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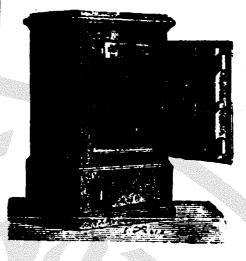
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#### Failures in War.

#### The National Neglect of Science.

The Romanes Lecture was delivered at Oxford by Professor E. B. Poulton, who took as his subject "Science and the Great War." He declared that nearly all our failures in the present struggle have been due to "the national neglect of science and the excessive predominance in Parliament, and especially in the Government, of the spirit that is most antagonistic to science—the spirit of the advocate."

It was dangerous, he said, that a country which depended on science for its existence and prosperity should be ruled by politicians and civil servants who, with hardly an exception, were utterly ignorant of science. Lawyer politicians, fixing their attention more steadily in American friendship than on German defeat, permitted the export from Britain of the materials essential for propulsive ammunition—coston, fats, and oils. Thanks to a scientific man, Sir William Ramsay, and to the Press, the Government had reversed this injurious policy so far as cotton was concerned; but it was still permitting the export of oils and fats in vast quantities.

"Incredible Folly."

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"One-third of German ammunition for heavy gans consists of nitro-gly-cerine." Untold thousands of lives and an ever-growing volume of human misery were a terrible punishment for the neglect of science.

the neglect of science.

It was possible that military experts were mistaken in thinking that the fir al decision could be reached by fighting. It might have to be reached by economic and financial pressure. If the Government had seriously considered this possibility at the outset and made their preparations accordingly, saking for and accepting scientific advice on the subject, the war would have been long over.

What right had Lord Robert Cecil to say that the starving of Germany was impossible? What we really needed to end the war was knowledge and firm action based on it. As it was, with its slipshod ways of cenducting war and neglect of scientific authority,

our own Government had done very much to help Germany out of the difficulty.

#### More of the Baralogs.

Amsterdam, Jan 16.—The German eply in the Baralong case is a verbose argument seeking to whitewash German submarines. It ostentationally protests against "unheard of accusations against the German army and pavy and repeats the threadbare contention that the Arabic was sunk because the submarine thought she was about to ram. The reply proceeds to repeat the old starvation complaint and is obviously intended for consumption abroad. It rejects the British proposal to submit the Baralong and other cases to a court of American naval men, arguing that the accusations against the German officers must be investigated by her own authorities. Nevertheless, it declares Britain has left unfulfilled the demand for an investigation, thereby rendering herself responsible for the Baralong affair.

The Reichstag discussed the Baralong affair, the speeches being most violent. The Foreign Under-Secretary declared the Government would find means of retaliating sharply and im-

pressively.

Herr Liebknecht regretted it had been made impossible for him to make an effective protest against such an exploitation of the affair.

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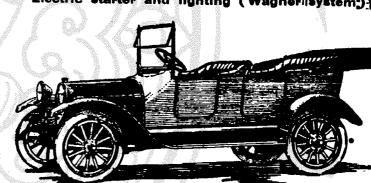
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#### The Balkan Campaign.

Rome, Jan. 16.-The Tribuna says Montenegro refuses a separate peace.

The Berliner Tageblatt admits that no Montenegrins were captured in

Cetinje.
Brindisi, Jan. 16.—Members of the Berbian Government have arrived here. Amsterdam, Jan. 16 .- The Austrian communique says: The King's residence and Cetinje town itself are un-

Athens, Jan. 16.-A correspondent of the Messagero says Austria proposed an armistic to Montenegro in order to enter on peace negotiations suggesting the cession of Lovcen to Austria who would recognise Montenegro's rights to Scutari. Cetinje has no military value to Austria but the question remains whether the Austro-Germans will overrun Montenergro as they did Serbia or will remain content with Cetinje and Lovoen. Austria's greatest desire is to hold Cattaro as a naval base against Italy. She has already increased her battleships there and it is reported four large submarines have arrived. Austria would also like to see the last of the Montenegrin army which is still for:y thousand strong, especially as Scutari

is an armed camp.

