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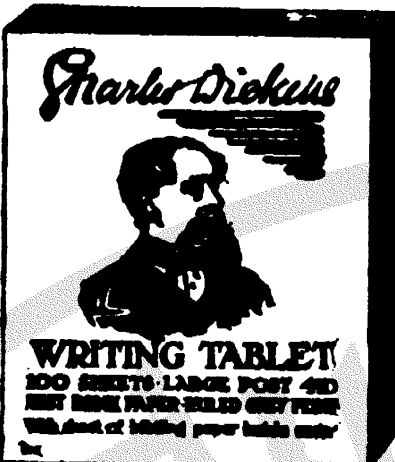
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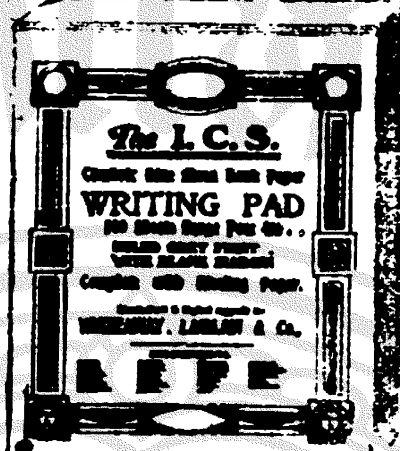
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FOR Feb., 1917.

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

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

PHASES OF THE MOON.

Feb. 7th O Full Moon 10.10 a.m.
15th (Last Quarter) 8.35 a.m.
22nd O New Moon 0.53 a.m.
28th) First Quarter 11.26 p.m.

President Wilson's Majority.

Final Figures in the Amazing Election.

President Wilson was re-elected by a majority of 569,823 votes more than were cast for Mr. Hughes, according to a telegram dated Washington, December 27, to the Cable News-American, Manila. The republicans have a majority of one in the House of Representatives. The socialist and prohibition candidates made but little headway on the general results.

The complete official election returns show that the vote cast at the last elections for President of the United States was as follows:

Wilson ... 9,116,296
Hughes ... 8,546,374
Benson (Socialist) ... 750,080
Stanley (Prohibition) ... 225,101
The revised figures of the House of Representatives show the following results:

Republicans ... 244
Democrats ... 213
Independent ... 2
Progressives ... 2
Prohibitionist ... 1
Socialist ... 1

Two seats are contested, adds the Manila paper, presumably those of the members from South Dakota.

America's Standing Army.

Washington, December 20.—The reason given by General Scott, Chief of Staff of the Army General, why the United States should have an army of 1,500,000 (1,500,000) trained and fully equipped men at the outbreak of war, whose territory of the European Powers whose territory extends the whole length of our northern frontier has increased the army from a relatively small force to a strength approximating that of the other European Powers. General Scott made this statement to the Senate Military Committee in support of the bill, having the support of the General Staff for universal military service. He told the committee that the General Staff believed before the present war that an army of 500,000 men would be sufficient for defensive purposes, but the war had caused the Staff to revise its opinion. Now the view is held that 1,500,000 fully equipped men would be necessary at the outbreak of war, and another 1,500,000 should be available 90 days later.

Continuing his reasons why it was necessary largely to increase the standing army and provide for universal military service, General Scott said: "Our northern neighbor is largely an island empire, and could send the greater part of its troops to a distant theatre of operations because, holding the command of the sea, it need not fear invasion." He told the Committee that "our northern neighbor is in alliance with a powerful Oriental nation, another island empire, and for the same reason, when acting in alliance with a Power which has the control of the sea, has ability to send its army of 2,250,000 men to any part of the world without danger of invasion."

Mr. Huntington Wilson formerly First Assistant Secretary of State, in an article in the New York "Sun," says it is fortunate for the United States, that the first stride of Prussian militarism toward world domination was taken in Europe, otherwise it would have been diverted toward Latin America, and the Monroe Doctrine would have been thrown into the political dustbin. Mr. Wilson fears that if peace is now made Germany, armed to the teeth, will be able to overthrow the Monroe Doctrine and take what she wants in Latin America, and to avert this danger he urges an understanding.

Meklong Railway Co., Ltd.

TIME TABLE.

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

BANGKOK-MEKLONG.				MEKLONG-BANGKOK.			
STATIONS.	Train No.			STATIONS.	Train No.		
	I.	III.	V.		VI.	VI.	
A.M. P.M. P.M.				A.M. P.M.			
Km. Bangkok Dep.	8.30	12.30	4.30	Km. Meklong Dep.	8.35	12.35	
33.1 Mahachai				33.8 Terminus Arr.	9.30	1.35	
Terminus Arr.	9.50	1.50	5.50				
BANGKOK-MEKLONG.				MEKLONG-BANGKOK.			
STATIONS.	Train No.			STATIONS.	Train No.		
	I.	III.	VI.		II.	IV.	VI.
A.M. P.M.				A.M. P.M.			
Km. B. Hlane	10.20	2.20		Mahachai	6.45	10.45	2.45
Terminus Dep.				Terminus Dep.			
33.8 Meklong Arr.	11.40	3.40	33.1 Bangkok Arr.	8.05	12.05	4.05	

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Austrian Emperor Follows Kaiser's Example.

Allahabad, Jan. 11.—The Austrian Emperor has followed the Kaiser's lead and issued an order exhorting the troops to fresh efforts, but the news from Vienna is apparently not yet quite satisfactory to Berlin. According to a Berne telegram published in the Italian "Ides Nazionali" the German Government has sent a plain intimation that any interior political transformation of Austria-Hungary will be considered by Germany as an attempt to violate engagements made with the German Empire. At the same time there are signs of Bulgarian dissatisfaction and the "Vossische Zeitung's" Sofia correspondent wires: "While the fear that Bulgaria might forsake her present friends is not great it would be well to put her friendship on a fixed basis." — ("Pioneer" cable).

The New British Loan.

Allahabad, Jan. 11.—There are indications that a good deal of American money will go into the new British war loan. Wall Street and Lombard Street appear to be agreed that the Central Empires will make a big fight this year to avoid ruin and will not go through another winter. Wall Street realises that the Allies have for the most practical purposes broken up the great German war machine, which has gained none of its objectives. The army, while strong, is not the army of the first eighteen months and has not the same driving power. The army ration is five ounces of meat per day, which is enough to live on but inadequate for the hardships of fighting. German strength is being devitalised and a significant sign is the absence of effort on the part of officers to force energy out of the men. — ("Pioneer" cable).

Germany Day by Day.

