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to notify all customers
and clients that my
business is now located
at the new building at
the corner of Kleng
Poh Yome and Bang-
rak

Ah Seang, Tailor.

Notice.

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tisements before 11 a.m. of the
day they intend the advertise-
ment to appear. Should any
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s.s. Atsuta Maru	Feb. 16		

FOR HONGKONG AND JAPAN.

Movements of Steamers uncertain.

JAPAN-AMERICA LINE.

Steamers will leave HONGKONG for SEATTLE as follows:

1916		1916	
s.s. Awa Maru	Jan. 25	s.s. Yokohama Maru	Mar. 13
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s.s. Aki Maru	Feb. 25	s.s. Awa Maru	Mar. 18
s.s. Tamba Maru	Mar. 7	s.s. Shidzuoka Maru	Mar. 26

JAPAN-AUSTRALIAN LINE

Steamers will leave HONGKONG for MELBOURNE as follows:

1916		1916	
s.s. Nikko Maru	Jan. 14	s.s. Tango Maru	Mar. 14
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HOMEWARD

1916

MAIL LINE SAILINGS.

Leaves Singapore	Connecting at	Due London
s.s. "Nankin" Jan. 7, 1916	Colombo with	s.s. "Malaya" Feb. 5, 1916
s.s. "Novara" Jan. 21	s.s. "Arabia" Jan. 19	
s.s. "Kashmir" Feb. 4	s.s. "Karnata" Mar. 4	
s.s. "Sardinia" Feb. 18	s.s. "Khyber" Mar. 20	
s.s. "Nankin" Mar. 3	s.s. "Medina" Apr. 1	
s.s. "Nankin" Mar. 17	s.s. "Mongolia" Apr. 15	
s.s. "Novara" Mar. 31	s.s. "Malwa" Apr. 29	

Intermediate Direct Sailings.

1916		1916	
s.s. "Nellie" leaves Singapore about	Feb. 10	due London	Mar. 16
s.s. "Mongara" do	do	do	Mar. 22
s.s. "Nore" do	do	do	Mar. 29

OUTWARD—1916.

For China.

Due Singapore	Connection with	Leaving London
s.s. "Sardinia" Jan. 9, 1916	s.s. "Khyber"	Dec. 11, 1915
s.s. "Nankin" Jan. 23	s.s. "Medina"	Jan. 24
s.s. "Nore" Jan. 29	s.s. "Mongolia"	Jan. 31
s.s. "Nankin" Feb. 6	s.s. "Malwa"	Feb. 7
s.s. "Novara" Feb. 20	s.s. "Mooltan"	Feb. 22
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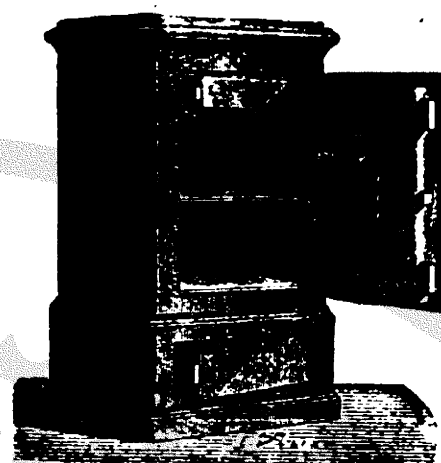
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Semarak, Bisut, Tringgann, Kretay and Singapore.

List of Departures from Bangkok:

s.s. "Redang"	...	22nd January 1916.
s.s. "Chutacut"	...	25th "
s.s. "Mahidol"	...	29th "
s.s. "Boribai"	...	1st February "
s.s. "Prachatipok"	...	5th "
No Departure	...	8th "
s.s. "Chutacut"	...	12th "
s.s. "Mahidol"	...	15th "
s.s. "Boribai"	...	18th "
s.s. "Prachatipok"	...	22nd "
No Departure	...	25th "
No Departure	...	29th "

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Sh. Ticals 7,500,000

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Direction Der Disconto Gesellschaft.

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The Siam Commercial Bank, Ltd.

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Actg. Manager.

Bangkok, 5-11-10. 4-11-1911.

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14-28

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BANGKOK BAR.

FOR JANUARY, 1916.

A.M.

H. W. Ft. in. L. W. (Approx.)

1 11 00 14 0 ...

2 4 0 13 9 ...

3 4 0 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 30 15 2 ...

10 9 00 15 0 ...

11 9 00 14 7 ...

12 9 30 14 6 ...

13 10 00 14 6 ...

14 10 00 14 0 ...

15 10 00 13 10 ...

16 10 00 13 6 ...

17 6 00 14 6 ...

18 6 00 14 9 ...

19 6 00 15 2 ...

20 7 00 15 6 ...

21 7 30 15 9 ...

22 7 30 15 9 ...

23 8 00 16 5 ...

24 9 00 15 4 ...

25 9 00 15 2 ...

26 9 00 14 8 ...

27 9 00 14 6 ...

28 9 00 14 6 ...

29 9 00 14 6 ...

30 9 00 14 0 ...

31 4 00 13 6 ...

P.M.

H. W. Ft. in. L. W. (Approx.)

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PHASES OF THE MOON.

Jan. 5th New Moon 11.33 a.m.

12th First Quarter 10.18 a.m.

20th Full Moon 9.11 p.m.

27th Last Quarter 7.17 a.m.

Bangkok Mails Close.

CHANDABURI.

Wednesday 26th 10 a.m. s.s. Krat

HONGKONG via SWATOW

Wednesday 26th 2 p.m. s.s. Chusan

HONGKONG.

Wednesday 26th 2 p.m. s.s. Chengtu

SINGAPORE.

Thursday 27th 5 p.m. s.s. Katong

Exchange Rates.

To-day's Quotations.

