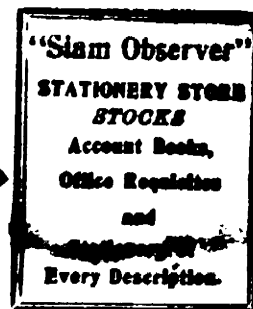


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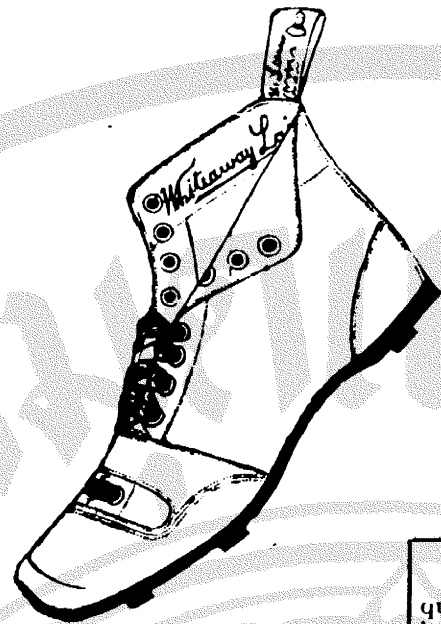
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s.s. "Nankin" May 12	s.s. "Kashgar" June 12	26
"Nankin" May 26	"Karmala" July 10	26
"Novara" June 9	"Morca" July 21	21
"Nagoya" June 23	"Khyber" Aug. 7	21
"Malta" July 6	"Medina" Aug. 21	21
"Somali" July 20	"Mongolia" Sept. 4	4
"Nankin" Aug. 3	"Malwa" Sept. 18	18

#### Intermediate Direct Sailings.

				1916
s/s "Nyanza"	leaves Singapore about	July 10	due London	Aug 18
" "Novara"	do do	Aug. 21	do	Sept. 29

### OUTWARD—1916.

#### For China.

Due Singapore	Connection with	Leaving London
s/s "Novara" April 30	s/s "Morca" April 1	1
"Malta" May 14	"Khyber" May 15	15
"Nyanza" May 19	"Medina" May 29	29
"Nagoya" June 28	"Mongolia" May 13	13
"Somali" June 11	"Malwa" May 27	27
"Nankin" June 25	"Kaiser-i-hind" June 10	10
"Nellore" July 30	"Mooltan" July 24	24
"Novara" July 13	"Kashgar" July 8	8
"Malta" Aug. 6	"Karmala" Aug. 22	22
"Nankin" Sept. 20	"Arabia" Aug. 5	5
"Nellore" Sept. 17	"Khyber" Aug. 19	19

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1916	1916
s.s. Kamo Maru June 14	s.s. Atsuta Maru Aug. 18
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s.s. Kashima Maru July 6	s.s. Iyo Maru Sept. 13
s.s. Mibuna Maru July 19	s.s. Miyazaki Maru Oct. 27
s.s. Suwa Maru Aug. 2	s.s. Kitano Maru Oct. 11

#### FOR HONGKONG AND JAPAN.

1916	1916
s.s. Mibuna Maru June 7	s.s. Miyazaki Maru July 30
s.s. Suwa Maru June 13	s.s. Kitano Maru Aug. 13
s.s. Atsuta Maru June 23	s.s. Fushimi Maru Aug. 27
s.s. Hitaichi Maru July 2	s.s. Hirano Maru Sept. 10
s.s. Iyo Maru July 16	s.s. Kaga Maru Sept. 24

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Steamers will leave HONGKONG for SEATTLE as follows:

1916	1916
s.s. Sado Maru June 27	s.s. Yokohama Maru Aug. 30
s.s. Shizuoka Maru July 19	s.s. Sado Maru Sept. 19
s.s. Kamakura Maru Aug. 8	s.s. Shizuoka Maru Oct. 11

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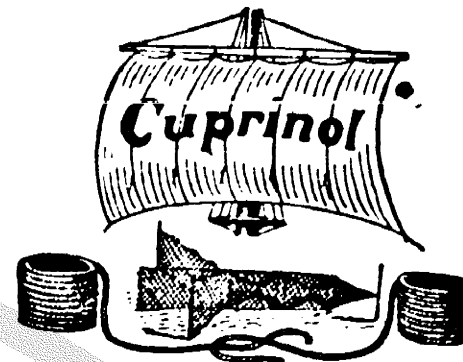
1916	1916
s.s. Nikko Maru July 14	s.s. Tango Maru Sept. 12
s.s. Aki Maru Aug. 15	s.s. Nikko Maru Oct. 13

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#### List of Departures from Bangkok.

s.s.	Departure	1st	July	1916.
"Prachitipok"	...	4th	"	"
"Mahidol"	...	8th	"	"
"Asiang"	...	11th	"	"
"Yugala"	...	15th	"	"
"Boribot"	...	22nd	"	"
"Prachitipok"	...	25th	"	"
"Mahidol"	...	29th	"	"
"Asiang"	...	...	"	"

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DEPTH OF WATER ON THE  
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FOR JULY, 1916.

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

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

## PHASES OF THE MOON.

June 30th New Moon 5.25 p.m.  
July 8th First Quarter 6.37 p.m.  
July 15th Full Moon 11.22 a.m.  
July 22nd Last Quarter 6.15 a.m.  
July 30th New Moon 8.57 a.m.

## A Fight to Finish.

American Press Approves.

The Entente Allies' determination to force Germany to fight to a finish is so clearly understood and approved in America that any definite proposal by President Wilson at this time to discuss the termination of the war would be regarded generally as ill-timed and useless.

The American newspapers are already urging the President to continue any action he may contemplate as mediator to more or less academic utterances on the general subject of peace.

The New York "Times" considers that "there is too much irresponsible talk in judging the European belligerents. It is logical that pacifists should look upon war as madness, but those who are not partisans of peace at any price are too liable to this error."

President Wilson himself in his speech at Charlotte, N.C., failed to distinguish with sufficient clearness the difference between a defensive and an offensive war, between a war for a good and sufficient cause and one for a bad and unnecessary cause.

The same newspaper, after having outlined the justification for each group of belligerents, adds:—

"There is, it is true, a state of mind to which all those who are fighting for good or the bad cause may give way and that is a state of mind which does not make for the best use of their thoughts and does not make permit of the wisest judgment of a situation. It was probably in this sense that Mr. Wilson expressed himself."

"Thus, there is an element of truth when it is said that Europe is mad. But it is not the whole truth, for it is necessary to distinguish between the belligerents in all wars where utter savagery are not involved."

The New York "Tribune," in a long editorial to-day, declares that Germany is crying for peace because she has lost the war. "She is ready for peace," says the "Tribune," "on terms that would give her next to nothing for her great sacrifices because she desires to preserve the possibility of a resumption of her attack subsequently."

