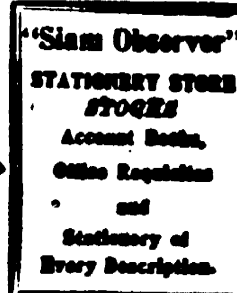


The Siam Observer.



FIRST DAILY TO BE PUBLISHED IN SIAM.

VOL 44. NO. 97

BANGKOK SATURDAY, MAY 4, 1918.

PRICE 25 SATANGS

STEAMER SAILINGS.

K. P. M.

Service to

AUSTRALIA

Special 5000 Tons Tourist Steamers • calling at
• BATAVIA, SOERABAYA, PORT DARWIN, PORT MORESBY, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE • vice versa
From Singapore in connection with the special fast saloon steamers
Melchior Treub and Rumphius.
For particulars apply to

DIETHELM & Co., LTD.,
Agents

BURNS-PHILP-LINE

SINGAPORE-JAVA-AUSTRALIA
(MONTHLY SERVICE)
CALLING AT
Batavia, Samarang, Sourabaya, Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Brisbane and Sydney via Torres Straits.
Through booking to all Ports in Australia and New Zealand.
For freight, passage, full particulars and Guide Books, etc., apply to
THE ARRACAN COMPANY, LTD.
AGENTS

KWONG ON CHEONG

HIGH CLASS TAILOR,
Opposite Oriental Avenue on the NEW ROAD.
Executes all kinds of Tailoring in the latest fashions.
Send Post Card, and he will wait on you personally.

HARP HENG LONG

We beg to inform the Public that we have just opened our shop in Jawarat Road, Nos. 104-109. We have received a large stock of Iron and Brassware, Paint and Oils, &c., &c. House and Boat Builders and Contractors are invited to pay us a visit.
Our prices are very moderate.

Lloyd de France Insurance Co., Ltd.

Incorporated in France.

ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT
THE USUAL

FIRE RISKS, MARINE INSURANCE, AND WAR RISKS.

For detailed particulars apply

Malcolm Beranger.
AGENT

SPECIAL DISPLAY on MONDAY.

DEBENHAMS
DAINTY
ELIGHTFUL

VOILES.



The latest productions of
Messrs. Debenham & Co.
have just arrived.

The Voile is the highest quality, soft as silk, while the designs are beautiful. Wonderful combination of colours, each a work of art. Included in this special shipment are new shades in Nattier blue, Flame, Wine, Grey Mauve, Champagne, etc. Width 38 inches.

Prices Tcs. 2-75, 2-95, and
3-25 per yard.

Samples gladly posted to any address.

New and Fresh Stock

IN ALL

Departments

AT

WHITEAWAY'S.

**WHITEAWAY,
LAIDLAW & CO., LTD.**

P. & O.-BRITISH INDIA

AND

APCAR LINE

(Companies incorporated in England)

Mail and Passenger Services.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL S. N. CO.

(Under Contract with H. B. M.'s Government)

The Company's MAIL SERVICES EAST OF BOMBAY
are at present suspended.

The Company's INTERMEDIATE SERVICES TO AND FROM LONDON
are at present suspended.

Passengers for Europe are booked via Bombay as opportunity offers
and as far as accommodation is available

The P. & O. Company shall be at liberty to cancel any of their obligations
in the present state of affairs and hold themselves free from all liability.

THE BORNEO COMPANY, LTD.
Agents.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Japanese Mail Steamship Company.

Full particulars as to

Sailing Dates,

Passage Rates,

Accommodation

&c., &c.

May be had on application.

Round the World Tickets issued in either direction.

THE BORNEO COMPANY, LIMITED.
Agents.

ALHAMBRA CIGARS.

THE BEST MANILA CIGAR.

A very fine selection of Manila Cigars

Now on Show.

Damas.

Have convinced many smokers
that the best Cigars are no
always gauged by their price.

A short smoke at a small cost.

Per box of 100 Cigars. Tcs. 4-50.

AGENTS

FOR

SIAM.



AGENTS

FOR

SIAM.

THE EAST ASIATIC CO., LTD.

Bangkok-Europe Line

THE SIAM STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

West coast Mail Service.

For Prachuab, Jumbor, Taku, Langsuan, Bandon, Nagar, Sridharmaraj, Songkhla, Pattani, Panarat, Saiburi, Naradhiwas, Takbai, Kelantan, Becho, Semarak, Bisut, Tringgana, Kretay and Singapore.

Departures from Bangkok

s.s. "Suddhadib"	...	...	4.5.18.
s.s. "Prachatapok"	...	...	11.5.18.
s.s. "Asdang"	...	...	18.5.18.
s.s. "Suddhadib"	...	...	25.5.18.

East Coast Mail Service.

For Sriraja, Kohsichang, Koh Pra, Bayong, Koh Samut, Ohandaburi, Van Yao, Lem Ngob, Krat & Koh Kong

Departures from Bangkok

s.s. "Ohutadutah"	Wednesday noon	not calling at	Krat
s.s. "Krat"	Saturday	"	" Kohsichang & Koh Kong.

All the steamers are fitted throughout with Electric Light and have excellent Accommodation for First Class Passengers.
For Freight, Passage and Particulars apply to

THE EAST ASIATIC COMPANY, Ltd.
Managing Agents.

BANKING COMPANIES

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE

Head Office: 15 bis Rue Laffitte, Paris.
Capital Frs. 48,000,000
Reserves " 48,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS

M. Baron Helyd'Ollet, Chairman.
A. de Mesplazet, Deputy Chairman.
M. E. Hethenot
P. Desvignes
H. Guenest
L. Masson
G. Sarnat
Edgard Stern
M. P. Boyer
A. de Germiny
A. de Tregomail
Roume
Stanislas Simon
Managing Director—M. Stanislas Simon
Joint Manager—Thion de la Chaux
Governance Supervisor—M. Demartial

Branches and Agencies.

Bangkok Hanoi Pondicherry
Batambang Montze Saigon
Canton Tientsin Shanghai
Hankow Hongkong
Haiphong Peking Tourane
Noumea
Pnom-Penh

Bankers.

Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris.
Credit Lyonnais.
Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas.
Credit Industriel et Commercial
Societe Generale.
The Union of London & Smiths Bank, Ltd., London.

Bangkok Agency.

Transact banking and exchange business of every description—discount local bills—grant credit on approved securities—issue letters of credit available in the principal cities of Europe, Asia, Africa and America—receive deposits on current account and allow 1 per cent. per annum interest on daily balances—receive fixed deposits according to arrangement.

J. DEMAY, Acting Manager.

The Siam Commercial Bank Ltd.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

PAID UP CAPITAL
TICALS 3,300,000

BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

H. E. Phya Jaoyon Sombati
H. E. Phya Boribun Rajasombati
H. E. Phya Boribun Koonkorn
Luang Riddhi Narongron
H. E. Phya Choduk Rajasethi
G. H. Ardron
H. E. Phya Suphan Sombati
(National Provincial Bank of England Ltd., London.
Bankers } Swiss Bank Corporation.

AGENTS:—
New York & Japan—International Banking Corporation.
France & Bombay—Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris.
Calcutta—International Banking Corporation.
Hongkong & Singapore—International Banking Corporation.
Netherlands Trading Society.
Penang—Netherlands Trading Society.

The Institution buys, sells, and collects Bills of Exchange on Europe, America, India, China and Japan and transacts every description of Exchange and Banking business.

Current Account Deposits at 1% on daily balances.
Rates of Interest allowed on the fixed deposits may be ascertained on application.

Safe-Deposit Lockers let to the public at monthly rental.
Apply for particulars.

Office hours ... 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturdays ... 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

G. H. ARDRON,

Manager.

Bangkok, March 6, 1918.

Chartered Bank

OF INDIA AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER.

PAID-UP CAPITAL ... £1,200,000
RESERVE FUND ... £2,000,000
FURTHER LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS ... £1,200,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Sir Montagu Corahs Turner, (Chairman)
Sir Henry S. Cunningham, K. O. I. E.
Thomas Cuthbertson, Esq.
Sir Alfred Dent, K.C.M.G.
William Henry Neville Goshen, Esq.
The Rt. Hon. Lord George Hamilton, G.C.B.
W. Foot Mitchell, Esq.
Lewis Alexander Wallace, Esq.

Current Accounts are opened and interest allowed at 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balances.

Deposits are received for fixed periods at rates which can be ascertained on application.

G. B. ALLEN,

Agent.

Bangkok, July 1, 1909.

BANKING COMPANIES

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID UP CAPITAL ... \$15,000,000
RESERVE FUNDS.
STERLING £1,500,000 @ 2/4=£15,000,000
SILVER ... 19,500,000

24,500,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PROPRIETORS \$15,000,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak.—Chairman.
G. T. M. Edkins, Esq.—Deputy
F. C. Butcher, Esq. C. S. Gabbay, Esq.
A. H. Compton, Esq. Hon. Mr. D. Landale.
S. H. Dodwell, Esq. E. V. D. Farr, Esq.
W. L. Pattenden, Esq.

HEAD OFFICE.

HONGKONG.

CHIEF MANAGER.

N. J. STABB.

BRANCHES AND AGENCIES

Amoy Ipoh Peking
Bangkok Johore Penang
Batavia Kobe Hongkong
Bombay Kuala Lumpur Saigon
Calcutta London San Francisco
Canton Lyons Shanghai
Colombo Malacca Singapore
Fookow Manila Sourabaya
Hankow Nagasaki Tientsin
Hongkong New York Yokohama
(Shanghai)

BANKING AGENCY

INTEREST Allowed on current accounts at the rate of 1 per cent per annum on the daily balances.

FIXED DEPOSITS are received on terms which can be ascertained on application.

