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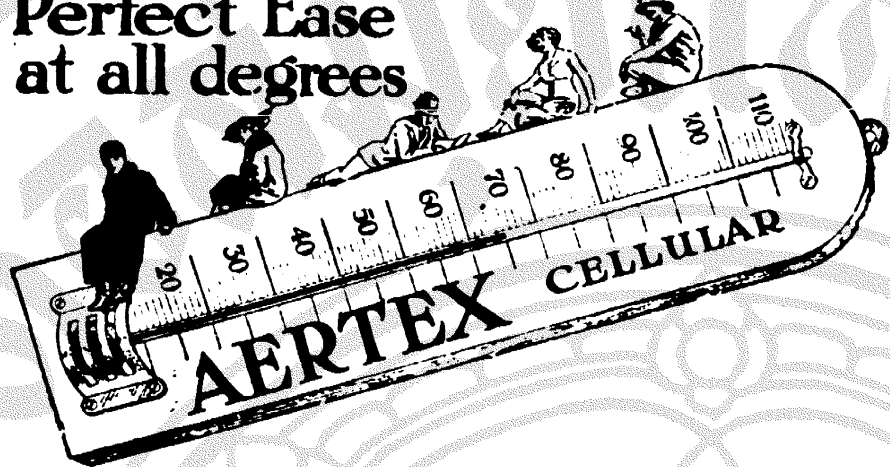
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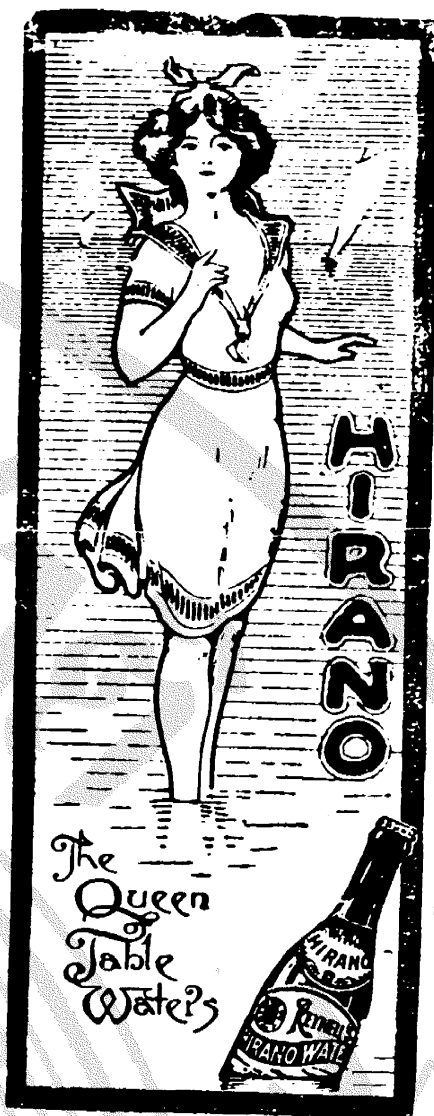
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FOR March 1917.

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

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

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Mar. 9th O Full Moon 4 h 40 m a.m.
" 16th O Last Quarter 7 h 15 m p.m.
" 23rd O New Moon 10 h 47 m a.m.
" 28th O First Quarter 5 h 18 m p.m.

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Mr. Maasey, the official Press representative in Egypt, telegraphing from El Arish, says that the desert column's victory at Raft was unquestionably one of the finest achievements during the Egyptian campaign. A swift night march enabled the attackers to reach within striking distance of the enemy while he slept. The enemy's defence consisted of several lines of entrenchments, six redoubts, and many undetectable rifle pits. The main defence rested at El Magrassin, two miles south east of Raft. At sunset prior to the day of battle the 8th Anzac Mounted division, the Imperial Corps, the Yeomanry, the Territorial Horse Batteries, and one Mountain Battery marched out from Magdaba eastwards.

The cavalry went across country. The guns utilized the Turks' brushwood road. Despite the fact the cavalry progressed so rapidly that they were able to halt for a couple of hours at night when they reached an oasis five miles south of Raft. The New Zealanders there detached and disarmed a large number of Arabs encamped in the locality whose attitude was unknown. They completed the task before daylight, and then proceeded to make an enveloping movement in order to attack the town; while the Australian Light Horse approached Raft from the southeast and the Camel Corps from the south. The troops deployed and initiated a dismounted attack. The New Zealanders moved quickly over the grassy ridges direct on Raft, which was lightly held and taken immediately, with prisoners. The New Zealand regiment was sent well to the east to protect the flank. This proved a wise precaution and played a valuable part in the rapid capture of the town. It also enabled the New Zealanders to get behind the enemy.

Meanwhile the territorial artillery, pushed forward gallantly, though exposed to heavy fire from the enemy's guns. The dismounted artillery played splendid coolness and courage. Light guns were frequently taken abreast of the Camel Corps into the firing line. The aeroplanes reported during the morning that the enemy was withdrawing from the western defences in considerable numbers to reinforce the southern positions. The Yeomanry were ordered to attack from the west, while the Anzac's Camel Corps reinforced them.

A magnificent and stirring spectacle was witnessed as large bodies of Light Camel Corps dismounted and made a model infantry attack. Many phases of the general action were visible from one spot. The mounted men went into action within comparatively short rifle-range, and the artillery found targets almost point blank. The progress of the attack was slow because the ground was absolutely coverless. The works of the Turks were strongly held. German marksmen manned hidden machine guns. At 3 o'clock our guns opened an

Crux of the War.

Mr. J. L. Garvin, discussing in the "Observer" Germany's new submarine campaign, expresses the opinion that it is in a sense the crux of the war. He regards the campaign as Germany's last hope.

