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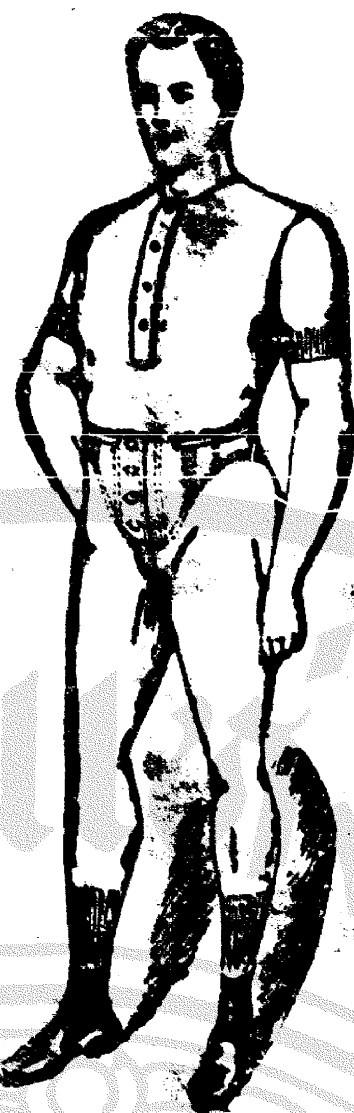
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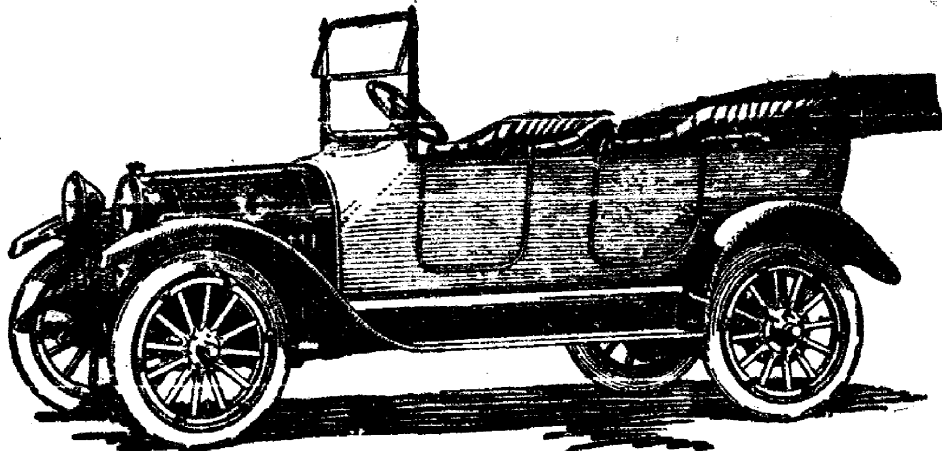
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FOR JANUARY, 1916.

Jan.	A.M.			L. W.
	H. W.	Ft. & in.	(Approx.)	
1	11 00	14 0
2	4 00	13 9
3	4 30	14 0
4	5 00	14 6
5	6 00	14 11	...	...
6	6 30	15 8	...	...
7	7 00	16 0	...	...
8	7 30	15 8	...	...
9	8 30	15 2	...	...
10	9 00	15 0	1.0	6.0
11	9 00	14 7	2.0	7.0
12	9 30	14 6	3.0	7.0
13	10 00	14 0	...	...
14	10 00	13 10	...	...
15	10 00	13 6	...	...
16	10 00	13 6	...	...
17	5 00	13 6	...	...
18	6 00	11 1	...	...
19	6 00	11 9	...	...
20	7 00	15 2	...	...
21	7 00	15 6	...	...
22	7 30	15 9	1.0	6.0
23	8 00	15 5	1.2	6.0
24	9 00	15 4	2.0	6.0
25	9 00	15 2	2.3	7.0
26	9 00	14 8	3.0	7.0
27	9 00	14 6	3.0	7.6
28	9 00	14 6	...	...
29	9 00	14 6	...	...
30	9 00	14 0	...	...
31	4 00	13 6	...	...

Jan.	P.M.			L. W.
	H. W.	Ft. & in.	(Approx.)	
1	...	...	9.10	7.8
2	...	...	10.11	7.8
3	...	...	10.11	6.7
4	2 30	12 8	10.11	6.0
5	2 30	12 6	11.12	6.0
6	3 00	12 8	11.12	6.0
7	4 00	13 2	12.0	6.0
8	5 00	13 0	...	...
9	6 30	12 10	...	...
10	7 00	12 6	...	...
11	8 00	11 10	...	...
12	8 30	11 4	...	...
13	9 30	11 0	...	...
14	...	...	...	...
15	...	...	9.10	7.6
16	...	...	9.10	7.0
17	...	...	10.11	7.0
18	2 00	12 0	10.11	7.0
19	3 00	12 3	...	...
20	3 00	12 3	...	...
21	3 00	12 3	...	...
22	4 30	12 3	...	...
23	5 00	13 0
24	6 00	13 3
25	6 30	13 0
26	8 00	12 7
27	9 00	12 5
28	10 00	12 0	5.6	8.0
29	7.8	7.6
30	8.9	7.0
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PHASES OF THE MOON.

Jan.	5th	O New Moon	11.33	a.m.
	12th) First Quarter	10.15	a.m.
	20th	O Full Moon	3.11	p.m.
	27th	(Last Quarter	7.17	a.m.

(To be Continued)

In Persia.

Russians Still Pressing.

Petrograd, Dec. 27.—A communique says: The Russians, midway between Teheran and Hamadan, defeated a Turko-German detachment consisting of rebellious Persian gendarmes and bands armed with artillery and machine-guns. The enemy lost several positions and had many men killed and wounded; the others fled.

Petrograd, Dec. 24.—A Teheran telegram says that the Russian forces from Save southward to Enghiman northward are engaged at Rabat Kerim, 35 versts from the city with the forces under the Emir Khishmet. Fighting is rapidly approaching the city, telegraphic communication wherewith is cut.

London, Dec. 26.—The Russians engaged 1,200 Persian rebels and German arms near Teheran and achieved an overwhelming success killing 140 and capturing 70 rebels.

The Russians only lost an officer and one cosack killed, four cosacks wounded.

London, Dec. 23.—Official: General Townshend reports that the night of December 21 and 22, was quiet.

Submarine war.

Later.—The passengers and crew of the Ville de la Clotat have landed at Malta.

[The Ville de la Clotat sailed from Singapore on her homeward voyage on Dec. 4th. The passengers who boarded her were Mr. C. P. Laporte, M. l'Ensigne de Vaisseau Moenus, M. Louis Saint Antoine and Mme Jeanne Marie Bolis (a Dutch lady).]

London, Dec. 27.—Steamers sunk are:—

British, Yeddo, crew saved; and Cottingham, seven saved.

French, Ville de la Clotat, part of the crew and passengers saved and landed by the steamer Meroe; eighty of the crew and passengers lost.

Belgian, Ministre Beernaert, seven saved.

Later.—The British steamer "Hadley" has been sunk; crew saved.

London, Dec. 28.—Eight persons were drowned in the sinking of the French steamer Ville de la Clotat.

Christmas Weather.

London, Dec. 27.—A stormy Christmas culminated in a hurricane to-day. Fourteen hours of continuous rainfall caused a rapid rise of the tides which was several feet above summer level. Trees were uprooted and wooded structures blown down.

There have been numerous wrecks on the coast.

London, Dec. 26.—(A delayed telegram of the series describing Christmas at the front).—On Christmas afternoon, every meadow in rear of the lines in anywise under cover became a football field. Among the troops in reserve and in billets the season was celebrated with far more traditional thoroughness. The Christmas mails were colossal. The heaviest single day's delivery in Christmas week was 18,500 bags, representing three million letters and half a million parcels.

The conditions in the encampments among the hills of Macedonia were far cheerier, though the warm, sunny, springlike days are past. Salonika had a Christmasy air. Quantities of holly were sold in the streets, and there were legs of turkeys protruding from every motor lorry going campwards. Countless "Tomnies" were to be seen struggling along with one or two live birds under their arms. Prices, recently six or seven francs rose to forty and sixty. Nuts, raisins, dates, figs and oranges were sold out. Never before had Salonika seen such a celebration.

No Fighting.

London, Dec. 26.—Christmas at the front is graphically described by Reuter's special correspondents in France and Macedonia.

The day broke in France, wet, blowing, cheerless. At noon the sun struggled through; and later the day was fine and very mild. There was plenty of good fare in the trenches, and the day was spent as comfortable as water-logged environments, which no efforts could successfully overcome, permitted.

The day was uneventful; neither side was provocative. There was a deal of hearty though desultory singing in many places, where the German trenches were close to ours. The guttural chanting of the beeches occasionally reached our lines, and was invariably the signal for more vociferous chorusing in the attempt to drown the sound. The German overtures for fraternising were slight and fainthearted as though contemptuous rejection was a foregone conclusion.

The Christmas situation permitted granting to men, who recently had a fatiguing time in digging new lines, a holiday. Everywhere there was the real holiday spirit. Football, races and games were the order of the day, which was celebrated in the French camps with almost equal enthusiasm. The "pious pious" playing rigger with the hallowed notions of the rules, convulsing the Tomnies looking on, and the French joining in the laughter in the most good-humoured way. In the evening there were concerts and sing-songs, one mess actually transporting a piano to the camp.

THE Great War.

Naval Engagement in the Adriatic.

