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" " " " 21	" " " " " "	" 19
" " " " Feb. 4	" " " " " "	Mar. 4
" " " " 18	" " " " " "	" 20
" " " " Mar. 3	" " " " " "	Apr. 1
" " " " 17	" " " " " "	" 15
" " " " 31	" " " " " "	" 29

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"Mongara"	do do " 22	do " 29
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s/s	Leaves Singapore	Connection with	Leaving London
"Sardinia"	Jan. 9, 1916	s/s "Khyber"	Dec. 11, 1915
"Nankin"	" 22	" " " " " "	" 24
"Nore"	" 29	" " " " " "	" 31
"Nankin"	Feb. 6	" " " " " "	Jan. 8, 1916
"Novara"	" 20	" " " " " "	" 22
"Malta"	Mar. 5	" " " " " "	Feb. 5
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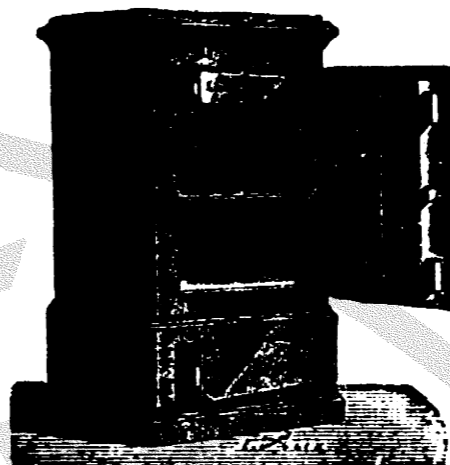
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s.s. "Mahidol"	...	8th "
s.s. "Boribot"	...	11th "
s.s. "Prachatiok"	...	15th "
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s.s. "Chantatuch"	...	25th "
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Actg. Manager.

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TIDE TABLE.

DEPTH OF WATER ON THE
BANGKOK BAR.
FOR JANUARY, 1916.

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

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

Jan. 5th	New Moon	11.33 a.m.
12th	First Quarter	10.16 a.m.
20th	Full Moon	3.11 p.m.
27th	Last Quarter	7.17 a.m.

Bangkok Mails Close.

HONGKONG via HAIHOW.
Tuesday 18th 2 p.m. Liangchow
CHANDABURI.
Wednesday 19th 10 a.m. s.s. Krat

Exchange Rates.

To-day's Quotations.

LONDON—	Bank Bills, demand	1/8 7/16
	Bank Bills, 4 months' sight	...
PARIS—	Bank Bills, demand	...
GERMANY—	Bank Bills, demand	...
NEW YORK—	Bank Bills, demand U.S.A.	35 1/2
INDIA—	Bank Bills, demand	Rs. 11 1/4
SINGAPORE—	Bank Bills, demand	\$65 1/2
HONGKONG—	Bank Bills, demand	\$78 1/8
YOKOHAMA & KOBE—	Bank Bills, demand	Y71
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	Equivalent of Exchange demand	...
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STRAIGHT AT IT.

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Rumania's Choice.

By Zisovy N. Preev.

After Greece—Rumania. The scene of the great diplomatic drama being enacted at present in the Balkans has shifted from Athens to the Danube, where, on the Russian side of the river, an important Russian army is being concentrated.

For the first time since this war opened the military forces and the diplomacy of the Allies go hand in hand. While Russian and Rumanian diplomatists are conferring, the Czar is seeing off his troops to the front.

It is not lightly that the Czar undertakes a journey from the north of Russia to the extreme south, a distance of about a thousand miles. I remember those solemn reviews of large echelons of Russian troops by the Czar during the Japanese War, eleven years ago. The Czar would come to Odessa, or Moscow, or some other large centre where great masses of troops had been gathered preparatory to despatch to the front. He would come only when everything was ship shape and the troops thoroughly equipped and paraded somewhere quite near to the railway station ready to entrain.

The fact that large numbers of troops have already been reviewed by the Czar at Odessa, Kiev, and Ismail, shows that their concentration is complete.

Now, the question uppermost in our mind is: What will Rumania do? Is she coming in with us and at what price?

When a strong Russian army is ready to march on Bulgaria the Rumanians will not help feeling that their chance of a lifetime has arrived, a chance to realise at last their great aspiration—that of uniting with their Austrian brothers suffering under the Habsburg yoke. There are three millions of them in Transylvania, and it is unthinkable that a nation with a strongly developed national instinct like Rumania should let such a chance slip.

There is no way of realising the dream of a greater united Rumania otherwise than at Austria's expense. While by joining Russia in a successful war against Austria Rumania stands to gain an Austrian province with a population of some three million, by joining the Austro-Germans against Russia, even were they successful, the Rumanians would stand to gain only a small Bessarabian province which could not but prove a mixed blessing for them.

It is doubtful whether any considerable section of the Rumanian nation seriously entertains a reacquisition of Bessarabia, while it is a positive fact that in Russia a cession of that province, as a whole, to Rumania is considered altogether outside the sphere of practical politics. As to the Moldavians (Russian subjects of Rumanian origin) themselves, they would be the first to resent any change in their thoroughly settled and comfortable allegiance.