The German financial Press records that Austro-Hungarian banks are increasing their capital with a view to fulfilling "the new tasks" which await Germanic investors in the Near East. Four Vienna and Budapest banks (according to the "Berliner Tageblatt," December 5), have entered into agreements with "the Rothschild house" for co-operation in the Orient, "now so closely united to us, and where serious obligations await us now and in the future."

The Fall of Bucharest.
Last Thursday's German papers em-

bellished their front pages with enormous headline displays of the fall of Bucharest and Ploesti. Berlin is described as having given itself over the night before to an orgy of war-joy reminiscent of "the great days of August 1914." Major Morath, in the "Tageblatt," declares that "our victory in Wallachia is a terrible blow to England's starvation plans against us, while the surrender of Bucharest after seventy-two days at least approaches in importance the dimensions of a great battle won. In Germany, Austria-Hungary, Roumania, and Turkey the banners are waving and no one will hardly any longer believe that after such exhibitions of strength and leadership we Germans do not peer into the future with full confidence."

Curtailment of Railway Travel.
As in England, curtailment of railway travel has become a topic of lively discussion in Germany. Shortage of labour, coal, and rolling-stock has led the State Railway Administration to warn the public that drastic reduction of services is necessary. It is claimed that hitherto throughout the war railway traffic has been maintained at 68 per cent. of peace-time schedules. With the lengthening of the German battle front to the Black Sea it will no longer be possible to afford the travelling public so large a percentage of pre-war facilities. Goods traffic must also be reduced to the utmost to provide the maximum accommodation for food transport, especially potatoes. Restaurant cars are almost wholly to disappear, travellers being admonished to bring their "meals" with them. Coal economy will necessitate less heating of trains. Foreigners who have experienced the Turkish bath effects of the average German railway carriage would not consider this an unmitigated hardship—and the public is urged henceforth to travel more warmly clad.

The authorities ask people to co-operate in reducing the railway travelling, especially during the holidays. "They must remember," says a communique in the "Cologne Gazette" (December 3), "the enormous war area which now has to be served by German rolling-stock, German railway workers, and German coal." (Mr. F. W. Wille late Berlin correspondent of the "Daily Mail").

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31st March 1917, after which date no
claims against the deceased's Estate
will be entertained."

19. J. e.o.d. 28 F.

Notice.

From 1st February our Electrician's
office will be connected to the fol-
lowing Telephone Numbers 850, 851, 852
(3 lines.)

This Office receives orders and com-
plaints re electric light. It also acts as
central station for following offices in
the Company, viz:—

Chief Outside Electrical Dept. Instr. No. 6
Bills Department " " 7
Manager's Office " " 8
Managing Director " " 9
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Stores Department " " 12
SIAM ELECTRICITY CO., LTD.
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**Notice.**

The SALE by PUBLIC AUCTION
of Machinery, godowns etc. of the
TWO STEAM RICE MILLS, the prop-
erty of the Ministry of Finance,
situated at PAKNAMPONG, Mondol
Nagor Sawn, and at KLONG SOI
No. 7, Tanyaburi, Mondol Krung Kao,
respectively, lately advertised to take
place on the 29th January, 2439 (1917)
at the Office of the Inspector General
of Finance, Krok Wat Muang Kae,
Bangkok, at 2 p.m., will take place on
the 19th February 2439 (1917) at
the same place. Full particulars can
be ascertained from the above men-
tioned Department on any day during
office hours.

27-13 F.

**Land and Residence for
Sale at Public Auction.**

The very desirable 9 room (2 baths)
Residence, formerly owned by Capt.
M. T. Ivanchich at No. 82 Sanghik Nork,
Samsen, will be sold at

PUBLIC AUCTION
on the premises

On Saturday Feb. 10th, 1917
at 2 o'clock, p.m.

(Unless disposed of by private agree-
ment before said date.)

This house is new and is built of
Singapore pressed brick—Electric light-
ed and all modern conveniences.
Situated on the klong leading to the
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On the compound which is 35 by 14
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Servants' quarters, etc. Title deed per-
fect. Inspection may be had at any
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For full particulars apply to

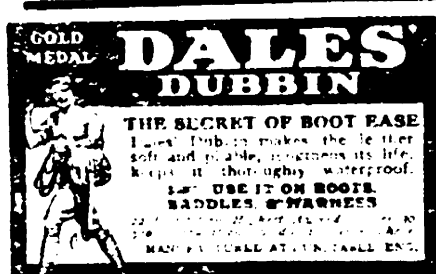
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IN STOCK B. M. C. TO-DAY.

FISH
Dried Cod
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Kippers

Boiled Ham on cut
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Pure Beef Dripping in 2lb Tins.

Picnic cases containing Ice, Aerated Water and Well Water for travellers by
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BY
APPOINTMENT
TO

H.M. THE KING and H.M. THE QUEEN MOTHER

NOTICE RE**"BIG BEN" Alarmclock**

Owing to delayed arrival of new
shipments, "Big Ben" has been out
of stock for some time, and we regret
that, consequently, we had to disap-
point many customers.

New arrivals are due in Bangkok
within a fortnight and will be adver-
tised in due course.

Sole Agents for "BIG BEN"
The best Alarmclock ever made.

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SOLE AGENTS FOR SIAM.

THE

Great War.**French Transport Sunk.**

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Jan. 31.

The French troop transport *Amiral
Magon* was torpedoed on the 28th Janu-
ary east of Malta. 809 lives have been
saved and 91 are missing.

Western Fighting.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Jan. 31.

Yesterday we stopped two attempted
attacks between Soissons and Reims
and the sectors of Soupir and Beaulne.

The Belgians stopped a German
attack south of Hettens inflicting losses.

The British successfully carried out
a coup de main in the region of War-
lancourt and east of Boucheux causing
important damage.

To-day we successfully carried out
coups de main south of Leintrey against
the first and second lines of German
trenches.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE Malay Peninsular local line is
interrupted between Bangkok Noi
and Rajaburi. Other lines are in good
order.

THERE were no cases of bubonic
plague, cholera or small-pox in Bang-
kok during the week ended 27th Janu-
ary according to the report of the Act-
ing Medical Officer of Health.

AFTER the Penang races there was
an auction of ponies and Prince Mimer,
the pony which won the Visitors' Cup
carrying 11.7 winning by 6 lengths in
1.20 4/5 was sold for \$2,600.

AN old Chinaman was caught on the
head by a passing tramcar on the Vora-
chak Road about noon to-day and was
sent spinning on to the middle of the
roadway. His own stupidity was the
cause of the accident and it will be lucky
if no further damage than the apparent
shaking resulted.

