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" " " " 21	s.s. "Maloja"	19
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" " " " 18	" "Karmala"	Mar. 4
" " " " 3	" "Khyber"	20
" " " " 17	" "Medina"	Apr. 1
" " " " 31	" "Mongolia"	18
" " " " "	" "Malwa"	29

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1916		1916	
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" " "Mongara" do do	do	do	Mar. 29
" " "Nore" do do	Mar. 21	do	Apr. 27

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s/s "Sardinia" Jan. 9, 1916	s/s "Khyber"	Dec. 11, 1915
" " " " 23	" "Medina"	24
" " " " 29	" " "	24
" " " " Feb. 6	" "Mongolia"	Jan. 4, 1916
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" " " " Mar. 5	" "Mooltan"	Feb. 5
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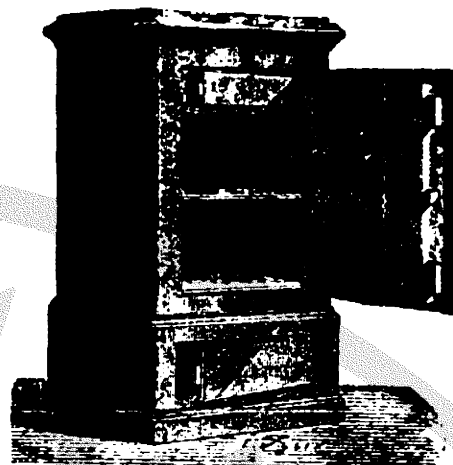
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s.s.	Departure	Date
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"Boribot"	...	1st "
"Prachatipok"	...	5th "
No Departure	...	8th "
"Yugala"	...	12th "
"Chutatch"	...	15th "
"Mahidol"	...	19th "
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Jan.	A.M.			L. W. (Approx.)
	H. W.	Ft. in.	L. W.	
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	8 30	15 0	1-0	6-0
11	9 00	14 7	2-0	7-0
12	9 30	14 6	3-0	7-0
13	10 00	14 0	...	...
14	10 00	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.	L. W.	
1	...	...	9-10	7-8
2	...	...	10-11	7-8
3	...	...	10-11	6-7
4	...	...	10-11	6-0
5	2 30	12 3	10-11	6-0
6	2 30	12 6	11-12	6-0
7	3 00	12 8	11-12	6-0
8	4 00	13 2	12-0	6-0
9	5 00	13 0	...	...
10	6 30	12 10	...	...
11	7 00	12 6	...	...
12	8 00	11 10	...	...
13	8 30	11 4	...	...
14	9 30	11 0	...	...
15	...	...	...	...
16	...	...	9-10	7-6
17	...	...	9-10	7-0
18	...	...	10-11	7-0
19	2 00	12 0	10-11	7-0
20	3 00	12 3	...	7-0
21	3 00	12 3	...	...
22	4 30	12 3	...	...
23	5 00	13 0
24	6 00	13 3
25	6 30	13 0
26	8 00	12 7
27	9 00	12 5
28	10 00	12 0	5-6	8-0
29	7-8	7-6
30	8-9	7-0
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PHASES OF THE MOON.

Jan. 5th	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.

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Bank Bills, demand —

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Danger for Allies in
Macedonia.

The following views of Mr. Hilaire Belloc on the Serbian campaign on the Macedonian front form part of his interesting and authoritative contribution in the current issue of "Land and Water":—

"The position of the Allied force in Macedonia is one strategically so simple that all observers have agreed upon it, and appreciate its character and gravity. But, on the other hand, it is a matter so dependent upon unknown political factors, and these of so complex a character, that no one can pretend to forecast, even on their larger lines, the operations in this region.

"If one confines oneself to the purely military aspect of the thing it is this:—A force is in occupation of a front about 100 miles long from the neighbourhood of Monastir to the Bulgarian town of Strumitza.

"This force consists of a small Serbian body on the left—about the equivalent of a brigade; an Allied force actually deployed (that is, holding the front and not used in any auxiliary fashion or upon communications) of perhaps 100,000 men, perhaps a little more.

"Next we may note that though we call it the occupation of a line, that line is probably not continuous, and there would seem to be a gap between the Serbians near Monastir and the French upon their right, for the Bulgarians are already on the Upper Cerna.

Danger to Communications.

"Further, note that the central mass of the allied force is dependent for its communications upon the single line of railway up the Vardar valley from Salonica, and that this line, as we have seen in previous articles, is particularly vulnerable in two points: (1) at the Demir Kapu gorge; (2) just south of it at Strumitza Station, where a long wooden trestle bridge crosses the unfordable river.

"The extreme left of this line in the neighbourhood of Monastir is also dependent upon the single line rail-

way running from Monastir to Salonica. Its extreme right, where the British are, at Lake Dorian, is served by yet a third railway, also a single-line railway, terminating at Solonies and running up to and more or less parallel with the new Greek frontier.

"Now these positions, 100 miles long, held by, let us say, a little over 100,000 men at the most, are susceptible to attack by Bulgarian and Austro-German forces from the north, which forces number all told (supposing the Austro-German units to have been kept at full strength and the Bulgarians to have lost even as many as 60,000 men during the recent fighting) a body nearer five than four times as numerous as that which the Allies can parade in opposition.

