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Bangkok, March 27, 1909.

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DEPTH OF WATER ON THE  
BANGKOK BAR.  
FOR NOVEMBER 1917.

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

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

**PHASES OF THE MOON.**

Nov. 6th (Last Quarter) 11 h 46 p.m.  
15th New Moon 1 h 11 a.m.  
22nd First Quarter 5 h 11 a.m.  
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Two weeks	...	"	9.15
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Four " (1st month)	...	"	13.00

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**The Inferno of Lens.**

For some days there has not been great activity around Lens. The gaseous protection of that evil place lives to a great extent in darkness and altogether in torment, for the Canadian guns punish them in a peculiarly appropriate way. Though their deep mine chambers and galleries may be safe against the shock of the heaviest explosion, they cannot be protected against the deadly vapours which drift down air-shafts and stairways and ooze through barred doors. Gas shells descend on them by the ton, and life in the underground labyrinth of Lens is "simply hell."

One dozed and gasping Prussian who fell into our hands a few nights ago, told this experience between his convulsions of coughing. Newly fifty tons of gas shells had fallen on one portion of the German defence the night before, and the cellars were filled with hungry and thirsty men who had not dared to remove their leather masks even to take a sip of water from their flasks. The prisoners had only two whiffs of gas before he slipped on his mask, yet they were nearly sufficient to knock him out. The sentries at their posts among the slag heaps, the gunners serving their batteries among the cellars and behind the fragments of Lens, the reserves groping forward in the darkness along shell-ridden lanes, the battalions awaiting the alarm of a fresh attack in their foul refuges beneath the ruins, all wear their masks, and they must take what sleep they can with these oppressive coverings strapped securely over their heads. The new German mask is less pliable and less easily adjusted than the rubber type of mask, although made of soft oiled leather. Rubber is scarce and ominous warnings of economy in leather have reached the garrisons in the zone of death. It is no exaggeration to say that the German troops who are forced to endure the constant ordeal would welcome the loss of Lens.

"If the Canadians decided to take the town," said a recently-captured prisoner, "we could go back to a good position in the open air and have a chance of life. But as long as we are made to keep Lens the bulk of the troops must live underground. Gas drifts into the network of tunnels and sleeping rooms and bangs about the whole town, which is so accurately ranged by the Canadian guns that it is death to try to remain on the surface."

**Deadly Effects of Gas.**

The dominion by gas has killed the activity of the German infantry, and the enemy confines his efforts almost wholly to bombardments. He tries retaliatory doses of his own gas. An eight inch gas shell, the largest of this

type yet fired into the Canadian lines, has made its appearance, but the new type of head covering recently issued to our troops is an absolute protection against every kind of noxious vapour, and the men forced to wear it can go at times freely about their work. The Germans have had to abandon some of the groups of ruined houses in their western Lens defences because the cellars are constantly filled with gas. In the vicinity of Avion they have seen the Canadians push forward into No Man's Land without firing a shell in protest, and at some places the lines have been advanced nearly 500 yards among the craters. In brief, the Canadians have pounded their opponents into a state of passive resistance, and the Germans no longer try to make aggressive pushes into the territory they recently lost. Even their aeroplanes dare not try to harass the infantry in the open, as they have been doing further north. Some planes venture across to make observations, but they are distinctly cautious.

The passing of Lens is regarded by the Canadians with grim satisfaction. They will never forget the agony to their men at Ypres when the Germans first loosed this new form of death against a defenceless army. "Do you think," asked a Prussian officer captured at Hill 70, "that if we had not first used gas the English would not have tried it?" "I am sure that they would not," replied one of his captives. "Then," said the officer, "I wish we had the same who began it. Our men have never gone in for crucifixion, although some of you Canadians think we have, but I think the troops in Lens would willingly crucify the man who invented gas."

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Sgt. T. H. LYLE.

H.B.M. Consul-General.

Nov. 13th 1917. 13, 15, 17.

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"Taisho Maru"  
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and Balances ex a.s. "Tyndareus", "Titan", "Egmont Castle", "Kaga Maru", "Mishima Maru", "Katori Maru" and "Ceylon Maru".

