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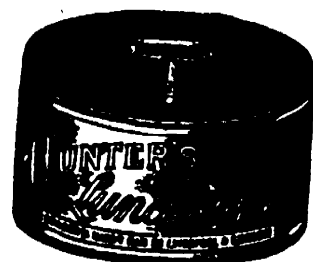
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FOR MARCH 1917.

Mar.	A.M.			Feet.
	H. W.	Ft. & in.	L. W.	
1	7 00	14 4	...	...
2	7 00	14 2	...	...
3	7 00	14 2	...	...
4	4 00	14 4	...	...
5	4 30	14 6	...	...
6	5 00	14 8	...	...
7	5 30	14 8	...	...
8	6 00	14 10	...	...
9	6 00	15 0	...	...
10	6 09	14 10	...	...
11	6 00	14 10	1-0	7-0
12	6 30	14 10	1-0	7-0
13	7 00	14 10	2-0	7-0
14	7 00	14 6	...	...
15	7 00	14 6	...	...
16	7 00	14 6	...	...
17	7 00	14 4	...	...
18	4 00	14 8	...	...
19	4 03	14 10	...	...
20	4 00	14 10	...	...
21	4 00	14 10	...	...
22	5 00	14 10	...	...
23	5 30	14 6	...	...
24	6 00	14 3	...	...
25	6 00	14 3	...	...
26	6 00	14 2	...	...
27	6 00	14 0	...	...
28	6 00	14 0	...	...
29	6 00	13 8	...	...
30	6 00	13 6	...	...
31	6 00	13 6	...	...

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

## PHASES OF THE MOON.

Mar. 9th 0 Full Moon 4 h 40 m a.m.  
" 16th (Last Quarter) 7 h 15 m p.m.  
" 23rd 0 New Moon 10 h 47 m a.m.  
" 28th ) First Quarter 5 h 18 m p.m.

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## Paddy Crop Report for Mondol Channai.

For February 1-7, 2459.

## Kruang Deb.

Nondaburi:—The total area under cultivation is now reported to be about 146,900 rai, the paddy is in better condition than last year. About 56,370 rai have been harvested yielding about 16,300 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 47 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.50 baht per tang.

Misburi:—The total area under cultivation is 236,700 rai, about 15,900 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 136,040 rai have been harvested yielding about 20,440 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 50 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.75 baht per tang.

Phra Pradaeng:—The total area under cultivation is 95,900 rai, about 800 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 77,700 rai have been harvested yielding about 9,000 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 45 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.87 baht per tang.

Samudrakar:—The total area under cultivation is 258,000 rai, about 87,500 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 137,100 rai have been harvested yielding about 40,200 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 44 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.50 baht per tang.

## Mondol Kruang Kae.

Dhanyaburi:—The total area under cultivation is 337,000 rai, about 10,000 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 329,900 rai have been harvested yielding about 87,180 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 45 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.62 baht per tang.

Pradun Dhani:—The total area under cultivation is 139,300 rai, about 1,500 rai more than last year. The paddy is in fair condition. About 20,000 rai have been harvested yielding about 6,160 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 51 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.57baht per tang.

Ayudhya:—The total area under cultivation is 1,155,500 rai, about 82,000 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 573,000 rai have been harvested yielding about 305,600 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 50 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.62 baht per tang.

Anthong:—The total area under cultivation is 397,300 rai, about 69,200 rai less than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 125,100 rai have been harvested yielding about 38,570 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 58 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.37 baht per tang.

Singhaburi:—The total area under cultivation is 195,200 rai about 1,400 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 67,000 rai have been harvested yielding about 28,370 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 44 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.40 baht per tang.

Saraburi:—The total area under cultivation is 342,600 rai, about 126,500 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 313,900 rai have been harvested yielding about 138,200 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 50 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.50 baht per tang.

Loburi:—The total area under cultivation is 405,500 rai, about 36,700 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 261,600 rai have been harvested yielding about 125,250 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 38 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.30 baht per tang.

## Mondol Nagor Jaysri.

Nagor Pathom:—The total area under cultivation is about 450,000 rai, the paddy is in the same condition as last year. About 111,900 rai have been harvested yielding about 30,840 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 58 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.50 baht per tang.

Samudra Nagar:—The total area under cultivation is 88,800 rai, about 4,700 rai more than last year. The paddy is in the same condition as last year. About 79,200 rai have been harvested yielding about 25,120 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 46 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.50 baht per tang.

Subarn:—The total area under cultivation is 554,400 rai, about the same as last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 108,470 rai have been harvested yielding about 36,160 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 40 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.62 baht per tang.

## Mondol Rajaburi.

Rajaburi:—The total area under cultivation is 286,000 rai, about 56,200 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 184,700 rai have been harvested yielding about 28,430 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 58 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.75 baht per tang.

Samudra Sagram:—The total area under cultivation is about 19,000 rai, the paddy is inferior to that of last year.

Harvesting has been completed, the crop being about 5,540 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 54 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.50 baht per tang.

Bejraburi:—The total area under cultivation is 155,300 rai, about 22,000 rai more than last year. The paddy is in the same condition as last year. About 41,980 rai have been harvested yielding about 11,370 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 60 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.50 baht per tang.

Kanchanaburi:—The total area under cultivation is 89,700 rai, about 1,500 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 7,270 rai have been harvested yielding about 1,880 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 41 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.50 baht per tang.

Prachin:—The total area under cultivation is about 17,300 rai, the paddy is in better condition than last year. About 10,600 rai have been harvested yielding about 2,260 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 46 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.68 baht per tang.

## Mondol Prachin.

Chhaxcongao:—The total area under cultivation is 497,000 rai, about 12,600 rai less than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 448,101 rai have been harvested yielding about 136,680 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 38 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.37 baht per tang.

