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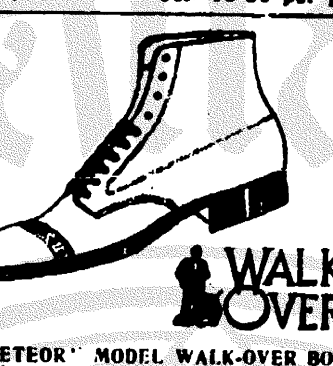
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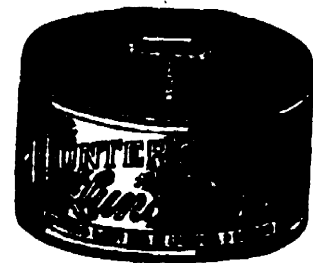
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wish to go to Gratz, but it is not wise to go, for grave disorders frequently occur. The shops there have been pillaged, and the cafes and bakeries have not a single pane of glass intact. Since yesterday the place has been in a state of siege. You cannot imagine the condition of the country."

An official Austrian circular issued in September says: "We have succeeded in resisting until the second harvest under the hardest conditions. The Ministry cannot allow the present moment to pass without calling attention to the unremitting tenacity of the enemy in its determination to achieve our economic annihilation, and the people are urged to practise the most rigid economy, realising that the situation is likely to grow still worse, rendering necessary the extreme efforts of the will to enable us to resist."

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Another Bohemian officer writes: "My companions are growing thinner daily. Hunger is our inseparable companion."

A Landsturm soldier says: "Our moral is vanishing rapidly, on account of hunger and suffering."

Official documents state that Germany is not able to spare any more munitions, that the Austrian munition factories lack raw materials, and that the Austrian shells are becoming increasingly ineffective because they are badly made."

The Murder of a Race.

How Armenians were Exterminated

The evidence available of the attempt of the Turkish authorities to exterminate the Armenian people has been obtained hitherto mainly from Armenian refugees, American Consuls and missionaries and, in cases, from missionary testimony. Muslim testimony has been cited at second hand, and could not, therefore, be expected to carry the weight with the Muslim world that would naturally attach to firsthand reports of reliable Muslim eye witnesses.

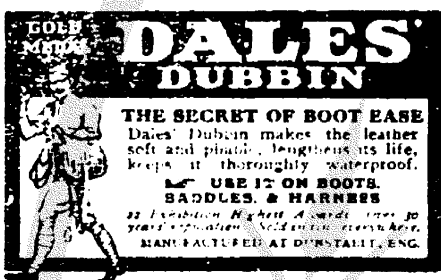
We have now received the personal narratives of two such Muslims, whose former official standing is known to us, and whose veracity we have carefully tested by personal examination. We append the gist of their reports, which necessarily cover only the occurrences which they themselves witnessed or heard of in their neighbourhood, and therefore relate only to a small portion of the atrocities actually committed.

Killed on the March.

In August, 1915 (relates the first eye-witness), I saw in the suburbs of Mush large numbers of dead bodies of Armenian men, women, and children lying in the fields. Some had been shot, some stabbed, and nearly all horribly mutilated. The women were mostly naked. In the same month I saw about 500 women, girls, and children, guarded by gendarmes, in a camp outside Bitlis. The gendarme said that these people were being deported, but that the orders were to let the "Shotas," or bands of Kurds, Turkish gendarmes, and criminals, deal with them on the way. The bands had been organized by the Government for the purpose of massacring the Armenians. At Bitlis I saw a number of Armenian bodies floating in the water. Some had been washed up on the banks. The smell was terrible and the water undrinkable.

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Locality.	Rainfall recorded during the week.	Rainfall of corresponding week of last year.	Total rainfall for present year to date.	Total rainfall for last year to corresponding date.	Remarks.
	Millimetres.	Millimetres.	Millimetres.	Millimetres.	
Ministry of Agriculture	None	None	1141.1	1233.6	
Dhanyaburi	"	"	977.5	1253.3	
Samudprakar	"	"	1881.1	1372.6	
Krung Kao	3.0	"	1214.8	1073.5	
Angtong	None	"	1451.8	1450.3	
Lobhuri	"	"	1508.6	1289.0	
Jainart	"	"	1414.6	1272.2	
Udaidhani	"	"	1475.1	1446.2	
Bianuloke	"	"	1809.1	1471.1	
Khazerngsao	"	"	1257.8	1213.1	
Prachin	"	"	1463.7	1550.4	
Nagor Pathom	"	"	1458.9	1564.3	
Rajburi	"	"	1237.8	1256.0	
Kisaraburi	"	"	1774.9	1722.4	
Bejnginat	"	"	1401.6	863.9	
Singora	"	"	1882.3	2190.0	

The Siam Steam Navigation Co. Ltd.

Notice is hereby given that the Seventeenth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in The Siam Steam Navigation Co. Ltd., will be held at the Company's Office (The East Asiatic Co. Ltd.'s Building) on Thursday the 15th. March 1917 at 4 p.m.

Business:
To receive and consider Statement of Accounts and Report of Directors and Auditor.

To sanction a Dividend.
To elect one Director.
To elect one Auditor.
To transact any other business that may be brought before the Meeting.

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CHAIRMAN.

1-2.

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23-2 M.

