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DEPTH OF WATER ON THE
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FOR JANUARY, 1916.

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

Jan.	P.M.			
	H. W.	Ft. in.	L. W.	(Approx.)
1	...	...	9-10	7-8
2	...	...	10-11	7-8
3	...	...	10-11	6-7
4	...	...	10-11	6-7
5	2 30	12 3	10-11	6-0
6	2 30	12 6	11-12	6-0
7	3 00	12 8	11-12	6-0
8	4 00	12 2	11-12	6-0
9	5 00	13 0	...	...
10	6 30	12 10	...	...
11	7 00	12 6	...	...
12	8 00	11 10	...	...
13	8 30	11 4	...	...
14	9 30	11 0	...	...
15	...	...	...	...
16	...	...	9-10	7-6
17	...	...	9-10	7-0
18	...	...	10-11	7-0
19	2 00	12 0	10-11	7-0
20	3 00	12 3	...	...
21	2 00	12 3	...	...
22	4 30	12 3	...	...
23	5 00	12 0
24	6 00	13 3
25	6 30	13 0
26	8 00	12 7
27	9 00	12 5
28	10 00	12 0	5-6	8-0
29	7-8	7-8
30	8-9	7-0
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PHASES OF THE MOON.
Jan. 31st New Moon 11.33 a.m.
12th First Quarter 10.16 a.m.
20th Full Moon 3.11 p.m.
27th Last Quarter 7.17 a.m.

How Russia Gets
Recruits.

While the German politicians are expressing their astonishment that the Entente Powers are not yet induced to sue for peace, the Tsar is evidently still preparing for a very long campaign for he has issued a ukase ordering the enrolment of the 1917 class in 1916. It means that those men who have passed their twentieth year in 1916 (born 1896) must appear at specified dates in their military district before the military authorities for the purpose of joining the army.

Russia has no difficulty in controlling her population in this respect. Everybody in Russia from the date of his birth is registered by the Government. Later on everybody is provided with an "internal" or home passport, without which he is not able to travel in the Russian Empire. Indeed, there is a saying in Russia that a man consists of body, soul, and passport. In his own town, even, nobody in Russia can stop in a hotel for one night without producing his passport. Thus the authorities know well, not only the numbers, but even the names of those who are compelled to undergo military service during the subsequent twenty years.

In ordinary times Russia has more men than she needs. The Russian frontiers, those which must be guarded from the enemy, are very narrow as compared with the size of the country. For this reason only a part of those on the list is selected for the army, although, theoretically, everybody is liable to military service. In the first place, all only sons are automatically put into the second reserve, which is exempt from military training, and only in the greatest emergency are these men put under military discipline.

Men Who are Exempt.
In the second place, the eldest son is exempted if the father is over fifty years of age and there is a difference of more than three years between him and the younger brothers, as he is considered the support of the family. His financial position, however, is not taken into consideration. He thus also belongs to the second reserve, and gets a "white" ticket. Thirdly, no priest of any denomination, and no village schoolmaster, certified as such by the Government, is liable to military service; and, finally, no one born in Turkestan (and in Finland).

Thus in practice, though not in

theory not the whole manhood of Russia is liable to military service.

Nor is this all. As there are still too many men, before they undergo a medical examination they are balloted; those who draw the highest numbers are relieved. The number of men relieved by ballot depends on the number required for military service from the particular district, and varies accordingly.

After all this the remainder have to undergo a medical examination. They arrive at their recruiting office in the autumn, at dates fixed for the purpose.

Therefore we can see quite plainly the reason why, out of 1,300,000 men, only several hundred thousand, less than a half, were accepted, while the rest with the exception of the absolutely unfit are counted as the first reserve to which also belong all men who have fulfilled their military service, three years in infantry, five in cavalry, or seven in the navy.

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Bank Bills, 4 months' sight —

PARIS—

Bank Bills, demand —

GERMANY—

Bank Bills, demand —

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SINGAPORE—

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	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	a.m.		a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.
Ban & kok Noi ... Dep.	7.30	8.25	1.20	2.10		Ban Krut ... Dep.					12.35
M. Nakon Patom ...	8.55	10.13	2.45	4.27		Prachuap Kirikan Arr.					2.26
Ban Pong ...	9.35	10.55	3.26	5.38		Pran Kao ... Dep.			9. 5		2.41
Potaram ...	9.55	11.22	4. 1	6.17		Wang Phong ... Arr.		6. 5			4.69
Ratburi ...	10.25	11.57	4.41	6.59		Hua Hin ... Dep.		6.10	10.59		5. 5
Petchaburi ...	10.36	12.10	4.41	6.59		Hua Hin ... Arr.		6.13	11.14		
Hua Hin ...	12. 1	1 13	6.29			Petchaburi ... Dep.		6.57	11.46		
Hua Hin ... Arr.	1.59	4.47				Petchaburi ... Arr.		7. 5	11.54		
Wang Phong ...	2. 5	4.57				Ratburi ... Dep.		9.37	1.43		
Pran Kao ...	2.37	5.37				Ratburi ... Arr.		9.10	9.52	1.56	
Prachuap Kirikan Arr.	2.48	5.47				Potaram ... Dep.		9.22	11.40	3.18	
Ban Krut ...	4.38				6.25	Pran Kao ...	6. 5	9.22	1.30	3.28	
					6.33	Potaram ... Arr.	6.59	9.56	2. 6	4. 1	
					8.46	Ban Pong ...	7.43	10.19	2.43	4.25	
					8.56	M. Nakon Patom ...	9. 2	11. 1	3.17	5. 6	
					10.47	Bangkok Noi ...	11. 2	12.23	4.53	6.26	