Letters of credit issued available in the principal cities of the world.

Drafts granted. Bills negotiated or sent for collection and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Office Hours - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturdays - 9 " 12 noon
E. W. TOWNEND,
Agent.

The Bangkok Auctioneering Company.

Give notice to all their customers that those who intend to send in goods for sale at the weekly auctions should do so one day previous to the sale.

Sales are held weekly at their Rooms on every Saturday.

COMMENCING AT 2 P. M. SHARP.

Goods of all descriptions are obtainable at these sales at bargain prices.

Corner of ASSUMPTION SQUARE, NEW ROAD.

THE

Siam Observer.

THE OLDEST AND LEADING DAILY

NEWSPAPER IN SIAM.

Eight-Page English Edition.

Subscriptions Ticals 50

per annum or Ticals 5

per mensem for

English Edition.

Ticals 25 per annum for Siamese Edition.

"Weekly Mail"

(WEEKLY EDITION IN ENGLISH)

Ticals 20 per annum.

"Siam Maitri"

(WEEKLY EDITION IN SIAMESE)

Ticals 12 per annum

Advertising Rates.

PER INCH.

One insertion ... Tols. 2.00
Two insertions ... " 3.25
Three " ... " 4.50
Four " ... " 5.25
Five " ... " 6.00
Six " (one week) ... " 6.75
Two weeks ... " 9.15
Three " ... " 11.55
Four " (1st month) ... " 13.00

Contract rates can be obtained on application to the manager.

Alterations and additions to advertisements on Pages 2, 3, 6 and 7, must be sent to the Office not later than 10 a.m. New ADVERTISEMENTS must be sent before noon.



Kill Pain Before Pain Kills You

Attacks of neuralgia, constant pain or the dread of the sudden shooting pains, are a continual wear and strain on the vital forces of the sufferer. Unless relief is obtained a breakdown is sure to follow.

Little's Oriental Balm

brings certain and speedy relief to all who suffer from external aches and pains. It can save your life and the lives of your family or friends.

Better still, it makes you WANT TO LIVE. Rub in Little's Oriental Balm—it kills pain.

Agents for Bangkok The British Dispensary New Road and Seakak.

MARTIN'S CAPROL STEEL PILLS

A French Remedy for all Irregularities. Thousands of women have found relief from the most distressing symptoms of irregularity of the system a remedy does not cure, but restores the system to its normal state. At all Chemists and Druggists or post free, see enclosed card. KAPROL STEEL PILLS, P.O. BOX 125, PARIS.

TIDE TABLE.

DEPTH OF WATER ON THE BANGKOK BAR.

FOR MAY 1918.

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

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

PHASES OF THE MOON.

May 4th (Last Quarter 5 h 8 m a.m.
10th New Moon 7 h 43 m p.m.
18th First Quarter 2 h 56 m a.m.
25th Full Moon 5 h 14 m a.m.

Shipbuilding in India.

A reply given by the Commander-in-Chief at the Council to questions asked by Mr. Surendra Nath Banerjee re the possibility of reviving the sailing ship building industry of India shows that, before wood was replaced by iron and steel, several vessels were constructed for the Navy in the Bombay Dockyard. The first was the thirty-six gun frigate "Fitz" built in 1805. Thereafter six ships of the line of seventy-four guns and five of eighty-four guns were built. The composite brig "Fame" was constructed as late as 1889. Wooden sailing ships have been built in later years at Chittagong, Mouline, Cocanada and the Andaman Islands. At present small wooden ships are being constructed at Chittagong, Mouline, Calicut, Bombay and Rangoon. With regard to the question of whether a sailing ship built at Chittagong within the past five years and a steamer built in the Andaman Island within the past twenty years have had a tonnage of nearly one thousand tons each, the Government of India have not got precise information. Wooden sailing ships are believed to have been built and navigated in the past with the aid of only such materials, labour appliances, etc. as are still procurable in India. The Government of India are advised that wooden sailing vessels of the kind that could be built in India under present conditions would only be suitable for employment in coasting trading, and that the steam vessels which they would replace are for the most part themselves unsuitable for longer voyages. An officer with considerable experience in the construction of ships has been sent out recently by the Admiralty to India, and is now investigating the possibility of constructing vessels of various descriptions in this country. The Government of India propose to wait his report before deciding whether any special action should be taken by Government towards the encouragement of the indigenous shipbuilding industry.

Concrete Ships in Bombay.

There has been for some time discussion in Bombay as to possibilities of Indian shipbuilding to help in the tonnage difficulties of the war. It may be remembered that Sir Dorab Tata spoke enthusiastically on the subject at the last meeting of the Tata Iron and Steel Co. News of the launching of a large American steamer made of concrete this week formed the subject of a leading article in the "Times of India," urging the organisation of concrete ship manufacture in India. News is now published of the actual steps taken in this direction. Some time ago Messrs. Marsland Price and Co., a Bombay firm, considered the matter and framed an important scheme. They are now in consultation with Sir H. A. I. Hepper, agent of the G. I. P. Railway and Munitions Board representative here, on the matter. They hope to begin construction at no distant date. If necessary priority can be obtained for the supply of steel rods and certain other material.

Raptures of a Naval Raid.

The Italian poet Signor D'Annunzio was one of the officers who took part in the recent naval raid into the Bay of Buccari, in the Gulf of Fiume, and the sinking of a large Austrian steamer anchored there.

In a letter to a friend the poet says: "On the night of February 10, with three armed motor-launches and three seaplanes we forced our way into the Gulf of Quarnero. What a magnificent adventure! I was twenty-three hours on the sea, eight of which I spent in the very throat of the enemy, or rather, I should say, in the depths of his stomach. Never was there such a real dream. We were quite alone in our little boat. We passed through the Faresina channel with an immense skin to madness. We steered less than fifty yards from the Austrian coast, and in the narrow Bay of Buccari we remained for a space of thirty-five minutes.

Having torpedoed a ship which was anchored there, we made our exit amidst the roar of the explosion. I left, floating on the water, three bottles which flamed with the three colours of Italy, and the astonishment of the Austrians must have been immense. The sentries fired wildly. As our third motor-boat had engine troubles we turned back into the Faresina channel, and moved about there as if we were the owners of the place indeed. The sentries, apparently unable to believe that we were Italians, ceased firing altogether." The following is the text of the message which D'Annunzio enclosed in the bottles:

"Contemptuous of the cautious Austrian Fleet which occupies itself behind the shelter of its guarded ports in nursing the little bit of glory which it won at Lissa, the Italian Navy has come with fire and flame to dispel confidence even in the safest retreat. The Italian Navy laughs at every kind of net and barricade, and is always ready to dare the impossible. With them also has come a good companion, whom you well know the principal enemy, and amongst your enemies the most bitter, to laugh at the price you have placed on his head—Gabriele D'Annunzio."



Auction Sale.

The liquidator of the business of Messrs. B. Grimm & Co., will sell by public auction the stock in trade of Tailoring and Outfitting Departments at Messrs. B. Grimm & Co's late premises Pratoo Samyet on the 24th. April to 7th. May 1918. Commencing at 2 p. m. every day.

Inspection and lists may be obtained from 10 a.m. to 1 p. m. on any day from the 18th April up to the date of sale.

Terms: Cash on fall of hammer and delivery to be taken on the following day.

Para Nart Mondadula Suddaravadi.
Liquidator.

THE BANKRUPTCY DEPARTMENT,
MINISTRY OF JUSTICE.

April 18th. 1918.

18-6 M

Auction Sale.

Favoured with instructions from
A. J. POWELL Esq.
The Siam Auctioneering Co.

WILL SELL

At his residence Pan Road,
(off Wind Mill Road.)

On Saturday 4th. May 1918.

Commencing at 2 p. m. Sharp.

The whole of his valuable household furniture and effects including a good piano by "Collard and Collard", Singer Sewing Machine, Wardrobe with mirror, cook stove, Water tank, tables, chairs, etc.

TERMS.—Cash or a deposit of 25 % on fall of hammer. Goods must be removed before 24 hours after sale, for other particulars apply,—

E. M. PEREIRA & Co.

Pay Us A Visit.

An opportunity to secure at moderate prices—One water tank 3,000 Gallons capacity. Cash safes (various sizes) British make. Typewriters; Plunge baths; Mosquito houses; Iron beds (complete); Straw hats; Iron plates A to Z, 1 to 0; Stationery; Address labels; (various sizes); Manifest Books; Imitation billiard games; Babies' chairs; Marble washstands; Office chairs; and all classes of furniture. Motor Cars; Ponies and Carriages always on hand.

Inspection Invited.

The Bangkok Auctioneering Society

T. S. APCAR,

Valuator, Auctioneer, and

Estate Agent.

Testimonial.

Dear Sir,
I have taken out a money order for (ticals 5) Tols. 5 in your favour. Please send me as soon as possible as many boxes of Atank Nigrah Pills as that money would buy. I tried those Pills, my memory has increased four-fold.

Yours faithfully,

FERRO,

c/o PHYA BORARIDH,
Langsuen.

Thousands of Certificates are open for inspection.

ATANK NIGRAH PHARMACY

168, Samyok, Bangkok.

Oriental Bakery.

ORIENTAL AVENUE.

Daily Supplies of
white bread and rolls
Brown Bread every
Wednesday and Sunday.
Fresh cakes always on hand.

The Pope and the War.

Cardinal Gibbons' Defence.

In an article which he has contributed to "America," a weekly Catholic Journal, Cardinal Gibbons calls upon American Catholics to support the Pope against the hostile criticism provoked by his efforts for peace, and pays a tribute to President Wilson for the course pursued by him in the war crisis.

