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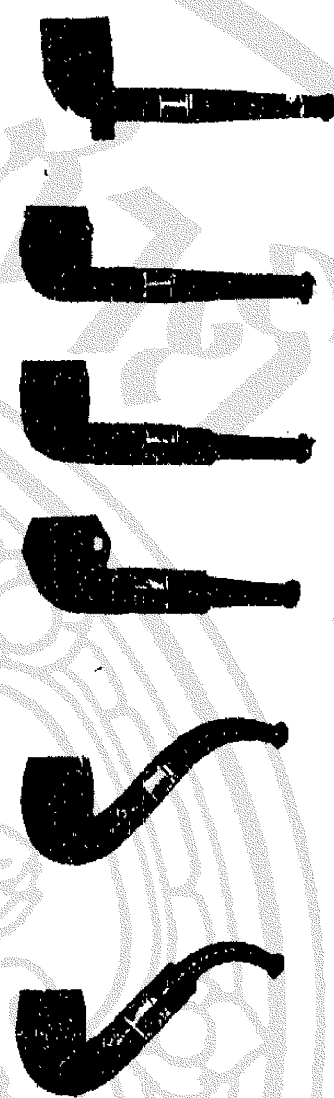
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1	8 00	14 7
2	8 00	14 3
3	8 00	14 5
4	6 00	14 10
5	6 00	15 2
6	6 30	15 8
7	6 30	15 8
8	7 00	15 5
9	7 00	15 4
10	7 30	15 2
11	7 30	15 2
12	7 30	15 1	1-0	7-0	...
13	7 30	15 0	1-2	7-0	...
14	8 00	14 8	2-0	7-0	...
15	8 00	14 6
16	8 00	14 3
17	8 30	14 2
18	8 30	14 5
19	8 30	15 1
20	8 30	15 4
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22	6 00	15 4
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24	7 00	15 1	1-0	6-0	...
25	7 00	15 1	1-0	7-0	...
26	7 00	14 9	1-2	7-0	...
27	7 00	14 9
28	7 00	14 9
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Feb.	P.M.			L. W.	Feet.
	H. W.	Ft. in.	(Approx.)		
1	11 00	12 6	4-5	7-0	...
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3	5-6	7-0	...
4	6-7	7-0	...
5	6-7	7-0	...
6	9-10	7-0	...
7	3 30	12 8	10-11	7-0	...
8	4 00	13 1	11-12	7-0	...
9	5 00	13 6	12-0	7-0	...
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15	11 00	13 4	2-3	7-0	...
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18	5-6	7-0	...
19	8-9	7-0	...
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21	3 30	13 0	11-12	7-0	...
22	5 30	13 8	12-0	7-0	...
23	6 00	14 1
24	6 30	14 6
25	7 30	14 3	1-0	7-0	...
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PHASES OF THE MOON.
Feb. 7th O Full Moon 10.10 a.m.
" 15th (Last Quarter) 8.35 a.m.
" 22nd (New Moon) 0.51 a.m.
" 28th (First Quarter) 11.25 p.m.Monthly Crop Report
(General.)

For the Month of October, 1916.

Paddy.

The condition and prospects of rice
growing in the six Mondol Channai
has already been reported on in the
weekly report.Mondol Chandaburi.—Planting has
been completed. The total area under
cultivation is about 211,000 rai, the
paddy is over 2 sok high, doing well
and is beginning to head.There are about 4,700 rai of hill rice,
out of which about 2,000 rai have been
harvested.The average price of paddy is 51
bahts per kwin and that of rice is 1.50
baht per tang.Mondol Nagor Rajawima.—The area
planted up to date is about 545,700 rai,
the paddy is in good condition and is
beginning to head.There are about 700 rai of hill rice,
which are being harvested.The price of paddy is 40 bahts per
kwin.Mondol Bannulok.—The total area
under cultivation is about 608,650 rai,
the paddy is in good condition and is
beginning to head.There are about 16,100 rai of hill
rice, out of which about 5,000 rai have
been harvested.The price of paddy is from 53 to 80
bahts per kwin and that of rice is 1.75
baht per tang.Mondol Maharaj.—The total area
under cultivation is about 364,100 rai,
the paddy is in good condition and is
beginning to head.There are about 16,100 rai of hill
rice, out of which about 5,000 rai have
been harvested.The price of paddy is from 53 to 80
bahts per kwin and that of rice is 1.75
baht per tang.Mondol Bayab.—The total area under
cultivation is about 746,650 rai, the
paddy is in good condition with the
exception of some damage caused by
floods. The crop is beginning to head.There are about 20,000 rai of hill rice,
of which about 10,000 rai have been
harvested.The price of paddy is from 50 to 85
bahts per kwin and that of rice is 1.25
baht per tang.Mondol Uthar.—The total area under
cultivation is about 812,200 rai, the
paddy is in good condition and is
beginning to head.There are about 5,000 rai of hill rice,
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from 75 to 100 satangs per tang.