LONDON—

Bank Bills, demand 1/6 7/16

Bank Bills, 4 months' sight 5/6

PARIS—

Bank Bills, demand —

GERMANY—

Bank Bills, demand —

NEW YORK—

Bank Bills, demand U.S.A. 35 1/2

INDIA—

Bank Bills, demand Ra. 114

SINGAPORE—

Bank Bills, demand \$65 1/2

HONGKONG—

Bank Bills, demand, \$77 3/4

YOKOHAMA & KOBE—

Bank Bills, demand, Y71

NOTE—The rate of Interest on Ad-
vance Bills has been reduced to
6 per cent. per annum.

Equivalent of Exchange demand
London in Siamese Currency —
41—Tos. 13.06.—(Bank Rate)

The Arrol-Johnston
Programme.

The following is an extract of a let-
ter from Arrol-Johnston, Ltd. to the
Motor Export Trader published in the
latter's issue of December last.

"We should be decidedly pleased
were we in a position to be able to
afford even some slight idea of what
we may produce in the way of cars
after the war is finished, but as will be
readily understood, circumstances com-
bine to prevent this. It is fairly cer-
tain that we shall endeavour to include
the 17.9 model, of which we had just
commenced to produce examples when
war broke out.

"We were able to get a few cars of
this type through our shops before the
Government demands rendered it im-
perative that we ceased to apply any
of our facilities to other than their
work, and the few models were, fortu-
nately, for the export trade, sent
abroad. We say fortunately because
in the ordinary workings, we always
have endeavoured to get our Colonial
models into the hands of our agents
abroad early in order that they may
keep well in line with their
competitors, and the few mod-
els that were supplied will
have afforded them an excellent op-
portunity of demonstrating to possible
purchasers the value embodied in the
17.9 car, and which we are pleased to
say not only is in keeping but a little
ahead of the Arrol-Johnston reputation.

"At the same time perhaps we should
apply the term unfortunate to the de-
livery of these few models, as from the
evidences since received we are assured
that had we been able to give agents
the cars, our Colonial trade would this
year have increased considerably.
"We are extremely glad to have this
opportunity of discussing in the trade
organ the position generally, and we
are also pleased to be able to call the
trade's attention to our possession of
facilities unsurpassed by any house in
the industry. Our factory at Dum-
fries—and which is at the moment of
writing being added to—was built just
under three years ago, and in its equip-
ment has been included every known
item that could assist production and
when we say production we mean pro-

duction in its entirety. High class
skilled labour, high grade plant, effi-
cient inspectorship, top quality ma-
terials, labour-saving devices and a
minimum of waste, have secured for
the Arrol-Johnston car an unassailable
position in the markets of the world.
We do not wish this statement to be
taken in any boasting spirit, for it is
an accepted fact that for value the
Arrol-Johnston motor vehicle is second
to none and when we are once again
in car stride, the trade will be afforded
evidence that although we have not
lately been supplying to their require-
ments, their interests have been care-
fully studied and watched in the in-
terval and the models we shall offer
will be, if possible, even better value
than ever.

"For some time before the declara-
tion of war—in August, 1914—a con-
siderable portion of our works was
devoted to the production of aero-
engines, and to-day 80 per cent. of the
factory's output is concentrated to this
end. Even to the minutiae, the skill
demanded in the production of aero
engines is obvious, and although the
mechanics employed rank high in the
labour world, there is no doubt that
the increased skill and attention de-
manded of them have been of con-
siderable advantage to all concerned and
the next Arrol-Johnston car engine
must in the ordinary course of events
be as near the perfect article as has
ever been produced."

China.

London, Jan. 19.—In the House of
Commons Sir Edward Grey said he had
no knowledge of a Note said to have
been addressed to the diplomats at Peking
by the Chinese Minister for Foreign
Affairs, requesting their co-operation
with the Chinese Government to pre-
vent occurrences similar to the revolt
at Shanghai.

Asked whether Britain had request-
ed Japan to prohibit the export of
beans and bean-oil from Dainy to
neutral countries, Sir Edward Grey
said that the matter was discussed and
prohibition was found to be im-
practicable. Other methods of pre-
venting the goods reaching the enemy
were preferred.

Studebaker

THE STUDEBAKER MOTOR CAR

Model

Notice.

Having been appointed by the Imperial German Consular Court Trustee to the Estate of the late Mr. A. Osann, of Klong Rangsit, notice is hereby given that all persons owing money to or having claims against the said Estate, are hereby requested to communicate with the undersigned on or before the 29th February 1916.

G. REXHAUSEN
(c/o Government Medical Depot),
Trustee to the Estate of the late
Mr. A. Osann.
t. f. n.

Up-to-date Repairs.

The Siphya workshop is one of the best equipped in the district. I am prepared to undertake repairs to Watches, Typewriters, Talking machines etc; **A trial is solicited.** A representative will call at your office if desired.

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Siphya Road.
3 & 5

Notice

The undersigned beg to announce that the business of Messrs F. Grahlert & Co., will for the present be carried on in the same way as before.

The premises will be closed for three days on account of stock taking. All Debtors & Creditors of the firm are hereby requested to communicate with the undersigned trustees within one month for adjusting accounts and claims.

F. GRAHLERT & CO.
E. GROOTE } trustees for
E. JURGENS } the Estate.
24 - 29

**Notice.**

Tenders are hereby invited for the supply of Mild Steel plates, bars, and Angles etc., for the Royal Irrigation Department.

Specification may be obtained at the Office of the Royal Irrigation Department West Bank of the River.

Sealed tenders marked tender for the supply of Mild Steel plates etc., must be submitted to the Director General of the Royal Irrigation Department on or before the 15th February 1916 at 10 a.m. when the tenders will be opened.

The Royal Irrigation Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

Royal Irrigation Department.
Bangkok, 17th January B.E. 2448.
18-25

Notice.

