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Just before the the war negotiations were concluded by a British shipping syndicate for the acquisition of important oil interests in California, but owiug to the unsettled financial conditions that ensued the option was cancelled. I now understand, says a London cor-respondent, that Mr. Andrew Weir, the well known shipowner has been on a visit to Los Angeles in this connection, and that the original scheme will be carried out. Among others associated with it are Earl Grey, Lord Pirrie, Mr. Thomas Royden, and Mr. Hans Andersen, managing director of the East Asiatic Company, Copenhagen, for which 18 motor ships of from 10,000 to 13,000 tons dead weight are now being built. The British concerns involved are, I believe, the Cunard, White Star, Un on-Castl., Elder Dempster, Atlantic Transport, Dominion, and Leyland lines, and it is likely that most if not all of their vessels will be fitted to burn oil when shipbuilding conditions are easier. The syndicate will also establish large stations for the supply of oil fuel on various ocean rontes. Orders for a large number of vessels of the tank type were placed with British firms some time ago, but owing to the great pressure of naval work many of them are now being built in the United States. Surprisingly good progress has also of late been made with the development of internal-combustion engines, and it is confidently expected that before long some of the biggest ships without funnels will be driven by them.

The War Situation.

Allahabad, Sept. 9th .- The Berlin Post caudidly describes Field Marshal von Falkenhayn's dismissal as an admission of defeat at Verdun, and adds : "It was said that von Falkenbayn would be justified in sacrificing half a million if he could capture Verdun He has lost the clite of the Imperial armie« and Verdun represents a military defeat, the consequences of which are seen in Northern France, Russia, In the Trentino and on the Isonzo, and a moral defeat the repercussion of which is being felt so strongly in the Balkans."

The Monteh Post recognises that all the pan German projects for an energetic peace are now reduced to nought.

"There is now not one man in all Germany who does not recognise that the question has become simply that of our

national existence. "The Rumanian army is proving to be a well-organised machine. The infantry are magnificent, and the artilpersonnel handle the new lery and heavy equipments expertly. Since the day when Turkey was attacked Rumania has conserved her strength and en ers the field with the lessons of three wars to guide her; so that she is complete in all the essentials necessary for war against the Teutons. She is stronger than Bulgaria is or S rbia was. Her steady accumulations of strength, munitions and money place her in value far above any

comparison by mere numbers." The Paris correspondent of The Times point out that since the commencement of the Somme offensive almost every village taken has been attacked from three sides after the Allied line has been pushed forward on either side of it. This process is apparently being applied at Thiepval, Combles and Chaulnes (Pioneer.)

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Paris After Two Years.

By A Resident.

The weather has helped to make vivid the inevitable reminiscences of the Paris of August, '14. It lacks the pitiless blazing quality of that unforgettable month, but it has been quite hot enough to revive in us the physical discomfort of that extraordinary period. It is almost amusing to contrast the life here now with what it was then. There was only one thing that existed then; we lived and breathed in the war, and had a sense of vertigo, for the stoppage of normal life in the city between four and five o'clock on the Saturday afternoon was so sudden that it was almost as though one's horse had unexpectedly stopped, and cast one over his head down a precipice. We had little news, and what we had was bad, and the single sheets of the newspapers took about as much notice of the ordinary daily life of citizens as they did of the ordinary daily life of Polar bears. Now we are living a life of faits divers, both in politics and in the social sense. The war still occupies us in our intensest feelings and thoughts, but we have become aware of ours dves again, and the chinks in our being are filled up with the most ridiculous triffes. People get divorced, and women wear rabbit-skin on mackintosh coats, and the papers solemnly tell us about them. Nothing ever happens in Paris itself that has any importance whatever; everybody is away, and if that thunder is mutter ing below the political horizon it is not heard in the ordinary circles of existence. This is just as well, as there will be time enough to deal with the very dirty weather it is likely to be when it arrives.

Those who remain in Paris find* amusement in trifles. A very smart officer of one of our most distant Allies has provided us with the necessary weekly cafe joke without which Paris would fade away and die. He lunched at one of the most famous restaurants in the world, which is presided over by one of the astutest and cleverest of gentlemen, who is known by a pet name in at least nine out of the ten Cosmopolitan worlds which prefer eating away from home. When the time came to pay, the officer drew forth a cheque book, and made out a cheque for eighty pounds. He was one of the nicest people to look at you can possibly imagine, so very clean and smart, and in such a becoming uniform and with such beautifullykept nails, which last is an item never overlooked by restaurant keepers. And of course he was an Ally, and if any difficulty had been made about cashing the cheque he need only have said in a loud voice: "You refuse to trust the word of an Allied officer?" and he would have had all public opinion on his side. The end of the story is almost too banal to tell, but the non-existent account in a big

bank here had confirmed one more Frenchman in his dislike of cheques, and taken the place of the summer big go seberry in our talk.

Among the other "faits divers" which constitute the Paris life of August, 1916, are the apprehension of a wine merchant who sent four bottles of absinthe to a cust mor under false labels, hoping thus to escape the prohibition of its sale, and was found out because four thirsty porters broke open the case and got absinthe drunk, which is a kind of tipsiness not to be mistaken; the divorce of the airman Gilbert, whose sensational escape from Switzerland entitled his domestic troubles to press comment; the threat of a Verdun monument in Paris, to commemorate soldiers whom even the volatile memory of human nature could hardly force; the arrival of storks from Alsace, bewildered and annoved by more guiding than we knew was taking place there; the prevalence of rabies, due to the number of stray dogs all over France; and of course, talk about M. Cailaux. He is our French sea-serpent: when nothing else is happening, we talk about him. It is a case of "Bonny Cailaux's noo awa'.

Will he no come back a rin ?"