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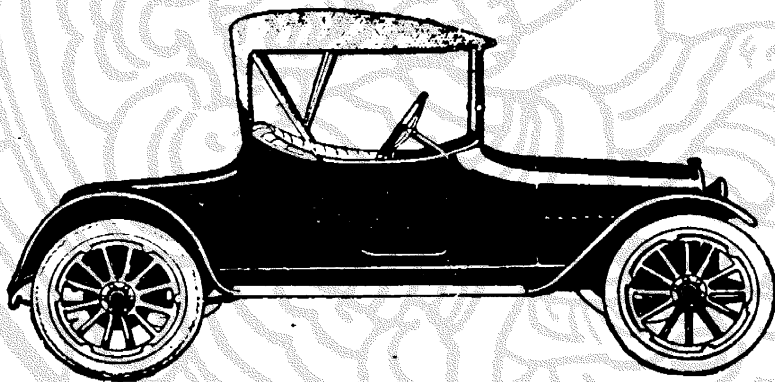
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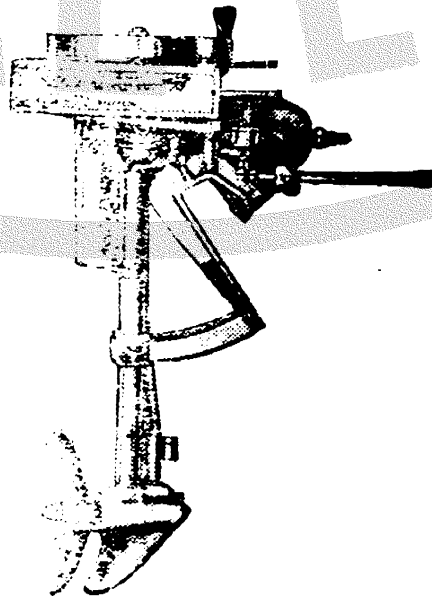
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## The Siam Observer

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1917.

## CHEMISTRY AND THE WAR.

Necessity is said to be the mother of invention and nothing proves the truth of this proverb more than the wonderful progress that has been made in our knowledge of chemistry during the war. There is hardly a phase of modern warfare into which chemistry does not enter as an important factor and the chemist is fighting the battles of civilisation as effectively as the soldier, sailor or air-man. His work is not showy; it is often carried on in some secluded laboratory and the public hears less of his triumphs than they do of other victories, but without his aid there could not be made the shells and other munitions that are slowly driving the dastardly Hun back to his own dishonoured land and freeing the world from an unspeakable tyranny. Not only in the field of munition work are the labours of the chemist important. Before the war the manufacture of dye-stuffs was almost wholly in the hands of the Germans and in the early days of the conflict textile manufacturers could only get such limited supplies of dyes that they threatened to close the mills or supply undyed goods. To-day the Allies, and especially the Americans, have evolved a dye-stuff industry that supplies the world with all its requirements. Take for instance the case of synthetic indigo. In former days the world was wholly dependent on the natural product grown on the hills of India and China and it took forty-one years of continuous scientific research to discover its constitution and it cost the Germans a further labour of seven years to develop a process to render the product industrially valuable. The secrets of the composition of this commodity were most jealously guarded by Germany but, forced on by the pressure of necessity, British and American chemists have so successfully experimented during the past two years that they are now turning out synthetic indigo equal to any ever produced by our enemies. Potash is another material used in so many industries that a threatened famine of this chemical caused scientists to strain every nerve in the search for new supplies. Large deposits were discovered in Nebraska and as if by magic, a place that was merely a railway siding became in a few weeks a town of considerable size turning out potash in huge quantities at an average price of five hundred dollars gold per ton. Chemists are producing the most valuable products from seemingly impossible sources. Thus fumes from coke ovens are being converted into toluid, benzene and naphthalene which are of immense value in the making of munitions and they are hourly experimenting on such important unsolved problems as neutralising agents for poisonous gas, methods of guarding submarines from internal explosions, non-corrosive alloys for guns and fuel and food substitutes. Thus the stopping of shipments to Germany of the raw material from which she supplied the world with dye-stuffs and chemicals

has not paralysed the industries of the Allies as our foes predicted but, on the contrary, has led to such a development of the chemical industry as will render the world independent of Germany in the future.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Malay Peninsula main line is in good order as far as Prachuab, Chienmai line is interrupted. Other lines are all available.

UNTIL the floods subside the Sunday service usually held at Christ Church will be held at the Old British Court House in the British Legation Compound at 6 p.m.

MANY of the boy Scouts attending the Suan Kularb College volunteered to render assistance in the flood relief measures and they began their duties this morning.

FISHERMEN returning to Cadagres (Spain) report that a Japanese destroyer surprised a German submarine in the act of sinking a barge loaded with onions. The destroyer opened fire upon the submarine, which was struck and sank immediately.