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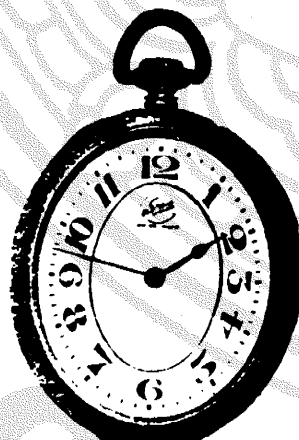


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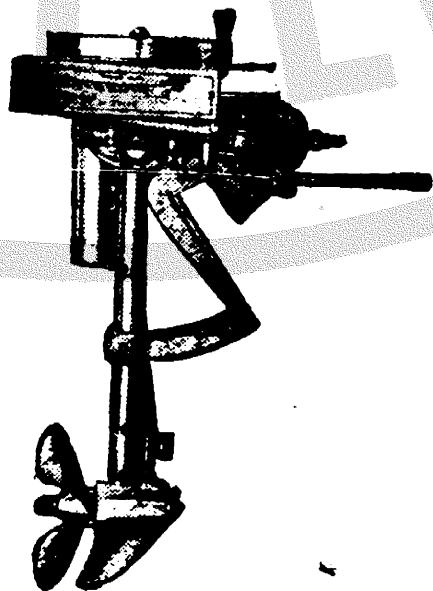
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The Siam Observer

THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 1917.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Time was when Bangkok possessed an unenviable reputation for unhealthiness, and the reports emanating from those foreigners who had the temerity to visit Siam were of a sort little likely to induce others to follow their example. But whatever may have been the conditions in the past, the Annual Report of the Bangkok Nursing Home, and the facts elicited at the meeting of the Committee of that excellent Institution which has just been held, prove that matters have changed for the better very greatly and that a repetition of statements alluding to former times would be a distinct libel on the Bangkok of the present day. There are those who maintain that the trend of modern civilisation is in the wrong direction, and that its tendency is to develop and exploit the material and grosser side of things with a misdirected enthusiasm that entails the neglect of the spiritual and nobler side. We agree that there is a certain amount of justification for this opinion, but no reasonable individual would be vain enough to suggest that the world is as yet in anything but a very imperfect and transitory stage. But though there is no need for us to starve the higher part of our nature and allow it to sink into atrophy, it is very necessary that, in order for it to have full scope, it should be given a thoroughly healthy vehicle through which to operate; and, whatever may be the shortcomings or the misdirected aims of modern civilisation, it certainly cannot be accused of not expending its best efforts towards this desirable end. At no period of earth's history as it is known to us has sanitary science approached within measurable distance of that stage to which it has attained in our era, and the results have been so marvellous and so fraught with benefit to mankind that many places hitherto deemed absolutely inimical to human life now show no more than the normal percentage of disease and deaths. The science of to-day has proved itself capable not only of turning the waste places of the earth into fields of abundant fruitfulness, but of exorcising the demons of insalubrity from regions over which they had hitherto held undisputed sway, and by the magic of its power rendering those areas as healthful and favourable to man's existence as any other. We do not think it is saying too much to affirm that Bangkok now is as salutary a place, from this aspect, in which to live as any in the East. On this point the residents have the testimony of their own experience wherewith to satisfy themselves that our contention is warranted by the facts. And if it be so it is entirely due to the enlightened ideas and the praiseworthy labours of the Government, which has consistently sought to raise the Siamese capital above reproach or suspicion in this connection. They have reaped the reward they deserve, and Bangkok has entirely lost, except amongst the ignorant and the ill-informed, that sinister notoriety which once was attached to its name. The reforms which have been carried out here so ably and to such admirable purpose will eventually be extended until the whole country is embraced within their field of operations; but much time must necessarily elapse ere the scheme can be carried out in all its fulness. However, as the old adage puts it, Rome was not built in a day, and we are well content to know that all that can be done is being done. We do not expect impossibilities, but we rest in the assurance that patience and perseverance will eventually win the day and crown with success the indefatigable efforts of His Majesty the King to promote the welfare and the consequent prosperity of the land over which he rules.

THE following passengers arrived by the s.s. *Katong* to-day:-Mr. J. S. Forrest, Mrs. Hoffman and Mr. H. M. Rose.

We would remind our readers that the exhibition of British Government Official War Films at the Phathanakorn Hall is throughout in aid of War Charities. We are asked to emphasise the notification at the foot of the advertisement on another page that there will be no free list while these films are being shown.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

THE Borneo Co., Ltd., have a new notice to consignees.

THE Seventeenth Ordinary General Meeting of the Siam Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., will be held on March 15th at 4 p.m.

THE s.s. *Katong* will leave from the Borneo Company's wharf at 4 p.m. sharp, on Saturday the 3rd inst., and should arrive in Singapore on Wednesday morning.

A PAMPHLET, which has been widely circulated in South Germany, demands the Kaiser's abdication as Emperor in favour of the Bavarian House, as a guarantee of lasting peace and cordial relations with Britain and France.

THE "Corriere d'Italia" says that Prince von Bulow, who has returned from Berlin, has stated that events of the utmost importance are imminent. It is understood that he is about to receive an important official mission.

Les Nouvelles of Maastricht learns that a decree of the Governor-General of Belgium has been issued ordering the seizure of copper, tin, nickel and bronze utensils used in kitchens; name-plates from business establishments, houses of doctors and lawyers, and door-knockers.

British Government War Films.

Grand Opening Exhibition Tomorrow At The Phathanakorn Hall.

The first display of the British Official War Films takes place tomorrow night at the Phathanakorn Cinema Hall, when the first series will be shown, which include "Britain Prepared", "The Grand Fleet in the North Sea", "Watch Dogs of the Empire in Action" and "The Battle of St. Eloi". Nothing more remarkable has ever been shown on any screen, and these wonderful pictures are more than an entertainment, they are a revelation and an inspiration. They bring home to the most sluggish imagination some conception of what human energy, courage and devotion, inspired by great ideals, can achieve.

"The Battle of Somme," which will be shown from Monday next, may be described as the greatest of War Sermons. It may not be enjoyable, it cannot be to those who have lost relatives in the great struggle; but it is an education and a visualization of the Great War which could be obtained by no other means.

To-night a special exhibition of these films will take place before His Majesty the King.

Siam Steam Navigation Co.