Mondol Roi Etch.—The area planted
up to date is about 997,200 rai, the
paddy is only partly good owing to
insufficient rainfall. The crop is be-
ginning to head. Harvesting of Kao
Bao begins.Harvesting of hill rice has been com-
pleted. The total area planted was
about 8,200 rai.The price of paddy is 40 bahts per
kwin and that of rice is 1 baht per
tang.Mondol Ubol.—The total area under
cultivation is about 548,200 rai, the
paddy is doing well and is begin-
ning to head.There are about 3,700 rai of hill
rice which are being harvested.The price of paddy is 2 bahts per
picul and that of rice is 1.50 baht per
tang.Mondol Surasatra.—The area plant-
ed up to date is about 125,200 rai, the
paddy is only partly good on account
of poor rain.The area planted with hill rice is
about 25,000 rai, the plants are doing
well, and heading. About 600 rai
have been harvested, 1 rai produced
25 tang.The price of paddy is from 45 to 70
bahts per kwin and that of rice from
150 to 200 bahts. About 135 kwin of
the former and 58 kwin of the latter
were exported from Surasatra Dhani
to Singapore.Mondol Nagor Sridharmaraj.—The
area planted up to date is in Songkhla
and Badaling is about 101,700 rai, the
paddy is doing well.Hill rice has been planted on about
28,150 rai and is in good condition.The prices of paddy in Songkhla and
Badaling are 42 bahts and 47.66 bahts
per kwin and those of rice are 125.13
bahts per kwin and 1.50 baht per tang
respectively. During September about
123 kwin 43 tang of paddy, 200 kwin
of rice and 21 kwin 14 tang of broken
rice, costing 5,179, 25,023 and 315 bahts
respectively were exported to the Bri-
tish Malay Peninsula. Report has not
yet been received from Nagor Sri-
dharmaraj.Mondol Pattani.—The area planted
up to date in Naradhiwas and Sri Buri
is about 22,100 rai, the paddy is in
good condition.Hill rice has been planted on about
2,000 rai and is in fair condition.The price of paddy is from 50 to 65
bahts per kwin and that of rice is 2.50
bahts per tang.Reports have not yet been received
from the other Changvade.Mondol Bhuket.—The area planted
up to date is about 164,200 rai, the
paddy is doing fairly well.There are about 15,000 rai of hill
rice, which are in fair

Norway's Attitude.**Norsemen and British Sea Power.**

M. Vogt, brother of the Norwegian Ambassador in London, and editor of a prominent Norwegian newspaper, published a couple of months ago a lengthy and interesting statement concerning the crisis that had arisen between Germany and Norway.

M. Vogt, who is in the closest touch with Government circles, says the Allies, as well as Germany may have been misled into exaggerating the gravity of the situation because the Norwegian Press, which is not accustomed to deal with international politics, has used language which may have painted the position darker than was intended. "Norwegian public opinion is not undivided on the side of the Allies. Among my personal friends I meet professors, officers, engineers, lawyers, wealthy landowners, priests, and civil officials, who do not hide their German sympathies. But public opinion generally is more in sympathy with the Allies, because, as a seafaring nation, Norway is in such close touch with England, and emigrants have created a strong feeling for Anglo-Saxon thought and political systems, which is very far from being an admiration of military power."

Situation Serious, But the Public Quiet.

"The situation is undoubtedly serious, but the public are very quiet. There is no repetition of the panic of August, 1914. The people will not believe that the Norwegian resolution of the 13th October, can be considered as a 'casus belli,' and although the German Note was also very determined, it gives no hint of any 'casus belli.' The Norwegians hope to live in peace with the whole world, and there is nothing humiliating in a small country going a long way in order to realise these aspirations."

"The German claim that the Norwegian resolution was ordered by the Allies, and more especially by England is, incorrect."

The writer of the article is able to state from inner knowledge that the Note came as an equal surprise to the British Legation at Christiania and to the German. Norway did not negotiate with any of the belligerents, and the Note must be regarded as an expression of public opinion which saw a great difference between commercial difficulties created by the war and the destruction of civil life which one belligerent only has occasioned through the gruesome tragedies in the White Sea.

Shippers Taking the Risk.

"Germany's torpedoing policy of last month has a natural explanation. It is the fact that Norway, next to England, is the European country having the greatest number of ships on the ocean, and since those ships are carrying cargoes of conditional and unconditional contraband to belligerent countries, they must be prepared to accept the laws and risks of war. Norway only demands that these laws

shall be acted upon and that Norwegian territory shall not be violated.