We have our distinguished visitors, Lord Northeliffe, and H. G. Wells, and Raemaekers, all on their way from Somewhere Else. The E abassy is still here, and hard at work, from which one augurs that slowness on the Somme need by no means be found discouraging, or considered as a preface to halting there. There and other things verge on the limits of what may not be said, but which everyone would be glad to hear. It is very true that no news is good news. In the mean while, the tragic empty Paris of two years ago has given place to a quietly cheery city, fond, as Paris always is, of mischief, of mali-cious stories, and not devoid of political trouble on the brew. But if one might describe it, it would best be done by referring to some of our publie characters in England, who do the same things at the wrong times, and then trot to Whiteley's for ready-made haloes while the public howls for ready-made nooses. The difficulty is that the French public has political opinions, which in Englan I are mostly confined to tailors and Ministers, and consequently it cannot be relied on to act with such prompt common sense as our own honest but stupid man in the street.—Teuth.

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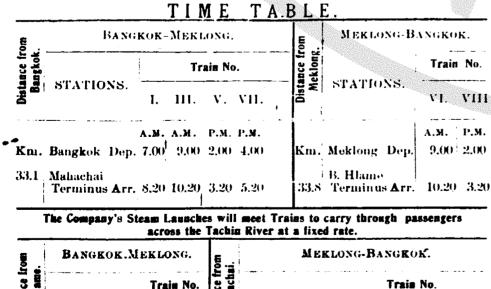
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(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

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Combles Captured.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM) London, Sept. 27.

Paris Communique.-The whole of Combles has been captured, with 1,200 prisoners, thirty machine-guns and a large amount of booty.

Violent Battle on the Somme.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Sept. 27. Parie Communiqué.—North of the Somme a violent battle was renewed to-day on the Anglo-French front. The French infantry at noon simultaneous, ly attacked German positions between Combles and Rancourt and the defences of the enemy accumulated between Rincourt and the Somme.

British Report.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Sept. 27. General Haig's Communiqué.-We took 1,500 prisoners. We entered Combles, overcoming the enemy's re-

Fregicourt Carried.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Sept. 27. Paris Communiqué.-We have carried the whole of Fregicourt. Enemy counter-attacks between Bethune Road and the Somme were repulsed.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE s.s. Hupch from Switow had 659 deck passecuers for Bangkok.

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Siam Observer, left by the s.s. Agga this afternoon on a visit to his sister THE s.s. Selan which arrived from

Hongkong to day had as passenger to Bangkok Miss Sterling of the American Presbyterian Mission. THE report of the Acting Medical Officer of Health for the week ended September 23, shows a clean bill of

health, no case of communicable dis-

ease having been notified as occurring in Dangkok during that period, This morning the railway station at Ayudhya was crowded with officials and others who had come to say farewell to Luang Varavarth Vinichye, Judge of the Ayudhya Court who was taking train en route for Pataling to

which place he has been transferred by the Minister of Justice, THE YACHT "Maha Chakkri" which left Bangkok for Japan on the 8th ultimo arrived at Kobe on the 31st August after calling at Hongkong for coal. As has already been stated elsewhere, her engine, will be installed in the New Royal Yacht which is to be beili at the Kawasaki Dock Co., Kobe,

AMONGST the passengers who arrived by the s.s. Hupch to-day from Swatow was found a Chinese woman named Chim Lin who tried to sinuggie a Browning revolver. She had it concealed in her waist. She will be prosecuted for attempting to smuggle the revolver, to-morrow in the Borispah Court.

Mr. Bulbrook, a Custom's officer was found shot dead in his bed at the Customs quarters in Swatow. It appears that this officer had been making a lot of seizures in respect of opinm smuggling, and that he was shot by some of the snugglers owing to some grudge against him. A revolver was found laying by his side.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Vituperative Journalism.

To the Editor of the "Siam Observer."

Sir, As I happened to be in "the back

of beyond" at the time, Bangkok papers which were published on Monday last only reached me on Wednesday morning, on which date I was greatly edified (?) by reading the extraordinary leader by one of your contem. poraries, under the heading of "A Scandalous and Disgraceful Opinion."

Fair criticism on matters of public interest is recognised as the legitimate and praiseworthy duty of newspapers : but I have always, understood such criticism to connote a weighty and well-considered opinion, expressed in clear but temperate language. It was, therefore, in the nature of a surprise to read in a well-known local journal two and a half columns of vituperation passing under the guise of a "leading. article." For a moment, I almost funcied I was reading one of these American journals which has its local habitat in a "one-horse-town" somewhere in the wild and woolly West of America; where the local inhabitants expect and onjoy what they call ginger" in their journals.

I am not going to back up " the individual Gibbins," who I have no doubt could very well take care of himself. Nor is it my business to express any opinion concerning the case which has brought down so much vituperation upon the head of Mr. Gibbins; but as a reader of newspapers, I cannot help expressing grave doubts as to the desirability of importing the methods of vituperative journalism from the wilds of America. I confess to being an admirer of America in general, and in my opinion, that country could provide many useful examples for Siam to follow with advantage, but vituperative journalism is certainly not one of those

I speak as a Siamese with friendly intent, so that I hope to be forgiven for expressing the above opinion.

I remain, Sir, etc.,

RAMACHITTI. September 27th, 2157.

To the Editor of the " Siom Observer."