The following is the report of the Directors of the above Company for presentation to the shareholders at the seventeenth Ordinary General Meeting to be held at the Company's Office on Thursday the 15th of March:-

Your Directors have much pleasure in submitting to you the seventeenth half-yearly balance-sheet, showing a net profit of Ticals 324,381.83, including the balance of Ticals 33,706.39 from the preceding half-year, whereas it is proposed to utilize Ticals 67,417.99 as ordinary depreciation, being 6 2/3 per cent. per annum on the cost value of the steamers and 10 per cent. per annum on the cost value of launches, and other properties.

Following up the Company's policy of consolidation it is proposed to transfer Tcs. 100,000 to a "Special Reserve Fund against Contingencies," which your Directors consider necessary in view of the rise both of running expenses and costs of repairs and unforeseen expenditure in connection with the Company's building programme all occasioned by the effects of the European War leaving a balance of Ticals 156,963.84 to be divided as follows in accordance with the Articles of Association of the Company:-

5 per cent. Dividend to the Shareholders Tcs. 101,000.00, Remuneration to the Directors 2,325.69, Carried to Reserve Account 10,000.00. To be carried forward to next half-year 44,638.15. Total Tcs. 15,6963.84.

The Victory Loan

The following are among the large subscriptions to the Victory War Loan, and are mostly new money:-North Eastern Railway Co., £2,000,000; Edinburgh Life Assurance Co., Andrew Weir and Co., and the Equity Law Assurance Co., each £1,000,000; National Mutual Co. of Australia, £800,000; National Deposit Friendly Society £750,000; Sir Marcus Samuel, £500,000; Bristol Corporation, £450,000; Lady Wernher, £2,000,000. The latter is the record individual contribution. The total amount of the big subscriptions exceeds £103,000,000.

Court Circular.

ROYAL CAMP,
BODHARAM.

Monday, February 26.

This afternoon His Majesty the King reviewed the Wild Tiger Scouts, Boy Scouts and the Troops taking part in the manoeuvres. Scout General His Excellency Phya Prasiddhi Sabhakara, A.D.C., Assistant Commander of the King's Own Legion of Scout Guards, was in command of the Parade.

His Majesty rode from the Royal Camp attended by his Staff and proceeded on to the field of Bodharam, where the force then marched past the King in the following order:—

The Order of the March Past.

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Inspector-General of Scouts: Scout-General Phya Raja Manu, A.D.C.
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THE KING'S OWN REGIMENT OF MOUNTED SCOUTS.

Commanding Officer: Scout-Major Phya Throng Balarab, A.D.C. The King's Own Company: Scout-Captain Phya Prab Balasa, A.D.C., in command.

THE KING'S OWN REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY SCOUTS.

Commanding Officer: Scout-Major His Serene Highness Prince Magala Pravati, A.D.C.
The King's Own Company: Scout-Sub-Lieutenant Pan in command.
2nd. Company: Scout-Sub-Lieutenant Luang Surindra Deja, in command.

THE KING'S OWN CORPS OF TECHNICAL ARMS.

Commanding Officer: Scout-Lieutenant-Colonel Phya Asavadi, A.D.C.
The King's Own Company of Scout Messengers: Scout-Sergeant-Major Khun Dib Baijyot, in command.
King's Own Company of Scout Engineers: Scout-Captain Phya Sri Rathachakra, in command.

1ST (LIGHT) BRIGADE, SCOUT GUARDS.

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Chief of Brigade Staff: Scout-Major Phya Samag Rajakich, A.D.C.

THE KING'S OWN SCOUT RIFLES.

Commanding Officer: Scout-Major Chao Mun Sarabedh Bhakdi, A.D.C.
The King's Own Company: Scout-Captain Phya Banmak Nakanikara, A.D.C., in command.
2nd. Company: Scout-Lieutenant Ach Gritheja, in command.
3rd. Company: Scout-Captain Luang Abhiraksha Rajariddhi, in command.
4th. Company: Scout-Captain Khun Prasad Nandavida, in command.

THE KING'S OWN CORPS OF WILD TIGER CADETS.

Commanding Officer: Scout-Lieutenant-Colonel Phya Balarab Rajamanoh, A.D.C.

1st. Company (Royal Pages' College): Scout-Captain Luang Anusana Darunratna, in command.
2nd. Company (Royal Pages' College and King's College): Scout-Captain Luang Rajathama Nides, in command.

3rd. Company (Rifle Cadets): Scout-Sub-Lieutenant Luang Nandabarg Balanueith, in command.
4th. Company (Boy Scouts of Ayudhya, temporarily attached): 1st. Scout Master Khun Klan Vijasaw, in command.

MIXED BATTALION.

Commanding Officer: Scout-Lieutenant-Colonel Phya Vajit Jala-dhara.

The King's Own Corps of Sea Scout: Scout-Sub-Lieutenant Luang Navi Varasa, in command.

The Scoutmasters' Training Corps: Scout-Major Phya Mahadeb, A.D.C., in command.

2ND. (HEAVY) BRIGADE, SCOUT INFANTRY.

Commander of the Brigade: Scout-General His Serene Highness Prince Piyabutra, A.D.C.

Chief of Brigade Staff: Scout-Major Phya Rajavarindra, A.D.C.

THE KING'S OWN REGIMENT OF SCOUT GUARD INFANTRY.

Commanding Officer: Scout-Lieutenant-Colonel His Serene Highness Prince Jajavali, A.D.C.

The King's Own Company: Scout-Captain Chao Mun Sri Saraksha, A.D.C., in command.

2nd. Company: Temp. Scout-Captain Chamun Rajanatal, in command.
3rd. Company: Temp. Scout-Major Nai Cha Res, A.D.C., in command.

4th. Company (Boy Scouts of the North Western Provinces, temporarily attached): Scout-Sergeant Khun Ampuay Silpasasra, in command.

THE WESTERN (COMPOSITE TERRITORIAL REGIMENT (temporarily attached)

Commanding Officer: Scout-Major Phya Bejra Bisaya.