THE lottery in connection with the
Tilleke Cup was held yesterday even-
ing at the Sports Club. There was a
large attendance and bidding was brisk.
Mr A. E. Steven was the auctioneer.
The total realized was Tcs. 2,354.
Messrs. Watson, Brighthouse, and Walsh
were the favourites in that order.

THE s.s. *Kalong* left this morning
with the following passengers: Mr.
E. D. Atkins of the Siam Forest Co.,
who is going on a holiday to India,
Mr. Arnold James, of the Chartered
Bank, who is going to Singapore to
meet his bride, Mr. Takage, a Japanese
traveller who has been staying at the
Oriental Hotel, and Nai Songwan, a
Siamese student.

MR. Wolcott H. Pitkin, Jr., Adviser
for Foreign Affairs, left to-day by
the s.s. *Liangchow* for America via
Hongkong. He is going on nine
months' furlough. By the same steam-
er there left Mrs. O. Schultz, wife of
the Manager of the Siam Cement Co.,
Ltd. She is also leaving for her native
land, America. She expects to be away
for a year.

THE British Minister has received
through Phra Praditbaddha Bhudhal the
sum of four thousand ticals, half the
proceeds of the auction held at Dusit
Park Fair, when the writing desk pre-
sented by Mr. Wooller was sold for
the benefit of the Cruiser Fund and
the British Red Cross Fund. This
amount will be duly forwarded to the
Red Cross authorities in London, with
a notification of the circumstances.

IN the Penang races just concluded
Laksoes carrying 9.7 ran unplaced in
a six furlongs in which Caramut and
Routmanis dead heated in 1.37 2/5. The
race was run in the rain. On the 2nd
day in the round the course race he
was handicapped to 6.1 with Prince
Mimer top weight at 11.7. He was
scratched. Pretty Molly carrying 7.7
won this race by a length from Prince
Mimer. On the third day in a six
furlongs race with handicap at 8.7
he was third, Britisher 8.11 being
first and Ampang 8.2 second. Time
1.22 2/5.

**Mr. Henderson on Peace
Move.**

Allahabad, Jan. 11.—The Labour
Minister, Mr. Arthur Henderson, re-
cently told an American interviewer
that one of the reasons why the En-
tente could not accept peace on the
basis of the status quo ante was that
while Germany had failed to conquer
her enemies she had conquered her
Allies and made Middle Europe a
political reality.—("Pioneer" cable).

"The Samudasar."

The 26th volume of this interesting
Journal has been forwarded to us by
H.E. Phya Buri Navarath, Assistant
Secretary of the Royal Navy League.
It contains the usual amount of inter-
esting reading and opens with some
verses by Luang Vorawatha Plaitta, an
official of the Ministry of Education.
Then follows a translation from the
London Times regarding the feeding
of the Navy during maritime warfare
and how this system shows that the
feeding is better than in peace time.
Luang Charoen Riddhimatra, a Judge of
the Civil Court writes a short article
proving that in subscribing for the
Cruiser one is practically help-
ing his own individual self. Phya
Vichit Tampart Wat continues his
interesting article on ancient war-
fare. Naval Lieut. Dang Langkalsane
writes explanatory notes on various
articles in shipping use and on certain
structural features in ship building.
Scout Enguan has a translation from
the London Magazine for September
last being an article by Mr. W. E. Shaw
on the action of the Warrior in the Jut-
land battle. Phya Pradiyatt Tharna-
thada's article on the attack
of the Siamese army and navy
in the year 2121 of the Buddhist Era
against Tavoy and Cambodia will
be interesting reading not only to
Siamese but also to foreigners if same
is presented in English. Then we
have the usual instalment of foreign
telegrams regarding naval occurrences
among the warring nations from
the 28th. December last.

**The Pilgrimage to
Prabat.**

This annual pilgrimage of Bud-
dhists to worship the shrine at Prabat
is now in full swing and thanks to the
weather, the pilgrims are having good
health. The trains are quite full and
the tax on the light railway to Prabat
is exceedingly great. It is hoped that
the Prabat Company will be able to
declare a good dividend this year.

Gold Cup Entries.

Madame de Bhismuloke's Nai Chan
do Aminta
do Silver Cross
Phya Arthakara's Say When
Phya Gadadharabadi's Thongdi
Phra Plap's Mars
do Phung Boon
Phra Praditbadda's Kop
do Sunflower
Mr. V. L.'s Vanni
do Isabella

Siam's Trade.

The following approximate return
received from the Customs Depart-
ment, shows the values of Imports
and Exports during the month of
January 1917:—

Imports.	
3% Goods	Tcs. 5,616,175
Wine, Beer, & Spirits	" 178,414
Gold leaf	" 364,500
Bullion & Coin	" 364,500
Opium	" 590,959
Total	" 6,750,048
Exports.	
Rice	Tcs. 10,433,546
Teak	" 274,729
Other goods	" 1,826,706
Total	" 12,534,981

Germany's Private Bill of Costs.

New York, December 18.—A wire-
less message from New York reports
that the "Frankfurter Zeitung" esti-
mates that in the event of the war end-
ing in April next Germany will be
compelled to raise \$650,000,000 an-
nually in order to meet current expen-
diture and interest on loans.

An Unwritten Will.

London, Dec. 19.—In the Probate
Court yesterday Mr. Justice Shear-
man pronounced in favour of a will
made by word of mouth. Lieutenant
Wardrop, who was married last May,
told a brother officer during a battle in
France that if he were killed all his
property should go to his wife. He
was shot down shortly afterwards.

After the War.

London, Dec. 31.—A special com-
mittee appointed by the London Cham-
ber of Commerce has recommended:
(1) Restriction of enemy traders within
the Empire; (2) State aid for im-
proving land and water transport; (3)
the penalising of enemy shipping; (4)
State co-operation in promoting trade
banks to assist business abroad; (5)
the payment of wages sufficient to
secure for the workers a reasonable
standard of living; (6) the encourage-
ment of profit sharing co-partnerships
and technical education; (7) the grant-
ing of preference by Government
departments to local authorities for
goods produced within the Empire;
(8) the retention of all German ships
now in possession of the Allies; and (9)
the replacement by the enemy of all
ships sunk by them.

Christmas on the Battlefield.