Austrians Meet With Disaster.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 1.
A Paris communique states that the Austrians attempted another naval raid but met with disaster. A naval division emerged from Cattaro with the object of bombarding Durazzo. The Allied flotillas gave battle and a modern Austrian destroyer the "Lika" was blown up by a mine. Her sistership the "Triglav" was sunk by the Allies. The remainder of the Austrian division fled being pursued by the Allies.

Cruiser Sunk by Explosion.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 1.
The Admiralty announces that the cruiser "Natal" was sunk yesterday in harbour as a result of an internal explosion. There were about four hundred survivors. The "Natal" complement consisted of about seven hundred.

The "Natal" was a cruiser of 13,550 tons displacement; completed in 1907. Her armament consisted of six 9.2-in., four 7.5-in., one 12-pr., 29 3-pr., and 2 m. She had a speed of 23.33 knots.]

Various.

(Havas Telegrams.)

Paris, Dec. 30.
Of the Cattaro squadron the Allies destroyed the Austrian destroyers Triglav and Lika. The other vessels fled. The names of the victims of the Ville de la Clotat include Constolle, Gingnara, Ferruier, Codart, Laffont and two infants, Alisini and Rogutt Boyan all of whom embarked at Saigon.

Paris, Dec. 31.
Sixteen British aeroplanes bombarded the railway and hangars at Communes. Ten others damaged considerably the aerodrome at Hervilly.

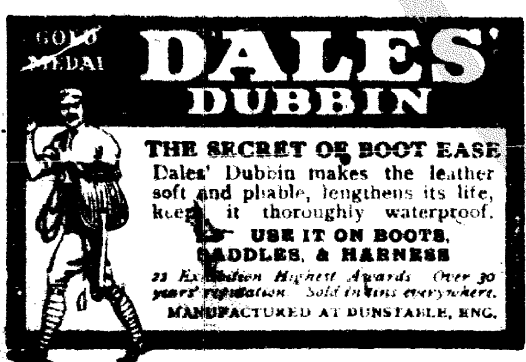
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Singapore, Jan. 1.
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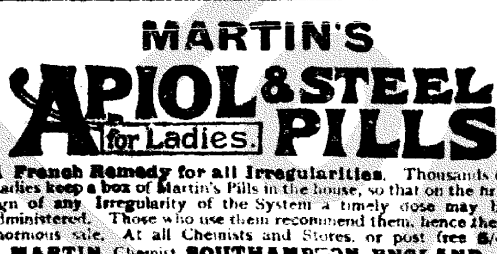
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Court Circular.

GRAND PALACE,

Thursday, 30th December.

To-day is the commencement of the
celebration of the Natal Day of His
Majesty the King.

At 5 o'clock in the afternoon His
Majesty drove in a State Carriage iss-
uing from Vises Jaisri Gate, escorted by
the 1st Cavalry of the Guard, preceded
by two officers bearing the Royal Stan-
dards and attended by Aides-de-Camp,
Masters of the Horse and Equerries on
horseback and by other members of the
Royal Household following in car-
riages. His Majesty proceeded by Na
Phalan Road, Sanam Jaya Road, turned
over the Xang Rongsi Bridge, then
stopped at the new birthday bridge,
the cost of the construction of which
has been met by his Majesty's Privy
Purse. His Excellency the Minister of
Local Government read an address, invit-
ing His Majesty to declare the bridge
open to the traffic. His Majesty was grac-
iously pleased to reply to the address
and named the new bridge "CHAROEN
DASNA." His Majesty then cut the
ribbon stretched across the bridge and
declared the bridge open to traffic. The
procession then crossed the bridge and
returned to the Grand Palace.

His Majesty entered the Chapel
Royal, presented robes and bags to
five High Priests, and then lit the
candles and incense before the
altar of the Emerald Image.
The five priests therefore commenced
the celebration of a religious service.
His Majesty next lit the candles of a
special candelabrum, and in accordance
with tradition the Royal Astrologers
recited propitiatory incantations to the
nine tutelaries.

His Majesty then proceeded from
Chapel Royal to Amarindra Hall,
where he presented robes and royal
warrants conferring various ranks upon
seventeen priests. The latter, having
returned thanks and recited a blessing,
retired. The King then sprinkled the
image lately cast for this year; the offi-
cials of the State Robes Department
placed the image on a special altar be-
fore the throne.

During the sprinkling and anoint-
ing of the image, officials of the Ec-
clesiastical Department conducted into
the hall thirty six high priests of the
Maha Nikaya Sect, who each received
from His Majesty robes and bags of
gold-cloth. While the priests were
donning their robes, the King entered
the Baisal Hall to light candles and in-
cense, afterwards returning to the
Amarindra Hall and lighting candles
and incense there. The high priests
then commenced the celebration of a
religious service, including the recita-
tion of the "Dhammachak kapavatana
Sutta" and the "Seven-part Protective
Stanzas." During the service, His Ma-
jesty was graciously pleased to make
certain promotions to the higher ranks
of Knighthood, the official list of
which will be issued on the 1st of
January. After the service the King
commanded fireworks to be set off in
honour of the consecration of the new
image.

GRAND PALACE,

Friday, 31st December.

This morning at ten o'clock His
Majesty the King proceeded to the
Amarindra Hall, where he lit the can-
dles and incense, and the morning ser-
vice was celebrated. After the ser-
vice, food were presented to the fifty-
two priests who took part in His Ma-
jesty's Natal Day celebration. While the
priests were partaking of their meal,
an official of the Royal Scribes Depart-
ment read the sacrificial invocation.
When the repast of the priests was
ended, His Majesty presented robes
and other gifts to the priests. The
priests then recited the blessing and
took leave, after which the King re-
tired.

After the morning service, the Brah-
min priests of the Court celebrated the
Brahminical service to bless the new
image, including the rite of "Pradaks-
hina with the Holy Agni".

This afternoon at four o'clock, His
Majesty the King was graciously pleas-
ed to grant a special audience to the
representatives of the Muhammadan
communities. They had previously
sent a petition praying His Majesty to
graciously extend his benevolent pro-
tection over the Suni communities
resident within the Metropolitan area
(Krung Deb) and some of the neigh-
bouring districts and the King had gra-
ciously signified his pleasure to grant
the prayer contained in the petition,
commanding the Minister for Foreign
Affairs to exercise due authority over
the said communities. This afternoon
accordingly the Minister for Foreign
Affairs introduced into His Majesty's
presence, before the Abhorn Bimokkha
Pavilion, seventy seven Imams and
Hajis, who are heads of the mosques
in different districts, together with
several other representative men of the
Muhammadan communities, under the
leadership of Colonel Phya Kalya
Bhakdi (commanding officer of the
Military Reformatory Corps of the
First Army Corps), who, on the re-
commendation of the Minister for For-
eign Affairs, had been appointed by
the King as official Chief (Chang Wang)
of the Suni Muhammadan communi-
ties.

The Hajis and representatives having
been duly introduced, Colonel Phya
Kalya Bhakdi read a loyal address on
behalf of his co-religionists, in which
he expressed deep gratification that
His Majesty had deigned to grant their
prayer and had thereby consented to
become "Protector of the Faith of the
Prophet Muhammad." The faithful
desired to assure His Majesty of their
unalterable loyalty to the Throne, and
in return for the benevolent protection
which they enjoyed under His Ma-
jesty's rule, all of them would, when the
time came, serve the King in the de-
fence of the Kingdom against all foes,
and would count it a meritorious act to
lay down their lives in the King's ser-
vice. They asked His Majesty to be
graciously pleased to accept their tribute
in the shape of a gold tree and a silver
tree, and a silver censer. Finally all
of them joined in invoking the blessing
of Allah upon His Majesty the King,
"the Protector of the Faith of the
Prophet Muhammad."

The King was graciously pleased to
reply to the address thanking the
Muhammadan communities for their
expression of loyalty, and assured
them of his benevolent protection.

His Majesty went on to say that he
felt certain that if ever a time should
come when the services of the Muham-
madan communities should be required
in the defence of the Realm, the
Muhammadans in Siam will con-
fess to offer themselves for sug-
service, for in so doing, they do
follow the precepts of their Prophet,
namely that to die in defence of one's
religion is a meritorious act, and in-
deed they would be serving the cause
of Islam when they serve the country
that gives it her protection.

The King then conferred upon the
Imams, who are heads of Mosques,
gowns of office in different colours ac-
cording to the three grades, each gown
having on the breasts the Royal Mon-
gram surmounted by the Royal Crown,
all embroidered in gold and silk.

The function was brought to a close
by the Hajis and representatives in-
voking the blessings of Allah upon the
King.

The King then proceeded to the
Royal Chapel where the same cere-
monies as on the previous day took
place. From the Chapel His Majesty
proceeded to Amarindra Hall, where
he lit candles and incense, after which
the King entered Baisal Hall.

The five priests who were to cele-
brate a special service, as well as the
Princes and household officials, entered
the inner precincts of the Palace by the
Sanam Rajakich Gate and proceeded to
the Baisal Hall.

There the King presented robes and
bags of gold cloth to the five priests,
who retired to don the robes and re-
entered immediately afterwards. The
King lit candles and incense. The five
priests then celebrated a special ser-
vice, consisting of the nine special sets
of text from the Holy Scripture, while
the Royal Astrologers recited propiti-
atory incantations to the nine tutelaries,
the recitation being alternate.

At the end of the service the King
presented gifts to the priests who re-
cited the blessing and took leave.