"Behind the German indignation there are other things besides the Note already mentioned, such as the strong Norwegian export prohibitions. The conditions of the export of fish have been strongly criticised by Germany, but it must be remembered that both sides are trying to stop each other's supplies."

"The view held by Norwegian traders is that England is still mistress of the seas and has been able to impose the strongest conditions. For instance, Norway is dependent on England for coal, and if trade and industry are to continue Norway is bound to yield to an extent. But it is wrong to suppose that England alone is governing the Norwegian conditions of export. England, as a matter of fact, is dissatisfied because certain kinds of fish are excepted from the export prohibition. Moreover the stores of tinned goods which had accumulated before the prohibition are also excepted, and Germany directly benefits by that. Nearly every day one can see German steamers loading fish in Norwegian harbours, and proceeding along the Swedish coast to their home waters."

M. Vogt regrets that the Swedish and Norwegian Notes were not delivered simultaneously. He points out that Norway's small fleet with the assistance of many hired patrol boats succeeded in keeping the Norwegian coast free from intrusion by foreign warships during the early months of the war, but that work which is probably Norway's best effort cannot possibly be effectively carried out if one belligerent Power extends her naval operation to the Northern coasts which are sparsely populated, and where the distances between harbours are very great. It is from this point of view that a real explanation of the Norwegian Note may be found."

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Persons desiring to carry on the sale of spirituous liquors in Mondol Krungdhep during the year 2460 must send in their applications to the Department of the Inspector General of Finance and Registry of Revenue Farms and License Department, Wat Muang Khao Line, Bangkok.

Persons who already hold licenses for the present year should send the same attached to their applications to the above departments within the 15th. March B.E. 2459. The Licensing officers will not undertake to issue licenses in time for use on the 1st. April 2460 to any persons, being previous license holders, who fail to make their applications with license attached within the time above mentioned.

Dated 10th. February 1917.
Department of the Inspector General of Finance and Registry of Revenue
Farms and License Department.
F. 10-13 & M. 8-15.

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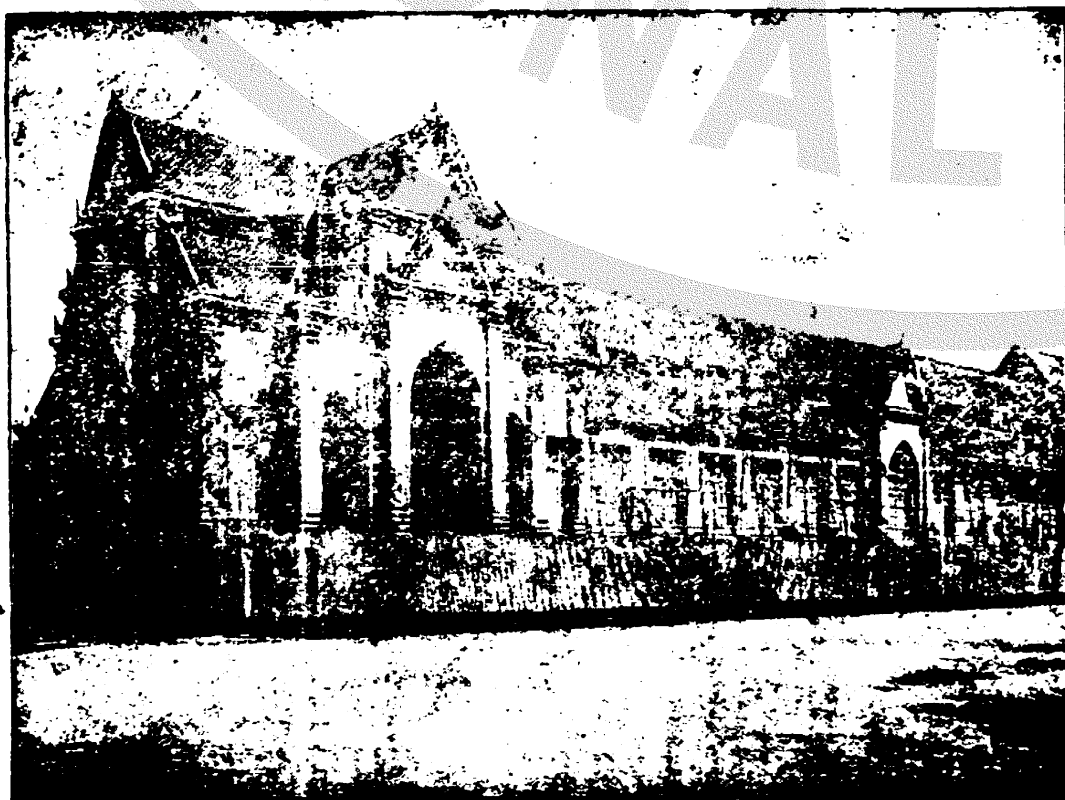
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THE Great War.