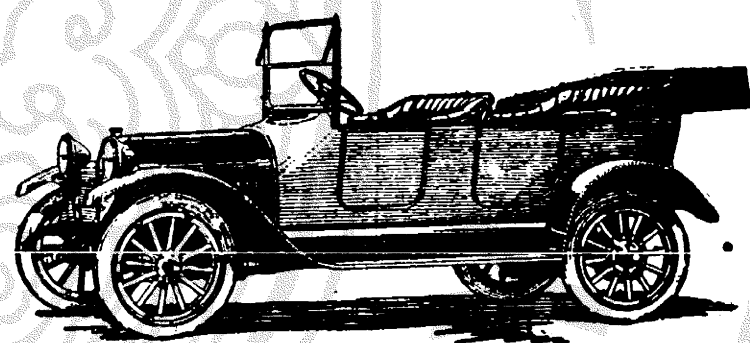
"That is why the position is called a simple one. Taking only the military elements in the situation statically—that is not allowing for possible political change—a vigorous enemy offensive against the allied line could not be successfully met. The country is mountainous, the base is not very distant, the line held is not very long, but the disproportion of forces is almost ridiculous. Nor is it easy to see how that disproportion can be materially remedied. Even if the Allies are prepared to send a very much larger force into Macedonia, that much larger force would still be wholly dependent for its supply upon the one ill-equipped port of Salonica, and it could not possess in missile weapons or their munitionment anything like what the enemy from the north could bring against it.

"The only thing that would redress the balance would be a really pronounced attack in force from the north and east by Russia through Rumania, or Russia and Rumania combined. Here at once enters that political factor which is the great unknown factor in the whole problem."

Rome, Jan. 10.—It is announced that the Serbians defeated the Bulgarians at Elbasan and entrenched themselves in the captured positions.

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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

Indo-China and the War.

A number of young French Indians have arrived lately at Saigon, by the steamer Haiphong, coming from the Malay States and Straits Settlements; they have been called to Indo-China for their military service.

Following the generous example given by the other countries of the "Union Indo-Chinoise," the Government of the Laos has taken \$10,000 from its reserve fund, for the relief of the victims of the war in France.

The subscriptions for the 50th National Loan received at the Banque de l'Indo-Chine, in Saigon, reached, at the date of December 15, the total of 6,956,000 francs, while the amount for all China was 16 millions francs.

A recent decree of the French Government has considerably increased the powers of the Governor General of Indo-China, who, by a special delegation of the French Minister of War, is authorized, to make, in the Indo-China troops, any nomination or transformation the service may require.

Owing to the change of itinerary followed by the Dutch Mail, leaving Singapore for Europe, the Indo-China post will, from now, be forwarded by the P. and O. mail. Consequently, the intermediate M. M. steamer from Saigon will leave this place, on Monday, instead of Wednesday. The steamer Guadiana will, for some time, assure the service, in the place of the Haiphong, which is going to dock, for cause of repair.

According to a communiqué of the Government General of Indo-China, published on December 30, the Yunnan incidents have, until now, developed in the greatest calm, and had no repercussion on the frontiers of Indo-China. It results moreover from the informations received from the Government General that the persons and goods of Europeans, particularly of Frenchmen, will be scrupulously respected.

The military operations against the bands of pirates operating in the Upper Laos, with the active material and moral assistance of the Germans, have been vigorously resumed, under the command of Col. Friquignon. A recent communiqué of the Government General of Indo-China, giving an account of the operations during December, states that the pirates have been driven away from several strongly fortified positions they occupied, and which they thought impregnable, at Macphra and Boulongnai. The bands fled in disorder, after having suffered heavy losses and left in French hands an important booty. Many pirates took refuge in Chinese territory.

During these engagements, the French had to deplore the death of Captain Merlaty, killed when storming, at the head of his company, the position of Boulongnai, defended by several hundreds of pirates. Three French non-commissioned officers and thirty Tonkinese tirailleurs were wounded during these engagements.

The deaths at the front have been reported lately of several Frenchmen from Indo-China, well known in the official or commercial circles there. M. Andre Gaudiot, of la Banque de l'Indo-China, in Saigon, has succumbed to wounds in the Montdidier hospital, bringing to three the number of the Agents of this branch who have died at the war. Captain Perisse, who, six months ago, was commanding a company in Cao Bang, has been killed in Artois; Captain Perisse was a nephew of General Gallieni. Sergeant Marcheguet, of the Civil Service, fell in November, in Artois. Ferdinand du Pasquier, of the L. des Civil Service, was killed on November 8, at "la Main de Messige" while, at his side, his brother Roger, of the Civil Service too, was severely wounded in his shoulder by a grenade. A telegram from the Ministry of War leaves no doubt of the death of Captain Maitre, of "la Société des Distilleries de l'Indo-Chine." On the day before he fell, he wrote to his friends in Hanoi: "I am of the first wave; if I fall, tell my children their father has died for France."

There has been some discussion lately about the formation of a native Army in Indo-China, on the same basis as the one recruited in Western French Africa. After a recent decree of the President of the French Republic, the

natives of Indo-China are authorized to enlist in a special corps, and allowed to serve out of the country. General Pennequin, ex-Commander-in-Chief of the Indo-China troops, (who conferred again on this subject, a few days ago, with the Army Commission) is a strong supporter of the new programme. In a report published at the beginning of December, this officer-general sees the possibility to equip 30,000 of immediate reinforcements, and, later on, to recruit and instruct 200,000 men.

"These are excessive quotations," M. Ernest Outrey, deputy for Saigon, writes, who has a career of thirty years in Indo-China, "and going to give later on, a serious deception to our country" by creating the legend of the great Annamite Army. And such is, he says the opinion of the Governor General, M. Roume, who, recently consulted by the Minister of the Colonies, answered by telegram: "the unanimous advice of the civil and military authorities is that the enlistments of natives for the duration of the war, in the fighting units, will give only meagre results, for the number as well as for the military value of those who will enlist the instruction of whom would require too much time for them to be ready, by next spring."

But there were several sides of the problem and it will be interesting to follow, in the near future, the progress of the formation of the new recruits. Anyhow, it has been courageous, from the deputy of Saigon, to put his countrymen on guard against what he considers as a dangerous illusion.