1st. Company (Nagor Jaisri Scouts): Scout-Lieutenant Cloy Sthirasomburna, in command.

2nd. Company (Rajaburi Scouts): Scout-Lieutenant Phya Saecha Bhiromya, in command.

3rd. Company (Nagor Jaisri Boy Scouts): 2nd. Scout Master Khong Lilaphalin, in command.

4th. Company (Rajaburi Boy Scouts): 1st. Scout Master Teng Suvarnaputra, in command.

THE KING'S OWN PALACE GUARDS.

(Attached to the K. O. Legion for Field Training.)

Commanding Officer: Major-General Phya Sarajja Kuddananda, A.D.C.
Battalion Commander: Captain Chamun Vajra Seni, A.D.C.

1st. Company: Captain Luang Phadech Sonzram, A.D.C., in command.
2nd. Company: Lieutenant Chek Ekayodhin, in command.

3rd. Company: Captain Luang Ram Bijay, A.D.C., in command.
4th. Company: Lieutenant The Honourable Sarva Vajrivongsa na Krungdeb, in command.

BANGKOK TERRITORIAL LEGION.

Commander of the Legion: Scout-General Chao Phya Yomarsaj, A.D.C.
Assistant Commander: Scout-Colonel Phya Gadadhara.

Chief of Staff: Scout-Lieutenant-Colonel Phya Bijaya Sougram, A.D.C.

THE KING'S OWN TERRITORIAL REGIMENT OF BANGKOK.

Commander: Scout-Major Phya Bidaksha Debnagor.

1st. Company: Scout-Captain Luang Bidaksha Prajala, in command.
2nd. Company: Scout-Lieutenant The Honourable Thavil Isarakura na Krungdeb, in command.

3rd. Company: Scout-Lieutenant Svadi Jomvongsa, in command.
4th. Company: Scout-Captain Phya Koeha Karavicharana, in command.

THE POLICE AND GENDARMERIE CADETS (COMPOSITE) ONE BATTALION (temp. attached).

Commander: Police-Major Luang Nagor Khetra Kshemeri.

1st. Company: Police-Captain Sanga Rakshitananda, in command.
2nd. Company: Police-Captain Charoen, in command.

3rd. Company: Police-Lieutenant Roek Eumavardhana, in command.
4th. Company: Police-Sub-Lieutenant Kham Sundaraphalin, in command.

BOY SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF BANGKOK.

Commanding Officer: Scout-Captain Phya Baisai Silpasasra, A.D.C.
Second-in-Command: Scout-Captain Phya Anubondha Sisyannasatra.

1ST BATTALION.

Commander: Scout-Captain Phya Prijannasana, A.D.C.

1st. Company: 3rd Scout-Master Khun Jana Bidyakich, in command.
2nd. Company: 3rd Scout-Master Khun Jana Darnsidya, in command.

3rd. Company: 3rd Scout-Master Khun Ach Vijasar, in command.
4th. Company: 1st Scout-Master Khun Klom Vijasasana, in command.

2ND BATTALION.

Commander: Scout-Lieutenant Luang Nibandh Nitisiddhi.

1st. Company: 2nd Scout Master Luang Visroeth Darunkich, in command.
2nd. Company: 3rd Scout-Master Badhana Bunnabhumma, in command.

3rd. Company: 1st Scout-Master Roy Musikabukka, in command.
4th. Company: 2nd Scout-Master Luang Sawu Thuk Rabob, in command.

After the March Past they took up their allotted positions for the final Rally. At the word of command the troops advanced at the double to the Rally and formed up close to His Majesty.

The order to "Present Arms" was given and the band played the National Anthem, while the troops cheered the King.

His Majesty was then pleased to command Scout-General Phya Prisdhidi Subhakara, Commander of the Parade, to convey the Royal message of commendation to all those present for their very satisfactory conduct in the manoeuvres.

At the close of His Majesty's address the troops saluted and cheered the King and the band played the National Anthem.

In the evening the King entertained all senior officers of both Legions to dinner at the Royal Camp.

Tuesday, Feb. 27.
This afternoon the members of the Scoutmasters' Training Corps, who had been trained at the personal expense of His Majesty, were received by His Majesty the King at the Royal Camp.

The King was graciously pleased to bestow certificates and clasps of special design on those who had been successful in the recent examination held at the Headquarters of the Honourable Corps of the Wild Tiger Scouts.

In the evening His Majesty entertained the officers of the King's Own Legion to dinner while the non-commissioned officers and men were entertained at supper.

On the next day His Majesty will leave for Samut Chandra by special train in the morning.

THE
Great War.

Activities of French Troops.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Feb. 26.

Our detachments penetrated the German lines near Villes-Tourbes. We destroyed dug-outs and took prisoners. We repulsed a surprise attack in the region of Soissons, north-east of Avo-court, and took prisoners. We brought down three hostile aeroplanes, and our air squadrons bombarded a munition depot near Spincourt, a hangar at Bazancay, the railway line Ars-Moselle and Bourseviller and Woelfling railway stations.

The British Advance.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Feb. 26.

The British continue to advance on an extended front, and the enemy has fallen back all along the Aisne. Serre and numerous other important localities have been occupied.

Mesopotamia.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Feb. 26.

The British crossed the Tigris, and captured 914 of the enemy in the district of Shamran.

Sinkings.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Feb. 26.

One French and one English steamer have been sunk, total 4,000 tons. A message from Bordeaux states that the American steamer *Orleans* has arrived at Gironde.

Here.—The Italian transport *Mios*, on the way to Salonika, has been torpedoed. Part of the troops on board were saved.

British War Loan.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Feb. 26.

London.—Mr. Bonar Law announced that the War Loan had realised one thousand million pounds sterling.

Continued Allied Success.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Feb. 27.

We penetrated the German lines south-east of Vailly, and took prisoners.

Laconia Losses.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Feb. 27.