German Vessels Damaged.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
London, Feb. 8.

The engines of nine German vessels at Honolulu have been disabled and the boilers wrecked. The crews have been arrested and the vessels are under guard.

Wilson Receives Support.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
London, Feb. 8.

Washington. — Nearly every State legislature have already passed resolutions supporting President Wilson.

The Naval authorities in Manila have taken charge of seventeen German merchantmen and the crews have been removed.

Hunger Demonstrations in Germany.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
London, Feb. 8.

Amsterdam. — The newspaper Resonances states the troops at Aix-la-Chapelle on the 23rd January charged twelve thousand hunger demonstrators. Many were injured.

British Take Grandcourt

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)
Paris, Feb. 8.

The British have occupied Grandcourt.

Rupture of Relations With Germany.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)
Paris, Feb. 8.

Washington. — The Senate has ratified by 78 to 5 votes the rupture of relations with Germany.

The French Senate.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)
Paris, Feb. 8.

M. Clementel has laid before the Senate a project to allow the requisitioning of the establishments, enterprises or works affecting the national defence, or the victualling of the country as well as the labour or the service of all male French citizens from 16 to 60 years of age who are not mobilised.

The appeal will be first made to volunteers and only in case of insufficiency will the powers be exercised.

The Senate has forwarded the measure to the Commission of Economic Organisation.

Brazil's Protest to Germany.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)
Paris, Feb. 8.

Rio de Janeiro. — Brazil has sent Germany a protest against the blockade holding Germany responsible for the acts of her submarines against the citizens, merchandise and the vessels of Brazil.

Spain's Reply to Germany.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)
Paris, Feb. 8.

Madrid. — The Spanish reply to Germany remarks that her loyal and unshakable neutrality gives her the right to expect that the lives of her subjects would not to be imperilled nor her maritime commerce troubled or diminished by a German war carried to excess. The Spanish Government protests seriously and emphatically in making the necessary reservations as to the responsibility of Germany in case of loss of life.

Germany and Neutrals.

(S. O. SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
Singapore, Feb. 9.

It is reported that negotiations are proceeding between Germany and neutrals with a view to the latter obtaining further concessions. A movement of European neutrals seems to be crystallising under the leadership of Spain.

Bethmann Hollweg has said that ruthless submarine is the only alternative that can be taken.

A Berlin message states positively that the submarine policy could not be modified.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To DAY's telegrams appear on page 8.

There will be no cricket on Sunday 11th February at the R. B. S. C. owing to insufficient support.

A notification of importance by the Department of the Inspector General of Finance and Registry of Revenue Farms and License to dealers in spirituous liquors in Mondol Krungdhep appears in our advertising columns.

NEW ADS. — The Siam Import Co., Ltd. deal in engineering goods, motors, railway material, office furniture, spirits etc., etc. A Napoleonic Apologia, a historical film of eight reels containing stirring war scenes will be included in to-night's programme at the Phathakorn.

The Race Lotteries.

First Race. Siamese Ponies. — Un Ohorn, Plawng, Sang Chan and Hiran Ratana fetched 50 ticals each. Total in lottery Ticals 578.

Second Race. Australian Subscription Griffins. — Kanda was favourite at ticals 110, Tot Rak next at 90 ticals and Lily E. third at 80 ticals. Vanno was sold for ticals 35 and Reve D'Or for ticals 25. Total in lottery Ticals 678.

Third Race. Open Australian Race. — Royal Page tical 120, Gladys O. 90, Lakafoss 50, Royal Flush 45, and Lady de Melba 30. Total Ticals 655.

Fourth Race. Second Division of Above. — Flirt 120, Icaro 50, The Friar, late Varo 45, Nai Pradist 40, Sanddy 35, Marie L. 30, Buffalo Bill 20, and Vanda 15. Total Ticals 655.

The King's Cup. First Sheet. — Mars 160, Vanni 100, Nai Chan and Phung Boon 95 each, Say When 65, Sunflower 30, Kop and Thong Di 20 each, Aminta 14 and Iownit 12. Total Ticals 911.

The King's Cup. Second Sheet. — Mars 170, Vanni 90, Phung Boon 80, Nai Chan and Sunflower 60 each, Say When 55, Thong Di 45, Kop 20, Aminta 13 and Iownit 12. Total Ticals 905.