President Wilson and Shorthand.

Those who listened to President Wilson's speech at the Manhattan Club banquet recently noticed with some surprise that while he read presumably from the manuscript, he frequently changed a word or phrase and not infrequently paused as if he had difficulty in reading the copy. Yesterday it was made clear just why he hesitated, says the New York Herald. He read from shorthand notes. Whether or not any public speaker of prominence ever before read a speech in the same manner was a subject of doubt yesterday. In any event it was the first time the President ever read from shorthand notes in a public address in the city. He originally dictated his speech to Charles Schwem, his official stenographer, at the White House. Mr. Schwem transcribed it and gave the original copy to the President. Instead of committing it to memory, as he usually does with speeches, the President himself copied it off in shorthand notes so that he could have a guide as he read it and still not have his hands cluttered up with large sheets of paper. The President is one of the most expert shorthand men in the country. He learned it when he was in college, taking it up principally as a pastime. It is said that not only can he take down a speech delivered with Bourke Cockran swiftness but that his characters are so perfectly formed that any good stenographer can read them.

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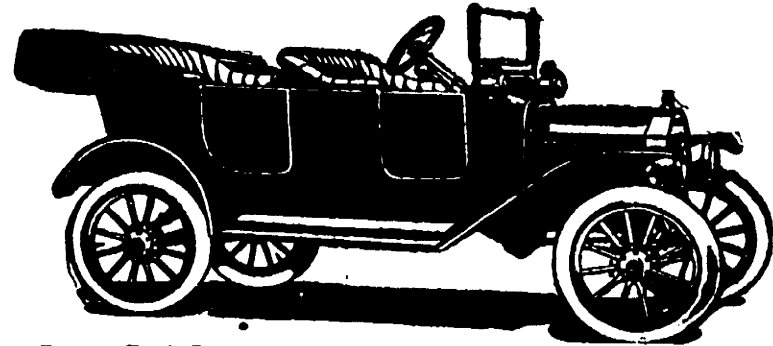
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Ban Phaji Dep.	9.57	12.37	4.30					
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Chengket Dep.	12.33	3.38		7.25				
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Specification and samples of Tickets may be obtained at the office of the Royal Irrigation Department West Bank of the river.

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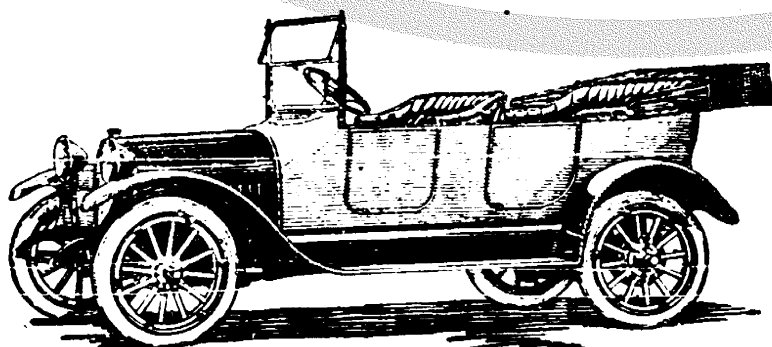
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Great War.**Montenegro.**

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 13.

An Austrian communique says the Austrians have captured Mount Lovtchen, an important position dominating the back of Cattaro on one side and Cettinge on the other.

The French Front.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 13.

According to a Paris communique a strong German reconnaissance in the region of Ribecourt was decimated. French artillery considerably damaged enemy works south-east of Rheims. There have been artillery operations in Champagne and Argonne.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Jan. 12.

To-day between Argonne and the Meuse we dispersed groups of enemy workmen.

"Clan Mac Farlane" Sunk.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 13.

The British steamer Clan Mac Farlane has been sunk.

Affairs in China.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 13.

Hongkong.—The revolutionaries raided two more Customs stations. There have been no casualties.

The Serbian Army.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Jan. 12.

The Allies Ministers in the name of their respective Governments have explained to the Government at Athens the necessity of transporting the Serbian army to the island of Corfu. Besides, this temporary occupation is dictated by the laws of humanity.

The Russian Campaign.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Jan. 12.

Petrograd.—The Germans have commenced the evacuation of Ponevieje.

A small Russian squadron in the Black Sea has bombarded Varna.

The Rubber Market.

(S. O.) SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, Jan. 14.

The London price for rubber is 4/.

A number of local companies have fixed up good forward contracts. As an instance Chengkat Serdeng Estates, Ltd. have contracted for a shipment of 25 tons monthly of fine crepe at 3/3 per pound for the whole of 1916.

British Military Aeroplane Fund.

In connection with the remittance forwarded to the War Office through the British Legation on 21st October last, the following acknowledgment from the War Office dated 5th December to the Under Secretary of State, Foreign Office, London, has just been received:—

I am commanded by the Army Council to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 25th ultimo, No. 179,293 forwarding a cheque for £500 which has been provided by the patriotic action of the British residents in Siam towards the cost of the provision of an aeroplane for the use of the Royal Flying Corps.

The Army Council desire that an expression of their great gratitude for the gift should be transmitted to the generous subscribers, and that they be also thanked for leaving the Council a free hand to utilize the money as is thought best.

I am to add that arrangements will be made for an aeroplane to bear an inscription to the effect that residents in Siam have contributed towards the cost of the machine.

I am etc.

(Sd.) B. B. CUBITT.

The list now stands at £767.11/- and is still open, and all contributions, however small, will be most welcome. It is hoped to make another remittance in the near future.

**Court Circular.**

GRAND PALACE,
Thursday Jan. 13.