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Containing that the first submarine campaign was a bagatelle by comparison with what has now to be met, Mr. Garvin says:—

"The new German submarines are more like submersible cruisers. They can get out to open ocean, keep the sea for weeks, and infect all sea approaches to this country. The new German craft are rapidly built on standardized principles. The parts, made in various places all over Germany, are assembled and put together at given centres. By this means the enemy is turning out at least three new submarines every week. The enemy boasts that over 300 of these craft are now at work on our sea routes."

Summarizing the things to be met and beaten, the writer proceeds:—

"First, although the navy is doing gallant work in the teeth of infinite difficulties, the Germans are launching submarines considerably faster than we are sinking them. Secondly, the Germans are sinking far more tonnage than we are building. Both these conditions must be changed. The positive suppression of the new submarine menace, like the last, must be the determined aim of the British navy; but the country cannot wait for that. We must build, build, build, night and day."

"This brings us to the work of the present Shipping Controller, Sir Joseph MacLay. He is throwing a saving vigor and resource into his task. By allowing deckloads he has added, by a stroke of the pen, half a million tons

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"But though much has been done we must now unmistakably determine to do very much more. We must reach at least our peace-standard and build at the minimum rate of 2,000,000 tons a year—that is, half a million tons a quarter."

"And apart from the immense resources of this country which it fairly throws itself into the work of outstaying the German submarine menace, there are collateral aids. We are flying 700,000 tons of Greek shipping on excellent terms for the owners. Japan is building hard. The output of the tonnage in the United States is rising by leaps and bounds. It is possible that the United States could add this year over a million tons to the world's supply of shipping, and Japan half a million. This, in all the circumstances, would be a most valuable factor, but we must not trust too much to it. Above all things we must depend on ourselves."

"But when all this is said, it remains true that the object of the British navy proper must be to sink German submarines."

A Rumanian Sensation.

The Libre Parole states that the Rumanian General Sococu has been condemned by court-martial, at Jassy, to five years' penal servitude and degradation for betraying the Rumanian Army under his command on December 1, while executing a plan by General Berthelot, the head of the French mission. The Southern Rumanian Army made a vigorous offensive on the river Argeba against the German and Bulgarian troops, who crossed the Danube, and were advancing on Bucharest, and the enemy were thrown back in disorder for a dozen miles. General Sococu's army turned the enemy's left, cutting them off completely from General von Falkenhayn's army. General Berthelot sent a wireless message to Paris announcing the success, adding that it was intended to drive General von Mackensen back to the Danube. But General Sococu, instead of continuing the pursuit, remained inactive. When he was ordered to advance General Sococu commanded the army to retreat, and thus General Mackensen was saved.

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Amongst other attractive features there will be an exciting naval engagement between a 4200t coast-mortar and a cruiser, the original "Han den Lukas", the submarine merchantman "Deutschland" with motors and periscope, a Siamese suet talok, a Chinese ngin, a high slide, a hall of laughter as well as German war films. Besides various stalls, such as archery and shooting at the popinjay, figure targets, plates and rings shy, a fountain of youth, lotteries in the hall of chance, dice-playing, a gambling hall etc. will provide ample amusement.

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Bangkok 11th March 1917.

DR. E. REMY,

Chargé d'Affaires for Germany.
17, -20, -23

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the 36th. Ordinary General Meeting of the SIAM ELECTRICITY COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the office on Thursday, 29th. March 1917 at 5.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving and adopting the Directors' Report and Accounts for 1916, declaring a dividend and transacting other ordinary business.

W. L. GRUT,

Vice-Chairman.

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Notice.

Messrs. Kiam Hoa Heng & Co., Ltd. beg to notify their clients and public that in future, their premises will be closed on every Saturday from 4 p.m.

17-24

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The Siam Observer.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 1917.

FOSTERING THE YOUTHFUL MIND.

Since Europe had the misfortune to be plunged into a state of war there have been frequent bitter complaints by publicists and prominent men in the belligerent countries, more especially Germany and Great Britain, of a disquietingly-large increase of juvenile crime. The causes conducing to this deplorable state of things are several, and are sufficiently obvious. The principal are the enforced absence of fathers and elder brothers, the depletion of school-staffs and the reduction in the number of schools themselves, and—perhaps the most telling of all—the impressment of women into the national service and the consequent withdrawal of the maternal authority and influence from the home. The boy in the story, when asked to define "original sin," replied that it was the impulse that "made you want to do what you ought not to do"—an excellent and philosophical definition couched in simple phraseology. This element of "original sin" is, in a greater or lesser degree, common to humanity, but it is especially strong in the young, in whom it is so much more closely allied with experience and that natural curiosity regarding the unknown which, rightly regarded, is but the effort of the intelligence to gain expansion. This being so the proper control and guidance of the youth of a nation is a matter of vital and paramount importance, both to the individual nation and to the world at large. The right principle is to endeavour to lead and not to drive. Youth should be carefully instructed in what to do, and less stress laid on what it should not do. It is in human nature, whether of adults or the young, to resent the latter course. In connection with the subject of which we write, a large measure of blame has again and again been laid upon the cinematograph as playing no inconsiderable part in the undermining of juvenile morals. But, though cases can be adduced to show that the cinematograph has been a contributory cause of youthful delinquencies, we think that too much has been made of those cases. At any rate it should not be difficult to remove or to mitigate the reproach. Whether for good or for evil, the cinematograph has come to stay, and the "picture habit" is continually growing in strength. Many pictures that are exhibited have much to be desired on the grounds of taste, many are over-sensational, many are vulgar. It cannot truthfully be said, however, that any of the films shown in picture-houses catering for the general public are immoral in tone or are deliberately intended to incite to breaches of law or custom—indeed, such would not be tolerated by public opinion. As it seems that the "pictures" are destined, like the poor, to be always with us, and in view of the effect they are calculated to have on the character and temperament of the rising generation in particular, it behoves every State to exercise an adequate censorship over them. This censorship should be conducted on broad and common-sense lines, and there should be no cavilling at small and unimportant things. The late G. A. Reford, who was the British Censor of Films, made only two fixed rules, one being that under no circumstances should nudity be portrayed, and the other that the personality of Christ should not be represented. The advisability of the first rule as a general principle will be universally admitted. With regard to the second rule, curiously enough there is at present showing in Bangkok a film (of American origin, needless to say) which violates the precept laid down by Mr. Reford. The offence is one against manners and not against morals, but none the less it is both distasteful and reprehensible to a degree, and it is not easy to pardon the persons who are responsible for so flagrant a dereliction of what is seemly and proper—it is an outrage, in fact, and little short of blasphemy, to drag sacred things down to so mean a level. In conclusion, it