Prachin:—The total area under cultivation is 221,000 rai, about 7,100 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 211,560 rai have been harvested yielding about 7,520 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 44 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.50 baht per tang.

Nagor Nayok:—The total area under cultivation is 247,600 rai, about 102,500 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. Harvesting has been completed, the crop being about 59,440 kwien.



**Order in Persia.****Sykes Expedition.**

London, Feb. 21.—In the House of Lords Lord Curzon said that the situation in Persia has steadily improved since August, when the German intrigue had reached the maximum, but Germany's dream of a German dominion from Antwerp to the Indian Ocean is by no means abandoned, while the Turks, though unable to advance, still occupied thirty-thousand square miles in Persia.

He described the hitherto unmentioned march of the force commanded by Sir Percy Sykes, a thousand miles to Isfahan and Teheran under very arduous and perilous circumstances. It resulted in the establishment of order in a wide area and secured the existence of a pro-Ally Government at Teheran. The object of Sir Percy Sykes was to organize a force of Persian Gendarmes with British Officers in Southern Persia, which ultimately will number eleven thousand. Sir Percy's force is at present five thousand, besides an Indian escort of eight hundred, and a similar force of Gendarmes is being raised from the Bakhtiari tribesmen. Lord Curzon hoped that Sir Percy before long would march from Shiraz and clear the brigand nests in western Persia. Another force commanded by Major Keith pacified eastern Persia. Lord Curzon paid a tribute to the loyalty of the Amir of Afghanistan, who declined to be seduced by the tempting offer of the spoil of the Punjab, and said that though the Turks still occupied parts of Persia, the position of the oil fields was practically secure.

London, Feb. 22.—In the House of Lords Lord Curzon emphasised that the improvement in the situation in Persia was materially assisted by the British successes in Mesopotamia, which caused the Turks fifteen thousand casualties and a great loss of prestige, and would necessitate the bringing of further Turkish reinforcements from the Caucasus, thus easing the position of the Russians and ourselves in the East. The rebellion of the Grand Sheriff, who seemed in a fair way to consolidate the Arab world against the Turks, also tended to relieve the situation in Persia, which is not altogether free from anxiety, but he thought, he might say, the worst was over. The Persian link of the great German chain of ambition and aggrandisement stretching from Europe to Asia had been forcibly twisted aside and if not broken yet it would be Bri-

tain's subject to see that that link was broken and never reformed.

The Marquis of Crewe said he was surprised that the possibility of a German intrigue in Persia had not received sufficient attention from the side of India. He paid a warm tribute to the Amir's loyalty but feared it would be necessary to send reinforcements to Persia in order to drive out the Turks. The march of Sir Percy Sykes was very remarkable and is well worthy of the traditions of the Indian army.

**Hindenburg's Sharp Reminder.**

London, Feb. 21.—Reuter's representative at Headquarters says a copy of an enemy order by Hindenburg has been captured which states that the operations at Verdun in October and December (recapture of Douaumont and Vaux) are serious and regrettable reverses. Incapable officers must be ruthlessly removed. The number of prisoners was unusually large for German troops and some evidently surrendered without offering serious resistance and without suffering heavy losses. This shows the moral of the home troops was low and the reason thereof must be carefully investigated, the old spirit of the German infantry must be revived by training and the strictest drill inter alia. This matter is of vital importance.

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To receive and consider Statement of Accounts and Report of Directors and Auditor.

To sanction a Dividend.  
To elect one Director.  
To elect one Auditor.  
To transact any other business that may be brought before the Meeting.

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10TH MARCH 1917.

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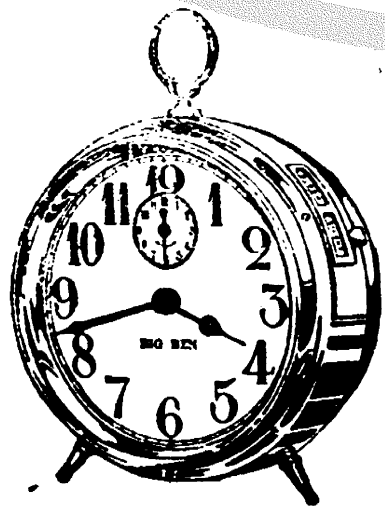
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## THE Great War.

### Laconia Casualties.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Feb. 26.

It is confirmed that two American lady passengers of the *Laconia* died from exposure in a boat.

Official: three passengers are dead, and three missing. Six of the crew are missing, and six are in hospital.

### Continued British Advance.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Feb. 26.

Marshal Haig reports that the British advance is maintained, and extends over an eleven mile front east of Gueudecourt to south of Gommecourt, with a depth of two miles. The British now occupy the Butte de Warlencourt, and the villages of Warlencourt, Cancourt, Pys and Miramont, and have reached the outskirts of Lebarque, Iries, Puisieux and Anmont. An attack on a British post to the south of the Somme was repulsed with loss. Successful raids were made by the British in the neighbourhood of Arras, Monchy and Bois and Lens.

### Dutch Protest and German Reply.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)  
Singapore, Feb. 28.

The greatest indignation has been aroused in Holland over the recent torpedoing of seven steamers in one day. The Press protests against it as being the deepest humiliation to which a neutral nation has yet been subjected. The German Legation gives an extraordinary explanation, saying that the ships sailed on February 22nd, when the degree of safety granted was only comparative. The sinkings were regarded as the result of Dutch complacency concerning the German decrees, and it was felt that this was a poor return for Holland's consideration for Britain.

### Mesopotamian Victory.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)  
Singapore, March 1.

A Turkish communiqué says that Kut was evacuated according to a pre-arranged plan, in order to effect a junction with the reinforcements. As a result of the recent operations the whole of the enemy positions of Sannaiyat and Kut pass into British hands.

