several Turkish officers.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.) Paris, Feb. 10.

London - We defeated the forces of Seyed Ahmed, chief of the Senoussi, in the Oasis of Siona and forced them to retreat to the desert.

A General Degraded.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.) Paris, Feb. 10.

Jassy.—The officials who refused to follow the Government and had remained on territory occupied by the enemy have been placed on the retirement list.

General Socecu has been condemned to five years hard labour and to military degradation owing to his conduct at the battle of Arges.

Peru's Protest.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Feb. 10. Peru has made a protest to Berlin against the sinking of the Peruvian sailing ship Lerton which was tornedoed in Spanish waters while she was on her way to Bilbao.

Brazil and Germany.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.) Paris, Feb. 10.

Brazil has replied to Berlin by protesting against the submarine warfare. She hopes that Germany will take her protest into consideration because Brasil will hold Germany responsible for the consequences of the carrying out of her threats with regard to belli-

Sweden's Reply to Wilson.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.) Paris, Feb. 9.

The Swedish reply to the United States says Sweden cannot join in the proposals of President Wilson which are contrary to the principles of strict neutrality and impartialify which have always guided Sweden and from which the Government will not depart except if obliged by vital interests of the country and the dignity of the nation.

Americans Held As Hostages.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.) Singapore, Feb. 12.

In the Hungarian Parliament Count Tisza has justified the use of ruthless submarining.

Dutch feeling is that the moment may arrive at any time when Holland must follow the American lead.

The Scandinavian Governments have decided to send a joint protest against submarinism.

Mr. Gerard has telegraphed from Berlin that he and all Americane have been detained as hostages pending the guaranteed departure of Count Bernstorff and the Germans aboard German merchantmer.

Tin and Rubber.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, Feb. 12. At the rubber auction there was a good demand. 630 tons were sold and prices were generally higher. Crepe fetched \$156 per picul and sheet \$154. Tin is quoted at \$95.

British Red Cross Fund.

H. B. M. Minister has received the following letter from Sir Charles Bussell, chairman of the Collections Committee of the British Red Cross Society and the order of St. John of Jerusalem in England:-

21st Dec. 1916. Dear Bir,

I have to-day received from the Under Secretary of State, First of Exchange Draft for £2,000, being the first instalment of a collection made by you on behalf of our Funds, to be earmarked for "Onr Day" and allocated to Red Cross Work abroad.

I can assure you that this kind help is very much appreciated by these Societies, and on behalf of my committee I thank you most warmly and beg of you to convey to all who have so kindly helped to attain this splendid result, our very grateful thanks.

I herewith have pleasure in enclosing formal receipt, and with renewed

I am, yours faithfully. CHARLES RUSSELL.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

TO-DAY's telegrams appear on page 8.

--:0:---THE s.s. Mata Hari is expected to arrive on the morning of 15th February to load for Singapore direct.

THE s.s. Kajang left Singapore at noon on Saturday the 10th inst., and may be expected to arrive at the Paklat Oil Wharf on Wednesday at daylight.

THE s.s. Katong left Singapore at 8 a.m. on Sunday the 11th inst., and may be expected to arrive at the Borneo Company's Wharf on Wednesday morning about 9 a.m.

MR. J. Maloue formerly of the Observer staff writes from France dated December that he was at date of writing in the Liverpool Merchants Mobile Hospital B. E. F. France. He says he passed in everything but the medical examination for a commission and has to be content with a full blown privacy.

British Legation Telegrams.

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

Western Front Operations.