Of the 2,500,000 inhabitants of Bessarabia only about 1,100,000 are Rumanes by nationality, so that even on the ground of nationality Russia would not be justified in handing over to the Rumanians 1,400,000 Russians (mainly Little Russians and Jews with a good sprinkling of Armenians) to satisfy her desire to get back their 1,100,000 consins.

It is about 500 years since the Bessarabians were under a Moldavian king and government. The memories of this period have almost died out, even in popular legends, but what are still alive

in the memory of the people are the dark centuries of Nogai (Tartar) and Turkish rule—memories of Bashi Bazouks, plunder, rapine, and murder, from which the Russians finally delivered them in 1812, after a whole century of continual fighting, during which time Bessarabia changed hands no fewer than five times.

To the credit of the Russian Government, they always treated the Moldavians (Rumanes)—unlike the Poles and the Jews—with the greatest toleration. The Moldavian peasants of Bessarabia were allowed to preserve their mother-tongue, their picturesque national dress, their old customs, not to speak of their land and village institutions. As a result, the present-day Moldavians, although intensely nationalistic in their appearance and customs, are thoroughly Russanised in a political sense. As to the middle and upper classes of Moldavians, they have been from the very start welcomed with open arms by the Russian Government and society.

If we add to this that the mouth of the Danube forms a natural frontier between Russia and the Balkans, both strategic and economic, and that the possession of at least one sleeve of it is necessary to Russia both as a defence from any possible Austrian aggression and as a commercial waterway to Russia's "little brothers" in the Balkans, we shall realise why there can be no talk of a cession of Bessarabia to Rumania, except, perhaps, the Khotin-oued (district), in the upper reaches of the Sereth and Pruth, with its predominant Moldavian population, on the cession of which Russia may compromise and which would still leave her in control of the mouth of the Danube.

The sober-minded Rumanians fully realise this, and the bulk of the people look to Transylvania as the only ground for expansion, and to Russia alone as the only ally who could help Rumania to fulfil her destiny.

The only question agitating Rumania is, Will she be safe in going after that great prize, will Russia and her Allies give her an adequate backing?

Economy in War-Time.

When a firm has spent a great deal of money in advertising it cannot alter its prices without losing much of the benefit of its advertising.

It is therefore an undoubted advantage to buy advertised goods when general prices are rising.

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 Gheng „	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 Gheng „	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

*Trains stop only at the request of passengers.

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

The Indian Frontier.

Suggested Stroke in China.

In the House of Lords the tale of Persia was unfolded to-night says the Daily Mail of 8 Dec. German and Turkish agents have gone through the country suborning the gendarmes, bribing bravoes, and taking advantage of any disaffected portions of the population to stir up strife with the object of dragging Persia into the war on the side of the Germanic Powers.

A British Vice-Consul has been murdered and a Consul carried into captivity. To speak colloquially, Lord Bryce asked the Government, "What are you going to do about it?" in face of these insults.

The answer of Lord Grey showed that it is being left to Russia to display actual force, our part being confined to advancing money to the Persian Government to help it to restore order within its own borders by the creation of a new home defence force.

"In the East there is nothing like force," was the counsel offered by Viscount Bryce, one of the Liberal Elder Statesmen, in denouncing the campaign of outrages in Persia which had been organised by German agents under Prince Henry of Reuss XXXI. "It calls for action as drastic as His Majesty's Government have it in their power to enforce."

At the moment he admitted the difficulty might be great in view of the coming of the snow, but he avowed again, "if ever there was a situation which justified action this is." An attempt was being made to overthrow all Government in Persia. An eloquent plea for tenderness to be shown to the Persian nation closed an interesting speech, in which Lord Bryce reminded the Peers of Persia's long history. Twice submerged, the Persian Empire had twice risen again to greatness and power.

In Afghanistan.

Lord Grey spoke in tones of mingled despair and admiration of the progress of the "skilful and unscrupulous propaganda" which had been carried on not only in Persia itself but also in Afghanistan and up to the very frontiers of India. The agents of Germany and Turkey had worked together hand-in-hand; they were "kindred spirits."