Peris, Jan. 15.—A Rome telegram says the object of the sudden return of the King is stated to be the taking of measures to aid Montenegro and Ser-

Rome, Jan. 16.—The Italian press welcomes Sir Barzilai's speech as most opportune and says it is wrong to ascribe the responsibility for the fall of Lovtchen to Italy. Montenegro's position is the inevitable consequence of the Balkan situation. It emphasizes the difficulties of revictualling Serbia and Montenegro. Italy landed 4,5(0) tons of food at Durazzo and San Giovanni di Medua but much of it lay rotting owing to the impossibility of transport to the interior.

Attack Pending on Salonika. Salonika, Jan. 15.-Reuter's correspondent at headquarters says rumour has been most busy about an impending offensive, the pro-German organs actually fixing the date for to-day. The facts are that there is considerable enemy activity, aviators reporting important concentrations at Doiran Chevgheli, Kuprulu and Uskub, and the accumulation of ammunition. Dry weather is favourable to the enemy who is repairing the roads, but it is doubtful if they will stand heavy artillery. Turks and Germans are arriving at Xanthi on the Dedeagatch line. There are daily air duels, but the enemy keeps clear of the allied mount-ed patrols which are constantly circulating along the frontier.

Paris, Jan. 15.—A Salonika telegram says that travellers from Monastir report that fifty thousand Germans are massed there. German officers state this army in cooperation with the Austrians from Montenegro will undertake the conquest of Albania and thereafter

join in the attack on Salonika. Zurich, Jan. 15.—The Milan Secolo says that the German Government intends sending the Duke of Mecklenburg on a special mission to assume the direction of all the Balkan legations. The German Minister at Bukharest left a week ago and does not return.

The Corin Landing.

Paris, Jan. 16.-The communiqué describes the landing at Corfu. The Greek authorities were warned on the morning of Jan. 1st by the French Consul. They merely made a formal verbal protest, well-knowing there was no question of occupation. The first detachment landed at four o'clock and occupied the telegraph office. They arrested two individuals one reported to be the consul, and one of whom was the head of the German espionage system.

The landing was completed at eleven o'clock. Soldiers settled into the barracks and forts the same evening. The inhabitants were friendly and became increasingly so when informed that a eargo of wheat was arriving.

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The Paris communique adds that a revictualling convoy was dispersed east of Vailly. Some successful mining was undertaken south-east of Berry au Bac. Heavy artillery des royed a blockhouse in the Forges region.

Paris, Jan. 15 .- The communiqué says: The night was calm. French artiflery dispersed enemy working parties in Champagne and bombarded Paris, Jan. 15.-The evening com-

muniqué says: There is nothing to report in the west except fairly lively artillery actions in Champagne, Argonne, Woevre.

Rome, Jan. 15. - The communique says there were artillery actions at various points.

Rome, Jan. 16.-The communique says: there are general artillery engagements which are most violent on the Isonzo especially northwest of Gorizia. Our guns destroyed four hundred metres of trenches at Monte San Michele. We made a successful airraid east of the Isonzo and bombarded the camps at Aisovizza, Cheapovano, Darnberg and the railway stations at Lougatica, Pravcina and Labians. Our air-craft returned safely.



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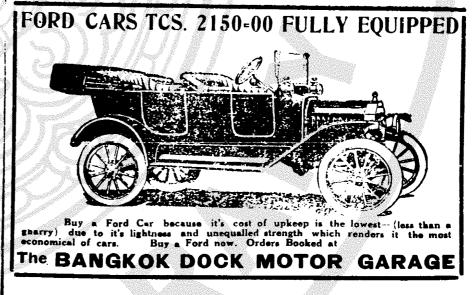
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#### HOW TO TEACH THE YOUNG

There is not a street in Bangkok but has its small school where the village school-master has a crowd of urchins round him in a hot room of the smallest possible dimensions; there is not a district of Bangkok which has not its large school presided over by foreign teachers with a staff of Siamese assistants. Whether it is the village or street school-master with his two dozen or so pupils paying him one or two ticals a month or the high school with its un idred+ of school boys, the id-a f all school-masters is to teach, the idea of all parents is to have the children taught but all of the boys may not have the gaining of knowledge as the predominant id a pervading them.