ACCORDING to the Tide Table the water at the bar was 15ft. 6in. at 7 a.m. to-day. By 9.30 a.m. the whole of Oriental Avenue was under water and parts of the New Road were also inundated. To-morrow the tide is one inch higher, being 15ft. 7 inches at the bar at 7.30 a.m.

LATEST advts:—The Siam Motor Works Ltd. advertise De Nevers and Firestone Solid Tyres for Motor Lorries. The B. M. C. Ltd. have in stock new Apples, English Margarine, and beef dripping; snipe may be had from time to time. The Pathanakorn Cinema is showing from to-night among other interesting films the 1st and 2nd parts of the serial, "The Yellow Menace."

SINCE the opening of the struggle in Europe 150 Japanese seafaring men have been killed and 14 wounded by the enemy's submarines. All the crew of the steamship Senju Maru, which had a complement of 47, are missing; 41 of the Tozan Maru are missing, nothing having been seen or heard of the lifeboats in which they left the doomed vessel; and 23 of the crew of the Taki Maru, and 12 of the crew of the Sava Maru, are missing. In the case of the Nagata Maru 6 were killed and when the Miyazaki Maru was torpedoed 8 men were lost.—"K. H."

## "Our Day" Lottery.

In connection with the advertisement which appears in another column concerning the payment of cash for lottery prizes, we are informed that the subscribed money will still be used for the purchase of war loan. The Banks mentioned are acting on behalf of a number of individuals who have expressed their willingness to take over the War Loan of those prize-winners who prefer cash.

## The British Aeroplane Fund.

H. B. M. Minister has received the following loyal letter from 62 Indian British subjects at Mesawt:—

Sir,  
We the following British subjects of Mesawt are sending 75 ticals to our Gracious Emperor for battle. We hope that your Honour will kindly send it to our Emperor and oblige.

(Signatures follow)  
This amount will be added to the Fighting Aeroplane Fund, which is herewith closed, and will be forwarded at once to H. B. M. Government. The total amount subscribed is Ticals 10745.26.

## An Australian Problem.

Attention was directed in "The Age" (Melbourne) recently to an important pension problem arising out of the enlistment in the A.I.F. of unfit men. It was pointed out that notwithstanding the high medical standard insisted upon in regard to volunteers, many unfit men had succeeded in securing enrolment by intentionally concealing some ailment or disability which was not apparent to the examining doctors. Few of these men, however, ever reach the firing line. After perhaps five, six or seven months' of training the particular weakness to which they are subject finds them out, and they have perforce to drop out of the ranks, and be sent back to Australia as invalids. As fighting units they have been absolutely worthless. Each of these men, however, costs the country something like £250 to feed and train and pay, and when they return to Australia many of them have qualified to become life pensioners upon the nation.



## THE Great War.

### In Palestine.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM)  
London, Nov. 16.  
General Allenby has driven the enemy seven miles northward to Hebron which covers the Jaffa-Ramleh-Jerusalem railway. He took prisoner eleven hundred and captured several guns.

### What the Traveller Said.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM)  
London, Nov. 16.  
Stockholm.—A traveller who has arrived in Haparanda from Finland brings the rumour that Petrograd is in flames.

### A German Report.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM)  
London, Nov. 16.  
Wireless German Official.—The French have evacuated hill positions westward of Lake Ochrida. We are advancing southwards in the mountains from Fonzoso to Felire and are coming in contact with the enemy.

### New French Ministry.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM)  
London, Nov. 16.  
Paris.—M. Clemenceau has accepted the task of forming a ministry.

### Sir Eric Geddes.

(“S. O.” SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT)  
Singapore, Nov. 16.  
Auckland.—Sir Eric Geddes in a speech stated that nobody wanted the war to drift on to 1920 but that or an inclusive peace would be the result unless we all pulled ourselves together for the mightiest effort in history. He hinted at a further coming out of civilians.

### The French Cabinet.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM)  
Paris, Nov. 15.  
M. Clemenceau has accepted the task of forming the Cabinet.

### National Concord.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM)  
Paris, Nov. 15.  
The Chambers have voted an order of the day affirming the national concord and the solidarity of the Allies.

### The Italian Situation.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM)  
Paris, Nov. 15.  
The Italians are resisting stubbornly on the Piave which the enemy has crossed in two places. Measures are being taken for the eventual evacuation of Venice.

