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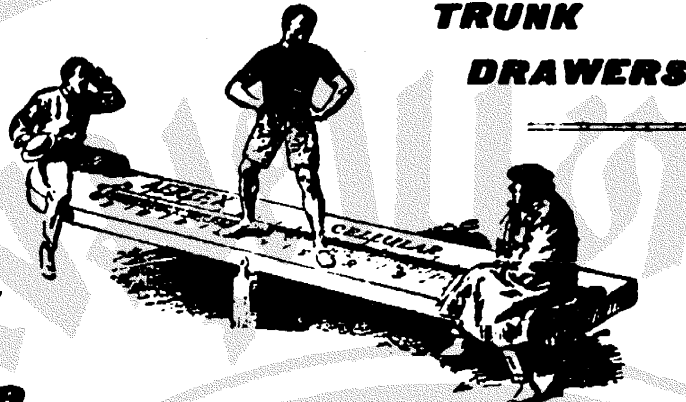
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Feb. A.M. L.W. (Approx.)

H. W. Ft. & in. Feet.

1 8 00 14 7 ...

2 8 00 14 3 ...

3 8 00 14 5 ...

4 8 00 14 10 ...

5 6 00 15 2 ...

6 6 30 15 5 ...

7 6 30 15 8 ...

8 7 00 15 5 ...

9 7 00 15 4 ...

10 7 30 15 2 ...

11 7 30 15 2 ...

12 7 30 15 1 ...

13 7 30 15 0 ...

14 8 00 14 8 ...

15 8 00 14 6 ...

16 8 00 14 3 ...

17 8 30 14 2 ...

18 5 00 14 8 ...

19 5 00 15 1 ...

20 5 30 15 4 ...

21 6 00 15 8 ...

22 6 30 15 4 ...

23 7 00 15 1 ...

24 7 00 15 1 ...

25 7 00 15 1 ...

26 7 00 14 9 ...

27 7 00 14 9 ...

28 7 00 14 9 ...

29 ...

30 ...

31 ...

Feb. P.M. L.W. (Approx.)

H. W. Ft. & in. Feet.

1 11 00 12 6 ...

2 ...

3 ...

4 ...

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6 ...

7 3 30 12 8 ...

8 4 00 13 1 ...

9 5 00 13 6 ...

10 6 00 14 1 ...

11 7 00 14 0 ...

12 8 00 13 10 ...

13 9 30 13 7 ...

14 10 00 13 3 ...

15 11 00 13 4 ...

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21 2 30 13 0 ...

22 3 30 13 8 ...

23 6 00 14 1 ...

24 6 30 14 6 ...

25 7 30 14 3 ...

26 8 00 14 2 ...

27 8 30 14 2 ...

28 10 00 13 10 ...

29 ...

30 ...

31 ...

Feb. 7th O Full Moon 10.10 a.m.

15th (Last Quarter) 8.35 a.m.

22nd (New Moon) 0.51 a.m.

28th (First Quarter) 11.26 p.m.

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Items of Interest.

New York, Feb. 15.—There is an im-

mense accumulation of goods in all American ports owing to non-sailings, and a million tons of steel for export is detained in New York. The movement of grain is also disarranged by the congestion of the railways. It is stated that assurances have been received that Japan will support the United States in the event of war.

Petrograd, Feb. 15.—The Central In-

dustrial Committee in a strong state-

ment champions the eleven members of the workmen's group who were arrested on a charge of fomenting labour troubles. It says the group consists of the more moderate and non-revolutionary labourites who have valuably aided in the settlement of conflicts and prevention of strikes. Any recent action of the group was due to the general political situation which is reflected in the pronouncements of the Duma, the Council of Empire and the Congress of Nobles.

London, Feb. 15.—The banks and post offices will be kept open late to night and to-morrow to cope with the last hours of the rush for the War Loan. The Lord Mayor and metropolitan mayors will proceed in state to Trafalgar Square to-day, to preside over the final War Loan demonstration, choirs and bands are also participating.

Mr. Chiozzamoney in the House of Commons stated that there are fourteen thousand and more men in the shipyards to-day than at the outbreak of war. As an instance of the heroism of merchantmen he stated that the survivors of the Vedamora immediately they arrived in London went to the offices of their owners and re-engaged.

Large Norwegian Company Stops

Sailings.

The "Tidens Tegn" learns that one of the largest of the Norwegian steamship companies the Nordenfjeldske Dampskibsselskab, has suspended traffic on the route from Bergen to Newcastle.

One of the company's steamers which should have left Bergen is still lying in harbour. Another steamer is still in Newcastle. The reason for this is the stoppage of the import of coal.

A Central News message from Christiania states that the company has stopped its passenger and freight service.

According to the Christiania "Tidens Tegn," the coal question is to be investigated in detail by a special committee of the Storting, which will subsequently issue a public report.

The "Tidens Tegn" urges that the Storting should also investigate other phases of Norwegian foreign policy, and should first of all give its attention to the waning destruction of Norwegian shipping which is now proceeding.

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Speaking at Bedford six weeks ago Mr. Prothero, President of the Board of Agriculture, said that for years and years the foreigner had flourished through the English farmer.