The British mail steamer *Laconia* has been torpedoed, involving three deaths. Six seamen are missing. Two Americans died of cold.

President Wilson Roused.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Feb. 27.

Washington.—President Wilson, in his message to Congress, has demanded the right to arm merchant vessels.

Abstract of Foreign Trade.

Total number and tonnage of foreign steamers, and sailing-ships which have called at the Port of Bangkok during the month of February 1917.

Nationality of Flag.	Steamers No.	Tonnage.
Norwegian	19	15,803
British	18	16,920
Chinese	12	10,758
Japanese	10	10,055
French	13	2,709
TOTAL	72	56,245

Passengers	Cabin	Deck
from Singapore	39	146
" Hongkong	0	3
" Swatow	7	1651
" Hoikow	—	—
" Saigon	11	11
Total	57	1811
Grand total	—	1863

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The Meklong Railway.

To the Editor of the "Siam Observer."

Sir,—I have read the article in the Siam Observer, the 10th Ordinary General Meeting and find that nothing is mentioned about the question made by a Shareholder, as to what induced the Board to buy a space of land in Tachin for Ticks 8,000. If I remember right, the chairman said that the Board has the power to settle all business of the Company, and the Shareholders had no right to ask such questions.

The Shareholder then continued: the construction of the line was given in contract to a local firm, and why did the contractor not appropriate the land in Tachin which the Board later later bought for Ticks 6.56 per square wah, this high rate may have induced the Arbitrator to fix the rate of a piece of land close by at Ticks 3 per square wah, about 6 months ago.

These questions seemed to make the Chairman lose his temper. He said: you are out of order, we do not want to hear you, and commanded the Shareholder to sit down. As the Chairman already once was requested not to make any comments on the Shareholders, some of them got disgusted at the Chairman's language and behaviour and left the meeting room.

A member of the Board remarked, that this was a meeting to consider the balance sheet, and not to criticize the Directors. The amount paid for land bought, Ticks 8,000, and land appropriated, are standing in the balance sheet, and are therefore open to discussion, and the acts of the Directors are of course open to criticism.

A SHAREHOLDER.

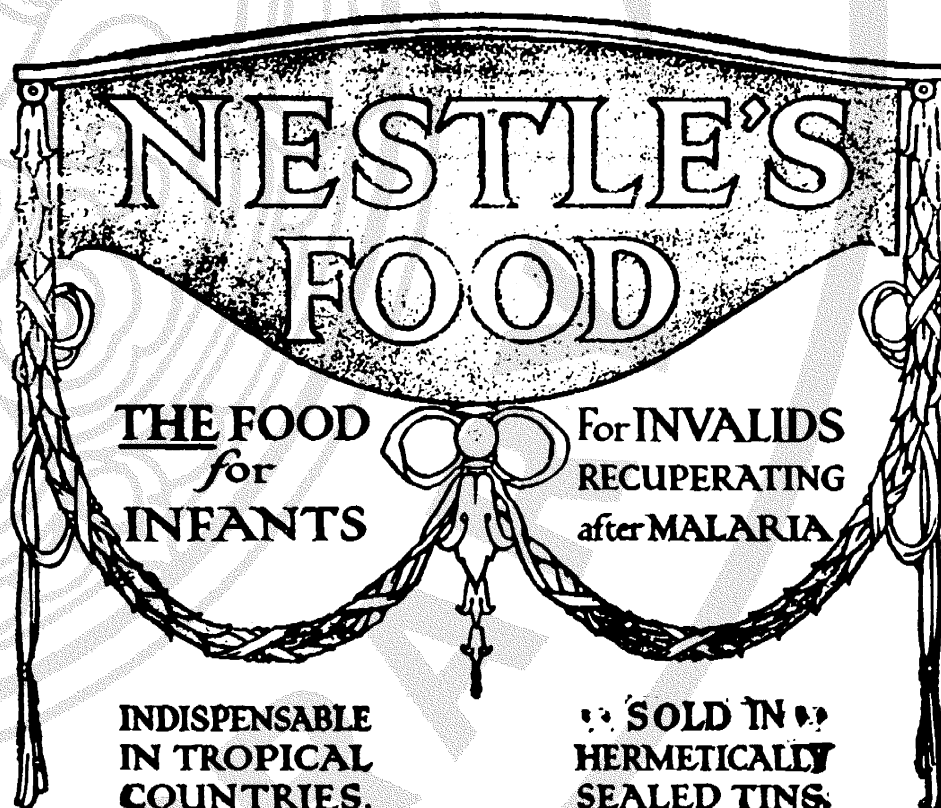
Bangkok, 1st March.

addition offer himself for re-election for the current year.

Comdr. Grun proposed and Mr. Gollo seconded that the report and recommendation of the Directors be adopted and that the dividend of 6 per cent. be made payable from the 15th March.

The motion was carried unanimously. Phya Boribon Raja Sambar and Mr. Kluzer who had retired from the Board were unanimously re-elected, and Mr. Alex. Donaldson was also re-elected auditor for the forthcoming year.

A vote of thanks to Chairman concluded the meeting.

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Air Warfare on the Western Front.

Losses in December.

Owing, no doubt, to the suspension of fighting on a large scale, and also to the recent bad weather, the number of aeroplanes destroyed or driven down in a more or less damaged condition on the Western battle front was smaller in December than in any previous month since June. In that month 72 British, French and German machines fell into one or other of these categories. For July the number was 165; August, 189; September, 322; October, 171; November, 112. Last month the number, according to the daily communiqués from British General Headquarters, the French Ministry of War and German Main Headquarters, was 94.

Of these 10 were British—admitted by General Headquarters: 63 were German; 21 were, if the enemy claims are trustworthy, French. There are no means of checking the German claims, because in the first place they are again, as a November, made in the most general terms, no date or place being named in the official reports and, next, because the French Ministry of War does not, like our General Headquarters, acknowledge losses in its Air Service.