London, Feb. 9. British operations on the Western . . front have been conducted during the .. last week with increasing success.
Throughout the difficult weather in January there were almost entirely trench raids but of such number and vigour that the German prisoners taken during that month amounted to one thousand two hundred and twentyeight, including twenty-seven officers. Hard frost has made increased activity possible, hence the operations in February were on a somewhat larger scale, which have been uniformly succhesful, small but useful advances being recorded at several points on the Somme front. The British positions east of Beaumont Hamel have been im proved while east of Beaucourt the line was advanced to depths of five hundred yards on a front of three quarters of a mile. Our successes rendered untenable the entire strongly fortified village of Grandcourt on the south bank of the Aucre whereat the enemy evacuated it on February 6th. The evacuated ground has been occupied and the whole new position strongly consolidated. Slightly south in the neighbourhood of Gueudicourt and Le Transloy satisfactory progress was made at two points. At one thereof five hundred yards of enemy trenches were captured and seventy prisoners taken. The total of prisoners approaches three hundred in this fighting, besides those captured in trench raids at other parts of the line.

Mesopotamia,

In Mesopotamia British successes have continued. Fighting recently took place on both sides of the river Hai which enters the Tigris immediately south of Kut. The Turkish position on both sides has now been captured up to the confluence. The enemy suffered heavy losses in the successive advances producing this result, and many prisoners were taken. Meanwhile on the British left flank cavalry reached the southern bank of the Tigris twenty-five miles west of Kut whence the Turkish advanced base on the north bank was shelled with good effect.

Gigantic Preparations in U.S. A.

London, Feb. 10. Momentous events move slowly at first and the world still awaits the issue of the rupture of American relations with Germany. America is determined to avoid precipitance and will not move further till German atrocity compels. Meanwhile the United States are pressing forward gigantic preparations in view of the possibility of war and the Allied countries applaud the magnificently strong attitude of the South American States in their emphatic endorsement of President Wilson's remonstrance with the would -be destroyers of civilization Spain shares the same view but the Scandinavian countries, close within reach of an utterly unscrupulous oppressor and fonl fighter, are cautious about owning their adherence to the cause of right.

Various.

. On the battle fronts great events impend and the coming advance is already foreshadowed by brilliant French and British gains. Greece is apparently quiescent but the blockade is not yet raised. British gains also continue in Mesopotamia and Egypt while in Roumania matters remain stationary.

At home the whole British population is now heartily concentrated on the problem of combining comfort and economy, while in the Central Empires no possibility still exists of obtaining comfort at all, and the whole energies of the populace are bent on securing, an insufficient modicum of mere nourishment. In contrast with the sanguinary food riots that now devastate German towns, was the State opening of Parliament in London by King George, passing through enthusiastic crowds to deliver yet again with unfaltering determination Britain's message to all her sons and Dominions, to press forward unflinchingly towards the approaching

final victory. As for the German submarine campaign this now rages with furious futility, the British Admiralty being no whit perturbed in their perfect confidence and ability to deal effectively with these pests by new methods of which the outer world can tell nothing, nor at all realize what quiet deadly work is being done day by day against lurking German dangers of the sea. The world sees announcements of ships sunk but nothing about the vast majority that come as safe as ever to port, and nothing about the many submarines that pay the final penalty for their murderous adventure.

British and German Interests.

London, Feb. 9. The Netherlands Government have taken charge of British interests in Germany and the Swiss Government of German interests in the United Kingdom and British dependencies.

Extracts From the Government Gazette.

(Of the 11th Feb. 2459.)

Among the names appearing in the Gazette as having received decorations last month we extract the following : Mr. W. M. Gilmour of the Ministry

of War the 4th Class of the Crown of Siam. Dr. Frankfurter of the Royal Library the 3rd Class of the White Elephant.
Mr. E. G. Gollo the 2nd Class of the

Crown of Siam. Mr. A. Riccasi the 3rd Class of the Crown of Siam.

Mr. O. Tavella the 4th Class of the White Elephant. Mr. K. Tayama the 5th Class of the White Elephant.

Mr. B. Colleti. Mr. G. Kivasco, Mr. C. Rigolli, Mr. J. Sequanti and Mr. G. Innocenti the 5th Class each of the White Elephant.

The Siam Lending Company has been registered as a partnership at the Ministry of Justice with the object of carrying on a moneylending business and general trade with office on the Pahurat Road. The partners are S. H. M. Nakodr and K. R. K. R. Ranganaden Chetty.