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Mr. Prothero spoke of the value of potato, cultivation, and, referring to barley, said he did not wish to retract one word he had previously said about the value of brewing in producing foodstuffs. Those who wanted foodstuffs ought to get them cheaper, and they would hear more about that before long.

As regards labour, Mr. Prothero said that until the census returns were analysed the War Office would make no further calls for men from the land. The War Office had also promised to give back those men who were used to steam tackle cultivation. There were German agricultural prisoners in the country, and it was intended to allot them to counties who needed them.

Potato Cultivation in Britain.

Cemeteries to be Split Up into Allotments. The unappropriated land in the cemeteries of the Potteries is to be ploughed up and cultivated for the raising of extra food.

The Lands Cultivation Committee of the Stoke-on-Trent Corporation are tilling altogether about forty-five acres of land in the parks and cemeteries of the district, and are appropriating flower beds and borders for raising early potatoes.

It has been decided to divide the land in the cemeteries into allotments and let them rent free to Corporation workmen who would undertake their cultivation.

£5,400,000 Spent by Germany in U. S.

New York, January 3.—According to the estimate of Mr. George Haven Putnam, the head of the American Rights Committee, \$27,000,000 (£5,400,000) have been spent in America since the war began under German authority for propaganda work, destruction of American property, furtherance of strikers, and the purchases of American papers. This statement was made by Mr. Putnam in answer to a letter from Dr. O. Meizer, the German Consul General at Cincinnati. Dr. Meizer protested against the charges of German brutality in Belgium, and asserted that "Americans are misled by their newspapers which have been hired by English money." Mr. Putnam stated further that he had received a great mass of German propaganda material, and added:—

"I have not received a single document from the British, French, or Italian representatives. They are content to permit the justice of their cause to stand for itself. The statements presenting the cause of England and France have come to me from individual correspondents on the other side of the Atlantic."

India and Tibet.

According to the Chinese papers Great Britain is reported to have submitted the following demands to the Anglo-Chinese Tibetan Conference:—

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- (2) For the reorganisation of affairs in Tibet, China should borrow loans from Britain alone.
- (3) All existing treaties between Britain and Tibet should be recognised as valid.
- (4) In developing the industries of Tibet Britons should be engaged to assist.
- (5) The Chinese Government should repay loans borrowed by Tibet from Britain.
- (6) No troops should be despatched to Tibet without cause.
- (7) Appointment of officials should only be made after mutual consultation.
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19. J. c.o.d. 28 F.

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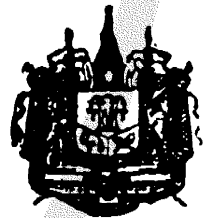
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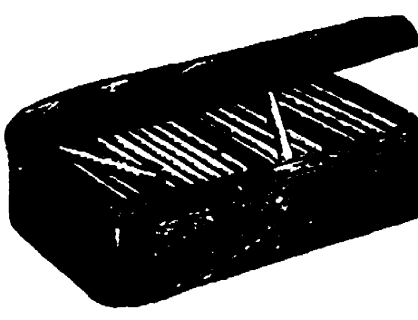
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The Siam Observer

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1917.

HIGH FINANCE.

The telegraphed report of the success of the British War Loan affords matter for reflection quite apart from the actual fact itself. Not only have Great Britain and her Allies poured gold thus lavishly in response to the appeals of those in power. The contending nations have been no whit behind in their readiness to answer similar demands upon their purses. A British member of Parliament only recently remarked in public that in whatever other way the Central Powers might be held to fall short as compared with the Allies, they had certainly not done so as regards the readiness of the small investor to add his quota to the Governmental treasury. Since the beginning of the present war boundless riches have been freely and willingly cast upon the altar of Bellona, and it has demonstrated of what the world is capable in this direction. If only humanity could be spurred to make sacrifices similar, or even in much less degree, in times of peace, what would it not mean for civilization in its truest sense? The worst blot on the social fabric of modern times would soon be effaced, and the fond dreams of the most ardent philanthropic idealists would bid fair to come near a speedy realization. The simple life has been forced upon many nations now by stress of circumstances. When the sword is sheathed will the old days of riotous waste and unthinking extravagance return, or will a better spirit prevail—a spirit which shall prompt the nations to devote as much as they can of their surplus wealth to the cause of humanity in the mass? It remains to be seen and the future is on the lap of the gods, but all who cherish kindly feeling for their fellow-men will live in hope that when Mars is at length dethroned a deity of very different cast will gain the ascendant and inspire mankind to work together with one accord in the noble cause of social progress, and, having in view this aim, than which there can be no higher, to give of their best, alike in personal service and in kind.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

LUANG Visute Silapakara, Acting Judge of Udon, is leaving for his station on the 2nd March next.

A NOTICE with regard to the Al Fresco Fete which is to be held on the 10th March, appears elsewhere.

We are requested to give notice that there will be no cricket match at the R. R. S. C. on Sunday, 25 February.

FROM Messrs. the Siam Forest Co., Ltd., agents for the Toyo Kisen Kaisha line of steamers, we have received a handsome wall calendar.

THE following passengers are leaving by the s.s. *Kuala* tomorrow morning:—Mr. W. G. Symmons, Mr. T. P. Cochrane, Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon, Mrs. Helmer, Mr. C. E. Watkins and Mr. F. S. Gaines.