Mediators here who think that nothing is of importance except to terminate the slaughter, says the "Tri-

bune," are careless whether such a termination be an end or postponement. Peace can only come when Germany's idea of world-power, built on the ruin of other nations, has been finally destroyed.

The Washington correspondent of the New York "Sun," speaking about Germany's peace efforts, says:—

"The die is cast. Germany must fight to the bitter end. She cannot escape retribution by useless appeals to neutrals for peace. This is the answer of the Allies to the increasing talk of peace which comes to official circles here from Berlin."

"The position of the Allies has been made perfectly clear to President Wilson, and this is the principal reason why the President's efforts to act as mediator find expression in more less academic utterances on the subject of peace instead of assuming the form of a definite proposal to discuss the termination of the war."

"Both the President and Mr. Lansing have been informed confidentially from sources in close touch with the Entente capitals that peace proposals are out of the question that the time for them is not ripe and will not mature until Germany's domination has been completely broken."—Ex.

## A New Fokker.

Among the German aeroplanes captured recently by the Russians is a new Fokker machine, the construction of which had been kept secret by the Germans. Only the tank was damaged, and the Fokker will soon be employed by Russian airmen, who are already flying in more than one of the Albatrosses captured from the enemy.

The renowned double tailed Fokker machine is very rarely seen on the Divinsk front.

Regarding the aerial position on the western front and the Allies' supremacy, the correspondent of the "Daily News" at British Headquarters says:—The Fokker was undoubtedly a very formidable thing when it first appeared; and it is still formidable. But, even without the newest type of Allied machine, it would soon have been robbed of its chief terrors, the method of fighting it being more a matter of tactics than of the quality of the machines employed.

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Acid Salicylace,  
Acid Sulphuric,  
Acid Nitric,  
etc, etc., etc.

## Prices on application.

## Paknam Railway Company Limited.

## TIME TABLE.

PAKNAM—BANGKOK.						BANGKOK—PAKNAM					
Stations.		Train No.				Stations.		Train No.			
		1	2	3	4			1	2	3	4
		a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.			a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.
Paknam	Dep.	6.30	9.30	12.45	3.45	Bangkok	Dep.	7.45	10.45	2.00	5.00
*Maha Wong	"	6.35	9.35	12.50	3.50	Sala Deng	"	7.52	10.52	2.07	5.07
*Ban Nang Gheng	"	6.40	9.40	12.55	3.55	Klong Toi	"	8.00	11.00	2.15	5.15
Chorakhe	"	6.45	9.45	1.00	4.00	*Ban Kluei	"	8.05	11.05	2.20	5.20
*Samrong	"	6.50	9.50	1.05	4.05	Prakonong	"	8.10	11.10	2.25	5.25
Bangna	"	6.55	9.55	1.10	4.10	Bangdjak	"	8.15	11.15	2.30	5.30
Bangdjak	"	7.00	10.00	1.15	4.15	*Bangna	"	8.20	11.20	2.35	5.35
Prakonong	"	7.05	10.05	1.20	4.20	Samrong	"	8.25	11.25	2.40	5.40
*Ban Kluei	"	7.10	10.10	1.25	4.25	Chorakhe	"	8.30	11.30	2.45	5.45
Klong Toi	"	7.15	10.15	1.30	4.30	*Ban Nang Gheng	"	8.35	11.35	2.50	5.50
Sala Deng	"	7.23	10.23	1.38	4.38	*Maha Wong	"	8.40	11.40	2.55	5.55
Bangkok	Arr.	7.30	10.30	1.45	4.45	Paknam	Arr.	8.45	11.45	3.00	6.00

\*Trains stop only at the request of passengers.  
Trains may leave intermediate stations 5 minutes before the stated time



### Relations to Germany.

The Bukharest correspondent of the "Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant" writes:—All is quiet in Rumania, and Bukharest has resumed its aspect of a "Little Paris," of the city where every one seems to live for pleasure alone. If there were no exorbitant increase in the prices of the first necessities of life one would almost forget that the world is going up in flames beyond the borders of the little Kingdom. We hear hardly anything now of the violent political conflict and intrigues between Entente and the Centrales, which groups are each subdivided into Interventionists and Absolute Neutrals. None of these parties has given in: but they all believe that for the present the best and most sensible policy is one of "wait-and-see." Even Parliament closed for the Easter recess in an orderly fashion.

This state of affairs has been largely contributed to by disappointment arising from the visit of M. Filipescu to Russia, which was at first widely advertised. In the end the messenger slipped home with as little ostentation as possible.

It would be anticipating the future to conclude from all this that the Government has returned to the policy of the late King Carol, which was based on close relations with Germany and, therefore, with the then Triple Alliance. The conciliatory attitude of the Rumanian Government toward Berlin and Vienna, is prompted by necessity if the country is not to be wholly ruined and itself to fall victim to the increasing discontent amongst the squires and farmers, who constitute four fifths of the population.

#### Dependence on Germany.

Exports to the Central European countries having been rendered practically impossible by the policy of the Entente, the 1914/15 grain crop had to be kept in the country, to spoil on the fields and in the barns. For the new crop the British Government offered to buy the whole available quantity, to pay immediately half of the price and the rest upon delivery, six months after the conclusion of peace. The Government at first accepted this offer. But the landowners, and the farmers, would not hear of it. Firstly, because they saw no way of storing such vast quantities of grain, but also because they were in urgent need of a number of articles to carry on their agricultural pursuits, which are only to be had abroad and, therefore, have to be imported from Germany or Austria, as they cannot be got from the Entente countries.

This part of the population urged the Government to accept the repeated offer, made by Germany and Austria-Hungary, to send the available quantities of grain, petroleum and benzine to the Central Empires and receive the articles needed in Rumania in return.

The Cabinet tried to the last to make a stand halfway, and after declining Britain's offer, allowed the export to Germany of 100,000 railway wagons of maize—to be delivered up to September 30—besides the 40,000 wagons of grain bought by Germany before the outbreak of war.

Germany and Austria thereupon released the 23 locomotives and the hundreds of wagons, which had been held up over against the detention by Rumania of the 40,000 wagons of grain.

After this first step towards better relations, German diplomacy has succeeded in dealing another sensational blow at the policy of the Entente in south-eastern Europe.

#### A New Agreement.

An agreement was signed on April 7th between Rumania and the Central Powers, for the mutual exchange of all the products, raw material and manufactures these three countries could spare. The conclusion of a formal treaty with the Central Powers has undoubtedly given the latter an important advantage over the Allies. It is considered a further sign of improvement in the relations between the Central Powers and Rumania and the return of confidence in each other's intentions, that the majority of the German troops have withdrawn from the fortress group along the Danube, where they had been stationed since December.