### Lenin to be Arrested.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM)  
Paris, Nov. 15.  
Kerensky will go to Petrograd and Lenin will be arrested.

### China and German Ships.

Peking, October 28.—Premier Tuan has agreed to submit all the enemy ships seized by China to the Entente, for war purposes, at from forty to forty-five shillings per ton, through Chang Chien, with the exception of one small river steamer. The agreement with Chang Chien will be revised and expenses refunded to the Japanese for repairing the ships.

Premier Tuan is determined to allow the Entente to have the ships, as this is the only effective way in which China can assist the Allies. Space will be given to Chinese products, such as tea and silk, by agreement with the Allies.

30,000 Tons Transferred.  
Peking, October 28.—The Government has agreed to hand over nine enemy ships, aggregating nearly 30,000 tons, to Great Britain, for the use of the Allies, at the rates agreed for charter between the Allies. The executive details will be arranged by the British Consul General in Shanghai and the Ta Tai Company.

The following are the ships handed over:—Albenga, Kathe, Triumph, Bohemia, Deike Rickmers, Helene, Sexta, Silesia, and China.—(China Press.)

## British Flood Relief Fund.

His Britannic Majesty's Minister forwarded to the Royal Siamese Government yesterday a cheque for fifteen thousand ticals (T. 15,000) as a first instalment from the British Flood Relief Fund opened at the British Legation on November 8th, with the request that this sum may be applied for the immediate relief of the unfortunate sufferers from the inundations.

His Britannic Majesty's Minister acknowledges with many thanks the receipt of the following amounts:—

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## Orim Facts for Pacifists.

Sir Edward Carson, who has been on a visit to the British front, said in an interview:—

“When one stands on the ground itself, among thistles standing knee-deep and stretching in every direction as far as sight, aided by field-glasses, can reach, and when one tries to thread one's way between holes the smallest of which would hold a taxicab and the largest a church, it is difficult to believe that what looks like a vast expanse of rough moor or fen, covered with every conceivable kind of litter and filth, and without a sign of human habitation or human care, was, until the coming of the Hun, a rich plateau of wheat and rye, of beet and potatoes, of hops and apples and plums, with bright little clusters of garden cottages, of which it is now difficult even to find a trace.”

“My one regret is that this abominable desolation cannot be witnessed by every Englishman, if there be any such, who for one moment tolerates the idea of a peace without full reparation.”

“What is to become of its former inhabitants no one knows. Many families have disappeared altogether. The men have been killed; the women who survived have been deported.”

“No reparation can ever make good what Germany's crime against humanity has destroyed, but no one can witness the work of the Hun without vowing that the reparation shall be as complete as France and for Allies can exact from the despoiler.”

## Smouldering Embers in Spain.

Since the general strike of August 13, which disturbed the life of the country for a few days, the Government has kept the country under martial law and a rigorous censorship, so that no idea of the actual situation can be gathered from the comments of the newspapers.

The trouble began with the Army, whose discontent was published to the world by the manifestoes of the Infantry Committees and the events of June 1. This was followed by the Parliamentary Assembly of July 19, in which various Catalan Deputies, in union with others of a more advanced tendency, proclaimed the discontents of a great part of Spanish political opinion. This in turn was followed by the general strike, which supplied evidence that the discontent was equally great among the masses of the people. The cost in the opinion of the Government tranquillity has not yet returned to Spain.

Marcelino Domingo, the Deputy, continues under arrest on board a battleship. Lerroux, leader of the Radical Party in the Cortes, is in hiding, or has left Spain. If the Press were at liberty to discuss these and other events political passion would certainly break forth once more into flame.

The military question is a peculiarly delicate one. The Infantry Committee solemnly declared its belief in the necessity of a movement for national regeneration, breaking the forms of the ruling oligarchies, and allowing the country to advance freely along the path of progress. As the Government has not admitted the justice of these claims, desiring the disastrous course it has followed hitherto the soldiers who raised their voice in the first instance are profoundly indignant and are only awaiting an opportunity to make their indignation felt.