### German Retirement in the West.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)  
Singapore, March 1.

The General retirement of the German line in the valley of the Aisne was undoubtedly due to the recent intolerable British pressure.

### Havas Telegrams.

Paris, Feb. 27.

London.—The German destroyers that bombarded Broadstairs and Margate were chased away by British destroyers.

Official.—The British mail boat *Laconia* proceeding from New York with 300 persons on board was torpedoed without warning. The passengers and crew were saved except three dead and six seamen missing. Two American ladies died from cold. Several Americans were amongst the saved.

Bordeaux.—The authorities and the populace cheered the Captain and the sailors of the *Orleans* and the Prefect and Mayor entertained the officers at a banquet.

Washington.—President Wilson in his message to Congress asked for authority to arm merchant vessels and insisted on a vote for the necessary credits in order that precautions be taken. He concluded by saying that he did not wish for war but in order to defend the fundamental rights of humanity and the right to live he requested Congress to approve of his policy.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Borneo Co., Ltd. have a notice to consignees.

"A. K." c/o this paper wants a clerk. Must have first class references.

THE s.s. *Katong* will leave from the Borneo Company's wharf at 4 p.m. sharp, on Saturday the 3rd inst., and should arrive in Singapore on Wednesday morning.

THE International Court was engaged to-day taking evidence in a case from Prachnakirikan in which several persons are charged with the murder of three Indian cattle traders.

IN Britain nearly eight million dinner tables on Christmas Day were decorated with a little pink envelope bearing the now familiar cartoon by Hammeckers depicting the misery of the women and children in Belgium.

MRS. Browning, of Newport (Mon.), wife of a soldier prisoner sentenced to ten years' imprisonment for striking a German non-commissioned officer, received a message from her husband that the sentence has been annulled.

THE Post and Telegraph Department informs us that the mails (including bags from Bangkok) conveyed by s.s. *Arcturion* arrived in London on February 27th. Whether this refers to the whole of the mails or only a part is not yet known.

THE Return of the Medical Officer of Health for the City of Bangkok for the week ended February 24th gives one case of Bubonic Plague notified and one death therefrom. There were no other cases of Communicable Diseases during the period.

THE black gelding A. R. V. was landed here ex s.s. *Katong* yesterday and we believe the gentleman or Kongsi racing here under the name of "Mr. G. G. Bart" to be the new owner or owners of this racing pony. A. R. V. ran twice at Selangor last month being placed on both occasions.

SOLDIERS coming home from the Front are forbidden to bring trophies from the battlefield, but, despite this, some Tommies generally managed to have a souvenir for their friends when they arrive home. A few days ago, when a party of men going home on leave were embarking at a French port, one Tommy was seen calmly going up the gangway carrying a German rifle, while he had his own slung over his shoulder. He was stopped by a military policeman and told to hand over the enemy rifle, and was then allowed to pass. As he stepped on board he sadly remarked to a comrade: "When that bloke goes home he will take that rifle wrapped in his overcoat."

THE latest edition of the Almanach de Gotha records eight German Princes killed since the beginning of the war, namely: Two Princes of Saxe-Meiningen, three of Lippe, one of Hesse, one of Reuss, and one of Waldeck. A Prince of the ducal house of Liechtenstein died at Warsaw from wounds received at the front. The Almanach notes the morganatic marriage of the Kaiser's fifth son, Oscar, with Countess Bassowitz, who was made Countess Ruppin. The Prince of Wied does not figure in the section devoted to reigning families. He is mentioned as His Highness Prince of Albania. The Almanach also says: "The German overseas colonies are said to be under the provisional administration of the French and the British."

### Rubber Market.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)  
Singapore, March 1.

The latest London prices for rubber, sheet and crepe, was 3s. 5d.

### Siam's Trade.

The following approximate return received from the Customs Department shows the values of Imports and Exports during the month of February 1917:-

Imports.	
3% Goods	Tcs. 5,296,999
Wine, Beer, & Spirits	143,087
Gold leaf	337,500
Bullion & Coin	337,500
Opium	"
Total	5,777,586
Exports.	
Rice	Tcs. 9,032,478
Teak	387,092
Other goods	1,530,764
Total	10,950,334

New York, Feb. 21.—The Mayor received three deputations of outside women who tearfully declared their children were starving owing to the dearth of food and urged the municipal appropriation of a million dollars for purchase of provisions for the poor. The Mayor promised to investigate the conditions.



## In the German Consular Court.

### A Claim for Goods Disputed.

An action was heard this morning in the German Consular Court in which Messrs. Harry A. Badman and Co. claimed a sum of Tcs. 1,253.55 from Mr. M. Mannsfeldt of the Tattien Dispensary.

The claim represents value of goods sold to defendant in January 1912 for Tcs. 783.67 and interest Tcs. 469.88 calculated at the rate of 12 per cent. Defendant contends that only Tcs. 470 is due to the plaintiffs.

Dr. E. Remy, German Chargé d'Affaires, presided, assisted by Mr. G. Rexhausen and Mr. E. Brande as assessors. Mr. J. Bruchhaus, Interpreter of the German Legation, was also on the bench.

Dr. Remy asked both parties whether, before entering into the case, it was not possible to come to an amicable settlement as this would save much time and costs.

Mr. Philip Peterson, who appeared on behalf of the plaintiffs, submitted that defendant was always postponing payment and his clients were forced to bring this action.

Mr. Mannsfeldt asked the Court to dismiss the case. He said he offered to pay after plaintiffs had gone through the accounts and when where they were wrong. But this the latter refused to do. They only gave notice saying that unless the amount was paid before a certain date proceedings would be taken.

Mr. Peterson: Mr. Mannsfeldt never referred to going through accounts. It was only a matter of correspondence and this went on for about two years.