"After reviewing the efforts for peace, made by the Pope, culminating in his peace note of August 31 last, a document which, the writer predicts, will be found to contain the general principles upon which peace eventually will be based, the Cardinal says:

"It has been said again and again that Benedict XV. has forgotten Belgium, that he did not speak up for her in her hour of betrayal by the superior forces of her invaders. When Benedict XV. came to the throne Belgium had already been invaded by the German armies and a considerable part of her territory overrun. The flagrant injustice had already been committed.

"When the invasion took place the saintly Pius was already in the shadow of death. On coming to the throne the Pope did not wait long to let the world know of his sentiments with regard to the violation of Belgian territory. He spoke at first with prudent circumspection, for not all the facts were in his possession. But he soon learned the truth and acted conformably to it.

"According to the letter written by the Papal Secretary of State, Cardinal Gasparri, to M. Van der Heuvel, Belgian Minister to the Vatican, the violation of the neutrality of Belgium, carried out by Germany, on the admission of her own Chancellor, contrary to international law, was one of those injustices which the Holy Father in his Consistorial Allocution of Jan. 22 strongly reprobated.

"And the *Hamburger Fremdenblatt*, (Jan. 29, 1917,) in allusion to this, complains that 'the one belligerent power against which the Vatican has spoken is Germany.'

"Writing to M. Laugel, editor of the *Revue Hebdomadaire*, in July 1915, the Pope also protested against the martyrdom of the poor Belgian priests and so many other horrors on which light has been cast. He protested also against Belgian deportations and had hundreds of victims of these cruel measures returned to their homes. Such has been his solicitude for the martyred nation that it has called for the most profuse thanks from the two great heroes of the war, King Albert and Cardinal Mercier.

"His Holiness also protested to Russia against the violence to persons and to conscience displayed during the early occupation of East Prussia and Galicia, and against the harsh treatment of Mgr. Szptycki, the venerable Archbishop of Lemberg. He has laboured for the prisoners of war, for the crippled and the blind of the war's countless battlefields. Not once has he forgotten that he is the Father of the Faithful.

"His conduct toward the Italian Government has been marked by such a spirit of conciliation, justice, and absolute impartiality that high Government officials have praised him and those under his jurisdiction. The silly and cowardly slanders recently brought against his patriotism by radicals are so gross as not to deserve a refutation.

"The Holy Father has faced a terrible ordeal. He is facing it still. On all sides he is surrounded by pitfalls. Every act of his is watched, scrutinized by jealous, critical, hostile eyes, only too ready to find fault and to register blame. More than ever he needs the support of his loyal children.

"The Roman Pontiffs of the past have ever found in American Catholics a whole-hearted devotion. We are not going to fail our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XV. in this supreme hour. For all that he has done so nobly and so unselfishly for the cause of peace and humanity his faithful children here in the United States, for whose people he has more than once expressed his admiration and love, are profoundly grateful. Though at war in order that all the peoples of the earth may be really free, we wish with him that a just peace may be soon regained. For that peace he has nobly and generously striven. Men may not now realize the extent and the nobility of his efforts, but when the voices of passion are stilled, history will do him justice.

"As a last word I beg to congratulate my countrymen on the generous ardor with which they have rallied to the support of our beloved President in his dark hour of trial. He has striven for high ideals and has found a reward in an enthusiastic response from his fellow citizens. They have not failed him and will not do so in the future, but will continue to give him and his colleagues that loyal support which is an earnest of complete victory, and a return of the happy peace for which he and the Holy Father are labouring, each in his own sphere."

NOW IS THE TIME.

For rheumatism you will find nothing better than Chamberlain's Pain Balm. Now is the time to get rid of it. Try this liniment and see how quickly it will relieve the pain and soreness. For sale by the British Dispensary.

The Reliability of
BEAR BRAND
MILK
has now been
proved
IN BANGKOK
for upwards
of 10 years.



Try it means
adopting it.
Hundreds of
satisfied
customers use
BEAR BRAND
only

NATURAL SWISS MILK.

Hygienic products of the greatest merit.
Free from germs. Absolutely safe.

Rich in cream and highly nutritious.
ASK YOUR STORE OR DISPENSARY
FOR

"BEAR BRAND."

The Signature.

To distinguish the original and genuine Worcestershire Sauce from the many imitations, see that the signature of LEA & PERRINS appears in White across the Red label on every bottle.

No other sauce has such an exquisitely delicate flavour, or such a reputation among discriminating people in every part of the world.

Lea & Perrins

Siam Motor Works, Ltd.

Comprehensive

STOCKS
OF
ALL

Motor Car Accessories.

Large shipments just arrived of

DYNAMO LIGHTING SETS

LAMPS, HORNS,
DASHCLOCKS
TOOLS &c.

ALSO

Motor Cycle Lamps, Generators, Belts.

Siam Motor Works Ltd.

Just Unpacked, New Consignment.

Why delay, buy a bottle of the King of Perfumes

OTTO-MOHINI.

The best perfume of the age. Any body proving that the perfume is not lasting, will be awarded \$100. Various other kinds of oils and perfumes worth trial.

Prices: 3 Ozs. Glass bott. Tcs. 2.25
1 Dr. bott. with fancy case Tcs. 1.
Sample bottle Stge. 12.Perfumed post Cards Tcs. 1 per doz.
Can be had at:-

ATANK NIGRAH PHARMACY.

297, Samyok,
BANGKOK.

BANGKOK LIBRARY.

Suriwongse Road

(Near the Lawn Tennis Club.)

Open daily, Sundays excepted.
Sept. 1st to Feb. 28th—4 to 6.30 p.m.
March 1st to Aug. 31st—1.30 to 7 p.m.Annual Subscription Tcs. 20
Half yearly Subscription Tcs. 12.
Quarterly do " 8.Monthly subscription Tcs. 3 for visitors
only, who will be required to deposit
Tcs. 5.Subscriptions, payable in advance,
date from day of payment, and may be
handed in at the Library any time in
the year or sent toMRS. H. GITTINS,
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

Notice.

I, the undersigned beg
to notify all customers
and clients that my
business is now located
at the new building at
the corner of Klong
Poh Yome and Bang-
rak

Ah Seang, Tailor.

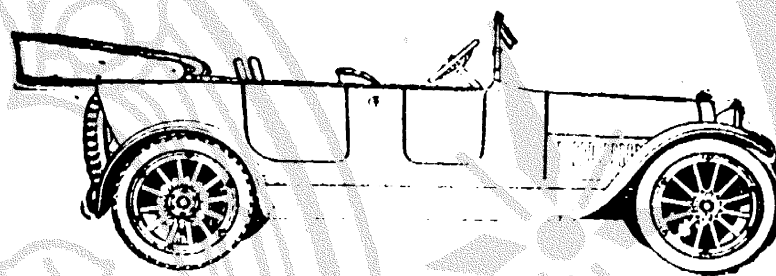
HARP VOOR LONG & CO

Facing Sampeng Old Market, Jawara
Road, No. 184 to 189.

We have just unpacked a large ship-
ment of our well-known High Class
Paints, Varnishes, Linseed, Oils, Brass-
ware, Iron-ware, and Carpenter's, Black
smith's, Silver smith's Tools, and
various kinds of best Chinese silks
always in stock.

INSPECTION INVITED. PRICES
MODERATE.

Tel. No. 535.

Studebaker
Established 1898STUDEBAKER SERIES
"18" CARS

NEW MODEL 1917.

A Consignment has Just Arrived.

It is advisable to book at once in order to obtain
prompt delivery.G. KLUZER & Co.
Agents.

"JONG-KEENA"

REGISTERED LABEL.

THE WONDERFUL BLOOD PURIFIER.

Mixture for Internal and External Use.

CURES

Headache, drunkenness, Stomachache, Earache, Rupture, Cholera, Beri-beri, Ner-
vous diseases, Chest complaints, Heart-disease, Malaria, Dengue, Common fevers, Lumb-
ago, Chronic Rheumatism, Cough and Coughing blood, Colds, Sorethroat, Bronchitis,
Chronic Neuralgia, Diarrhoea, Weakness, Kidney trouble, Dysentery, Eczema and all sorts
of skin diseases, Worms, Female diseases of all sorts, Swelling of the groin, Inflammation
of the gums, Toothache, Gout, Wounds and wounds caused by rusty nails or cuts, etc., etc.
PURE WITHOUT WATER. Under 14 years one tablespoonful, under 7 years 1/2 tablespoonful,
and for babies up to one year old 1 teaspoonful. When the pain is severe, double the dose.
Can be taken by women enquire.

For Inflammation of the gums, apply with cotton wool on the swollen gum changing
every 3 minutes 3 times and repeat is certain within a quarter of an hour.

For children, apply with cotton wool on the cheek and relief is certain within half an
hour. For cough and Sorethroat, sip the mixture slowly. For Eczema, apply externally
take one tablespoonful every 4 an hour.

For Toothache, clean the cavity of the tooth first and then saturate a piece of cotton-
wool in Jong-keena and fill cavity with same, changing five or six times every 3 minutes
relief is certain. For loose teeth caused by the swelling of the gum, take internally as
directed for a week and the teeth will be firm again.

For Earache, clean the ear first with cotton wool, put 5 or 6 drops in the ear and stuff
the hole with cotton wool—relief is certain within a few minutes.

For Gout, Wounds and wounds caused by rusty nails, cuts or burns, apply the mix-
ture, cover with cotton wool and bandage, change dressing every three hours, and take in-
ternally, as directed until relieved or healed.

For Sore-eyes take internally as directed, for a few days.

After taking this mixture, a little plain white sugar may be taken to remove the
bitter taste but not in the case of coughs or sore throat.

For Snake, Dog or Cat bites, poisonous fish stings, etc., when applied externally
with cotton wool a few minutes after the occurrence, instant relief will be obtained. Take
also internally 1 1/2 tablespoonfuls three a day. But when treatment is sought a few hours
after the occurrence, besides using the application, take mixture internally for a fortnight.