## Tungsten.

Says the Straits Echo:—Considerably more than half the world's yearly gold supply (between sixty and seventy per cent., to be precise) is produced by the British Empire. But science has taught us quite recently that there are many metals more precious than gold even, and these, curiously enough, are also found largely—some entirely—within the confines of this wonderful Empire of ours. Tungsten, for instance, a very rare and exceedingly costly metal, has so far been found in workable quantities in Burma, Australia, and New Zealand, and nowhere else in the world. This means that we hold the monopoly of it. Tungsten is the metal that is used for the filaments for electric lamps. It is also invaluable for hardening armour-plates, for making high-speed cutting steel tools, and for surgical and dental instruments. Then again there is thorium, from which incandescent gas mantles are made. The world's supply of this precious mineral is now obtained principally from certain mines discovered at Travanore, in India, only a few years before the war broke out. Similarly, molybdenum, a mineral used in the manufacture of a special kind of high-grade steel for guns, comes from British Columbia. There is also the group of rare metals of which platinum is the best known.

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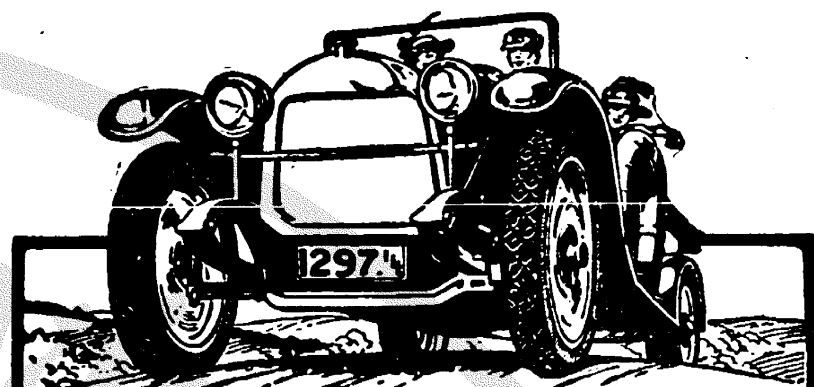
## Church Services.

### Christ Church.

Services for the 21st Sunday after Trinity.  
6 p.m., Evensong with Sermon.  
Hymns, Processional, 193 Jesu Lover of my Soul.  
260 Hark my Soul it is the Lord.  
197 The King of love my Shepherd is.  
24 Son of my Soul.  
Psalm, 91.  
Chants, Troutbeck.  
Magnificat, Henry Smart.  
None Dimitis, J. Buraby.  
Vesper Hymn, 370 Let Verses.  
Kyrie.

### S. Mary's Mission.

Sunday, November 18, Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Trinity.  
9 a.m.—Mass and Sermon.  
Hymns:—  
218. God of mercy, God of grace.  
211. O Holy Ghost, Thy people bless.  
292. Praise the Lord, ye heavens, adore Him.  
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.  
Hymns:—  
274. Through the night of doubt and sorrow.  
294. O praise our great and gracious Lord.  
32. A. I saw the west are told that brought.  
No Intercessions, St. John. Wednesday evening, November 21.



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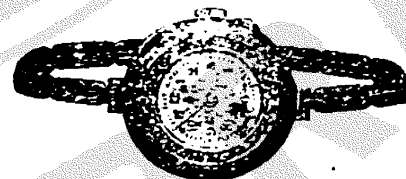
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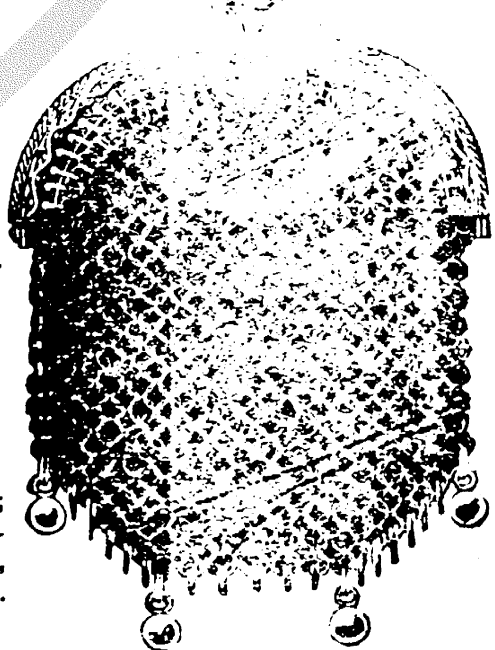


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IN STOCK.**Siam Import Co., Ltd.****Sikak Phya Sri-City.****Netherlands News.****A Newspaper Boycotted.**