### Spectre of Hunger.

The "Neues Tagblatt," of Vienna publishes a significant letter written by Count Tisza, the Hungarian Premier, to a Budapest company which had asked him to fix a maximum price for pigs. In his letter Count Tisza makes an urgent appeal to Hungarians to bear the hardships caused by the present scarcity of food. He says:—

"We are in a besieged fortress, and we are facing a situation unexampled in the history of the world—our enemies are trying to starve 150,000,000 men, women, children and old people. But they will not succeed. Our enemies may cause hardships, but they cannot completely stop our food supplies. We have already passed the most critical period, for this year's crops will be greater than last year's."

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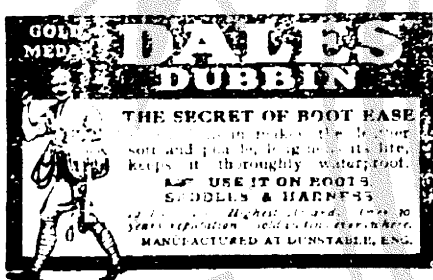
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RIGANTI. On May 29th at Borgosesia (Italy). Mrs. Thérèse Riganti, née Tibiletti, aged 78 years. Beloved Mother, Mother-in-law, and Grand-mother of Mr. & Mrs. L. G. Riganti and children.

### THE.

## Great War.

### Tango Occupied.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, July 12

General Smuts reports that Tango was occupied on July 7. The enemy after a slight resistance evacuated the town after destroying the water-works.

### Germans Enter Trones Wood.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, July 12.

General Sir Douglas Haig reports.—“After a sixth desperate attack the Germans succeeded in entering Trones Wood at the expense of the heaviest casualties. Fighting in the wood continues. Further west we gained a lodgment at Mametz Wood where the enemy's defence had hitherto resisted our efforts. We also gained ground east of Ovillers and Laboiselle.

### Allies' Progress in Western Theatre.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, July 11.

Yesterday we made progress south of the Somme and took a small fort with 113 prisoners. We conquered the heights south of Biaches.

The British kept up fierce combats in the woods of Trones where the enemy penetrated in spite of considerable losses.

Today.—Between the 9th and 10th instant we took south of the Somme 1,300 prisoners.

We repulsed numerous attacks on the Meuse front.

The enemy penetrated an element of a trench in Lorraine.

The British have captured Contal Maison taking 180 prisoners.

The made progress in Mametz wood capturing a large howitzer, 3 cannon and 200 prisoners.

### 21,000 Prisoners in Four Days.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, July 11.

Petrograd.—We have crossed the Stockhod.

Between the 4th and 8th instant we took 21,000 prisoners and important booty.

We captured a series of heights to south of Taurus in the Caucasus.

### The German Submarine.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, July 11.

New York.—A German submarine going in the direction of Baltimore arrived at Norfolk with a cargo of 1,000 tons and a message from the Kaiser to President Wilson.

### The Income Tax in Singapore.

(“S. O.” SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, July 12.

Opposition is hardening to the imposition of the income tax for the purpose of providing a contribution to the home war funds. The community is eager to contribute, but object to the income tax as a means of doing so.

### Tin.

(“S. O.” SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, July 12.

Tin is quoted at \$82.65. One hundred and twenty-five tons were sold.

### Scout Officers' School.

His Majesty the King has appointed the following Scout Officers to be honorary lecturers in different military subjects in the Scout Officers' School:—  
Scout General Phya Barua, Scout Colonel Phya Nandasena, Scout Lieutenant Phya Barihar, Scout Captain Phya Sri Vikramaditya, Scout Major H. R. H. Prince Jainsad, Scout Captain Phya Bhakdi Bndhor, Scout Lieutenant Colonel Chaman Chong Bhakdi Onka Kwa and Scout Captain Phya Medhaddi.

### The Hongkong Bank.

The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation has received the following telegram dated yesterday from its Hongkong Office.—

“An interim dividend of £2.3/- per share, subject to deduction of Income Tax, has been declared for the Half Year ending 30th June 1916. The Dividend will be payable on 14th August.”

### Rugger.

There will be a game of Rugger at the R.B.S.C. on Saturday. The following are the teams.

#### Colours.

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Schneider, Voirel, Johnson, Rasmussen, Dalsgaard, Edgar, Gelmere.

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#### Whites

Carson, Reis, Forest, J.S., McCormack, Gronneman, Marcan, Jackson, Halls, Keynes, Hewatson, Atkins, Reith, Robertson, Croucher, Forest J. K. O. 5.15 p.m. Ref. Mr. R. B. Mair.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

• • There will be no issue of the Siam Observer to-morrow.

THE s.s. “Mata Hari” is expected to arrive in the evening of the 15th inst. She is bringing up the European Mail.

THE death of Dastur Kaiknebro Jamsstji Jamsapayhana, High Priest of the Parsis in Bombay, took place on June 23 at his residence.

THE s.s. “Kajang” will leave from the Borneo Company's wharf at 2 p.m. sharp, on Friday the 14th inst., and should arrive in Singapore on Wednesday at daylight.

MR. Justice Avery, trying a running down case in the King's Bench Division, told the jury that he sometimes rode on tramcars. “I do that,” he said, “because I think it is the duty of a judge to keep himself acquainted with all phases of human life and affairs.”

THE following passengers are leaving by the s.s. “Kajang” to-morrow.—Krom Mun Jainad, Luang Ari, Mom Luang Pravati, Nai Wongs, Nai Choola, Nai Boon Hieng, Dr. W. Norris, Miss M. A. Raye, Mr. L. R. de la Mahotiere and Mr. K. M. Ross.

MRS. Grahame-White, the wife of the aviator and aeronautical engineer who won the Coupe Internationale d'Aviation in 1910, has been granted a decree nisi in the Divorce Court, the order for restitution of conjugal rights which she obtained last year not having been obeyed.

ONE passage in Sir George Reid's defence of the late Lord Kitchener, in the House of Commons, is worth remembering. Lord Kitchener (he said) is “not clever at circulating the cheap coin of calculated civilities which enable inferior men to rise to positions to which they are not entitled.”

A FOOTBALL team from the Ministry of Justice will meet a team from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the grounds of the Suan Kulab School to-morrow afternoon at 4.30. A number of Siam's best players are included in the teams and an interesting match is promised. Luang Prapondh will referee.

### Berlin Riots.

An officer on a Scandinavian steamer which has been diverted to a Scottish port for examination stated in the course of an interview with a Central News correspondent that he was in Berlin during the recent riots.

The state of affairs there was much worse than the reports appearing in the British newspapers would indicate. The officer said he knew that on one day over 300 persons were killed and 900 injured.

A body of military were called out, but they refused to fire on the mob, and every sixth man was shot as he stood.

At Stettin, which the officer also visited, the situation was stated to be very serious.