How do the school masters treat the boys who think more of play than of book learning? The ordinary Siamese parents when handing their children to the care of the school-masters feel it their bounden duty to give up the boy body and soul into the charge of the teacher. Their words generally are "we give you full liberty to give the boy all the corporal chastisement possible." In many cases the schoolmasters understand this as mere phraseology, but there are others who take the parents at their words. In the higher schools in the senior classes there is no corporal punishment inflicted, but it is not generally so in the case of the pupil teachers in charge of the young. As for the street school-masters any want of grasping a lesson results in corporal punishment. There are people who conscientiously believe that a boy does not learn his lessons because he prefers play and that therefore the infliction of pain will make the little fellow mend his ways. School-masters forget that there are all classes of boys, bright boys, average intellect boys and dull boys. No amount of caning will make a dull boy bright. When his brains mature knowledge will come his way and not till then. The street school-masters are not men able to realize this important fact and the result is that much needless suffering is inicted on children, making school life a drudgery and misery instead of being the happiest and pleasantest in a boy's

Parents ought to study their children, bearing always prominently in mind that all children are not gifted with the same brains and when hand ing them to school-masters ought to point out any outstanding qualities in the children and if backward their backwar lness should be mentioned and the school-master told to be gentle with them. The other day we read of a case brought by an English tradesman, who admitted being able to read but not write. The Judge remarked that the locality was full of good schools. The man said he was at one of the good schools for six years, but admitted to being in the 1st standard all that time. He was a dull boy and no amount of teaching helped him to improve. There are many such boys in this world. The pity only is that parents and schoolmasters don't find this out and extend their sympathy to the boy instead of inflicing needless pain. Dr Welldon, of Manchester, in his "Rollections and Reflections" shows what it is to be a kindly, experienced school-master who has suffered greatly, and who has learned to have an infinite toleration for the waywardness of his pupils. As Headmaster of Harrow he loosened the all-too-bitter bonds of discipline. He never forgot that he had been a boy himself. He knew and regretted the autocratic spirit that dominates so many school-masters. "It will not", le writes, "be regarded as a discreditabie admission, that I tried to relax a little the discipline of the school." It should be the duty of all those able to exercise that authority to see that the thoughtless caning of children is once and for all discontinued, and that persons inflicting wanton and unnecessary punishment be in turn punished for cruelty to children.

Latest telegrams will be found on page 6.

THE Post and Telegraph Department reports that Chiengmai line is imperfectly working. Malay Peninsular Main line is in order as far as Chumpon. Local line is in good order. Other lines are in order,



#### Court Circular.

SANAM CHANDRA, Friday, Jan. 21.

This afternoon His Majesty the King received in private audience Lieutenant-General His Serene Highness Prince Bavaradej, A. D. C. Viceroy of the North Western Provinces and Lorde Lieutenant of Bayab Circle on the occasion of his departure to take up the duties of his new office.

#### Serious Motor Accident.

On Sunday night while Mr. P. Cramer was driving his two-seater motor-car along Suriwongse Road he made an attempt to evade a Chinaman who was walking in the middle of the road and in doing so he together with Mr. Osano, who was also driving with him, wir thrown out of the car. The car, it is said, was soing at a fairly rapid speed and swerved to a side with the result that both the back wheels gave way. Mr. Osann was pitched far away on to the road while Mr. Cramer fortunately fell on the swamp by the side of the road. Mr. Osann sustained serious injuries to his head and was removed in a semi-conscious state to the Nursing Home and the doctors attending on him consider his case very serious. Mr. Cramer who was cut in the face and body rather hadly was taken to his honse

We understand that Mr. Osann has since been operated by Dr. Schneider and von Wesel and that his condition is still grave.