Trang-Tung Song-Singora				Singora-Tung Song-Trang				N. Srithamaraj-Ronpibun				Ronpibun-N. Srithamaraj			
		a.m.				a.m.				a.m.				a.m.	p.m.
Trang ...	Dep.	8.20		Singora ...	Dep.	7.30		N. Srithamaraj				Ronpibun Dep.		8.45	
Tung Song ...	Arr.	11.22		Patalong ...	Dep.	10.48		N. Junction	7. 11			N. Junction		9. 1	20
Nakon ...	Dep.	11.50		Nakon ...	Dep.	10.58		Ronpibun Arr.	8.14	12.12		N. Srithamaraj			
Junction ...	Arr.	12.40		Junction ...	Arr.	12.50			8.25	—		Arr.	10.12	2.32	
" ...	Dep.	12.55		" ...	Dep.	1. 5		Nong Wai-Tung Song (Only on Tues.				Tung Song-Nong Wai (Only on Tues.			
Patalong ...	Arr.	2.47		Tung Song ...	Arr.	1.55		Nong Wai Dep.	10.45			Tung Song Dep.	7.30		Mons.
" ...	Dep.	2.57		Trang ...	Dep.	2.20		Tung Song Arr.	4.56	Thurs.		Nong Wai Arr.	1.41		Weds
Singora ...	Arr.	6.13		" ...	Arr.	5.30		From 1st January 1916				From 1st January 1916. Fris.			

Major Rodney, writing in the "Globe" on December 10, says:

The retreat of Sir John Nixon's Indian Expeditionary Force "D" from the vicinity of Baghdad to Kut-el-Amara may be set off against the repulse of the Turkish expedition to Egypt last January, though, in fact, the Anglo-Egyptian Army defended the frontier successfully, while the Baghdad Army Corps was driven into the interior after Sir A.A. Barrett's 6th Division had captured Qurnah on December 9. Sir John Nixon, who took over the command on April 9, was commander of the Southern Army of India, which included the 4th, 5th, 6th, and 9th Divisions, as well as the Aden Brigade.

The line of o-p-ration was prescribed by the need of water transport and the aid of the Euphrates. Blockade of Flotilla —there is a regular service of steamers up the Tigris as far as Baghdad, where the Euphrates and Tigris are less than 35 miles apart—and in mid-April the 16th and 18th Brigades and the 6th Cavalry Brigade defeated the Turks under Suleiman Askeri, who had attacked our garrison at Shabiba. In July the Turks were driven from Nazariyeh, and the position of the Euphrates is connected with the Suat-el-Kai Canal with the Tigris. Kut-el-Amara, at the other end of the canal, is where Sir John Nixon occupied and entrenched at the end of September, and from this advanced base it appears that a striking force under General Townshend proceeded up the Tigris until it met the enemy about 18 miles from Baghdad. Then the battle of Ctesiphon was fought as reported by the Indian Government on November 25, when it was stated that our losses were about 200, and that a reconnaissance to the river was occasioned by lack of water. General Townshend's command was then described a division, which would normally consist of about 3,000 rifles, 12 mountain guns (10prs.), and 18 field guns (18pr. Q. F.), besides pioneers, cavalry, field engineers, a signal unit, field ambulances, and over 3,000 "followers." But Lord Crewe now says that General Townshend's force was "considerably larger" than a division, and the latest report puts our casualties at 1,000, including 133 officers—a circumstance that explains the retirement for the purpose of refitting. We lost another 150 men on the retreat, so it seems that no relieving force from Kut-el-Amara came out to cover the withdrawal. Oriental fancy has described Sir John Nixon's force as "170,000 English troops who had marched into Mesopotamia from Egypt," and

The check is of little importance as an episode of the war, but, like many similar cases of seeming mischance, it may cover a rather serious defect in our system of conducting hostilities. The Indian Expeditionary Force is, of course, not controlled by the War Office, but by the Army Department of the Government of India, which is in charge of a Member of Council, who is also the Commander-in-Chief. General Sir B. Duff has his own General Staff, but it is vexed with petty cares, like the General Staff in Whitehall. There seems nowhere an advisory body of soldier officers free to devote the whole of its time and attention to the higher problems of war, to work out new combinations, to initiate fresh proceedings, or close down an unprofitable undertaking.

With at least two Turkish army corps between Baghdad and Mosul, it is not remarkable that our small force should get severely punished when achieving a tactical success; and then it is, in semi-civilised countries, that strategic elements combine against it and compel its withdrawal with what are euphemistically called the honours of war.

Rome, Dec. 19th.—A Serbian official statement issued on Saturday from Scutari, in Albania, states : —

"During the Serbian retreat the Austrians and Bulgarians armed the Muslimane whom they found in the provinces of new Serbia and then excited them against the civil population. Numerous massacres followed, and these were accompanied by unprecedented cruelties, excesses, and tortures. The crimes recalled the worst atrocities committed by the Bulgarian bands before and during the war in Rome. December 17.—Messengers from Salonika report that the members of the Serbia's Parliament, some of whom are at Scutari in Albania, while others are at Salonika, have been ordered to reassemble in Italy and to resume legislative functions.