TO CONSIGNEES OF GOODS:-

Ex s.s. "Atrous"
"Knight Companion"
"Sardania"
"Hakata Maru"
and Balances ex s.s. "Helenus" "Hyson" "Kloto", "Kathamba", "Benavon", "Abeuta Maru" "Kashima Maru" and "Sawa Maru".

are hereby notified that same have arrived per s.s. "Kuala" on 19th inst., and will be landed and stored at our Wharf.

No claim will be entertained unless made within ten days of final discharge of the steamer.

Goods not cleared within 3 days after final discharge of cargo will be liable for go-down rent.

BORNEO CO., LIMITED.
Agents.

Notice.

Is hereby given that the price for SHELL MOTOR SPIRIT has been raised to Tcs. 5.25 per tin of 4 gallon as from to-day.

Bangkok, Jan. 17th, 1916.

Nai Lert Store.

Retail Agent:

"SHELL" MOTOR SPIRIT.

Ferro Concrete Pontoons

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Everlasting, Indestructible, no expense for upkeep or renewals, cost compares very favourably, with that of wood or steel, **as the first cost is the last.**

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Prices and particulars on application.

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FISH
Kippers
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TURKEYS
Boiled Ham on cut
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Breakfast Bacon
(fresh arrival)

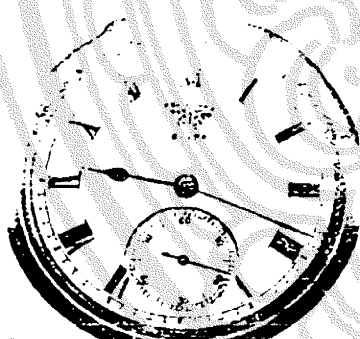
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H. M. The King's Gold Cup.

With the gracious consent of His Majesty it has been agreed between the two football committees to postpone the competition for this cup until the next football season.

Eurasian Volunteer Acquitted of Murder.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT).
Singapore, Jan. 25.

A Eurasian volunteer Pengelly who was charged before the Penang Assizes with the murder of another volunteer has been acquitted but was convicted for the rash act and sentenced to four months simple imprisonment.

The Tin Market.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT).
Singapore, Jan. 25.

Tin is quoted at \$88.

Sungie Bagan Rubber Co.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT).
Singapore, Jan. 25.

At a meeting of the directors of the Sungie Bagan Rubber Co. held to-day an interim dividend of five per cent. was declared payable to shareholders on February 16th next.

Messrs. Barker and Co. have been appointed secretaries.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

Latest telegrams will be found on page 6.

THE B. M. C. have received a fresh stock of English margarine by the s.s. Katong.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Malay Peninsular Main line is in order as far as Langkuan. Local line in good order. Other lines in order.

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

MEMBERS of the B. B. W. N. G. are reminded that the meeting will take place at Mrs. Grant's house at 4.30 o'clock, and the following one will be held on Wednesday, the 9th of February, at Mrs. Thornely's, at the same hour. On each occasion, both A's and B's will be welcome, as usual.

SAYS the "Malaya Tribune." We learn that the local steamer Singapore, which was recently sold by Messrs. Latham & Co. for £20,000, has passed her survey and has been taken over by her new owners. She is now fixed to load rice between Hongkong and Saigon.

MR. R. H. B. Croucher, of the Vacuum Oil Co., is collecting subscriptions for the Lord Roberts Memorial Fund, a national plan to find work for disabled service men organised by the Incorporated Soldiers and Sailors Help Society, and will be pleased to give particulars to those interested.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Ambassador Spring Rice has revealed to Mr. Lansing a plot to embroil Britain and the United States. Numerous letters from a fictitious address at Toronto, signed by an alleged British colonel have been mailed to the United States urging Americans to enlist in the British army.

R. B. S. C. Tennis Tournament.

The following dates have been fixed by the tennis sub-committee for the completion of the playing off of the various rounds and finals in the tennis tournaments:-

30th Jan. 6th Feb. 13th Feb.
Men's handicap
singles 3rd round, semi final, final
Men's handicap
doubles 4th round, semi final, final
Men's open
singles final.
Men's open
singles final.

Members are notified that now eight courts are available for play. Till the completion of the tournaments, should there be three courts that have not been reserved for tournament games for any day, those three courts may be reserved for ordinary games if booked after 6 p.m. the day before they are to be reserved for.

Booking of reserved courts for the 14th Feb. and onwards will recommence on the 7th Feb. under the usual rules for the reserving of courts.

The Protestant Church.

In their report for the year ended 31st December, 1915, the Committee of the Protestant Church, Bangkok, state:- "Nothing of an unusual character has occurred during the period under review, and no special services have been held. The Committee desire to express their thanks to Revd. R. C. Simmons for assisting in the various services during the year.

The thanks of the community are due to all the members of the Christ Church Choir for their loyal service during the year; also to Mr. F. G. Trayer, who acted as Choirmaster, until he left Bangkok early in the year, and who having returned, has consented to resume the position. The Committee would like to put on record their appreciation of the good work done by Mr. A. Brearley, who not only took over the duties of Choirmaster on Mr. Trayer's departure, but also undertook those of Organist, when Mr. Gatenby left a little later. He has worked very hard in both these capacities during the last 9 months, and it is entirely due to his efforts that full musical services have been maintained during this time. He has also been responsible for the upkeep of the church organ.

The Revd. H. Hillyard contemplates proceeding on leave in the Spring of 1916 and the Committee have pleasure in stating that he has agreed to continue as Chaplain for a period of another three years, to date from his return to Bangkok."

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the British Legation Court House on Monday, 31st January at 6.30 p.m.

Kiam Hoa Heng & Co.

A Settlement Arrived At.