The King's Cup. Third Sheet. — Mars 340, Sunflower 280, Nai Chan and Phung Boon 190 each, Vanni 174, Thang Di 160, Say When 130, Aminta and Kop 25 each, and Iownit 15. Total in lottery Ticals 2,775.

Sixth Race. Silver Cross 195 and Betty 100. Total Ticals 595.

French M. s Levy.

Paris, Dec. 23. — Senator Henry Bergeron to-day introduced in the Senate a Bill providing for the mobilisation of civilians and the organisation of the national labour of France and her Colonies. The subjects of the Bill are defined as follows:

To increase the productiveness of the nation to the extent required to accelerate victory.

To diminish French purchases abroad.

To preserve for France her army of labour and to profit from a victorious peace.

The Bill provides for the mobilisation of civilians between 17 and 60 years of age through the departmental administration, which would be responsible for the effective utilisation of the civilian army of labour. — Reuter.

Neutral Steamers in Singapore.

Clearances for Siam No Longer Refused.

We have obtained the following information from H. B. M.'s Consulate General to-day with regard to yesterday's rumour that neutral vessels were not able to leave the port of Singapore:

Feb. 10, 1917.

The Colonial Secretary of Singapore informs H. B. M.'s Consulate-General under date 9th February that, as a purely temporary measure, clearances have been deferred in the case of certain neutral vessels but that the duration of the delay is brief only.

A subsequent telegram of the same date states that clearances for Siam are no longer refused.

Slackers' Association.

New York.—The *New York Tribune* says that an organisation has been perfected at the New York residence of Mr. J. Sergeant Cram of British subjects who have secretly left England to escape military service. The organisation is called the Benevolent Association of British Exiles and its purpose is to assist British slackers financially and otherwise.

It was only possible to gather fifty applicants for admission at a recent meeting, and there is no evidence even of their bona fides.

Baron Eckardstein.

Baron Eckardstein was arrested at Berlin on Christmas Eve and placed in the convict prison at Moabit.

Since the war he has proclaimed his contempt for Germany's aggressive precipitation of hostilities, the violation of Belgian neutrality, submarine frightfulness, and the Zepplin murders. He was first secretary to the German Embassy in London for many years and owned an estate near Shanklin, Isle of Wight.—Wireless Press.

[Baron Ernst von Eckardstein married in 1896 Sir John Blundell Maple's only daughter, who divorced him later.]

Allies Air Warfare in 1916.

Paris. The *Guerre Aeronautique* publishes a summary of the Allies' air activity from January 1 to December 20, 1916, and says that when the year's figures are completed it will probably be found that the various Entente air squadrons have carried out at least 750 bombardments.

France has contributed to this total over 250 and England over 180, to which must be added 174 bombardments reported from Macedonia. Nearly 900 aeroplanes were counted as brought down, including 450 by French and 250 by British airmen.

Of the 81 kite balloons brought down, 41 were accounted for by the French and 27 by the British. The monthly reports show the rate of progress to have been constant from January to the end of September, when the weather conditions compelled the airman to moderate activity.—Exchange.

Bulgar M.P.s' Criticisms.

Amsterdam, Jan. 1.—A telegram from Sofia says that M. Radolavoff, the Premier, replying in the Sobranje (Parliament) yesterday evening at the close of the debate on the estimates of the Foreign Ministry to various speakers both on the Government and Opposition benches, made the following declaration on the general situation as affecting Bulgaria:—

"I can assure you that Bulgaria's work has been brought to a successful conclusion. To those who assert that we are asking too much I reply that we are no Chauvinists but that we are aware of the aspirations of the Bulgarian people. You know from the royal manifesto issued when war was declared what Bulgarian aspirations are. I am not obliged to reply to each speaker individually."

Reviewing the criticisms of various Opposition members who spoke against the crossing of the Danube by the Bulgarian troops, M. Radolavoff declared that this movement had been carried out in accordance with orders issued by the supreme Bulgarian command, which was of opinion that the Rumanian Army should be beaten and destroyed beyond the Danube. Continuing, the Premier said that all the German and Austro-Hungarian officers in Bulgaria were subject to the Bulgarian chief command.

"I say this to you," M. Radolavoff added, "in the name of the Government."

M. Radolavoff asked members who criticised the Government's action to have confidence in the Administration. They were ready to conclude peace because they wished to see an end of the war and they would make concessions in the name of humanity and for the welfare of all nations. His speech was received with loud cheers, and the estimates were passed.—Reuter.

Capt. Blaikie's Life Saved.