must be remembered that the picture-palace is essentially a place of amusement, and its patrons frequent it to be amused and not to be instructed, therefore they are entitled to indulge their legitimate tastes within all reasonable bounds. Because a film does not commend itself to a refined critic is no valid reason for its condemnation by a board of censorship. It is not possible to endow people with delicate discriminative perceptions by a decree of Government; their taste must be gradually developed, so that it will rise of its own accord to a higher level. The province of the censor is to guard, as far as is in his power, against harmful influences being brought to bear upon the sensitive and easily-impressed minds of the young.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

THE s.s. *Jade* left Saigon on the 22nd instant at 1 p.m., and is expected to arrive here on Thursday next.

NOTICE is given that the 21st ordinary general meeting of the Siamese Tramway Co., Ltd. will be held on Friday, March 30 at 1.30 p.m.

THE following is the list of passengers who left Bangkok per s.s. *Kwale* to-day:—Mrs. Gittins, Mrs. Anthony, Mr. Welsentach, Mr. Gain, Mr. and Mrs. Winson, and Mr. Lian Kim Chin.

THE Return of the Medical Officer of Health of Bangkok for the week ended March 17th shows 2 cases of bubonic plague and 2 resultant deaths. There were no other cases of communicable disease reported in the city.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Malay Peninsular main line is crossing with local line 1st between Rajburi and Chumpon, 2nd between Surasabradhani and Nager Sridhamaraj. Other lines are all right.

WITH reference to the Red Cross Concert, to be given by the Royal Bangkok Sports Club to-morrow evening, the Committee regret that by an oversight they omitted to include the Portuguese Red Cross Fund amongst the list of objects mentioned in their notice. We are advised that there are still 50 to 60 seats (Tics. 5 each) left. Tickets may be obtained from the Secretary of the R.B.S.C.

Royal Siam Turf Club.

Handicaps for Saturday 24th.

RACE 1.—Sib Hok 7.3, Maprik 7.3, Samardh 6.7, Pinhiran 6.4, Poo Thalay 6.0.

RACE 2.—Morakot 8.0, Max Linder 6.7, Ling Dum 6.0, Phra Rot 6.0, Little Imp 5.6, Yammo 5.4.

RACE 3.—Lily E. 8.2, Silver Cross 8.0, Say When 8.7, Yee Rak 7.2, Red Star 5.7, Kanda 7.9, Molly 5.7.

RACE 4.—Ella T. 8.0, Kop 7.8, Icaro II 7.7, Sandily 7.7, Mario L. 7.0, Aminta 6.10, Thong Dee 6.10, Vanida 5.0.

RACE 5.—Royal Page 9.3, Moment 8.3, Buffalo Bill 7.7, Sunflower 6.7, Phung Boon 6.0.

RACE 6.—Gladys C. 9.0, Nai Pradist 6.0, Aminta 5.4, Mad Meg 8.0, Sunflower 6.5, Mars 5.12, Lady de Melbe 8.7.

RACE 7.—Un Chon 8.0, Son Chai 6.7, Flawng 7.9, Neuter 5.0, Ottappa 6.7, Nilanon 5.0, Ling Deng 4.7, Thong Chai 7.4, Sang Chan 5.0, Hiran Ratana 5.0, Bluff 5.7.

RACE 8.—Consolation.

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Phya Praddhi Subhakar's Cup.
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Kit 6.7, Pinhiran 6.3, Ling Dum 6.2, Phra Rot 5.12, Yammo 5.10, Maprik 7.2, Morakot 7.2, Samardh 6.5, Poo Thalay 6.0.

Mr. Ford Offers 1,000 Submarines a Day.

One thousand submarines a day is the offer Mr. Henry Ford, automobile manufacturer and pacifist, makes to the United States Government, says the "Daily News" Washington Correspondent. This goes a long way toward explaining the feeling throughout America. In the event of war pacifists will become belligerents. Mr. Ford, who is now in Washington, seeking, with Mr. William Jennings Bryan, to stave off war, offers all his factories to the Government. If this should not be acceptable, he volunteers to work them himself in the sole interest of the country.

"I'm ready to do my share if there is to be war," he told newspaper correspondents, "and I'm able and willing to build daily 1,000 submarines and 3,000 automobiles at my various plants, where 42,000 men are employed. I am a pacifist, but a pacifist is the hardest man to frighten that you have ever seen when he is finally crowded into a corner and has to fight. President Wilson is also a pacifist, but if he gets into action he will exhibit the qualities of a roaring lion."

THE Great War.

Imperial Conferences Begun.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, March 21.
Our series of historical Cabinet Conferences at which the Dominions and India are represented commenced at the Premier's house to-day.