A Serbian "communiqué" declares that the Austro-Bulgarian claims to the return of prisoners and war booty are greatly exaggerated. Their improbability passes all bounds. The Serbs did not leave a single intact gun behind in their retreat. Everything not saved was destroyed. The guns were left resembling scrap-iron, and the motor cars were wrecked.

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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	2.30	5.00
*Maha Wong	..	6.35	9.35	12.50	3.50	Sala Deng	..	7.52	10.52	2.07	5.07
*Ban Nang Greng	..	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
*Sanrong	..	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	Sanrong	..	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 Greng	..	8.35	11.35	2.50	5.50
Sala Deng	..	7.22	10.22	1.36	4.36	*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

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LINE 1 - BANGKABUE TO BANG QUANG & MUANG NAWN.
Boats leave Bangkok to Bang Quang, Muang Nawn & Pakiet.
a.m. 6.40, 7.30, 8.00, 9.30, 10.30, 11.40, 12.10.
p.m. 1, 1.30, 2.30, 3.10, 3.50, 4.40, 5.30, daily.
Bangkabue to Samkuk ... 2.30 p.m. daily.
" " Kai Koh Yai ... 1.00 ...

LINE 2 - TANON TOK TO PAKLAT in connection with Paklat Tram Cars Thahan
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LINE 3 - THA CHANG WANG LUANG TO KLONG BANGKOK NOI.
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11.50, and 12.30 and p.m. 1.30, 2.30, 3.30 and 4.30 daily.

LINE 4 - KLONG SAMROCK LOCK TO BANG HIA.
Boats leave the Lock in connection with the Paknam Railway train
10.45 a.m. from Bangkok.

(Broad Gauge Lines.)

TIME TABLE
In force from 15th Dec., 1915.

Bangkok	Dep.	a.m. 7.-	a.m. 9.48	p.m. 1.25	p.m. 3.33	Ban Meh Chang	Dep.	a.m. 9.7	a.m. ...	p.m. ...	p.m. ...
Ayuthia	Arr.	9.3	11.41	3.33	5.45	Den Chai	...	p.m. 12.38
Ban Phaji	Arr.	9.47	12.20	4.21	6.30	Tha Sao	...	7.1	2.21
						Utadit	...	7.18	2.40
Ban Phaji	Dep.	a.m. 9.57	p.m. 12.37	p.m. 4.30	...	Ban Dara	Arr.	a.m. 8.16	p.m. 3.26
Lopburi	Arr.	11.5	1.55	5.48	...	Sawa'loke	Dep.	a.m. 7.-	p.m. 2.10
Chengkoet	Dep.	p.m. 12.33	3.38	...	7.25	Ban Dara	Arr.	a.m. 8.1	p.m. 3.11
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Tha Sao	Arr.	...	10.15	5.38	...	Korat	Dep.	...	a.m. ...	a.m. 7.-	p.m. ...
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Korat	6.8	Bangkok	Arr.	9.28	11.55	3.16	6.-
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G. REXHAUSEN
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LOCAL AND GENERAL

Latest telegrams will be found on page 6.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Paknampo line is interrupted, but Chienmal line is in good order. Other lines are in order.

THE s.s. "Katong" will leave from the Borneo Company's wharf at 6.30 a.m. sharp, on Friday the 28th inst., and should arrive in Singapore on Monday afternoon.

THE following passengers are leaving by the s.s. "Katong" on Friday morning:- Mr. and Mrs. Brighthouse, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Smyth, Mr. H. L. Norman, Mr. G. Daprato, Mr. A. Costa and Mr. E. Maluati.

PHRA Buri Navarath, His Majesty's Private Secretary who has been suffering from intermittent fever for some time and who is much run down in health has been requested by H. M. the King to go for a change to Koh Lak for a month.

A CABLEGRAM from Rotterdam to the New York "World" states that one of Germany's newest "Dreadnoughts" has struck a mine in the Baltic and gone to the bottom, all the crew except thirty-three being saved. A later despatch from Copenhagen states that the "Dreadnought" was the "Markgraf," a modern battleship completed in 1914.

DIXIE Davis and Yambo entertained their audience yesterday night at the Phathanalai Theatre by going through a varied programme which included rag-time dancing and singing. The Filipino band which made its first public appearance played very well indeed and the audience was much taken up with it. Unfortunately a good house could not have been expected as the day chosen for the performance was not one which usually suits Bangkok audiences.

THE first prosecution of a husband for treating his wife to a drink took place at Bristol on Dec. 16th. The magistrate decided that a technical offence had been committed, and fined the man the minimum sum of 9s. The Bench found that if justices laid down that a man could pay for liquor for his wife, the licensee would be confronted with the task of satisfying himself that the woman in the man's company was his wife.

THE King of Italy has probably less "side" than any European monarch. This is due to the way in which he was brought up by his military governor. On one occasion he had offended the martinet and received a severe lecture, terminating thus: "And remember that the son of a king or the son of a cobbler when he is an ass, is an ass." The activity which the King is showing during his visits to his troops in the severe mountain regions is also the result of early training. Naturally a delicate child, he was "hardened" with a severity very unusual in Royal families. Winter and summer he had to be up at six, and after a cold bath and a slight breakfast lessons began at seven. And, as the chronicler of these days remarks drily, "If by chance he allowed himself a few extra minutes in bed it was his breakfast, not his bath, which was postponed."