This afternoon His Majesty the King visited the Royal Bangkok Sports Club where he witnessed a few races. His Majesty then proceeded to Sudasana Monastery to honour His Excellency Phya Rajakula, Under-Secretary of State of the Interior, by witnessing his progress in procession to attend the ancient Brahminical festival of "Triyambavaya" (Sving Festival) in which His Excellency is acting as His Majesty's Deputy for this year.

When the procession had filed past, the Royal Deputy made three obeisances to His Majesty and then retired from the Royal presence, being escorted by the Brahmin priests to the temporary pavilion set up before the Swing. The Brahmin laymen (Nai-wan) then performed the swinging ceremony, after which the King's Deputy retired in procession from the scene.

In the evening His Majesty again witnessed the performance in aid of the Cruiser Fund at the Theatre Royal, Dusit Park, as referred to in the Court Circular of yesterday's date.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Latest telegrams will be found on page 6.

Mr. Wilder left by the s.s. Katong to-day.

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

Mr. P. Ulrich advertises land for sale at Sala Deng and Sathorn roads.

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

A LOT of 50) Sungei Bagan rubber shares changed hands early this week at two dollars per share. The seller was a Bangkokian and the purchaser a Singaporean.

THE s.s. Prachatipok arrived yesterday with a large general cargo and the following passengers:—Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Frandsen, Mr. R. Thomson, Mr. C. Amason and Mr. V. A. Fog.

THE Siam Auctioneering Co. will put up for auction at rooms in Oriental Avenue (opposite Observer Office) to-morrow at 2 p.m. sharp a large quantity of new teak-wood furniture.

THE auction sale of household furniture and other effects of Capt. A. Jansen at his residence in Damrong Raks Road (Wat Saket) will be conducted by Tan Keng Whay to-morrow at 2.30 p.m. sharp.

THE Australian Jockey Club had to hold their last meeting without the presence of their chairman, Mr. Adrian Knox, K.C., who has done much for the club, but was then in Egypt doing what he could for the Empire.

Here is a series of jeux de mots on war words that will take some beating.—Two men visited a restaurant and ordered Turkey without Greece. When they became too facetious, the waitress said: "You can't Romania, for I shall not Serbia." "Not so," said they. "Call the Bosphorus." But she wouldn't and they went away Hungary.

THE following papers have been received at H. B. M. Legation and may be consulted by those desiring to do so:—1 Proceedings before British Prize Courts overseas. 2 Proclamation prohibiting the importation of machine tools into the United Kingdom 3 Defence of the Realm (Isle of Man) amendment Regulations 1915. 4 Vessels and cargoes detained or captured by British forces.

SMOKING is to be allowed in London theatres. The Lord Chamberlain has consented, if any manager applies, to delete from Clause 53 of the theatre licence the word "auditorium." Thus a stroke of a pen alters the licence and allows smoking. Clause 53 reads: No smoking is permitted in the auditorium, the orchestra, the green-rooms, the dressing-rooms, the wings, or within the precincts of the stage, except so far as may be necessary on the stage, in connection with the performance.

The Navy League.

The subscriptions to the Cruiser Fund on the 12th instant amounted to Tcs. 5231. The total now amounts to Tcs. 1,823,508.

S. Mary's Mission.

We are asked to state that it is intended to hold a Bazaar at the above Mission on Friday and Saturday Feb. 25 and 26. Friends of the Mission are asked to make a note of the dates. Orders may be sent to the Mission House for any purchases that supporters of the cause would like to make.

British Destroyer Outside the Bar.

Vessels Coming to Bangkok Searched.

Between 9 and 10 o'clock last night as the s.s. Redang was coming up to Bangkok from Koh Phra she was suddenly stopped by a British torpedo-boat destroyer just outside the bar. A signal was first sent to her requesting her to stop but she paid no heed to it and continued her voyage. She was however not able to proceed many yards when a shot was fired across her bows by the destroyer and she was compelled to stop. An officer accompanied by about 10 or 12 bluejackets from the destroyer immediately boarded her and made a minute search of the vessel going through her various papers and even examining the passports of the European crew on board. We learn that the Chao Chow Fu which came in this morning was also boarded and searched outside the bar by British bluejackets.

The Races.

The following are the results of the 4th and 5th events in yesterday's races:

(4) Australian Ponies Race.

For Ponies 14.2 and under, 7 furlongs. Value Tcs. 250. Presented by the R. B. S. C.

Top Natch Kongs's Vanni 1
Madame de Bhissuloke's Nai Chan 2
Luang Patibatti's Flirt 3

Also ran: Nai Pradisht, Lady A. Nancy, Warah, Mad Meg and Irony.
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(5) Australian Griffins Race.

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Top Natch Kongs's Vanni 1
Sriwacha Kongs's Jacobin 2
Why Not, Vittoria and Maharatt also ran.

Time: 1 min. 25 4/5 secs. Tote: Tcs. 13.

Handicaps.

The following are the handicaps for tomorrow's races:

1ST RACE.

Lomluk 9.11, Iownit 6.10, Vittoria 7.2, Seabreeze 6.0, Maha Chai 6.7, Maharatt 6.11, Jacobin 6.7, Hope 8.4, Flicka 5.7.

2ND RACE.

Nai Pradisht 8.8, Lady A 7.7, Nai Chan 8.7, Warah 6.3, Lady Chan 6.10, Flirt 7.12, Kop 8.5, Vano 8.5.

3RD RACE.

Nipn 6.7, Sally 6.9, Phuang Phet 6.5, Slipaway 7.12, Aminta 7.7, Old Mel 6.0, Sunflower 8.7, Blind Annie 9.2, Pom 7.12.

4TH RACE.

Sorn Chai 5.0, Thai Laox 8.0, Krat 7.10, Klong Taan 6.0, Nilaraja 7.0, Suvan 7.10.

5TH RACE.