Somewhere in France, December 31.—Christmas Day dawned with as bleak a sky as has ever looked down upon this desolate battlefield. Low, ragged clouds hurried across the weeping heavens and the wind blew bitterly. There was no pretence of any mutual courtesy this year. On Christmas Eve both sides used their artillery heavily. At eleven o'clock at night there broke out a roll of guns which was borne on the buffets of the gale 20 miles around. At 9 on Christmas morning the Germans put a barrage on certain parts of the British line. In the middle of the morning, British and Australian guns were rolling continuously; and when evening fell, threatening and glowering, the German shells could be seen flashing luridly over Bazentin, while the British artillery famed even more persistently, first in one area, then in another. Despite this in areas outside the line there was some distant approach to Christmas festivity. Even in front of the Somme battle itself, at least one Australian brigade was able to enjoy one momentary reflection of the colour of Christmas by the arrival about midnight on Christmas Eve of a consignment of gifts from the Australian Comforts Fund. The change which came over the faces of those men would recompense the giver of millions.

London, December 29.—Mr. Philip Gibbs reports that the Germans were anxious to spend Christmas peacefully and they sought no trouble apart from a few raids and artillery duels from Ypres to the Somme. Our "Tommy" listened to the Germans at cards and at concerts with tin whistles and mouth organs but kept their rifles ready in the event of raids. The Germans occasionally invited a truce, vainly shouting, "Won't you come over, Tommy dear." Our men with periscopes watched the Germans baling water out of their trenches, crawling from under falling parapets and struggling up to their necks in shell holes in ice cold water. At some points the troops exchanged news, throwing across cigar boxes containing letters.

Drying rooms warmed by charcoal stoves are the latest British preventive of "trench feet." The troops holding the trenches cheerfully waited "until Boxing Day for their Christmas dinner.

Ship-Building and Carrying Capacity.

London, Dec. 24.—Sir Joseph MacLay (Minister for Shipping Control) has initiated an important two fold scheme to revolutionise the British carrying capacity. It comprises, firstly, the speeding up of construction already begun; and, secondly, a new method of quicker construction by means of the standardisation of hulls and engines. The scheme is expected to go far to fill the gap caused in British tonnage by enemy submarine depredations.

London, Dec. 31.—It is understood that the State is placing large orders for new cargo steamers of 3,000 tons dead weight, to be built on simple lines, with standardised hulls and engines.

London, December 27.—It is understood that the Minister for Shipping Control, proposes that ship-owners shall close the openings in the shelter decks of steamers so as to enable the load line to be safely raised. It is estimated that this will add 250,000 tons to the carrying capacity of the British mercantile marine.

British Front Extended.

London, December 28.—The war correspondent of the Paris "Journal" has given the first news of the British extension of front on the Somme. It was a busy Christmas for the Tommies, who entered the French lines in the stillness of the cold night. Hundreds and hundreds of convoys, with food, munitions and material for shelters, moved along the roads in the rear of trenches. Thousands and thousands of men like shadowy forms passed silently and secretly by thoroughfare within a few yards of the enemy. Our guards in the trenches redoubled their vigilance. It was a severely anxious time, involving an exchange of duties by two Allied armies. This was accomplished with the utmost order and success. The operation was concluded on Christmas night. Soon the names of celebrated French woods and villages will be again mentioned with the added glory that they are no longer in French but in British communications. The extent of the section taken over is not yet disclosed. The news arrived simultaneously with the information that the British front in the Balkans is now actually longer than the French.

The "Journal's" dramatic disclosures made a sensation in London. It explains the prolonged bombardment of the Ypres front, where General Haig persuaded the Germans that an attack was imminent. The enemy were completely duped. While they were boasting that they had repulsed a British attack south east of Ypres on both sides of Wielze, north of Ypres, the great transfer had been effected, without a mishap. The extension represents a British Christmas box to our French allies, who have long been hoping that General Haig would be able to increase his responsibilities. Whereas the British and Belgian line in November was only 34 miles, the French were holding 360 miles. Some French regiments composed of men over 45 have held the line at Verdun without leave since August, 1914, in winter trenches.

Wreck of the "Hankaku Maru."

Ship held up by Robber Band.

The wreck of the Hankaku Maru bids fair to take its place among the worst of the tragedies of the sea, at least in these parts (says the Chefoo correspondent of the N. O. Daily News).

A large band of robbers was amongst the passengers on the ill-fated vessel and were, at the moment she struck, actually holding up the rest and relieving them of their belongings and superfluous cash.

It does not seem that this was in any way the cause of the accident, but it is possible that the Captain may have therefore decided to attempt the harbour when otherwise he might have waited. He was, however, new to the run and what actually was in his mind will probably never be known.

The unfortunate man was quickly killed in the terrible rush made for the bridge, where, when anyone managed to get a hold, he was immediately pulled down by those below, the fearful struggle being but a survival of the fittest, not a few of the 50 survivors being members of the robber gangs who will, on leaving the hospital, be transferred to the goal.

As soon as the catastrophe occurred the hatches were battened down and the large majority were thus drowned like rats, which after all was, perhaps, the most merciful death under the circumstances.

It is expected that most of those saved will recover, and every effort is being made to restore circulation to their frozen limbs. Those, however, who were attended to at a Chinese temple have succumbed to the methods employed—the too quick application of warmth.

There has been no semblance of a thaw since the vessel ran on the rock and figures are still to be seen, their arms frozen around the bridge and mast.

Some of the Siberian mail has been rescued by divers who had to chop it out of the ice.

The report that there were two American missionaries on board has not been verified; there were two Russians saved, a few Japanese and the remainder Chinese.

Poland's Ruler.

Further indications of dissension between Germany and Austria are reported. Recently a large number of Austrian journals announced that Archduke Charles Stephen was to be appointed Viceroy of Poland and after the war, crowned king of that country. The "Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung" publishes an official communication stating that the news is without the slightest foundation. From this incident, as from similar ones that have been noted of late, it would appear that Germany is still insisting upon the selection of Prince Leopold of Bavaria as candidate.—Ex.

Lights to Submarines.

According to a Madrid despatch to the "Figaro" the "Correspondencia" reproduces extracts from the "Eco de Las Palmas" relating to the presence of German submarines in the waters of the Canary Isles. From these it transpires that six German steamers moved in the outer harbour of Rabal making almost nightly signals by means of lights and thus the order to take these ships into the inner harbour has not been obeyed.

A despatch from Cape Palos, via Cartagena, announces that an Italian steamer has been sunk off the coast. The passengers are believed to have been saved.

Successes in the Riga Area.

The "Morning Post's" military correspondent does not consider the Riga advance can or was intended materially to influence the Rumanian operations. There are no such vital issues at stake on the Riga front as would justify the employment to the detriment of the principal operations in Rumania of such large forces as would be necessary to attain decisive results. On the German side such forces are not available, the northern part of the eastern front having been demanded of troops to the limit of safety early in the summer. For over a year our Allies have clung to the western fringe of the Tihul marsh, while the Germans have fought on solid ground. The Russians have seized the opportunity offered by the freezing of the marsh and the denudation of the enemy's line to remedy or reduce this disparity.