Wing Yuen and Company has also been similarly registered with the object of dealing in iron and brassware, with office at the mouth of the Windmill Road Klong with five Chinese partners.

The Bangkok Industry Co., Ltd. is registered with 5,540 shares of 15 ticals each of which 3,590 shares are in respect of property taken over (2,050 shares) and for promotion (1,540 shares). The Directors are Luang Chitra Cahmnong, Luang Bandhalak Vicharu, Phra Sombattya Nukoon, Luang Banharn Vorapot, Mr. J. M. de Jesus, Sbeik Abdul Cader and Nai Pluang.

The Savings Bank.

A special issue of the Government Gazette dated the 10th instant contains the report of the Savings Bank for the year 2458 (April 1915-March 1916) being the third year of the working of this Bank. This report was compiled in the Ministry of Finance under the direction of HE. Phya Jaijos Sombatti and is a ldressed to H.R.H. Prince Chanda buri, the Minister of Finance. Since the institution of the Bank in the Province of Bangkok it was first extended to four other Provinces viz. Petchaburi, Udorn, Ubon Rajatani and Roi-Ech. It has in the year under review been opened in the Mondhols of Krungkao, Nagor Jaisri, Rajaburi and Prachinburi.

At the end of the year 2457 the amount of deposits received was Ticals 375,614. In the year under review there were new accounts opened and at the end of the year there were Ticals 600,694 in deposit.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not necessarily endorse the views of our correspondents.]

To the Editor of the "Siam Observer." Dear Sir,-At least some of your readers may know, if not already forgotten in the distant past, the original meaning of the word "kek" and why it was applied to an Indian. It may or may not have lost its meaning, but so far as my inquiry and experience go I find that it has unconsciously perhaps, acquired a sting from which no self-respected Indian can escape in this, otherwise hospitable, land of Siam. All knowing Indians are agreed that the word, as it is used now. savours a "nick name," garnished with contempt, of Indians and of every thing

H.M. King Rama VI who, by the way, bears a charming name which has been for ages a source of comfort and peace for millions of people throughout the length and breadth of India, has shown to all that live in his Kingdom how solicitous he has been for the welfare of his people and of those who enjoy the hospitality of his country. It is respectfully solicited that His Majesty may be graciously pleased to order to substitute the word "Indian" for "kek" in all future official correspondence; for the word Indian is more easily understood and known throughout the world than "kek" which is obsolete and seems uncanny. Besides, Indians believe it an insult which of all countries under the sun Siam is I am sure the last to tolerate. Should the prayer be granted there would be no better day for it than the new year of 2460 of the Lord Budha who was, need I say ?—A Prince of India.

Yours, Indian.

PAUDY REPORT FOR FEB. 11.

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The Races.

The opening day of the second meeting of the Royal Bangkok Sports Club was fairly well patronized and the people seemed pleased with the innovation of the Pari Mutuel, the Place Tote and the Ladies' Tote. The last named was run in front of the Grand Stand with one tical tickets by Messrs. Graham, Ardron, Irwin, Wilson and a few other members. The Place Tote run by Mr. McCrone was undoubtedly the most popular initiation. Mr. Mc-Crone had a very invidious task being besieged all round in the small space of a book-maker's box. There is no doubt that if the management had foreseen the popularity of this institution, larger quarters would have been supplied. In the Pari Mutuel the best dividend paid was on Buffalo Bill on which horse only two tickets had been

taken each ticket netting Tcs. 400. It is said that one ticket had been taken by one of the clerks of the totalizator and it would be interesting to know if this is usual. Mr. D. B. Robertson and Mr. Ross had also very hard work under new circumstances at the Pari Mutuel.

Racing Officials.