Siam is a perceful country and we live among a people who are preeminently placed and abhorring strife and contention in any form. But the calm and even tenour of our life was rudely ruffled last evening by a journalistic bomb of high explosive calibra and that from quite an unexpected quarter viz Si Phya Road. The Daily Mail is highly incensed

at a legal opinion expressed in the International Court on Saturday, and has very severely attacked one of His Majesty's legal advisors,

I am not immediately concerned with the merits of the case under discussion, but in the interests of fair play I am constrained to admit that Mr. Gibbins has been treated with unnecessary severity, and there are certain passages in last evening's leading article that any fair minded person would at once take exception to, even supposing that Mr. Gibbins has acted

Although I am at all times ready to uphold the privilege of the press to freely express it, opinions on matters of public and ceneral importance, the action of the Daily Mail in slinging mud upon the Judicial Bench of one of the most important Courts is highly discreditable and has alienated sympathy which otherwise might have been freely given.

I remain, etc, VERITAS.

September 26, 1916.

To the Editor of the " Siam Observer."

Comment on judgments I can understand, but indulgence in personal abuse is contrary to the traditions of honourable journalism, and all right thinking people should join hands in exhibiting their disapproval of the tactics of those in charge of the Daily Press. I am etc.,

Ex-Journalist.

Bangkok, September 26, 1916. [NOTE BY ED.-The letters signed Veritas and Ex-Journalist were held over from 26th as appeared in our notice to correspondents. The letter signed "Shanghai" we cannot print as it indulges in personalities.—Ed. "S. O."]

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Conference of Christain Workers:

The Annual Conference of Christain Workers will be held at The Burgkok Christian College Chapel for S nights commencing from Sunday, the 1st October 1916 at 6-45 p.m., excepting in the evening of 1st. October (Sunday) when it will be held at the Boon Itt Memorial Institute, Worachak Road, Friends and Members are cordially

An Appeal.

We are informed that an appeal has been lodged against a recent decision of the International Court in the case of Yee Hor Kwang Teck Soon against the Oriental Store, when the Court decided that the defendants were liable on onr eccipts signed by their late Compradore, inspite of the fact that the receipts given had printed on them a notice to the effect that no receipts would be recognised by the defendants unless signed by a European.

As the case is of the utmost impertance to all the business houses of Bangkok the result of the appeal will be awaited with the keenest interest.

Longing For Peace.

"The longing for peace is the keynote of the words and bearing of everyone I talked with, from the lowest artillerist working his batteries and the infantrymen in the trenches to the highest officers and generals.

Mr. vod Wiegand telegraphs the above statement to the New York "World," for which paper he acts as correspondent in Berlin. Mr. von Wiegand, with a number of other correspondents, has been on a visit to the Somme front, and the above constitutes his outstanding impression.

Only a few weeks ago Mr. von Wiegand reported a similar war weariness among the civil population in Ger-

NEW Ads. The wrestling contest between F. Watanabe and Balacan Singh takes place to night at the Pathanalai Hall. Special models in ladies' blouses have just arrived and are on show at Mesers. Whiteway, Laidlaw and Co., Ltd. M. A. c/o Siam Observer wants lessons in Siamese. Messrs, the Borneo Co., Ltd. have a new notice to consignees? A few alterations in the P. and O. sailings list have been made in the advt. on page 1.

Alleged Breach of the Spirit Regulations.

In the International Court yesterday Phra Sukhum, Nai Boon Chuay and Mr. J. R. C. Lyons sat to hear the charge of the Attorney-General against Lam Huey Sam who was charged with removing spirituous liquors, exceeding two gallens, without a permit in breach of Section 11 of the Regulations. Mr. R. S. Le May of H. B. M. Consulate also sat with the Judges as accused was a British subject while Mr. G K.

Wright appeared for the accused. The Court wished to know whether the civil claim brought by the accused for wrongful seizure of the spirits would be heard together.

The Attorney General who appeared for the prosecution and Mr. Wright for accused agreed that the charge of committing a breach of the law be

Opening the case for the prosecution the Attorney-General pointed out that the Spirit Regulations were made many years ago and had duly received the approval of the Foreign Representatives having exsterritorial jurisdiction and had been the law for many years. However, for some years past action against breaches of Section 11 were not insisted upon till two years ago, the Spirit Farmer. having given way to an Excise Official, an act was passed giving all the powers of the Spirit Farmer to the Excise Official. Since M. Perithuguenin was spoints I Director of the Excise Dept. steps were take to give effect to the provisions of Section II as it was absolutely necessary that removal permits should be taken in order to protect the Revenue.

Monsieur Petithuguenin was called and gave evidence in detail why a removal permit was necessary not only to protect the Government, but also to protect all honest dealers in spirits from snaughing and adulteration. The witness gave concrete examples as to how spirits of high alcoholic strength could be imported and trebled in quantity by adulteration reducing the alcoholic strength to about 30 degrees. The importer by doing this would make a profit of over 2 ticals on each gallon.

It was also necessary under the Conventions with the Powers to see that such a state of affairs should not exist. The Attorney General having put in formal evidence of the seizure closed

his case. Mr. Wright hox. He admitted the removal and stated that it was not necessary to have a removal permit in the case of foreign spirits.

Mr. Wright put in two certified copies of judgments of H. B. M. Court for Siam, one signed by Mr. Vincent and

the other by Mr. Buszard.
The Attorney cheral addressed the Court and referring to the judgment of Mr. Buszard pointed out that the learned judge formed his opinion on facts before him in that case. In fact he based his finding that sections 6 and 7 were sufficient protection for the revenue and that therefore he considered Section II applied to spirits made in Siam. Counsel said that it all the facts as disclosed by Mr. Petithuguenin had been before Mr. Buszard he would have come to a different decision. The law dealt with all spirits-imported or distilled in the country. All the Sections referred to spirituous liquors indiscriminately and should apply to both classes unless anything in the context showel a difference. There was nothing showign this difference, and on the other hand the evidence showed that protection of the nature provided in section II was more necessary in the case of imported spirits than in the other

Mr. Wright argued at great length pointing out that the case should o well considered as it affected. the interests of mony traders and there would be an attempt to foist other regulations on them. He pointed out that this was a test case and that the judgment he had put in should be held. as good to day as when delivered as nothing had changed from then to

The Attorney General said that he had appeared for twelve con-secutive years for the Spirit Farmer in H. B. M. Court, 1892 on wards, and could produce decisions of the Consular Judges who punished offenders for removing without a per-

Mr. Lyons put the question as to who should obtain the permit—the

seller on the purchaser. The Attorney General said that in the words of the law it was "the person desirons of removing," but that as a matter of fact the Excise Dept. had printed permits in triplicatedistributed among the whol-sale dealers to hand out with sold spirits in order to give them as little trouble as pos-

The Court intimated that judgment would be delivered on Oct. 5.