New York and Munitions.

By a Federal Court order, the shipment of explosives through Jersey City is prohibited.

This means that all shipments of munitions to the Allies will be diverted from New York to Philadelphia, Baltimore, Boston or Canada.

The ruling is the direct result of the munitions explosion which occurred on Black Tom Island, on July 30, causing more than \$25,000,000 property damage and the loss of six lives.

Thirty thousand railway truck loads of munitions are shipped from New York each month. The ban on transport via Jersey City means a loss of fully \$5,000,000 yearly to the port of New York.

Indignation at the ban runs high in New York shipping circles.

Chinese Affairs.**The Cabinet.**

Peking, Jan. 11.—Changes are impending in the Cabinet. The Premier will remain, but the Finance, Interior and Communications Ministries will have new chiefs.

Peking, Jan. 11.—The second conference at Chuchow of high provincial officials has despatched a telegram to the Government relating to the Parliament and advocating changes in the Cabinet.

The Premier has urged the Vice President to suppress the conference and advise the Provincial officials to respect the national law.

Peking, Jan. 10.—The President, speaking to newspaper representatives, said the alleged disagreements between himself and the Cabinet had been greatly exaggerated in the Press.

The Vice-President is expected in the capital shortly for a conference with the President.

The New American Loan.

Peking, Jan. 10.—The Chinese Minister at Washington (Ku Wai Kwan, or Dr. Wellington Ku, as he is best known to foreigners) has wired that the negotiations for a further American loan of \$25,000,000 are progressing and will soon be concluded.

Peking, Jan. 11.—It is reported that the contract for the big American Loan will be signed about the middle of next month.

The National Religion Question.

Peking, Jan. 9.—The Conference on the Constitution voted on the 8th inst. on the subject of adopting Confucianism as the national religion.

There were 253 votes in favour and 264 against, but the majority was insufficient to decide the matter.

Peking, Jan. 9.—A Hunan telegram states that a bomb was thrown yesterday at the house of the Chief of the Military Staff but the officer was absent, and the miscreant escaped arrest.

Severe Weather in Peking.

Peking, Jan. 7.—Owing to the severe weather now prevailing upwards of 300 people are reported to have perished of the cold during the past few days.

Peking, Jan. 7.—The Magistrate of the Hawka district in Yunnan intends to destroy the poppy plants growing there but his efforts are being opposed by thousands of aborigines.

Peking, Jan. 7.—A Military and a Naval Mission, each consisting of five persons, will leave the Capital on Wednesday for Europe to witness the war. They travel via America.

American Scout Cruiser.

Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the U. S. Navy has awarded a contract for the construction of one scout cruiser to the Seattle Construction and Dry Dock Company, at a contract price of \$4,975,000, delivery guaranteed within thirty months. Four scout cruisers were provided for in the last Naval Appropriation Act, but of all the bids received only this one was within the \$5,000,000 maximum expenditure authorized by Congress. Mr. Daniels has, however, invited further bids. The most distinguished characteristic of these vessels is their speed of 35 knots. They will have 7,100 tons displacement and will carry complete equipment for carrying, launching and operating the largest sized hydro-aeroplanes.

National Troops Take Trenches.

London, December 16.—The Anglo-Hellenic League, Reuter's Agency is informed, has received a telegram from Salonika stating that a number of Greek soldiers of the Army of National Defence who were wounded in a victorious attack on Bir Hanli, have arrived at Salonika. They express pride in the fact that a detachment of the Greek Seres Division was entrusted by the British Headquarters with the attack on the Bulgarians and Turks who held the fortified position of Bir Hanli.

They carried out their task with great gallantry and, although attacked in front by the fire of the enemy's infantry and on the flank by the artillery fire, they were able to cross a tributary of the Struma and capture with the bayonet two lines of trenches thickly defended with barbed wire.

German Steamship Lines Ready for Freight.

New York, Dec. 18.—The high hopes of Germans from their manoeuvres for peace are indicated by the announcements of the German steamship lines that they are prepared to make freight engagements. The Hamburg-America letter, dated Dec. 16, reads:—

"We take pleasure in announcing that we are now open to make freight engagements from the United States to Hamburg for shipment upon the resumption of our regular service after the conclusion of peace, or such earlier time as the obstacles to such resumption may be removed. Rates and further particulars may be obtained on application to the Hamburg-America line."

The North-German Lloyd letter is on similar lines. Arrangements have been made for steamers to be ready to receive cargo by February 1. Recently the steamers were extensively overhauled.

Four U-Boats Reported in West Indian Waters.

Province, R. I., December 3.—"The wireless warnings recently issued to Captains of merchant vessels in the Western Atlantic were put out by the order of the British Admiralty with the full knowledge that there are now in the neighbourhood of West Indian waters two large German submarines, which have been here since the visit of the U 53, and a knowledge of the knowledge of the British Admiralty that two other German submarines of the newest and swiftest type left Kiel for the coast of the United States on November 5 and were able to evade every effort that was made to capture or sink them before they got out of the North Sea.

The United States Government has been fully informed of the situation, and President Wilson has made strenuous representations to Ambassador von Bernstorff concerning it.

"The Journal" is able to state authoritatively that the plan of despatching four of the new German submarines from Kiel on November 5 was known in advance to the British authorities, that all four submarines left Kiel on that date and at different hours, and that two of them were sunk during the same day by British destroyers, the other two getting safely away.

Advice received by the British Admiralty within the last week, it is now understood, make it certain that one of these submarines was sighted about sixty miles off the coast of Bermuda, heading north-west on the morning of November 17, and that a small British cruiser sighted another German submarine on November 28, about twenty-five miles from Port Antonio, Jamaica, but could not get within firing distance of her until she had submerged.

At the time of the U 53's departure from Newport, the "Providence Journal" declared that two other German submarines, the U-48 and U 61, accompanied her to American waters and did not intend to return to German ports with her. The German Ambassador has been kept fully informed from day to day as to the whereabouts of these two submarines, which have never left the waters of the West Indies since they reached there two days after the departure of the U-53 from this country. Last Wednesday the German Embassy received from Santiago, Cuba, a complete report concerning the whereabouts of these two submarines.

It has been impossible to ascertain the nature of the correspondence that has been going on during the last week between the White House and the German Embassy but officials of the Embassy have made no secret in their private conversation of the fact that the Ambassador had been warned that the sinking of merchant vessels in the neighbourhood of territorial waters of the United States, will no longer be tolerated, and that any repetition of the exploit of the U-53 will mean a rupture of relations with Germany.