Vigorous British action has saved Captain Blaikie, master of the Anchor liner *Caledonia*, from the fate of Captain Fryatt. The Germans on Dec. 10 said that Captain Blaikie "attempted to ram one of our submarines, without having previously been attacked," that the *Caledonia* was sunk, and that the captain had been made prisoner.

Mr. Bonar Law said that he was glad to be able to inform Parliament that a telegram had been received from the United States Ambassador to the effect that the German Foreign Office had given a personal assurance to the United States Charge d'Affaires that Captain Blaikie would not share the fate of Captain Fryatt. It was added, said Mr. Bonar Law, that the German Government regarded the *Caledonia* as an armed cruiser and that the captain was within his rights in attempting to ram the submarine.—Daily Mail.

Japan's Friendship for England.

Mr. Gomonoske Komai, speaking at the Bartholomew Club, Anderson's Hotel, on "The So-called Anti-British Feeling in the Far East," said a small section of Japanese publicists denounced the Okuma Government for not having secured a proper understanding with this country. They recognised a better state of feeling towards Japan and Australia, but in India the Japanese had been subjected to ill-treatment. Japan, according to these publicists, had taken upon herself the position of unpaid policeman in the Far East, and had crushed the Germans there, without getting anything in return. Mr. Komai declared that the feeling of Japan was overwhelmingly in favour of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance and was friendly towards England notwithstanding the active efforts of the enemy to create a contrary impression, especially in America. If the British wanted Japanese troops to come and fight in Europe they would be delighted to do so. That was the wish of the whole Japanese nation.

Flying But Dead.

Captain Bolcke, the German airman who was killed at the end of October, described an amazing occurrence in the air in a letter which is published in the book of his Field Reports just issued in Germany.

He describes an encounter between English and German air squadrons near B—on September 27. "My antagonist," he says, "tried to get away, but I stuck to him [apparently firing all the time at pointblank range]. But I couldn't help admiring his endurance."

"I must have settled him long ago, but round and round he kept on flying as well as ever. It was too much to stomach. I said to myself, 'The fellow's dead long ago, but the plane keeps on the level because he's got rubber bands keeping the steering-gear right.' So I flew close in and there I saw the Englishman slightly toppled over to the side sitting at his wheel stone dead."

The number of the machine, says Bolcke, was 7,495.

Church Services.

Assumption Church.

February the 11th Sexagesima Sunday.
5.20 a.m. 1st Mass.
6.10 a.m. 2nd Mass for the Siamese Community.
8 a.m. 3rd and last Mass for the Foreign Community.
4 p.m. Rosary, Instruction, Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament.
WEEK DAYS.
5.30 a.m. 1st Mass.
6 a.m. 2nd and last Mass.
Devotion of the Month: The Holy Childhood.

Christ Church.

Services for: Sexagesima Sunday 11th February 1917.
Evangelium and Sermon 6.0 p.m.
Processional 224 O. happy Band of Pilgrims.
Hymn No. 281 Lead us, Heavenly Father, lead us.
260 Hark, my Soul, it is the Lord.
All Saviour, again to Thy dear name we raise.
Special Psalm No. 59.
Cantate Crouch.
Nunc Dimittis Wesley.
Vesper Oh, Trinity of Love and Power.

S. Mary's Mission.

Sunday, February 11 Sexagesima Sunday.
9 a.m.—Holy Communion and Sermon.
Hymns. Thou art the Way, by Thee alone, Jean, Thou Joy of loving hearts, O Saviour, precious Saviour. Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord, Jean, lover of my soul.
6 p.m.—Evangelium and Sermon.
Hymns. Jean, the very thought of Thee, O God, to know that Thou art just. The radiant morn hath passed away.
Wednesday—February 14.
6.30 p.m.—Short Service of Prayer for those engaged in the War.

Coronation of Hungary's King.

Amsterdam, Dec. 30.—The King and Queen of Hungary were crowned this morning at Budapest, the ceremony at St. Mathey Church being followed by all the customary features of medieval pomp.

The coronation ceremony of to-day began at nine o'clock. The King, wearing the gala uniform of a Hungarian Field-Marshal, was surrounded by the captains of the bodyguard. The Queen, clad in Hungarian coronation robes, rode in a gala coach drawn by sixteen horses and followed by a mounted pageant. Salutes were fired and the procession, in the rear of which came the Hungarian Guard, gendarmes, hussars, and infantry, halted at the church door.

Cardinal Czernyich, the Primate of Hungary, with the remainder of the clergy of the church, awaited their Majesties, the church being crowded. The King and Queen's official guests, foreign diplomats and delegates from the whole country, came early this morning. The crown, sceptre, and sword of St. Stephen had previously been brought by special deputation into the church.