Mr. Mannsfeldt: I decline to pay any interest before 18th February 1916.

Defendant said he proposes to pay Tcs. 470.68. If plaintiffs are not satisfied he would ask the Court to call for an expert and let him go through the bills with him. If it comes to above that figure he was willing to pay the excess. He quoted instances where the plaintiffs had charged Tcs. 105 for a door for which he was prepared to pay Tcs. 70. The charges for stringing some chairs were also very exorbitant. If the bill was in order and correct he wished to know why plaintiffs had agreed to reduce certain amounts after representations were made to them.

Mr. Peterson said that Mr. Mannsfeldt had promised to pay interest to Badman and Co. and he could produce a letter in Court to prove this. He asked Badman's to wait for the interest in a kindly way and Badman's waited long enough for it. As regards the prices for the chairs etc. what defendant stated was not the fact. Badman and Co. will come to Court and explain these items.

Dr. Remy mentioned that according to a statement he had before him for Tcs. 1,150.67 several items had been deducted amounting to Tcs. 367 and representing only a sum of Tcs. 783.67 which Badman and Co. wanted. In addition to this they claim interest for 3 1/2 years at 12%, making in all Tcs. 1,253.55. According to what both parties have stated he thought that it would be possible to come to an arrangement. Badman and Co. he understood, are willing to discuss again the sum of Tcs. 783.67. Perhaps after discussion the price may be reduced.

Defendant said he was only prepared to pay interest as will be decided by the Court. He referred to the time when he came from Home and ordered some things from plaintiffs. Mr. Wooler came to his place and said that he would do the things cheap.

Dr. Remy said there must have been matter for discussion but it would not have been possible for both parties to come together especially during this time of war, otherwise possibly the matter would have been settled long ago. He once more asked both sides to settle the affair amicably instead of having experts. English experts might object to one party and German experts might object to the other.

Mr. Mannsfeldt: I agreed to pay in my last letter Tcs. 470 and it is quite a fair offer.

Mr. Peterson: If this gentleman owes Tcs. 700 and offers to pay Tcs. 400 how could the other side accept it?

Defendant quoted Badman's prices once more. Nine curtains, he said cost only Tcs. 20 while Badman's charge Tcs. 200 for same.

Mr. Peterson compared a Chinaman's charges for a photograph with those of Messrs. Robert Lenz. If a man could get a coat stitched for Tcs. 6 by a Chinaman he can't possibly get the same article from John Sampson's for the same price. (Laughter).

Dr. Remy: There is a certain probability that this case can be settled amicably. You are willing now to discuss the bill and the amount of the bill may be reduced by Badman and Co. We might thus avoid this disagreeable case especially coming at a time like this.

Mr. Peterson asked that the case be postponed.

Mr. Mannsfeldt: I should like to see the case settled to-day.

Dr. Remy referred to a draft he had of a letter in which the defendant makes out his bill and offers to pay Tcs. 470.67. Defendant, he said, is willing to pay a certain amount of interest.

## Chiangmai Notes.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Chiangmai, Feb. 24.

This last week we have been very busy with farewell dinners to the Chief Judge who has been appointed to the Court of Appeal.

We shall miss him very much, both judicially and socially. He leaves Chiangmai with a great reputation having possessed the confidence of all classes and nationalities. Both he and Madame also have played a great part in the social activities of Chiangmai. We offer him our congratulations and best wishes in his new appointment.

He and Madame leave by boat tomorrow.

The new Chief Judge Phra Nartsart Rajasubodi has been Chief Judge at Nakhon Chaisi and latterly at Ayutthia. He is accompanied by Nai Hasamroer (formerly Nai Pad-un) who is an English barrister and who has lately been in the Civil Court in Bangkok.

Messrs. Crosby and Nottan are back from their tour and Mr. Fitzmaurice returned to Lampang yesterday.

The days here are getting very much hotter but the nights keep cool. Mrs. Reid and Mrs. Preston have already gone up the hill, the former has suffered from continual fever lately.

Mr. Williams of the B. B. C. has been here for a few days lately. He is taking Mr. Yate's place during the latter's temporary absence.

The new market built by Luang Yo on the river side will soon be open. It should be cleaner than the present one.

Work goes on apace on the Lampoon road which is being "m-talled" throughout.

Dr. and Mrs. Backtill have left for Chiangrai and carry with them the best wishes of their friends in Chiangmai.

## The Fighting Fronts.

London, Feb. 22.—A Rumanian communiqué dated Feb. 19 says that there was weak artillery work and patrol encounters on the whole front. North of Dornavatra the enemy furiously bombarded with gas shells the Russian positions and also north-west of Focani: the Russians dispersed reconnaissance in this region.

Salonica, Feb. 22.—Contact has been established between the French and Italian groups resulting in the clearance of the road between Koritza and Leskovic. The importance of the achievement lies in the fact that it completely cuts off postal communication between Athens and the Central powers restricting them to wireless and aeroplane services.

London, Feb. 22.—A French Salonika communiqué says: there is artillery activity on the whole front. There were patrol encounters near Seres and on the Kakukovo front. We raided a crest near lake Doiran and took prisoners. Two enemy counter-attacks here were repulsed. Our aviators were very active and had several successful air fights and bombed enemy columns near Seres and Melkuk.

London, Feb. 22.—Wireless. German Official. Between the Dniester and the wooded Carpathians our surprise attacks succeeded. We drove back an English attempt east of the Vardar.

London, Feb. 22.—A Rumanian communiqué says: There is violent reciprocal artillery fighting on the northern frontier of western Moldavia. Russian artillery was very active elsewhere dispersing the enemy and destroying his positions.

London, Feb. 22.—Wireless. German Official. We took prisoner 250 in a thrust east of Gloczow.