Subsequent to the presentation of this stand of the United States, the German Ambassador has been in almost hourly communication with his Government through Sayville, and acting through two commercial houses in Baltimore, has also been in correspondence with individuals on the Cuban coast, who have undoubtedly in some way transmitted his messages direct to the commanders of the two submarines, which have been in that neighbourhood for several weeks.—Ex.

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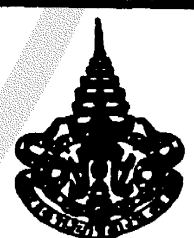
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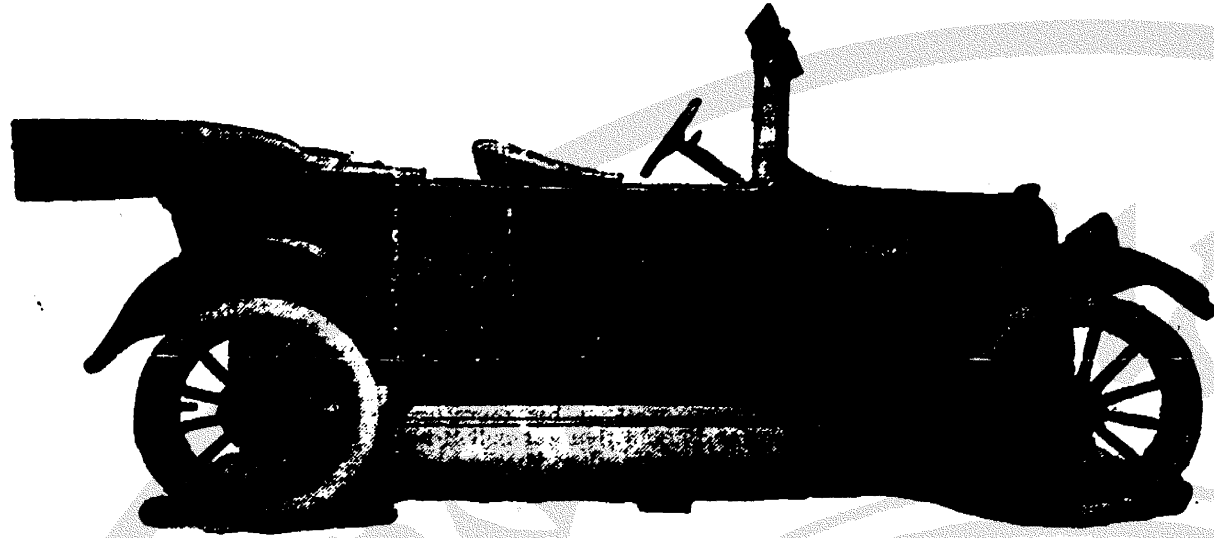
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Lord Derby.

The New War Secretary.

The Army is well satisfied to have at the head of its administration a man of such high character as Lord Derby. The New War Secretary has the advantage of possessing the military mind, which quality was so conspicuously absent in the late Government. Without it a statesman in war is a floundering atom tossed by any wind and tide. Mr. Asquith had great qualities which crumbled before the military defects and his colleagues, especially Lord Lansdowne and Lord Crewe, were sheep following a blind shepherd. Politicians have in the past abjured the mind militant, reduced it to impotence, and attempts at efficiency advanced by Wolsey, Roberts and Butler have met with strenuous opposition. The suppression of the military mind in politics led to neglect of preparation for war in a succession of administrations which began with Campbell Bannerman and ended with Haldane. Lord Salisbury's administration would have failed in the provision of a Navy adequate for our generation had not the mind of Lord Balfour projected itself within the Premier's orbit and checked the tendency to complacent disregard of naval policy. Lord Roberts in his turn attempted to stem the tide of indifference to army policy and he paid the price, a publisher of books giving him his dismissal for penetration into that quiet life which ultimately brought down Mr. Balfour's Government from sheer inaction. All this by way of introduction to Lord Derby.

The Militant Mind.

He possesses in a large degree the forceful-militant mind. He has been a soldier and he has had experience of war in the field. He comes of army stock dating its earldom from Bosworth Field and he was educated in a military atmosphere at Wellington College. He received his nomination for the Grenadier Guards from the Duke of Cambridge in 1885, and as a subaltern of four years standing he went to Canada as A. D. C. to the Governor-General. He left the Brigade of Guards with ten years of service to his credit, became a Treasury Lord and indentified himself with the Militia and Volunteers of Lancashire, but remained in the Reserve of Officers for years. When the Boer campaign began he returned to the Army and was appointed a Special Service Officer. He filled the post of Press Censor at Cape Town, as an Assistant Adjutant-General and afterwards was Chief Censor in the field with Army Headquarters. He was also Private Secretary to Lord Roberts during the campaign.

My personal recollections of him in South Africa are of the happiest kind and I recall the assistance given me to move from Methuen at Kimberley to Roberts at Bloemfontein at a time when trains were not running, over the forward war zone. The first train conveyed General Sir F. W. F. Fox, Sir Walter Buller and his Line of Communications Staff, and I was given a seat. The journey was not continuous by train as we had to walk across the rivers on pontoons from one train to another. Lord Derby was recalled to London to become Financial Secretary at the War Office when Lord Milleson, Lord Raglan, Sir Ralph Knott, Sir Fitzroy Wood, and Mr. F. T. Marshall formed the civil staff with Lord Roberts at the head of the Military Department. Afterwards he became Postmaster-General and later as Chairman of the Lancashire Territorial Force Association he established the new regime in his country.

At the War Office.

In the present campaign Lord Derby came to the front with his recruiting scheme, which gained men at the peril of indiscriminate recruitment. The Derby scheme drove hordes into training as munition workers. Lord Derby ultimately admitted the defect of his own scheme and did much when appointed Under-Secretary for War to remedy the results of it. He has been a tower of strength since he joined at the War Office, and he is credited with a strong desire to give the public a better service of war news. The new Army Council is as follows:—

President, Col. the Earl of Derby.
Parl. Under Sec., Mr. Ian Macpherson
Chief I.G.S., Gen. Sir William Robertson.
Q.M.G., Lt. Gen. Sir John Cowans.
A.G., Lt. Gen. Sir Nevil Macready.
D.G. of Mil. Aeron., Lt. Gen. Sir David Henderson.
Master-Gen., Major-Gen. W. T. Furse
Deputy C.I.G.S., Major-Gen. R. D. Whigham.
Finance Member, Mr. H. W. Foster.
Secretary, Sir Reginald Brade.—Fr.