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The Casualties of War for Two Years.

A reader who receives the Norwegian newspaper "Ukens Revy" has been kind enough to translate for us the following article from it headed "A Calcolation Regarding the Victims of the

"A Danish institution, "The Yociety for Social Research of the Results of the War," has adding other matters also made careful edculations regarding the number of mea killed, wounded and made p. some, in this was, The numbers are discouragingly large. Below we give some figures arrive l

Germany has lost 3,401,842 m/m, of whom 400,000 are prisoners; of the remaining 3 millions, 885,500 are dead, 513,40) bally wounded and 1,602,900 slightly wounded. The number invalided and unable to do any work is calculated to be 637,900; and the number of sick soldiers is believed to be 2.500 (OO)

The loss of the s is sail to be 75,421 i.e., for every out or dead these are 28 soldies deal; for every wound ed officer, in went lot diers; and for every other tak a prisoner, 67 soldiers have been taken prisoners.

The British lesses are extendated to be 188, 504 death of 2,465 wounded and 107,53! missing, to alling 808,163; of whom 34,360 are officers. The less in the Navy is 17,581 men and 1,196

France is said to have lost \$70,000 deal, 2,030,000 wousded and 4-0,000

this has be edealed to be 105,000 deat. Thinks wounded and 55,060 prisoners.

Russia has need that is, these state istics, sad to say, the ordest number of victims. It is estimated to have lose 1,197,000 dead, 3,529,000 wounded: and mad 5,317,000 men. to addition to this Russia has lost 2,000,000 prisoners and has 1,3(0), 0.1 sell soldiers. According to this Russia should have lost in al 8,600,000 a during men. As a comparison it may be mentioned that the Russian losses in the Russo-Japanese war were 175,800 in killed

Austria-Hungary has next to Russia and France the greatest losses. It is edeclated that 718,051 have slied, of whom 24.754 are officers, and 1.776.940 wounded, whereof 43,310 are officers The total is 2,491,994 men. To this amount must be achied 1,150,000 pri-

and wounded

Belgium is calculared to have 50,000 lead, 110,000 wounded and 40,000 pris

Turkey s losses mound to 151,000 dead, and 350,000 wounded. Bulgaria has lost 25,000 dead and 60,000 would d.

Serbia has a loss of 60,000 deed and 110,000 wounded, besides which she has lost through epidemes, that have occurred there at least 50,000 men. The aggregate amount for the first two years of the war is dismal. It amounts to 5,631 500 dead and

11,245,300 wounded. This makes an average of 6,336 dead and 15,385 wounded per day.

From Dutch Sources.

The following special telegrams are from the Sumatra Post of Monday, September 18

The court at Roermond found 600 Germans guilty of smuggling and inflicted various penalties upon them. Three German deserters crossed the

Datch frontier at Brokerheurne. The Dutch naval estimates include three million guillers for the second instalment for the construction of one cruiser and three submarines; 6,620,000 guilders and 3,807,000 guilders as the third instalment for two craisers and four submarines, of which Nethers lands India is to pay halt: 600,000 guiders for the first instalment for three submarines; 200,000 for the first instalment for a minelayer; and Leon, 000 for the third instalment for four

torpedo-boats. The League of Neutrals has requested the Dutch Government to support the protest of the French Government against the deportation by the Germans of the population of the occupied dis-

tricts in northern France, The German casualties are now 3.500 (30)

A meeting of Dosseldorf Socialists passed a resolution asking the national socialist conference to adopt Dr. Lieb. knecht as Reichstag candidate in ten districts as a protest against his im-

Prince Frederick-William of Hesse has been killed at Karaorman.

in the Balkans

prisonment.

The "Berliner Tageblatt" states that Bulgaria: s are fighting in the Carpathians, where the Russians are supporting the Rumanians.

The Central Powers claim to have captured 29,000 Rumanians at Turtu-

The Berlin "Lokal Anzeiger reports that King Constantine of Greece is now disposed to send. Greek troops into the field against the Germans and the Bulgarians, but no agreement has yet been reached regarding the guarantees which he is to receive from the Allies.

Shipping Notes.

The Fren. 8.8. Jade 386 tons Capt. Cn. Juliey arrived from Saigon vester day with a general corgo and one bag of mail, 1 cabin and 10 deed passed gers. The consigners are Messageries Fluvialles.

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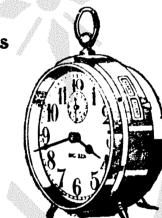
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be refreshment stalls under ideal conditions at the forthcoming concert in aid of the fund for the Scout Cruiser. After the concert suppers will also be available. Bookings are going on as well as could be expected, but there are a number of good seats still not taken up. An advertisement giving full particulars appears elsewhere.

Conference of Christain Workers:

The Annual Conference of Christain Workers will be held at The Bangkok Christian College Chapel for 8 nights commencing from Sunday, the 1st October 1916 at 6-45 p.m., excepting in the evening of 1st. October (Sunday) when it will be held at the Boon Itt Memorial Institute, Worachak Road. Friends and Members are cordially invited.