We are informed on the best authority that the differences which have lately arisen between the partners in this firm have now been amicably settled to the satisfaction of all parties concerned and that the two cases now pending in Court will be withdrawn. We feel sure the Bangkok public will be pleased to hear this news, especially as rumours have lately been in circulation that the firm was to be wound up. Messrs. Kiam Hoa Heng & Co. was started very many years ago by Mr. Chan Teck Hee and the father of Mr. Low Gek Seng, and at the present time is one of the richest and most successful Chinese firms in Bangkok. It would have been indeed sad to see an old established business like Messrs. Kiam Hoa Heng & Co. brought to an end through differences of opinion between the partners as to the management of the business and we are glad to hear that these differences have now been settled and that the business is to continue, we hope for many years, under the same management.

Russian Recuperation.

Maximilian Harden writes in the "Zukunft":—"Not one of our enemies has yet been disarmed, not one of them is discouraged. Britain, the most powerful of all, has not even been seriously affected by our blows. All our enemies believe, as sincerely as Germany, that they will be victorious and they are determined to make the greatest sacrifices for this end. This war is evidently a war of exhaustion. No one can foresee the outcome. This should be fully realised by all Germans. What is happening in Russia ought to prove to us that this country is far from being in a state of collapse, which we in our folly thought imminent. The Russians have 7,000,000 soldiers in the field and 8,000,000 more in training; the railway line to the ice-free sea is nearly completed. They believe that in March, in April at the very latest, the offensive will begin with from ten to twelve million men, well equipped and provided with the best guns and ammunition Russia, Japan and America can produce. And there is no prospect of a revolution in Russia."

On the Field of Honour.

The death of M. H. Segnitz, 2nd Lieutenant of 30th Regiment of Infantry in the French Army and formerly a distinguished member of the Code Commission in Siam, has been confirmed. The following particulars of his sad but glorious end are taken from a letter written by the Commanding Officer of his company:—During the night of the 21 August we had been ordered to move forward our line of trenches and bring them to about 100 metres from the German lines. Lieut. Segnitz had to move first for the preliminary work of re-occupying the ground and roughly outlining the new trenches. It was very near 9 p.m. and the rising moon made the exploration more dangerous when Segnitz jumped out of our trenches accompanied with a non-com. officer and a sergeant and in spite of his two fellow officers pointing out the danger, he calmly began to measure the ground. Two bullets whistled past him. "Lie down," shouted the sergeant. "No let us go on," Segnitz answered "we are not those they are aiming at." Unfortunately a third bullet came at this moment and hit Segnitz passing through both femoral arteries. The wound caused hemorrhage and although he was immediately attended to by the medical officers M. Segnitz had lost so much blood in a few minutes that every effort to save his life was doomed to failure. He died in the motor ambulance while on his way to the field hospital. His last words were: "Do tell the commanding officer I have done what I could in order to facilitate his further work. I regret dying without having been able to do any more."

Montenegro.

London, Jan. 19.—The Italian press has been recently strongly repudiating any suggestion that Italy failed to support Montenegro, and now comments in the bitterest manner on Montenegro's surrender. It alleges that King Nicholas secretly agreed with Austria in October last for the eventual conclusion of a separate peace treaty; and that the subsequent resistance was merely a sham. The Italian press maintains that the capitulation of Montenegro was merely an episode. The Austrians would meet with a very different resistance at Scutari and in Albania.

The British press takes a sober view of the capitulation, and points out that the enemy jubilation is really a confession of weakness, because it is a triumph over the submission of the remnants of the pigmy army of the smallest kingdom in the world, the first of their adversaries to submit after eighteen months' war. Whereas Germany is weakening in spreading out, the Allies are supreme at Sea and are preparing a shattering blow at her vitals.

London, Jan. 19.—A telegram has been received at Paris that the King of Montenegro, his family and diplomats had embarked at San Giovanni di Medua for Italy.

Rome, Jan. 20.—The report of the rupture of Austro-Montenegrin negotiations spread this afternoon. Nothing definite is yet known but it appears to be confirmed by the announcement that King Nicholas and his family are coming to Italy.

Rome, Jan. 20.—The Montenegrin Consul General confirms the rupture of Austro-Montenegrin peace negotiations and says fighting has been resumed.

Brindisi, Jan. 20.—The Queen and Princesses of Montenegro have arrived and have gone to Rome. King Nicholas has remained at Scutari, organising resistance.

Brindisi, Jan. 20.—The Premier of Montenegro has arrived here. He announces that King Nicholas and the Government refused all the Austrian terms and fighting has been resumed on all fronts. The King and his sons are still in Montenegro amidst the troops organising a last stand.

Paris, Jan. 20.—King Nicholas expresses the hope the Allies will help the Montenegrins to evacuate their country if such a step is necessary.

Germany's Losses.

London, Jan. 20.—In the House of Commons Mr. Tennant said the German casualties "as far as figures are available" at the end of the year were killed 388,986; died 24,080; wounded 1,766,349; missing 356,153.

Salonica Situation.

A Curious Report.

London, Jan. 20.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Salonika says a sudden and incomprehensible change has come over the enemy's attitude. Bulgarians and Austro-Germans are hurriedly withdrawing part of their troops northward from the frontier.

Lieban, Jan. 14.—The fire in the stute military store spread to enormous proportions during the night and ended to-day by the falling in of the walls. About thirty were injured. The War Minister declared he was convinced that the cause of the fire was foul play.

Germany.

Dislike of the Censor.

Amsterdam, Jan. 20.—In the Reichstag there was a lively debate on the censorship.

Herr Dithmann (Socialist) said the rights of the people had been trampled on despite their labours and renunciation of strikes during war. Despite a party truce Socialist editors had been subjected to heavy censorship purely political and non-military. He especially complained of prohibition of criticism of semi-official articles and also criticism of the annexation mania. He considered that everywhere the people's will was thwarted.