Batavia, Nov. 2.—(Aneta) Soerabaya trade has instituted a boycott against the Soerabaya Handelsblad in consequence of an article of the Editor in chief, Heer Boon, in which he finds fault with the Netherlands Government for its behaviour in regard to the sand and granite question. In reply to an amicable contribution to his paper in which it was pointed out to Heer Boon that his readers would be influenced against his journal on account of his anti-Dutch position, Heer Boon explained his point of view viz that for the retention of the Dutch East Indies he considered an alliance with Great Britain and America necessary. If, however, there was a rupture with Great Britain, then all the work which he has accomplished during his adult lifetime would fall in like a pack of cards. These were the thoughts which inspired him in editing his paper. In conclusion he states: "We do not know what forced the Council of Ministers to agree to the sand and granite question. My military heart and head tells me that there is, honestly, a talk of a concession to the East, but, on that very account, it would have been better, I admit this, to leave the Government Regulation commissionless. Between the devil and the deep sea, if I were Minister, I, also, should not know what to do."

**Netherlands and the War.**

A Government telegram has arrived in Batavia which, amongst much old news, states that the American Government refuses coals also for vessels laden for neutral countries which about Germany and on Austria, so that the Netherlands are also excluded in this respect.

As a result, the shipping companies have decided to send the boats with full supplies of coal, so that they need not bunker anywhere.

The s.s. Lombok will, in a few days, take the direct route via Panama and round the Cape to Holland.

**The Sand and Granite Question.**

Despatched 25 Oct.—Heer London, the Minister, stated in his declaration in the Second Chamber concerning the international condition: The stoppage of the transport of sand and granite would militate against Art. 2 of the Second Peace Conference, in which the rights and obligations of neutrals were laid down. Holland is willing to lay the question before an international Arbitration Commission. England however did not make any proposition, but tried to force Holland to act against what was her duty, as the result of in-

ternational treaties, threatening an embargo on Dutch trade by forbidding the use of British cables. The minister explained that this measure would be a severe blow for the economic life of Holland and her Colonies and it was quite outside the question under discussion. The Government of the Netherlands protested energetically in London, by means of the Ambassador. Holland does not consider herself freed from her international obligations on account of the pressure which one of the parties is exercising. The Government believes that its refusal to stop the transport will meet with the approval of the representatives of the people. By means of vociferous applause, the Chamber signified its approval of the words of the Minister.

**International Law.**

Concerning the declaration of Heer London, the Minister as reported in the delayed Saturday's cable which referred to Art. 2 of the Second Peace conference, that article did not refer to the ending question. The article runs as follows: Belligerents are forbidden to pass through the territory of a Neutral Power either convoys of troops, munitions, or provisions of war. The Minister will, no doubt, have meant Art. 7 of the conference, which stipulates that a neutral Power is not held to prohibit the export or the transit for account of one of the belligerents of arms and munitions and, in general, of everything that is requisite for and necessary for the army or for the fleet. This shows that the Netherlands Government is not forced to prohibit the transit, whereas the Netherlands, on the other hand, is bound by the Rhine Navigation Agreement to grant the transit, so that the Treaty obligations of the Netherlands are not capable of a twofold interpretation.

At 10 of the Peace Conference also lays it down that all measures of a limiting or prohibitive nature adopted by a neutral Power with regard to Art. 7 must be applied to all belligerents in the same manner, so that the German Government would acquire the right, were Holland to agree to the demands of England, to prohibit immediately the export from the Dutch East Indies to Great Britain of all articles which directly or indirectly could be used for war purposes.

As an explanation, it may be remarked that the resolutions of the Peace Conference are binding on Holland, Belgium, France and the United States, but not for the British Government which though it signed the protocol, did not ratify the Convention.

It may be added that at the outbreak of the war, Great Britain requested the Government of Sweden to permit the transit of munitions to Russia and on

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the refusal of the S. S. *Great Britain* to resort to forcible means. Looked at in this light, the refusal of the Netherlands Government may be styled as being perfectly accounted for, seeing that the obligation of the Netherlands are laid down most unequivocally.

#### American Rate of Exchange.

In all neutral countries, especially in Holland, the rate of exchange on America is appreciably lower. The cause lies in the American policy of maximum prices, though the limitation of the exports, and the threat of America interfere with the export.

#### Cable Communication with Japan.

Batavia, Nov. 5.—The "Batavia Nieuwsblad" understands that the Japanese merchants in Batavia requested their Consul to take steps so that they might be placed in cable communication with Japan. The request has to be forwarded by the Council to Japan.

### The Mark of the Beast in Palestine and Syria.

300,000 Victims.