Pope Reproached.

Lahore, Jan. 11.—London, Jan. 9.—The Central News Agency's Home correspondent states that, according to a Swiss telegram to "Messager," the Tonten Press is bitterly reproaching the Pope for his failure to support the peace move, saying that he has definitely spurned the case of the Entente. High clerical circles in Rome do not hesitate to condemn the Tonten's disgusting barbarity, not only towards their enemies but towards the church, her ministers and temples.—("Civil and Military Gazette" cable.)

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The Board of Trade orders on the restrictions of hotel and restaurant meals will come into force next week says a London exchange of Dec. 5, and will probably direct that:

Meals for civilians and officers must not exceed the following limits, and in the case of officers probably the following prices, which, of course, are exclusive of "drinks":

Breakfast.—Two courses. Porridge counts as a course.

Luncheon.—Two courses. Apparently soup and pudding, soup and joint or entrée, soup and fish, fish and joint, or joint and pudding. Price for officers, 3s. 6d.

Afternoon Tea.—Price for officers, 1s. 3d.

Dinner.—Three courses. Hors d'œuvre counts as a course. Price for officers, 5s. 6d.

Supper.—Two courses. Price for officers, 3s. 6d.

Hotel representatives discussed the alternative of a four-course dinner and no supper as being more economical, but it was decided to retain the supper.

The arrangement about prices was not definitely settled yesterday with Major-General Sir Francis Lloyd, but is extremely likely to be adopted.

According to one of the hotel proprietors, officers' expenses in clubs and other licensed premises will not be restricted.

Railway travelling is to be drastically cut down alike for the public, soldiers, and munition workers. On the understanding that the public are equally self-sacrificing, the soldiers will get no week-end or Christmas leave for railway travelling unless they are under orders for the front or are on leave from the front.

The abolition of the week-end will mean an enormous difference to the amount of entertaining in London.

German Food Difficulties.

Papers for December 9 and 10 contain ample evidence of Germany's increasing food difficulties at the outset of the bleak Prussian winter. Their main week-end news was the gloomy announcement that milk prices in Greater Berlin required to be gradually increased, with coincident decrease of all butter and fat allowances. A quibbling official explanation informs the public that this serious measure is necessary in order to reduce consumption because the supply of fodder available for milch cows, "while ample," lacks the requisite "protein."

The papers hope that the communal authorities in the Berlin boroughs may be induced to dole out larger allowances of bacon to appease the public's thirst for more milk. The Tagblatt, which seems to be on the warpath regarding food woes, assails the authorities for their clumsy attempt to explain away the milk famine.

Milk Panic on the Rhine.

How grave the question of milk must now be in countless German communities is illustrated by conditions prevailing at the Rhine city and harbour of Mayence. In normal times Mayence, which is a city of 150,000 inhabitants, requires a daily milk supply of 40,000 quarts. On December 4, by order of the Grand Ducal Government of Hesse, Mayence's milk allowance was cut down from 14,000 to 4,000 quarts a day or one tenth of its ordinary pre-war requirements. Members of the Hessian Parliament are interpellating the Government this week and calling attention to the fact that Mayence requires at least 13,000 quarts of milk a day for invalids, nursing mothers, and children alone, or more than three times the quantity now allotted to the city's entire population.

Potato Crisis.

Conditions in the potato market appear to be even more serious than the milk difficulties. The newspapers state that enormous quantities of potatoes which were expected to be available over the winter turn out to be frozen and spoiled. Other large stores are on the verge of spoiling because they were carelessly warehoused in damp cellars and in places which have been flooded. Vast quantities of tinned food products of all sorts are also ruined in consequence of careless storage.

Vorwärts says that the potato rationing system is hopelessly inadequate. The allowance was reduced early in the month from 7lb. to 6lb. per person per week, but as no dealer has enough potatoes to supply to holders of ration cards, families are now compelled to chase about from one green grocer to another, in the hope of getting their full quota by hook or crook. "Potato queues" (said Vorwärts on December 9) "are getting longer and more numerous." Bitter complaints about shortage and poor quality of marmalade are also rife.—Ex.

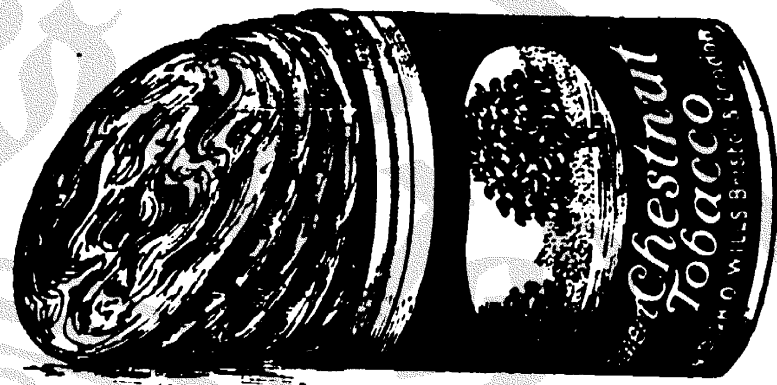
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Stations.	Train No.				Stations.	Train No.			
	1	2	3	4		1	2	3	4
Paknam Dep.	6.30	9.30	12.45	3.45	Bangkok Dep.	7.45	10.45	2.00	5.00
*Maha Wong "	6.35	9.35	12.50	3.50	Sala Deng "	7.52	10.52	2.07	5.07
*Ban Nang Greng "	6.40	9.40	12.55	3.55	Klong Toi "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