London, Feb. 22.—Wireless. German Official. To the south of Armentieres the British forced their way into our positions. We ejected them and counted two hundred British dead.

London, Feb. 22.—A verdict of death by misadventure was returned at the inquest held on several victims of the great East London explosion. The coroner said that there was nothing to suggest that it was other than a pure accident.

Perhaps Counsel for the plaintiffs' can see his clients on the matter.

Mr. Peterson: I will ask Mr. Warwick to come here.

Dr. Remy suggested to defendant to postpone the case. When Mr. Warwick is called he will be able to come to some terms with defendant.

Defendant objected to any postponement of the case.

Counsel for plaintiffs said he could not accept the terms offered. He will have to go through the accounts.

Defendant said he declined to pay any Court fees because plaintiffs declined to go through the accounts and it was their fault that he was drawn to Court to-day. He wished that Mr. Peterson would talk the matter over with Mr. Warwick and offer him the Tcs. 470 and if Mr. Warwick would go through the accounts with defendant at the latter's place he was sure they could come to a settlement. He would at the same time like to have an expert or the other side would always want to have something more.

Dr. Remy hoped that the parties would try their best to settle the case the best way they can.

The hearing was adjourned till Wednesday, 25th March.

## The Bangkok Dock Co., Ltd.

### Annual General Meeting.

The annual ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the above Company took place yesterday afternoon at the Company's office.

Those present were Dr. T. Hayward Hays (Chairman), Phya Arthakara Prasiddhi, Phya Boribun Raja Sombat, Mr. J. S. Smyth, Mr. W. E. Adam, Mr. W. Brehmer, Mr. J. Aitchison, Mr. A. Carson, Mr. A. McKelvie, Mr. J. D. Powell, Mr. J. Reith, Mr. A. Wishart and Mr. Cowan N-lands (Secretary).

The notice convening the meeting was first read and the minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed. The Chairman then said:

Gentlemen:—Our balance sheet for the year 1916 which is now before you is entirely satisfactory, in fact it is the best balance sheet that has ever been presented for your consideration. Further it is most gratifying to know that the reputation and financial position of the Bangkok Dock Co., Ltd. never stood higher than it does at present.

During the past year your Directors redeemed the balance of the 6 per cent. Debenture issue.

The Company during the past year was registered under the New Siamese Company Law and the negotiations for the leasehold property from the Trustees of the Bush Estate were brought to a satisfactory conclusion. In conclusion with regard to prospects for 1917 we have several large contracts in hand and the outlook is most encouraging. I need say nothing more, and now move the adoption of the Directors' report and the balance sheet as presented for 1916.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Adam and carried unanimously.

Mr. Adam proposed that Dr. Hays be re-elected Director. Mr. Carson seconded. Carried.

The Chairman next proposed the re-election of Mr. Donaldson, the auditor. This was seconded by Mr. Smyth and also carried.

### Extraordinary General Meeting.

Following this meeting an extraordinary general meeting of the Company took place for the purpose of passing the following resolutions:

(1) "That the special resolution passed by the Shareholders on the 2nd day of March, 1914 reading as follows:—That the Directors be authorised to purchase the property of the Bush Estate at the present time leased to the Company for the sum of Ticals 324,000 upon the terms that Ticals 60,000 of the purchase money be paid in cash, the remainder being secured by a mortgage on the property at 2 1/2 per cent per annum, redeemable on the 1st January, 1921, and by the issue of, as collateral security only 600 first Mortgage Debentures of Ticals 100 each, carrying interest at 6 per cent per annum, same to rank equally with existing Debentures—be and is hereby confirmed."

(2) "That the purchase on the 20th day of January, 1917 by the Company from the Bush Trustees of the property at present leased by the Company, at the price of Ticals 324,400—be and is hereby confirmed."

(3) "That the mortgage dated the 20th January, 1917 between the Bangkok Dock Company, Limited, of the one part, and Isabella Lily Davidson, the Personal Representative of Mary Ann Kurtzhals deceased, and Charles Henry Bush of the other part—be and is hereby confirmed."

(4) "That the Directors be and are hereby authorised to issue a First Mortgage Debenture for Ticals 264,400 bearing interest at 6 per cent per annum and charged upon the undertaking and general assets of the Company, as collateral security, for the sum of Ticals 264,400 borrowed from Isabella Lily Davidson, the Personal Representative of Mary Ann Kurtzhals deceased, and Charles Henry Bush under an Indenture of Mortgage dated the 20th day of January, 1917, such Debenture to be in such form and to contain such covenants and provisions as the Directors may deem expedient."

The Chairman said:—

Gentlemen:—You are doubtless aware on the fact that the ground and a number of the buildings occupied and used by the Bangkok Dock Company, Ltd. is the property of the Bush Estate.

In the will of the late Admiral Sir John Bush the rent of the land and buildings to the Bangkok Dock Company was fixed. There was however a provision in this will giving the Bangkok Dock Co., Ltd., an option to purchase the said land and buildings within a given time. The Company did not take advantage of this option. This matter was brought up in a General Meeting held in April 1911. And your Chairman promised you at that time that this question should be brought up at the first meeting of the Board of Directors. This was done. The result of this deliberation was in a correspondence with the Trustees and Legates of the Bush Estate. The question was again brought up at a General Meeting held on March 18th, 1912, and the Board reported to you what had been done in the matter. The correspondence was still carried on with the parties interested and has now happily been brought to a conclusion by which the Bangkok Dock Co., Ltd., purchases the land and houses previously rented from the Bush Estate. And you will

find in the resolutions now to be put before you the terms of this sale.

The Chairman then moved that the resolutions as read passed.