New French Cabinet.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, March 21.
The French Cabinet has been formed as follows:—Premier and Foreign Minister, M. Ribot; War, M. Painlevé; Marine, Admiral Lacaze; Munitions, M. Thomas; Finance, M. Thierry; Interior, M. Maury; Commerce, M. Clementel; Food Controller, M. Viollette; Labour, M. Bourgeois.

German Naval Raid.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, March 21.
The Admiralty reports that enemy destroyers shelled the undefended watering-place of Ramsgate on the night of 17th–18th. They hurriedly escaped under cover of the darkness and it was impossible to ascertain the amount of damage inflicted on them. The enemy engaged with and torpedoed one of our destroyers to the east of Dover. The latter returned fire with torpedoes and guns, but the result is unknown. She was sunk. There are eight survivors, but all the officers were drowned. A second British destroyer was torpedoed while engaged in picking up the survivors, but was not seriously damaged. A British merchantman was also torpedoed and sunk off the Downs.

Russia.

(“S. O.” SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
Singapore, March 21.

The German Press emphasises that the Russian revolution was not proper rioting but the work of super-patriots whose success will strengthen the Anglo-Russian alliance. The new régime is likely to prosecute hostilities with greater vigour. Following upon the abdication of the Tsar in favour of the Grand Duke Nicholas (?) the latter also abdicated. The power is now vested in an Executive Council of the Duma. General Brusiloff authorised the publication of telegrams announcing the revolution.

New Russia Confirms Alliances.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, March 18.
Petrograd.—The Grand Duke Michael has declared that he will only accept the crown after the offer has been confirmed by a constitutional assembly elected by universal suffrage. The Provisional Government has addressed a message to the Allies assuring them that Russia will remain faithful to her Allies, and is bent upon continuing the War until Prussian militarism has been destroyed.

The Western Front.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, March 22.
We conquered the strongly fortified line between Andrey and the Oise. We penetrated Roye, pursued the enemy, occupied Lassigny, and attacked him on the line Roye-Noyon between the Avre and the Oise. Throughout the night we continued to make excellent progress, and gained possession of all the ground from Damery to the heights of Lagny.

The British troops penetrated the German positions for more than twenty-five kilometres, and occupied several villages.

Parliamentary Changes in France.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, March 18.
The Government, having regard to all the circumstances, leaves President Poincaré full liberty to deal with the situation in the best interests of national defence. M. Briand tendered to M. Poincaré the resignation of the Cabinet. M. Poincaré consulted with M. Ducloux, the President of the Senate, and M. Briand appealed to M. Deschanel, the President of the Chamber of Deputies, to form a Cabinet, but he declined the offer. A Cabinet was formed by M. Ribot, after consultation with the Union Patriotique.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, March 19.
M. Ribot continues his activities and will reply definitely to President Poincaré in the evening.

Franco-British Advance On Western Front.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, March 19.
Yesterday between the Avre and the Aisne we made progress on a front of more than 60 kilometres. We occupied Nesle, to the north-east of Lassigny. We effected an advance to a depth of 20 kilometres in the direction of Ham. We occupied Noyon, Noyonville, Vingré and Crouy taking a footing on the plateau to the north of Soissons. To-day we continued to advance to the north of Noyon. We occupied Guisard.

Our patrols are pushing all the route to St. Quentin.
We captured to the east of Misery the second German position. We liberated in three days about one hundred villages. We partially ejected the enemy who had penetrated advanced elements on the borders of Avocourt Wood towards Hill 304.

An air squadron bombed factories and blast furnaces at Thionville, Bassin and Briey.

The British progressed on a front of 70 kilometres and to a depth of 16 kilometres and occupied Nesles, Chantilly, Peronne and about sixty villages.

Russian Determination.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, March 19.
Paris.—The German Government, seeking once again to mislead public opinion amongst neutrals, has suppressed in the text, published by the Wolff agency, of M. Milneroff's circular to the Russian diplomatic agents, all the passages relating to the intention of the new Russian Government to pursue the war to a final victory. Here are the principal sentences of the suppressed paragraph:—“Russia did not want war... but, the victim of aggression, she will continue to fight desperately against the spirit of conquest of a race of prey that believes itself all powerful... Russia, by the side of her glorious Allies, will fight the common enemy to the end, without cessation and with no weakness of purpose... The government of which I am part will devote all its energies to the preparation for victory... It is filled with the firm conviction that its enthusiasm will hasten the hour of the final triumph.”

German Concessions in China.

(Havas Telegram.)

Shanghai.—The Chinese Police have occupied the German concessions at Tientsin and Hankow.

The Baghdad Railway.

Sir John Jackson says it was in 1899 that the Germans launched the Imperial Ottoman Baghdad Railway Company for the construction of a line to link up the Anatolian Railway at Konia with Baghdad and the Persian Gulf. Once we have peace, and the Germans are out of the control in Turkey, this railway should be completed to Baghdad and thence in Basra, at any rate, if not further on to Koweit. With the railway completed and a direct line of only some 150 miles in length from Baghdad through Damascus to Beyrout, a vast trade would be opened out for the whole of this Mesopotamia district and through Basra to the Persian Gulf and the East. The total area to be irrigated and put under cultivation proposed in Sir William Willcocks' scheme is estimated to cover not less than 1,400,000 hectares, or, say, three and a half million acres. And there can be little doubt that any outlay in this connection will be amply repaid, as was the case with the great works of the Nile Valley and the Chenab Valley of India. Properly irrigated, this Mesopotamia district should become one of the largest granaries of the world.

British Red Cross Fete.

The General Committee wish to thank those whose names appear below for their help in organizing the Fete, those who have given donations, and those who contributed by their presence to its success.