Judges, H. R. H. the Prince of Bhisnulok, Mr. L. W. Grut, Mr. W. G. Johnson. Timetaker, Phra Pradibaddha Bubal. Handicapper, Mr. J. D. Powell. Clerk of the Scales, Mr. D. Robertson. Weighing Room, Mr. W. S. Chapman. Starters, Mr. S. Brighouse and Mr. T. H. Pollard. Paddock, Mr. N. Selley and Mr. T. R. Jenkins. Semaphore, Mr. J. C. Roberts and Mr. A. Reis. Grand Stand, Phya Supan Sombat, Mr. W. E. Adam, Mr. M. Beranger, Mr. A. Mohr, Mr. G. H. Ardron, Prince Sithiporn, and Mr. E. Leth. Pari Mutuel, Mr. L. D. Perrine, Mr. J. P. Johnson and Mr. D. B. Robertson. Clerk of the Course, Mr. W. A. Graham.

Racing Sub-Committee : Phya Arthakara Prasiddhi, (Chairman), Mr. W. A. Graham, Phra Pradibaddha Bubal, Mr. E. G. Gollo and Mr. W. G. Johnson, (Hon. Sec.)

Stewards: Messrs. M. F. Buszard, A. J. Irwin, R. H. Gibbins, E. G. Gollo and A. E. Stiven.

Odds on the Pari Muinel

Race 1. Un Chen (Late That Raow) 6-1. Son Chai 95 1, Plawng (Winner) 11.2, Hiri 15.1, Kit 95-1, Sang Chan (favourite) 1-1, Hirun Ratana 13-2, Bluff, No betting. Race 2. Lily E. 4-1, Yot Rak (favou-

rite) 5 4, Merry Legs 60-1, Red Star 123-1, Kanda (Winner) 17-2, Plain Jane 61-1, Molly 61-1, Reve d'Or 4-1,

Race 3. Gladys C. (favourite) 1-1, Royal Page (Winner) 3-1, Lady de | could say Jack Robinson she over-Melba 43-1, Royal Flush 11-1, Laksfoss | bauled Betty practically before the

Race 4. Marie L. 11-1, Nai Pradisht Buffalo Bill (Winner) 89-1, Sandfly away from Besty up into the 12-1, Vinada 44-1 The Friar (Varo) straight. Here Silver Gross slowed

KING'S CUP.

Race 5. Aminta 66-1, Nai Chan 10-1, Thong Dee 41-1, Say When 9-2, Kop 109-1, Sunflower 4-1, Mars (favourite and Winner) 2-1, Phung Boon 81, Iownit 47-1, Vanni 32 8. Race 6. Silver Cross (Winner) 1.1, Modification of German Blockade. Wille to Betty 4.1.

N. B. Deduct 10 per cent. for Club from odds.

First Race.

Siamese Ponies Race. Open : Im. hdcp: Value Tes. 200. Madame de Bhisnolok's Plawng 7.9 1

Phya Gadadhara's Hiri 7.4 His Majesty's Son Chai 7.0 Alsor on Un Chon, Kit, Sang Chan,

Hirun Ratana and Bluff. Time 1.33/5. Mr. Brighouse and Mr. Pollard, the starters, found no difficulty in starting off their first field of Siamese ponies. The race, as will be seen from the time. was run in record time so far as the last few years are concerned, the record of former days being better at heavier weights.

In the straight Hiri was seen coming away from the field with Plawng second. The dark grey of Madame de Bhisnulok greatly improved his position beating Hiri almost on the poet. Son Chai was a bad third.

Second Race. Australian Subs. Oriffins. 5 fur. h'cap. Value Tcs. 250. Nai Riem's Kanda 8.6

Mesers. Brighouse and Stiven's Reve d'Or 7 12 Phya Gadadhara's Yot Rak 7.1 Lily E., Merry Legs, Red Star, Plain

Jane, Molly and Vanno also ran.

The Australian Griffins, especially Yot Rak, gave some trouble to the starters. Eventually a fairly good start was made. Lily E. and Kanda were leading up to the quarter mile bend with Yot Rak and Reve d'Or the next pair. Lily E. gradually fell off while Reve d'Or, improving her position in an excellent effort, nearly caught up the winner on the post.

Third Race.