Why Not 5.7, Teh Keng 8.8, Angsilah 7.10, White Hope 5.7, Vittoria 7.1, Maharatt 6.7, Jacobin 6.7, Vaneela 7.0.

6TH RACE.

Nai Pradisht 8.0, Lady A 7.0, Nancy 5.0, Warah 6.3, Mad Meg 10.0, Irony 6.9, Flirt 7.4, Kop 7.11, Vanni 8.1.

7TH RACE.

Ninn 6.7, Sally 6.5, Phuang Phet 6.0, Slipaway 7.7, Thong Dec 8.0, Aminta 7.6, Old Mel 6.10, Sunflower 8.8, Blind Annie 9.4, Isabella 7.0, Pom 7.5.

The Swinging Festival.

Large crowds gathered to witness the Swinging Ceremony yesterday afternoon at the square at Sao Ching Cha. The procession was quite picturesque and a feature of it this year was the number of decorated motor-cars some of which were sent by European firms in Bangkok. The procession besides contained figures of elephants, dragons, a car converted into a submarine and various other representations.

Golf Notes.

The date for the finish of the third round in the Junior Championship has been postponed to January 23rd and the remaining rounds each one week later.

Mr. J. King has been given a handicap of—18.

Bangkok Lawn Tennis Club.

We are asked to state that the Committee have decided to extend the time for making entries for the annual tournament at the above Club. The list will now close at the Club on Monday next, January 17th, at 6 p. m.

The Theatre Royal.

The amateur theatricals at the Theatre Royal, Dusit Park, on Wednesday and Thursday in aid of the Cruiser Fund were voted on all sides as by far the best witnessed by Bangkok audiences. It is a pity that the fatigues of a busy week kept a number of prominent people at home; one thing is certain that those who were not there missed two well spent evenings, which was the verdict of everybody present. There was one other remark we constantly heard and that was the unstinted praise for the Author of the adaptation "A Good Interpreter" and of the original drama "The Man in Khaki." However well or indifferently the actors played, their various roles one thing always kept you in a thrill of enthusiasm and that was the story as written by Sri Ayudhya. The first play staged was "A Little Foul Play," which to many persons in the audience was an old friend revived, and was well appreciated. The following was the cast:

Gallant Warren Phya Subarna Sombati
Sybil Warren (his wife) Prince Dhani
Mr. Tolbooth Phya Raja
Mary (Servant Boy) Master Surai Suvarnadatta

This charming comedy, a description of which is perhaps unnecessary, was well sustained throughout. Mr. Tolbooth provoking much amusement by his attempts to get into telephonic communication with 2222 Tooting and later on by the kindness of his olfactory nerves smelling frying chicken in the Warren's room.

The cast of the second play staged was:
John Smith (the interpreter) Prince Siddhibara
Luang Bhakdi Phya Melha
(Father of Saiyud) Dhibadi

Luan Lilasen (a young Siamese) Prince Khechor
Inspector of Police Phya Dhamasadi Montri
A Policeman Prince Chuladisa
A Chinese Boy (at the Hotel) Mr. Thuan Dharmajiva

Saiyud (a young Siamese lady) Phya Baronabad Bannun

The Cashier (at the Hotel) Prince Sudhasi

The scene is laid at the entrance hall of a prospective hotel in Kuala Kedah. Saiyud running away from her father's roof in Bangkok with her lover Luan Lilasen arrives at this hostelry and book rooms. John Smith is engaged for the day as interpreter. He does not speak any Siamese and only knows the words "Char char" as being equivalent to "Yes." He also picks up the names of a number of places in Siam. A telephone message comes from Singora which the lady cashier directs the interpreter to attend to. This he unwillingly does and gives his own idea of the message. The message evidently was from Saiyud's father tracing his daughter. Later the father arrives at the hotel. The interpreter is again kept at work. An Inspector of Police is sent for and the interpreter gives his own version of the father's complaint as a case of snatching a pocket book. The father also hands the police a picture of the man he wants arrested. Luan Lilasen is arrested as he sneaks out of the hotel on perceiving the presence of Saiyud's father. While under arrest a telephonic message comes from his firm offering Luan Lilasen a share in the concern. This appears to appease the father and he forgives his daughter. This is the plot as shortly as possible.

This play was the "piece de resistance" of the evening. The adapter showed himself to possess no mean knowledge of colloquial English and the interpretation of John Smith was simply excellent. Prince Siddhibara as John Smith was "it" and then some, as our friends across the Herring Pond say. He was extremely funny and kept the audience audibly chuckling. All the performers in this act spoke remarkably clearly and so none of the wit and humour was lost. Prince Sudhasi, the lady cashier, moved about with a gracefulness that was charming and simply acted the part of an amateur hotel clerk to perfection.

Phya Medhi Dhibadi as an irate Siamese parent searching for a misguided daughter was absolutely perfect. The young Siamese lady was a trifle shy, but kept the Siamese portion of the audience in shrieks with her desire to speak Siamese in preference to English.

Nai Thuan was a good sample of the ideal Chinese boy, who unfortunately is becoming as scarce as ever.

Phya Dharmaskidi Montri as an Inspector of Police, not knowing a word of Siamese, acted the part of a limb of the law very well and his anger, at being called upon to arrest a man for snatching when there was no such offence committed, was well simulated. Prince Chuladisa made an excellent but dumb Sikh policeman.

The "Man in Khaki" was an original drama in one act by Sri Ayudhya. After witnessing this play one wonder-

ed whether the Author was the first in the field in forecasting the type of play that one may expect to see in a year or so.