The motion was seconded by Phya Arthakara and carried unanimously. Before concluding the Chairman said that he was certain that the Directors appreciate the services of the Manager and his colleagues rendered during the last year and he moved that a vote of thanks be passed.

The motion was seconded by Phya Arthakara.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman proposed by Mr. Smyth brought the meeting to a close.

## Inter-Imperial Trade.

London, Feb. 20.—Lord Balfour of Burleigh's committee propose to report later on the question of a wider range of customs duties and also the question how far the Dominions could be met by granting them subsidies instead of tariff preferences. It will be necessary to examine closely the effect of imposing duties upon articles used for manufacturing purposes in Britain, especially in connection with export trades, shipping and shipbuilding industries. The special position of India, Egypt and the Sudan and also British commercial treaty obligations and the effect of the proposed policy upon the interests of countries where our trade relations are specially important, must be considered.

London, Feb. 20.—It is stated the Government has decided to revise all exemptions of men, under thirty-one. If this is insufficient to provide the necessary number of men fit for active service, the military age may be raised to fifty.

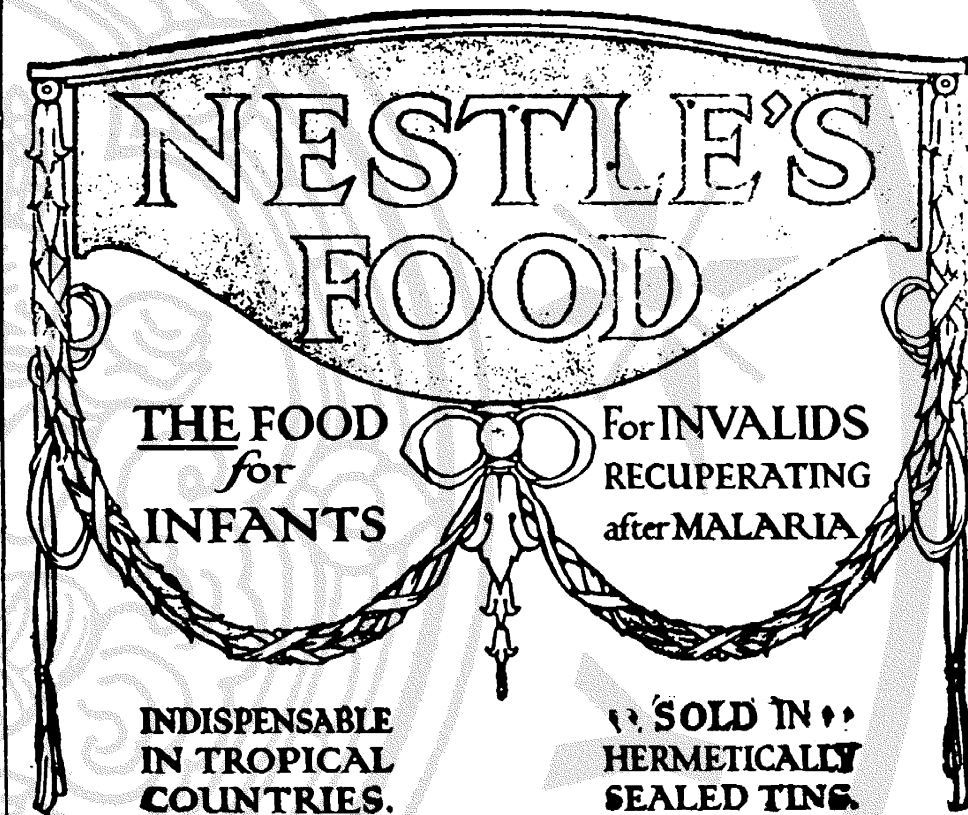
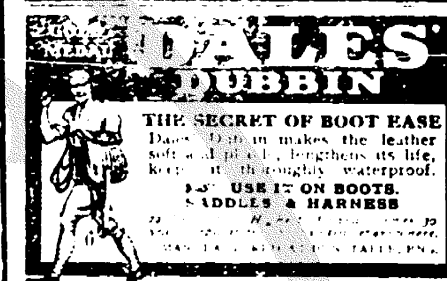
## Teaching Oriental Languages.

London, Feb. 20.—The City and Corporation of London has given £250 a year for nine years towards the endowment of the School of Oriental Studies.

The Goldsmiths' Company has put five thousand in the war loan for the school. The Chartered Bank of India has given a thousand donation and a hundred yearly for five years. The Hongkong and Shanghai bank has given two hundred for five years, the National Bank of India a hundred for three years, the Mercantile Bank of India a hundred, Sir Marcus Samuel and Mr. E. Andrews a thousand each. The latter has increased his subscription from a hundred as a tribute to the valour of the Indian troops.

## Search of N neutrals.

London, Feb. 21.—An Order in Council has been gazetted enacting that in view of German submarine warfare, unless vessels bound to or from neutral countries adjacent to Germany call at British or Allied ports in order to be searched, they shall, until the contrary be established, be deemed to be carrying on war goods and will be liable to capture and condemnation. But ships calling at British or Allied ports for examination shall not be presumed to be carrying enemy goods and shall not be condemned merely because they are carrying enemy goods.



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### The Sea War.

#### Sir E. Carson's Statement.

London, Feb. 21.—In the house of Commons, Sir E. Carson, introducing naval estimates for an unspecified amount, said the House would be asked to vote 400,000 men. Up to October last eight million men had been moved overseas with only one or two untoward incidents, besides 94 million tons of explosives and war material. Since the war began the Navy had examined 25,874 ships. Submarineism was a grave problem which was not yet solved but he was confident the measures being devised would gradually and greatly mitigate its seriousness. An anti-submarine department had been established, composed of the best and most experienced men.