#### LOCAL AND GENERAL

For prices of good official and mereantile paper please see advertisement on page 7.

NEW Ads: — Mr. Tan Keng Whay will hold an Auction Sale on the 29th instant. A notice re Messrs F. Graehlert and Co.

THE s.s. "Katong" left Singapore at noon on Saturday the 22nd inst., and may be expected to arrive at the Borneo Company's Wharf on Tuesday (tomorrow), 25th about 10 a.m.

THE football match played between the Siamo-Chinese Cooperative Club's team and the team of the Straits Jovial Minstrels at the Premane ground resulted in a win for the latter by two goals to nil.

LUANG Prakat Tamnoonkitch, whose name was struck off the list of Siamese barristers, has by Royal decree been deprived of his title. He will in future be known by his original name of Nai Soochit.

LUANG Thep Supha, Registrar of the Appeal Court notifies that Nai Pom, a Siames-lawyer of Bungkok, has been struck off the list of practising lawyers for improper conduct unworthy of a "Fhanai Kwam." Nai Chai's certificate to practise has been suspended for six months for irregularity in drawing a petition of appeal.

ACCORDING to a cable from the Hague, British troops are arriving in large numbers at the Suez Canal, and the trenches are again manned. Several monitors are in the vicinity. The Secolo makes the statement that Turkish troops are preparing for an attack on the Suez Canal, and that they have built a railway reaching to within fifty miles of the canal.

AMONG the missing passengers on the Persia are four sisters of the Daughters of the Cross, formerly of Liege, who were on their way to India to help in the excellent work which the order is doing at St. Vincent's Home, Kidderpore, and elsewhere. Sister Mary Josephine writes to the Calcutta papers that the sisters had at last and with difficulty succeeded in escaping from Belgium, and the tragedy of their death following upon a year of suffering and anxiety is therefore the greater.

THE Gregorian New Year was better observed this year than hitherto, according to the Peking Gazette. Many five-coloured flags were seen a-fluttering before Peking shops and residences and many evergreen pailou were erected at the end of streets bearing the usual inscription "A Happy New Year." etc. While it is to be noticed that many omitted the words "Fifth Year of the Min Kuo" in their announcements, not a few shops in Liu Li Chang put up slips bearing the words Tien Tre Wan Nien, "Long live the Son of Heaven."

PADDY REPORT FOR JAN. 23.

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#### Obituary.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Arthur Osann which took place this afternoon at 5 o'clock at the Nursing Home. Deceased was a native of Villingen, Baden. He was 38 years of age. He came out to Siam in February 1905 and first joined the firm of Messrs. Windsor & Coy. Later, he was appointed manager of the Transport Co. "Motor", at Klong Rangeit.

The funeral takes place at the Protestant Cemetery to morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock.

#### The Late Mr. Graehlert.

We regret to have to chronicle the death of Mr. Eduard Franz Gottlieb Graehlert which took place at the Nursing Home on Saturday the 22nd instant at 9 5.5 p.m. The late Mr. Graehlert fell ill on 25th December last and was removed to the Nursing Home on 1st January. Death was due to heart desease accompanied with dropsy.

Deceased was 50 years of age. He was born on 19th May 1866 at Kummerow in the Prussian Province of Pomeraina. He first arrived in Baugkok in the beginning of the year 1891 and entered the service of the late King Chulalongkorn. Latterly he started his own business as jeweller and opened out a firm near the palace of H. R. H. Prince Sanpasatra. After a long stay in this country he went home on leave in 1909. In 1912 he took another trip to Europe and this time was engaged to be married to Miss Hedwig Rode, a German lady. He was well known among both foreigners and Siamese and was a popular and respected member of the German community.