The 63 German machines fell—35 to British airmen and 28 to French. Nine of the 35 were destroyed, one came down out of control and almost certainly wrecked, nine were driven down in a damaged condition, and 12 made forced landings. Practically all the 63 fell in aerial fighting, and it is a fair assumption from the particulars furnished in the French communiqués that a large proportion of the 28 conquered by French airmen were destroyed. The German victories were won partly in air fights and partly by anti-aircraft gunfire, but there is no indication of the respective proportions.

Two of the machines included in the total of 94—one French and one German—were lost as the result of a collision during a fight.

During the month the leading French airmen have achieved a number of new successes. Lieutenant Guynemer has won two victories, making 35 in all, and still keeps his place at the top of the list. But he is closely followed by sub-Lieutenant Nugesser (21), Adjutant Donne (17), and Lieutenant Heurteaux (16), who heads the monthly record with three victories. The French have lost, during the month, the distinguished squadron-commander, Captain de Beauchamp, the hero of the Essen and Munich raids, while the German Air Service, which, since

November, has lapsed into an anonymity as absolute as that of our own Flying Corps, has to record the death of Lieutenant Jeffers. Both airmen were killed in fights.

Paris, January 1.—The "Matin," in a record of aerial warfare in 1916, states that 900 enemy aeroplanes were brought down, the French accounting for 450 and the British 250. Of 81 observation balloons brought down, 40 fell to the French and 27 to the British. The Allies carried out 750 bombardments, of which France was responsible for 250 and Great Britain for 180, and 174 took place in Macedonia. E.g.

Germany and Her "Deadly Electric Wire."

In the "Frankfurter Zeitung" of December 31, is a remarkable front-page article entitled, "The Rhythm of the World War," which contains a veiled warning to the remaining small States of Europe not to oppose the will of Germany. They are admonished not to brush against "the deadly electric wire which protects Central Europe." The article is of striking interest read in connection with Lord French's statement.

The author of the article is Professor Friedrich Meinecke, the politico-historian of the University of Freiburg-im-Breisgau. At the conclusion of an historical review of the war, which he, of course, treats as having resulted everywhere victoriously for Germany, Meinecke says:

"It was our situation which dictated our course of action. We, the attacked, had to match against superior physical means our moral, political, and scientific superiority and our foresight. But the war has meantime produced still another eventuality which we can include among its legitimate results. We have proved with grievous regularity on every occasion that the same neighbouring Powers reckoned falsely when, relying on the physical superiority of our enemies, they either leaned on them or formally allied themselves with them. Woe to the small peoples who would lay hands on us ('die sich an uns vergriffen wollen')!"

"The fact of Belgium, Serbia, Montenegro, and Rumania, who desired to participate in the marauding expedition of the stronger Powers, will teach the small States of Europe, long after the war, that they will touch the deadly electric wire which protects Central Europe at the peril of their lives. This lesson, too, must be included among the 'real guarantees' which Europe requires in order that peace in future may be secured."

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The Murder of a Race.

(Continued from Page 3.)

own request, been shot in a cave near by.

On my way back from Zaart to Mush there were 500 Armenians herded together in a stable near Mush and locked in. Through an opening in the roof the gendarmes threw flaming torches; I saw the flames and heard the screams of the victims, all of whom were burned alive.

At Mush the streets were strewn with Armenian bodies. Whenever an Armenian ventured out he was killed on the spot. Neither the old, the blind, nor the sick were spared.

On the way from Mush to Hinis I saw piles of Armenian bodies at short intervals in the fields by the roadside. Between Hinis and Sherkis-Keni I saw two ravines filled with Armenian corpses, mostly men. There were about 400 in each ravine. Another ravine was filled with the bodies of little children. At Kara Shaban I saw a large number of Armenian bodies floating on the river Murad.

This is what I saw. At Erzingan I was told that wholesale massacres had taken place there, and in the whole country round. Besides those whom the Turks had killed and burnt alive, thousands were thrown into the Euphrates. Many drowned themselves out of fear of a worse death.

An Imperial Order

The second eye witness, also a Muslim, stated:—

In April, 1915, an order came from Constantinople to Erzerum, where I was quartered, that the Armenians inhabiting frontier towns and villages should be deported into the interior. I saw large convoys of Armenians go through Erzerum. In May I was transferred to Trebizond. In July an order came that all the Armenians of that vilayet should also be deported to the interior. As I was a member of the Court-martial I knew that deportation meant massacre. Besides the deportation order, an Imperial Iradeh commanded that all deportees, when caught, should be shot without trial. A secret order, however, said "Armenians" instead of "deportees." A "fetva" from the Sheikh ul-Islam accompanied the Iradeh, saying that the Armenians had shed Moslem blood, and that it was lawful to kill them. I heard that all Armenian men were being massacred on their way into the interior. They were lined up on the edge of ditches, prepared beforehand, shot, and thrown into the ditches. The women and children were attacked by organized bands, called "Shotas", plundered, outraged, and murdered. The children, of whom the Government had taken charge, were also massacred. At Trebizond the children, whom the American Consul had taken charge of, were removed, taken out to sea in boats, stabbed, put into sacks and thrown into the sea. Some of their bodies were afterwards washed up on the shore.

In July I was ordered to accompany a convoy of Armenians, the last batch from Trebizond. It consisted of 120

men, 700 children, and about 400 women. I took them to Gumishkhan. Here the men were removed and, as I heard afterwards, all killed. I was ordered to take the women and children to Erzingan. On the way I saw thousands of unburied Armenian bodies. Several bands of "Shotas" met us, and asked me to hand over the women and children to them. I refused. I did leave about 200 children with Moslem families, who were willing to take care of and educate them. From Erzingan I was ordered to go to Kamach, where, however, the authorities refused to take charge of the women and children. I became ill, but was told that as long as the Armenians were alive I should be sent from one place to another. Finally my batch was included in another batch that had come from Erzerum in charge of Mohamed E. Tadi of the gendarmerie. He told me afterwards that on leaving Kamach in the Euphrates Valley a band of "Shotas" stopped the convoy, ordered the escort to withdraw, and then shot every Armenian and threw the bodies into the river.