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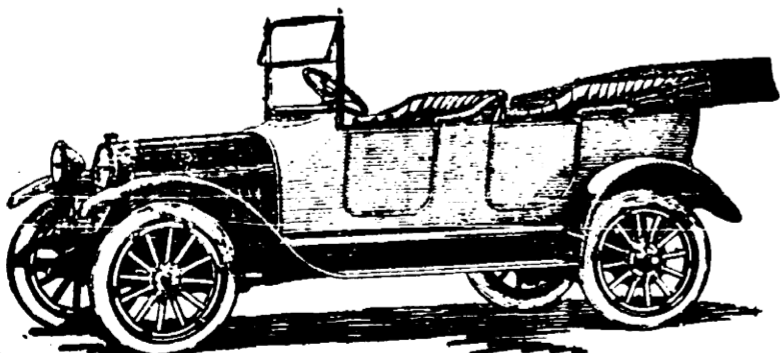
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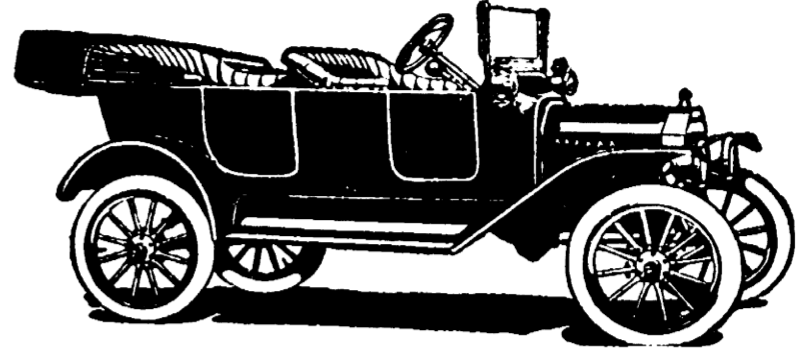
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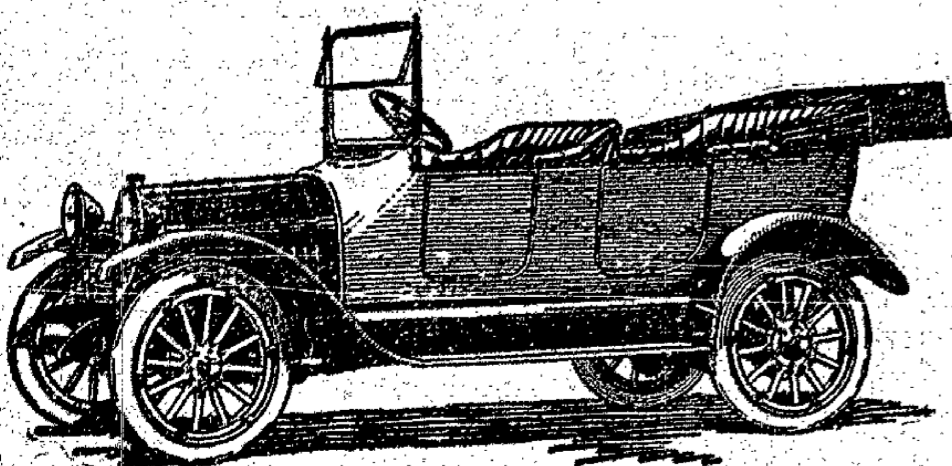
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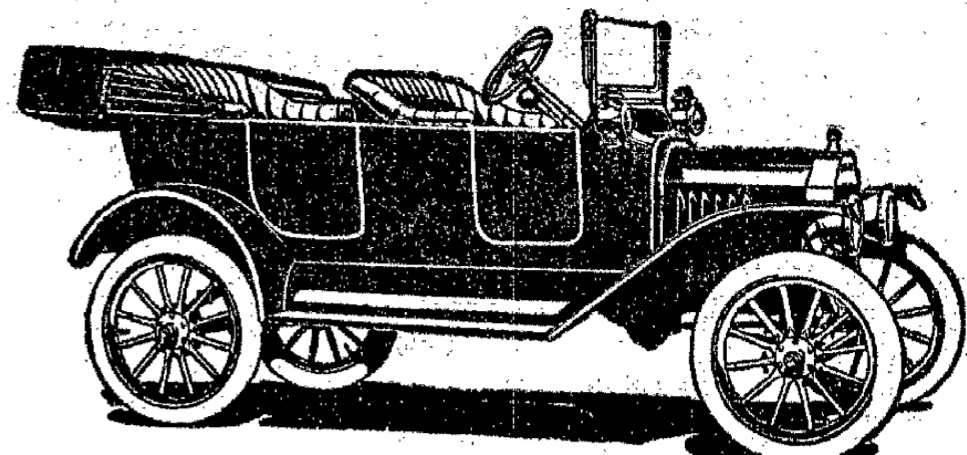
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THE Great War.**New Viceroy of India.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 16.

Official.—Lord Chelmsford has been appointed Viceroy of India.

[Chelmsford, 3rd Baron (UK.) (cr. 1858), Frederic John Napier Thesiger; K.C.M.G., cr. 1906; G.C.M.G., cr. 1912; barrister; Governor of New South Wales since 1909; b. 12 Aug. 1868, m. 1894, Hon. Frances Charlotte Guest; Governor of Queensland, 1905-9.]

Austrian Cruiser Sunk.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 16.

A Paris communiqué says that the French submarine Foucault sank an Austrian cruiser of the type of the Novara in the neighbourhood of Cattaro.

Cetinje Captured.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 16.

A Vienna communiqué reports that Cetinje has been captured.

Fire in Lisbon.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 16.

Lisbon.—A fire took place at the State military store and destroyed thousands of uniforms, a large quantity of material and boots. Three have been killed and many injured. It is believed that the fire was due to incendiaries.

Tidal Wave in Holland.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 16.

Rotterdam.—A tidal wave partly wrecked the railway towards Dordrecht interrupting communication with the south of Holland.

In Salonika.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 15.

Salonika.—The French have blown up a railway bridge at Demirhisar over the river Struma as a precautionary measure.