THE report of the Medical Officer of Health gives 4 cases of bubonic plague as having occurred in Bangkok during the week ended 17th February. Of these 3 deaths are registered. There were no cases of cholera or small-pox.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Malay Peninsular main line is crossing between Rajaburi and Prachuabgirikhan. Local line is not properly working between Singora and Bangkok. Chiangmai and Paknampho lines are crossing between Paknampho and Prae. Other lines are available.

NEW Ads.—Mr. J. d'A. Pereira has a variety of orchids for sale. Mr. D. Froman, dealer in furniture, is ready to buy or sell furniture from those intending to leave the country. Mr. Malcolm Branger is agent for Salamander brandy, No. 1 Red Heart Brand, etc. The "Westminster" A.A. Turkish cigarettes are obtainable at all stores.

A New White Elephant.

On the 15th instant Phra Sri Sitirak, the Governor of Biji, together with other officials of the district, had a ceremony in honour of the new White Elephant which was found in the forest on the 21st January last. The animal was brought into the Governor's residence, where the ceremony took place, and it will remain in this habitat until removal to Bangkok later.

January's Rice Export.

The reference to the rice export for January contained in our correspondent Nemo's letter constrained us to communicate with Mr. Nunn, the Adviser to the Customs, who has courteously informed us that the export figures for January show a total of 2,007,748 piculs which is the highest since March 1914, for which month the figures were 2,131,000. The figure for January are not yet verified with the Koh-si-Chang figures, which have not yet come in. It may be probable that when the actuals come up from there even March 1914 may be exceeded.

Sports Club Football.

The replay of the Pollard Cup Final between England and Scotland will take place to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon.

Teams are as follows:—

England. (in White).

Jenkins,
Preston, Bowden,
Sellew, Roberts, Le May,
Walsh, Coleby, Halls, Jones, Cranmer,

O

Forrest, Robertson, Ramsay, McDonald, Chapman,
Finnie, Malcolm, Findlay,
Reith, Pollard,
Carson.

Kick off at 4.45 p.m.

Referee:—Morn Chao Sithiporn.

Linesmen:—Douglas Robertson and Sedgwick.

Mrs. Lyle has kindly promised to present the Cup to the winning team at the conclusion of the match.

There will be a dinner at the Sports Club at 8 p.m. for men who have put their names down for it, followed by a smoking concert. Members who are not dining at the Club are heartily invited to turn up to the smoker and make a night of it.

Menam Motor Boat Co.

Crude Oil Motors to be Used.

The 18th Ordinary General meeting of the above Company was held at the Company's office at Wat Lieb yesterday. Those present were Mr. W. L. Grut (in the chair), Phya Arthakara Prasiddhi, Dr. Yai Sanitwongse, Mr. J. Ludwig Hansen, Mr. J. Bruun, Nai Yot and Mr. F. de Jesus (Secretary).

The Chairman said:

Gentlemen,

The Balance Sheet has been in your hands for 2 days so with your permission I will take it for read. Before submitting it for discussion I wish to make a few explanatory remarks.

You will probably have noticed that we have written off Tcs. 40,000 as depreciation as compared with the ordinary Tcs. 22,000 and that the amount carried forward is larger than usual, whereas the dividend is only 5 per cent. as compared with 7 per cent. for the 3 preceding years.

As a matter of fact the result of our working in 1916 has been better than any previous year and under ordinary circumstances we would have proposed to pay a higher dividend than has ever been paid before.

The reason why we advise to adopt such a cautious policy is that the price we have to pay for kerosene, which is our most important item of expenditure, has risen enormously from the beginning of the current year. As a matter of fact the price has doubled. Your Directors have therefore decided to take the very drastic measure of purchasing on our boats instead of the kerosene-motors at present in use. This entails heavy expenditure and as the change can only be effected gradually and we consequently have still to use much expensive kerosene during this year, we have to be cautious with regard to distribution of profits for the past year.

The pending abolition of public gambling coming into force on the 1st April next may also adversely affect our passenger receipts.

Your Directors do however see no cause for alarm and expect that when our fleet of boats is fitted out with crude-oil motors we may look forward to a period of renewed prosperity.

It was moved by Dr. Yai, seconded by Mr. Hansen and carried unanimously that the Directors' report and accounts for 1916 be adopted and that the dividend of 5 per cent. for the year be declared and made payable from to-day.

Phya Arthakara proposed that Captain Bojeen be re-elected Director for a further two years. The proposition was seconded by Dr. Yai and carried.

The Chairman moved that Mr. J. Ludwig Hansen be elected a Director of the Company for a period of two years. Phya Arthakara seconded. Carried.

It was proposed by Phya Arthakara that Mr. A. H. Donaldson be re-elected auditor. This was seconded by Dr. Yai and carried.

A vote of thanks to the Chair proposed by Phya Arthakara brought the meeting to a close.

"Driftwood"

Nemo.

It is stated that the month of January this year has broken all records regarding the quantity of rice exported from the port of Bangkok. I was wondering whether this good result is not directly traceable to the closing of the Huay lottery. I heard that a Company Magistrate had recently expressed some doubts as to a steamboat business paying the same good dividends when gambling was forbidden in toto. The one year's experience regarding the effects of the closing of the Huay lottery leads me to think that these doubts will never reach fruition.