ACCORDING to the New Zealand papers the "war-spirit" among the Maoris rose higher than ever when the news was received that the men sent to the front had been in action on the Gallipoli Peninsula. Recruits poured in and the sending of the first batch of reinforcements was marked by tremendous enthusiasm. This was some time ago and there has been more fighting since. The recruitment seems only to be stimulated by the reports that "Maori blood has been spilt," to quote the old tribal call to battle, and the eagerness of men to enlist is remarkable. The Maoris have lived peacefully for many years, but they have not lost their martial instincts and they make excellent soldiers. Their enthusiasm is yet another proof of that fine spirit which stirs all races in the Empire to fight in a common cause.

The Kaiser's Birthday.

To-day being the anniversary of the birth of H. I. M. the Emperor of Germany who enters his 58th year of age, a reception was held at the Imperial German Legation from 10.30 a.m. till noon. Dr. Reumy, the German Chargé d'Affaires assisted by Mr. H. Riesenbeck, Chancellor of Legation, and Mr. J. Bruchmann, Interpreter, received the guests. Messrs. P. Ulrich and O. Sandreckzi of the Legation were also present.

Among the guests present were:- Phra Song Suradej, A. D. C. to H. M. the King (representing H. M. the King); H. R. H. Prince Bhaisuloke, the H. R. Presumptive; H. R. H. Prince Paribatra, Minister of Marine with Flag Lt. Harn; H. R. H. Prince Devawongse Varoprakar, Minister for Foreign Affairs; H. R. H. Prince Swasi, Lord Chief Justice of the Dika Court; H. E. Chao Phya Yonraj, Minister of Local Government; H. E. Chao Phya Bodinde D-janujit, Minister of War and his Adjutant; Phya Boriraka Chaturong, Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs; Phya Swasi, Under Secretary of the Ministry of Communications; Phya Chasen Bodi, Harbour Master General; Phya Dithakar Bhakdi, Director of the Consular Department, Foreign Office; H. E. Mr. F. J. Domela Nieuwenhuis, Minister of the Netherlands and Doyen of the Diplomatic and Consular Corps; Mr. E. Keil, Chargé d'Affaires for Austria-Hungary; Mr. F. D. Arnold, Consul General for the U. S. of America; Dr. O. O. Hansen, Vice Consul General U. S. Legation; Mr. H. B. Borgersen, Consul General for Norway; Mr. A. Mohr, Consul General for Sweden; Mr. C. von Holck, Consul for Denmark.

Practically the whole of the German community in Bangkok was present. The following left cards: H. E. Mr. G. de Plangon-Rostkoff, as representing Danish diplomatic interests. Mr. E. Florio, Mr. G. Seidel (Grählert & Co.)

Globe Libel Case.

An Injunction Granted.

London, Jan. 22nd.-In the Chancery Division of the High Court yesterday the hearing was concluded of the application of Mrs. Asquith to restrain the "Globe" newspaper from publishing libels on her in connection with German prisoners of war. Mr. Duke, K.C., counsel for Mrs. Asquith, said that the "London Weekly Mail" last May accused Mrs. Asquith of playing tennis with German officers at Downing Hall. Though the paper apologised and paid damages the slanders were continued until the "Globe" on the 29th November published a letter accusing "the wife of a member of the Cabinet" of sending a large and choice selection of comestibles purchased in Piccadilly to German prisoners. Another letter said that if Mr. Asquith handed his salary to his wife as pinmoney the public had no right to complain if she used most of the money as was asserted. The defendants expressed unqualified regret for the publication of the letters and submitted to an injunction pending a libel action.

Mr. Justice Paterson remarked that the "Globe" statement was absolutely without foundation.

An Arduous Campaign.

The conditions of the Mesopotamian campaign must have been, on the whole, among the most unpleasant of the war. Mesopotamia is one of the hottest places on earth, and its insect-haunted swamps are full of fevers, some of which the doctors do not yet understand. It has also a record variation of temperature, and in winter is damp and bitterly cold. In comparison with Mesopotamia, India, even in the hot weather, is a health resort, and, indeed, has been used as such by a great number of Mesopotamian invalids. The troops who have opposed the British advance are in the main Turkish regulars, and in these are included several of the Constantinople regiments which were sent south before the Dardanelles undertaking was begun. The Turkish regulars were loyally helped by Arab and Kurd levies, for Turkey, even in her most distant provinces, enforces universal military service, or at any rate the payment of an equivalent fine! The warlike Arab tribesmen of the country have also had to be resisted. It is probable that the Turkish Government made their biggest mistake in counting too highly on the support to be expected from these. Throughout the campaign they have played a three-cornered game, watching their opportunity to attack and plunder, which never side got the worst of it. Although the Turks have had a first claim on the services of the tribes, it had happened more than once that a Turkish defeat has been changed to disastrous rout by the attentions of their "Allies."

PADDY REPORT FOR JAN. 26.

Nasuan 2900 cooyans at Ton.	80/87 each
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Total	Cooyans 3200

China News.

Foreign Newspapers.

The Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs propose that henceforth no foreign-owned paper shall be allowed to establish itself in the interior of the country and those that have already been established are to be instructed to obey the newspaper regulations.

Imperial Largesse.

Among the Imperial favours to be bestowed upon the poor in connexion with the Coronation Ceremony, the shop-tax and rikisha-tax are to be waived for a month, as was done at the time of the inauguration of the Chungkingminkuo, says the Peking Gazette.

Eunuchs Abolished.

The State Department has received a mandate from the President regarding the abolition of eunuchs. It says that the employment of eunuchs in the various dynasties was an offence against manhood. Hereafter only female servants will be employed where male servants are unsuitable.

New Year's Day.

To celebrate the New Year according to the custom of former dynasties other than the Tsing Dynasty, the space in front of the old Palace was thrown open to amusements usually seen on public occasions, in festivals, in temples, etc., says the Peking Daily News. The Central Park was thronged with a large number of holiday-makers, and fireworks were displayed in the evening.

Aviation School.

With a view to develop aviation in China the General Staff proposes to admit during next term more than a hundred men to the Nanyuan Aviation School. The Ministry of the Navy has been also requested to send forty naval cadets to the school for training.

The First Premier.

It is understood, reports the Min-chiangpao, that the Ta Hoang Ti has offered Mr. Liang Shih-yi the Premiership of the first Cabinet under the Empire, but the latter has craved leave to decline the honour.

Canton News.

It is reported that the Canton branch of the Bank of China has been ordered to destroy all unissued notes and to transfer its specie to the foreign banks at Shanghai for safe custody.

The newspapers are not accepting the name of the new reign and year Huihsien but, instead, are adopting the Western calendar.

The Ploughing Ceremony.

President Yuan, after his accession to the Throne, will personally perform some tilling operation in the Botanic Garden on a special day in each year in order to set an example to the people, says the Peking Gazette. A special farm in the Botanic Garden has been laid out for this purpose.

Chamber of Commerce.

According to an investigation which has been made by the Ministry of Commerce and Agriculture lately, it is estimated that the Chambers of Commerce have now reached the number of 794 throughout China. The firms who have entered their names as members amount to 300,000 in number.

Duke Kung.

The lineal descendant of Confucius, Kung Lin-lo, has had the rank of Yenshenkung, or Duke, confirmed by Presidential Mandate.

Women Rebels.

The Chinese Government has received a secret report that a number of women rebels in disguise are on their way to Peking carrying with them a large quantity of dangerous munitions. Having received the report, the Government wired to General Yang Shun-teh, Defence Commissioner of Shanghai, ordering him to send a number of female examiners to Peking to examine women travellers and their baggage.

Imperial Advice.

President Yuan strongly urges his kinsmen to pay special attention to these points: (1) to pay due respect to the teachings of the ancients; (2) to observe the principles of "civility and righteousness"; (3) to uphold the sacred doctrine of the Ancient Sage; (4) to make good use of their time; (5) to appreciate "literary culture"; (6) to cultivate the martial spirit; (7) to deny themselves luxuries and extravagant living; and (8) to shun vanity.

The Yunnan Revolt.

War Councils are being held almost daily. The plan of campaign is unknown, but it is stated that the Government has drawn up a satisfactory scheme. Troops continue to be dispatched southwards. It is understood that two aeroplanes from Nanyuan are also being sent to Yunnan.

Revolutionary Leader.

Tan Jen-feng, one of the foremost leaders among the Republicans, is reported to have left Tokio for China on a Japanese steamer. He had several conferences with Chinese students and merchants as well as many leading Republicans in Japan before he left.

Government Prediction.

A mandate, after reviewing the situation in Yunnan, and predicting that the rebellion will be short-lived as Yunnan lacks money and soldiers, orders General Tiao Kun (Commander of the 3rd Division, which looted Peking in February, 1912), who is now stationed at Hunan, to march his troops to strategic points and there await orders. The mandate concludes, in the usual way on such occasions, by promising pardon to all rebels who repent.

Egyptian Notes.

A Brush on the Canal.

After an uneventful summer, during which we had almost forgotten the existence of a defence force on the Suez Canal, we have been reminded of the fact that there are enemy bodies in the Sinai Peninsula, which is, after all, Egyptian territory, says the "Pioneer's" Cairo correspondent. A communique informs us that a small mounted column consisting of Indian cavalry left Kaniara—the station half-way between Port Said and Ismailia—on the night of the 22nd November in order to drive off a patrol, the approach of which had been signalled by the aeroplanes.

In the early morning the patrol was sighted. It was about a hundred strong and at once started to retreat, splitting up into two parties for the purpose. The column could only follow up one party, which it did to good effect, for with but one casualty it captured twelve prisoners and killed seven of the patrol, several of whom were also wounded. The other party, of course, made good its escape.