**His Excellency, the Royal Ne-
therlands Minister, on behalf
of the Diplomatic and Con-
sular body, Congratulated
His Majesty in the
following Speech.**

Sire,

In associating myself from the bot-
tom of my heart to all the wishes of
the Siamese Nation for the happiness
of Your Majesty, I have the great hon-
our to make myself the interpreter of
the most respectful congratulations of
the Diplomatic and Consular Body of
the occasion of the sixth anniversary
of Your Majesty's birth solemnized
since Your Majesty's accession to the
throne of Your Majesty's ancestors.

It is with a peculiar satisfaction that
we beg to state that on the economic
ground the Kingdom of Siam led by
Your Majesty in the paths of progress
in the midst of the booms of peace has
little suffered from the great armed
conflict that continues without truce
since nearly a year and a half.

We express the sincere desire to co-
operate to the development of the good
relations that so happily exist between
Your Majesty's Kingdom and the
States which we have the honour to re-
present near Your Majesty.

May Divine Providence lead
His Majesty's reign of Your Majesty
to the good of the noble country plac-
ed under Your Majesty's Authority.

**His Majesty was pleased
reply in the following terms:**

Mr. Minister:

I thank you and the other members
of the Diplomatic and Consular Corps
for your congratulations on my birth-
day and for the felicitous terms in
which it has pleased you to allude to
small part my leadership may have
played in enabling my country to escape
the blessings of peace and prosper, in
while a terrible war continues without
abatement to engage the energies of a
large portion of the human race.

It is with heartfelt gratitude that
I realize that my country enjoys a posi-
tion so favorable. Your presence here,
your kind wishes and your cordial
message in which you express on be-
half of yourselves and your colleagues
the desire to cooperate in strengthening
the friendly relations which so happily
(Continued on Supplement.)



Court Circular.

(Continued from page 4.)

exist between my country and all the countries you and they represent, adds to the assurance I feel that these relations, essential as they are to the welfare of my country, will remain over the object of your solitude as they will be of mine.

Please receive on behalf of yourself and your colleagues my most cordial good wishes for the welfare and prosperity of the countries represented by you and them.

OFFICIAL TRANSLATION.
Speech from the Throne on the Occasion of His Majesty's Birthday Anniversary
B. E. 2458 (1916).

Princes and Officials:

I have listened to the good wishes which you unite in offering me on this day which corresponds to my birthday. It is with real pleasure that I realize that you are all animated by feelings of friendship and goodwill towards me, and your sentiments fill me with genuine satisfaction. It is a source of special gratification to receive these expressions from you who have laboured with me in advancing the welfare of our country, so that its progress has never been delayed for a moment.

I will now enumerate the important measures which I have carried out and the various changes in the administration of the Kingdom which I have inaugurated during the past 12 months meet the needs of the times, so that you may all share with me in the pleasure I feel at the progress recorded during that period.

Most important among the administrative changes effected are the following:

In local administration, changes have been introduced to instal the right power in the right place, so that confusion may be minimized in the future. The seven Ambhoeships of the Inner Circle have been abolished, and twenty five new Ambhoeships have been created. Certain provisions of the Administrative Law of the Inner Circle have been put into effect in various localities according to their needs.

Mondhol Krung Deu has been done away with, and Muang Nondaburi, Muang Minburi, Muang Phra Pradaeng and Muang Samudaparak have been incorporated (as Prefectures) in the City of Bangkok. This City has in turn been divided into districts under the control of the Prefectural Department (Phra Nagorab). Muang Dhanyajuri and Muang Pradumadani have been transferred to the control of the Ministry of the Interior. The Gendarmerie Department has been combined with the Police Department, and all prisons and jails in the Kingdom have been brought under the Prisons Department.

The Bangkok Revenue Department and the Provincial Revenue Department have been placed under the control of the Ministry of Finance, and are now known as the Revenue Department.

The control of financial affairs in the six Muangs of Mondhol Krung Deu has also been placed under the control of the Ministry of Finance.

The Court in Mondhol Patani has been transferred from the control of the Ministry of the Interior to that of the Ministry of Justice, as in the case of the Courts in other Mondhols.

In the outer provinces, Mondhol Bejraburna, possessing only two Muangs, has been abolished, so that now all of its territory, consisting of Muang Bejraburna and Muang Lom Sakdi is included in the boundaries of Mondhol Pitsunulok.

In contrast with this, Mondhol Bayab which contained many large towns, and is a large province, has been divided as follows:—

Nagor Nan, Nagor Lampang, Muang Phrae have been organized into one Mondhol, called Mondhol Maharashtra, under a Viceroy (Uparaj), whose power extends as well over Mondhol Bayab Mondhols Bayab and Maharashtra are together to be known as the North-Western Circles (Mondhol Bhag Bayat.)

In Mondhol Udon, the territory bordering on the right bank of the river has been established as a Muang under the name, Muang Nong Khai.

A census of the various provinces has been duly taken.

For the promotion of the general welfare of the people, the Law on Firearms has been extended to the towns in the Mondhols under the control of the Ministry of the Interior, and that Ministry has issued orders of the registration of all firearms in the Interior.

A Law creating the lawyers' association has been promulgated, and regulations for the conduct of lawyers have been issued.

Courts have been established, one in the district of Khu Khan and another at Muang Nong Khai, for the convenience of litigants in those regions.

In the matter of public health, the Water Works have fulfilled all our wishes. Since their establishment, cholera in Bangkok has been practically unknown.

New sanitary control was likewise

undertaken in nine localities in the provinces, and this year, further measures of the same kind were adopted in Muang Rajaburi, Ban Bodharam, Muang Bisnuk, Muang Nagor Svarga (four places in all.)

Public Medical Depots have been set up in Muang Haxoengsao, Muang Bisnuk, Muang Jumbor, Muang Surasatradhandi and Muang Ubol Rajadani. At each of these depots there is a resident medical officer, who treats all sufferers free of charge. Poor people are also received as patients free of charge.

During the year, 376,166 people have been vaccinated.

In public instruction, elementary teaching has been conducted in the greater part of the Kingdom. In view of this extension, the work of inspection of public instruction has been divided into 4 Sections, each including 4 or 5 Mondhols.

In Section I, officials have already been appointed.

In the Agricultural Department of the Ministry of Agriculture, a school for the study and treatment of cattle diseases has been established and the competent authorities have applied their best efforts to check the spread of epidemics among cattle by injections of serum and by other means, attended by success in certain cases.

In financial administration, the auditing and accounting departments have been combined in a new department called the Department of Comptroller General. A division for the estimation of the revenue of the Kingdom has been established. Arrangements have, moreover, been effected for issuing drafts in Mondhols Nagor Sridharmaraj and Surashtra, so that this convenience may be enjoyed by traders in those localities who have business dealings with Singapore and Penang.

A Department for the Inspection of Revenues has been created. The function of this Department is to examine and approve all disbursements of public funds, to check all revenues collected, and to inspect the accounts of the various Ministries and Departments in every province and town, so that financial progress of the Kingdom may not be impeded by preventable losses.

Two new departments have also been created, namely, the Department of Commerce and the Department of General Statistics, to evolve plans for stimulating trade and commerce in the country.

Saving banks have been inaugurated in Mondhol Udon, Roi Echi, Ubol Rajadani, as well as in Muang Bejraburna and Muang Lom Sakdi. Moreover, in the City of Bangkok saving banks are now in operation in six different localities.

For the benefit of agriculture, the agreement of the Siam Canal & Irrigation Company having come to an end, the Irrigation Department took over the conduct of the affairs of that company in order to extend irrigation in the district covered by the activities of that company and further north. In this connection plans have been adopted for the development of irrigation on the river Pa Sakdi, a survey having already been made for the project, which promises to yield sufficient water for the purpose.

An experimental nursery has been established to carry out a study of plants and trees at the Ambhoeship of Brahmadhiram, in Mondhol Bisnuk, so that valuable advice on this subject may be given to cultivators. It is hoped that institutions of this kind will increase in number later on according to the needs of the times.

Tin mining has made good progress during the past year, aided by rising values for the raw product as well as considerably increase output. New mines have also been opened up in the Northern provinces. The hope that this branch of mining will continue to flourish seems amply justified.

The construction of the Northern Railway line to Chiangmai has been carried further by the completion of two new sections, one from Ban Pun to Pha Kor, a distance of eighteen kilometres, opened to the public on the 1st of May, and the other from Pha Kor to Meh Jang, a distance of eighteen kilometres, opened to the public on the 15th of December.

The piercing of the tunnel, 1338 metres in length, through the hills between Nagor Lampang and Nagor Lambhan in Khun Tal district, has also been successfully completed.

Construction upon the Southern Railway Line has been carried forward in 4 sections, namely:—From Muang Prachuab Girikhandh to the borders of Mondhol Surashtra, from Tung Song in Mondhol Nagor Sridharmaraj past Mondhol Surashtra to Mondhol Rajaburi, from Ootapao district in Muang Songkhla to Mondhol Patani, and from Utahao district to the borders of Kedah, where a junction is ultimately to be effected with the railway from the British side.

The section from Muang Prachuab Girikhandh to Ban Krud in the Ambhoeship of Kamnoed Nabagun, a distance of fifty-eight kilometres was opened to the public on the first of December.

It was hoped that the Section from Tung Song to Muang Surasatradhandi, and San Nong Wai in the region of Muang Java, a distance of 170 kilometres, might be thrown open to traffic on the first of January, but unfortunately this opening must be now postponed owing to the damage caused by the great storm which passed over Mondhols

Nagor Sridharmaraj and Surashtra in the latter days of November. The damage so wrought is now being repaired, while at the same time construction is being hastened forward upon other Sections.