Australian Ponice Race. Open 14.3 and under 6 fur. h'cap. Value Tes 200 Phra Prap's Royal Page 7.12 His Majesty's Glady's C. 9.0 Borisat Say When's, Laksfore 9.0 Lady de Melba and Royal Flush also

Time 1.19. • The Galloways was an interesting race to watch. They started in a bunch

and for the first two furlongs they maintained this position and here Boyal Page asserted himself with his light weight, Gladys C. to lowing her stable constantion with Laksfoss third.
They came along the straight in this position Laksfoss' jockey punishing his horse to no effect. Royal Page won from Gladys C. by hardly half a length. Laksfoss being about four lengths behind. The time is a record for Bangkok and perhaps for the Straits as

Fourth Race.

Australian Ponies Race. 6 fur. Phys Arthakara's Buffalo Bill 7.0 Mr. Warwick's Sandily 80 Madame de Bhisnulok's Flirt 80

Also ran il aro II, Marie L. Nai-Pradient, Vanion and The Friar. Time

This race proved the surprise packet of the day. Buffalo Bill, an outsider handicapped at the bottom was seen in the straight heading for Sandfly who was coming on likely to win easily. With a new jockey he came on the inside and evidently stole a march on Sandfly just as he was nearing the post and winning by half a length in the above good time.

Fifth Race.

H.M. the King's Gold Unp. Gold cup and Tcs. 400 for 1st horse. Tcs. 100 2nd horse.

Phra Prap's Mars 611 " , Phung Boon 7.13 Phra Pradibaddha's Sunflower

Also ran Thong Dee, Nai Chan, Aminta, Say When, Kop, Vanni and

Iownit. Time 2 4/5. This race was of course the great event of the day. Although the general opinion was that Mars would win easily there was a larger backing for Sunflower and in a much less degree for Phung Boon while Vanni and Nai Chan also had fair support. Lining up for the start Say When and Vanni had promised to be on a second line and Mr. Brighouse's flag fell to an excellent start for a large field of 12. Mars took the lead at the mile poet with Phung Boon and Sun-flower second and third respectively and in this order they raced all the distance up to the winning post. Thoug Dec was 4th and Nai Chan 5th. Say when was last having gone badly wide going up to the six furlongs post.

, Sixth Race.

Australian Subscription Griffins Race. 6 fur. H'cap. Value Tcs. 250. Madame de Bhisnulok's Silver Cross 8.9 1

Mr. W. G. Johnson's Betty 7.2 Time 1.30.

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London, Feb. 4.—A German official announces an alteration in the blockade of England, allowing neutrals a channel twenty kilometres west of the Danish coast, between the British and German danger zones.

France and the New Phase.

Paris, Feb. 2.- In the Senate, the Minister of Marine declared that the Germans would be unable to worsen their past frightfulness.

"We shall remain calm, without fearing. During the last eleven months, fifty-one million tons of shipping came to and from France, and less than a

half per cent were submarined." Paris, Feb. 2. - A naval expert states that the recent Naval Conference in London foresaw the new submarinism, and energetic measures were adopted assuring the relative security of France and Britain.

Paris, Feb. 3.—Lanboeuf, the distinguished naval man and submarine designer, declares that Germany cannot carry out her blockade, and predicts that in the next few weeks many German submarines will "disappear." Thereafter the situation will be the same as before February.

Several French shipo aners a nonnce that their sailings will continue wi hout interruption.

Amsterdam, Feb. 2 - The "Handelsblad" says that Germany has offered to Holland, for the Flushing cour, the same concessions as to the United Sates, for passenger steamers not car rying contrab and.

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#### Germany's Submarine mediate rupture with Germany. Pre-Policy.

America Stirred.

New York, Feb. 2.—The newspapers, with hardly an exception, demand that Germany's insult be thrown back in her face. Even the mildest pacifist organs only deprecate rashmess, and urge that a concrete case of atrocky should be awaited before relations are

The possibility of war is the univermal topic.