The excessive rice milling during this period of the year has naturally produced a greater quantity of paddy husk than is required for local consumption by the various steam mills. It is reported in whispers that some of the mills are emptying all unsalable paddy husk into the basin of the Menam. I cannot vouch for the absolute truth of these reports, but surely there must be some river conserving authority whose business it must be to see that the river is not used for such a purpose. While there is no chance of the river getting any shallower by these continuous dumpings, still the floating paddy husk in the waters of the river must be fraught with danger to ships, machinery et hoc genera.

It is rumoured that there is going to be a dearth of soda water bottles in the local aerated water factories, and that the price of bottles from Europe is, inclusive of course of freightage, almost prohibitive. It would appear that consumers are only charged two ticals per dozen bottles, double that rate being the likely actual cost of the bottles to day.

The factories are in a dilemma. If they put up the charges to 3 or 4 ticals per dozen it is feared that certain wholesale consumers long in arrears regarding return bottles, will come down with all old empties and claim the new rebate, while on the other hand if the bottles remain at present rate, the boys, cooks, and coolies will make a handsome profit by sale of the bottles to the Chinese soda water manufacturers, who are evidently thriving in wealth and numbers.

The transition from the subject of aerated waters to ice is natural and I hear that the newest ice-making plant close to the B.M.O. premises has now been brought to ship shape order and that ice making will begin soon. It is stated that the proprietor is sending circulars out to the public proposing to deliver ice at very moderate rates. I hope the ice will be clear, and that all unforeseen expenses in the matter of delivering ice in small quantities have been considered and that the proposal to deliver ice at popular rates will be guaranteed as continuous for twelve months at least. This will make the fifth ice factory in Bangkok.

Some time ago I wrote about a huge pile of saw dust at Sriracha which might be had for the asking, provided of course you went to collect it yourself. I don't think, however, that this offer still holds good, for, it is said that saw dust, chips etc. are being eagerly sought for. I don't know why, but it is common talk that the quantities of Bangkok's universal steam fuel are likely to fall off for some reason or other. In any case one of our largest saw mills is reported to have signed a contract to supply a Chinaman at Samsen with all this produce of the mill for three years.

New American War Relief Fund.

From a New York source we gather that a gigantic co-operative plan to raise a \$100,000,000 fund for the relief of war sufferers has been proposed by Felix M. Warburg, the banker. The suggestion was made at a dinner given Mr. Warburg for his work as chairman of the Federation for the support of Jewish Philanthropic Societies. Mr. Warburg proposed to include all peoples who have suffered from the war—Jew and Gentile, British, German, French, Turkish, Russian and Bulgarian—in the benefits of the fund. It has aroused a great deal of comment among persons interested in war relief. This would be the second fund of this size launched in the United States, as the one for French war orphans already is under way.

Rumanian Oil Wells.

According to a Berlin telegram, the work of repairing in the Rumanian oil district has proceeded so far that some works will resume production within a few weeks. The stocks of petrol and petroleum captured in Campina consist of about 2,000 truck-loads, and there are also immense petroleum stores at Constantza.

The oil wells at Campina will be in working order in about a week and the Standard Refinery at Ploesti at once.

PADDY REPORT FOR FEB. 22.
Nasuan 3530 coynas at Tce. 72.82 each
Samuang 300 " " 70.73 "
Nasuang " " " 3830 "
Total Coynas 3830 "

THE Great War.**The British Line.**

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Feb. 21.

The British penetrated German lines east of Arrmentieres and T. near, causing serious damage.

Turks Surprised.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Feb. 21.

Cairo.—The British surprised the Turks at Biblaharima and captured the garrison, consisting of 24 men, and a quantity of arms and material.

Austria and the Submarine War.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Feb. 21.

Washington.—The United States Ambassador at Vienna has sent the Minister for Foreign Affairs a memorandum demanding to know whether Austria has modified or annulled the assurances in regard to submarine warfare given at the time of the sinking of the *Ancona* and the *Perla*.

Ships Sunk.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Feb. 21.

The ships torpedoed from the 16th to 20th instant were 3 Italian, 1 Swedish, and 1 British. Total 12,500 tons.

War News From Dutch Sources.

A Batavia correspondent reports that the Dutch Colonial Minister has forwarded the following telegram to the Netherlands Indian Government:—During the latter end of last year German troops were concentrated in Westphalia and the Rhine Provinces, but this was only done as a defensive measure, owing to our waterways being frozen over and a decrease in railway running. We are experiencing a shortage temporarily in coal and foodstuffs, which is being felt keenly in our factories. In consequence, riots have taken place in several towns, which have been engineered by the anarchist party. The socialist party have not joined in the movement. Our ships are being held up in harbour.

Women of "Jordaen," the Amsterdam Jewish Quarter, plundered shops and ten wagons of potatoes and large quantities of vegetables that had arrived in Amsterdam.

It is feared that the Dutch tugboat *Westerdijk* has been torpedoed. A German submarine sank a Dutch lugger on Sunday. Its crew were saved.

German deserters continue to cross into Holland in large numbers. Seventeen arrived at Roermond on Monday.

The Dutch second chamber has rejected the proposals of Deputy Bichon of Yselmonde. Heer Bichon proposed that the building of submarines and cruisers already laid down should not be forced quickly and that the laying down of a third cruiser should not take place.