For the improvement of the roads in Bangkok, two bridges have been re-constructed.

New roads of a total length of 24 sens have been constructed and new foot paths having a total length of seven sens. New branch drains have been constructed and all drains have been repaired for a total length of 134 sens. Trunk line drains have been constructed under the roadways for a distance of eight sens. Roads from town to town to connect with the railways have been hastened on; a motor road has been laid and completed from the Sola Klang in Muang Prachuab Girikhandh to Ao Manao, a distance of three and a half kilometres, and another from Muang Nagor Lampang to the railway station in Sob Tay district, a distance of five kilometres.

A law for the measurements of buffalo carts has been enacted in the interest of trade. Henceforth all buffalo carts must be of standard size and may use these new roads without difficulty.

The amount of postal and telegraphic matter transmitted within the Kingdom has continued to increase but correspondence with foreign countries has decreased.

The postal and telegraphic money order service has been greatly improved, but again our dealings in this line with foreign countries have fallen off during the last year, probably on account of the war in Europe. The money order service has been extended to 19 towns outside of Bangkok within the Kingdom and the parcel post service with foreign countries has been extended to Muang Phre.

Telegraphic service within the Kingdom has yielded excellent returns, but in this line too receipts from the foreign service have diminished owing to the war.

Telegraphic connections have been inaugurated between Bangkok, Muang Samuda Sagra and Muang Samuda Songkram.

The use of the telephone has gone on increasing and an additional public telephone office has been installed. 5,485 metres of telephone wires have been laid in underground conduits to the end that the telephone service in future may be free from the interruptions usually attributed to overhead wires.

In religious affairs, His Holiness the Supreme Patriarch has continued to devote his most zealous efforts to the enhancement of our national Buddhist church. The teaching of the Sacred Rules to newly ordained priests has been made more extensive and in the provinces more searching examinations are now required, while in the interest of better administration of the communities of priests more frequent inspections are now the rule. His Holiness has made inspections in person both in Bangkok and in the provinces.

The efforts exerted for the support of our religion and the maintenance of our religious edifices are observable everywhere. Under the vigorous direction of His Holiness, we may well cherish the hope that our religion will maintain its influence.

During the past year, it was my pleasure to visit Mondhols Patani, Nagor Sridharmaraj, Surashtra and Muang Trang. From the personal observations I was thus enabled to make, I derived much which should be of practical use in the fulfilment of my functions as the ruler of this country.

The cordial relations existing between Siam and all foreign states continue undisturbed. As illustrating their growth, I may refer with satisfaction to the signal honour conferred on me by His Majesty the King of England, in bestowing on me the honorary rank of General in the British army, and to the acceptance by His Britannic Majesty of the honorary rank of General in the Siamese army. In this connection I may observe that no Eastern sovereign has ever before received the honorary rank of general in the army of any European country and that never before has a European ruler received the honorary rank of general in any Far Eastern army. This honour, I may add, should not be regarded as in any sense personal, but as in recognition of the advance made by the Siamese army. You, who with untiring efforts have helped to build our army, will not fail to derive genuine satisfaction from the circumstance that the King of England now regards it as a personal honour to assume the honorary rank of General in our army. This thought should give you just pride and that this recognition has been won by the Siamese army, the guardian of our country and our religion, may well cause you to rejoice.

National defence is of paramount importance, and we must be ever prepared. Do not mistake my meaning. Nothing lies nearer my heart than the maintenance of public order in Siam. Our army and our navy are its insurance. You who have laboured and sacrificed to this end, who have given your support to the army and navy, who have become members of the "Wild Tiger Corps," who have aided in sustaining it, who are contributing to the success of the Royal Navy League, are entitled to my special thanks. You have aided by word and deed in the defence of our homes and our faith and thus given generous proof of your loyalty to me, as your National

Chief which I appreciate beyond expression.

I exhort you to dedicate yourselves to the task of helping our country in every possible way. Help your fellow-countrymen by alleviating their sufferings and sorrows. Always remember, those of you who have received at my hands ranks, titles and various posts of responsibility, that you are, as it were, trustees of my responsibility. Give no reason, by your conduct, to impair the confidence reposed in you. Always consider public welfare before personal ambition.

In the discharge of your duties, you will doubtless meet with irritating occurrences. Then reflect that such things are inevitable. With courage, you will always try to the best of your power honestly to surmount all obstacles.

In the consciousness that you have performed your duties to the best of your abilities, no matter whether you hold important or humble posts, you may always justly feel that you have aided your Sovereign.

Finally, I thank you all for what you have done in the due performance of your duties in maintaining the integrity and dignity of our country and nation and for your loyalty and patriotism.

May happiness attend you always. May the "Three Lordly Jewels" of our Religion help you in your thoughts and endeavours, so that you will be ever contented in body and in mind.

GRAND PALACE,
Saturday, January 1.

To-day at twelve o'clock noon, the Army and the Navy fired a Royal Salute of one hundred and one guns. The King entered the Throne Room of the Chakri Palace, seated himself upon the Throne beneath the Royal White Umbrella of State, whereupon the state trumpeters blew a fanfare and the state drummers beat the metal drums, while the military guard of honour presented arms and the Military Band played the National Anthem. Then the Princes of the Blood and the officials assembled presented their address of congratulations to His Majesty who was pleased to make a speech from the Throne in reply. At the end of the speech, the state trumpeters once more blew a fanfare and the band played the National Anthem, while the King retired to the inner hall, to receive the congratulations of the Princesses, Ladies of the Palace, and wives of officials. After this audience, His Majesty proceeded to the sitting room in the eastern wing of the Chakri Palace.

At one o'clock the King received the Diplomatic and Consular Corps and representatives of foreign Powers in the Hall of the Eastern Wing. The Dean of the Corps read an Address of congratulation, to which His Majesty made a reply.

At five o'clock the King proceeded by state palanquin to the Temple of the Emerald Image and entered the Chapel, where a ceremony like that of the previous day was celebrated. His Majesty then returned to the Amarindra Hall.

There, His Majesty presented a Silver, a jug and a tea service, all made of ivory, to His Royal Highness the Holy Prince Vajirana, Supreme Patriarch of the Kingdom, as well as robes and bags of gold-cloth to sixty priests of the Dhamma Kutika Sect, who celebrated a Service including the recitation of the "Maha Samaya Sutta" and the "Seven-part Protective Stanzas." The service was concluded with the blessing.

During the service His Excellency Phya Maha Amatya, Minister of the Interior ad interim, formally delivered to His Majesty his seal of office. The King accepted the seal which His Majesty afterwards handed to His Excellency Chao Phya Surasri Visidhisakdi, who has this day been appointed Minister of the Interior. His Excellency Phya Maha Amatya having been made Viceroy of the Western Provinces and Lord Lieutenant of Nagor Jaisri Circle.

His Majesty was graciously pleased to hand a draft drawn on the Privy Purse for the amount of T.S. 80,900, to His Excellency Chao Phya Abhai Raja as a donation to the Royal Navy League of Siam.

In the evening His Majesty the King drove in a motor-car to witness the illuminations in the town.

On returning, His Majesty stopped at the Foreign Office, where His Royal Highness the Minister for Foreign Affairs was giving a dinner party on the occasion of His Majesty's Birthday. His Majesty conversed with the Members of the Diplomatic Corps and officials and remained to listen to the concert performed by Messrs. Mirovitch and Piastro, on whom His Majesty was graciously pleased to bestow the Pushpa Mala Medals.

Sunday, January 2.

This morning at ten o'clock His Majesty the King proceeded to the Baisai Hall, where he lit candles and incense and then entered the Amarindra Hall, where the morning service was celebrated, after which food was presented to sixty priests. When the auspicious time drew near, the King proceeded to the Chandra Dibvobhas Pavilion to change his attire. At nineteen minutes and twelve seconds after twelve o'clock His Majesty mounted the bathing seat and the Ceremonial Bath in accordance with ancient Royal usage took place, during which the priests recited the "Jayamangala" Stanzas and music was played.

After the Ceremonial Bath, the King

presented gifts to the sixty celebrants of the service, who recited the blessing and then retired. The King then presented the customary gifts to aged officials.

In the afternoon the Brahmin priests of the Court celebrated the ceremony of blessing the Royal Palace according to Brahminical rituals.

At five o'clock His Majesty the King proceeded to the Amarindra Hall where His Royal Highness the Holy Prince Vajirana, Supreme Patriarch of the Kingdom, preached a special Sermon.

At eight o'clock the King honoured His Excellency the Minister of the Royal Household with his presence at a dinner party given by His Excellency at the Ministry. During dinner His Excellency the Minister, on behalf of the officials and servants of the Royal Household, made a loyal address to which His Majesty graciously replied. The officials and servants of the Royal Household then sang a loyal song, after which His Majesty left the Ministry and proceeded to Rajvaradith Landung where he embarked on a motor launch and made a trip on the River to witness the illuminations. On returning, the King disembarked at the same landing, from which place he drove to the Grand Palace.

Official List of Promotions.

In the Orders of Knighthood and in Rank by Letters Patent.

On the occasion of His Majesty's Natal Day, the King has been graciously pleased to make the following promotions to higher ranks in various Orders of Knighthood.

On Thursday, December 30.
The Most Honourable Order of the Crown of Siam.

To be Knight Grand Commander.