The cast was made up as follows:

French.
Le Comte de Concy Phra Raja Darun Raksha

La Comtesse de Concy Luang Abkibal Burimasakli

Louise de Concy Prince Sakol Luang Sonthi Vijakara

Jean Fabre servants Phya Anubas Siyarnmar

Marthe Fabre Germans.
Le Gen. Von Eisenberg Phya Buri Navarash

Capt. Von Ende Phya Sundara Likbit

Sergt Muller (of the Uhlands) Prince Marubara Sildasir

Keller Phya Baisai

Schulz Uhlan troopers Phya Sri Vikrama

The acting of both the French and the German characters was exceedingly well sustained. The Author had freely expressed sentiments culled from the modern press in a most feeling manner and these were in turn admirably rendered by the actors. The theme finally devolved itself into the theme whether an other is bound by any personal considerations or whether his one and only duty is strict enforcement of the letter of the law.

The General directs that a German soldier guilty of a technical act of desertion under extenuating circumstances, shall not be heard and directs the sentence of death to be carried out not moving an inch from that resolve even when he knows that it is his own son who is to be shot. Hearing the fateful volley fired he sinks into a chair with a curse on the war and on those who had brought it about.

The staging of all three plays was remarkably well done and much praise is due to those responsible for the scenery and effects.

Notes from the North.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Chiengmai, Jan. 6th, 1916.

The birthday of His Majesty the King of Siam has, it seems to me, been celebrated this year with more than usual enthusiasm in Chiengmai. In addition to universal decorations, there was a dinner at the Kao Saman on the 1st inst., followed by lakon at the Chao Luang's theatre; excellent sports and a dinner at the Barracks on the 2nd and a long programme of Sports at the Government School on the 3rd. The school is a fine, new building, with 6 excellent class-rooms. The Commissioner of Education and his wife entertained a large number of friends, who were very interested in the various items and Phya Rachaya distributed the many prizes gained by successful competitors.

We "farangs" have, comparatively, spent a war time Christmas week but, though there has been nothing like the usual Northern Meeting, we have not been at all dull. With sundry dinners, polo and competitive matches at the Gymkhana Club, there has, in a small way, been quite a lot going on. The winners of the tennis doubles are Mr. Bakken and Khun Kluen, while Khun Vipan further upheld the honour of the International Court by getting into the single's final in which he was defeated by Mr. Walton. The Chief Judge accompanied H. R. H. the Prince of Bhissuloke to Lampang for the opening of its new Court and has therefore been unable to compete in these games. In squash racquets (doubles only) the victors are Messrs. Walton and Dalgleish. A football team from Prince Royal's College took on a polyglot Christmas crowd and conclusively proved the advantages of youth and regular play together.

My days of climbing hills, wading streams and babbling in the "Observer" are nearly over and, though I have never been an ardent devotee of the North, Chiengmai is essentially a station of *real* friends, to whom I shall be most sorry to say good-bye. I suppose I have seen as much of up-country H.S.M. officials as any European woman in Siam and, at the risk of repeating previous remarks, I should like, in farewell, to express my great appreciation of their kindly courtesy. I have not only experienced it in Chiengmai, where the officials are my personal friends and where I have had a chance of returning their hospitality but in every station in this Mondhol. If six years in the North have had no other useful effect, they have enabled me to know, and sincerely like, the people, who aid in the administration of Siam.

A SAN FRANCISCO paper tells of a poor young Irish couple who went to the priest to be married, but had not the necessary money. "Let me go home, reverend father," begged the girl, "and I will get the money." The ceremony over, the girl said: "God bless your reverence! Here is the pawn ticket for your hat and overcoat, which I took from the vestry."

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WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY

Swedish Officers in Persia.

The Swedish Foreign Office has no official information from Persia, the only details available being those contained in newspaper telegrams. It takes no responsibility for what Swedish officers may or may not be doing. Swedish officers in Persia who were appointed by the Government some years ago are all back again and serving in the Swedish Army. Those now serving are privately employed and have no authority from the Swedish Government.—Ex. Tel. Co.

Bread Tickets for Turks.

The Turkish Government are pre-

paring to issue bread, milk, beef, and coal tickets, as in Germany, and Germans are supervising the work. It may be remembered that the German Government promised their people a better time as regards food supplies when Constantinople was reached but it is difficult to understand how they will be able to fulfil their promise, as Constantinople is now unable to support itself.—Ex. Tel. Co.

THE New Zealand House of Representatives has approved of the Legislative Council's amendment of the Gambling Act, granting an extra day's racing to clubs that lost days through the military occupation of their grounds.

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Great War.

The Western Front.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Jan. 17.

Yesterday in Belgium we damaged enemy trenches in the region of Hettas and caused great explosions. We exploded a munitions depot in the region of Lille and a small post in the region of Arras.

To-day there is nothing to report.

In the Caucasus.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Jan. 17.

Petrograd.—In the course of the fights in the Caucasus on the 13th instant we captured 200 Turkish officers, 400 troops, 6 cannon, 8 machine-guns and a large quantity of munitions.

[Reuter's telegram of yesterday gives the number of officers captured as 20. The above is evidently an error.—Ed. "S. O."]

The Italian Campaign.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Jan. 17.

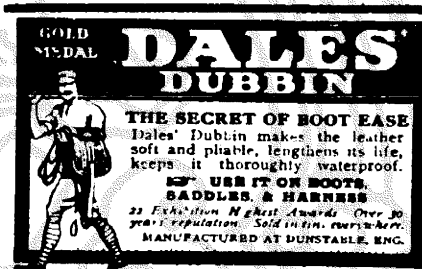
Rome.—North-west of Gorizia we repulsed two violent attacks and captured prisoners, arms and munitions.

At Salonika.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Jan. 17.

Salonika.—The English have brought down a German aeroplane. The aviators were killed.



Various.