The terrible conditions that prevail in the Holy Land as a result of the Turkish domination are graphically described in the following article by an American official recently returned from Syria. The appalling results of the Turks' policy of extermination among the Christians and Jews of Palestine and Syria constitute one of the greatest tragedies of the war, not to be surpassed in its horror even by the fate of Belgium.

The Holy Land to-day is a land of desolation and death. Starvation and disease have the depleted population in their grip. Palestine and Syria, the cradle of Christianity, are little else than a living tomb, where the victims have no choice but to sit and await the approach of death, which in such a beaumont is often a welcome release.

The population, which now consists only of women and children, is slowly starving. Already about 60 per cent of them have died as a result of the appalling conditions, and unless relief in some form comes to the land the remaining 40 per cent will follow the same path. In the Lebanon district alone some 200,000 have starved, and in Damascus 120,000 have died from famine and disease.

It is a common sight to find the Syrians searching the garbage heaps that litter the street for orange-peel or any other refuse with which to allay the pangs of hunger, and to see them gnawing greedily at filthy bones. In some districts the inhabitants set a guard to prevent anyone stealing the grass and weeds, which, when procurable, serve as food. But last year a plague of locusts settled over many parts of the land, stripping the foliage from the trees and consuming everything green from the soil.

Passing from village to village the

traveller sees a great number of houses deserted, where the families have been completely wiped out. Dead bodies lie unburied and rotting in the streets, giving rise to a nauseating odour; and here and there women and children are to be seen camping in the open places, naked and famished.

#### Child for few Shillings.

In some districts one may buy a child for a few shillings, so desperate is the plight of the parents. In and around the town of Jussieh, Syria, which had a population of about 10,000, there were 5,000 unburied dead.

Almost the only food to be procured is bread, and that is within the reach of only a few who can afford to pay the exorbitant price demanded. Meat is an almost unknown luxury. While they lasted, dogs and cats were the means of warding off for a few the spectre of famine, but this source of supply has long been exhausted.

Husbandry, where it was practicable in the valleys of Syria, is at a standstill, for there is nobody to till and sow the ground; and the magnificent orange groves of Palestine, the growth of centuries, which would have been a valuable source of food supply, have been felled by the Turks for military purposes.

In the wake of starvation followed disease. Cholera, typhus, and tetanus spread with terrible rapidity, carrying off the enfeebled populace by thousands. These epidemics carry out their ravages unchecked, for there are practically no doctors in the country, many having been taken away by the military authorities; the rest have died, victims of the diseases they so nobly fought in others.

The terrible plight of the country is the result of a deliberate aim at the extermination of all who are not of Turkish stock. The pre-war population was estimated at about 3½ millions, composed of Jews, Syrians and Arabs, but it is doubtful if the population to-day amounts to anything like half that number.

The only way in which the remaining population can be saved is by outside relief. Many efforts have been made by American and British relief funds to carry aid to the wretched people, but the amount of money available has so far been infinitesimal compared with the need. Undoubtedly the distressing state of the Holy Land constitutes an urgent claim and a challenge to Christians throughout the world. It is to be hoped the British armies at Gaza will soon be in such a position as greatly to facilitate the work of relief.

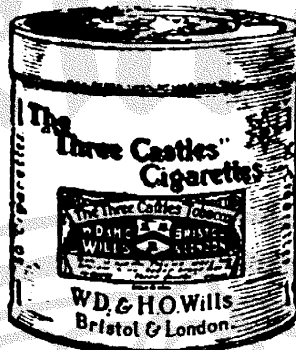
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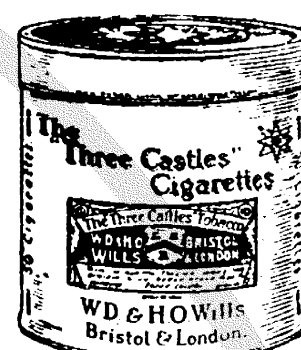
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	1	2	3	4		1	2	3	4
	a.m. a.m. p.m. p.m.					a.m. a.m. p.m. p.m.			
Paknam Dep.	6.30	9.30	12.45	3.45	Bangkok Dep.	7.45	10.45	2.00	5.00
*Maha Wong "	6.35	9.35	12.50	3.50	Sala Deng "	7.52	10.52	2.07	5.07
*Ban Nang Greng "	6.40	9.40	12.55	3.55	Klong Toi "	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	6.00

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### German Spy Methods.

In the course of an article by O. W. Ackerman in an American paper the following section dealing with German spying is of particular interest.