Torpedo Boats in Black Sea.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 15.

A Petrograd communiqué states that torpedo boats in the Black Sea destroyed an enemy submarine on the Anatolian Coast; likewise two colliers.

Miners and Anticompulsion.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 15.

It is officially announced that the Miners Federation by an overwhelming majority against the Compulsion Bill has decided to call a further meeting to consider future action in the event of the Bill passing. The miners' anticompulsion votes amounted to 653,190 against 38,100. The neutrals numbered 25,240.

The Western Front.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Jan. 15.

Yesterday in Belgium we caused two forts to explode in the enemy works north of Stenstraete. We overthrew works and mines and destroyed a blockhouse in the Argonne.

To day in Champagne we deepened enemy workers and seized a convoy.

Austrian Consul Arrested.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Jan. 15.

Athens.—The Austrian Consul at Corfu has been arrested.

The French submarine "Goutnaul" has sunk a modern Austrian cruiser near Cattaro.

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In the Caucasus.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Jan. 15.

Petrograd.—In the Caucasus during the course of the fights we captured more than three thousand Askaris, besides cannon and a number of wagons and munitions.

Obituary.

(“S.O.” SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
Ipoh, Jan. 16.

The Sultan of Perak is dead.
[The late H. H. Raja Muda Idris, G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., was the son of Raja Bendahara Iskandar and was installed as Sultan of Perak on 5th April, 1887.]

Late Sultan of Perak.

(“S.O.” SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
Singapore, Jan. 17.

The death occurred on Friday night of the Sultan of Perak Sir Idris Mirsided Azam Shah, G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., one of the most famous of the Malay rulers. The late Sultan was 65 years of age and succeeded to the throne in the year 1887. He was always thoroughly loyal and was a man of learning. He had travelled much and had been to England twice. He was an intelligent student of politics especially Indian politics and was a zealous educationist. H.H. Raja Abdul Galid succeeds him to the throne.

Tin and Rubber.

(“S.O.” SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
Singapore, Jan. 17.

Tin is quoted at \$85.12½.
Rubber is quoted in London at 5/6. There is little business doing.

End of Dardanelles Experiment.

London, Jan. 10.—General Monro reports that the complete evacuation of Gallipoli has been successfully carried out. All guns and howitzers were got away except seventeen worn out guns which were blown up before leaving.

The casualties were one British soldier wounded. The French had no casualties. General Monro states the successful accomplishment of a difficult task was due to Generals Birdwood and Davies and the valuable assistance rendered in an operation of the highest difficulty by Admiral De Robeck and the Navy.

The Races.

The following are the results of the last three events in Saturday's races:—

(5) Australian Griffins Race.
7 Far. H'cap. Value Tcs. 250. Presented by R. B. S. C.
Phya Arthakara Prasiddhi's
Teh Keng (8.8) 1
Top Notch Kongsi's Vaneeda (7.0) 2
Siracha Kongsi's Jacobin (6.7) 0
White Hope also ran.
Time: 1 min. 45 3/5 secs. Tote: Tcs. 7.

(6) Australian Ponies Race.
EUROPEAN LADIES PURSE.
For Ponies 14.2 and under. Round Course handicap. Value Tcs. 250. Presented by the European Ladies of Bangkok.
His Majesty's Nai Pradiht (8.0) 1
Madame de Bhianuloke's Nancy (5.0) 2
Phya Arthakara Prasiddhi's Med Meg (10.0) 3
Also ran: Kop and Vann.
Time: 2 min. 10 2/5 secs. Tote: Tcs. 32.

(7) Ex Griffins Race.
Round Course H'cap. Value Tcs. 250. Presented by R. B. S. C.
Phya Gadadharabadi's Thong Dee (8.0) 1
Luang Sunthorn Kosa's Sunflower (8.8) 2
Mr. Nabe' Pom (7.5) 3
Others that ran were Ninn, Phuang Phet, Slipaway and Isabella.
Time: 2 min. 11 secs. Tote: Tcs. 16.

Siam Philatelic Society.

The 56th Session was held at the office of the Bangkok Times on Monday January 10th with Mr. Raggi the President in the chair.

After preliminary business, including the recording of the New Post Card on sale at Dusit Park Fair and the special date stamps used at the same place and the new values and stamps of Switzerland shown by Mr. Lyons, the display of not more than 25 stamps of a catalogue value of not more than 3 pence each were made.

Three members showed stamps which had been picked for condition, that is clean, well centred, lightly cancelled copies, some of the stamps dating back to 1851.

A Bourse terminated the proceedings. The Annual Meeting with take place at 5 p.m. on Monday February 14th.

Railway Traffic Receipts.

	Month of December.	Broad gauge (872 km.)	Approximate	Actual
Passengers	Year 2458	Year 2457		
Goods	185500.	154886.		
Others	156700.	131218.		
	5800.	4585.		
Total	418000.	290699.		
Total April to Dec.	3,321,860.	2,961,328.		

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Latest telegrams will be found on page 6.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that all lines are in order.

FOR prices of good official and mercantile paper please see advertisement on page 7.