Can be given also to animals and birds for any sort of disease.

Price per bottle of 2 oz. 80 Stangs, 3 oz. Tcs. 1.40, 4 oz. Tcs. 1.80,
6 oz. Tcs. 2.50, 8 oz. Tcs. 2.85, 16 oz. Tcs. 4.25. Postage extra.

Prepared only by MR. Y. TAN of SINGAPORE.

If any lady or gentleman is suffering from any of the above named ailments or disease
will call and see Mr. Y. Tan or his sole agents at their offices, they will be very pleased to
give them a free trial of his wonderful remedy, when they will be relieved within five
minutes up to one hour.

Obtainable at MERCANTILE DISPENSARY, PHAYA SATCHAKAN, UNION DISPENSARY,
and FOOK LOON DISPENSARY.

SPECIAL OFFER

Persons following any of the above directions and failing to ob-
tain relief of any of the above diseases, Mr. Y. Tan or his Agents will
refund them the purchase money paid by them for the JONG-KEENA.

BANGKOK TRAVELLING AGENCY,

Opposite Chartered Bank Lane, New Road.

SOLE AGENTS.

Notice.

CONSIGNEES OF GOODS:—

Exs. "Cyclops"
"Kaga Maru"
and balances ex s.s. "Teucer", "Dion-
ed", "Agamenon", "Atsuta Maru",
"Mishima Maru", "Hirano Maru",
"Ceylon Maru" & "Shidzuoka Maru",
are hereby notified that same have
arrived per s.s. "Kuala" on the
1st instant, and will be landed and
stored at our wharf, at the risk, ex-
penses and responsibility of Con-
signees.

No Claim will be entertained un-
less made within 10 days after final
discharge of the steamer.
Goods not cleared within 8 days after
final discharge of cargo will be liable
for godown rent.

BORNEO CO., LIMITED.
Agents.

Jacob Chin Hong

(Kwang Heng Lee)

GENERAL CONTRACTOR, CAR-
PENTER AND MASON.

No. 248 Pan Road, off Wind Mill Road,
Bangkok.

2-16

Auction Sale.

ON THE INSTRUCTIONS OF
THE CUSTODIAN AND THE
LIQUIDATOR OF ENEMY
PROPERTY.

17 Motor Launches, 17
Steam Launches, and
other Boats,
including a Luxuriously fitted
Motor Launch "Ma Singtop"

Will be sold

On Saturday, 11th May,
at 2.30 p.m.

At the Customs Station landing,
West Bank, Memm, opposite Wat Phya
Krai. Immediate delivery against
cash. NOW ON VIEW.

Benjamin A. Periera,
Auctioneer.

Notice.

is hereby given that from today the
prices for Shell Motor Spirit will be as
follows:

"Shell" Benzine.

In 4 gal. tins Tics. 17.— per 2 tins

In 2 gal. cans Tics. 13.50 per 4 cans

Heavy Benzine.

In 4 gal. tins Tics. 14.— per 2 tins

Nal Lert Store.

TEL. No. 239.

BANGKOK MAILS CLOSE.

CHANDABURI

Wednesday 8th 10 a.m. s.s. Chutatchit

Exchange Rates

To-day's Quotations.

LONDON—	
Bank Bills, demand,	1/6 11/32
Bank Bills, 4 months' sight	1/6 7/16
PARIS—	
Bank Bills, demand,	205
GERMANY—	
Bank Bills, demand, Ms.	
NEW YORK—	
Bank Bills, demand U. S. A.	36
INDIA—	
Bank Bills, demand,	Rs. 97
SINGAPORE—	
Bank Bills, demand,	\$65 3/8
HONGKONG—	
Bank Bills, demand, D.	\$48 3/4
YOKOHAMA & KOBE—	
Bank Bills, demand,	Y 69 1/2
NOTE:—The rate of Interest on Ad- vance Bills has been reduced to 6 per cent. per annum.	
Equivalent of Exchange demand London in Siamese Currency:—	
£1=Ten. 12.08.— (Bank Rate)	

CAUSE OF DESPONDENCY.

Despondency is often caused by
indigestion and constipation, and quick-
ly disappears when Chamberlain's
Tablets are taken. These tablets
strengthen the digestion and move the
bowels. For sale by the British Dis-
pensary.

Expanded Metal

made from best *British Steel*
various sizes and sections in Stock.

Milners' Safes

Patent fire and thief resisting.
several sizes in Stock.

Bangkok Dock Co., Ltd.

SOLE AGENTS FOR SIAM.

IN STOCK B. M. C. TO-DAY.

FISH

Smoked Blue Cod
Smoked Murray Cod

CHEESE

Australian
Stilton
Beef Dripping
Turkeys

HAM

French Ham on cut
Breakfast Bacon

Picnic Cases Containing Ice, Aerated Water and well water for travellers by
Railway or boat. Delivered free at Railway Station or any Bangkok landing.

"White Horse" Whisky.

"An Easy First"

Obtainable Everywhere.

EVINRUDE MOTORS

the most reliable small
engine on the market.

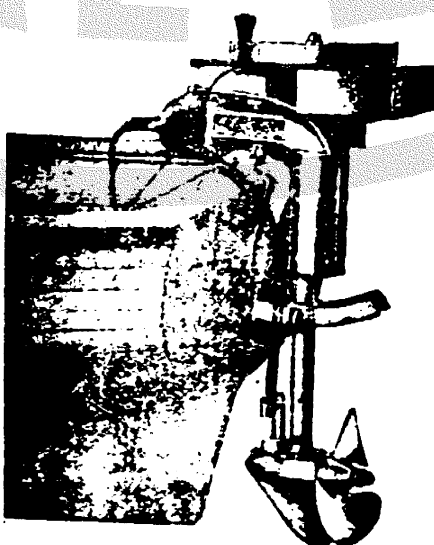
SEVERAL MODELS NOW
IN STOCK.

Economical

Powerful

Simple to

control.

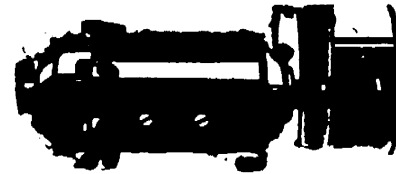


INSPECTION & ENQUIRIES INVITED

Barrow, Brown & Co., Ltd.



**New
Self-Starter for
MOTOR CARS**



Has the strength of a
Lion with the delicacy
of a Spider's Web
Siam Electricity Co., Ltd.
BANGKOK.

CAVanderwell & Co., Ltd.
ACTON, LONDON, ENG.

The Siam Observer

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 1918.

A LEADER FOR RUSSIA.

There has, as yet, been no confirma-
tion of the report that Russia is about
to return to a monarchical form of
government with the young Alexis as
Tsar. The Russian people would un-
doubtedly welcome any change of
government that would rid them of the
reign of anarchy and terror that has
existed since the Revolution. People
who know Russia well say that the
peasantry, that is, the bulk of the
Russian population, is still strongly
monarchical at heart, but, having been
led astray by the specious doctrines of
Lenin and Trotsky—as in all ages the
ignorant have been by plausible
wordsters—they are now terrorised into
upholding the same. A religious and
social worker who recently returned
to England after labouring many years
in Russia said:—"We should not
entertain hard feelings toward Russia.
Ninety-nine of the people are as loyal
as ever to Britain and the Allies, but
owing to German gold and the people
being sold by first one set of men and
then another they do not know where
to look for guidance." The ex-Tsar
has been unjustly blamed for many of
the misfortunes that have fallen upon
his unhappy country. Nicholas II was
not like those early Romanoffs who
made their name a terror. On the
contrary he was a dreamer and
little more than a puppet in the
hands of his domineering consort
and her German advisers but when
dreamers occupy high places they are
often called upon to pay a heavy
penalty for their dreams. The leaders
of the Revolution have nothing in their
characters of which Russia may feel
proud. They show a strong un-
Russian element in their natures which
they have manifested by disregarding
treaties and by repudiating the nation's
liabilities by which actions they prove
that they have received their doctrines
at the feet of German masters. Their
language is the language of Tolstoi
but their actions are calculated to
cause that philosopher to rise from
his grave in protest.

There is no need to dwell on the
failure of Russia to fulfil the pro-
mises made at the commencement of
the war or on the fact that the fall of
Serbia and the similar tragedy of
Rumania are directly attributable to
that failure. It may be, that given a
new regime, she may slowly emerge
by sustained effort and after a weary
period of trial into the light of day.
One thing is certain: should the Ger-
mans demand too much and should
they apply to the Russians those
methods of which the world has be-
come but too well aware they may lead
to an awakening of the national con-
science that may cause them an un-
pleasant surprise. A Rurik may yet
arise to consolidate the people and
direct them along the true path of
freedom and progress.

Paddy Crop Report May 3, 1918.

Nasuan 1,660 coyans at Tcs. 107-120 each	
Samruang 680 " " 101-157	
Namuang 20 " " 98.—	
Total 2,360 Coyans	

His Majesty the King.

We learn that His Majesty the King
who has been in residence in the
Bejraburi Palace since the 27th ultimo,
left for Bang Thalu on the 2nd instant.

His Majesty and suite reached Bang
Thalu at about 5 p.m. and on arriving
there a salute of twenty-one guns was
fired from a vessel lying off the coast.

We hear that the weather in Bang
Thalu is all that can be desired and
although it is somewhat uncomfortably
warm in the daytime, the nights are
comparatively cool, a refreshing sea-
breeze springing up in the late after-
noons and keeping on throughout the
nights.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE total amount of subscriptions
to the Cruiser Fund up to date is
Tcs. 2,506,681.