Paris, Jan. 11.—The Montenegrin communique says there was extremely violent fighting. The Lepensatz positions were captured and lost several times. Finally we remained masters of the ground. Our losses are appreciable, the enemy's considerable. After desperate fighting the enemy occupied Turiak. We withdrew to positions to the left of Lesniza. Violent Austrian attacks in the direction of Ipek Rugova were everywhere repulsed. A furious bombardment took place off Lovcen by all forts, the mobile batteries of Boocchi di Cattaro, as well as cruisers participating.

London, Jan. 11.—A Montenegrin communique records continued desperate fighting on the Ipek front, where, although the enemy was repeatedly repulsed with enormous loss, the Montenegrins were obliged to evacuate Berane. The Austrian offensive failed at Rogovo and Moikavatz but after retaking Turiak the Montenegrins were forced to retire to the left bank of the river Lim. The Austrians made a furious attack for several days on Mount Lovtchen, covered by warships from Fort Cattaro. They succeeded with the aid of gas in occupying Kuk and Rastatz and fighting is proceeding.

London, Jan. 11.—West Newington election has resulted in the return of Mr. Gilbert, Liberal 2616; Mr. Terrett obtained 787 votes.

Mackenzie Bell has withdrawn from Hanover Square.

London, Jan. 11.—Sir Douglas Haig reports: There was artillery activity to-day near Fauquissart, Bois Grenier, Sainte Loi and about Ypres. Hostile aircraft dropped bombs near Strazelle, Hazebrouck, Saint Omer and a woman and child were killed.

The Labourite Mr. Anderson moves the rejection of the military bill of Jan. 12. The khaki liberal Lord Smith seconds. On the other hand it is officially announced that the Labour Party has accepted the invitation of Mr. Asquith to discuss with him certain aspects of the bill on Jan. 11. Meanwhile resignations of Labour Ministers are in abeyance.

London, Jan. 11.—Obituary Mr. Allen McGregor, Chairman of the Glen line.

London, Jan. 11.—Prince Alexander of Teck is promoted to be Brigadier General; Brevet-Colonel temporary Major-General R. H. Butler is gazetted as deputy chief of General Staff in succession to Colonel (temporary Major-General) Wigham.

London, Jan. 11.—In the House of Commons, Lord Robert Cecil said that the Albanian territory under Essad Pasha had been friendly to the Serbians. Essad had rendered them valuable assistance.

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Call From the Trenches.

The speech delivered in the House of Commons on November 16 by Colonel Page Croft, the member for Christchurch, was a real call from the trenches, strikingly different in tone from some speeches by other officers who have returned from the field of action to the arena of politics. He said:—

"I have not had the privilege of speaking in this House for a very long time, but as I can claim the privilege of having served actually in the trenches longer, I think, than any other member in this House—for over a year I have been with that wonderful democracy, the British army, where we have no politics, and where we have no class, that wonderful brotherhood which has grown up—I am going to crave the indulgence of the House to say a very few words. I must confess that I am a little disappointed at some of the things which I have heard this afternoon. I am only speaking as one of a million, and I say when one gets into that frame of mind that when you wake up in the morning you are not quite certain that you will ever see another night, you come to look upon the realities of these things, and you begin to realise that words do not count very much. I was very disappointed with the speech of the hon. member for Huddersfield (Mr. Sherwell), because he seemed to me to labour so much the question of what had been our political principles and our party views in years gone by. Are those considerations at this moment? Does it matter two-pence to any of us if we are going to lose our seats when a million of our countrymen are possibly losing their lives? I have done my best for the voluntary system, so I can speak without bias. For 17 years I endeavoured to fit myself for this occasion, and I did my utmost to make successful the Territorial system."

Decide Mass Power.
"At the present moment it seems to me that the thing we have got to consider, as the Colonial Secretary (Mr. Bonar Law) says, is how this war can be brought to a successful conclusion quickly. Some people say, 'Let us rely on our finance. Let us finance other countries.' What about the men in the trenches? Have they got to wait from five to ten years whilst this expense is going on, or are you going to give them a chance of victory by giving them the decisive man-power at the decisive moment at the decisive point? I heard an eloquent speech from a general four days ago—he was speaking to the battalion I command—and he said, 'Whatever happens, you are going to stick it. The British army has before had a long war. We had a seven years' war and a thirty years' war.' Going off parade a man was heard to say, 'Cheer up, mates, I have always heard that the first thirty years of war are the worst.' When I listened to one or two of the speeches this afternoon I realised that a dissimilar view was held by one or two gentlemen here. I believe that the whole House will agree very much with what was said by the hon. member for Derby (Mr. Thomas). Many things which he said are obviously questions which must be weightily considered. He mentioned the case of the young man who may be left in a family. I know the case of a father who has served for many years and who has four sons in the same regiment. There is one boy at home carrying on the business. Surely no system could be proposed which would be so mad as to let that business go while that family is giving so good a quota to the service of the State."

Pensions Burden.
"On this question of the married men, perhaps the greatest point which has arisen, apart from the injustice to the individual, is that this war is really rather expensive. It is no small sum that this country is having to find in money, and I do not think that we all of us yet realise what the pension bill is going to be if we rely as much in the future as we have done in the past upon the good-will of the man who recognises his responsibility and comes forward. I believe that the United States at the present moment are suffering in their whole financial system owing to the pensions of the Civil War so long ago. It is often suggested that if we have to change our system there will be a question of the unity of the nation. I want to put this to the Labour leaders. I call myself a labouring man, because I am fighting with men where, as I have said before, we have no class any longer. All that kind of thing has gone. If the opinion of the Cabinet, if in the opinion of their naval and military advisers, if in the opinion of the experts, this war can be ended, let us say, in June by finding another million trained men. I cannot believe that labour would revolt if we changed our system. If by bringing in a selected universal service in the next few months we are possibly going to save the lives of something like half a million men, not only rich people but their comrades in the mines, the factories, and other walks of life, who are fighting at the present moment, and anybody who tells me that working classes, if they are told that those lives are going to be saved, will hesitate, I say that I do not believe it. It is a slander upon the working classes."