An Appeal.

We are informed that an appeal has been lodged against a recent decision of the International Court in the case of Yee Hor Kwang Teck Soon against the Oriental Store, when the Court decided that the defendants were liable on onr eccipts signed by their late Com-pradore, inspite of the fact that the receipts given had printed on them a notice to the effect that no receipts would be recognised by the defendants unless signed by a European.

As the case is of the utmost importance to all the business houses of Bangkok the result of the appeal will be awaited with the keenest interest.

Longing For Peace,

"The longing for peace is the keynote of the words and bearing of every. one I talked with, from the lowest artillerist working his batteries and the infantrymen in the trenches to the highest officers and generals."

Mr. vod Wiegand telegraphs the above statement to the New York "World," for which paper he acts as correspondent in Berlin. Mr. von Wiegand, with a number of other correspondents, has been on a visit to the Somme front, and the above constitutes his outstanding impression.

Only a few weeks ago Mr. von Wiegand reported a similar war weariness among the civil population in Ger-

NEW Ads. The wrestling contest between F. Watanabe and Balacan Singh takes place to night at the Pathanalai Hall. Special models in ladies' blouses have just arrived and are on show at Messrs. Whiteway, Laidlaw and Co., Ltd. M. A. clo Siam Observer wants lessons in Siamese. Messrs, the Bor- Diarrhoea Remedy is the best known neo Co., Ltd. have a new notice to consignees! A few alterations in the P. colic, cramps or pains in the stomach, garians, but no agreement has yet been

Alleged Breach of the Spirit Regulations.

In the International Court yesterday Phra Sukhum, Nai Boon Chuay and Mr. J. R. C. Lyons sat to hear the charge of the Attorney-General against Lam Huey Sam who was charged with removing spirituous liquors, exceeding two gallens, without a permit in breach of Section 11 of the Regulations. Mr. R. S. Le May of H. B. M. Consulate also sat with the Judges as accused was a British subject while Mr. G K. Wright appeared for the accused.

The Court wished to know whether the civil claim brought by the accused for wrongful seizure of the spirits would be heard together.

The Attorney General who appeared for the prosecution and Mr. Wright for accused agreed that the charge of committing a breach of the law be heard first.

Opening the case for the prosecution the Attorney-General pointed out that the Spirit Regulations were made many years ago and had duly received the approval of the Foreign Representatives having ex-territorial jurisdiction and had been the law for many years. However, for some years past action against breaches of Section II were not insisted upon till two years ago, the Spirit Farmer having given way to an Excise Official, an act was passed giving all the powers of the Spirit Farmer to the Excise Official. Since M. Petithuguenin was appointed Director of the Excise Dept. steps were take to give effect to the provisions of Section II as it was absolutely necessary that removal permits should be taken in order to protect the

Monsieur Petithuguenin was called and gave evidence in detail why a removal permit was necessary not only protect the Government, but also to protect all honest dealers in spirits from smuggling and adulteration. The witness gave concrete examples as to how spirits of high alcoholic strength could be imported and trebled in quantity by adulteration reducing the alcoholic strength to about 30 degrees. The importer by doing this would make a profit of over 2 ticals on each gallon.

We are asked to state that there will It was also necessary under the Conventions with the Powers to see that such a state of affairs should not exist.

The Attorney General having put in formal evidence of the seizure closed his case.

Mr. Wright-put the accused in the box. He admitted the removal and stated that it was not necessary to have a removal permit in the case of foreign spirits.

Mr. Wright put in two certified copies of judgments of H. B. M. Court for Siam, one signed by Mr. Vincent and

the other by Mr. Buszard.
The Attorney Scheral addressed the Court and referring to the judgment of Mr. Buszard pointed out that the learned judge formed his opinion on facts before him in that case. In fact he based his finding that sections 6 and 7 were sufficient protection for the revenue and that therefore he considered Section II applied to spirits made in Siam. Counsel said that if all the facts as disclosed by Mr. Petithuguenin had been before Mr. Buszard he would have come to a different decision. The law dealt with all spirits-imported or distilled in the country. All the Sections referred to spirituous liquors indiscriminately and should apply to both classes unless anything in the context showed a difference. There was nothing showign this difference, and on the other hand the evidence showed that protection of the nature provided in section II was more necessary in the case of imported spirits than in the other class.

Mr. Wright argued at great length pointing out that the case should be well considered as it affected the interests of many traders and there would be an attempt to foist other regulations on them. He pointed out that this was a test case and that the judgment he had put in should be held as good to-day as when delivered as nothing had changed from then to

The Attorney General said that he had appeared for twelve consecutive years for the Spirit Farmer in H. B. M. Court, 1892 on-wards, and could produce decisions of the Consular Judges who punished offenders for removing without a per-

Mr. Lyons put the question as to who should obtain the permit—the seller on the purchaser.

The Attorney General said that in the words of the law it was "the person desirons of removing," but that as a matter of fact the Excise Dept. had printed permits in triplicate distributed among the wholesale dealers to hand out with sold spirits in order to give them as little trouble as pos-

The Courl intimated that judgment would be delivered on Oct. 5.

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The Casualties of War for Two Years.

A reader who receives the Norwegian newspaper "Ukens Revy' has been kind enough to translate for us the following article from it headed "A-Calculation Regarding the Victims of the War."

"A Danish institution, "The Society for Social Research of the Results of the War," has among other matters also made careful calculations regarding the number of men killed, wounded and made prisoners in this wae.

The numbers are discouragingly large. Below we give some figures arrived

Germany has lost 3,401,842 men, of whom 400,000 are prisoners; of the remaining 3 millions, 885,500 are dead, 513,400 badly wounded and 1,602,900 slightly wounded. The number invalided and unable to do any work is calculated to be 637,900; and the number of sick soldiers is believed to be 2,500,000.