This enemy patrol, which consisted of Beduins—amongst the killed was a prominent chief—was one of the reconnoitring bodies that periodically approach the Canal. The Turks have employed the frontier tribes for this purpose ever since their ill-fated attack in February last. It must, therefore, not be assumed that the affair heralds an advance in the Canal, though there is reason to anticipate that we shall receive the attentions of the Turks again this winter. It must be borne in mind that the conformation of the Sinai Peninsula is very unfavourable to the progress of any large body of men from east to west. During eight months of the year, at least it is to all intents and purposes waterless. Moreover the "wadis" or valleys run from north to south, so that even during the so-called rainy season an invading force has to contend against water difficulties. The Turks, under the direction of Teuton engineers, are known to have constructed water pipes and other paraphernalia to assist in the desert trek, but even with that it will not be possible for an army to cross the Sinai until the rains have fallen, and, as a matter of fact, there are at present no troops available in Syria. Djemil Pasha affected to call the attack made last February a "dress rehearsal," but there is little reason to fear that the actual "show" will meet any better fate, for with the knowledge and experience gained already the authorities are quite capable of tackling the invaders and the last incident serves as an indication that the defence force is ready and on the qui vive.

Locusts.

"Apropos" of Syria, the American Consular reports—American channels are our only sources of information now from that part of the world—state that the recent locust invasion did an enormous amount of damage to the crops. The summer ones were almost completely destroyed and in Palestine the olive-groves and vineyards were devastated. This information is interesting as it shows that the Turkish Army of invasion, although a Redif is "supposed" to be able to march on a few dates, will have considerable difficulty in victualling itself.

The Western Frontier.

Almost simultaneously with this news from the east came the first official statement we have ever had regarding affairs on the eastern or Tripoli frontier. As your readers no doubt know, beyond that frontier reside the great Senussi sect. When the war with Turkey broke out, a certain amount of curiosity was evinced as to the attitude which El Sayed Ahmed El Sherif, the Grand Sheikh of the sect, would adopt, as he exercised considerable influence over the other tribes. But Ahmed El Sherif seemed only too pleased to break off relations with the Porte, for as soon as he received news of the rupture he took down all the Turkish flags and set up his own all over his tents, whilst he at once intimated to the Egyptian Government that he disavowed the Turks and wished to maintain friendly relations with Cairo.

Since then, despite the activity of German and Turkish agents, the Grand Sheikh has kept up his friendly attitude towards us, but it appears that the hostile agencies at work in his camp have succeeded in influencing certain of the Arab tribes and in inducing them to commit minor acts of aggression against our frontier posts and the friendly Arabs. Since it is against the Government's policy to do anything to arouse friction or give rise to trouble, it has concentrated the smaller frontier posts situated at Solloum and Sidi Barani—which were really maintained to assert our frontier claims—at a more central point, Matruh, where a strong force has been established. The friendly Arabs have thus been assured adequate protection from the hostile tribes who have been suborned by the Teuton-Turkish agents. As far as is known, Ahmed El Sherif is entirely foreign to the acts of this section of his so-called followers, who appear to have kicked over the trace, but who will regret bitterly the day they made their pact with those agents, for Egypt is the sole source of supply for foodstuffs and other necessities for the Tripoli tribes

Modern Crusaders.

The Simple Faith of the Slav.

The Slav as a modern Crusader is the subject of a most interesting article in the "United Services Magazine," by Estelle Blyth, who declares that "religion lies at the base of the Slav's nationality, his home ties, his social dealings, drunk or sober, his religious instinct remains, and it dominates and conquers every other."

"I have drawn my premises of the Slav from a fairly intimate acquaintance with the Russian pilgrims to the Holy Land—an acquaintance of over twenty years, which remains one of the most treasured memories of a golden past. Perhaps the Russian is seen to the greatest advantage there. Dirty, ignorant, one idea'd, credulous, superstitious, often drunk and immoral—he is all those, and yet within him burns with clear ardent light the fire of religious fervour—the lamp within the pitcher. This religious instinct, emotion—call it what you will—makes the Russian pilgrim strangely clear-eyed, despite his childish credulity."

"He knows that the monk or priest before whom he bows so humbly whose mumbled blessing he accepts so reverently, is too often a sorry farce both as man and priest; but he accepts the blessing, and does not trouble about the medium through which it comes."

Cheerful Resignation.

"He pays out his coin here and there and everywhere, at shrines and altars and holy sites, and does not fret about the use to which it may be put. He believes that he is giving direct to God. He accepts with cheerful serenity the pains and labours of his way, the hard fare, the toilsome, dusty roads, the early, grasping ways of monks and guardians of all holy places, and he sees ever through the heavy mists the City to which all ways lead—Jerusalem, the Mother of us all."

"Christ walks the streets and ways with these simple, patient pilgrims: every stone and every bush is afire with Him; and as they toil along from shrine to shrine, their hearts burn within them by the way."

Like A Flock of Sheep.

"When you watch a company of Russian pilgrims stumbling along through the dust or drinking in with blissful unquestioning faith the strangest tales that ever monk repeated or conceived, you cannot help likening them to a flock of sheep. They have, apparently, the same lack of initiative, the same dumb patience, the same lack of resentment under hard usage. They seem all drab and grey and dull in soul, as in outward appearance."

"Is it possible, you ask yourself, that men can be so ignorant, so credulous, in these days? But see them at the Holy Sepulchre, with tears running down their lined old faces, kissing the sacred stones in an agony of passionate devotion, lying prostrate under Calvary; then you will see these impassive, stolid peasants all shaken by the fierceness of religious fervour that burns within."

At The Holy Sepulchre.