CAPT. Andreas Moller, a Norwegian subject, lately Chief officer on board the French s.s. "Fatoutou", has been appointed master of the s.s. Dusit in the room of Capt. N. Siemen.

THE s.s. "Kuala" left Singapore for Bangkok on Saturday the 15th Jan. at 1 p.m. with the European (English) mail on board. She is expected to arrive at the Borneo Company's Wharf on Tuesday (to-morrow) 18th about noon.

ACCORDING to a Berlin telegram the Kaiser has sent the following birthday greeting to Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the Imperial Chancellor:—"I heartily congratulate you, dear Bethmann, on your birthday, which, unfortunately, you celebrate for the second time in this war. In these serious times you have been my faithful and tried pillar of support. Your successes deserve my sincere congratulations just as they are envied you by your enemies. Providence may bestow on you further successes to the benefit of the Kaiser and the Empire and the proud satisfaction of your family. This is the sincere wish of your grateful Kaiser and King."—Reuter.

The Navy League.

The subscriptions to the Cruiser Fund on the 14th instant amounted to Tcs. 915. The total now amounts to Tcs. 1,825,298.

London, Jan. 7.—The Bank of England invites applications for ten millions sterling of French Treasury Bills, fixed at a discount of 5 1/2.

The Winning Horses.

Names.	Starts	1sts	2nds	3rds	Unplaced.
Tou Keng	3	2	—	—	1
Iowit	2	—	—	—	2
Vittoria	6	—	3	1	2
Se-breeze	3	—	—	1	2
Maha Chai	2	—	—	—	2
Hope	3	2	1	—	—
Vaneeda	3	—	2	1	—
Flicka	2	—	—	—	2
Nai Pradiht	4	2	—	—	2
Nai Chau	3	1	1	—	1
Slipaway	3	—	1	—	2
Lady Chan	2	—	—	1	1
Flirt	4	—	—	3	1
Kop	3	—	1	—	2
Ninn	4	1	—	—	3
Sally	5	—	—	1	3
Phuang Phet	5	—	—	—	3
Auntie	4	2	—	—	2
Old Mal	2	—	—	—	2
Sunflower	4	1	2	—	1
Pom	5	—	2	2	1
Why Not	4	—	—	—	4
Lomink	2	2	—	—	—
Angsilah	2	—	—	2	—
White Hope	3	—	—	—	3
Maharatt	4	1	—	1	2
Jacobin	4	—	—	2	2
Varo	4	2	2	—	—
Lady A	4	—	1	1	2
Nancy	4	—	1	—	3
Warah	3	—	1	—	2
Mad Meg	3	1	—	1	1
Irony	3	1	—	—	2
Thong Dee	3	2	1	—	—
Blind Annie	3	—	—	2	1
Isabella	4	—	—	2	2
Sorn Chai	4	—	1	1	2
Thai Laow	4	2	2	—	—
Krat	3	1	1	—	1
Motdeng	2	—	—	—	2
Klong Taan	4	1	—	—	3
Nilarja	4	—	2	1	1
Suran	—	—	—	—	—

The Winning Stables.

Names	Starts	Wins	2nds	3rds	Unplaced.
His Majesty the King	17	2	2	2	11
Madame Bhianuloke	13	1	2	1	11
Phya Sri Surin	12	2	1	2	7
Phya Arthakara	13	6	2	3	7
Phya Gadadharabadi	17	2	1	1	13
Luang Patti	16	2	3	4	7
Luang Sunthorn Kosa	13	3	3	2	5
Siracha Kongsi	4	—	—	2	2
Mr. A. R. Malcolm	3	2	1	—	—
Top Notch Kongsi	15	3	6	2	4
Mrs. Grut	2	—	—	—	2
Mr. Nab	5	—	2	2	1
Nai Riem	6	1	—	—	4
Mr. V. K.	4	—	—	2	2

Italy And The Balkans.

Baron Sonnino's Speech.

In his speech in Parliament Baron Sonnino said: The effective contribution of Italy's forces to the common cause is known to the whole world. Several months spent in war as well as in negotiations persuaded us of the necessity of giving solemn public testimony of the solidarity existing between the Allies.

The formal signature of our adhesion (to the one-peace pact) has already taken place in London; may this be a proof which undecides everybody.

There is every reason to hope that henceforth, all suspicion and distrust having been allayed, the most cordial and confident relations will be resumed with Greece, as the result of which it will be easy satisfactorily to settle all questions regarding the guarantees affecting the liberty of movement of the Allied troops at Salonica, the lines of communication, and the safety of the railway transport of our supplies.

The political and economic absorption of Serbia by Austria would present a grave and constant danger for Italy. The Green-book laid before parliament in May last had set forth Italy's action in defence of Serbia before Italy's entry into the war. In agreement with their Allies they laid down as the irreducible outcome of the present great war the restoration of the heroic Serbian people in the plenitude of its independence.

Italy could not remain deaf to the heartrending appeal that was coming across the Adriatic. They would speedily do what was in their power to bring help to the Serbian Army, ensuring in agreement with their Allies its re-equipping and munitioning and facilitating its concentration, while awaiting the time of vengeance.