The loss of officers is said to be 75,4214. e., for every officer dead there are 28 soldiers dead; for every wounded officer, 40 wounded soldiers; and for every officer taken prisoner, 67

soldiers have been taken prisoners. The British losses are calculated to be 188,464 dead; 512,465 wounded and 107,534 missing, totalling 808,463; of whom 34,360 are officers. The less in the Navy is 17,581 men and 1,196

France is said to have lost 870,000 dead, 2,030,000 wounded and 4c0,000 prisoners.

Traly's loss is calculated to be 105,000 dead, 245,000 wounded and 55,000 prisoners.

Russia has according to these statistics, sad to say, the largest number of victims. It is estimated to have lost 1,497,000 dead, 3,820,000 wounded; and in all 5,317,000 men. In addition to this Russia has last 2,000,000 prisoners and has 1,300,000 sick soldiers. According to this Russia should have tost in all 8,600,000 fighting men. As a comparison it may be mentioned that the Russian losses in the Russo-Japanese war were 175,800 in killed and wounded.

Austria-Hungary has next to Russia and France the greatest losses. It is calculated that 718,051 have died, of whom 24,754 are officers, and 1,776,940 wounded, whereof 43,340 are officers The total is 2,491,994 men. To this amount must be added 1,150,000 pri-

Belgium is calculated to have 50,000 dead, 110,000 wounded and 40,000 pri-

Turkey's losses amount to 150,000 dead, and 350,000 wounded. Bulgaria has lost 25,000 dead and

60,000 wound d.

Serbia has a loss of 60,000 dead and 140,000 wounded, besides which she has lost through epidemies that have occurred there at least 50,000 men.

The aggregate amount for the first two years of the war is dismal. It amounts to 5,631,500 dead and 11,245,300 wounded. This makes an average of 6,336 dead and 15,385 wounded per day.

From Dutch Sources.

The following special telegrams are from the Sumatra Post of Monday, September 18:

The court at Roermond found 600 Germans guilty of smuggling and inflicted various penalties upon them.

Three German deserters crossed the

Dutch frontier at Brokerheurne. The Dutch naval estimates include; three million guilders for the second instalment for the construction of one cruiser and three submarines; 6,620,000 guilders-and 3,807,000 guilders-as the third instalment for two cruisers and four submarines, of which Netherlands India is to pay half: 600,000 guilders for the first instalment for three submarines; 200,000 for the first instalment for a minelayor; and 1,000,-000 for the third instalment for four

torpedo-boats. The League of Neutrals has requested the Dutch Government to support the protest of the French Government against the deportation by the Germans of the population of the occupied dis-

tricts in northern France. The German casualties are now

3,500,000. A meeting of Dusseldorf Socialists passed a resolution asking the national socialist conference to adopt. Dr. Lieb. knecht as Reichstag candidate in ten districts as a protest against his imprisonment.

Prince Frederick-William of Hesse has been killed at Karaorman.

In the Balkans

The "Berliner Tageblatt" states that Bulgarians are fighting in the Carpathians, where the Russians are supporting the Rumanians.

The Central Powers claim to have captured 29,000 Rumanians at Turtu-

The Berlin "Lokal Anzeiger reports that King Constantine of Greece is now disposed to send Greek troops into the field against the Germans and the Bulreached regarding the guarantees which

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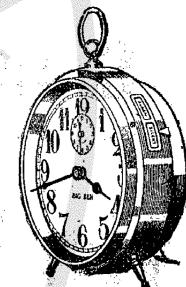
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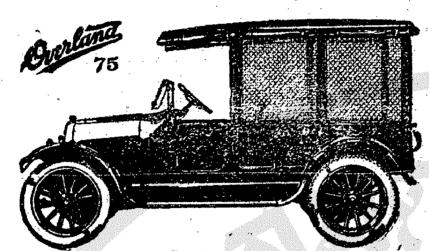
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How Germany Prepared.

Sinister Confessions of Von Bulow.

The chapter on foreign politics in Prince Bulow's new book. "Deutsche Politik," is a frank confession that Germany deliberately adopted a policy of dissimulation towards England until it had a fleet strong enough to enable it to defy the British Empire.

Prince Balow traces the development of Germany until the time the Germans realised that this development was exposed to danger so long as the seas were occupied by other Powers with greatly stronger navies. It had become clear, he says, that "our army no longer sufficed to protect our national industry against interference and attacks from outside." A war fleet must be added to the army if "we were to enjoy the fruits of our national work.'

It was absolutely essential, however, Prince Bulow continues, that during the building of the fleet Germany's position on the Continent should be maintained, and that there should be no collision with England. It was also necessary that Parliamentary opposition should be broken down, and this could be done only if constant pressure were exerted on Parliament by public opinion.

Building the Fleet.

"Our fleet had to be built with one eye on English politics," the Prince writes, "and it was so built. My main efforts in the field of higher politics had to be directed towards the fulfilment of this task."

There seemed to be a chance during the Boer war of striking a blow at "the tacit antagonist of our Weltpolitik," which England would have felt very keenly. Prince Bülow remarks, and in striking such a blow the German Government would have been sure of the applause of public opinion.

The general situation, however, he adds, was not really unfavourable to England, and, furthermore, had Germany taken action then the result would have been that "our relations with England would have been poisoned for a long time to come."

The Prince continues :-The passive resistance of England to the Weltpolitik of New Germany would have changed into a very active anfaour sea power, and England, even if our intervention had caused her to fail in the South African war, still had the power to nip in the bud our development as a sea power. Our neutral at-

titude during the Boer war was dictat-

ed by the important national interest of the German Empire.

The Boer War.