The temporary closure of New York harbour was followed by a rumour that Germans had made an attempt to scuttle interned liners to prevent their

It is understood that Germany has between 300 and 500 submarines, which will be divided into sections for blockading purposes. Germans in Washington boast that not a single ship will

escape.
Paris, Feb. 2.—The American Embassy has telegraphed to the United States State Department asking for instructions regarding 2,500 Americans in Paris, who may desire to return home. The only route open via Spain is long and expensive while Spanish steamers have insufficient accommoda-

Gevt. Consultations.
Washington, Feb. 3.—At the conclusion of a 21 hours Cabinet meeting, President Wilson hurried to the Capital to discuss the situation with the Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, who is to be consulted before any serious action is taken by the

It is ascertained that the Cabinet agreed in refusing countenance to German interference with American rights. The customs collectors of all ports have been instructed to be most vigilant in enforcing neutrality regulations.

Washington, Feb. 3.—It is learned that at the conference with President Wilson and Mr. Stone, Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, Senator Lewis expressed the opinion that an immediate breach with Germany was not justified, assuming that she did not intend to imperil Americans, but the first act against Americans should be the signal for a rupture.

President Wilson subsequently con-

ferred with other Senators. After a conference with the members of the Cabinet, he told a pressman that the last chance had not yet gone, as Germany bad not yet carried out her

purpose, "so far as we know." Washington, Feb. 3.—The majority of the Senators who conferred with President Wilson favoured an imme-

and suggested a night's reflection

fore action.

London, Feb. 3.—The Daily Mail's

London, Feb. 3.—The Daily Mail's Washington correspondent wires that Count Bernstorff will receive his pass-

ports on the 3rd. Washington, Feb. 8.-At the conclusion of a two hours conference between President Wilson and the Senstors, one of the latter maid that a diplomatic rupture with Germany was practically certain.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Official circles are convinced that a break with Ger-

many is only a matter of time. Fifteen Senators discussed with President Wilson three possibilities-first, an immediate break, second, a delay until an overt act is committed, and third, to send Germany a final warn-

The majority were of opinion that any other course than the first would be regarded by the world as cowardice. The indications, however, are that the second course will be adopted.

The Last Drop. London, Feb. 3.—The American steamer "Housatonic" has been sunk. Washington, Feb. 3°—America has emanded of Germany the immediate release of the Americans captured by

the Atlantic raider. Washington, London, Feb. 3.—Count Bernstorff has been handed his pass-ports. Mr. Gerard, the ambassador at Berlin has been recalled. President Wilson's decision was reached after a conference with the members of the Cabinet and senators, which convinced the President that the country is solid

in favour of a rupture.
Washington, London, Feb. 3-Mr. Gerard has been instructed to close the embassy and all consulates, completely interrupting relations. Spain takes charge of American interests.

President and Congress. Washington, February 4.—President Wilson at a historic citting of Congress in the afternoon, explained the reasons for his decision. His utterances were loudly cheered, especially when he declared he would ask Congress to provide means to safeguard American lives and property.
Washington, Feb. 3.—Mr. Wilson's

step has come as a thunderclap at

Washington.

A bill was promptly introduced into the House of Representatives for the issue of five hundred million dollars Treasury Notes. Complete military preparations and

precautions have been taken to stamp

out possible pro-German rioting. All the prominent parliamentarians are announced to support the Presi-

New York, Feb. 3.-The banks and offices were beflagged : crowds rushed

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to buy papers and fought for approach to the bulletin boards. Montreal, Feb. 3.-There was most

instense excitement, the streets being packed with crowds cheering Mr. Wilson.

Washington, Feb. 4 .-- Mr. Wilson's speech to Congress took it for granted believe it. We purpose solely the that all the neutrals will follow the example of the United States in severing diplomatic relations with Germany. There was an unusual attendance of

diplomats to hear Mr. Wilson, including practically all the South Americans. The gravity of the occastion was emphasised by the presence of the justices of the Supreme Court, Members of the Cabinet and high officials.

Wilson's entry was cheered and hands were clapped. Then succeeded a tense silence, when the President, with his face set and no suggestion of a smile, bowed, and began to read his address slowly.