The presence of the Italian flag on the other shore of the Adriatic would also avail to reaffirm the traditional policy of Italy in regard to Albania, which represented now as in the past an interest of the first order for them, its fate being closely bound up with the whole situation in the Adriatic. A matter of very great importance for Italy was the maintenance of the independence of the Albanian people.

For Italy it is a vital necessity of legitimate defence to bring about a state of things in the Adriatic that would compensate her for the unfavourable configuration of her eastern coast. In conclusion, Baron Sonnino declared that Italy was firmly resolved to pursue the war with all her strength.—Reuter.

Reported Disturbances in Germany.

Calcutta, Dec. 25.—A cable to the Statesman says that despite Wolff Bureau denials news from various sources confirms rumours of serious disturbances in Germany. The Central News Amsterdam correspondent reports fresh rioting in Berlin of more violent character than before; he alleges thousands of people, chiefly women, traversed the streets uttering hostile cries against the Emperor William and shouting "Give us back our sons, give us work or bread, we want peace." It is asserted a strong police force barring the whole Wilhelmstrasse prevented the crowd from demonstrating before the Imperial Chancellor's residence; the crowd seems only to have dispersed after several charges by mounted constables, and fresh riots are feared. A Lugano newspaper publishes an account of socialist demonstrations at Leipzig where speeches were made invoking peace and condemning the Government for the ruin and exhaustion of the country; finally the police, so it is alleged, charged the crowd killing and injuring many persons. The Times publishes a facsimile of a manifesto furiously circulated in Berlin before the meeting of All Souls Day; it reads "Long live peace, the people want peace." This meeting also was eventually dispersed by the police, many people being shot.

The Fordites.

London, Jan. 9.—The Fordites have arrived at the Hague. Mr. Ford has telegraphed that his health is improving and he hopes soon to join the party in Holland.

Noted Newspaper Proprietor Dead.

London, Jan. 9.—The death is announced of Lord Burythorpe, [A Baron; principal proprietor of the Daily Telegraph; Lieut. for the City of London. Born 1833.]

Sir John Simon Unacceptable.

London, Jan. 9.—The general committee of the Leyton Liberal Club has resolved to request Sir John Simon to resign his seat for the division, he no longer having the confidence of the constituency.

The Ohio Disturbances.

New York, Jan. 9.—Three regiments are maintaining order at Youngstown. The loss is estimated at a million dollars.

Great Actress Dies.

London, Jan. 9.—The death is announced of the actress, Ada Rehan.

Wilson Liner Escapes.

Protected by Sweden.

Malmö, Jan. 9.—The Wilson liner Gitan was chased within Swedish territorial waters by a German torpedo-boat, which attempted to capture her. Two Swedish torpedo boats interfered and forced the German vessel to sheer off.

German Socialism.

Amsterdam, Jan. 9.—The German Socialist Party Committee passed a resolution on Dec. 28th, denouncing the members who opposed the War Credits on the 24th and repudiating the Vorwarts as the Party's organ.

Amsterdam, Jan. 9.—Herr Maximilian Harden's paper, the Zukunft, has been prohibited for the length of the war.

Irish Journalists Tour.

London, Jan. 9.—Reuter's representative at headquarters in France states that a representative party of Irish journalists are touring the trenches, especially the portions held by their countrymen. They include representatives of papers which from both sides, up to August, 1914, bitterly preached civil war, but are now animated with the single idea of how to beat the Germans and with the determination to let the people of Ireland know the magnificent devotion of the whole army.

Czartorysk Battle.

Petersburg, Jan. 10.—The commandant says the enemy re-attempted to recapture Czartorysk but were twice repulsed with considerable losses. Our troops definitely expelled the enemy from various points on the east bank of the Strypa.

The prisoners we took on Jan. 7 north-east of Czernowiz, numbered 1,195.

In the Black Sea.

Our torpedo destroyers sank a big steamer leaving the Bosporus to fetch coal and encountering the Goeben retired to the protection of our warship line close by. A brief long-range engagement ensued but the Goeben with the advantage of speed rapidly withdrew to the Bosporus.

Arrests in Reprisal.

Amsterdam, Jan. 9.—In reprisal for the arrest of the Consuls at Salonika Turkey has ordered the arrest of Anglo-French officials left in charge of Embassies. In reprisal for arrests of other Turks at Salonika a thousand of the subjects of the Entente Powers have been interned.

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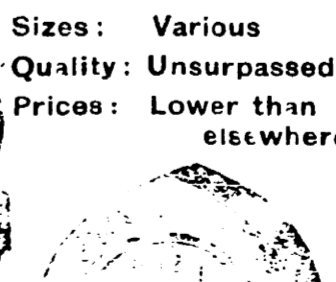
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In Galicia.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Jan. 11.

Petrograd.—In Galicia, front of the river Stypa we repulsed two enemy attacks and occupied two trenches north-east of Czernovitch.

The Kaiser.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Jan. 14.