MR. A. V. Wijeyekoon, of the De-
partment of Public Prosecutions left
by the s.s. *Mahidol* this afternoon.

THE Post and Telegraph Department
reports that Malay Peninsular both
lines are crossing between Rajaburi
and Bejraburi. Other lines are all
available.

THE Siamese s.s. *Den Samud* left
for Singapore on the 1st with a cargo
of teak and rice. The *Pin Samud*, with
a similar cargo, will leave for Hong-
kong to-morrow.

THE marriage of Lieut. Colonel Phra
Prades Swamibhakkdi, to Miss Mary
Mani, daughter of Mr. Louis Choi took
place at the Holy Rosary Church at
7 a.m. this morning. There was a
large gathering in the church. A
reception will be held this evening at
the residence of the bride's parents
at Wat Takiem.

A RENT-collector of Canton, tem-
porarily residing at 52, Portland Street,
Yaumati, has reported to the police
that on April 7, while travelling on the
steamer *Kwangtung* from Canton,
bringing with him \$6,000 from his
master, a man accosted him and the in-
ducement the man put forward was
that if the \$6,000 was put into a certain
safe it would multiply to \$100,000 in
24 hours. Immediately he received the
money the man disappeared.

LATEST ADVERTS.—A special display
on Monday of Debenhams Voles at
Whiteaway Laidlaw and Co., Ltd.
Seventeen motor and steam launches
and other boats will be sold on Satur-
day 11th May by Mr. Benj. A. Pereira
at Wat Phya Krai. A complete change
of programme at the Pathanakorn to-
night. The Siam Import Co., Ltd.
have just received a large stock of
Asbestos slates, sheets, tiles, etc., sui-
table for roofs, walls, ceilings, etc. etc.

Two improvements which will be
greatly appreciated by all classes of the
community are to be introduced in to
the postal service. These are:—

In future the telegram announcing
the despatch of a European mail from
Singapore to Bangkok, will include the
number of bags.

Singapore will also in future tele-
graph up the date of delivery in Lon-
don of those mails with which Bang-
kok mails connected in Europe.

UPON most of the things that are
now happening in Russia we have come
to look with a certain detachment, for
we have long since written it off for
all the purposes of the war, but the
capture of those 1,300 guns by the
enemy (many of them our guns) bites
like a serpent's tooth. A State con-
ducted on truly Tolstoyan principles
instead of handing them over to the
great enemy of peace. If Trotsky did
give orders to that effect, clearly they
were not carried out—a fact of signifi-
cance, however you interpret it.

How the forthcoming Tuan Cabinet
will shape its administrative policy is a
topic of much conjecture in Peking at
present. It is generally inferred from
statements made by General Tuan's
friends that the new Cabinet will pur-
sue a policy in favour of a compromise
with the South, while assisting the Al-
lied cause as best it can. General Tuan
proceeded to the Cabinet and formally
announced his assumption of the Pre-
miership to the Ministers of State. It
is not yet clear according to the Japan
Chronicle how the new Premier will
reconstruct the present Ministry. It
is nevertheless expected that on a few
portfolios will have new occupants,
most of the portfolios-holders continu-
ing in office. It is popularly reported
that Mr. Liang Shih-yi, of monarchical
repute, who is a prominent financier-
statesman, will be the Finance Minister
in the new Cabinet, while the post of
Foreign Minister is assigned to Mr.
Tao Tso-lin.

Ships in Harbour.

Name.	Nationality.	Berth.
Childar	Nor.	32
Pin Samud	Siam.	L.

Fire in Bhahurat Road.

A fire broke out at about 2 o'clock this morning at Bhahurat road, which thanks to the sultry weather and the close proximity of the spot to the fire brigade stations, was got under before much damage was done.

It would appear that the fire broke out in the upper storey of an Indian piece goods store. The alarm was given at once and the fire engines were soon on the spot. They immediately got to work and the fire was put out within half an hour. Four houses in the *rong thauw* were burnt out.

H. B. H. Prince Bhanurongsi was on the spot early and was directing operations.

The B. A. T. Co., Ltd.

At the 5th Annual General meeting of the British-American Tobacco Co. Ltd., held in London on January 24th last, the Chairman announced that the profits for the year amounted to £3,105,002, as compared with £2,733,361 last year.

A final dividend (free of British income tax) on the Ordinary shares of 6 per cent., making 30 per cent. for the year, was declared.

Church Services.

Church of the Assumption.

May the 5th: 5th Sunday after Easter. 5.45 a.m. 1st Mass for the Native Community.

8.00 a.m. 2nd and last Mass for the Foreign Community.

4 p.m. Rosary, Instruction and Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament.

WEEK DAYS.

5.30 a.m. 1st Mass.

6.00 a.m. 2nd and last Mass.

5.45 p.m. Rosary and Hymns to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

May 6, Monday. St. John before the Latin gate.

May 7, Tuesday. St. Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr.

May 8, Wednesday. The Apparition of St. Michael the Archangel. (Rogation Days.) Vigil of the Ascension.

N. B. At Mass the singing of the Litanies and prayers special for these days (Confessions.)

May 9, Thursday. The Ascension of Our Lord—Day of obligation.

At 5.20 a.m. 1st Mass.

6.00 a.m. 2nd Mass: Holy Communion.

7.00 a.m. 3rd and last Mass. Solemn High Mass of the day.

At 4 p.m. Rosary and Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament.

May 10, Friday. St. Antonius, Bishop and Confessor.

N. B. The Novena with supplications and prayers to the Most Holy Ghost opens to-day at 6 a.m. Holy Mass.

5.45 p.m. Rosary, Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament, during which the "Veni Sancte Spiritus," will be read in Siamese with the Verse and Oremus in honour of the Most Holy Ghost.

May 11, Saturday. St. Florens, Martyr.

Christ Church.

Services for May 5th, Fifth Sunday after Easter.

8 a.m. Holy Communion.

6 p.m. Evensong with Sermon.

Hymn, Processional, 142 To Thee our God we fly.

" 223 Hark! Hark my soul!

" 300 All hail the power of Jesus' Name.

" 477 The day Thou gavest.

Psalm, 28 and 29.

Chant, Hopkins and Macfarren.

Magnificat, Walker.

Nunc Dimittis, Tonus Peregrinus.

Vesper Hymn, Through the day.

S. Mary's Mission.

Sunday, May 5, Fifth Sunday after Easter, Rogation Sunday.

9 a.m.—Matins and Sermon.

Hymns:—

" 242 We love the place, O God.

" 395 O Word of God above.

" 239 Christ is our corner-stone.

Thursday, May 9.

Festival of The Ascension.

6.15 a.m. Holy Communion.

9.30 a.m. Children's Service.

6.30 p.m. Evensong and Address.

THE splendidly equipped hospital ship "Busuanga" arrived at Zamboanga from Manila recently and is now on the job. The ship will make its headquarters at Zamboanga and Jolo, spending fifteen days of each month in the vicinity of each port. The "Busuanga," a former coast guard cutter, was refitted as a hospital ship and its expenses are being paid jointly by the Rockefeller Foundation and the Philippine Government. The cost of refitting was P.115,000 of which the Foundation paid P.50,000, and the Philippine Government P.65,000. The Foundation contributes P.25,000 annually toward its maintenance. The old steam engines of the "Busuanga" have been replaced by a 320 horse power Bolinder, burning crude oil, and is economical.—"Far Eastern Review."

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

To the Editor of the "Siam Observer."

Sir,

From yesterday's telegram it would appear that Holland wishes the world to understand that she held out for 24 hours against the German demands and then, either satisfied herself that she could accede to them without committing any breach of her neutrality, or that she was reluctantly compelled to give way to avoid war.

Her object, no doubt, is to pose as absolutely blameless, so that if she is eventually obliged to come in on the side of Germany, and her colonies are seized by the Allies she may make out a plausible case for their restoration after the war if the Allies win; while, on the other hand, she will not miss the opportunity to do good business with Germany so long as the Allies permit.

Reuter's statement that "It may safely be accepted that said and gravel transport will shortly be resumed and an economic agreement be announced greatly to the profit of Germany" and the still more pregnant statement that: "the Dutch Government is less apprehensive that Germany wants to force Holland into war" would seem to indicate that Holland's slowness and ingenuity are not like to achieve their ends.

It is to be hoped that this will prove to be the case, and that the Allies will make it perfectly clear to Holland that she must either observe the most strict neutrality, or take sides; and further, that in the event of her taking sides against the Allies, and her colonies being captured, she will only get them back if the Central Powers are victorious.

If this is not done the result will be that Holland will give Germany most valuable assistance and will at the same time make a handsome profit without practically running any risks at all.

We shall watch the events of the next few days with the greatest interest, and we anticipate that they will furnish a conclusive answer to one of your correspondents who sometime ago contributed an article entitled "Are the Dutch pro German?"

Yours etc.

X.

Bangkok, May 4, 1918.

An Austrian's Bride.

Mr. Justice Eve in the Chancery Court recently was asked to determine whether Countess Lucille Czernin, daughter of the second Baron Grimthorpe, having married an Austrian, was precluded from receiving a sum of £30,000 and the income of a further sum of £23,421 to which she became entitled on the death of her sister in June last.

Mr. Archer, for the trustees of Lord Grimthorpe's settlements, stated that the countess's husband, Count Otto Czernin, is a brother of the present Austrian Foreign Secretary. On October 31, 1914, the Austrian Court made a decree which the trustees were advised was a judicial separation.

Mr. Justice Eve: Where is she now?

Mr. Archer: She is residing in Rome. She has no intention of living in Austria.

Mr. Justice Eve: It does not seem that she is an alien enemy within the Acts.