The number of armed merchantmen had increased by over forty-seven per cent. in the last two months and the armament was improving weekly. Sixty-nine allied or neutral steamers each over a thousand tons, totalling 201,000 tons, had been sunk in the first eighteen days of December, sixty-five of a tonnage of 182,523 sunk in the same period of January, eighty-nine of a tonnage of 268,631 in the same period of February. Altogether 118,91 and 131 vessels had been sunk in these periods. From Feb. 1 to Feb. 18, 6,176 ships had arrived and 5,873 left the United Kingdom, and it is estimated there were three thousand ships in the danger zone at any one time.

He mentioned that seventy-five per cent of the armed and twenty-four per cent of the unarmed merchantmen escaped after attacks. He announced that the numbers of arrivals and departures in the United Kingdom would henceforth be published and also the names of ships which were attacked and escaped. He stated the German submarine losses were not published because the policy of secrecy was most disastrous to the enemy and also the Admiralty did not know whether a submarine was certainly destroyed.

The fact that we had forty encounters with submarines during February was an enormous achievement. Regarding the fate of these submarines the official reports showed every degree from certainty to improbability. He selected as an instance of certainty the case of the capture of a submarine with its crew by a destroyer, and mentioned as a case of uncertainty where an airship dropped a bomb just where a submarine had immediately previously submerged.

Regarding shipbuilding he declared that no single ship would be uncoupled during the coming months, while steps had been taken to reconcile the competing claims of warships and merchantmen. He appealed to the nation

to consent to restrictions of imports in order to make the Admiralty's task easier.

Melbourne, Feb. 20.—Women and children have been prohibited from travelling to Europe under any circumstances.

London, February 20.—Sinkings: Steamers: Iolo, Okement and two smallcraft, all British; total over 8,000 tons.

London, February 21.—The Swedish press denounces the submarining of Sweden's biggest sailingship, Hugo Hamilton, from Valparaiso for Sweden with saltpetre, contrasting this flagrant breach of international law with the British methods.

#### New the German View.

London, Feb. 21.—The only sinking yesterday was the Newfoundland fishing schooner Mayola.

London, Feb. 22.—The small British steamer Brigade and the sailing ship Centurion have been sunk.

The Gazette states that Plymouth is closed to neutral ships.

Amsterdam, Feb. 22.—When the Reichstag opened, the President said Germany and her Allies were taking refuge in a weapon which would be employed unrestrictedly till the defence of their independence and freedom was attained.

Amsterdam, Feb. 22.—The committee of the Reichstag sitting privately listened to the boastful statements of ministers on the subject of unrestricted submarine.

Herr Zimmermann concluded a detailed statement of the position as regards the United States by asserting his firm confidence that Germany will attain her aims by the employment of submarines.

Admiral von Capelle said the navy's expectations of the effects of ruthless submarining had been surpassed. He accused the British press at the instigation of Government of concealing the extent of the sinkings. He admitted this made it difficult to give definite figures but although a number of submarines had not yet returned there was no reason to think that a single submarine had been lost since Feb. 1. Those which had returned reported the British defensive measures remained within normal limits. There was practically no shipping in the North Sea.

Herr Hilferich declared the diminution of Britain's necessary supplies had already approached danger point. The decrease in December alone was considerably greater than the average decrease for the whole of 1916 compared with 1915.

Madrid, Feb. 22.—The Government is determined to thoroughly investigate the buoy incident mentioned in a previous wire and to severely punish all persons implicated; in order to demonstrate the strictness of Spanish neutrality.

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**America Prepares.**

Washington, Feb. 21.—The naval Committee of the Senate agreed to the amendment of the Naval Appropriation Bill proposing the construction of fifty additional submarines for the Pacific coast.

Washington, Feb. 22.—After conferring with the President the War Secretary announced he was about to send to Congress a universal military training bill.

Amsterdam, Feb. 21.—The Frankfurter Zeitung says that the American Aide Memoire to Vienna on the subject of submarinism leaves no doubt that a diplomatic rupture will follow.

Washington, Feb. 22.—A note was despatched to Berlin on Monday demanding the release of the Yarrowdale prisoners owing to the absence of a satisfactory response to the previous enquiry. No time limit is fixed.

Washington, Feb. 22.—It is authoritatively stated that President Wilson, while not asking Congress for declarations of war, will request full powers to protect American seamen and ships from submarining. This procedure is similar to that prior to the Spanish-American war.

**War News From Dutch Sources.**

Owing to the tense feeling aroused in certain neutral countries on account of Germany's increased submarine policy, it has been found necessary to let the proposed International Trade Congress which was to have been held in Switzerland fall through.

The Dutch Second Chamber held a secret sitting over the new war loan. Later news states that a vote of 127 million guilders has been asked for.

The Dutch Red Cross Society are asking for doctors who speak English to work among the British war prisoners in Germany.

The Royal Dutch Relief Committee are asking for more funds to meet distress caused by the increased submarineing.