The Dutch Foreign Minister, Heer London, is about to publish a White Book containing the German and Austrian Note sent to him regarding increased submarine warfare. The publication will be prefaced by a Note by Heer London, in which he adopts a very firm tone of objection to submarine warfare without warning, and loss of life.

Germany has appointed a committee to enquire into the sinking of the "Gamma" which they state has nothing to do with the increased submarine policy. Should they be found to be in the wrong full indemnity will be paid.

The Dutch shipowners are considering a scheme for sending their vessels to the Dutch Indies via the Panama Canal, providing the British authorities will agree to forego their demand to take Dutch vessels into a British port for examination. While this regulation exist the Atlantic routes will remain closed.

British vessels have left Rotterdam and four have arrived at the Hook of Holland.

Dutch War Minister Bosboom in view of the shortage of officers and non commissioned officers in the Dutch Militia proposes to effect legislation to enable them to be obtained from the older services.

Owing to existing circumstances all leave for Dutch officials will be withheld until further notice. Those who have been granted leave in February and March, however, may travel in Holland via America or Siberia at their own risk. The mail service has been suspended. Dutch mails will in future be sent by English packet.

Penang has been declared an infected port by the Dutch Chief Medical Officer "on account of the existence of plague."

British-Chinese Patriotic Organization.

Minutes of the 2nd General Meeting held at the old British Court House on Thursday, the 22nd day of February 1917, at 6.45 p.m.

Present.—Mr. Koh Hui Cheok (President), Messrs. Seow Hoo Seng and B. C. Neoh (Honorary Secretaries), Mr. Chea Chee Seng (Honorary Treasurer), Messrs. Tan Man Sam, Lee Tung, Wong See Lin, Joo Hoa Lee, Yong Hong, Lim Geok Beng, Li Hong, Seow Keng Lin, Chea Soon Kim, Seow Seong Pek, Nah Miah Seng, Tan Hay Leng, Lim Ghee Peng, Lim Guan Peng, Tan Hee Soon, Tan John, Tang Wai Lan (Fook On Assurance Co.), Venus Insurance Co., Koh Seng Boon, Chiam Buck Sui, Lim Song Kwang, Tan Lam Leng, Thien Swee Chow, Sing Joo Kiang, Yee Keng Watt, Tan Hong Joo, Theng Kuay (Wing Cheong), Tan Boon Hood, Kwang Yong (Kwang Nghee Hoa), Booy Fook Weng, Lim Keng Seng, Seow Siong Lim, Wee Tiang Watt, Song Kee Leong, L. P. Chua, Tay Teung Guan, Lim Cheng Kiat, Tan Chin Hin, Lee Guan Seng, Tan Chuan Keng, Lim Choon Heng, Tan K. Seng (Chino-Siam Steam Navg Co.), N. Kim Look, Kim Yong (Low Heng Seng), and Tan Kok Chuan.

Mr. Koh Hui Cheok occupied the Chair. The Chairman proposed that our organization should have a stall, in connection with the "Al Fresco Fete" which is to take place at "Frankfield" (Poh Yome Road) on the 10th of March 1917, to sell goods the proceeds of which will be handed to the British Minister for transmission to the British Red Cross Society together with the proceeds of the "Al Fresco Fete." This was seconded by Mr. Chea Chee Seng.

Mr. B. C. Neoh said that in addition to the above proposal he had already arranged with Nai Soon Chai to give a small cinematograph show which Nai Soon Chai had kindly undertaken to supply free of all charges (Applause).

The Chairman further submitted that those who are willing to subscribe sums of money for the purpose of buying goods for the stall are requested to kindly hand in their donations to him (the Chairman) at Guan Hui Seng, Songwad Road, not later than the 1st of March, 1917, and those who are willing to give presents in goods to be included in the stock of the stall are also requested to send in their presents to the same place and within the same time, agreed upon by the majority of the members present.

The Chairman also proposed that the following sub-committee should be in charge of the stall:

Messrs. Seow Keng Lin, Chea Soon Kim, Seow Hoo Seng, Tan Man Sam, Joo Hoa Lee, Low Meng Seng, Tan Tay Guan, Lim Ghee Peng, Choo Kwang Lee, Wong Hoo Lin, Tang Wai Lan and Lee Tung. Accepted—(Applause).

Mr. B. C. Neoh made the following speech:

"Gentlemen, I have to thank you all warmly for your kind attendance this evening. As you are doubtless aware the British-Chinese Patriotic Organization was established on the 20th day of February, 1916, for the purpose of calling all our brother Chinese British Subjects together to raise sums of money for the aid of the British Red Cross Society and of course the services of the Committee, which conducts the affairs of this Organization, are entirely of an honorary nature."

"I express my warm hopes that you will all agree with me that, as loyal British Subjects, we must try our very utmost to give as much help as possible, to our great Empire at this critical moment."

"I am well aware of the fact that many of our people are willing to volunteer for military service, which service our Government does not require at present; but when I think of our heroic Britons who are fighting hard for our great Empire, I venture to appeal to you all for further financial assistance instead of personal service, so as to keep our wounded heroes abroad well looked after."

"Furthermore, I am very grateful to you all for the generous donations which you so kindly sent in last year and which have been highly appreciated by our Government, so I venture to hope that you will do the same again this year."