The funeral took place at the Protestant Cemetery yesterday afternoon in the midst of a large gathering of friends of the deceased. The service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Hillyard and Dr. Remy, the German Charge d'Affaires, delivered a valedictory address by the side of the grave. A number of floral wreaths were placed on the grave, among which were noticed one from the German Club, two from Dr. Remy and Mr. Rieschick of the German Legation, one from Mr. E. Keil of the Austrian Legation and another from Mr.O. Neidhardt, of the Railway Department.

Among those present were:—
From the German Legation: Dr. E.
Remy, Chargé d'Affaires, Mr. H. Rieschick, Chancellor, Mrs. H. Rieschick, Mr. J. Bruchhans, Interpreter, Mr. O. Sandreczki, Assistant Chancellor. From the Austro-Hungarian Legation: 600 Metres Juane 1 min. 58 sec. 800 Mr. E. Keil, Chargé d'Affaires. From Metres. Albert de Campos 3 min. 45 A. Markwald & Co.: Mr. H. Bullermann, Mr. H. Wilkens, Mr. H. von der Heyde, Mr. H. Böttcher. From Windsor & Co.: Mr. W. Brehmer, Mrs. E. 16ft. Brehmer, Mr. IF. Bierwirth, Mr. W. Fuhrhop, Mr. W. Meyer. B. Grimm & Co.: Mr. A. Link, Mr. H. Scheele, Mr. W. Siegert, Mr. L. Bohensky, Mr. H. Jungclaus, Mr. G. Schaarschmidt, Mr. W. Clasen, Mr. H. Waag, Mr. O. Weber, Mr. B. Roggan, Mr. H. Schuett, Mr. S. Dost, Mr. S. Goertzen, Mr. C. Kruse. Diethelm & Co.: Mr. F. Leuthold, Mr. H. Kunz, Mr. L. Schneider. Siam Commercial Bank: Mr. Willeke, Mr. O. Kniepf. Royal Railway Department: Mr. W. Engelhardt, Mr. Th. Schneider, Mr. F. Zabel, Mr. H. Ringelmann, Mr. E. Dorow, Mr. A. Gerber, Mr. O Neidhardt, Mrs. E. Neidhardt, Mr. L. Rummel, Mr. R. Schädrich. Norddeutscher Lloyd : Mr. H. Schungel, Mr. A. Petersen, Captain W. Täubert, Captain A. Struve, Captain C. Gosewisch, Captain Ch. Kümpel, Engineer P. Nitze, Mr. G. Geiesler. J. R. André Nohf.: Mr. A. Mohr, Mr. H. Geyer. Tatien Dispensary: Mr. M. Mannsfeldt, Mr. E. Rosenberg. Government Medical Depot: Mr. G. Rexhausen, Mr. W. Kornatz. Samsen Power Station: Mr. H. Weidauer, Mr. V. Marwan, Ministry of the Interior : Dr. O. Frankfurter, Mr. J. Ruttermann, and others from the German Community: Mr. E. Jürgens (Engler & Menzi), Mr. E. Groote (R. Lenz & Co.), Mr. R. Schulz (Bangkok Lenz & Co.), Mr. R. Schulz (Bangkok Dispensary), Mr. H. Krudop (Mohr Brothers), Mr. W. Lamm (Falck & Beidek), Mr. A. Begmann (Excelsior Ice Manufactory Co.), Mr. W. Koch (Barmer Export-Gesellschaft), Mr. H. Forden (Samyek Store), Mr. A. Osann (Fransport Company "Motor"), Mr. G. Seidel (F. Graehlert & Co.), Mr. C. Zisswiller (Post & Telegraph Department), Mr. H. Kopp, Dr. O. Schneider, Mr. K. W. Nordmann, Mr. C. Roebelen, Mr. E. Bock (Siam Stone Works Co.), Mrs. P. Bock (Siam Stone Works Co.), Mrs. P. Bock, Mr. Th. Gaethke. And from the Foreign Community: Dr. T. H. Hays, Dr. C. C. Hansen, American Consul General, Mr. A. Teotsch, Mr. T. A. Göttsche, Mr. A. Maire, Mrs. M.