Herr Fischback (Progressive) denounced the attempts of the censor to compel papers to publish inspired articles and prohibition of criticisms of bank statements.

Herr Stresemann (National Liberal) said the most foolish thing of all was the suppression of the Reichstag proceedings. A world war can only be won with public opinion backing it and he complained the country had been misled and only foreign articles favourable to Germany had been allowed to be published. The result was we were startled as waking from a dream to find suddenly facing us nothing but hatred, envy and hostility, even from neutral countries. It was impossible to hide from those abroad that in many matters things were bad with us, that we should have great difficulties, that England's blockade was effective in many respects. The Government should take steps to tell the people not that everything was going well but that much was going ill therefore it was the duty to accept every burden.

The people of England were allowed to read accounts of battles and attacks, that was due to a feeling of strength and greatness.

After a reply by the representative of Government defending the censorship the debate was immediately closed.

The Western Fighting.

The enemy on Jan. 18 exploded two mines south of Fricourt doing but little damage. We to-day successfully bombarded hostile trenches at several points. A party of our troops at dusk raided the enemy's trenches north of the river Lys and brought back several prisoners. The enemy exploded a mine near the Hohenzollern redoubt and another in front of our trenches south-east of Cunchy but did no damage. Hostile artillery was active north-west of Fromelles and east of Ypres. Our fire brought down a hostile aeroplane near Frelinghien.

The Shipping Shortage.

London, Jan. 19.—In the House of Commons Mr. Bunciman reviewing the shipping problem said Government had considered commandeering the whole of British tonnage but had decided this would only aggravate the shortage. He hoped by further economy of requisitioned tonnage to release vessels for ordinary trade. The recent rise in freights was largely due to sudden requisitioning to bring nitrates from South America the vessels being only replaceable by neutrals who commanded higher rates. He concluded that it might be necessary to exclude luxuries (from cargo space) (cheers).

In the Caucasus.

Petrograd Jan. 20.—The communiqué emphasises that the Russian thrust at the Turkish centre in the Caucasus was violent and unexpected. The flight of the Turks was so hurried that they were unable to remove their dead and hundreds of corpses strewn the path of the advancing Russians who frequently had to cross heavily towering above the clouds and dig trenches in the deep snow amid a blizzard. The Russians occupied the town of Kepreskey on the Arax thirty-three miles east of Erzerum and captured much booty. In fighting south-west of lake Urmiah in Persia the Russians drove the Kurds southwards.

A Present From the Shah.

Tehran, Jan. 19.—An Envoy of the Shah arrived at Kazvin and presented the Commander of the Russian force with the Shah's portrait set in diamonds and bestowed decorations on members of the Russian Staff.

Derby Tries Again.

London, Jan. 19.—Lord Derby and his committees have decided on a great new recruiting campaign amongst married as well as single men. The reopening of the groups has hitherto only secured a fraction of those eligible but the results are sufficiently satisfactory to warrant a vigorous effort to secure all eligibles voluntarily. It is hoped the mayors and provosts will assist to make it a complete success.

A Last Chance for Volunteers.

London, Jan. 20.—In the House of Commons Mr. Bonar Law said Government could not accept a proposal to exempt a conscientious objector entirely from military service but an amendment would empower tribunals to allow men to undertake work of national importance instead.

The amendment was subsequently agreed to.

Monthly Crop Report.

(General.)

For the Month of November 2458.

PADDY.

Krung Deb. The area planted up to date is about 620,000 rai. The paddy is doing well and is heading. Harvesting of Kao Hao has begun.

Mondol Krung Knao. The total area under cultivation is about 2,797,000 rai. The paddy is in good condition and is beginning to head.

Hill rice is doing well and is being harvested.

Mondol Nagor Jaisri. The total area under cultivation is about 1,121,000 rai, harvesting has been done on about 105,000 rai. The crop is good.

Harvesting of hill rice has been done on about 2,500 rai.

Mondol Rajburi. The total area under cultivation is about 455,000 rai.

The paddy is heading and harvesting is commencing.

Hill rice is in good condition and is heading.

Mondol Prachin. The total area under cultivation is about 1,724,000 rai.

The paddy is heading and harvesting has been undertaken on about 22,300 rai.

Hill rice is doing well and is being harvested.

Mondol Chandaburi. The total area under cultivation is about 206,000 rai.

The paddy is heading and harvesting has been done on about 8,600 rai.

Hill rice is in good condition; 1,100 rai have been harvested.

Mondol Nagor Rajsimma. The total area under cultivation is about 425,000 rai. Harvesting has been undertaken on about 15,300 rai. The crop is fairly good.

Harvesting of hill rice has been done on about 700 rai.

Mondol Nagor Svarga. The total area under cultivation is about 347,000 rai.

The paddy is partly heading and harvesting is commencing.

Hill rice is in good condition; 1,200 rai have been harvested.

Mondol Bisanulok. The total area under cultivation is about 451,000 rai.

The paddy is heading and harvesting has been done on about 18,900 rai.

Hill rice is in good condition and is being harvested.

Mondol Beja Burna. The area planted up to date is 42,000 rai. The paddy is in fair condition and is heading.

Hill rice is being harvested.

Mondol Uta. The total area under cultivation is about 343,000 rai, harvesting has been done on about 211,500 rai.

Hill rice is in fair condition.

Mondol Upha. The total area under cultivation is about 616,000 rai, harvesting has been done on about 12,600 rai. The crop is inferior to that of last year.

Harvesting of hill rice is commencing.

Mondol Surashtra. The area planted up to date is 151,000 rai, the paddy is in fair condition with the exception of some which has been damaged by flooding.

Harvesting of hill rice has been done on about 3,000 rai.

Mondol Bhuket. About 7,800 more rai have been planted, the paddy is in fair condition.

2,300 rai of hill rice have been harvested.