"In conclusion I beg to notify you that the 'Al Fresco Fete' of which the President has spoken already, is to take place at Mr. Adam's house on the 10th March next from 4.30 p.m. until 1 a.m. and I have to express my sincere hopes that you will all kindly make an effort to be present." (Applause).

Meeting closed at 7.45 p.m. (Contributed).

The Position of Belgium.

The "Voesche Zeitung" is authorized to deny that Count Bernstorff ever said that Germany would pay damages to Belgium. The paper adds, apparently on good authority, that Count Bernstorff has been instructed to tell President Wilson that Germany, in the event of Belgium being evacuated, would under no circumstances pay the least damages for the invasion of Belgium.

Shipping Notes.

The Fren. s.s. Monhot 101 tons Capt. Kemaonet, arrived from Kratt yesterday with a general cargo and 12 deck passengers. The consignees are Messrs. Beranger.

The Chin. s.s. Foo Lee 859 tons Capt. B. Miyasaka, arrived from Soerabaya yesterday with cargo. The consignees are Messrs. Khoo Seng.

Ships in Harbour.

Chengtu	Brit.	16
K'pong	"	40
Kuala	"	56
Francis Garnier	Fren.	dock.
Tatous	"	62
Childar	Nor.	64
Yushan	Chin.	31
Agga	Nor.	F.
Tamon Maru	Jap.	Q.
Foo Lee	Chin.	D-1
Monhot	Fren.	8-1

Notice.

Regarding the Estate of the late Mr. F. Graehert.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against, or owing money to, the above Estate should communicate with the undersigned trustees on or before the 31st March 1917. After this date no claims against the above Estate will be entertained, and all money due to the Estate must be paid before this date.

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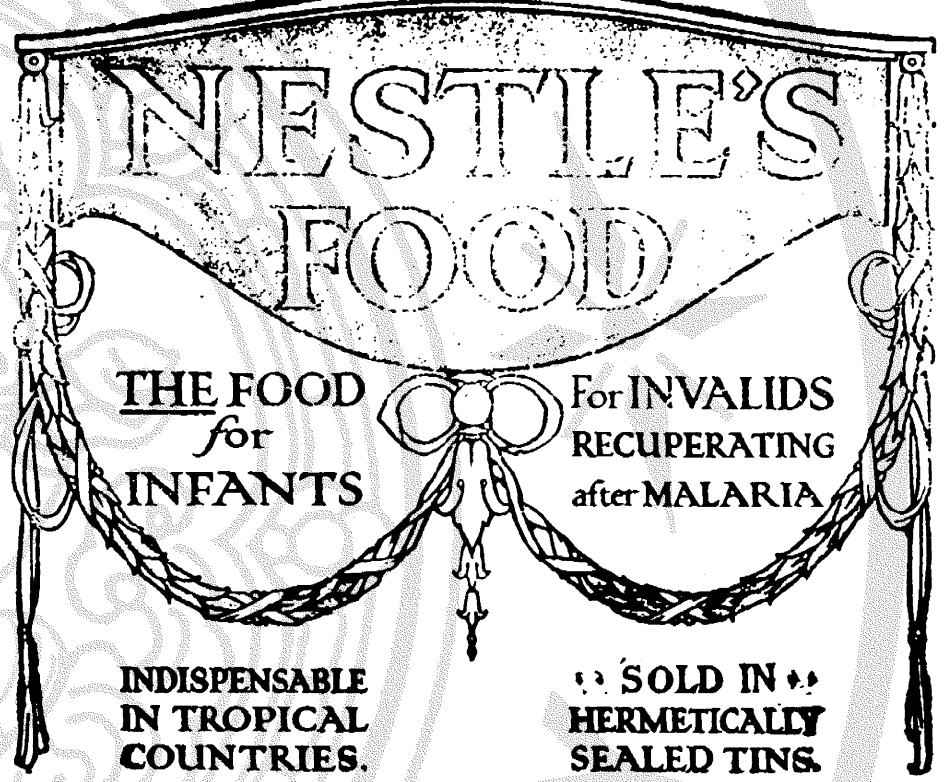
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The Neutral View of 1917.

Possibilities of Further Intervention

On the principle that the onlooker sees most of the game, it is of interest to record the following impressions of the future situation in 1917, gathered from reliable and competent neutral sources, says Mr. Francis Granville.

It is obvious that for the moment Germany's "diplomatic offensive" has failed in its main object. She will now be compelled to renew her naval and military efforts. Where are these likely to take place? On the main western and eastern fronts no initiative is to be expected from the Central Powers, and for the immediate future her concern will continue to be in the Balkans by an endeavour to overrun Macedonia—if not the whole of Greece.

For the Odessa objective she has hardly time even if she can spare the men and material. But whatever the outcome of these campaigns Germany in the early spring will be forced, by compelling circumstances, to turn to the west, and it is here that in desperation she may run amok. As Privy Counsellor Witting, a former burgomaster of Posen and president of the National Bank of Germany, once said: "If we do go down the world will long remember it."

And it is at this juncture that Switzerland or Holland may come into the picture. In regard to the Swiss adventure the odds are very much against success. From the commencement of hostilities the Federal Confederation has made every possible preparation against any such eventuality. Nature is on their side, and France and Italy are adjacent neighbors.