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	a.m.	a.m.	p.m.	p.m.	a.m.		a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.	a.m.
Bangkok Noi ... Dep.	7.30	8.25	1.20	2.10		Chumpon ... Dep.					7.45
M. Nakon Patom ... "	8.56	10.13	2.45	4.37		Prachuap Kirikan Arr.					p.m.
Ban Pong ... "	9.33	10.58	3.26	5.38		" ... Dep.			9.5	2.26	
Potaram ... "	9.55	11.23	4.4	6.17		Pran Kao ... "		6.5		4.59	
Batburi ... Arr.	10.26	11.57	4.31	6.09		Wang Phong ... Arr.		6.10	10.59	5.5	
" ... Dep.	10.38	12.10	4.41			Hua Hin ... Dep.		6.13	11.14		
Petchaburi ... Arr.	12.12	1.45	6.29			" ... Arr.		6.57	11.46		
" ... Dep.	12.12	2.17				" ... Dep.		7.5	11.54		
Hua Hin ... Arr.	1.59	4.47				Petchaburi ... Arr.		9.37	1.43		
" ... Dep.	2.5	4.57				" ... Dep.		7.10	9.52	1.56	
Wang Phong ... Arr.	2.37	5.37				Batburi ... Arr.		9.10	11.40	3.18	
Pran Kao ... Arr.	2.48	5.48				" ... Dep.					
Prachuap Kirikan Arr.	4.38					" ... Dep.					
" ... Dep.						Potaram ... Dep.	6.5	9.22	1.30	3.28	
Chumpon ... Arr.						Ban Pong ... "	6.59	9.56	2.6	4.1	
						M. Nakon Patom ... "	7.43	10.19	2.48	4.26	
						" ... Dep.	9.2	11.1	3.17	5.6	
						Chumpon ... Arr.	11.12	12.23	4.53	6.28	
Chumpon-Tung Song on Tuesdays, Thurs. & Sats.						Tung Song-Chumpon on Mondays, Weds and Fri.					
Chumpon Dep.	6.45					Tung Song Dep.	6.45				
Langsuen Arr.	9.18					Sarashtra Dhani Arr.	11.37				
" Dep.	9.28					" Dep.	12.2				
Sarashtra Dhani Arr.	1.39					Langsuen Arr.	3.37				
" Dep.	1.49					" Dep.	3.47				
Tung Song Arr.	6.23					Chumpon Arr.	6.19				
Tung Song-Nakon Srithammaraj daily except Monday						Nakon Srithammaraj-Tung Song daily except Monday					
Tung Song Dep.	6.30					N. Junction Dep.	11.1				
N. Junction Arr.	7.37					" Dep.	12.12				
" Dep.	7.47					Tung Song Arr.	3.30				
N. Srithammaraj Arr.	8.50										
Tung Song-Singora Wed. Fridays & Sundays						Singora-Tung Song Tuesdays, Thursdays & Sun.					
Tung Song Dep.	11.50					Singora Dep.	7.30				
N. Junction Arr.	12.40					Patalung Arr.	10.48				
" Dep.	12.55					" Dep.	10.58				
Patalung Arr.	2.47					N. Junction Arr.	12.50				
" Dep.	2.57					" Dep.	1.5				
Singora Arr.	6.13					Tung Song Arr.	1.55				

The Imperial Conference.

London, Jan. 23.—A movement is afoot in the city to extend a civic welcome to the representatives of the Dominions and India attending the forthcoming War Conference. It is suggested that the welcome should take the form of a reception and the presentation of the Freedom of the City.

London, Jan. 23.—The date of the first meeting of the special War Cabinet is not yet decided, but it seems likely that it cannot occur before the middle of March.

London, Jan. 23.—The "Westminster Gazette" says: Nothing could be more satisfactory than the selection of the Indian representatives for the Imperial War Conference. Mr. J. S. Meeson, C. S. I., is certainly one of the very ablest Indian administrators. His recent speech at the Indian National Congress shows that he sympathises with Indian ideals and aspirations. Sir Satyendra Sinha has every qualification for being considered a thoroughly representative Indian, whose selection will be universally popular. The Maharaja of Bikanir is an equally good example of the ruling class who have rendered very great service in many ways during the war.

The "Times" says that Sir S. Sinha is a man of great attainments and calm, balanced judgment, who enjoys the confidence of the people of Bengal, to whom his selection is a special compliment. The Maharaja of Bikanir has rendered invaluable services during the war. Mr. Meeson is one of the most distinguished Indian civil servants and has the reputation of enjoying in an exceptional degree the esteem of the people of northern India, as being an exceedingly sympathetic administrator.

The Suez Canal.

London, Dec. 28.—Mr. Massey, war correspondent in Egypt, describing the defence works on the Suez Canal, emphasises their permanence as well as their enormous magnitude. "The expense," he states, "has been heavy, and the work has been arduous, but the troops had stout hearts and were equal to the task, and the money was well spent. Our army has civilised the desert, and the results of their efforts will remain when the war has become a matter of history. It was necessary to push the defences far enough from the canal to place the latter out of range of the heaviest modern artillery, and consequently many pipe lines for water supply had to be laid down, while many roads and railways to link the Mediterranean with the Suez Gulf had

to be constructed. One remarkable railway is of the standard gauge, and on this the London and South Western Railway Company's engines draw loads as heavy as any they draw in England. They do a 200 miles out and home journey, night and day, to strict time table."

A Burning Benzine Ship.

Thrilling Rescue of Crew.

London, Dec. 24.—A thrilling story of naval heroism is revealed in connection with the oil steamer Conch, which was submerged. She was torpedoed at 11 o'clock at night, and 8,000 tons of benzine were fired by the submarine. There was a huge conflagra-

tion by 3 o'clock in the morning when a British destroyer sighted the blaze and went full speed in its direction. She discovered the Conch burning fore and aft, but still ploughing along at eight knots an hour. The 30 men aboard were huddled together, seemingly doomed. Three large steamers were on the Conch's quarters, watching the terrifying spectacle. They had been there for hours, but where powerless to help, as the benzine, welling out of the Conch, fired the sea surface all round.

Realising the virtual impossibility of getting alongside the blazing oil vessel, the destroyer's captain thrice placed his vessel across the bows of the doomed ship. He threw overboard his rafts, lifeboats, and buoys, and finally, boats, and shouted to the crew to

jump for their lives. Many did and were saved, but nine were still left after two hours' efforts. The flames were then only a few feet of them, and the ship was lurching along without any direction, while the destroyer had not a single life saving apparatus left. Her captain had a wife and a baby boy, two days old at home, but he went on the bridge, determined to put his ship alongside the burning Conch. After 48 minutes of nerve-racking seamanship, he placed the destroyer gently alongside the Conch, and all the doomed creatures were taken off. The destroyer safely cleared, and 10 minutes later the Conch disappeared.

The Chief engineer of the Conch says the explosion of the torpedo flung enormous streams of burning benzine

from end to end of the ship drenching the bridge with flaming spirit. The engineers kept the engines running in the hope of escaping from the burning oil on the surface of the sea. It was three hours before the engineers were able to reach the deck. Meanwhile the engines which were oil fed and automatic, kept going, and the ship moved on like a mass of raging flame, leaving a tail of fire behind.

The Morex, a tank steamer of 8,564 tons, belonging to the same owners as the Conch, is believed to have been sunk yesterday, and also the Norwegian steamer Avona.

Lahore, Jan. 11. London, Jan. 9th. —The "Echo Belge" says that mass deportations from Brussels will begin on January 18th.—(Civil and Military Gazette) cable.



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