The coronation was performed by the Cardinal, with the assistance of Count Tisza, the King first taking the solemn oath to defend the Catholic Church and the interests of the Church against any enemy. Later the King, wearing the crown, took the public oath before the Parliament Building in the presence of the people. The last act of the coronation ceremony celebration took place on Coronation Hill, on an artificial elevation composed of earth sent from sixty-four Hungarian Komitats. On this elevation the King, surrounded by his dignitaries and banners, bore his sword, drew his sword, and points it slowly to the four points of the compass. The day ends with a coronation gala dinner, while the King and Queen, washing in a golden bowl into which Count Tisza pours water, while the Cardinal hands him the towel, the Cardinal then pronouncing the Benediction.

In former coronations the Minister of Finance used to follow the King's carriage in the pageant and throw coins of gold and silver among the crowds. Owing to the war this feature has been suppressed, as well as the distribution of coins and bread to the poor.

There is much criticism among Hungarian Socialists, circles at the coronation display, which, it is thought, ought to have been dropped owing to the war.—Exchange.

Turks Fear Up Treaties.

New York.—Turkey has denounced the Paris Treaty of 1856 and the Berlin Treaty of 1878 in a formal Note to the German and Austro-Hungarian Governments.

The text of the Note, issued at Washington, asserts that Turkey allied herself with Germany and Austria-Hungary "on a footing of entire equality." Hence the Ottoman Empire definitely abandoned its somewhat subordinate position under the collective guardianship of the Great Powers, which some of the latter were interested in maintaining. It therefore enters the group of European Powers with all the rights and prerogatives of an entirely independent Government. This new situation also removes all the *raison d'être* for the above-mentioned treaties.

The Turkish Government, however, "deems it useful to declare that it will not fail to appeal to the principles of international law in order to have respected the rights which have been stipulated in its favour by the above-mentioned treaties, which rights until now have been disregarded."

At the same time, Turkey has abolished the autonomous organisation in Lebanon (set up after consultation with the Powers in 1861) and establishes "the same administrative mechanism which exists in other parts of the Empire."

Washington.—State Department officials believe that Turkey's motive in repudiating the treaties is in order that she may be able to enter the peace conference as an entirely independent Power.—Reuter.

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Tanks and Their Crews.

From Filson Young with the British Army in France: I spent the last grey afternoon of 1916 in the company of those strangest of all the strange children of the year—the Tanks, or, as their human brethren out here call them, the Willies.

Among all the Machine People who swarm over France and wander in companies on her roads and fields, a race by themselves—motor-lorries, caterpillars, tractors, travelling workshops, motor-kitchens, and tanks—the tanks are easily lords, being larger, heavier, cleverer, naughtier, more formidable, and more intelligent than anything else. Like everyone else who has met them I fell in love with their lumbering and yet ingratiating ways. They wandered about their playing ground like elephants; and infants in time though they be, seemed to belong to that ageless company of immense things that are informed with the wisdom of the ages.

A group of little French children stood gazing at them absorbed as in the pages of a story book that had come true. And a peasant, heavy footed with the mire of the field, watching one rolling past said to me:

"Je crois qu'il y a quelque chose de bon pour nous là; j'ai confiance en ça!" [I fancy there's something good for us there. I've confidence in those.]

J'ai confiance en ça—that is above all the feeling with which the Willie inspires the beholder. One can understand the almost superstitious reverence with which the Tommy regards him. He believes that the Willies can do anything, and a little more. This, be it said, is not quite fair to the Willies. There are many things that they cannot do. They cannot sit up and beg. They are no use as transport vehicles. They will not fetch and carry. You cannot go joy-riding in them or take them out for an early morning spin to whip up the blood. They are very poor craft in which to navigate deep waters, and they cannot fly.

An Easy Grace.

Their requirements in space, material, and time are considerable; but two things they can do—they can proceed and they can fight. When a Willie is ordered to "proceed" anywhere, he proceeds with an inevitability and comprehensiveness that are entirely satisfactory. You simply have to lay him, by compass, like a gun on his objective, and he proceeds there, slowly, uncomfortably, expensively, and unquietly—but surely.

And this afternoon, when I was watching him crossing shell-craters, going over trenches, and through mud that would hopelessly have bogged any other sort of vehicle, I began to see why

he is so beloved of his young trainers and keepers. He is so very efficient. He is gentle, withal, and his movements have an easy grace that, to me, at any rate, come as a surprise.

I had read so much of his ungainliness and general monstrosity that I expected to be almost alarmed by his near proximity. On the contrary, I found myself charmed. The Willie is certainly big—there is no getting away from that; but he has his own beauties of shape and proportion, and there is a certain loveliness in the streaming lines of his track—that endless caterpillar road on which his slug-like body slides.