France has just renewed her assurance to Switzerland that her neutrality will be strictly observed. Germany has likewise taken pains to convey the same benevolent intimation, but past events discount this declaration, and Swiss statesmen are able to appraise it at its right value.

It might, however, suit the German scheme that the Allies should have their attention engaged in this direction. One remembers that in 1914 the French were led to believe that an attack would be made from the south-east with the possibility of involving Swiss neutrality, whilst all the time Germany was preparing for the advance through Belgium. This manoeuvre may be repeated if the Prussian command, in their extremity, have any idea with regard to possibilities in Holland. A dash into Dutch territory

might be attempted with both a military and a naval objective.

It is well known, however, that the Dutch Government have constantly kept this contingency in view. They cannot have forgotten that in August, 1914, the German Foreign Office, in a declaration that there was no intention to annex Belgium, said, "The sincerity of this declaration is borne out by the fact that we solemnly pledged our word to Holland strictly to respect her neutrality. It is obvious that we could not profitably annex Belgian territory without making at the same time territorial acquisitions at the expense of Holland."

Dutch Strength.

In the matter of defence the Dutch are able to equip and bring into the field more than 300,000 men, and it is interesting to note that by the invitation of the British Government, a detachment of Dutch officers arrived in London en route for our front in France, and the Dutch Government have chosen Major-General Burger, Commandant of the Second Division, as leader.

And here, again, in the case of Holland as in Switzerland, nature is a great factor. A suggested Dutch motto runs thus: "Keep your powder dry and your land wet." The famous water line—seventy miles long and eight miles wide and of varying depths—is a bulwark combined with forts and a well-equipped army which no enemy can afford to lightly disregard.

In conclusion it may be added that however conjectural these neutral opinions may be there is one further conviction which gains ground in those circles, viz. that if 1917 does bring defeat to the Central Powers it must be, and will be, a military collapse, not an economic surrender.

Railway Rails Breaking in Germany.

London, Jan. 24.—It is unusually cold in general in Europe. The Berliner Tageblatt reports that the railway rails are breaking everywhere in Germany. There is a coal shortage in East Prussia, whence eight fatalities from freezing are reported.

Coal is also lacking in Paris, where there are 16 degrees of frost. Wolves are abroad in Burgundy and bears have been seen in Loire.

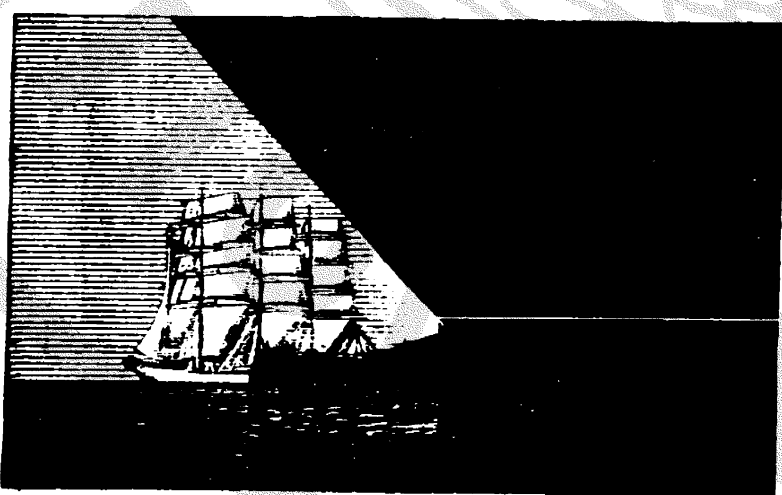
The maximum temperature in London during the past 12 days was 37 degrees.

There is heavy snow on the Macedonian front.

Italian military experts consider that the weather has temporarily saved Trieste.

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It is interesting to watch the wonderful development that is taking place all over the world in the application of electricity to the household. The development in Europe and the United States has been along parallel lines save in that the war has held back matters in Europe somewhat in the last two years.

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Rasputin Killed in Self-Defence.

According to a Petrograd despatch to the "Times," it is reported on good authority that the judicial proceedings in connection with Rasputin's death will shortly be discontinued, inasmuch as the killing was done in self-defence. The persons hitherto subjected to domiciliary arrest have been released.

The "Russkaya Volya" states that six persons participated in the supper to which Rasputin was invited on the fateful night. It further affirms that the bullet wounds were apparently produced by weapons of different calibre, suggesting that the victim was shot by more than one person. From the nature of the bloodstains found in the neighbourhood it is assumed that Rasputin made an effort to escape and was laid low by a third bullet.

His executioners attached a weight to the body before throwing it from Petrovsky Bridge, but the body, in falling, struck one of the projecting beams, the shock detached the weight, and the body was carried some distance by the current before sinking beneath the ice.

The "Daily Telegraph's" Petrograd correspondent gives another version of Rasputin's death. He states that the monk when he was taken in an automobile from his own house to the house on the Moskva, was met by a party of young men whose names are known, but are not directly referred to. There was, or there was not, some drinking. Then Rasputin was told that he had been condemned to death, a revolver was given him, and he was told to shoot himself. Then, so goes the story, he fired at the man who gave him the revolver and missed him, but killed a wolfhound that happened to be standing by. The revolver was knocked out of Rasputin's hand, and one of the young men shot him on the spot.