(First Class)

1. His Royal Highness Prince Vividhi.

To be Knights Commander.

(Second Class)

2. Third Grand Councillor His Excellency Phya Dharmasaraneti, Chief Justice of Borishba Court.

3. Third Grand Councillor His Excellency Phya Uden Debakosindra, Director General of the Treasury Department.

4. Major-General Phya Suraraj Riddhanda, A. D. C., Commander of the King's Own Palace Guard.

5. Assistant-General Phya Kamhaeng Ranariddhi, Paymaster of the Royal Body Guard of Gentlemen at Arms.

6. Assistant-General Phya Abhijit Janyudh, Judge of the Royal Household Court.

7. First Councillor Phya Baisai Silpasatra, Director General of Education.

To be Commanders.

(Third Class.)

8. Third Grand Councillor Phya Achirakara Prasiddhi, Postmaster-General.

9. First Councillor Phya Prajasaya Saradej, Governor of Jolburi.

10. First Councillor Phya Dhanakich Raksha, Chief Accountant of the Ministry of Justice.

11. Grand Captain Phya Brahmadhibal, Judge of the Royal Household Court.

12. First Councillor Phya Nathasatra Rajasabhadhi, Chief Justice of the Court of Ayudhya.

13. First Councillor Phya Nandasatra Rajasabhadhi, Chief Justice of the Court of Prachin Circle.

14. First Councillor Phya Rajasatra Nathasabhadhi, Chief Justice of the Court of Rajaburi.

15. Deputy Grand Chamberlain H. S. H. Prince Prani Navabasya of the Royal Major Domo Department.

16. First Court Officer Phya Adara Dhurasilpa, Director of the Fine Arts Department.

17. First Councillor Phya Rajadhana Bidaksh, Assistant Comptroller General of the Ministry of Finance.

18. Grand Captain Phya Indradeb of the Royal Body Guard of Gentlemen at Arms.

19. Grand Captain Phya Birendradeb of the Royal Body Guard of Gentlemen at Arms.

20. Colonel Phya Kridhabala, Director of the Recruiting Division, Ministry of War.

21. Colonel Phya Thakala Yuddhakosh, Paymaster of the First Army Corps.

22. Second Councillor Phya Kasikara Banja, Director of Correspondence in the Ministry of Agriculture.

23. Second Councillor Phya Kashe-tra Raksha, Commissioner of Land Settlement, Ministry of Agriculture.

24. Second Councillor Phya Kashe-tra Hiranaksha, Chief Accountant of the Ministry of Agriculture.

25. Second Court Officer Phya Anubhas Sisyannusar, Director of the Engineering Faculty of the Civil Service College.

26. Chamberlain Phya Samarga Paribara, of the Chamberlains Department.

27. Third Councillor H. S. H. Prince Udon Tireklabh, Revenue Officer of Ayudhya Circle.

28. Third Councillor Phya Lekhanukor, Secretary to the Lord Privy Seal.

29. Third Councillor Phya Prakas Aksharakich, Sub-Director of the Ministry of the Privy Seal.

The Most Exalted Order of the White Elephant.

To be Commanders.

(Third Class.)

1. Third Grand Councillor Phya Amaratidhi Dhamrong, Director General of the Administrative Department, Ministry of the Interior.

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2. Third Grand Councillor Phya Bitaksha, Lord Justice of the Dika Court.

3. Third Grand Councillor Phya Bicharana, Lord Justice of the Appeal Court.

4. Third Grand Councillor Phya Charya Yutakritiya, Lord Justice of the Provincial Appeal Court.

5. Colonel Phya Sakdabhidej Varariddhi, A. D. C., General Officer commanding the 8th Division.

6. Colonel Phya Ramkamhaeng, A. D. C., General Officer commanding the 1st Guards Division.

7. Colonel Phya Narendra Raksha, Assistant Quarter-Master General.

8. First Councillor Phya Nagara Bhaybichhet, Lord Justice of the Provincial Appeal Court.

9. First Councillor Phya Gamnuan Gagannanta, Director of the Cadastral Survey Department, Ministry of Agriculture.

10. First Councillor Phya Bibidhi Montri, Chief Accountant of the Ministry of the Privy Seal.

11. First Court Officer Phya Nandisen Surendrabhakdi, Chief Secretary of the Ministry of the Royal Household.

12. First Councillor Phya Deb Ratana Narindra, Director of the Currency Department.

13. First Councillor Phya Raja Sombati, Assistant Under-Secretary of State for Finance.

14. Second Court Officer Mom Anuvatra Varabongs, Director of the Administrative Faculty of the Civil Service College.

The Ratnabhorn Personal Order.

(Third Class.)

Third Grand Councillor Phya Achirakara Prasiddhi, Postmaster General.

Elevations in Rank.

By Royal Letters Patent.

To be Phya.

Phya Charoen Rajadhana to be Phya Joduk Rajasreshthi.

On Friday December 31st.

The Ratna Varabhorn Order of Merit.

1. Second Grand Court Officer Phya Sri Sundara Vohara, His Majesty's Private Secretary.

2. Second Grand Court Officer Phya Chakrapani Sisilvisuddhi, Legal Counsellor to His Majesty.

3. Second Grand Court Officer Phya Sri Varavongs, Chief Secretary of the Privy Seal.

4. Third Grand Chamberlain Phya Sri Suriyabaha, Master of the Horse.

The Ratnabhorn Personal Order.

(First Class.)

(Set with Brilliance.)

1. First Grand Court Officer Chao Phya Dharma Dhikaranadhibadi, Minister of the Royal Household.

(Third Class.)

(Enamelled.)

2. First Court Officer Phya Anudut Vadi, Director of Postal and Telegraphic service in the Royal Household.

3. Deputy Grand Chamberlain Phya Biddaksh Nandanikara, Secretary to the Royal Entertainments Department.

The Most Honourable Order of the Crown of Siam.

To be Knights Grand Commander.

(First Class.)

1. Third Grand Councillor H. S. H. Prince Siddhibara, Director General of the Royal Mint.

2. Third Grand Court Officer Phya Sri Kridakara, Assistant Marshal of the Court.

To be Knights Grand Commander.

(Second Class.)

3. Third Grand Councillor E. W. Trotter, Adviser to the Gendarmerie and Police.

To be Commanders.

(Third Class.)

4. First Councillor Phya Sri Samruach, Assistant Comptroller General, Ministry of Finance.

5. First Court Officer Chamun Chong Bhakdi Ong, of the Ministry of the Royal Household.

6. First Court Officer Chamun Chong Raksha Ong, of the Ministry of the Royal Household.

The Most Exalted Order of the White Elephant.

To be Knight Commander.

(Second Class.)

1. Third Grand Chamberlain Phya Prasooth Subhakich, Chief Butler and Superintendent of the Royal Kitchen.

To be Commanders.

(Third Class.)

2. Deputy Grand Chamberlain Phya Briksha Bhiromya, Director of the Royal Pleasance Department.

3. Grand Captain Phya Maha Montri, Royal Body Guard of Gentlemen at Arms.

4. Grand Captain Phya Mahadeb, Royal Body Guard of Gentlemen at Arms.

5. Second Councillor H. S. H. Prince Chhalad Lob Loesar, Assistant Chief Expert of the Irrigation Department.

Saturday, January 1st.

The Most Exalted Order of the White Elephant.

To be Commanders.

(Third Class.)

Colonel Phya Suradej Ranajit, A. D. C., General Officer Commanding the 7th Division.

The Most Honourable Order of the Crown of Siam.

To be Commanders.

(Third Class.)

1. First Councillor Phya Nagor Pharam, Governor of Lobburi.

2. First Councillor Phya Subarna Sombati, First Secretary of the Minister of Finance.

3. First Councillor Phya Sarasatra Rajasabhabadi, Chief Justice of the Court of Ubol.

The Ratnabhorn Personal Order.

(Third Class.)

1. Colonel Phya Senabhimukh, A. D. C., General Officer Commanding the 3rd Division.

2. Captain Phya Rajavangsan, A. D. C., R.N., Inspector General of the Coast Stations and Forts.

3. Colonel Phya Varadej Sakdavadh, A.D.C., Chief of Staff of the 3rd Army Corps.

Elevations in Rank.

By Royal Letters Patent.

To be Phya.

Phya Khetanuraksh to be Phya Asavaraja Sombati.

Sunday, January 2nd.

The Ratnabhorn Personal Order.

(Third Class.)

Colonel Phya Bahala Boibayhasena, A. D. C., Assistant Inspector-General of His Majesty's Land Forces.

Dusdhi Mala Medal.

(Science and Art Class).

MR. E. HEALEY.

Grand Palace,

Monday January 3.

H. M. King Chulalongkorn's Civil Service College, founded during the reign of His late Majesty, had not hitherto been endowed with a suitable site and buildings. His Majesty the King was therefore graciously pleased to provide the College with a new site out of the Privy Purse land at Sra Pratum Road. The cost of construction of the buildings is being met from the balance of the fund subscribed for the erection of the late King's statue.

To-day, at 4 p.m. His Majesty drove to the College on the occasion of laying the corner stone of the new College buildings.

On arrival His Majesty was received by H. R. H. Prince Damrong, President of the Board of Governors, H.R.H. the Prince of Bismulok, H. E. Chao Phya Abhai Raja, H. E. Phya Sri Varavongs, H. E. Phya Prasiddhi Subhakara, H. E. Phya Dharmasakdi and Phya Deb Vidura (Governors) and masters and lecturers of the College. A guard of Honour was provided by a Company of King Chulalongkorn's 1st Guard Regiment.