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## Personal.

H. E. Phya Narabhol Bayuharak, A.D.C., Inspector General of the Ordnance Department of the Ministry of Marine, has been in indifferent health for some time past. He has applied for and got leave from his Ministry and intends taking a holiday by the sea for a few weeks.

H. E. Phya Sriannuech, Assistant Comptroller General of the Accounts and Audit Office of the Ministry of Finance, left for Hua Hin this morning.

Phra Abibal Rajadabha, of the Ministry of Finance, also left for Hua Hin by this morning's train. He has been transferred from Shiggora to Chiangmai and will leave for the latter station by about the end of the current month. It is reported that he will take with him a quantity of 1, 5 and 10 satang pieces for the treasury at Chiangmai, there being a scarcity of coinage of these denominations in that district.

Mr. G. K. Wright is leaving for Singgora by the s.s. Boribot. He expects to be away from Bangkok about a fortnight.

Mr. E. W. Trotter, Adviser to the Police and Gendarmerie, is leaving for Patani by the s.s. Boribot.

## Russia's Advance.

London, June 26.—Major Morah, writing in the "Berliner Tageblatt" says: It is obvious that the Russian strategy on their left wing is serving a political interest. Our enemies' main desire is to influence Rumania. The Russians will probably endeavour to advance to the Carpathians, and if possible to penetrate Transylvania. This is a question of the proportionate strength. Major Morah admits that hopes of Russia's exhaustion have failed, and consoles himself with the contemplation of the Russian losses, which he estimates at a quarter of a million.

"The Daily Telegraph's" correspondent at Rome learns from Buda Pesth that the Hungarian Government is sending workmen from the industrial military establishments to gather in the harvest.

## Russia's Offer to Rumania.

London, June 24.—The "Times" correspondent at Bucharest says that the Russian successes are producing a profound impression in Rumania. The Unionist Federation began on Monday a new series of demonstrations. The speakers urged the necessity of having a day for Rumanian intervention. A Bucharest telegram to the "Idea Nationala" states that M. Bratiano has had a long conference with the King considering the Russian offer to give Rumania Czernowitz in return for intervention.

## Germany Still Confident.

London, June 24.—An article in the "Times" by a writer resident in Germany throughout the war, says the German people's confidence in victory is still strong, and is based on two things: firstly a belief in the invincibility of their army, which only military disaster could shake; secondly a belief that their highway to the East cannot now be seriously challenged. They are confident that as soon as the Allies admit defeat, Germany will be the head of a "Zollverein" stretching from Antwerp to the Persian Gulf. Starving her will therefore be impossible. Were Bulgaria defeated by the Allies alone, or with Rumania's help, and the route to Constantinople cut, German confidence would receive a fatal shock.

## England the Real Danger.

London, June 26.—The "Schlesischer Volkszeitung" declares there is too much talk about the Russian menace, and expresses the conviction that danger exists rather on the English front. "England," it writes, "has resources of her own much greater than we generally imagine. There is reason to fear that the great push is now imminent, and that it will be attempted on a gigantic scale. Our military chiefs would be well advised to keep their brightest eye not on the Eastern, but on the Western front. If we were caught napping there the consequences could not easily be foreseen."

## The Verdun Battle.

London, June 11.—In "Victoria," M. Herve writes:—"In Verdun, the Germans are undergoing the most terrific bleeding a people ever submitted to. According to a note book taken from a well-informed German officer, the German losses before Verdun amounted a fortnight ago to over 450,000 men. After the slaughter at Vaux, their casualties should exceed 555,000."

London, June 23.—The "Daily Telegraph's" Paris correspondent quotes a German who asserts that the attacks on Verdun have reached an intensity which it is impossible to exceed. He adds that not a man has been withdrawn from the Crown Prince's Army. On the contrary he has been reinforced with more heavy artillery than ever, including guns brought from Metz, which have been massed on the right bank of the Meuse.

## German News Service.

Berlin, June 24. The Deutscher Ueberseesendienst reports:

Herewith a report is published about the battle off Skagerrack, according to statements made by British prisoners (177 in number), independently of the report of the German Admiralty.

On the British side the following forces participated in the naval battle:

(1) The reconnoitering force under Vice Admiral Beatty.

(2) The British main fleet, under Admiral Sir John Jellicoe.

To the reconnoitering forces there belonged 6 battle cruisers, namely: Lion (flagship), Queen Mary, Princess Royal and Tiger as the first division and Indefatigable and New Zealand (flagship) as the second division. Thus the first division was complete while of the second division the Australia was missing for reasons kept secret.

Besides there were, under the command of Vice Admiral Beatty, 4 or 5 quick battleships of the Queen Elizabeth Class and a large number of small modern cruisers of which the names of 13 are given by the prisoners unanimously, as well as two torpedo-boat destroyer flotillas, with about 40 destroyers, amongst which were the most modern type.

The main fleet which participated in the battle was composed of 3 squadrons of battleships, each consisting of six to eight dreadnoughts, one separate squadron of 3 newest battleships of the Royal Sovereign class, one division of battle cruisers, consisting of the Invincible, Inflexible, Indomitable, one squadron of six armoured cruisers and at least 10 small cruisers and 4 flotillas of 80 to 100 torpedo-boat destroyers.

When the German reconnoitering ships were sighted eastwards, Vice Admiral Beatty with his 6 battle cruisers formed the middle line and took a south-eastern course. The ships of the Queen Elizabeth class also took a south-eastern course and tried to follow the battle cruiser.

Between five and six in the afternoon, the Germans opened fire at a distance of about 18 kilometres. Just after 6 o'clock there was an immense explosion on the Queen Mary, in the middle of the ship on the portside. Two further explosions followed. The forepart sank quickly until, in the middle of the fourth and most terrible explosion, the whole ship sank. All this was the work of five to ten minutes.

When the Indefatigable arrived on the scene of the accident, a terrible explosion happened also on her. The ship capsized and sank so quickly that of the 14 men in the fighting top only 2 could be saved and were evidently the sole survivors of the whole crew of 1,000 men.

After the sinking of these two ships, Vice-Admiral Beatty ordered the 13th British battle fleet, by signals to attack the German battle cruisers. This command was understood only by the nearest destroyers. Several of the prisoners considered this as an act of despair.

During this attack the most modern British torpedo-boat destroyers Nestor and Nomad were sunk. Their crews later on were saved from rafts by German torpedo-boats.

In the meantime the ships of the Queen Elizabeth class approached. The distance between the British ships and the German cruisers, in the meantime had diminished to about ten kilometres. The British battle cruisers ran with high speed further northward and thus soon left the range of the German guns.