Mr. W. E. Adam, for the use of his house and garden.
Advertising: The Publishers of the Bangkok Times, Bangkok Daily Mail, Siam Observer, China Siam Warap, Nangene Phim Thai.

Actions and Sales: Messrs. P. Nesbitt, C. Bowden, B. C. Neoh, Boon Chuay.

White Stall: Mrs. Duke, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle, Mrs. Nesbitt, Mrs. Wilson, Aunt Sally, Mr. Keynes, Mr. and Mrs. le May.

Bank: Mr. J. A. Macgill and the Straits-born Chinese Staff of the Chartered Bank.

Bar: (Committee) Messrs. Robertson, Forrester, Hunter, Labrum, Lewis, Milne. (Gifts) Messrs. W. E. Adam, Barrow Brown and Co., Malcolm Beranger, Nai Bhakdinart, Messrs. British American Tobacco Co. Ltd., Buan Soon Lee and Co., Dr. G. C. Butler, Messrs. J. M. Dunlop, Kiam Hoa Heng and Co., The International Stores, G. Kluzer, Louis T. Lemoigne Ltd., Oriental Hotel, J. G. Raggi, Siam Import Co. Ltd., E. S. Smith, Chiu So Din and Lam Hoy Sang (of Yong Hak Heng) Tung Who and Co., Yong Lee Seng and Co.

Beauty Show: Mr. Aitchison, Nai Bhakdinart for loan of mirrors.

Brace: The Bangkok British Women's Needlework Guild, Mrs. Buzzard, Mrs. Hendrick.

The British Chinese Patriotic Organisation for their Stall and Cinematograph.

Butcher's Stall: Mr. Harvey.

Clack Room: Mr. Reith.

Coconut Shy: Mr. Preston, Mr. and Mrs. Slack, Mr. Deacon, Messrs. Ngan Hai Seng, Messrs. United Engineers, Ltd.

Dancing: Messrs. Perrins and Reis.

Decorations: Messrs. Healey, Harrop and Colonel Whitting.

Dinner: (Committee) Messrs. Wyon Smith, Coultas, Gilmore, Gray, Jenkins, Marcan, J. H. McDonald, Tyrer, Walsh, (Helpers) Mrs. Duke, Mrs. Lambert, Mrs. Peiniger, Mrs. Whiting, Mrs. Williamson, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Wright, Messrs. W. E. Adam, Harry A. Badman and Co., Nai Bhakdinart, Malcolm Beranger, Buan Soon Lee and Co., J. Forrester, J. H. Heal, Kiam Hoa Heng and Co., M. and Madame Maire, Messrs. Oriental Bakery, Oriental Store, Nam Sang, O. M. Peiniger, A. Pestonji, D. Robertson, Siam Forest Co., Ltd., Sves Ho, F. Tatner, Yong Lee Seng and Co.

Direction of Traffic: The Police.

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Erection of Stalls: Mr. Huir, Messrs. The Hornes Co. Ltd.

Fakenyup Art Show: Messrs. Fegou, F. Hicks and Nai Pleng.

Gate Money: Messrs. Gray, Cole, Eastwood, E. C. Favacho, Hewitson.

Illuminations: Mr. J. S. Smyth, Mr. Powell, Messrs. The Siam Electricity Co. Ltd.

Juicy Restaurant: Mr. Loh Kye Juay.

Kicking the Foot all: Messrs. W. S. Chapman and Cranmer.

Swinging the Ham: Mr. Phya Gadadharabodi for loan of apparatus and help.

Lakoon: Messrs. The Phathanakorn Cinematograph Co. Ltd.

Loan of Chairs: Messrs. Buan Soon Lee, Oriental Store.

Palace of Chance: Messrs. G. C. Parr, F. W. Carr, Friendship, McCormick, Mr. and Mrs. H. MacDonald, Messrs. Pozzi, Ramsdale, F. W. Taylor, Todd, Wooler, Gifts from Messrs. Ah Chave, Anglo-Swiss Milk Co., Harry A. Badman and Co., Buan Soon Lee and Co., Malcolm Beranger, Berli and Co., British Dispensary, Diethelm and Co., Bu Sai, The International Stores, Kiam Hoa Seng, G. Kluzer and Co., Mitsui Bussan Kaisha Ltd., C. Pappayanopoulos, Siam Import Co. Ltd., Sia Kia Lee, Siamwalla, Soon Chey Seng, Stephen Paul and Co., Took Who Long, Yong Lee Seng and Co., You Chai Kee, You Who Lee.

Plan: The Misses Sequeira, Mrs. H. Jarvis.

Printing: Mr. J. M. Milne, Messrs. The Bangkok Times Press Ltd., Siam Free Press Co., Siam Observer Press Ltd.

Pro-romance and Limerick Competition: Mr. W. Nunn, Mrs. Peiniger.

Raffles: Mr. and Mrs. Brighthouse, Mrs. Duke, Mrs. Lyle, Mrs. Reith, Messrs. Sinclair, Tatner, Wright, Wyon Smith, Gifts from Messrs. Asiatic Petroleum Co. Ltd., Harry A. Badman and Co., Barrow Brown and Co., British American Tobacco Co. Ltd., Buan Hoa Seng and Co. Ltd., P. Christmas, Mrs. Coventry, Messrs. H. G. Doring, W. W. Fegou, W. G. Johnson, Kiam Hao Heng and Co. Ltd., Mrs. Lyle, Messrs. O. M. Peiniger, T. H. Pollard, Mrs. Reith, Messrs. A. E. Stiven, Viteaway Laidlaw and Co., Ltd.