At Trebizond Moslems were warned that they would be liable to the death penalty if they sheltered Armenians. The best looking women were picked out by Government officials, outraged, and murdered.

At Kamach I saw in prison the Kurdish chieftain Murza B. Y. I asked him why he was there. He said, "I have killed 70,000 Armenians, and now they have arrested me for striking a gendarme." He was afterwards secretly executed.

In reply to a question as to the reason for these massacres, this eye witness stated that they were ordered as a part of the settled Young Turkish policy of exterminating the non-Turkish races of the Ottoman Empire. The motive was political, not religious. It was inspired by the "Pan Turanian idea." He saw no German officers actually connected with the massacres, but the German military authorities in Turkey knew of them and made no attempt to stop them.—EX.

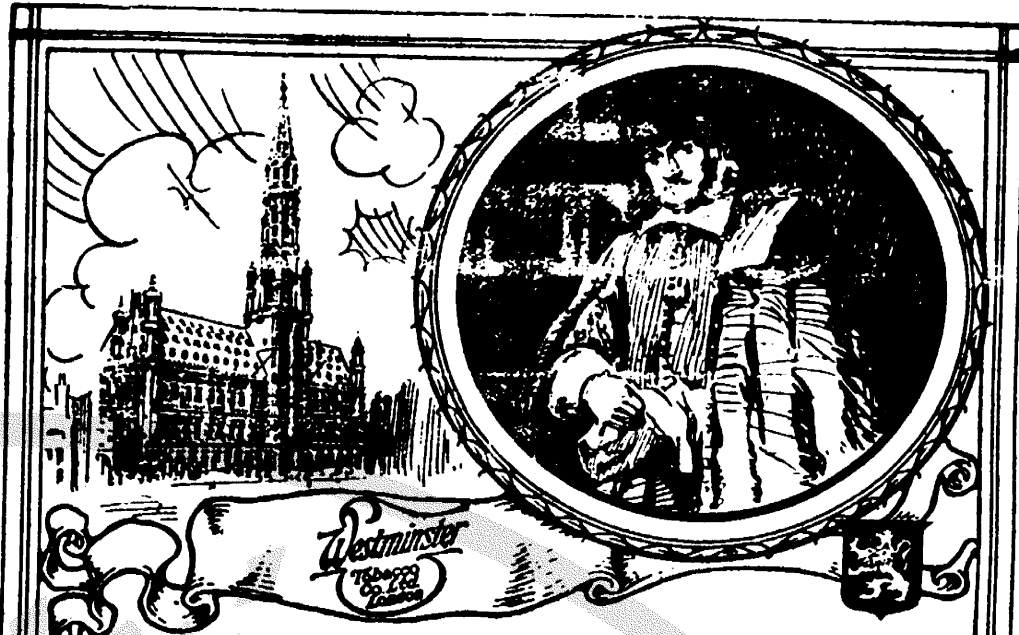
Spectacle for Bukharest.

Harbin, Jan. 31.—A telegram from Bukharest reports that the Central Powers are planning a big celebration at Bukharest of their victory over Rumania, the object being to impress the peoples of the Balkan States. The rulers of Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey, Bulgaria, Bavaria, and Saxony, and Enver Pasha will be present.

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Another report says that the rulers of Austria-Hungary and Germany will sign an important diplomatic agreement on the occasion.

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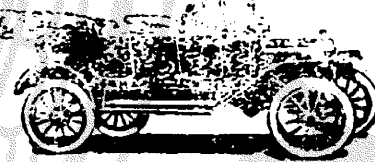
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Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

The Report of the Court of Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation for the year ended 31st December, 1916, has now been issued. The net profits for that period, including \$3,027,219.83, balance brought forward from last account, after paying all charges, deducting interest paid and due, and making provision for bad and doubtful accounts and contingencies, amount to \$10,165,665.16. A sum of \$500,000 has been transferred, on the recommendation of the Directors, from the Profit and Loss Account to credit of the Silver Reserve Fund, which Fund now stands at \$18,500,000. \$750,000 have been written off Bank Premises Account, and \$600,000 allowed for depreciation in securities. After making these transfers, deducting the Interim Dividend of £2.3/- per Share, paid on 14th August last, and Remuneration to Directors, there remained for appropriation \$5,821,187.55. Out of this a final Dividend of £2.3/- per Share is being paid, also a Bonus of Ten Shillings Sterling per Share, and the balance of \$3,166,578.85 has been carried to New Profit and Loss Account.

Empire's Post-War Trade.