The ships of the Queen Elizabeth class continued the fight, with a northern course, "in order to cut off the enemy," according to what Vice Admiral Beatty had ordered before. Soon, one of the ships of the Queen Elizabeth class left the fighting line, with a heavy list. The prisoners state that this was the Warspite. About 8 p.m. the British destroyer Turbulent sent the wireless report, which was intercepted, "Warspite sunk."

The statements of the rescued prisoners vary as to the time of the arrival of Admiral Jellicoe with the main body of the British fleet. Prisoners from Admiral Jellicoe's fleet state that they were sailing southwards in several columns, when they received Vice Admiral Beatty's first wireless message, which was given by the small cruiser Galatea.

Admiral Jellicoe thereupon ordered them to continue the southward course with the utmost speed. The prisoners then only saw the flames of Beatty's artillery fire, when Admiral Jellicoe turned off to the north and developed his line towards northwest and west. The battle cruisers of the main body, Invincible, Indomitable and Inflexible, were at the head of the line, together with armoured cruisers.

At this time, the British battleship Malborough was hit by a torpedo. As it is said that the torpedo was launched by a submarine, it must have come from a British one, as no German submarines took part in the battle.

British armoured cruisers attacked an isolated large German ship, which steamed slowly in a south-western direction. At the same time, the British main body opened fire. When the armoured cruisers returned to the main body, the cruiser Defence was missing. The armoured cruiser Warrior now received a large hole amidships, just above the water line.

Shortly after the British main body had entered into battle a conflagration was caused on board the battle cruiser

## America's Attitude.

Lord Cromer, in a letter to "The Times," states:—"President Wilson cannot too clearly understand that, desirous as the people of the British Empire are of bringing the war to a close, they altogether reject the idea of peace, save on terms wholly acceptable to themselves and their Allies. President Wilson should also realise that the wrangling and misadvising phrases invented at Berlin about the freedom of the seas is a mere euphemism for the destruction of Britain's naval supremacy. It is inconceivable that, as a result of the war, the British nation will accept a proposal to diminish the relative naval strength of the country. Lastly, despite the friendly feeling towards America, it is more than doubtful that we would welcome President Wilson in the role of mediator, for as note succeeds note and speech succeeds speech, the conviction is gaining ground that that he has wholly failed to grasp the views of a vast number of Englishmen upon the causes for which the Allies are fighting."

"This belief is confirmed by his amazing statement that America is not concerned with the cause and objects of the war. Our confidence in Dr. Wilson's statesmanship has been rudely shaken, and it does not appear likely that it will be restored to the extent of our vesting in him the power to exercise that decisive influence upon which the destinies of the British Empire and of the civilised world greatly depend."

## The Eastern Front.

Petrograd official, July 4.—The Russians broke two lines of the German defences at Baranovitch and captured 72 officers and 2,700 men, eleven guns and a number of machine guns.

## Progress in East Africa.

London, July 4.—General Smuts reports the General Van der Ventur assumed the offensive on June 24 and drove the enemy from all his prepared positions about Kondairangi and is now pursuing him towards the central railway. We have secured the Kangwe district.

## Canal Rates Rise.

London, July 4.—Suez Canal dues will be raised fifty centimes per ton from October 5.

## Japan and China.

Tokio, July 4.—Official Baron Hayaishi has been appointed Minister at Peking.

## A Minor Trouble.

London, July 4.—The Bremen Nachrichten says German experts have abandoned attempts to produce substitutes for jute sacks.

## German Admissions.

A German official message grading, admits British progress near Thiépval, the evacuation of Ham and the French capture of Belloy. Fighting for Estrees is proceeding, says the communiqué which also speaks of heavy fighting on the Russian front. It reveals that General Rothmer's forces in the Barys sector have partly retired upon Taoropie which is his next line of defence in the rear.

London, July 6.—German counter-attacks gained two little woods a mile north of Ham, while we captured a wood at the edge of the village. A German counter-attack at Bully was easily repulsed. There was only artillery activity at the Meuse, the Germans attempting to hit the earth-raf at Verdun. A detachment of ours penetrated a German trench at Burnhaupt, in Alsace and found it full of corpses.

Invincible by a German hit. An explosion followed, after which the ship sank. A German shot fired at long range annihilated the destroyer Alceator which was standing near its head. Other prisoners' reports about the movement of the British main body until darkness are conflicting. The only thing evident is that the British fleet steered northwards in columns.

The destroyer Tipperary asked permission to turn southwards alone, in order to attack the Germans. It was permitted to do so, but came into the midst of a German flotilla, which defeated and sank the Tipperary.

Vice-Admiral Beatty's 13th flotilla missed the junction with the battle cruiser and at dark turned southwards. They encountered several large ships, which they took for British, but which were German ships. The Germans opened fire and annihilated the destroyer Turbulent. All the officers and a part of the crew were lost, the survivors were rescued by German torpedo boats.

Almost all the British prisoners expressed their dissatisfaction at the fact that the British did nothing to rescue them, although almost all the British ships which were fittest for fighting, took part in the battle. The survivors of the Queen Mary and the Indefatigable were in the water for almost four hours before they could be rescued by the German forces. They had already given up all hope, since nothing has been seen of the British ships for hours.

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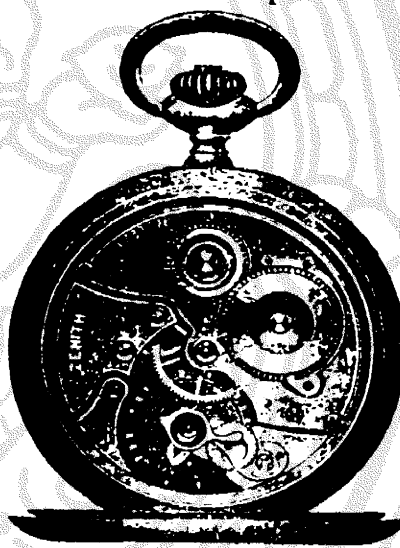
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The army of the Allies has been reinforced by an entirely new sort of warrior, writes the Salonica correspondent of the "Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant." A large transport brought some three thousand and Annabuse. They were welcomed by a brilliant hot day, a tropical heat, which was probably not unpleasant to them. When the Russians have arrived—and perhaps they are already en route—the patchwork will be complete. We shall

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### The British Attack.

London, July 4.—General Haig reports the enemy has been heavily reinforced from other parts of his line and continues everywhere to resist stubbornly. There was heavy fighting at night in the vicinity of la Boisselle. The enemy recaptured a small portion of the defence south of the village.

London, July 4.—It is stated that in no battle of the war has the proportion of slight casualties been so high as now. This is not accidental but is the consequence of the deliberate and methodical procedure of the Allies. Despite the completeness of the artillery preparation stretches of wire miraculously escaped destruction and proved very costly to the assailants. The Germans are still relying on machine guns for defence. These appeared mysteriously from dugouts sometimes forty feet deep, and were handled with the greatest bravery and sometimes ferocity, playing on the British wounded lying on the ground. Some of the latter escaped by lying in shellholes half full of water till dusk, when they crawled into the British lines.