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Refreshments: The Bangkok British Women's Needlework Guild, Mrs. Whiting, Mrs. Dunlop, Mrs. Gee, Mr. Roberts, Gifts from Messrs. Beranger, Gedde, Raggi, Reis, Roberts. Loan of China from Messrs. Kiam Hoa Heng and Co. Ltd., Oriental Store.

Sale of Badges: Mr. Maxwell, Miss Fawcett, Mrs. Leatherbarrow, Miss Lloyd, Miss Whiting, Mr. M. E. Nana, Mr. B. C. Neoh.

Enamelled Badges: Miss Jean.

Side Shows: General Organization, Messrs. Pollard and Slack.

Stall of Snatches: Messrs. Selley,

Alexander, Hamilton and P. J. Johnson, Messrs. Sean Loong Broe, Straits Born Chinese Association for their Stall.

Straits Social Ministers for their Stall.

Transport of Chairs: Mr. E. C. Favacho.

Nai Bhakdinart for deviating his motors and Messrs. The Paknam Railway Co., Ltd., for running special trams.

The Committee fear that the names of many helpers have been omitted. They assure them that such omission is unintentional.

Royal Bangkok Sports Club.

Motor Gymkhana.

By kind permission of the Committee, a Motor Gymkhana will be held at the R.B.S.C. on Saturday, March 31st, commencing at 4 p.m., the proceeds to be given to the British Red Cross fund. The following is the list of events:—

EVENT No. 1. (4 p.m.)—Speed Judging Competition. Once round the Course: competitors to be started in pairs: the nearest approach to 20 m.p.h. per hour wins. Limited to 12 cars. N. B. Round the Course, on the inside is one mile 136 yards; i.e., time at 20 m.p.h.—3 min. 14 sec.

EVENT No. 2. (4.35 p.m.)—Slow race. In heats of 4: distance 100 metres: cars will be started some distance before the starting line: on reaching the line they must be in top gear: after which neither brakes nor clutch may be used. Slowest car wins. Limited to 16 cars.

EVENT No. 3. (5.00 p.m.)—Catching the Tennis ball. Each driver to enter with a lady partner: tennis ball to be thrown over a screen by driver to lady partner, who will attempt to catch it. Speed counts. Limited to 8 cars.

EVENT No. 4. (5.25 p.m.)—Pitching balls into buckets. The driver to pitch tennis balls into 3 buckets (containing water) speed counts. Limited to 12 cars.

EVENT No. 5. (5.50 p.m.)—Obstacle race. For cars with wheel track not

less than 4 feet 6 inches, and not exceeding 4 feet 8½ inches. Limited to 12 cars.

Notes.

1. If entries in any event exceed the number of cars allowed, competitors will be drawn by lot.

2. Entry fee in each event: Ticals 5 per car.

3. There will be a Totalisator (tickets 5 ticks) on each event, 20 per cent. to go to the Red Cross Fund.

4. In the Speed Judging contest competitors must arrange to cover up speedometers, clocks &c., &c.

5. No car will be allowed to practise on the Course before the meeting.

6. Entries must be in the hands of the Secretary, R.B.S.C., on or before 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28th.

Notice

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By Order of the Board,
FRED. G. DE JESUS,
Secretary.

23—30



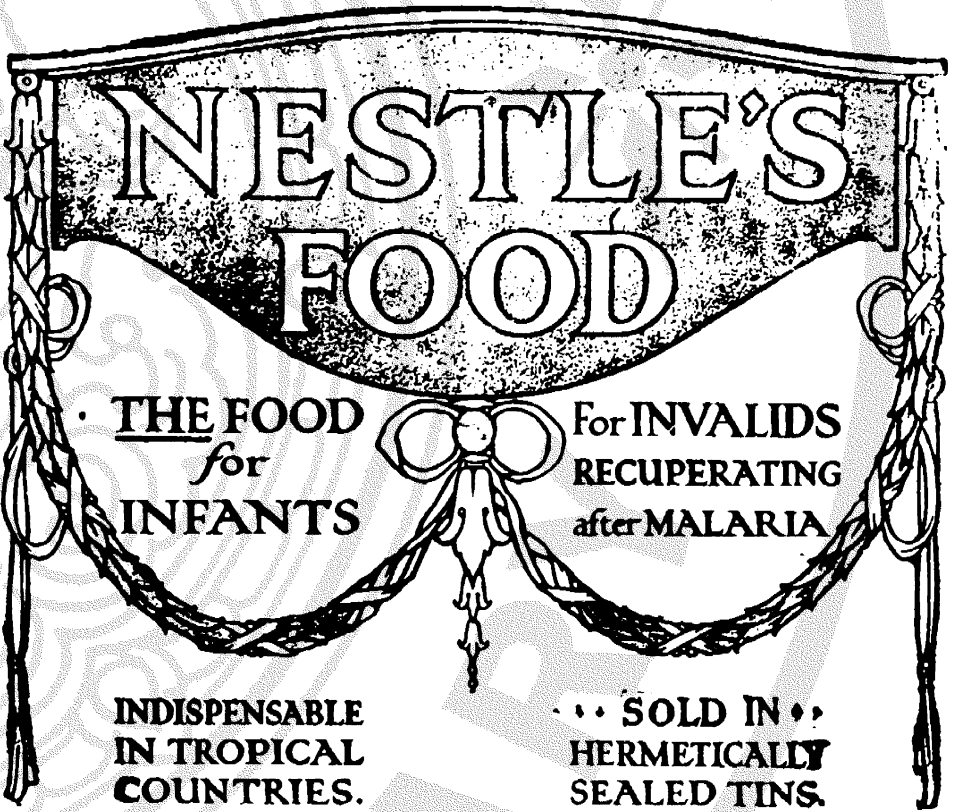
Notice.