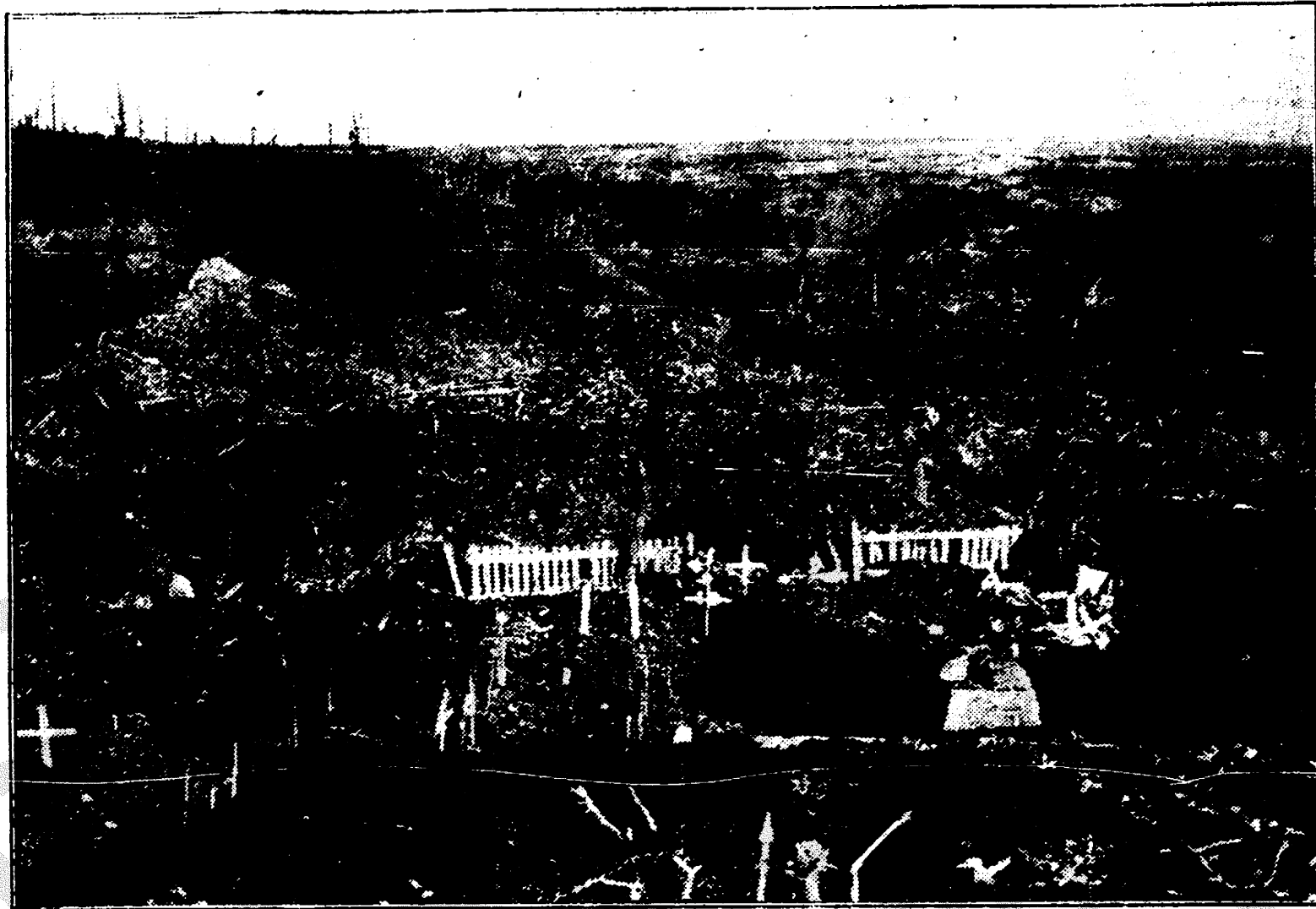
The Dutch tug, Westerdijk, for whose safety grave fears have been entertained, passed the Terschellinger Bank on Monday in company with the Dutch tugs Witte Zee and Zwaarte Zee.

The Dutch liner Vondel has sailed for the East Indies via the Panama Canal, San Francisco and Honolulu. The Malang has arrived at Falmouth.

Demonstrations organised by the revolutionary committee were made at the Hague on Thursday.

The split in the German Socialist party is increasing.

According to the "Daily Chronicle" and "Daily Telegraph" high American circles consider war with Germany imminent.



BRITISH OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN ON THE WESTERN FRONT.  
Beaumont Hamel.—The monument in the foreground was erected by the Germans to their fallen comrades in 1914. Their graves are also seen, and the Church in the background.

**Wilson's Significant Hint.**

Washington, Feb. 23.—The Foreign relations Committee of the Senate has decided that the Colombian treaty indemnifying Colombia for the loss of Panama cannot be ratified this session despite a letter from President Wilson urging the ratification as an act of justice and because "it is possible we may need in the immediate future all the friends we can secure in Central America where our interests are critical."

**German Food Stringency.**

Amsterdam, Feb. 22.—The Prussian Minister of the Interior in a proclamation admits the frost has completely stopped the supply of potatoes, stocks

of which are certain to be exhausted before the new harvest. This has strained the already weak available stocks of corn owing to the necessity of distributing flour in the great cities, therefore he orders the rural authorities, to take severe measures to compel farmers to supply foodstuffs.

**Tisza Defends Germany.**

Amsterdam, Feb. 22.—Count Tisza in the House of Deputies at Budapest vigorously defended the German policy which he asserted, since 1871 had been a peaceful, and cultural expansion: it had threatened no nation's vital interests. He accused France and Russia of constant intriguing. It was very natural that Germany should strive to

pursue a Colonial Policy and he declared that if the war concluded as the enemies imagine, no agreement could assure a lasting peace. He justified submarinism, which he regarded optimistically.

**Indentured Indian Labour.**

London, Feb. 22.—In the House of Commons Mr. Chamberlain stated that there is every reason to hope that Indian indentured labour would be abolished within five years. Meanwhile he was glad to say that the condition of indentured coolies had been greatly ameliorated by recent changes in the colonial laws. He paid a tribute to the spirit in which colonial administrations had met the Imperial Government in this matter.

**Espionage in America.**

Washington, Feb. 21.—The Senate has passed an espionage bill by 60 votes to ten. It gives comprehensive powers and imposes drastic penalties.

New York, Feb. 21.—A sensation has been stirred by the arrest of two men charged with conspiring to obtain maps, photographs and other military information concerning Great Britain which were sent to the United States and thence to Germany. It is understood that fifteen men were involved, who were sent to Britain masquerading as journalists in order to collect information.

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