At one point a number of Germans emerged from a dugout putting up their hands and white flags. They were placed under guard but when the British main body passed more enemy poured out of burrows and the prisoners joined them, overpowering the guards. The ground is a honeycomb of craters, and villages like Thiepval and Serre enable the Germans still to hold out many points. Some of the fiercest fighting was at Ercourt and la Boisselle. The pipers of the Tyneside Scots played them to the assault of la Boisselle. There was heavy fighting in a wood west of the village where grenades were mostly used. The desperation of the struggle at Ercourt, which is the apex of the German salient, is evidenced by the fact that the village was only stormed at two on Sunday afternoon, though the British had been holding the adjoining wood and heights since Saturday evening.

London, July 4.—General Haig, tonight, reports torrential rains which interfered somewhat with the offensive. The situation south of the line is unchanged. The prisoners exceed five thousand.

Today's operations are chiefly minor local enterprises undertaken with a view of retaining the gains.

London, July 5.—General Haig's communique says: Fighting went on throughout the day. We made slight progress and completely hold la Boisselle. A German attack south of Thiepval was repulsed. There was much fighting in the air behind the enemy lines. Seven German machines were driven down. We had no casualties.

### French Progress.

Paris, July 4.—The evening communique says: Six enemy attacks northwest of Thiaumont were repulsed by our curtain of gun fire and rifle fire with heavy loss. The night was calm north and south of the Somme. The enemy did not attempt a counterattack on the captured positions, which we have organised. Three more batteries, two of which are of heavy guns, have been captured.

Paris, July 5.—Official. The French have continued to progress south of the Somme capturing woods and villages and making prisoners. The Germans east of the Meuse have again recaptured the Thiaumont work.

### America Lends to France.

New York, July 5.—It is stated that a French loan of a hundred million dollars has been negotiated in the United States and also that a finance corporation is being organised by the Entente banking interests in New York.

### Holland's Colonial Navy.

Hague, July 5.—A bill for the defence of the Dutch East Indies provides for the building of a fast cruiser and three submarines.

### Rumania and Bulgarian.

Bukarest, July 4.—The Government is seizing a quantity of Austro-Hungarian rolling stock and ammunition sent to Rumania from Bukovina to escape capture by the Russians. The Government has prohibited the exportation of numerous products to Turkey and has imposed a total prohibition to Bulgaria.

### Cabinet Changes.

London, July 4.—The Times says Mr. Chamberlain does not leave the India Office. Mr. Edwin Montagu is now mentioned as Mr. Lloyd George's successor in the Ministry of Munitions. It is understood Lord Derby will be under secretary for war. He refused a seat in the Cabinet.

London, July 4.—Lord Derby has been appointed under secretary for war.

### Irish Settlement in Sight.

London, July 5.—It is stated that ministerial conferences yesterday resulted in a practical settlement of the Irish question. It is understood Mr. Walter Long is now the only opponent of Mr. Lloyd George's proposal. He addressed a private Unionists meeting yesterday whereat opinions were strongly expressed against further resignations.

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## Dutch News.

The German Ambassador at the Hague Herr von Kuehlmann is in Berlin.

The German Censor has curtailed the publication of the "Berliner Tageblatt."

The "Waalstroom" has sunk off the Sipwash. Torpedo boats rescued her crew.

A Trans-Atlantic liner was sunk in the Mediterranean on Friday. The crew were saved.

The Belgian Professor Max Weiler has died in London as the result of a motor accident.

On Tuesday a tobacco shed on the Wanodjojo Estate, Java, was struck by lightning and burnt down.

A scheme is on foot to provide Medan with a public park.

In the Potsdammer Platz at Berlin a demonstration took place in honour of Dr. Liebknecht. Twenty persons were arrested.

Dutch market gardeners in North Holland threaten to strike unless the Minister for the Interior consents to the export of potatoes before to-day.

Three tigers were shot in three days on the Silaran Estate, Padang, during last week. The male was shot by an assistant when only 10 metres from his bungalow.

The tea harvest in Java is expected to reach a record this year. The totals for the last three years in half kilograms (—pounds) were 1913, 59,499,800; 1914, 64,838,640; 1915, 92,366,665.

The "Batavia Newsblad" states that Captains Egelbrunner, Wegermann and Scheffe arrived at Bandoeng on Wednesday evening, and inspected the Dutch forces at Bandoeng on Thursday morning.

The British authorities have liberated several ships which had been held up in the Downs laden with grain. A later telegram states that the export of potatoes is now partially allowed.

The strike amongst the Ymuiden fishermen still continues. The Government has bought up fish through the agency of a central bureau and have fixed a maximum price for the sale of vegetables and potatoes.

On Saturday the s.s. Houtman, arrived from Australia with a consignment of 240 Australian horses for the Dutch East Indian Army and three for the use of the Government. The "Java Handelsvereeniging" have declared a dividend of 85 per cent.

A Spanish daily learns from a German source that the Captain of the German submarine 35 carried a private letter to King Alfonso wherein it was stated that the Central Powers were through the medium of His Majesty willing to negotiate for peace on the following basis:—"That Germany be handed back her Colonies and that Belgium be evacuated on the condition that no permanent defensive works be erected in Belgium within a certain distance of the German frontier."

The Dutch government will shortly take all stocks of wheat, barley and oats.

The Dutch Admiralty has decided that the Reijndyk was sunk by a Whitehead torpedo.

During the recent disturbances at Berlin 50 persons were arrested, and 11 severely wounded. The garrison there has been reinforced.

Strong contingents of French Colonial troops will participate in the fighting on the Western front in the near future.

## Last Day of Yuan Shih-K'ai.

## Dispute in His Family.

According to reports from the Inner Palace, there was a lack of harmony among the members of the family of the late President during his last days. There was such diversity of advice offered by the different members that every one appeared to be the master of the house. The result was that the deceased took a great variety of medicines. Yuan Koting, the eldest son, is said to have advocated the use of foreign medicine but the other sons and little wives (concubines) preferred Chinese doctors. Consequently there was a quarrel between Koting and his brothers as well as with his father's concubines. The fifth concubine, who is said to be the late Chief Executive's favourite, insisted that the medicine offered by a certain "Blind Lo" was the best thing for the sick person but No V, or the fifth son said the medicine prescribed by a certain Pu Chang-wu was better. The medicine of the former contained some hot ingredients while that of the latter contained ingredients believed to have a cooling effect. Thus a quarrel between No. 11 or the 2nd son and other sons ensued. When the late Chief Executive fainted in the morning of the 6th a certain foreign doctor is said to have proposed to bleed the patient and finally six tubeful were extracted. This so disheartened the other sons that they asked Koting in a stern voice if he intended to kill his father. When the deceased died the sons as well as the concubines began to blame one another for killing the "old man." Each holds the other responsible for the death. ("Peking Gazette.")