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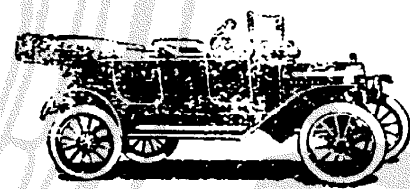
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TIME TABLE.

IN FORCE FROM 1st JANUARY, 1917 TO JULY, 1917.

BANGKOK-MEKLONG.				MEKLONG-BANGKOK.			
STATIONS.	Train No.			STATIONS.	Train No.		
	I. III. V.				VI. VI.		
	A.M. P.M. P.M.				A.M. P.M.		
Km. Bangkok	Dep. 8.30 12.30 4.30			Km. Meklong	Dep. 8.35 12.35		
33.1 Mahachai	Arr. 9.50 1.50 5.50			B. Hlame	Arr. 9.55 1.55		
Terminus				Terminus			

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	A.M. P.M.				A.M. A.M. P.M.		
Km. B. Hlame	Dep. 10.20 2.20			Mahachai	Dep. 6.45 10.45 2.45		
Terminus				Terminus			
33.8 Meklong	Arr. 11.40 3.40			Bangkok	Arr. 8.05 12.05 4.05		

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How Bucharest Was Evacuated.

Jassy, Dec. 15.—Persons who left Bucharest just before the entry of the Germano-Hungarian forces give terrible descriptions of the state of panic which seized the inhabitants. It may have been said to commence from the day after it was known that the Government had decided to move to this city and that the Allied Ministers with their staffs had already left.

This took place on a Saturday, and the Sunday following saw Bucharest as it had never been seen before. It was practically a city of the dead, or almost so. Barely a soul was to be seen in the streets, and members of the poorer classes either hurried along with scared faces or else stopped in small groups before the placards announcing that the Government "in order to be able to work in all tranquillity" had decided to move to Jassy, that the inhabitants were recommended to remain quiet and not to leave, and that a limited quantity of tickets only would be sold daily.

Chaos at the Station.

At the station a scene of indescribable muddle and disorder was to be found. People in hundreds, civil and military, with mountains of baggage, in one hopeless mass, fighting and struggling. The station master's office was in a state of siege, people with every possible and impossible excuse, requesting and demanding permission to travel to anywhere and at any time, only that they should get away. One might have imagined the dreaded German pickelhaube had already shown itself on the outskirts: in fact, rumour was rife that they were at Chitela, at Mogashoia already, at Colentina even!

It is greatly to the credit of the harassed and overworked railway officials that order of any kind was kept, and that they were able to cope with the situation. Train after train was sent off, as they could be made up, either northwards towards Jassy or to the west with Galatz as final destination.

The writer left in one consisting of no less than 60 carriages of all kinds, even two very old friends in the way of a couple of superannuated German wagon-lits being pressed into the service, after having stood for years outside the station among other lame ducks. This train, drawn and pushed by three engines, presented an extraordinary spectacle, as, with every corner of carriage and corridors, steps, nay, even buffers, packed with people of every class, and the roofs green with soldiers, it crawled slowly along with many a halt.

People had been coming into the station by every devious way, as the doors had been kept barred to all those who had not purchased tickets the day before, and had forced their way in or on to the trains in spite of the railway officials and the sentries, who vainly tried to keep them back.

Killed in the Crush.

This, however, is nothing to what occurred a few days later, when it was known that the town was not to be defended. Although cordons of military barred the way, a regular siege of the station took place, revolvers being freely used, and many deaths occurring from people being knocked down and trampled under foot. More than one soldier also is stated to have paid with his life for his devotion to duty.

An Englishman who left on the day before the occupation of the town states that he saw the most savage of fights for places on the train by which he travelled, and that persons fought on the roofs for a few feet of space, more than one being hurled to death on the stone pavement below.

Those of the better classes who had motor cars at their disposal left the town by road on the first alarm, and it must be said with regret that many of those whose duty it was to remain were the first to sneak off in the night. Fabulous prices were paid for the few vehicles the military requisitions had left in the capital, and for this reason partly did the town have the deserted appearance from the first day referred to above.

Sudden Abundance of Supplies.

For a long time before war was actually declared there was shortage of such ordinary articles of use as sugar, oil, lard, coffee and rice, which were either not to be found, or else were only to be obtained at famine prices. Yet, as is stated by those who were the last to leave, as soon as it was known that the capital was not to be fought for, the grocers' shops suddenly became full of these goods. Lard, almost unobtainable a day before, could be purchased at 1s. 4d. per kilo; ice, 10 fcs. a kilo, fell to 80 centimes, and the other articles in like ratio.

Boots which had gone up to 58s. per pair (the ordinary "American" variety of ready-made) went down to 8s., and anything almost was to be had at the

buyer's price, only that ready money had to be paid.

It is some satisfaction to those who had to suffer the almost total want of foodstuffs, mentioned for so long, to know that the grocers and others who had kept those immense stocks in reserve missed their market.—(D.O.)

The Hague, Feb. 16.—A revolutionary socialist demonstration here was dispersed by the police who refused to allow a deputation of protest at the dearth of food to approach the Ministry of the Interior. All the streets to the inner town were closed by cavalry and the police had numerous collisions with the crowd and several persons were wounded.



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