Alarming reports are being circulated about the health of the Kaiser who was unable to attend the opening of the Prussian Landtag. A Berlin telegram via Copenhagen affirms that the Kaiser is suffering only from indisposition due to anthrax.

The French Loan.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Jan. 13.

The French Loan has produced 15 milliards 180 millions.

Items of Interest.

Hongkong, Jan. 8.—A hundred armed raiders, styling themselves revolutionaries, attacked and looted Yintin customs station, near Shatokok, in the New Territories. They wounded a Chinaman, and ordered the Europeans there to proceed to Hongkong, where they arrived uninjured. Fifty European and Indian policeman proceeded to safeguard Shatokok police station.

London, Jan. 8.—Reuter's special correspondent at headquarters in France states, from unofficial but reliable information, that Major Churchill has been appointed to the command of a battalion of the Scots Fusiliers.

London, Jan. 7.—The increases in imports for the year 1915 are £157,121,165. The exports show a decrease of £46,074,21. The increases in the Dec. imports amount to £3,621,496 and of exports, £7,668,591.

Melbourne, Jan. 7.—Mr. Hagelthorn, Commissioner of Public Works, states that the Victorian wheat yield will probably be between fifty-five to sixty million bushels, surpassing all estimates.

Salonika.

The Babel of War.

What men and things the beautiful and ancient town has seen—the innumerable hosts of Persia in splendid advance and ruinous retreat; Alexander hastening to conquer the world; the Roman orator yearning for the far-off city; St. Paul, who seemed so insignificant; forgotten emperors who looked so fine; Crusaders in the Holy Wars; and the Turkish conquerors, Jewish refugees from Spain, Austrian intriguers, the Young Turks aiming for revolution from the great White Tower, the Red Sultan imprisoned in his pretty villa, the King of Greece assassinated in his moment of triumph, the outburst of Bulgarian soldiers which began the Second, the fateful, Balkan War, whence Europe's present woe. Without histories or guidebooks one cannot recall half the astonishing men and events which time has granted this one city to behold. But in all her variegated history I suppose no situation has been quite so astonishing or perhaps so fateful as the present, says Mr. W. H. Newinson.

The Town and Harbour.

Climbing up the steep slope of the old town and standing on the summit of the Roman and Turkish walls, which, with useless battlements and towers, still divide the swarming streets from the wild and empty country outside, one looks west over the wide bay to the perpetual snow of Olympus beyond it. Southward to the left stands Pelion separated from Olympus by the Vale of Tempe. Northwards beyond the unwholesome plains and marshes of the Vardar one looks to mountains which the Serbians claimed by conquest for their own not much more than two years ago, and far away, already gleaming with snow, stand the twin peaks called Peristeri, or "the Doves," rising above Monastir, from which the whole Serbian immigrant population is reported to have hastened away in panic at the Bulgarian approach.

But the famous harbour at one's feet, so deep that steamers can back their sterns close up against the quay, is crowded with such a collection of shipping as it has never held before. Warships of Great Powers lie there, torpedo-boats, destroyers, middle-aged battleships, cruisers, one peculiar craft with five thin funnels from Russia, massive French vessels piled up with armament, and at least one of those strange new British ships which carry a flat projecting platform all round their sides just below the water's level and thence serve as platforms for two huge 14in. guns projecting from a turret at the foot of the single tripod mast. Great transports bringing men

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and food for men lie there too. And there are the hospital ships, distinct with white paint, broad green lines, and great red crosses, illuminated at night with red lamps and rows of green lights, like fairy vessels ready to carry home the victims of the war.

Greek Soldiers in Khaki.

The vast town still huddled between the walls, except where villas have broken out along the seashore southward, is still marked by the multitude of minarets and cypresses that the Turks have left and by the red tile roofs common to the Balkans. But what an admixture of all the nations and races of the world one now finds in its streets! I believe the basis of the original population is chiefly Jew—Jewish men in long, fur-trimmed robes, Jewish women in green and scarlet head-dresses and some arrangement of gauze or muslin over their breasts, still looking very much like the ancestors who sought refuge among Turks from the Christianity of Spain, and they don't look any different. But the Greeks must rival them now, and a good many Turks are left. On the top of these natural inhabitants is now imposed a great Greek army—three or four army corps, I believe, suddenly mobilised—at the British expense, so people say, well equipped in khaki, their officers very smart and still wearing the obsolete sword. They crowd all the main streets, leading their pack-animals out to their camps, discussing the situation with hereditary eloquence, or just loitering round the cafes.

A Word to Strategists.

They are enough to fill the town to overflowing, but on the top of them again are imposed the French and the British as well—not so many French as British, perhaps, for the French camps and lines are farther away. But for both armies this is the base, and the impatient strategists who command their Governments at once to move 250,000 men here and 250,000 there might learn in Salonika what a base means—what it means to move 150,000 or even 50,000 men, with all their arms, guns, horses, ammunition, meat, flour, bakeries, tools, telegraph, posts, barbed wire, medical stores, staff departments, and goodness knows what. Let the impatient strategist remember the last move of his family and furniture to a new house, and then for a single army corps multiply the trouble by about 10,000.