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## THE RAINFALL.

Rainfall for the 1st week in July 2488

Locality.	Rainfall recorded during the week.	Rainfall of corresponding week of last year.	Total rainfall for present year to date.	Total rainfall for last year to corresponding date.	Remarks.
	Millimetres.	Millimetres.	Millimetres.	Millimetres.	
Ministry of Agriculture	32.2	7.0	266.6	344.6	
Dhanyaburi	No report	13.5	—	419.6	
Samudprakar	85.4	None	Under investigation	364.9	
Krung Kao	37.0	3.4	409.9	259.0	
Angtong	94.9	1.9	697.7	399.5	
Lobbur	56.7	None	317.7	292.0	
Jainart	51.5	—	366.0	392.2	
Udaidhani	120.5	—	480.4	468.1	
Bienuloke	23.3	12.4	680.2	364.2	
Xbaxerngao	96.1	0.5	580.2	310.1	
Prachin	80.2	70.8	508.5	370.9	
Nagor Pathom	70.6	8.1	461.0	498.0	
Rajburi	13.4	18.5	283.2	411.2	
Bejaraburi	30.7	9.0	344.8	350.4	
Xiangmai	14.1	None	418.2	242.3	
Singora	3.1	1.0	283.8	171.5	

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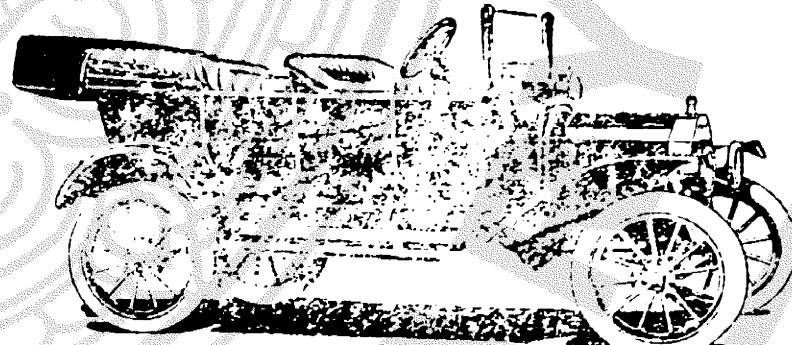
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## Pompeii To-day.

Mr. Oscar Browning has just been to Pompeii, and writing in the Sunday Times says:

After all, the chief attraction to a visitor to Naples is Pompeii, and that is better worth seeing than ever. The new excavations are conducted with marvellous skill. The present director of the works has learned from his predecessors and improved upon them.

As you enter the reserved portion of the Street of Abundance, through a door which is jealously guarded, you feel as if you pass into a city, deprived of its inhabitants by some ancient moment, to which they might at any moment return. The walls are covered with electoral inscriptions, fresh as if they were drawn yesterday, boldly written in scarlet cinnabar. The well-known names of classic literature meet your astonished eyes, and you find yourself considering whether you shall vote for Lucretius or Lollius for the post of duumvir. The joy, the mirth of these delightful people is pressed upon your notice, but a closer examination reveals the tragedy of their end.

One of the largest houses of Pompeii is open to you. You see the triclinium, just as it was left by the banqueters, with the wine jars from which they had drunk standing in the corner of the room. You visit the corridor, with its paintings and sculptures, in which they sought for safety, and the open space beyond, to which they fled from suffocation, until the deadly gases choked them, and the rain of the soft lapilli entombed them. Their bodies lie before you, the lovely girl with her exquisite face and well-ordered hair, the darling of the house, the faithful steward stark in death, and the woman who fled to him for help, her head resting on his breast. Some must have suffered severely: the clenched hands show it, and the distorted faces, and the cloak drawn across the mouth to ward off the choking poison.

The life of a Pompeian was full, merry and joyous. It was not Christian, but it was not irreligious. The fields are still covered with the columns and sculptures prepared for the new temple of Apollo. Civic life was intense, political interest great. Pompeii was no mere resort of seaside idlers, but an intrinsic although a tiny part of the great Roman Empire, which, with all the advance of modern times, still remains a model for our imitation. Perhaps some genius will have the wit to recall these dry bones to life, and make Pompeii something more to us than an object of our pity or our curiosity.

## Paddy Crop Report for the Mondol Xannai.

For June 15-21 2459.

Krung Deb.

*Smudpraker*: 150 rai of Na Van have been planted up to date, the young paddy is in good condition.

Mondol Krung Kao.

*Krung Kao*: The area planted up to date is about 352,200 rai, the paddy is about 1 1/2 kub m height, doing well.

*Anglong*: The area planted up to date is about 132,100 rai, the paddy is in good condition with the exception of some 4,000 rai in the low-lying districts which have been damaged by too much rain and flood.

*Singburi*: The area planted up to date is about 7,100 rai, the paddy is in good condition.

*Sraburi*: 5,300 rai of Na Van have been planted up to date, the paddy is doing well.

*Lobhuri*: The area planted up to date is about 209,500 rai, the paddy is doing fairly well.

Mondol Nagor Jaisri.

*Smudpraker*: The area planted up to date is about 620 rai, the young paddy is not doing very well owing to insufficient rainfall.

*Sub raburi*: The area planted up to date is 33,500 rai, about 7,100 rai more than last year. The paddy is in good condition.

Mondol Rajburi.

*Rajburi*: The area planted up to date is about 82,700 rai, the paddy is in poorer condition than last year.

*Smudpraker*: The area planted up to date is about 800 rai, the paddy is in better condition than last year.

Mondol Nagor Svarga.

*Udaithani*: The area planted up to date is about 1,700 rai, the paddy is in good condition.

*Kambangbejra*: The area planted up to date is about 13,000 rai, the paddy is in better condition than last year.

Reports have not been received from Mondol Prachin and other Changvads of the Mondol Nannai.

## Telegraph Lines.

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

## Bangkok Mails Close.

SINGAPORE.  
Friday 14th 12 noon ss. Kajang  
CHANDAIUM ss. Kiat  
Saturday 15th 10 a.m. ss. Kiat  
HONGKONG via SWATOW.  
Saturday 15th 11 a.m. ss. Harvard

## Rainfall.

We have received the following telegraphic reports of rainfall from the Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Lands and Agriculture:

MONDOL KRUNG KAO.

At Krung Kao	July	8	0.3
" Sraburi	"	8	18.9
" Krung Kao	"	9	25.0
" Singburi	"	9	10.3
" Sraburi	"	9	20.0
" Krung Kao	"	10	12.6
" Anglong	"	10	0.5
" Singburi	"	10	15.0
" Sraburi	"	10	13.5
" Lobhuri	"	10	37.0

MONDOL NAGOR JAISRI.