There was a burst of applause to greet the announcement of the severance of relations with Germany, renewed when the President declared it was impossible to believe that Germany, would disregard her obligations and

destroy American ships and lives. Congress rose and cheered him on the conclusion of the address and remained standing while the President left the Chamber.

London, Feb. 3.-Mr. Lloyd George, at Criccieth, received an ovation and the town was beflagged. Replying to speeches of welcome, he said: "The burden on my shoulders is overwhelming, but I am confident that our unitthe devices of the wicked.'

British official quarters is that the Gerthe situation, as the enemy have already done their worst. The naval forces may safely be trusted to deal with the sea problems, which are now being handled, and the diplomatic situation may be left to neutrals, whose eyes are now definitely opened.

Washington, Feb. 4.—President Wil-Germany's sudden and deliberate with-drawal of solemn assurances given after the torpedoeing of the Sussex lest no alternative but a diplomatic rupture. Notwithstanding Germany's tleeply deplorable action, Mr. Wilson refused to believe that the German authorities would disregard the ancient friendship of two peoples and destroy American ships and lives. If his inveterate confidence in their sobriety and prudent foresight unhappily proved unfounded, he would ask Congress for the necessary means to protect Americans in the prosecution of their

high seas. He took for granted that all neutral governments would take the same course. "We are sincere friends of the German people and earnestly desire to remain at peace with their Government. I shall not believe that they are hostil unless I am obliged to believe that rights to liberty justice and an unmolested life. These are the bases of peace, not war. God grant we may not be challenged to defend them against acts of wilful injustice on the part of the German Government.

Newspaper despatches from New York assert that Mr. Gerard has been instructed to demand the withdrawal of the German claims within twenty-four

The Government has requested the state of Idaho not to press the antialien legislation objectionable to Japan. Orders have been sent to Panama to guard the canal against dynamiting.

The Navy Board is working out plans,

including the convoying of ships. A battalien of militia has arrived from Baltimore at Washington to protect buildings and monuments. The guards of munition factories have been

doubled. The battleships of the Atlantic Fleet stationed at Guantanamo have been ordered to be ready for any eventuali-

Eight thousand policemen and special constables are ready for war duty in New York and machine gun squads have been organised.

Amsterdam.—There is a note of ed efforts will succeed in confounding anxiety in the comment of the Frankfurter, which dwells apprehensively on London, Feb. 3.—The opinion in the American attitude and warns a few British official quarters is that the German threat does not materially affect man Hollwegg, Helfferich and Zimmermann, who have taken the decision, that they are responsible to their own people and to history.

French experts have confidence that the new submarinism will be shortlived, based on the theory that the Germans will commence by sending out all their submarines, but will shortly son in his speech to Congress said that the compelled to return to the shift Germany's sudden and deliberate with-

Amsterdam, Feb. 3 - German newspapers publish apparently inspired warnings against exaggerated expectations from the submarine frightful-

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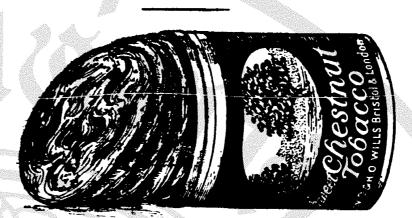
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tacked in the morning an important position on the highest point of Sailly Saillisel hill and gained the whole of our objectives taking seventy-eight prisoners. We followed up the attack and captured. Grandcourt after a vigor ous fight. On both banks of the Ancr we made considerable further progress. We captured in the night Baillescourt farm on the Beaucourt Miraumont road; also a trench between Grandcourt and our old front line takin: a farther eighty-two prisoners.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