Mr. Maughan, K. C. for the countess, stated that in a document recognised by the Austrian Court the countess announced her intention of resuming her maiden name of Beckett and that she was regarded by the court as having ceased to be an Austrian subject.

Mr. Justice Eve gave liberty to the trustees to pay the countess the income of the two funds so long as she resides in an Allied or neutral country and on condition that she makes an affidavit that she has not entered into any marriage settlement affecting her property and that she requires the money for the maintenance of herself and son.—(Ex.)

LITERATURE published in Germany reveals that two new passenger liners, Hindenburg and Columbus, have been built during the war, each of 35,000 tons. Two freight boats, the Munchen, and the Zeppelin, of 17,000 and 18,000 tons, respectively, have also been built, while orders have been placed for a large series of new vessels to be built in various German shipyards. All these are for the N.D.L. With regard to German shipping prospects after the war, Philip Heineken, the general manager of the North-German Lloyd, contributes an article in which he deprecates the roseate calculations of prosperity after the war. He says that German shipping must be prepared for years of strenuous endeavour with small returns. First, there is the great loss and damage of the years of war to be made good; secondly, the gigantic advantage which has been secured by Germany's enemies and by neutral shipowners through the circumstances of war.

Warning.

We have been asked by the Hon. Sec. of the Siam Philatelic Society, to insert the following warning:

The members of the Siam Philatelic Society have met, during the last few months, many forgeries of the early surcharges of Siamese stamps, namely:—1 Att on 1 Sio 1889, 1 Att on 2 Att, 1 Att on 3 Att, and 2 Att on 3 Att 1890, and the several 4 Att on 24 Att 1892-1893, both Siamese only, and Siam-se and English.

These forgeries, though in some cases obvious to those who are well acquainted with the many surcharges issued during the years 1889 to 1899, are not necessarily so to beginners and those not so acquainted, and, as it is known that these forgeries are being put before a fairly wide philatelic public in the course of auction sales of stamps and are fetching moderately high prices, this Society wishes to give an early warning to those interested and to add that the Committee are at all times willing to give their opinion as to the genuineness of specimens.

By order of the Committee,

E. WYON SMITH,

Hon. Treasurer & Secretary.

Queer Trades of Penang.

Another of the quaint and little known trades of Pulau Pinang is that of the hunter the iguana the gheenna of the Australian backwoodsman. The industry, if it may be so named, is mainly in the hands of the Tamil, whose methods of capturing this giant arboreal lizard are strange and peculiar. A popular way is to track the prey to its lair and then either to dig it out or to set nooses, much in the way of the peacher in England when out for hares or rabbits. Another method which obtains most successful results is by using a small frog as livebait and attaching him to one end of a cane which is bent in the form of a bow. When the iguana takes the bait, the bow straightens into the perpendicular leaving him held and helpless until the hunter comes to take him to the market place, where, if he is well grown specimen, of some four or five feet in length, he fetches for his captor the not extravagant sum of a dollar. The flesh is said to be pleasant, nutritious and piquant as is that of most reptiles not even excluding the crocodile, and epicures are divided in opinion as to whether it resembles more in flavour, that of the pigeon or rabbit. It may be recalled that some years ago in Penang there was no small outcry against the somewhat cruel habits of the iguana trapper who, until deterred by heavy fines, used to extract the talons of his captured prey which he then proceeded to "scruffy," as the local Gurus called the offence. The legend that the iguana can spit forth lightning like all the fire spitting dragons and so confound its foe is analogous to the English superstition about the toad and derives its origin from a similar cause, namely the curiously electric blue tinge of its forked tongue with which it licks up insects when tired of its usual vegetarian diet.—"Straits Echo."

The Elusive Von Lettow.

Some surprise is expressed here, says a London correspondent in mail week, that the German East African forces, estimated at about 1200, including Askaris, which crossed the Rouna into Portuguese territory at the end of November last, have not yet been rounded up and captured. As described to us, however, it is a battle of wits between two clever men. Colonel von Lettow, the German commander, has I am told, made it clearly known that he will never surrender, and so long as he prefers to range through Portuguese Nyasaland, where the bush offers splendid opportunities for elusive action, he is going to give Sir Jacob van Deventer and his troops something to do before he is finally cornered. As a matter of fact, some authorities who know the country and its possibilities well, say that it may be the end of the year before the last of the Germans and their auxiliaries are accounted for. At present it seems to be one continual prow for provisions. In the meantime the chasing of Von Lettow is costing time and money, whilst ample employment is awaiting the men in other theatres of the war. The lines of communication in the late German colony have still to be maintained until the Germans are forced to surrender in Portuguese East Africa or in the conquered territory.

Cruel Terms for Roumania.

A telegram from Jassy states that the new economic conditions of the Central Powers a monopoly of Roumanian wheat for a period of from five to ten years, and all the oilfields must be handed over to German companies.

Reports in German newspapers of the details of the peace draft show that if it be agreed to all the important strategic heights dominating the mountain passes will be transferred to Hungary. Three Rousarabian districts on the left bank of the Danube will be transferred to Roumania, whose outlet to the Black Sea will be limited to a marshy district hardly accessible to navigation. Bulgaria agrees to the rectification of her frontier on the lower Maritza in favour of Turkey.

Netting A Submarine.

Graphic Story of Patrol Work.

The Liverpool Journal of Commerce contains the following article: A seaplane spots a submarine lying on the sea bed. Instantly the observer's finger commenced to tap a key, and ten miles away a long lean destroyer and four squat trawlers detached themselves from a pack of hounds working a covert and hastened to the kill. Meanwhile the seaplane circled round but when the surface ships arrived, her instructions, delivered by wireless, were curt and precise. Acting on them the trawlers stationed themselves at the four corners of a net quadrangle, while the destroyer kept her guns ready to talk to Fritz should he appear above the surface. The trawlers at the corners of the quadrangle got out their sweeps, long wire hawesers of an incredible stoutness with a heavy kite in the centre to keep their lights down the sea bed, and commenced to steam towards each other. As the pairs often met their wires simultaneously engaged themselves under the U-boats bow and stern and commenced to work their sinuous way between her hull and the sea bottom. It was then that a strange thing happened. Two round black objects seemed to detach themselves from her shell and float surface-wards to hover a second and then to commence bobbing down the tide towards a lane much frequented by those ships and hundreds of other things to England's shore. "Min-layer," called the seaplane's observer. "That's it, lad," came the answer. "but her eggs can wait for a minute." The trawlers, still steaming towards each other, now crossed and their dependent cables held the boat in a kind of wire cat's cradle. She seemed suddenly to wake to her danger, for with a

bound she tried to disentangle herself from the meshes which held her. But it was no use. The trawlers had been too long at the game to leave any loopholes and the submarine was doomed. "Got him," signalled the seaplane. "Thanks," replied the destroyer, "we'll give him five minutes to come up and breathe, but no longer." The time passed and still Fritz made no further move. At a signal from the destroyer the foremost trawler and the starboard after one clipped a small red tin of high explosive to the wire and allowed it to slide downwards till it touched the U-boat's hull. It was the seaplane's turn to wave a flag and immediately there followed the crashing of two flats upon two firing keys the uprising of two grey mounds of water and a rumbling muffled explosion. The wires snapped in the middle. The seaplane circled twice above the patch of rising oil, ascertained that Fritz had been destroyed and notified the destroyer of the fact. Then with her observer slipping a drum of cartridges into his machine-gun she sped off after those objects bobbing down the tide. A burst of rapid firing and the first of the devil's eggs, its buoyancy chamber punctured, sunk with a gurgle. The second gave a better show, for it exploded grandly and harmlessly as the bullets reached it. The seaplane, well content, slowed on her tail and headed for home.

CROUP.

This disease is so dangerous and so rapid in its development that every mother of young children should be prepared for it. It is very risky to wait until the attack of croup appears and then send for medicine and let the child suffer until it can be obtained. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is prompt and effective and has never been known to fail in any case. Always have a bottle in the home. For sale by the British Dispensary.



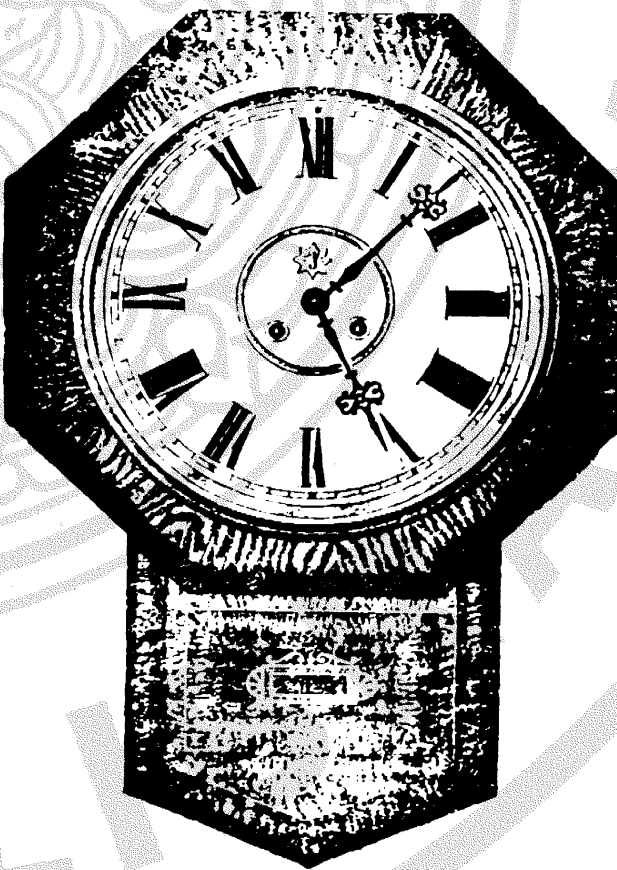
S. A. B.