"We are not yet strong enough on sea," Prince Bulow continues, "to pave our way to the achievement of adequate sea power by forcible means unmindful of England's interests, and although we realised that the resistance offered by England to German Weltpolitik, and especially to German naval construction, could most easily be overcome by an alliance between England and Germany, the idea, though mooted in the Press of both countries," was not favourably entertained by the directors of German foreign policy.

The policy adopted by Germany has, Prince Bulow observes, proved right,

and he continues:-

It has enabled us to succeed, unmolested and uninfluenced by England, in creating a naval force which forms the real basis for our economic interests and our world political will, and which the s rongest opponent cannot attack without serious risks to himself.

What that means for us has been revealed in this war, for our battle fleet bind England's main force to the North Sea, and has thus prevented England developing her full power at the

Prince Bulow observes that it is obvious that a resolute English policy could easily in the early years of Ger-4 man naval construction "have rendered us innocuous before our naval claws had grown", but although the demand for a preventive war against Germany, was frequently made in England, he remarks, the opportunity was not taken when it offered.

High Spirits in 1914. "By 1914," he adds, "we had grown so big that we could venture on a war

with England in high spirits". Prince Bulow writes much about English Ministers refusing to grasp the hand of friendship so frequently extended by Germany, and especially by the Emperor, and he says that since the English have chosen to be enemies "our whole future now depends on our gaining-the victory and a clear path by means of the ruthless employment of all forces and means".

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The times are undoubtedly Apocalyptic, and we shall hear trampets blown and see vials opened. And if there is certain to be a good deal of competition for precedence among those who believe they have forestalled the secrets of futurity, it is France in the morning. At each port probable that the broad and strong on the other side the personnel of the forces of national sugacity will maintain effective control of the fanatic and doctrinaire. The mass of the community comes to its decisions silently, and prefers to have them executed without dramatic gesture. The quietness of Mr. Asquith's declaration for a "fairer distribution" of the fruits of industry, and its casual unemphasised acceptance by the public, are a striking illustration of this disposition towards the silent digestion of necessary changes. Such a revolution of social principle will naturally carry with it many I has to be handled in the first instance departures in detail, in which selfassertive individuals will scamble for the credit of authorship. Of this eagerness to "peg out claims" we their numbers are increasing every day. have an example in the crowd They perform their task very satisfacof "reforms" entered for discus. torily, but of course not so well as sion at the forthcoming Trade Union sorters of long experience, nor can Congress. The political futurist will find in this catalogue everything that he can possibly want—minimum wages, reductions of hours, unemployment pay, nationalisation of everything, and "conscription" of what is left

All propounders of policies must have an occasional misgiving just now that they are mere flies upon the great wheel which is carrying us forward apon on national career, and that the impersonal propulsive force are too mighty to be either helped or deflected by individual initiative. History has "taken charg," and the logic of events is working in the common mind with a compulsion that sweeps aside all ordinary reasoning. As we come to many problems of social readjustment, our course will be dictated by the virtual consciousness that "we can no other." It is impossible to say how the elements will define themselves

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until they are presented in the light of responsible decision. Many of them may be clarified by prior discussion, but until the major issue of victory is settled there can be no deliberation in true sense of the word.-Ex.

The Army Postbag.

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Although complaints are made from time to time of delay in the receipt of letters to and from the front, the army postal arrangements, which are on a vast scale, are working admirably. Generally it may be assumed that letters sem from England to the Expeditionary Force in France take three days to reach men in biilets and fourdays soldiers in the trenches.

All letters for the troops are dealt with at the Home Base Ollice in London, where the work of sorting is performed. There is a separate mail bag for every unit, both for letters and parcels. All the base shops are similarly treated. About 40 millions of letters are despatched to the armies every week, and about three quarters of a million parcels! The mails are made up not only for the forces in France, but for the troops in Egypt, Salonika, Mesopotamia, East Africa and In Eugland's green and pleasant other parts of the world. Colonial sections deal with Colonial letters both at the London Base Office and at the front.

> All the cross-Channel routes are used, and three special trains are run daily for the army mails alone Letters posted at night would leave for army postal service are in attendance to see that the mails are put into the supply train. They are despatched without delay to railhead, where they are taken over by the service and sent on to the refilling point by motorvans. There they are handed over to the postal orderlies, who convey them by horse transport to the billets and the tranches.

> The number of letters sent home from the front exceeds five millions weekly, and this vast correspondence at the base. The sorting is done in London, Several hundreds women are employed at this work, and they deal with heavy parcels. Letters which for any reason are undeliverable are sent back and returned to the senders. The business is a gigantic one, for which there was no precedent, and the marvel is that, with a greatly depleted staff, the department has been able to cope with it.

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The Deutschland.

Description of the Vessel,

Detailed information has been obtained regarding the design of the Deutschland. The New York Herald publishes a full account.

To obtain speed and the greatest strength to resist high pressure the Germans built the Deutschland with two halls. The inner hull is perfectly round and very strong. The outer hull is lighter and so shaped that it gives the Deutschland the best possible lines for speed. By means of inlets from the outer hull to the inner hull the pressure of the water when the boat is submerged is brought chiefly against this inner hull. Instead of building the outer hull as a single sheet of metal and perforating it to let the water enter to the inner bull, thus flooding the entire space between the inner and outer hull, the Germans have built her . outer hull after the manner of a waffle iron. This admits the pressure to the inner hull and yet allows the use of much space between the inner and outer hull for storage purposes. In this space are fuel oil and part of the

Blust Nosed Craft.