His Majesty entered the principal hall of the building where H. R. H. Prince Damrong read an address reporting the progress of the College. His Majesty was graciously pleased to reply expressing gratification at the progress of the College, his interest in it, and his hope that it may become a great institution of learning in Siam. It was the wish of His August Parent to promote this institution and he was only doing his duty as His Father's successor when he provided the College with what it needs. His Majesty finally expressed thanks and congratulations to the Governors, Masters and Lecturers who were reminders of their important responsibility in upholding the good name of the College.

His Majesty then proceeded to lay the corner stone of the buildings now in the course of erection. After which His Majesty returned to the principal hall of the College where H. R. H. Prince Damrong read an address on behalf of all the Governors and masters of the College praying His Majesty to accept degrees in Political science, Jurisprudence and Literature which are the principal faculties of the institution. The King was graciously pleased to reply accepting the three degrees. His Majesty then distributed badges representing different degrees to the Governors, Masters, Lecturers and old students of the College.

Refreshments were served after which the King left the College.

To-day His Majesty the King received with great personal sorrow the news of the demise of His Majesty's uncle, H. R. H. Prince Divakara, which occurred at 9 a.m. at the latter's residence.

At 6 p.m. His Majesty drove to the residence of the late Prince to attend the ceremonial bathing of the remains, which were later dressed in accordance with Royal usage, deposited in an urn befitting the Prince's rank and set in the central room of the residence, where the King laid down robes and cloths for the Satapakarana rites, which were duly celebrated. Thereafter His Majesty took his departure.

Greek Dilemma.

London, Dec. 27.—News from Greece is most contradictory. It is stated that Greek militaries, despite German threats of a post-Christmas advance, believe that the enemy will not enter Greek territory owing to the hesitation of the Bulgarians to embark on a new campaign without a definite object. The Bulgarians think that they have attained their goal by the conquest of Serbian Macedonia, and they are reluctant to add to their already huge losses unless promised further important territorial compensation.

On the other hand, it is declared that a formidable converging Turco Bulgo German attack is likely in a few days' time.

In an interview, M. Skouloudis, the Premier, said that Greece had obtained sufficient guarantees that the belligerents would evacuate Greek territory after the fighting.

The Chronicle's correspondent in Athens interviewed M. Gounaris, who is regarded as the man of the future. M. Gounaris emphasised that Greek neutrality would last only as long as her territorial integrity was respected.

Cricket.

The following are the scores in the match played on Sunday:—

Preston's XI.

M. T. Cooke Collis b Battenberg	12
Ferdinands run out	0
Preston b Smith	15
E. Todd b Sutton	6
Tully Christie run out	3
J. King c Lowe b Robertson	12
Halls st. Colley b Robertson	11
Johnson c Sutton b Smith	1
Schnieder b Price	0
T. Judge b	0
Forrest c Bulner b Price	7
H. G. Dering not out	0
Extras	4

Total 72

Bowling Analysis.

Runs	Wkts.	Overs	Mdns.
Sutton	17	1	6
Bulner	15	0	3
Battenberg	5	1	4
Smith	12	3	4
Price	1	1	4
Robertson	18	2	3

Sutton's XI.

N. G. Colley b Ferdinands	0
H. E. Jones c Halls b Johnston	12
P. Bulner c Ferdinands b Preston	11
H. Price b Ferdinands	26
Battenberg b	0
Sutton not out	22
Lowe b Johnston	1
E. S. Smith c Halls b Johnston	0
D. B. Robertson b Ferdinands	3
P. Voirol b	0
A. Reis b Ferdinands	0
C. Bowden b	0
Extras	1

Total 76

Bowling Analysis.

Runs	Wkts.	Overs	Mdns.
Ferdinands	40	7	10 5/6
Johnston	21	3	6
Preston	14	1	4

2nd Innings.

(Time limit 1 hour.)

Preston's XI.

H. G. Dering c and b Battenberg	52
E. Todd c Bowden b E. S. Smith	1
Ferdinands not out	44
Extras	2

Total 99

King, Cooke Collis, Johnston, Preston, Forrest, Judge, Schnieder, Christie and Halls } did not bat

Bowling Analysis.

Runs	Wkts.	Overs	Mdns.
Sutton	35	—	6
Smith	23	1	4
Price	12	—	1
Bulner	18	—	2
Battenberg	9	1	1

Sutton's XI.

H. Price c Ferdinands b Johnston	5
H. E. Jones c Ferdinands b Todd	18
Bulner b Forrest	18
Sutton run out	0
Lowe hit wkt b Todd	8
Battenberg not out	4
Reis b Ferdinands	2
Voirol did not bat	—
Smith b Todd	3
Bowden c Preston b Ferdinands	0
Extras	10

Total 68

Bowling Analysis.

Runs	Wkts.	Overs	Mdns.
Ferdinands	15	2	3
Johnston	14	1	2
Todd	19	3	4
Forrest	12	1	3
Preston	—	—	1

A Turkish Fiction.

London, Dec. 26.—The Press Bureau says that the recent Turkish reports of the sinking of monitors in the River Tigris are untrue. No armed vessel has been sunk except two small river gunboats the abandonment of which was announced on Dec 4th.

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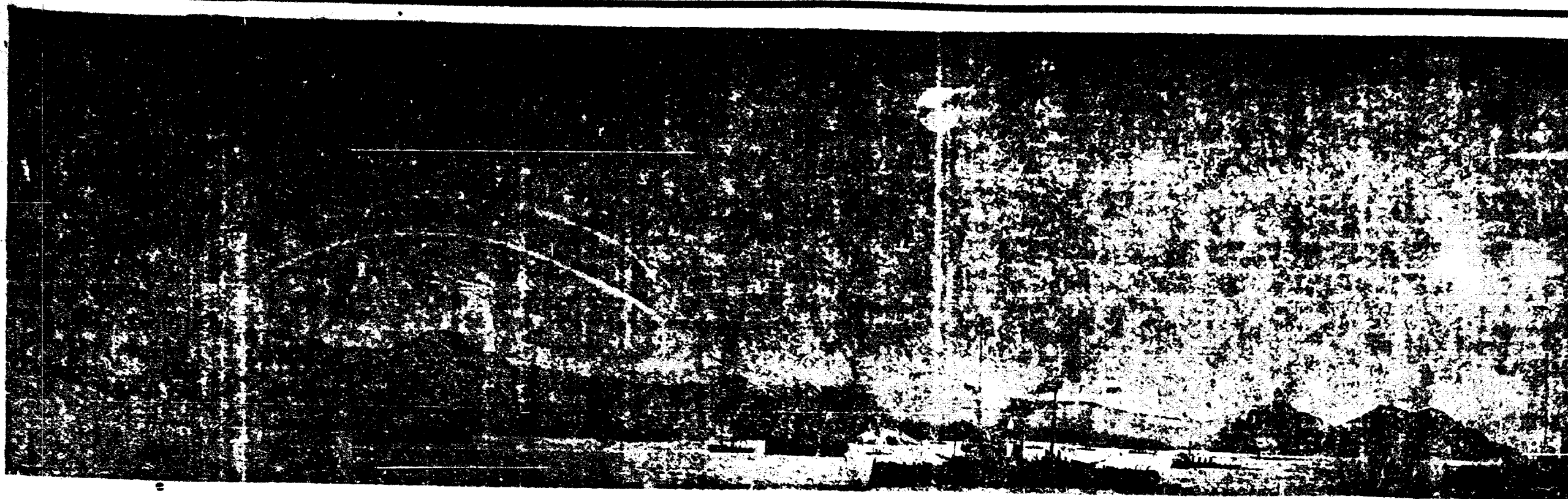
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M. Nakon Patom ... "	8.56	10.13	2.45	4.27		Prachuap Kirikan Arr.					2.26
Ban Pong ... "	9.33	10.55	3.26	5.38						9. 5	
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" ... Dep.	12.12	2.17				" ... Dep.			7. 5	11.54	
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Trang ... Dep.	a.m. 8.20	Singora ... Dep.	a.m. 7.30
Tung Song ... Arr.	11.22	Patalung ... Arr.	10.48
" ... Dep.	11.50	" ... Dep.	10.58
Nakon ... Arr.	12.40	Nakon ... Arr.	12.59
" ... Dep.	12.55	" ... Dep.	1. 5
Patalung ... Arr.	2.47	Tung Song ... Arr.	1.55
" ... Dep.	2.57	" ... Dep.	2.20
Singora ... Arr.	6.13	Trang ... Arr.	5.30
N. Srithamaraj ... a.m.	7. —	11. —	8.14
Ronpibun ... a.m.	8.25	—	—
Nong Wai-Tung Song (Only on Tues. 4.56 Thurs. 5.30)		Tung Song-Nong Wai (Only on Tues. 4.56 Thurs. 5.30)	
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Extracts from the Government Gazette.

Extraordinary, Dated 1 January 2458.

Whereas the position of Minister of the Interior is vacant and H. E. Phya Maha Amatya is ad interim Minister, it has pleased His Majesty to appoint H. E. Chao Phya Surasri Visuddhisakdi, Viceroy of Bayap to be Minister of Interior.

H. E. Phya Maha Amatya has been appointed Viceroy of the Western Circles and also Lord Lieutenant of Mondol Nagor Jaisri.