"There is one little point which is overlooked, and it is the question of training. You may hang on and hang on and say, 'Yes, I am getting dribbles now, and I am speculating on getting further dribbles next month and the

month after,' but without training it is simply murder. In previous wars it may have been possible to throw hastily trained men into the fighting line immediately, but I believe we can make no greater mistake in this war. There is nothing so cruel as to throw ill-trained troops into the firing line under the conditions of the modern inferno. It is a test which can only be stood by the highest discipline, and to anybody who thinks to the contrary, I say with all respect that they have not been there."

"In my humble opinion, and I believe, in the opinion of most soldiers, six months is not enough to make such troops as can attack with success against the artillery and machine-gun power of our enemies. It is our business, although the war may be finished before the whole of the resources of the nation are involved, so to train these men that they will not be asked to go into battle without that real training which will carry them through. I am sure that a great deal of opposition to this question has arisen because there are gentlemen who all their lives have been sincerely opposed to what is known as militarism, and after what we have seen in the German Empire that is readily understandable, but you cannot defeat a highly organised militarism with a voluntarism which may be trained in a month or two months, and surely what should be realised at this time before everything else is that this is not a question of militarism or anti-militarism. It is a clear issue: Is the British Empire going to exist or is it going to come to an end? If there are gentlemen who still fear the effects of militarism on those who have not yet joined the Forces of the Crown in defence of our Empire, I would only like to say to them, 'My experience has been so utterly to the contrary, my experience has been that the elevation of character has been so amazing, that I ask them to believe me that their protégé will not suffer damage from going into the British army at the present moment.'"

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"I may say, in conclusion, I believe that if the whole nation shares with us the bringing about this great victory, you will not find that the men will be tainted as used to be feared when this was an academic question—by militarism. You will find that there will run through this country a purifying stream of manhood that will come back here and revolutionise the whole thought of this country. I believe you will find you will have a greater movement towards religion. I believe you will find a greater comradeship, a greater striving for social equality than we have ever known before, and I believe, too, that the greatest opponents of that militarism to-day, if they will only realise the wonderfully purifying effect it has on all our minds, will be ready to do everything in their power if Lord Derby's scheme is found not to succeed, to assist their country to speedily end the somewhat strenuous situation in which we find ourselves over the water—they will do everything in their power to bring victory to our arms."

China and Poison Gas.**A Bad Beginning.**

The Hanyang arsenal to be abreast of the times has started the manufacture of asphyxiating bombs and through some mishap four victims of asphyxiation had to be removed to hospital, says a China paper. Two have died and the recovery of the other two is doubtful. Many years ago, says a Northern paper, when the arsenal commenced the manufacture of smokeless powder, there was also a mishap. There were twelve men in charge, including the official deputy who was a Taoist, and the whole lot were blown up. Enough human remains were recovered to make a Taoist and no more, so the same received a gorgeous funeral and all the families concerned were greatly gratified.

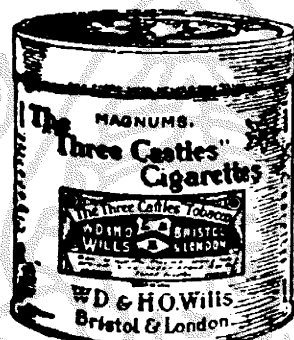
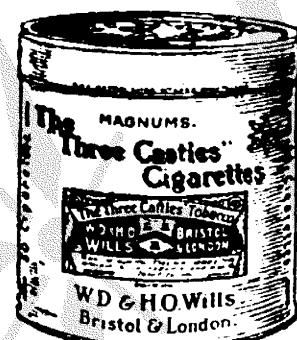
London, Jan. 11.—Saint Paul's is suffering from "senile decay." The building is in a graver condition than ever, according to the statement of Canon Alexander, the church treasurer, who renews his appeal for funds to consolidate the piers and buttresses. Two years ago £70,000 was asked for. The war interrupted the flow of subscriptions and only half was obtained.

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The Kölnische Volkszeitung, in an inspired communication from Berlin, indulges in the following rhapsodies: "Communication from the North Sea with the Persian Gulf is now established on land. Nothing but another line of communication by water remains to complete the links in the chain that binds the Orient to Germany. What a magnificent scheme is waiting to be realised!

A waterway from the North Sea through the Rhine and the Danube to the Black Sea—that is the grandiose project of the future. The war and Germany's alliance with Bulgaria and Turkey have proved beyond all doubt the need for this great canal. One can understand by a glance at the map what it would mean if our mercantile steamships, our submarines, our torpedo-boats, and our smaller cruisers could pass freely and without hindrance from the North Sea to the Black Sea and to Constantinople. Our policy must achieve this, and then nothing in the world can withstand the league of the Central Empires with the two principal Powers of the Orient. Then the new Quadruple Alliance of Germany, Austria, Bulgaria, and Turkey will be able to fulfil its mission in Europe and in Asia.

"The waterway of the Rhine, the Main, and the Danube must be constructed. The enthusiasm in Bulgaria was intense when the first Zeppelin landed in Sofia, but the joy of our friends in those regions would be still greater if a German warship which had come down the Danube anchored at Rusehuk."

Doubtless the significance of this officially inspired utterance, with its calm assumption that German warships can "pass freely and without hindrance" along the Dutch parts of the Rhine, has been noted at Amsterdam. It is evident that Germany could not afford to leave one end of a waterway of this importance in the possession of any small neighbour.

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