COTTON.

The crop is doing fairly well in every Mondol heard from except in Mondol Nagor Svarga where the plants suffer from drought. The crop is in bearing in many Mondols.

TOBACCO.

The area planted in Mondol Nagor Jaisri is about 1,600 rai, in Mondol Rajburi, 7,200 rai, in Mondol Prachin 200 rai, in Mondol Nagor Svarga 1,100 rai, in Mondol Nagor Rajsimma 100 rai, in Mondol Bisanulok 400 rai, in Mondol Beja Burna 260 rai and in Mondol Uta 500 rai. The plants are doing satisfactorily in every Mondol except in Mondol Nagor Jaisri where the crop is not doing very well.

PEPPER.

The crop is doing fairly well except in Muang Singburi of Mondol Krung Knao. The plants are in bearing in some Mondols.

PEPPER.

The area planted in Mondol Chandaburi is 12,900 rai and in Mondol Bhuket 4,000 rai. The vines are doing satisfactorily in both Mondols.

COCONUT.

Coconut trees are in good condition in both Mondols.

Reports have not yet been received from Mondol Bayab, Roi ech, Nagor Sridharmaraj and Pattani.

The Position in Albania.

London, January 7.—An Exchange message says Esad Pasha has declared war on Austria. The "Times" Milan correspondent says a contingent of Italians from Valona reached Durazzo on December 21st. The commander visited Esad Pasha who had already expelled all Austrians and Bulgars. The "Gazette de Venezia" correspondent in Albania says the Italians, overcoming almost incredible engineering difficulties, have opened a permanent line of communication from Valona to Durazzo which will serve as a base for aiding the Serbian army. The Italians solidly possess the Albanian coast.

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THE RAINFALL.

Rainfall for the 1st week in January 2458

Locality.	Rainfall recorded during the week.	Rainfall of corresponding week of last year.	Total rainfall for present year to date.	Total rainfall for last year to corresponding date.	Remarks.
	Millimetres.	Millimetres.	Millimetres.	Millimetres.	
Ministry of Agriculture	None	None	1233.6	1280.8	
Dhanyaburi	"	"	1253.3	1155.2	
Sanudprakar	No report	"	"	1320.3	
Krung Kao	None	"	1073.5	954.3	
Angtong	"	"	1450.3	1082.9	
Loburi	"	"	1269.0	1284.1	
Jainart	No report	"	"	919.5	
Udaidhani	"	"	"	970.7	
Bisanulok	None	"	1471.4	1663.9	
Petrew	"	"	1213.1	1546.3	
Prachin	"	"	1550.4	1863.5	
Nagor Pathom	"	"	1561.3	1932.4	
Rajburi	"	"	1256.6	940.2	
Bejaraburi	"	"	1729.4	1121.1	
Xiangmai	"	"	863.9	1080.4	
Singora	40.0	90.6	2138.4	1367.8	

An Eye-Witness for Mesopotamia.

says the "Straits Times." So far we have received comparatively meagre news of the operations in Mesopotamia. The only connected story of any importance has been that unofficially contributed by Sir Mark Sykes. M. P., who visited our forces there. It is understood that an "eyewitness," Mr. Edmund Candler, has now been appointed

and is on his way. Mr. Candler is a Repton and Cambridge man who for some time was engaged in educational work in India. He knows the East well, for he has travelled extensively in Burma, Siam, Tibet, and Arabia. As a special correspondent he had an adventurous time with the Tibet Expedition of 1904. He was severely wounded in the engagement at Tuna and lost the use of his left hand.

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THE Great War.

King of Montenegro

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
London, Jan. 24.
Brindisi.—The King of Montenegro and Prince Peter have arrived en route for Lyons.

Russian Success in the Caucasus.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)
London, Jan. 24.
Petrograd.—A communiqué says the Russians continue the pursuit in the centre (between Persia and the Black Sea) of the Turkish army which is retreating precipitately from the region of Lake Tortum the Russians capturing prisoners, rifles, munitions and stores of all kinds. The Cossacks charged the Turkish rearward near the Erzerum forts and sabred several hundreds and captured over a thousand prisoners. The remainder of the rearward fled to Erzerum. The Russian artillery have bombarded the forts of Erzerum.

In the Cameroons.

(Havas Telegram.)
Paris, Jan. 23.
A communiqué from the Colonies announce the approaching end of the Anglo-French operations in the Cameroons where we occupied on the 17th instant Ebovala, the last important German post.

German Aeroplane Near Kent.

(Havas Telegram.)
Paris, Jan. 23.
London.—A German aeroplane flew over the east coast of the county of Kent dropping nine bombs without doing damage to anything connected with the military. One person was killed.

Violent Artillery Fighting.

(Havas Telegram.)
Paris, Jan. 23.
Yesterday there was violent artillery fighting on the Aisne, in Lorraine and the Vosges. To-day there is nothing to report.

Prospects in the Balkans.