H. E. Chao Phya Sri Vichaya, Lord Lieutenant of Mondhol Nagor Jaisri, to be Assistant Minister of the Household.

H. S. H. Prince Bovoradej is appointed to the vacant Viceroyship of Bayap Circles and also Lord Lieutenant of Mondhol Bayap.

H. E. Chao Phya Surasri has been made Maha Sewok Ake and H. E. Phya Maha Amatya has been made, Maha Sewok Toh.

(2nd January 2458.)

The amount of expenditure in the Budget for the year was fixed at Tcs. 69,900,000, but in view of the work of deepening and improving the Klong Rangsit canals, the sum of Tcs. 280,200 has been by a Special Act added to the Budget expenditure aforesaid.

An order of the Minister of the Interior provides for registration of births and deaths for the Interior.

Golf Notes.

The winner of the 1915 championship is Mr. J. D. Powell, who beat Mr. F. Campbell by 2 up in the final round over 36 holes.

The new "Bogey" table shewing holes at which strokes shall be taken comes into force on Sunday, January 9th, and members entering for the competition should see the table before commencing play.

The winner of the special stroke competition on New Year's Day was Mom Luang Phongs Sanitwongse with a net score of 77. Members are reminded that the Annual General Meeting of the Golf Section take place at the Sports Club on Wednesday, January 5th at 6.15 p.m.

Football.

The following will represent England in the match England vs. Siam to be played at the R. B. S. C. ground on Thursday the 6th inst. —

Jenkins, Deacon, Sutton, Selley, Bowdon, Preston, Halls, Jones, Roberts (Capt.), Coleby, Cranmer.

Referee: Mr. D. Robertson.
K. O. 4.20 p.m.

The Pope's Hope.

London, December 24.—Rome: Cardinal Vannutelli, who headed the procession of Cardinals conveying Christmas greetings to the Pope, said that his Holiness was the most fitting to assist in restoring peace, right and justice.

The Pope, replying, regretted that the war spoiled the traditional rejoicing, and hoped that with the assistance of the Almighty and the prayers of the faithful, peace would soon reign.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Latest Renter's and Havas telegrams will be found on Pages 3 & 6.

THE household furniture and a pony and cart of Mr. R. W. Aston are for sale vide advertisement.

OUR report of the opening of the university has been held over till tomorrow owing to pressure on our space.

MR. R. W. Aston has been appointed Legal Adviser to the International Court at Chiangmai. He leaves this at the end of the month.

THERE were 834 deck passengers on the Kanchow and 431 on the Tungus both of which arrived from Swatow to-day.

A NOTICE put up at the British Legation announces the forthcoming marriage of Mr. J. A. Pierson Strachan, Manager of the United Engineers Ltd., to Miss Minnie Helen Lockyear.

THE s.s. "Kuala" left Singapore at 4 p.m. on Saturday the 1st inst., and may be expected to arrive at the Borneo Company's Wharf on Wednesday morning about 7 a.m.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Malay Peninsular Main line is interrupted between Prachuab and Chumpon. Local line is in good order. Tavoy line is imperfectly working with Rangoon. Other lines are in order.

THE following passengers arrived during the last few days: Dr. Due Petersen and Mrs. Petersen, Mrs. Warning, Miss Siddon and Capt. Andersen (of the "Yugala") by the "Profit," and Mr. Jourdan and Mr. Carstans by the "Donai."

THE following is an extract from the "Iron and Steel Trades Journal and Iron Trades Circular" of November 20th last:—"The possibility of adapting small Motors to replace horses for Canal Traffic was demonstrated on Wednesday by the Evinrude Motor Company, on a portion of the Birmingham Canal, before a gathering of representatives of the Midland Coal Trade and others interested in the transport by Canal. The experiment was conducted with one of the company's detachable Motors and some very satisfactory results were attained."

Siam's Trade.

The following approximate return, received from the Customs Department, shows the values of Imports and Exports during the month of December 1915:—

Imports.		
3 % Goods	Tcs.	5,068,670
Wine, Beer, & Spirits	"	134,040
Gold leaf Tcs.		70,000
Bullion & Coin	"	146,989
Opium	"	472,479
Total	"	5,887,178
Exports..		
Rice	Tcs.	6,821,475
Teak	"	307,716
Other goods	"	1,738,314
Total	"	8,867,505

Persian Cabinet Falls.

Teheran, Dec. 24.—The Cabinet has fallen. The Shah has nominated Firman Firman as Premier, a great diplomatic victory for the Allies.

THE

Great War.

British Official and Other Despatches.

The P. & O. Persia.

Struck Without Warning.

Official Telegram, British Foreign Office to H. B. M. Legation, Bangkok London, Jan. 3.

The Peninsular and Oriental steamship "Persia" was sunk by an enemy submarine in the Eastern Mediterranean at 1.30 p.m. on Saturday, with three hundred and fifty souls on board, including many women and children.

Without warning the submarine struck the liner and ships, and blew up the engines. There was no time to launch the boats, and everyone was swept into the sea, from which 178 survivors were rescued, only 59 passengers were thus rescued, of whom 17 only were women and two children.

Among the lost is Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, expert on motor traction, and McHeely, United States Consul at Aden. The ship carried little cargo and no war material.

[The Persia was a steamer of 8,000 tons.]

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Dec. 31.
London.—The steamer "Persia" was sunk on the 30th December on her way to Bombay. Most of the passengers and crew are missing.

Paris, Jan. 1.
London.—The survivors of the steamer "Persia" are classified as follows:—Passengers 59 of whom 17 are women; crew 35 Europeans and 39 lascars. The number of victims missing is 200.

The Glengale Sunk.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Jan. 3.
Yesterday we exploded munition depots and wrecked a blockhouse on the heights of the Meuse.

Petrograd.—Northeast of Tchernovitz we took 870 prisoners.

London.—The British steamer "Glengale" has been sunk. The passengers and crew have been saved with the exception of three Europeans and seven Chinese.

The Share Market.

(S. O. SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, Jan. 4.
Tin is quoted at \$82.62.
There is a further marked advance in rubber dollar shares while London wire reports say sterling are soaring.

Yasaka Maru Passengers.

(S. O. SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, Jan. 4.
The "Yasaka Maru" passengers aboard the "Andrelebon" are due at Singapore on the 17th instant. Japanese liners are now proceeding via the Cape.

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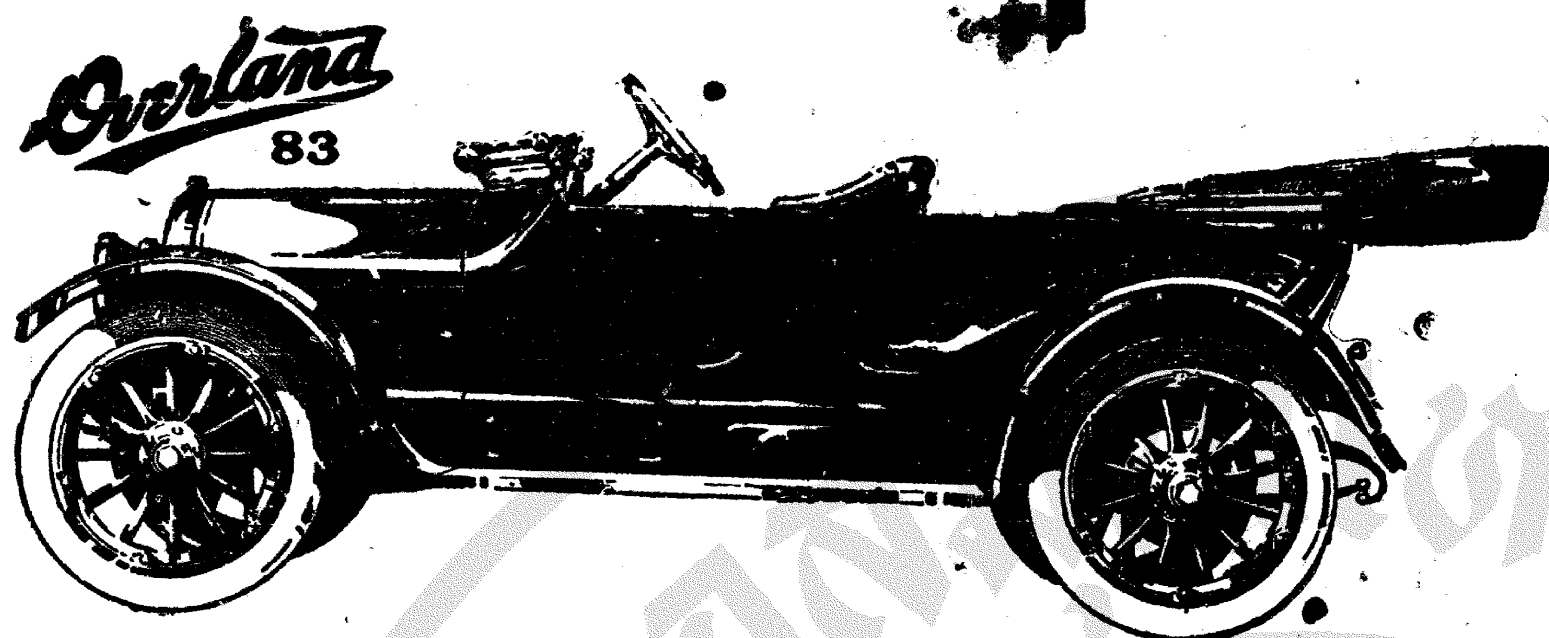
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THE Great War.

A Russian Advance.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 3.