In the ordinary cruiser it is necessary to have a round nose or bow, as the torpedo tubes are carried here, in order to get a better direction of fire. But; this not being necessary in the Deutschland, her bow is brought to a sharp point. This, again, greatly im-proves her lines and speed. Ordinari-by, if built only for speed, the Deutschland could probably do better then other submersibles because of her better lines. But high speed means more space used for engine. Economy of space controlled the design of the Deutschland. In her case her superior speed lines merely mean that, with less engine power and hence less space given to that she makes good speed for a submarine - 14 knots, it is said.

Within the circular inner hull is the main cargo space, the men's quarters and engine rooms. The living quarters and engines are contained in a long box-like room, hung-from the top of the inner hull and run from the bow to the stern. All of the space within the inner hull outside of this room is used for the cargo and ballast tanks. In the bottom of the inner hull also are located the storage batteries for operating the boat while submerged.

The Accomodation. Going down the main companionway from the bridge one enters the jiving quarters. In the bow is located the steering machinery. Back of the space given over to that is a metal partition with a door in the middle values which leads to the pass geway between duties.

the staterooms or bunkrooms. The first room forward, to the starboard. side, is the largest room in the boat. In this are bunks for twelve seamen.

That next rest is the captain's room. He has a bed and a small space where he has a very small desk. Across the way from these rooms

re other bunkrooms. The first room ard is used by five me :. The next is the officers' messroom. This has a table in it the size of an or !! sary rolltop disk and four chairs can just be squeezed around it. At this table the captain, the chief engineer and the two deck offic rs mess. There is no messroom for the others.

In succession down the passageway on the port side come the deck officers room, the chief engineer's room and a room for the three petty officers. There is also a galley.

Aft the living quarters are the engine-rooms. Tucke I away in the stern is a room for four engineers.

The engines are ordinary internal combustion Diesel oil engines. The machinery of the Deutschland, the steering and operating machinery forward and the engines, is so complicated that a description of it is impractica-

Her Cargo.

It is now definitely learned that the dye cargo of the submarine Deutsche land, which was reported as high as 700 tons, is only 250 tons. The dyes cathe in small cases, about 20 by 20 to 30 inches, with the colour of the particular contents stripped acress the ends of each case.

The average weight of the cases ran about 56 kiles net, or about 129 pounds each. Slightly more than 1,000 cases were aboard, or about 290 toos

It is reported that the packages of dyes brought to Battimore on the submarine Deutschland might be that by rail to that city for apprecisement by Customs officials, Ordinarily dyes are not entered to any extent at the port of Baltimore, the heaviest imports in peace times being entere lat this port to the accredited representatives in this city of the big German manufacturing concerns.

The manifesto, it is said, fail to state any German market price for the goods. Should this prove to be the fact, appraisal of the dyestuffs would have to be based on prevailing U.S. rates for such products.

As many of the colours brought over by the Deutschland have been virtually out of this market for many months. with prices between 400 and 500 per cent. above normal for such small quantities as could be scraped from all 1 parts of the world, it seemed certain | Saturday 30th 11 a.m. that the official appraisal would fix values calling for exceptionally high | Sa

Usually in shipments where merchandise is uniform in character one case or of every 10 only is subjected to Customs inspection. In the present instant, however, owing to the highly concentracted condition of the colours and the uncertainty regarding their dutiable value, it was thought probable that the entire cargo of the Doutsch land would be carefully inspected by the Customs authorities. In some quarters it was thought the Government's appraisel might result in long litigation should the importers hold the official duty valuation to shigh.
Submarine Crew Fear Wire Nots.

Terror-stricken, and on the virge of panic, the crew of the Den schland dreads the order that will start them. on their return pussage across the Atlantic. None believe they will escape the dragnet being thrown one by the Allied cruisers now off the C. pes. They feel sure that they will fall victims to the enemy cruisers, n through shots from the cannons nor bells from the high-powered rifles in the little British patrols boats, but from disabled engines in a net that the enemy is spreading just off the three mile limit.

The members of the crew, whose nam s will go down in history for the crea ion of a new commercial era, have told the same friends that Cappin Paul Koenig, the daring commander, is doing everything in his power to keep up their spirits, and make them look on the bright side of the affair, but the men cannot see this side of the

Telegraph Lines.

The Post and Telegraph Department reports that Chiengmai line is still imperfectly working between Paknampo and Chiengmai. Other lines are all right.

Bangkok Mails Close.

SAIGON. Friday 29th SINGAPORE. Friday 29th 14 a.m Friday 29th 1 p.m. sa SONGRHLA.

Saturday 30th 10 a.m. s.s Asd HONGKONG via SWATOW. Saturday 30th 11 am. s.s. Haldis HONGKONG. CHANDABURI

MOTOR BOAT CO., LTD. MENAM

TIME TABLE.

LINE I -BANGKABUE TO BANG QUANG & MUANG NAWN.

Boats leave Bangkabue to Bang Quang, Mu ing Nawu & Pakret. a.m. 7.00, 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.10.
p.m. 1, 1.30, 2.30, 3.10, 3.50, 4.40, 5.30, daily.
Bangkabue to Samkuk ... 2.30 p.m. daily.
, Kai Koh Yai ... 1.00 ...

LINE 2-TANON TOK TO PARLAT in connection with Paklat Tram Cars Thahin Boats leave Tanon Tok every full and half hour from 6.30 a.m to 7.30 p.m After 7.30 when sufficient passengers.

LINE 3--THA CHANG WANG LUANG TO KLONG BANGKOK NOI.

Boars leave The Chang warg Luang landing a.m. 7.30, 8.30, 9.3), 10.30 11.30, and p.m. 1.00, 2.30, 3.30 4.30, and 5.30, daily. LINE 4-KLONG SAMBONG LOCK TO BANG HIA.

Boats leave the Lock in connection with the Paknam Railway train 10.15 a.m. from Bangkok.

ROYAL STATE RAILWAYS.

(Broad Gauge Lines.) TIME TABLE

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