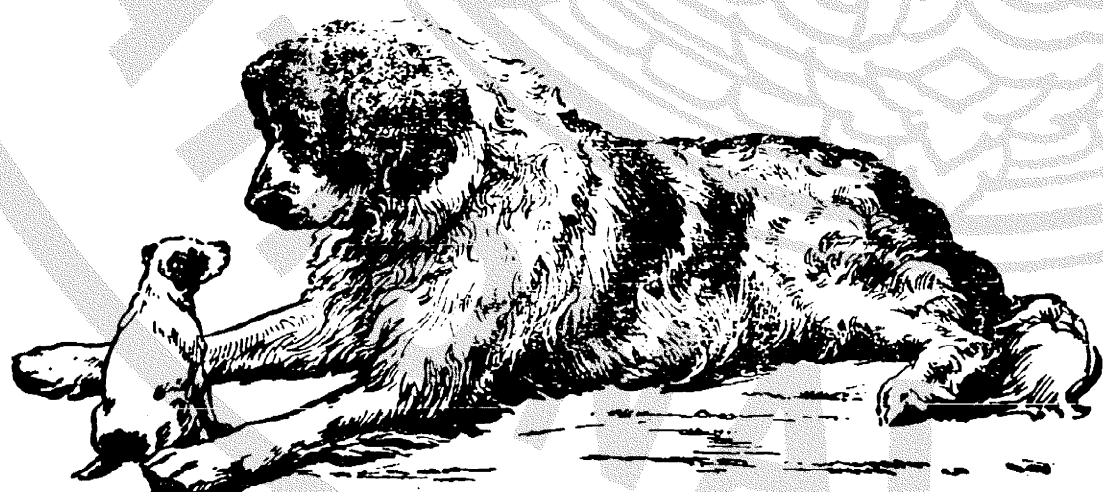
London, Jan. 7.—According to a correspondent of the "Standard" in Switzerland, Lord Kitchener during his recent visit to Athens discussed the war with the Serbian minister at the Greek court. Lord Kitchener, it is said, declared the Allies' preparations would continue steadily until the end of the war; Germany and her Allies would be crushed during her third year of the struggle, perfect unity existed among the Allies. He definitely affirmed the Balkan campaign would not be abandoned; the Allies would continue in the meantime to concentrate their forces at Salonika for the ultimate purpose of an advance from there; the Serbian army would co-operate in advance from its Albanian base; in the spring, the Russians will have no fewer than seven million men under arms.

The Bucharest correspondent of the "Times" states that the Germans, pursuing in this regard a policy analogous to the repressive regime initiated by them in connection with the internal administration of Bulgaria, are employing Bulgarian troops to the utmost extent on foreign service. Unless the cession of Salonika is promised to Bulgaria as an inducement to her to continue the war, the anticipated incipient peace-movement in that country will make rapid progress and that a strong reaction in Bulgarian sentiment will strongly show itself.

London, January 6.—The "Daily Mail" Athens correspondent says that German prestige in Greece has fallen since the advance towards Salonika has been stopped. The Queen, is depressed by private letters from Germany. King Constantine was recently much with Colonel Exadaktylos, who is noted for his disbelief in German victory.

The Central News Bureau correspondent says the Greek people realise that whereas other neutrals are profiting from the war, Greece is likely to lose. They attribute to the King the responsibility for Government's fatal vacillation. There have been anti-dynastic riots at Piræus, Patras, Corfu and elsewhere.

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Writing from Sheffield recently, a correspondent of a London journal said:—

We have seen guns and shells in thousands, tens of thousands, and as yet we have seen but a tithe of all the great numbers that are now lying in the shell yards of northern towns where whole populations are busy night and day on that great work—shells and guns.

Many people will remember having seen in Dublin or Burton or other brewing towns great stacks of barrels, row upon row, tier upon tier, covering acres of ground and reaching as high as a cottage or higher. Recently we have seen stacks like these, not of barrels but of shells stacked and piled just as those barrels are, and each well-nigh as big as a barrel. Guns too, we have seen in heaps. Some lay like huge tapering tree-trunks piled one on the other; smaller ones lay in neatly packed squares, regular as a Canadian farmer's wood pile. You could climb on the pile and stand on thirty or forty gun barrels. Others, of course, were mounted and all ready for sending away. Every Briton and friend of Britain who saw these heaps must feel the glow of a great comfort. The gun problem? The shell problem? Well, here was the answer. A little late, perhaps, but truly a tremendous answer.

And not merely a selfish answer. Imagine with what pleasure I noticed on gun after gun in one shop the quaint letters of a language which showed only too plainly that their destination is to be Russia. These guns will not be the first by a long way that have been contributed by our munition makers of late to helpers more needy than ourselves.

60ft. Barrels of 15in. Guns.

Recently we saw much of the lighter work of munition making, cartridges, shells, fuses, primers and the rest—work in which women play a great part. One day we saw the heavy side—real man's work. We have been looking down the 60ft. barrels of 15in. guns, guns into which you can put your head, and down which a man at the other end holding an electric light seems distant and tiny. "Gee!" said our American after looking down me, "but you half expect to see the next train for Hammersmith's dash out of you tube." It had reminded him of London's underground railway.

Down this great gun, with a light at the far end, you saw its beautiful rifling tapering slowly along the barrel. Every ridge and groove shone bright as silver till all seemed merged together, in the distant perspective, in a glittering pinwheel of light. Here in such a gun as this, finely exact to the finest dimension, outside and in, lay the final result of titanic labours.

We had seen these labours from almost the start. First the smelting furnace out pouring its liquid fire, which splashed and hissed like water, though it was finest steel. Then the moulded "ingot," gripped by giant claws, is carried away and passes through heatings and reheating in order to undergo many maulings and thumpings and squeezings from hammers and press that squeeze it with a 7,000-ton squeeze. To see a great red-hot trunk of steel, big as the biggest oak tree, being punched and kneaded, cut and shaped and hollowed as though it were so much potter's clay, is one of the sights of even this wonder age. And suddenly the whole thing, red-hot, scores of tons, may be whisked high into the air from out of its vertical furnace (60ft. or more high) and lowered right into an oil bath reaching 70ft. deep below the earth's surface. The subterranean rumblings and gurglings and the sparks and the smoke? You get a pocket Venus with old-bath tempering of a 15 in. gun.

Perhaps the firing of one is awesome. Quite a modest-sized gun—a simple 4in.—which was fired for us in another part of the yards, made a most unhallowed din at close quarters and crashed great chunks of steel out of a slab of armour plating. What would one of those 15in. projectiles which we have seen earlier—3ft. high and nearly a ton weight—have done with it?

The Bergen Fire.