At Nagor Pathom	July	9	64.1
" Subraburi	"	9	24.0
" Smudpraker	"	9	20.0
" Subraburi	"	10	7.4

MONDOL RAJBURI.

At Rajburi	July	9	6.1
" Rajburi	"	10	3.8

MONDOL PRACHIN.

At Nagor Nayok	July	9	12.3
" Jalburi	"	9	23.0
" Khachengso	"	10	27.0

MONDOL NAGOR SVARGA.

At Tak	July	8	3.1
" Nagor Svarga	"	9	8.1
" Udaithani	"	9	48.4
" Jamad	"	9	7.0
" Kambangbejra	"	9	12.1
" Tak	"	9	13.8
" Nagor Svarga	"	10	21.0
" Udaithani	"	10	14.0
" Jamad	"	10	10.5
" Kambangbejra	"	10	6.6
" Tak	"	10	6.6

## Exchange Rates.

To-day's Quotations.

LONDON	16 7/16
Bank Bills, 1 month	
Bank Bills, 3 months' sight	
PARIS	—
Bank Bills, demand	
NEW YORK	—
Bank Bills, demand U.S.A.	36
INDIA	—
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SINGAPORE	—
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HONGKONG	—
Bank Bills, demand	\$75 3/4
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	—
Bank Bills, demand	Y71 3/8
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LINE 3—THA CHANG WANG LUANG TO KLONG BANGKOK NOI.	
Boats leave Tha Chang Wang Luang landing a.m. 7.30, 8.30, 9.30, 10.30	
11.30, and 12.30 and p.m. 1.30, 2.30, 3.30 and 4.30 daily.	
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					Pha Sao	...	7.1	2.21	...
					Udaithani	...	7.18	2.40	...
					Ban Dara Arr.	8.16	3.26	...	...
					Sawa'loke Dep.	...	...	...	...
					Ban Dara Arr.	...	...	...	...
					Ban Dara Dep.	8.24	3.32	...	...
					Pitsa'loke Arr.	10.43	5.30	...	...
					Pitsa'loke Dep.	...	1.45	...	...
					Pak'pho Arr.	6.30	...	...	10.38
					Pak'pho Dep.	...	3.52	...	...
								7.20	10.43
					Chengket Arr.	6.21	...	9.22	12.28
					Lopburi Dep.	...	7.10	11.6	1.56
					Ban Phaji Arr.	...	8.30	12.21	3.4
					Korat Dep.	...	...	...	...
					Gengko	...	7.12	11.32	1.52
					Ban Phaji Arr.	...	8.22	12.29	2.59
					Ban Phaji Dep.	...	6.27	8.37	12.44
					Ayuthia	...	7.13	9.25	1.23
					Bangkok Arr.	9.28	11.35	3.16	6.00
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					Bangkok Arr.	9.38	5.43	...	...

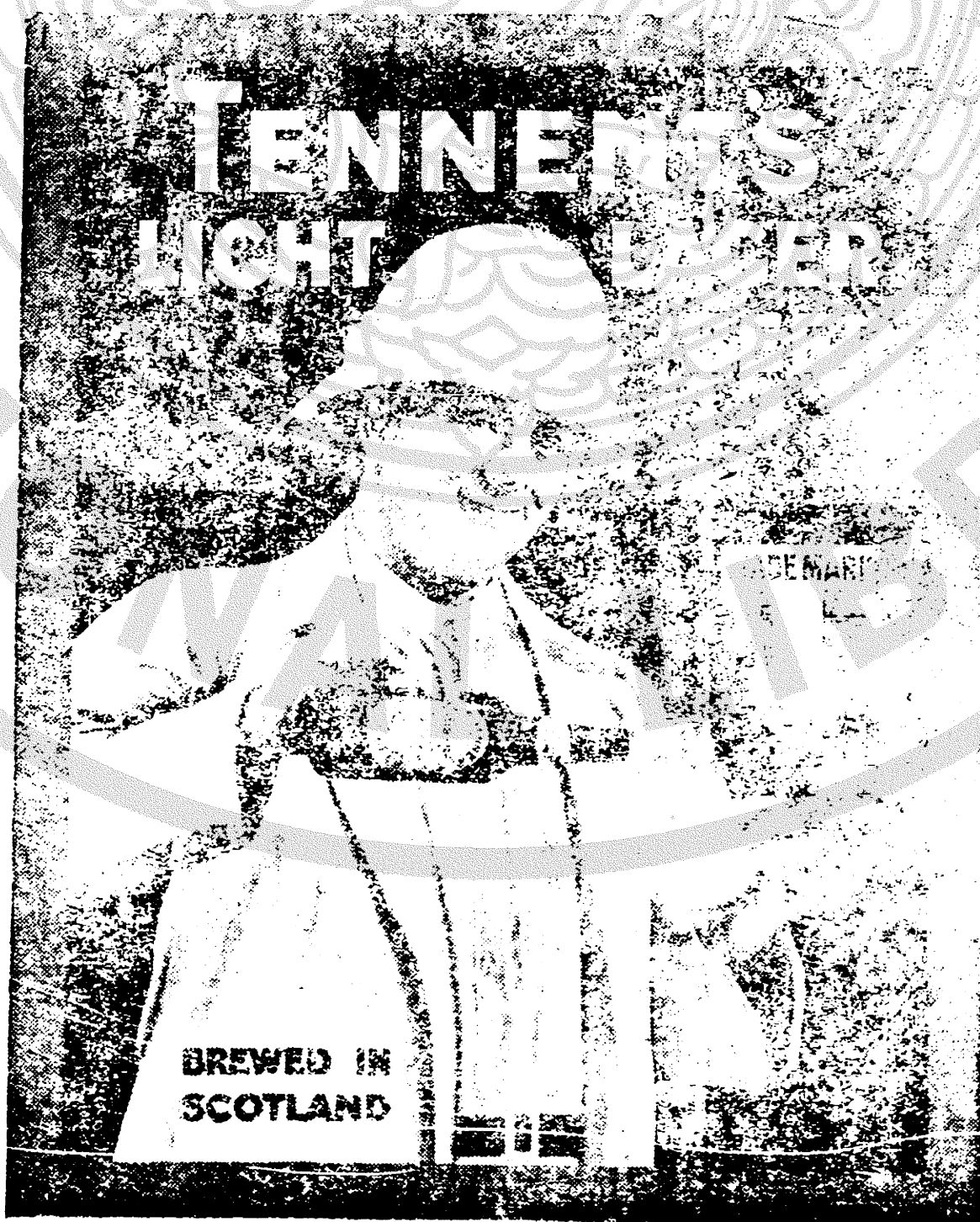
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