BY APPOINTMENT
Watchmakers & Jewellers.

H. M. THE KING and H. M. THE QUEEN MOTHER

JUST UNPACKED.
AN ASSORTED SHIPMENTS OF

Exceptional Large Wall Clocks



SUPERIOR MAKE.

Most suitable for large buildings such as, Offices, Theatres, Wats, Schools, Workshops, Go-downs, Railway Stations, Hospitals, Barracks, etc.

Various Shapes and sizes, one quality: **The Best.**

Inspection invited.

N.B.—All these clocks sold with a 5 years guarantee certificate.

FIRESTONE TYRES.

The increasing popularity of the Firestone tyres is the best proof of their quality.

Most Miles per Tical.

S.E.C. Electrical Store.

opp. British Legation
Telephone 434.

Siam Electricity Co., Ltd.

Wat Lieb
Telephone 850, 851, 852.

A

LARGE STOCK

Just arrived

OF

Grey Asbestos Slates

16 Ins. square

for roofs

AND

Grey Asbestos Sheets

4 ft. square

for walls and ceilings

ALSO

Italian Asbestos-Cement Tiles

16 Ins. square

for bathrooms, &c.,

Siam Import Co., Ltd.

FINEST

American Linen Writing Paper in
different grades.

FOOLSCAP SIZE for Official Correspondence
OCTAVO SIZE for Mercantile Work.
CARBON PAPERS IN TWO SIZES.

A STOCK OF
Exercise Books and Index Books
Just Unpacked

Stationery of all Description
At Very Moderate Prices.

"SIAM OBSERVER"
Stationery Store.

Hollanders' Fear.

The Hungry Hohenzollerns.

Every loyal Dutchman, and especially every royal Dutchman, hates, and fears the ruling house of Prussia. If this hatred is unjustifiable as unchristian, the fear is thoroughly well grounded because Kaiser Wilhelm wears as his own the proudest and best beloved title of the Dutch ruling house, that of Prince of Orange.

More than this William wears it not only as his by inheritance from the same region and the same ancestor by which the Dutch royal house inherits title, but he wears it in token of his belief that should the Dutch royal house fail of an heir he would have a claim to the throne as Prince of Orange. True the Dutch Parliament has the right to choose a king when the royal house fails of an heir, but then Kaiser Wilhelm cares little for the constitutional rights of parliaments when they conflict with his hereditary claims.

Only Two Lives Between.

Between any claim that William or his eldest son might set up to the throne of Holland there now stand only two lives, that of Queen Wilhelmina and that of her young daughter, and the land south-west of the Ems has long looked good to the ever hungry Hohenzollerns.

It is no mere fairy tale this about the Hohenzollern display of the title of Prince of Orange as evidence of their claim to the Dutch throne. Berlin waited with interest and the Hague with uneasiness during the eight years that passed between the marriage of Wilhelmina and the birth of her first and only child.

The Dutch royal house has been a small family for some generations, and the uncertainty of an heir to the throne is no new thing in the history of Holland. Look up the Dutch royal house in the books that treat of European royal families and you find no long list of uncles, brothers, sisters, cousins to the sovereign.

When Wilhelmina inherited the throne in 1890, as a girl of 10 under the regency of her mother, the enumeration of the royal family included only the little Queen and the maternal regent. To-day you find mentioned only Queen Wilhelmina, her husband and their daughter Juliana Wilhelmina, heir to the throne, just under 9 years old.

Habit of the Family.

That ticklish habit of running out of an heir, or of having only one life between the ruling sovereign and the claim of a hostile stranger, is an old trick of the Dutch Orange family. The great house of Nassau which first won in Holland, married into the ancient Orange family of France a princely house going back to the days of Charlemagne, almost exactly 400 years ago, and the Nassau Prince who made that marriage wrote to his father that he had done it "to be obedient to His Imperial Majesty, to please the King of France, and more particularly for the sake of his own honour and profit."

The son of this Prince inherited the principality of Orange and the title, but dying without legitimate issue in 1544 left title and principality to his first cousin, who thus became the ninth Prince of Orange, and far more famous as William the Silent, the great Stadtholder of Holland, who freed her for ever of the Spanish yoke. When the great William died by the hand of an assassin, the Dutch chose his eldest son as Stadtholder, but another century and a half went by before the office was made hereditary in the Orange family.

Meanwhile the Franconian Hohenzollern connected by several marriages with the Dutch ruling house had grown from ambitious German princelings into the powerful royal house of Prussia. Since that time whenever the Dutch throne seemed likely to lack a direct heir, the Hohenzollerns have been eager to see what profit they might make out of the situation.

They have had no actual chance to seize the Dutch throne, because they dared not urge their claim when the chance seemed near in the face of an adverse European opinion. When, however, the Dutch King William III of England, who was Prince of Orange and Stadtholder of Holland, died in 1702 without an heir the King of Prussia, as claimant to the title and principality of Orange, made a dash to his own advantage with Louis XIV., and ceded the territory of Orange to France.

An Empty Title.

The Dutch, however, held on to the title Prince of Orange, and it is borne by every heir to the ruling house. The Hohenzollerns also kept the empty title as something that might come in handy some time.

When William V. the last man to bear the title Stadtholder in Holland, fled to England before the invading Republican army of France in 1795,

JUST UNPACKED

A NEW SHIPMENT OF 1st QUALITY

PINEAPPLE HAMS CHianti WINE

RED AND WHITE

AND ALSO ITALY'S RENOWNED

MOSCATO SPUMANTE

Remember that all our Goods are sold with a guarantee as to Superiority of quality.

THE INTERNATIONAL STORE.

Telephone No. 570.

Corner New Road and Custom House Lane

Paknam Railway Company Limited.

TIME TABLE.

PAKNAM—BANGKOK.					BANGKOK—PAKNAM.				
Stations.	Train No.				Stations.	Train No.			
	1	2	3	4		1	2	3	4
	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.		a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.
Paknam Dep.	6.30	9.30	12.45	3.45	Bangkok Dep.	7.45	10.45	2.00	5.00
*Maha Wong "	6.35	9.35	12.50	3.50	Sala Deng "	7.52	10.52	2.07	5.07
*Ban Nang Greng "	6.40	9.40	12.55	3.55	Klong Toi "	8.00	11.00	2.15	5.15
Chorakhe "	6.45	9.45	1.00	4.00	*Ban Kluei "	8.05	11.05	2.20	5.20
*Samrong "	6.50	9.50	1.05	4.05	Prakonong "	8.10	11.10	2.25	5.25
Bangna "	6.55	9.55	1.10	4.10	Bangdjak "	8.15	11.15	2.30	5.30
Bangdjak "	7.00	10.00	1.15	4.15	*Bangna "	8.20	11.20	2.35	5.35
*Prakonong "	7.05	10.05	1.20	4.20	Samrong "	8.25	11.25	2.40	5.40
*Ban Kluei "	7.10	10.10	1.25	4.25	Chorakhe "	8.30	11.30	2.45	5.45
Klong Toi "	7.15	10.15	1.30	4.30	*Ban Nang Greng "	8.35	11.35	2.50	5.50
Sala Deng "	7.23	10.23	1.38	4.38	*Maha Wong "	8.40	11.40	2.55	5.55
Bangkok Arr.	7.30	10.30	1.45	4.45	Paknam Arr.	8.45	11.45	3.00	5.55

*Trains stop only at the request of passengers.

Trains may leave intermediate stations 5 minutes before the stated time.

the Hohenzollerns watched the goings on, but were powerless to make any move. William V. was an excellent ruler nearly twenty years, and when he came back to Holland it was to take his seat soon after as the first King of the Orange-Nassau line.

So the exiled Stadtholder William V. became King William I. in 1815, after having worn for less than two years the title of Royal Highness, so why were the Dutch republicans, like the ancient Romans, of calling a ruler king. William I. ruled stupidly for nine years, while his Prussian Hohenzollern cousin, who had helped to give him Belgium, perhaps with the hope of thus one day getting it for themselves along with Holland, watched the growing discontent of his people and suffered disappointment when in 1840 he abdicated in favour of his son William.

Bertie's Speculations.

Holland gave the Hohenzollerns another disappointment in 1848, when a change in the constitution provided that the throne might descend not only in the male line, but also in the female line. This was a lucky stroke for the House of Orange, for from that time on, heirs male were apt to be scarce in that family.

When William II. of Holland died the next year his son William came to the throne, and with the traditional ill luck of the family, found himself at the death of the Queen eighteen years later without an heir, male or female, and with Berlin looking on speculatively, though there were collateral claimants of the Dutch royal family, near enough the throne to make such speculation rather vain.

Less than two years after the death of his Queen, the childless William II. then almost exactly 62 years old, married a second wife and waited more than two and a half years for an heir, when the present Queen Wilhelmina was born. When William died ten years later there was no Dutchman to wear the title Prince of Orange though of course Wilhelmina was Princess of Orange.

That really looked like a narrow squeak, and it might have been but for the timely provision of 1848 making the throne hereditary in both the male and the female lines and for the fortunate existence of the rich Dutch Duke Adolphus of Nassau, who had become Grand Duke of Luxemburg and separated himself and his duchy from Holland.

The male line of Luxemburg grand ducal family, by the way ran out within a comparatively few years, and the young Grand Duchess, Marie Adelaide, protested in vain, when in the first week of August, 1914, the forces of Kaiser Wilhelm, in spite of a "scrap of paper" dated at London, 1867, guaranteeing the neutrality and inviolability of the duchy, then belonging to Holland, invaded her territories. It naturally does not make the Dutch feel any more kindly toward William of Germany to see him firmly established for nearly four years in a region so recently ruled by the Dutch House of Orange.

Claim a Shadowy One.