The German Consular Court has nominated Messrs. E. Jürgens and E. Groote as Administrators of the estate of the deceased. The business of the decased will be carried on as usual but the firm will be closed for some days in order to take an inventory of the

Maire, Miss J. Faller, Mr. C. Hermann

and many others.

#### CURB THAT COUGH.

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#### CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not necessarily endorse the opinion expressed by our Correspondents ]

To the Editor of the "Siam Observer."

I feel sure that I am voicing the feelings of a goodly number of Bangkok Residents by commenting on the Siam Electricity Company's shutting off the electric current on Sunday mornings at the early hour of 6 a.m.

This is far too early at this season of the year, and early risers, and people who want to catch the first train on the northern line, are put to a lot of discomfort by having to feel their way about the rooms in semi-darkness, and breakfast has to be prepared and partaken of under the glimmer of a can-

At this time of the year, 7 o'clock would be the better time. Later on. when the sun rises earlier, 6 a.m. would not matter, but it would per-haps be better to have it uniformly at 7 a.m. like the Government Power Station. I enclose my card.

Yours faithfully

"HELIOS." Bangkok, Jan. 21th 1916.

#### Bangkok Christian College.

The annual field day sports of the Bangkok Christian College took place on Saturday afternoon. There was a good crowd of spectators including friends of the College and parents of the pupils. The prizes were distributed by Mrs. G. B. Mc Farland. The following are the names of the

successful competitors :-1. Running High Jump.

(A) Felix de Campos 4ft. 24in. (B) Nai Yim 5it, Iin. (C) Albert de Campos 5ft, 6hin. II. Running Broad Jump.

(A) Felix de Campos 11ft. 9in. (B) Nai Toh J.5ft. 10in. (C) Nai Ulaan 17ft. 6in. III. 80 Metres Dash.

(A) Nai Poomarin 12 Sec. (B) Nai Toh 10 Sec. (C) Albert de Campos 9 2/5 вес. IV. Throwing Base Ball.

(A) Nai Dej 139ft, (B) Nai Gim 208ft, 3in. (C) Nai Ulaan 227ft, 3in.

400 Metres Nai Rien 1 min. 15 sec.

VI. Putting Shot.

(A) 12 lbs. Nai Alfred Pickenpack 16ft. 4in. (B) 12 lbs. Nai Toh 30ft. 6in. (C) 16 lbs. Nai T. Kum. VII. Hurdle Race.

(B) Nai Yuan 12 2/5 sec. (C) Nai

Sing 10 4/5 sec.

VIII. Pole Vault. (A) Nai Felix de Campos 6ft. 3in. (B) Nai Gim 8ft. Iin. (C) Nai T. Kum

9ft. 41in. Class Relay Race. 1,000 METRES Senior Class Time 2 min. 12 sec-

A represents under 12 years, B under

#### Bulgaria's Eclipse.

16 and Cover 16.

London, January 4.—The "Times" correspondent at Bukharest telegraphs that Bulgaria is now practically under German military rule. Administrative departments are all controlled by German officers who improvise various irksome regulations and treat the Bulgarians with contempt.

The same correspondent asserts that a priest named Locali is a candidate for election to the Rumanian chamber who hails from Rumania Irredenta across the Anstro-Hungarian frontier: that is to say, from one of the Rumat ian districts of Transylvania which have seen their ausgleich or compromise with Hungary, whereon their political rights were based, trampled on by Magyars. He declares in his electoral address that an extraordinary document will presently be published. Its aim will be to prove Count Tisza, the Hungarian premier and since Count Burian's accession to the Austro-Hungarian foreign office, the most powerful statesman in Austria-Hungary, and certain other Austro-Hungarian officials were authors of the Archduke Franz Ferdinand's assassination at Serajevo. Locali's assertion is, of course, not novel. Mr. Wickham Steed, till recently and for many years Vienna cor-respondent of the "Times" and now foreign editor of that journal, has already developed this thesis in the "Edinburgh Review."