"German spies are like international weeds—they grow everywhere and scatter their seeds faster than the most industrious gardeners can uproot the older plants. Years before this war began the German Government established its secret service in every country in the world. It was one of the chief means of preparation; because no army can fight without information about the enemy. When the war broke out, Belgium, France, England and Russia were filled with German agents; and in every country with which Germany has since gone to war spies have been active.

A few weeks before Mr. Gerard left Berlin a German soldier called at the Embassy, stating that he was an American and wished a passport to return to New York. He said he was caught in Dresden at the beginning of the war and because his father was a German he was forced to enlist. The Ambassador had been called upon to decide several similar cases, but one phase of this trooper's tale roused his curiosity. Bode, for that was the name he gave, said he had been a jockey for Marcus Daly, Mr. Gerard's father-in-law. He told the names of all the fine race horses the late Mr. Daly had. He described the stables and told what races he had ridden in. The information was so accurate that the Ambassador was about convinced. Then he asked Mrs. Gerard. She recalled the names of the jockeys, but no one named Bode. This convinced the Ambassador chief that something was wrong, and he refused the passport.

To Mr. Gerard this was but a Berlin experience, until he arrived in Madrid. Hall, his valet, was standing in front of the Ritz Hotel one day when Bode appeared. The German was dressed in civilian clothes and announced that he was going to the United States, asking at the same time when Mr. Gerard expected to leave. The valet asked Bode how he happened to be in Madrid.

"When I left the Embassy," he said, "I had to join my company and go to Russia. I deserted up there and was taken to Siberia, where I escaped. Reaching Japan, I took a job on a British steamer, as an American, and made for Italy by way of the Indian Ocean and the Suez. From Italy I came by boat to Spain. Now I am going to New York."

#### Amazing Feats of Espionage.

Of course Bode did not do this. It was physically impossible for him to have travelled the route he specified in

such a short time. There was only one way for him to have reached Spain, and that was by submarine from Wilhelmshaven, Helgoland or Kiel. Germany had been sending men thus for some time. It was a process called spy transplantation. Bode was probably one of the men Germany wanted to send to the United States. Though the Imperial Government did not succeed with him, it made other attempts in Switzerland. On Mr. Gerard's train from Bern to Paris the French border authorities seized six spies, all of them with American passports. One man had instructions for secret agents in France sewed in the lapel of his overcoat.

I spent nearly three weeks in Rumania travelling as a correspondent with General von Falkenhayn's armies during the invasion. One day a German division general remarked: "We have an army of spies back of the Rumanian lines. We know everything the Rumanians are going to do before the front line officers themselves."

It was a surprising boast to hear from a German officer, because usually no one in the army talked about the secret

service. Sometimes big things leaked out, but always from sources other than the army and navy. I recall, however, one time, through a trustworthy source in Berlin, of the job which a naval intelligence officer undertook after the sea engagement between England and Germany off the Jutland coast. From Berlin this officer went to Holland on a falsified Dutch passport. He enlisted as a seaman on a Dutch freighter plying between Harwich and Rotterdam. In England he left the ship and went to London, where he obtained reports from German agents of the British sea losses, returned later to his forecable, and when the ship departed, his Dutch passport being in order, he sailed for Holland aboard the same merchantman that had landed him. The day after his return he made a full report to the Nachrichten Abteilung of the Admiralty.

#### Misinformation.

An Englishman who heard this story not only doubted it but said that the British service in Holland usually learned what spies Germany was sending to England, waylaid them, gave

them a few bits of misinformation, and told them they had better return to their homes or they would be arrested in London and shot. But this Englishman had not had the experience of an American business man who came to Berlin via London. He called one day at the General Staff building on Moltkestrasse with a business proposition that he desired to submit to the Imperial Government.

He was received in the information bureau of the Intelligence Department by an officer who asked him how long he had been in England.

"Did you see any British government officers during that week?" asked the chief of the Nachrichten bureau.

The American explained that he had called at one of the business bureaus of the Admiralty.

When the German asked him whether he was certain about it the American, astonished at the impudence of his host, stuck to his first remark.

"Then I must tell you," said the German, "that you did not go near that department of the Admiralty. You called upon Captain \_\_\_\_\_, in the

Intelligence Department, and accepted a commission from him to obtain certain information in Germany. It is good that you came here before you came here before you started upon your work, else you might have been arrested and executed as an enemy. You will please go to the American Embassy, have your passport stamped, report to the police and go to Holland to-night."

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