"Or watch them at one of the great services of Holy Week in this same wonderful church—say at the Holy Fire, or the Midnight Mass on Easter Eve—their rapt faces, their utter oblivion to everything else, yes, and their excitement which amounts to frenzy, will give you a further insight into their religious emotions, which can only be described as volcanic. The steady surge forward of these irresistible dark grey masses, the expression of these white faces with their pale and shining eyes fixed on some point far beyond your own vision, is rather terrifying. They would pass over your body as they would over stone, simply because nothing outside the service exists for them at that moment. Each man and woman is a vivid separate flame of an all-consuming fire."

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nowadays, and any acts of aggression will be promptly followed by the closing of that door. The official statement, which makes public the changes made on the western frontier, evinces absolute confidence in our ability to cope with any eventualities on that side and from what I know myself I consider there is very little to fear. At the most there may be a few isolated raids, but of concerted action, for reasons already stated, there will, we are sure, be none."

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London, Jan. 25.
Petrograd.—A communiqué states that we have occupied Sultanabad.

General Haig's Report.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
London, Jan. 25.
General Haig reports mining activity at Maricourt, Hullach and Givenchy. We successfully bombarded hostile works at Monchy and Freughien.

The Western Front.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)
Paris, Jan. 25.
Yesterday in Belgium at the turn in the mouth of the Yser after a bombardment with small bombs the enemy made an attack which we arrested by our fire. We repulsed another attack at the Hesban canal in Artois. The enemy renewed east of Neuville Saint-Vaast a more violent attack preceded by a violent bombardment. We ejected the Germans from their front lines.

French Aeroplane Work.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)
Paris, Jan. 25.
Serbia.—Thirty-two French aeroplanes bombarded the enemy cantonments at Gueghell and Monastir.

Austrians Occupy Scutari.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)
Paris, Jan. 25.
The Austrians have occupied Scutari.

The Near East.

London, Dec. 31.—The "Times" Salonika correspondent states that the news of the Gallipoli withdrawal was greeted with enthusiasm in Salonika, where the opinion had long been unanimous against pursuing the campaign.

London, Jan. 3.—Prince Michael Cantacuzene writes to the Paris "Figaro" protesting against the reports that he is endeavouring to draw Rumania to Germany's side. If there had been men who wished to draw Rumania to join the Teutons, they found no echo to their desires.

Lahore, Jan. 5.—"Civil and Military Gazette" cables from London, dated Jan. 3rd, state:—According to a Rome message from Athens the British military authorities have informed Greece of their intention to occupy the Kaiser's Corfu villa and to accommodate wounded Serbians therein.

Lahore, Jan. 7.—The Central News Hagen correspondent says that several Austrian regiments have lost one fourth of their strength.

The Central News Amsterdam Correspondent learns from an Austrian source that the 27th Austrian regiment continued. General Macmillan had the officers and every tenth man shot.

A "Civil and Military Gazette" special cable from London states:—An Exchange message says that it is officially announced that Esad Pasha has declared war on Austria.

The Times Milan correspondent says that a contingent of Italians from Valona reached Durazzo on Dec. 21st. The Commandant visited Esad Pasha, who had already expelled all the Austrians and Bulgarians. The German Agent had previously incited the northern Albanians against the Serb refugees, hundreds of whom were robbed and slain in the mountains. Esad Pasha's action has greatly augmented the Allies' prestige in Albania.

Germany's Machine-Gun Output.

Copenhagen, Dec. 14.—Advices from Berlin state that Germany has completed an enormous output of machine-guns for the defence of the entire Eastern front. Some people estimate the number of guns turned out at 100,000. Large numbers have been supplied to the Bulgarians and the Turks, while vast quantities of ammunition and machine-guns and rails have been sent to Turkey for use in Palestine.

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News Items.

Certain fashionable dressmakers are in the habit of lending money to their smart Society customers, charging the interest as "dress materials" in the bills which the unsuspecting husbands have to pay. One woman who is black-mailing to usury. She happened to find out that the husband of a client had bought some expensive millinery not for his wife. She told the wife in question, who promptly ran up a heavy bill out of revenge. When her husband grumbled, the lady let fall a significant hint, and the money was forthcoming without another murmur.

Quite a little drama was enacted a few days ago at one of the big West-end drapery stores. The younger of two ladies made a purchase, and, finding she had not enough money, asked the other to lend her some. "Why didn't you tell me before we started?" the shopman heard in reply. A whispering followed, then the elder lady said she was going to the fitting room. "My friend has gone to get change," explained the younger one. Shortly after back came the lady with a £5 note and in rather a fluster. The suspicions of the assistant were aroused.

He jumped to the conclusion that the lady had gone to the fitting-room to pick a pocket, and when the ladies were about to leave he kept them in talk while the lady detective made inquiries. On the re-appearance of the detective she made a sign that all was right, and the ladies were allowed to depart. It turned out that the elder lady was the manageress of a "lock-up" shop, and, having to take home the money every evening for safety's sake put it in her stocking!

An Army doctor tells a funny story against himself. Annoyed in the night by the coughing of a sentry posted near his quarters, he got up, mixed a cough compound, and took it out to the man. "Drink this, my lad; it'll do you good." "But, sir—" "Drink it, I tell you." Discipline prevailed, and down went the phlegm. "What did I tell you?" said the doctor the next morning. "You never coughed once after the mixture." "I know, sir, but just afore you came out the guard was changed. I've got no cough. It was the other man as was barking."