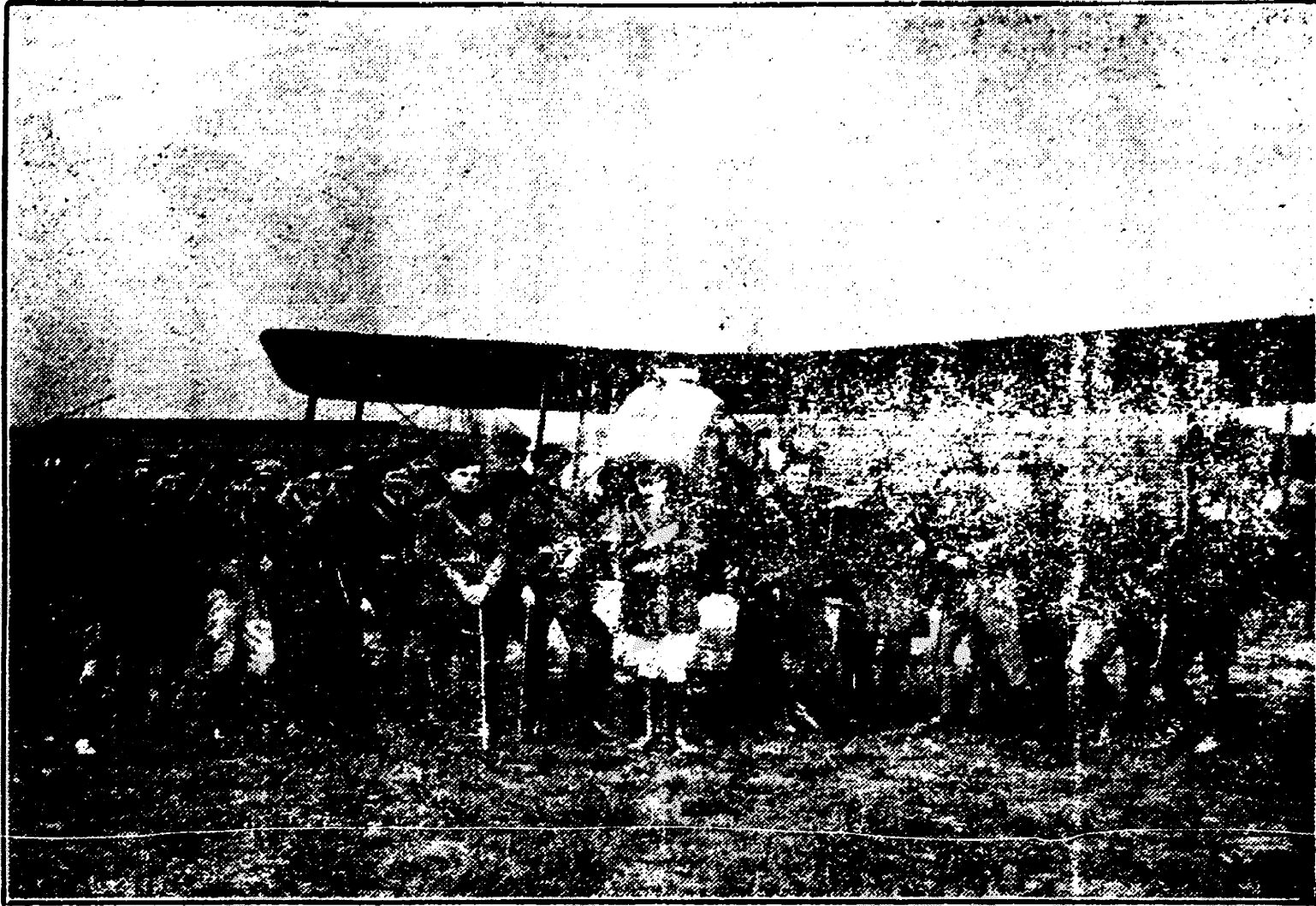
London, Feb. 22.—Lord Balfour of Burleigh's report on Imperial trade is variously commented on. The Morning Post rejoices at its unanimity, giving evidence of the educational influence of the war which has reduced old divisions to their true proportions.

The Times refers to the striking unanimity and largeness of the views of the committee, which encourage a confident hope of the agreement of the Imperial Conference.

The Daily Mail says the war has ended the preference controversy for ever. Mr. Lloyd George who has been trusted by the Empire as perhaps no statesman has before, may be trusted to see that the new recommendations do not remain a dead letter.

The Daily Chronicle says few will disagree with the committee's first resolution and agreement may not be difficult on the second, but the third means a direct plunge into the old Chamberlainite policy with additional complications due to the fact that we have now got Allies.

The Daily News says a more surprising document can rarely have been issued and the whole discussion is really absurd at the present stage. The war has not changed hard facts whereon fair trade and its allies have hitherto come to grief.



BRITISH OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN AT THE FRONT IN FRANCE.
Group of our Gallant airmen in front of one of our Machines.

The Imperial Councils.

Melbourne, Feb. 22.—The Government has approved a delegation to the Imperial Conference consisting of Mr. Hughes, Sir W. H. Irvine and Sir J. Forrest. The date of departure is unfixed.

London, Feb. 22.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Walter Long announced that he would represent the Crown Colonies at the Imperial War Conference.

London, Feb. 21.—In the House of Commons, Mr. Chamberlain stated he would be the only representative of India who would be a member of the Imperial War Cabinet for the purpose of special sittings, but his colleagues from India, generally speaking, would accompany him in the sittings and take

such part in the deliberations as the subjects under discussion required. He stated that the Viceroy had informed him that Indians would be eligible for commissions in the Indian units of the new Indian force as soon as they were qualified for that.

Referring to steps being taken to develop the resources of India for war purposes, Mr. Chamberlain said that inquiries showed that India was able and very anxious to render substantial assistance in many directions, and special measures were being taken to supply munitions direct to the forces in Mesopotamia and the Eastern spheres of operations, in order to relieve Home industries and shipping. Mr. Chamberlain is communicating with the War Office and the Ministry of Munitions in order to secure that Indian help

should be given in a most effective way.

Submarinism and World's Shipping.

New York, Feb. 21.—Lord Robert Cecil interviewed by the Associated Press said submarinism had hitherto had very little effect on the imports of the United Kingdom but it had interfered to some extent with the trade of neutrals. Some of the Scandinavian and Dutch trans-Atlantic lines were now afraid to call at United Kingdom ports in order to be searched and thus avoid trouble of search at sea. The British Government had consequently arranged that such ships should be searched at Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Amsterdam, Feb. 20.—The Netherlands Shipping Company, Rotterdam, will shortly resume its services with eight passenger steamers between Java and San Francisco, touching at Hongkong, Nagasaki and Honolulu and connecting with the Holland-America line at New York.

London, Feb. 21.—The report for 1916 of Liverpool Steamship Owners Association says Britain's ocean going tonnage has been reduced by less than five per cent in 2½ years of war. It says these figures show the futility of the German blockade.

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