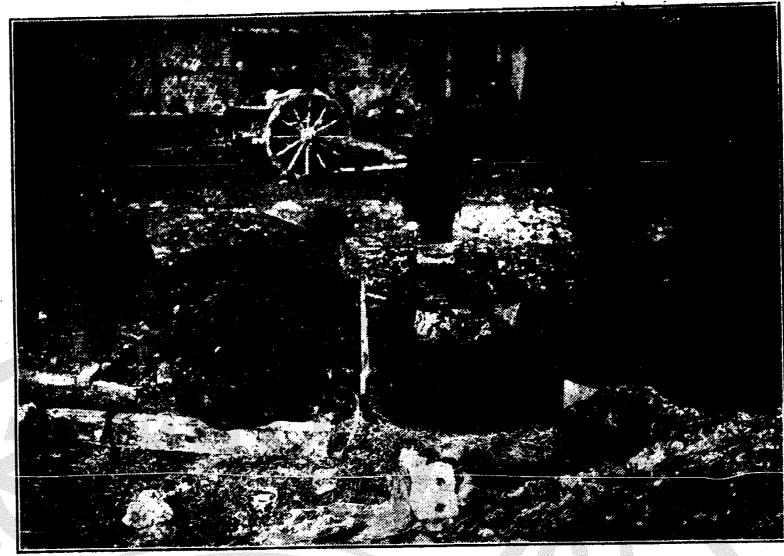
Paris, Feb. 9. Yesterday the Belgians repulsed and decimated the Germans attacking their lines. To-day we broke down attacks on the right of the Meuse. There was patrol activity in the Woevre.

We surprised an enemy post cast of Noirment (Vosge-). The occupants were killed or captured. The British carried the farm of Baillescourt and are progressing on both banks of the

#### Karlsruhe Bombed.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Feb. 10. An aeroplane bombed with success the station and the barracks at Karlsruhe. German aeroplanes bombed Dunkirk and Amiens where a woman was killed. Bombs were dropped on Nancy and in the region of Pont-Saint-Vincent. A civilian was killed and four people were wounded.



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Tommies round a fire during the cold weather.

### Items of Interest.

London, Feb. 3.—Obituary: Colonel Holbein Hendley.

Amsterdam, Feb. 2.—The Stambul University proposes that the Kaiser should be awarded the Nobel Peace

Paris, Feb. 3.-Government is considering bills mobilising all civilians between the ages of 16 and 60.

The Postmaster General, speaking at Keighley, said that over 59,000,000 London, Feb. 3.—Three British, four Norwegian and one Spanish steamers Post Offices, representing £123,000,000

Athens, Feb. 2.—General Falkenhayn is reported to be in Sofia, presiding at a War Council which is discussing the expediency of an attack on Salonika.

London, Feb. 2,-Sir J. R. Ellerman and the Ellerman lines have subscribed £2,150,000 and the Liverpool Cotton Association £200,000, to the War Loan.

At a meeting of the Institute of not to recommend any change of marine insurance rates in consequence of the enemy threats, thus indicating their confidence in the ability of the Allies to cope with the "frightfulness." Nevertheless rates quoted by private in the rates on American cargo loats.

Amsterdam, Feb. 2.—The Handel sblad says that the Netherland Shipping Company states that vessels bound for Holland from India and America, and also vessels bound for India from Holland, will not at present sail. The Foreign Minister is consulting shipowners regarding vessels en route.

London, Feb. 3.—The Times says that a temporary agreement has been London Underwriters it was decided concluded between Indian tea shippers and the shipping lines with the result that freights will be paid at seventy-five shillings a ton. The merchants now appear to have abandoned the idea of arranging shortly a new contract for the autumn and seem perunderwriters firmed, especially for feetly prepared to take the chances of whatever conditions prevail on the expiry of the present arrangement.

London, Feb. 3.—There was a large congregation at the memorial service to Lord Cromer at Westminster Abbey. Their Majesties and the Duke and Duchess of Connaught were represent-

Cairo, Feb. 2.-The death of Lord Cromer has caused a profound impres sion. The newspapers eulogise the greatest figure in recent Egyptian history." Flags are half-masted every-

Washington, Feb. 2.—The House of Representatives has again peased the Immigration Bill (vetoed several days ago by President Wilson on account of the literacy test.)

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