Displaying to some admiring comrades a wrist watch which had been given him by his General, together with the Military Medal for bravery in the field, a French piou-piou was overheard to say that he valued the gift more than anything else in the world. "What about your wife?" asked one of the listeners. "Oh," ejaculated the soldier, "my wife is not jealous. She understands the gift comes before her."

Here is a good story from Paris. A young lieutenant in all the glory of his first uniform, stepped into a car on the Underground the other day. A few seats away was an old soldier, who from the state of his cape and other clothes, had evidently just come from the trenches. Furious at not receiving a salute, the young officer shouted out, "I say, soldier, don't they teach you in your regiment to salute a superior officer?" Without a word the old warrior opened his cape, and it was seen that he was a colonel. Stuttering out an apology the stickler for etiquette subsided into his seat. But the colonel had not done with him, for he remarked, "Young man, have you been to the front yet?" "No," was the answer. "Then I advise you to go at once," replied the colonel. "It will do you good—much good."

A funny story concerning a learned professor, whose name is famous among antiquaries, comes from a town in the South of England. During excavations for the foundations of a new building, some alleged ancient British remains were discovered, amongst them being many human bones. The professor was quickly on the spot, and the bones were collected and placed in a sack outside on the pavement for removal in his motor-car.

But when he came to take his departure the sack could not be found, and it transpired later that an itinerant rag-and-bone merchant had made off with it. The professor was distracted, and immediately rushed round to the local marine stores, the proprietors of which he astounded by frantically insisting on sorting over their unsavoury stocks, without, however, to his bitter disappointment, discovering the missing articles.

South Africa And The War.

The Times of India's correspondent, writing from Pietermaritzburg, on December 10, says:—"The instant and pronounced success of the movement for sending a contingent of 10,000 men to fight the Germans in East Africa has been such as to surprise everyone. Not only have the 10,000 men wanted been quickly got, but the recruiting rally has been so productive that two additional regiments of infantry are to be formed for the campaign, making a total of 12,000 men. On the top of the sending of a contingent to Europe and the trouble we have with the Boer nationalists, this result is really gratifying. This contingent should, with the local forces in the British East Africa Protectorate, be sufficient to put an end at once to the present harassing operations of the Germans and their attempt on the British Railway line, and ensure their decisive defeat at a reasonably early date. I hear that the contingent is to leave early next month."

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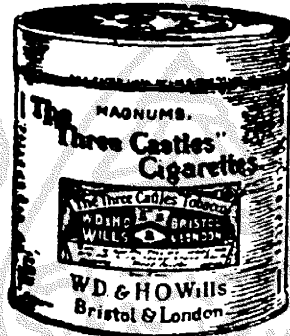
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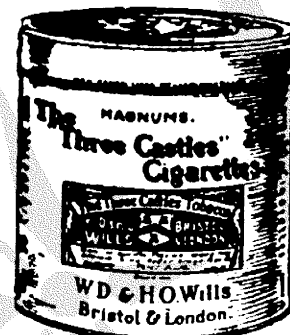
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Dutch War News.

The Dutch Ambassador at Paris denies the French newspaper allegation that Holland is helping Germany.

Minister Postuma has declined the offer from a private German source of an exchange of wallpaper for an equivalent in value of flour.

Captain d'Engelbrunner has been appointed adjutant to the new Governor-General of the Netherlands Indies, Graaf van Limburg Stirum.

The executive of the Government Mines Office is taking over charge of the distribution of coal in Holland.

The Dutch Government has formulated regulations whereby Dutch ships trading from Dutch Harbours are prohibited from being hired or sold for carrying war material.

Dutch Steamer Mined.

The Gosoutor rescued forty of the crew of the Dutch steamer Maashaven which struck a mine west of the Galloper lightship. The Prince Juliana rescued 8 more. The Maashaven is on fire and sinking. The Maashaven is on fire and sinking.

German Food Shortage.

The economic position in Germany is daily growing worse. Several Dutch families have of late been repatriated in consequence.

The German Minister of Finance, Herr Helfferich, will shortly proceed to Vienna to discuss the financial outlook.

Seizure of Mails.

The Dutch mail from Lisbon on board the a.s. Enterpe was seized oppo-

site the Dances by a British vessel. The Dutch mail from Caracas was opened by the British Censor. Fifteen letters were confiscated.

The last consignment of mails on board the steamer Rotterdam were not seized by the British.

Bombs on Salonika.

A German flying squadron consisting of 12 machines dropped 78 bombs on the Allied positions at Salonika. Several fires were seen to break out in the camps.

The Ford Party.

The Ford peace party attempted to come to a working arrangement with the Dutch Anti-War Party, but the scheme was found to be unworkable.

Cettijae.

The Austrians took Beras, and the hill positions commanding Cettijae, and afterwards bombarded the city.

In Germany there is great rejoicing over the result of the battle for Mount Lovtchen.

Deputy Busselman, in the Reichstag has asked for particulars relating to the arrest of the Consuls at Salonika.

Dardanelles Forts Bombarded.

A Constantinople message says the Allied Fleet has again bombarded Sedd al-Bahr, and several other points.

100,000 Austro-German Casualties.

According to the "Daily Telegraph" the Austro-German forces lost 100,000 in killed and wounded in the recent fighting on the Bukovina front. — "Pau-
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