Petrograd.—A communiqué says that the Russians advanced north of Olyk and occupied two lines of enemy trenches in front of the river Strypa.

King Constantine.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 3.

Athens.—King Constantine's wound from the last operation is giving trouble.

Specialists are again attending on the King whose general condition is described as good.

French Artillery Activity.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 3.

Paris Communiqué.—Between the Aisne and the Oise our heavy artillery silenced enemy batteries. South of Roye there was mine fighting. Between Soissons and Rheims there was great activity of French artillery.

The Tsar and King George.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 2.

King George has appointed the Tsar a British Field Marshal.

The Arrest of a Consul.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 2.

Athens.—The Central Powers, Bulgaria and Turkey have collectively complained to Greece concerning the arrest of the consul at Salonika. M. Skouloudis replied that a protest had already been lodged at London and Paris.

P. & O. Steamer Sunk.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 2.

Lloyds report that the P. and O.

Persia was sunk on December 31st. Most of the passengers and crew lost. The vessel was bound from London to Bombay.

London, Jan. 3.

One hundred and fifty eight of Persia's survivors have arrived at Alexandria.

French Submarine Sunk.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 3.

Paris.—A communiqué says that prior to the fight off Durazzo, the French submarine "Monge" was sunk by an enemy cruiser off Cattaro. The majority of the crew was rescued.

A French submarine sank an enemy transport in the Adriatic.

The Western Front.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Dec. 31.

A Paris communiqué reports that there have been artillery activity both sides in Belgium and Artois. French north of the Aisne destroyed a machine gun that was sheltered by a trench. Working parties likewise blew up two mines and a man post in the Argonne. The fighting continued.

Nipon Yusen Kaisha.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Dec. 31.

Owing to the loss of the s.s. Yashio Maru steamers belonging to the Nipon Yusen Kaisha will go henceforth in the Cape.

A Greek Protest.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Dec. 31.

Athens.—The Greek Government has been informed that detachments of French troops have been landed on the island of Castelloriza in order to facilitate the action of the Allies against Adelia. The Greek Government has protested.

H. M. S. Natal.

Official Telegram. British Foreign Office to H. B. M. Legation, Bangkok.

London, Dec. 31.

The Admiralty announces that H. M. S. "Natal" was sunk yesterday afternoon while in the Harbour as a result of an internal explosion. About 50 survivors are reported.

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The Indian Army.

London, Dec. 27.—The text of the King's message to the Indian Army Corps in France is as follows: "More than a year ago I summoned you from India to fight for the safety of the Empire and to honour my pledge word on the battlefields of Belgium and France. The confidence I then expressed in your sense of duty, courage and chivalry, you have since nobly justified. I now require your services in another field of action, but before he leaves France I send my dear and gallant son the Prince of Wales, who has shared with my armies the dangers and hardships of the campaign, to thank you in my name for your services, and to express to you my satisfaction."

"British and Indian comrades in arms, yours has been a fellowship in toils and hardships, in courage and endurance, often against great odds, in deeds nobly done, in days of ever memorable conflict. In a warfare waged under new conditions and peculiarly trying circumstances, you have worthily upheld the honour of the Empire and the traditions of my army in India. I have followed your fortunes with the deepest interest and watched your gallant actions with pride and satisfaction. You have borne the loss of men. Let me assure you that they freely gave their lives in a just cause for the honour of their sovereign and the safety of my Empire. They died as gallant soldiers, and I shall ever hold their sacrifices in grateful remembrance."

"You leave France with just pride in the honourable deeds you have already achieved, and with my assured confidence that your proved valour and experience will contribute to further victories in the new fields of action to which you go. I pray God to bless and guard you, and bring you safely, when the final victory is won, back to his own home, there to be welcomed with honour among your own people."

Cairo, Dec. 27.—General Maxwell, Commander in Egypt, replying to the King's message to officers and men, said: "Your armies in Egypt, drawn from the United Kingdom, the Dominions and India, unite in humble thanks for your Majesty's gracious and inspiring greetings. We are proud of the confidence placed in us, and the assurance that we are taking in the fight for victory."

London, Dec. 27.—The departure of the Indians from France is revealed in an official announcement stating: "There was a parade of the Indian Army Corps before its departure from France. The Prince of Wales delivered a message from the King Emperor. His message warmly thanked the Indian troops for their services, which were now required in another field of action."

Later.—The King's Message to the Indians takes pride of place in the newspapers and heartily endorse His Majesty's stirring words.

"The Times" says that the justice of the King's tribute to the services of the Indian Corps in France will be admitted, but to Indian soldiers, trench warfare under our leaden sunless western skies, with drenching rain in the winter months is extremely trying and there can be no question that the government has been well advised to transfer them to operations nearer their motherland.

The Telegraph says that so lofty a tribute been gallantly earned on many a field. His Majesty with his accustomed tact has clothed in memorable words the feelings all Englishmen as they watched the prowess of these loyal soldiers of the King. Whatever may be in store for the Indians, they have proved their incontestable worth on the western front.

The Daily Graphic says that Indians were hurried to the post of duty when there had no men ready to swell the ranks against the German hordes. An ideal awaited them in which they transcended expectations. They approved themselves, despite every handicap, the heirs of India's proudest fighting traditions. Even if they fought no more their glory is secure.

Lord Derby's Figures.

London, Dec. 27.—The political situation is most interesting. The Cabinet meeting to-day will presumably discuss the Derby figures, which it is expected will reveal the fact of the necessity of the fulfilment of Mr. Asquith's pledge, possibly leading to resignations of Anti-Compulsionist Ministers. Even a General Election is suggested. A compromise may be effected by giving the single men who remain untested another chance of joining voluntarily while a compulsory scheme is being prepared.

It is noteworthy that the Observer, recently a supporter of the Government, now accuses Mr. Asquith of procrastination and irresolution, and says that if he is unable to make up his mind to give the country the fighting lead for which it is longing, then Mr. Lloyd George, who stands for what the country wants, should take his share in both hands and appeal, like William, to the nation. The Observer says: "He would win clean out."

Cabinet Council.

London, Dec. 27.—The Cabinet met to-day. There was a large attendance.

Mr. Asquith returning from the country, where he had spent Christmas, and Mr. Lloyd George from the Clyde.

It is understood that the final results of Lord Derby's Campaign were considered, and Mr. Asquith will make a statement thereon shortly after the recess.

The unusual spectacle of a Cabinet on Boxing Day attracted a crowd.

Kitchener Cheered.

Most of the Cabinet Ministers entered the meeting unrecognized, but when Lord Kitchener drove up in his motor the crowd rushed across the street and cheered and waved umbrellas and handkerchiefs, even throwing their hats into the air. Mr. Lloyd George also had a hearty reception.

Major Winnie.

London, Dec. 27.—Major Churchill has returned to France.

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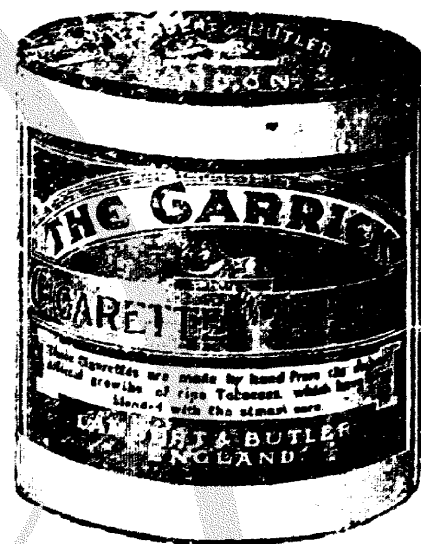
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Greece's Difficulties.

London, Dec. 23.—Athens: Germany has replied unfavourably to the request of Greece to prevent the Bulgarians from crossing the frontier. There are further reports of Bulgarian and German concentrations.

King Constantine is convalescent and has resumed audiences, but is much affected by the difficulties of the situation. Meanwhile, the Allies disembarkations continue.

London, Dec. 24.—Athens: The Greek public is very uneasy over the possibility of an extension of hostilities to Greek Macedonia, particularly regarding the composition of the invading forces. Greek military authorities, however, consider that imminent invasion is improbable in view of the fact that the Nish Uskub railway is inadequate for the transport of supplies, and is unsafe because the Austrians and Germans are insufficiently strong to hold it against the hostile Serbian population.

London, Dec. 24.—General Castelnau, chief of the French staff, has arrived at Salonika to inspect the front.

Salonika Positions.

Salonika, Dec. 26.—General Castelnau concluded an inspection of the Allied positions and had frequent interviews with the Anglo-French commanders to whom he expressed his satisfaction. Gen. Castelnau has gone

to Athens where he calls upon the King.

The Fate of Submarines.

London, Dec. 24.—It is announced that two German submarines have been sent by rail to Rostchuk and thence to Varna for the defence of the Bulgarian coast.

London, Dec. 24.—Divers searching for a wreck off the Danish coast in the Baltic Sea, were surprised to discover the remains of a German submarine lying at the bottom, evidently torpedoed.

London, Dec. 24.—A Rome telegram states that an Italian destroyer has rammed and sunk an enemy submarine in the Adriatic, also a large Austrian ship laden with arms, doubtless for the Albanians.

Part of the Reckoning.

London, December 24.—Mr. Asquith announces that the total British casualties, to December 9, were:

France, 371,517, of whom there were 4,829 officers and 77,473 men killed, and 1,699 officers and 52,685 men missing.

Other theatres, except the Dardanelles, 24,019, of whom 871 officers and 10,953 men were killed.

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