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Tenders are requested to send their offers up to 25th inst. to

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Bangkok, 17th March 1917. 17—24



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Occurrences on February 3, in America and Germany.

(FROM RECENT MAIL PAPERS.)

Embassy Closed.

Mr. Gerard has been instructed to close the Embassy in Berlin. All the Consulates in Germany will also be closed, and the Embassy Attaches, Consuls, and Consular Agents, and their staffs, will be brought out of Germany, making the severance of relations complete.

Spain will take over the diplomatic interests of the United States in Berlin. —Reuter.

Marked Tension.

There was marked tension when President Wilson made his appearance in Congress, and the excitement has not been equalled since the Spanish-American War ended.

The broken hung out flags, and their offices were the scenes of wild patriotic outbursts.

Mr. Henry Clews, an aged banker, mounted a chair, and, in an impassioned speech, declared that America could not be beaten, as she is now at the zenith of her prosperity and power.

A Hypocritical American.

In Lincoln, Nebraska, Mr. Hoffmeister, a German-American and a State representative, proposed a resolution, which the State Assembly passed, that, while hoping for a continuance of peace, they would give their whole support to President Wilson. —Exchange.

Leave on Shore Stopped.

League Island Navy Yard is put on a war basis. The yard is closed to visitors, and leave on shore of naval men has been stopped. The guards at the entrances have been tripled, and extra guards are in the workshops and warships and on the streets. The yard is feverishly active. —Exchange.

Wall Street Philosophy.

The Stock markets bore the news of the severance of diplomatic relations better than it did the German note. The initial break was only one to three points. —Exchange.

Ultimatum Demanded.

According to a Berlin telegram to the "Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant," the "Lokal Anzeiger," commenting on statements in American newspapers, says:

If the "World" demands that an ultimatum should be sent, and the

"Herald" speaks of "bluff," then it appears that this time also on the other side of the Atlantic it is believed that threats can make Germany pull in her horns. This opinion cannot be positively enough contradicted. It would certainly not be a matter of indifference to us if the last neutral Great Power of the world joined our enemies, but Washington must not doubt that this possibility too, with all its possible consequences, has been considered. —Reuter.

Count Bernstorff's Anxiety.

Count Bernstorff received the information in what is described as a tearful mood, and said that he expected it. "Nothing else," he added, "was left for the United States to do. I wonder how I'm to get home."

Feverish activity was noticeable at the Embassy to-day. Many of the attaches are beginning to remove their personal effects.

It is stated that the Swiss Legation will assume charge of German diplomatic interests in the United States.

New York Precautions.

Additional squads of police have been ordered to be held in reserve in every precinct of the city. Squads of police have also been sent to the various shipping piers.

Plans are approaching completion for putting the Home Defence League, which was organized some time ago, into readiness for emergencies. —Central News.

Sacrifice of Lives.

President Wilson said that if American ships and lives were sacrificed he will go before Congress and ask for authority to use any means necessary for the protection of our seamen and people, though we do not desire a hostile conflict with the German Government. —Exchange.

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The income of the Dupont Powder Company of New York for the year 1916 totalled 319,900,000 dollars, and the profits amounted to 82,000,000 dollars (over £16,000,000).

A paragraph in the *Daily Mirror* of Jan. 23rd says:—"Bonko, the mascot pedigree bulldog of H. M. S. *Malaya*, has visited Drury Lane Theatre. Bonko wore a khaki blanket with the Malay States and D. S. O. ribbons attached, and a medal of the Battle of Jutland, at which he was present."

The following titles chosen by recently created peers have been gazetted:—Lord Sandhurst, Viscount Sandhurst of Sandhurst; Mr. Lewis Harcourt, Baron Nuneham of Nuneham Courtenay and Viscount Harcourt of Stanton Harcourt; Mr. Stuart Wortley, Baron Stuart of Wortley; Sir William Max Aitken, Baron Beaverbrook of Beaverbrook, New Brunswick; Mr. J. A. Pease, Baron Gainford of Headlam.

President Wilson's recent unexpected foray dominated discussion to such an extent that scarcely any attention was paid to the United States' record breaking foreign trade figures for 1916. They show the total foreign business of the country for the year was \$7,873,000,000, the largest in history. Exports were 25,491,000,000, \$1,928,000,000, more than in 1915, and imports were \$2,392,000,000, another new record. The export balance was \$3,089,000,000, compared with \$1,776,000,000 in 1915.

For the year 1915 and eleven months of 1916 the exports of war materials from the United States amounted to the great figure of \$991,000,000.

Algernon Sartoris, grandson of Ulysses S. Grant, has enlisted in the Foreign Legion and is now training at

Algernon Sartoris is the son of Nellie Grant Sartoris and nephew of General Frederick Dent Grant. He is forty-two years old. In the Spanish-American war Sartoris saw active service in the Philippines, and rose from lieutenant to captain. In 1908 he was appointed, chiefly through the good offices of Theodore Roosevelt, secretary to the American Legation in Guatemala. This post he relinquished after a year's service. He married, in 1904, Mlle. Germaine Cecil Noutfiard, of Paris.

Those visitors to Japan who have been annoyed in the past by finding themselves giving away 20-coin pieces instead of 5-coin because the two were the same size, will be glad to know that Japan is to put a new 5-coin into circulation at the end of March and that the new coin is to have a hole in the centre. The coming of the new nickel pieces was started on February 13 at the Osaka Mint and coins amounting to about ¥ 1,000,000 are now being made for use daily. When the Osaka mint has minted, coins will be sent to the Bank of Japan. Government, according to Osaka papers, has also determined to issue new 10-coin pieces. Five million yen worth of these coins will shortly be put into circulation.