So here side by side with the neutral Greek and our French ally we see the British soldier, imperturbable as usual, in the midst of an unprecedented scene, driving his motor-lorry, through apparently impenetrable crowds, loading up his supplies, carrying messages for the Staff, calling one Staff office "King's House" and another "Crystal Palace," saluting Greek officers with some hesitation, and trying to enjoy the grounds at the bottom of the Turkish coffee house.

A British Division Waiting.

Along the main road, beside which the railway runs till it branches part to Monastir and part to Uskub, the work of the base camps is carried on and the sections of French, British, and Greek stand side by side, though easy to distinguish by the habits of each nation. But as you pass the kilometre stones along the road the camps gradually separate themselves out, the Greek remaining nearest the town. At about the twelfth stone there is a considerable rise in the ground above the general plain. You cross a long wooden bridge (wearing thin with lorries!) over a clean and wandering river which probably joins one of the mouths of the Vardar further down and on the

hill slope beyond the greater part of one British division is already encamped, with tents and all. It is a healthy, breezy place, fairly warm at present, and though the ground holds water it is raised fairly high above the desolate Vardar marshes which stretch away to the south and west until they are ended by the sea or mountains, already sprinkled with snow. At all events it is a change from French or Flemish trenches, so that a part of the British army stands posted and waits for Government decisions. I do not imply that it is the only part so waiting here.

Unhappily, there is no need for secrecy on my part. For generations Salonika has been Austria's aim, and the place is still full of Austrian firms and agents. Full of Germans, too, whom one cannot call spies because they have as much right in a neutral country as we have, and much more right they think. Every morning various local newspapers appear, most in Greek but many in French, and at all events one in English. Each takes a very definite tone—Government or Venizelist, pro-Entente, pro-German, or nominally neutral. At least two that are written in French are violently pro-German in object and are part of the patient, lucrative German propaganda carefully extended for years throughout the Near East. Next to proclaiming German victories and threatening the horrors that will befall any nation that will not side with Germany, their favorite line is to expose the anomalies of the present situation. International law is still to be observed or reckoned with.

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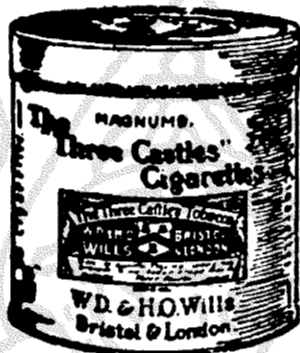
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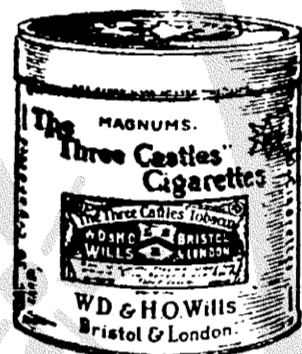
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Vienna, Dec. 9.

HEADQUARTERS. Balkan Theatre: The Montenegrin bands have been dispersed from the heights southeast of Fieje. The left wing of the Montenegrins in the frontier district north of Buzina has been forced to withdraw. The fighting against the right Montenegrin wing continues successfully.

The Serbian rearguards have been thrown back on the heights west of Ipek, two officers and 1,000 men being captured.

Italian theatre: The Italian attacks against Oslavia, Monte San Michele and San Martino continue without success. The Austro-Hungarian troops have conquered the enemy's position near Dolpe, northwest of Tolmein, so that the Austro-Hungarian position is much improved. The Italian artillery shelling the fortified positions near Lardaro and Riva.

Dec. 10.

On the coast front artillery duels have taken place. The Italians are active near Lardaro and Riva. Italian infantry attacked the Austro-Hungarian positions of Monte Vies and to the west of it, but were repulsed.

Dec. 11.

The Italian duels in Judicaria extend to the district west of Chiesà valley. The Austro-Hungarians took back their advanced posts on Monte Vies from numerically superior forces of the enemy.

Feeble Italian attacks in the Donomites against the Sief Saddle and in the Gars district, against Monte San Michele, have been repulsed.

RUSSIAN THEATRE. Near Chortorysk, a Russian reconnoitring party has been repulsed.

BALKAN THEATRE. In the rear-guard engagements on Montenegrin territory, more than 400 prisoners have been made.

Berlin, Dec. 11.

HEADQUARTERS.—Western theatre: There has been an intense artillery activity on both sides. The French after a strong preparation by artillery attacked the German position east of Height 193 situated northeast of Souain. The French attacks failed. The position is firm in German hands. In spite of the bold affirmations to the contrary made by the French during the last few days, this position has not been wrested from the Germans.

Eastern theatre: The Austro-Hungarian troops of General von Einsingen's army repulsed a Russian attack north of the railway from Kovel to Sarny. Russian reconnoitring detachments which crossed the Stry north of Chortorysk have been driven back to the east bank.

TRANSOCEANIC SERVICE.—The Austro-Hungarian admiralty announces officially that an Austro-Hungarian submarine on December 7, in the Drin Bay, captured an Albanian motorboat with 30 armed Serbian soldiers and 4 ammunition cans. The prize has been brought to Cattaro.

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