You may say a slug is not beautiful; but if you had a very big slug, a very intelligent slug, who would do all sorts of things you told him, and be a watchdog for your homestead, and go out and kill your enemies, and then come back and go to sleep in a field—don't you think you would begin to delight in his smoothness and blackness and slowness—in a word, in his sluggishness? And would not yet end by thinking him beautiful?

The Tank Eye.

Well, the men who man the Willies have developed the tank eye; they know the points of a tank as you know, or think you know, the points of a horse; and they love the Willies and know them to be beautiful even while they are removing the mud from a bearing with a shovel or cursing their particular charge for having done one of the very few things that tanks are forbidden to do.

Thus, although the last day of the year was a Sunday, and in this particular place they might have been taking a few afternoon hours of holiday, they were foregathered with the Willies in the field, testing them, playing around with them, cruising about the obstacle course, and generally consolidating that intimacy which makes one thing of a man and his machine, one family of a ship and her crew. For the tanks are passing out of their prodigious infancy into childhood; they will be in their second year to-morrow; and their education must be attended to.

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" Dep.	1.29	" Dep.	3.47												
Tung Song Arr.	6.23	Chumphon Arr.	6.19												

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THE Great War.

Americans Captured by Raider.

(“S. O.” SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
Singapore, Feb. 8.

The Hague reports that the German Government has announced that the Americans captured by the German raider will be released. The hope is expressed that Germany would refrain from provoking hostilities with America.

General Lyautey Honoured.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Feb. 8.
General Lyautey left on Sunday for the Belgian front. The King of Belgium conferred on him the Grand Cordon of the Order of Leopold and the Belgian War Cross. General Lyautey after that visited the French front.

The Russian Tommy.

A character sketch of the Russian Tommy is given by a correspondent of “The Times,” who remarks there is beauty in the simplicity of the monnik. He is about the simplest human animal that has survived the processes of civilization, chiefly because civilization has not succeeded in spoiling him. He has given more to the war than his betters; himself, his cows, his home. He fights like a lion for the pay of a dundee, and his pension, when he returns broken from the wars, would be ludicrous if it were not in the majority of cases coupled with a licence to beg alms. His food in the trenches consists of little more than vegetable soup and buckwheat, but of these he gets generous rations, and they are all the variety he knows in peace time. He is as a rule well treated by his superior officers. Bullies there are in the Russian Army as elsewhere, but the average officer looks on his men as so many grown-up children and treats them accordingly in the matter of both reward

and punishment. As regards the latter, he would not complain, for the spirit of revolt is not in him. His language is rarely obscene and never blasphemous, and his talk, as the sisters who nurse him through his wounds know best, is as that of a little child. He is extraordinarily enduring, not so much in hospital, which he only comes to when his nerve is broken, as in the trenches, where his officers tell wonderful tales of his bravery and indifference to either danger or discomfort. Even when wounded he can be a Stoic, as those realise who have taken him in a motor-ambulance over such roads as satisfy the authorities in Russia. He goes to the wars, if not eagerly, at least without the least attempt to shirk his part. Even lads of 10 or 12 years frequently run away to join their

fathers at the front, and, when these are killed, they are often adopted by the regiment, figuring in the pay-sheet as non-commissioned officers and doing excellent work in fetching and carrying. One of these little fellows who could speak German lately won distinction by spending three days in the enemy trenches, disguised in a German nation uniform cut down to fit his figure, and there picking up such information as subsequently led to the repulse of an attack at daybreak. Russian soldiers are inspired only by blind devotion to their Tsar, for whom they would fight against the Evil One himself. The monnik will always lay down his life for the Tsar unquestioningly. He will not ask the reason why. Of such is the Kingdom of Russia.

War Cables From Holland.

Cable messages to Netherlands Indian papers state:

German troops concentrating on the Dutch borders have been enormously reinforced lately. On the Eastern border there are already 150,000 men concentrated.

Eighteen citizens of Hasselt (Belgium) were condemned to death, whereupon the Bishop of Brussels in the name of His Excellency the Pope asked for leniency. As a result of his intervention the sentences on fourteen have been reduced to terms of imprisonment.

A neutral recently returned from Germany says there is a great scarcity of leather. Soldiers from the front complain considerably of the food and of frozen feet.

Smugglers on the German frontier have shot two frontier guards.

At Schonebeck the whole of the German frontier-guard, consisting of thirty men, deserted into Holland.

Two German officers interned at Wieringschans attempted to escape but were arrested.

The population of Holland will in the near future be placed on rations as regards certain important foodstuffs.

Austria and Hungary have entered into an agreement regulating their political relations for the next twenty years.

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