Christiania, Jan. 17.—Details of the fire at Bergen are lacking owing to a telegraphic breakdown. The warship Eldswold has left for Bergen with provisions and clothes for the destitute. Government is providing sugar and corn and engineers have left to build sheds. King Haakon and War Minister have also left.

Christiania, Jan. 17.—The damage in the Bergen fire is now put at over 5½ million sterling. Four hundred valuable properties were destroyed. One person perished and some were injured. Clothes, blankets and provisions are arriving for the refugees.

London, Jan. 15.—Mr. Bonar Law has issued an appreciative communique with reference to the aeroplane fund of the Straits and Malay States. The money for the first ten aeroplanes has already been handed to the War Office. The aeroplanes will be named "Malaya" one of ten. The communique after mentioning Mr. Alma Baker of Kinta, the organiser of the fund, who had himself given one plane, emphasises that the subscriptions come from all nationalities in the Peninsula, several aeroplanes being given by Chinese.

Army of the Kaiser is in Good Condition.

Zurich, November 13.—A high Swiss officer, who has spent several months at the German fronts in the east and west, said here today:

"Nothing is further from the truth than the French and English claims that Germany has passed the height of her military power and is gradually becoming exhausted. I have seen the actual conditions and can positively state that the army of the empire is as strong as it was a year ago, if not stronger. The landsturm has only been partly called and there are many thousands of recruits in training at home. The exhaustion of the Germans is still very far off and it will be better for the allies if they recognize this fact.

The neutral expert and observer gives a detailed description of the conditions as he found them and says of the German soldiers and officers:

"The German soldiers always act correctly and are well taken care of. Although I spent several months at the different fronts, I saw no drunken men. Most of the privates are bearded reservists between 25 and 30 years of age, with a sprinkling of young volunteers. Their main characteristics are an almost fanatical sense of duty, obedience and patience. As a rule, they are sober, quiet and always contented.

The often-heard assertion that the German soldiers have no initiative and show courage only in massed attacks is wrong. The German, who has to act for himself, may be a little slower than a Frenchman or Englishman in the same circumstances, but he always knows what to do and I never lack personal bravery.

The German non-commissioned officers are the best I have seen in any army. They are intelligent, well trained and respected by their superior officers, who do not hesitate to consult them in many cases where practical experience is of more value than theoretical knowledge.

Most of the officers are men above 30 years. Of the peace type of the German lieutenant title is left. Almost all of the young lieutenants of the line and a majority of the company commanders have been replaced by reservist officers. These men come from all walks of life and the barriers of caste and social distinction have been swept away.

The discipline of the German army is extremely strict, yet the obedience of the men is not based on fear, as has often been asserted, but on the sense of duty which forms the principal trait of the German character. There is nothing degrading for the soldiers in this discipline. They love and respect their officers and are loved and respected by them. True comradeship unites officers and men and they gladly share all dangers and privations. If the Germans really were only a horde of armed slaves, as has been claimed by French, English and some neutral writers, then they would have been driven across the Rhine long ago."

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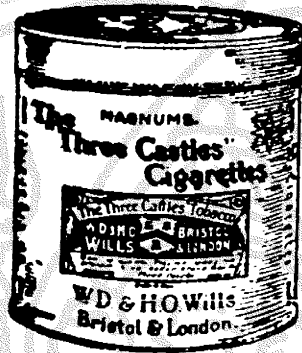
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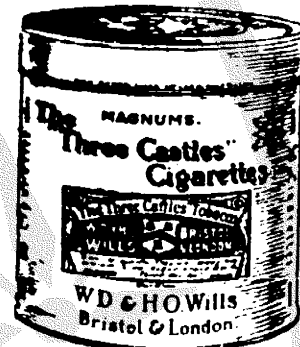
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Plans for Expedition Against Egypt.

One of the missionaries who has recently returned to Rome states that an English colleague, who was with him in Syria and who has probably now returned to England, saw very important preparations at Jerusalem and Jaffa for an expedition against Egypt, under the direction of German officers. A double-track railway line has been constructed from Damascus to Jerusalem and Gaza and some distance beyond the ancient frontier line of Turkey and Egypt to the Isthmus of Suez. Jerusalem is transformed into an armed camp, defended by trenches and containing 100,000 men.

All the convents have already been converted into hospitals, with Turkish and German staffs, and the inhabitants are under strict supervision.

The rifles for soldiers were not numerous enough. To instruct recruits the same rifle was used successively by 100 men, and ancient weapons preserved as relics in the convents were used to teach fencing and the use of the bayonet. For artillery training only four old guns were available, all of different calibre, and they were passed from one company to another.

The remnants of the troops which had made a raid on the Canal are camped at Gouza, and still form an army of some 70,000 men. The new army which is being formed for the invasion of Egypt is under the command of a German, General Trussmer.

Opium for England.


London, Jan. 17.—Reuter learns in connection with the Government of India's decision to allow the export of opium to Great Britain for medicinal purposes, that the Imperial Institute is making researches in order to determine the varieties of Indian opium which are most valuable for these purposes. The Institute is also investigating the value of Egyptian henbane for the manufacture of atropine. Much attention is also being directed to the question of oil seeds.

Lord Montagu Recovering.

London, Jan. 17.—Lord Montagu is in Paris. He is still suffering from lack of sleep and pain from his wounds, but is progressing favourably. In an interview, he said that during the last twenty-four hours at sea he thought that it was all over. He suffered greatly from thirst, and owed his life to the fact that he was wearing an inflatable waistcoat, for he kept slipping off the wreckage to which he was clinging, and only the waistcoat kept him afloat. After his arrival at Marseilles, Lord Montagu received a message of congratulation from the King.

Amsterdam, Jan. 18.—A Brussels telegram says four Belgian men have been executed for war treason, and a number of men and women sentenced from fifteen to one year's penal servitude.


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