Of course the Hohenzollern claim to the Dutch throne is shadowy enough, but then there is the unpleasant fact that the ruler of Prussia persists in wearing the title of the heir to the Dutch throne. If the Kaiser is not in the business, think the Dutch, why doesn't he take down his sign?

If the claim is shadowy, shadows are real things to the mystical German Emperor, and if he remains the master of fleet and army after this war, he can make good almost any sort of claim he chooses to put forth. He thus flaunts in the face of Holland that beloved name and title of Orange which the Dutch have carried with them wherever they go. If you find Orange as a geographical name in any part of the earth, Europe, Asia, Africa, North America or South, and in the Islands of the tropic Indian Ocean, you may suspect Dutch influence near or remote. The Dutch worship of that name, drawn from a region that lies in the very heart of France, and that has been ruled by no Dutch Prince for many generations, goes back to the first and greatest of the Stadtholders, the most distinguished Dutch prince in all history, William the Silent, and no loyal Dutchman but hates to see his title worn by William the Babbling.

CONSTIPATION is caused by carelessness and can be corrected by cultivating careful habits.

Diet is of the first importance, then exercise and the use of a laxative until regular habits are established.

Pinkette S
the tiny laxatives

give nature just the assistance required, and may be used as long as necessary without the danger of a reacting constipation. They clear away waste material, prevent congestion and with a little persistence really correct constipation. Do not gripe or form habits.

Of all chemists, Tes. 1/- per phial or from The British Dispensary, Bangkok, sole wholesale agents for Siam.

Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Singapore.

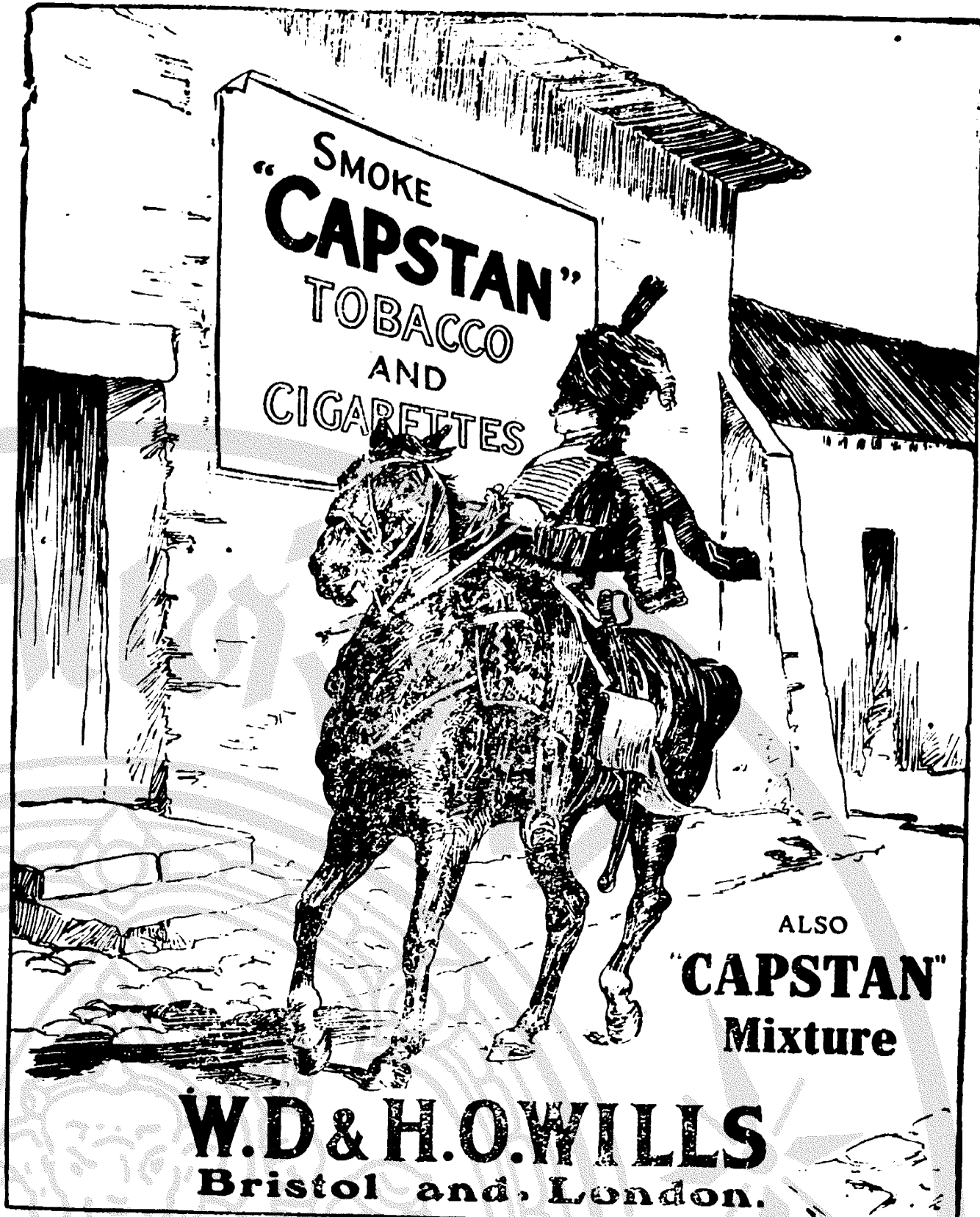
For Sale.

Revised Tide Tables of Monam Chao Phya Bar for the year 1918. Price Tes. 2.

Apply at

THE HARBOUR DEPARTMENT.

* t. f. n.



MAGNETOS

A consignment of **BRITISH MADE THOMSON BENNETT MAGNETOS** HAS ARRIVED

Suitable for 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 Cylinder Motor Engines.

Also other useful Motor Accessories.

ON VIEW AT

Phone No. 159.

The Bangkok Dock Coy's Motor Department.

Bangkok Hotel.

Bush Lane.

An up-to-date Hotel with every convenience. Very central location.

UNDER JAPANESE MANAGEMENT.

European or Japanese Meals served at all hours.

Spacious accommodation at MODERATE RATES.

All requirements met.

t. f. n.

Phathanakorn Cinematograph.

Universal Pictures

Complete Change of Programme FOR 4 NIGHT ONLY!! FOR 4 NIGHT ONLY!! From 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th. May 1918.

BUTTERFLY PICTURE IN 5 PARTS.

HIGH SPEED.

With Jack Mulhall, in the leading role, that of a breezy young business man on a boarding school product.

GOLD SEAL 3 REELS ADVENTURE DRAMA.

THE MASTER SPY.

An episode of Perils of the Secret Service.

THE UNIVERSAL SURPRISE SERIAL.

The closing episode.

THE GRAY GHOST.

Episode No. 15, "THE DUEL" 2 Parts. " " 16. "FROM OUT OF THE PAST." 2 " "

Along with

L-Ke Comedy "SUMMER BOARDERS." Featuring Phil Dunham

Nestor Comedy "MINDING THE BABY." Featuring Eddie Lyons.

and The Universal Screen Magazine No. 39.

WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY

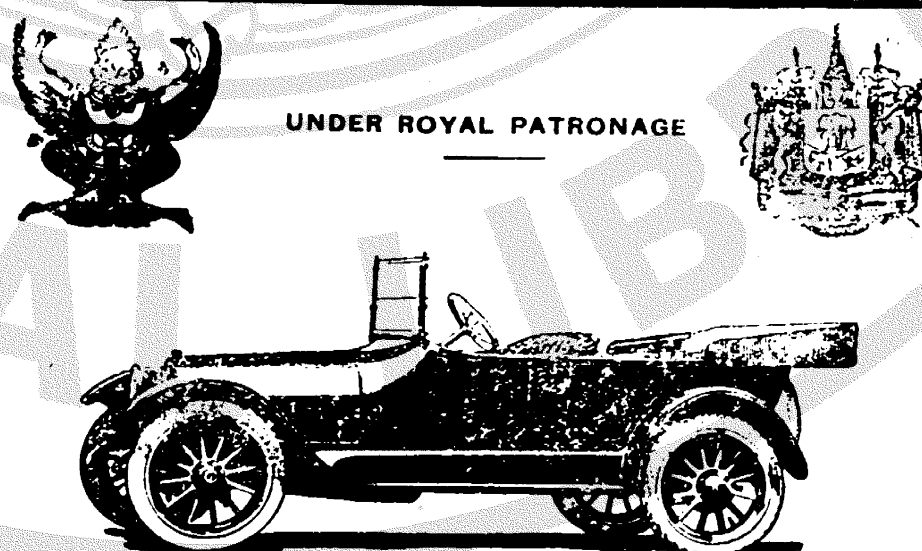
Copperplate Printing

SIAM OBSERVER SPECIALITY.

THE Only Printers in Siam to do this kind of work.

SEND YOUR PLATES, WE DO THE REST

Siam Observer Electric Printing Works.



The Unqualified Endorsement

OF

BUICK CARS

BY

Every Owner constitutes our most Valued Advertisement.

Beauty—Strength

Dependability—Power—Silence—Flexibility—Economy—all that could be desired, are found in every Buick Car—it is in short, The Ideal Car.

Kiam Hoa Heng & Co., Ltd.

SOLE AGENTS FOR SIAM.

AIDS TO TRADE.

The business problem of to-day is not the manufacturing, but the selling end of your business. Anything that increases sales is of importance to the business man—and advertising is the great sale increaser.

The "Observer" specialises in advertising that sells goods and develops trade.

For rates etc. inquire from the Manager or ring him up on the Phone.

Notice

Advertisers are kindly requested to send in changes of advertisements before 11 a.m. of the day they intend the advertisement to appear. Should any advertisement arrive after that hour the same will be held over or the next day.