London, Jan. 14 .- A bill dealing with enemy companies and firms trading in Britain will be introduced in

the Commons next week. London, Jan. 14.—The election cry at Mile end is "lights up" on behalf of Pemberton Billing who advocates an adequate aeroplane guard for London. Two of the latest accidents owing to darkened streets have been to a judge and a member of the House of Com.

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## Great War.

#### The Arrested Consuls.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 23. Washington. -- Through the offices of the United States the Austro-German and Turco-Bulgarian Consuls arrested at Salonika now on board a French warship are to be released.

#### The Western Front.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 23. A Paris communique says our artillery started several fires in German trenches in the Dunes and silenced an enemy battery between Soissons and Rheims. We damaged trenches and destroyed an observation post in the

#### Turks Repulsed in the Caucasus.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 23. Petrograd.-An official report says that a Turkish attempt in the Caucasus to drive back the Russians on a broad front ended dis strougly. They were themselves repulsed with heavy loss and and fled. The Russians pursuing captured the town of Hassankala and drove the Turks into the forts of Erzerum and

#### Air Fights.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 22 A communique states that in the course of fourteen air tights yesterday we drove down two enemy machines into the German lines. We lost one aeroplane. We exploded a mine near Fricourt

To-day it was generally quiet there being less artillery fire than usual.

#### British Submarine Work.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.) London, Jan. 23.

Rome. - A British submarine sauk an Austrian seaplane in the Adriatio capturing the crew. It also sank an Austrian torpedoboat coming to the

#### Russians Occupy Sultanabad.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.) London, Jan. 22. Petrograd .-- The Russians have oc-

#### The Russian Campaign.

cupied Sultanabad.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.) London, Jan. 22.

A Petrograd communiqué reports that in the district of Rarancze north-east of Czernowitz we carried a portion of the enemy positions. The enemy made five desperate attempts to recapture it. All were repulsed with enormous losses to the enemy.

#### Tin, Rice and Rubber.

"S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT). Singapore, Jan. 22. Tin is quoted at \$87.

Singapore, Jan. 24. Tin is quoted at \$88. Rice remains unchanged.

Shares are reported to be winding up firmer owing to the improvement in e price of rubber.

#### Singapore Sporting Club.

"S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.) Singapore, Jan. 22. At the annual meeting of the Singaore Sporting Club it was reported that the year's operations have resulted with the loss of \$16,000 of the previous

plus of four thousand. Sir Evelyn Ellis, the President, did not seek re-election as he is leaving the Colony in April. He was tributed for his great services rendered to the Club.

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Montenegro.

Amsterdam. Jan. 18 .-- A telegram from Buda-pesth says that Count Tisza announced in the Chamber that Montenegro had requested the opening of peace negotiations.

complished peace negotiations will departure.

A Mysterious Japanese Message.

London, Jan. 17.-The Times Pek ing correspondent wires that the Japaness Minister has informed the Foreign Office that, circumstances having arisen He said " we replying demanded an rendering it inconvenient for the Emunconditional capitulation. I have peror of Japan to receive the Chinese just received news that Montenegro has special envoy at this juncture, the agreed to unconditional surrender, | Japanese Government asks the Governtherefore when the capitulation is ac-

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#### The Montenegrin Government.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Jan. 22.
The Montenegrin Government has been transferred to Lyons.

## Turkish Defeat in Caucasus.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)
Paris, Jan. 22.

Petrograd.—In the Caucasus we captured Hassankala. The enemy took refuge in the fortress of Erzeroum abandoning magazines, artillery and stores.

We sabred the fugitives and took 1,500 prisoners.

#### Various.

(HAVAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Jan. 21.
Salonika.—Five Allies' warships bombarded Dedeagatch and the port of Lagos doing considerable damage.

Petrograd.—North-east of Czernowitz we captured an enemy sector and repulsed five fierce counter-attacks inflicting enormous losses.

In the Black Sea we sank 163 sailing

In the Caucasus we pursued the Turkish army disorganising it and inflicting great losses.