The *Osaka Asahi* says that the Nippon Yusen Kaisha has decided on the discharge of the foreign Captains and Chief Engineers of the Company's nine *captains* and engineers, including two Germans, are expected to be discharged in a few days. It is said that the Company's decision is connected with the outstanding question of arming vessels bound for war zones, but this seems a mere surmise, and the truth is said to be that the N Y K authorities, in view of the prevailing situation, are going to observe more strictly the wartime provisions prohibiting the employment of foreign officers on steamers placed on subsidized lines, which regulations the Company have hitherto not observed to the full letter of the law.

Among the many stories of omens that centre round the Hapsburg family is that of an unlucky ink pen. It was used by the late Emperor Francis Joseph when signing his first proclamation as Emperor of Austria. No sooner had he signed the document than the pen fell from his hand, spluttering ink all over the floor. "I hope this may not prove an unfortunate omen for your Majesty," said the Court Chamberlain as he picked it up. Maximilian, the brother of Francis Joseph, who was also present, asked for the pen as a memento of an historic occasion, and it was given to him straight away. Several years later with the very same pen he signed the proclamation appointing himself Emperor of Mexico. The proclamation which, as is well-known, led to his death very shortly afterwards. He was executed by the Mexicans, and his wife went mad with grief. It is not on record into whose possession the pen has now passed.

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The Machine Gun Corps.

When after a few months of war it became clear that one of the leading roles in the campaigns to come would be played by the machine gun, the War Office, which had already overburdened the productive capacity of our factories, was compelled to call on them for a further effort. It is not generally known that when the British Headquarters in France sent a request in 1915 for every cavalry regiment and infantry battalion to be equipped with a larger number of machine guns than the two which had formerly been considered sufficient, the War Office was able instantly to meet the demand, and the supply has never ceased since.

It was soon evident, however, that although we had the guns, the decisive factor was the man behind it, and so there came into existence in October 1915 the Machine Gun Corps. This was instituted to train men for service in every branch requiring machine guns, from the infantry to the armoured cars: nor was it only gunners who were to be supplied. Artificers skilled in gun repairs, drivers and good horse-masters, transport officers and sergeants, farriers, harness-makers, signallers, range-takers, watercart men, and cooks all had to be supplied, and in addition there was the work of bombing to be taught.

Complex Task.

Very few people can have any idea of the immensity and the complexity of the task that was thrown on the few officers responsible for the organisation of the first training centre. It was on October 18, 1915, that the general officer commanding reached the site. On October 22 a fatigue party arrived and began to carry out the plans of the general. In the course of the ensuing week, officers, motor-cars, stationery, and guns—all the impediments of instruction and organisation—poured in.

On November 18 1,010 men joined up, three days later 2,000 more came in, and the extent of the strain thrown on the staff by this rush may be gauged from the fact that the quartermaster-sergeant, who had a bed in his office, was unable to get into it for twenty-two consecutive hours. It is hardly to be wondered at that on November 22 there was some shortage of food for dinner. Every one pulled together with a good will, however, and by prompt measures a satisfying tea was served.

By November 28 there were 370 officers 163 guns, four waggons, and 13,123 N. C. O.'s and men at the centre, and on the next day 2,182 more men reported. The growth of the corps was so extraordinary that in less than one month thirty-six companies of machine

gunners were formed, and in two months there were nearly a thousand officers and 71,000 N. C. O.'s and men, with 500 guns in the corps.

On February 7 and 8, 1916, the first twelve machine-gun companies left the centre for overseas.

The Lewis Guns.

There are two kinds of machine guns in use at the front—one the Vickers-Maxim, the other the Lewis, which is lighter and more portable than the Vickers-Maxim and can be fired from the shoulder. The heavier guns are no longer under the control of the battalion commanders, but are managed by a specially-formed machine-gun company by each brigade, so that they can be concentrated or dispersed on a brigade frontage as the situation requires. The Lewis guns are left with

the battalions, to be handled according to the needs of the battalion front by the colonel and his Lewis gun officer and detachment.

The training through which all officers and men qualifying for the Machine Gun Corps have to pass is strenuous. No man over thirty-five is eligible, and this can be understood when it is remembered that a gun's crew may often have to carry a gun down a waterlogged trench to transport it and all its appurtenances across a No Man's Land which is slippery with mud and pitted with shell holes, and then to dig or otherwise manufacture an emplacement for it in a newly-captured trench.

The officer's training includes topography, revolver firing, stable management, tactics, range finding and dis-

tance judging, all of which has to be done in three weeks. The training of the N. C. O.'s includes gun drill, the mechanism of the gun, tactics, the making of emplacements, and trench relief. Riding and driving are subjects in which both officers and men receive specially careful instruction.

Signalling School.

Two other important branches of the work of training for the Machine Gun Corps are the signalling school and the artificer armourers' school. At the first, which is at present the largest in the kingdom, the course lasts for sixty-one days, and includes instruction in signalling with large and small flags, lamps and heliographs, and, of course, the inevitable buzzers and telephones.

The men of the artificers' school have ten weeks' instruction in order to

fit them for the work of what one may call running repairs in the field. The first five weeks are spent on the Vickers gun and its appliances, which include rifles, pistols, and range finders. Then come three weeks at bench work, such as filing, riveting, and soldering, while rough joinery in the carpenter's shop fills up the remaining two weeks. The Machine Gun Corps of to day is a little army in itself. It has already its traditions of smartness and efficiency, and is now in thorough working order. The mishaps of the first days, when it happened, for example, that each man's pay had to be collected from his original unit before it could be paid to him, have all been overcome by improved organisation. Of the valour of the corps ample proof has been given in more than one recent honours list. (Ex.)



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