We occupied Aceprikevi in the direction of Erzeroum and captured cannon-

Blockading Germany.

New York, Jan. 16.—The newspapers have a telgram from London that

pers have a teigram from London that Britain will shortly replace the present Orders in Council by a declaration of a regular blockade of Germany. The State department has no official information but officials believe such action would eliminate much misunderstanding and remove all question of the legal right of the British to prevent all goods reaching German ports, and probably also settle the doctrine of ultimate destination with reference to goods to Germany through neutrals.

#### Papen Disclosures.

German Plots Exposed.

New York, Jan. 16.—The Associated Press, in a desparch outlining the contents of correspondence seized at Fai-mouth in the possession of the recalled German attache Papen, makes astounding revelations of intrique. The documents show that Papen made frequent payments to persons charged with the responsibility for the explosions in munition works and at bridges in America. His cheque book, counterfoils, passbooks, and letters to bankers contain a number of items showing payments to various persons who figured prominently in the activities of German agents in America and New York.
Count Bernstorff made several large payments to Papen and entries show that Papen paid 700 dollars to a man convicted of blowing up the Maine bridge, while Papen sent five hundred dollars to the consulate in Seattle a fortnight before the explo-sion on May 30. Among the letters is one from the notorious Bernhardi in which he plaintively remarks that the Anglo-French press had insulted him incredibly.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Publication of cabled summaries of the Papen documents are arousing the deepest interest in Government circles. Count Bernstorff exclaimed petulantly "I don't believe it" when the records of Papen's expenditure were called to his attention. German officials attempt to explain it away by saying that Papen was responsible for the expenditure solely for the War Office.

New York, Jan. 15.—The Federal grandjury has indicted Weber, who is related to an official of the Deutsche Bank, and four other Germans for conspiring to ship rubber to Germany, in violation of the customs laws.

#### The Kaiser's Illness.

Contradictory Reports.

Rome, Jan. 16.—Ecclesiastical quarters have learned from a German source that the Kaiser was operated upon on Thursday successfully, but will not be out of danger for a week.

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New York, Jan. 15.—Dr. Von Bethmann Hollweg has wirelessed to American papers that the Kaiser has never been confined to his bed and will soon resume his activities.

Amsterdam, Jan. 17.—A semi-official telegram from Berlin says: The Kaiser has completely recovered from his slight illness, and was cheered on Saturday when driving to the Imperial Chancellor's place, where he launched, staying for several hours.

Amsterdam, Jan. 17.—It is officially stated from Berlin that the Kaiser returned to the front on Sunday.



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## The Mesopotamia Campaign.

"Es Sin Marvellous in Its Thoroughness."

In Mesopotamia.—A correspondent, writing from Azizie on October 31,

During the last few weeks we have been trekking and fighting, moving camp and travelling about country by boat. Ahead of us in the almost immediate future lies a further advance to Bagdad, with one or two big battles and several days of marching en route. In mid September we marched from Ali-el-Gharbi, 80 miles north of Amara by river, on the Kut-el-Awara, half-way between Amara and Bagdad.

The Turkish position at the Es Sin seven miles east of Kut, with a frontage of six miles astradle the Tigris, held by three divisions of Turks, was marvellous it its thoroughness and preparedness. Below was a perfect warren of trenches, communication trenches, gun emplacements, underground officers' rooms, tunnels, underground wells, and water storage rooms; above ground, overhead cover, barbed wire, dummy guns to fire and deceive our aeroplanes, concealed pits, land mines, river mines. The Turks have never attempted to construct anything of the kind before in Mesopotamia; it was a veritable Gallipoli.

kind before in Mesopotamia; it was a veritable Gallipoli.

Our preliminary operations took place on Sept. 26 and 27, and the main battle on the 28th. Part of our force got through the enemy's left flank, whilst one brigade made a frontal attack on the main position. The battle was suspended at nightfall on the 28th 29th, and at dawn next morning our regiment, which had dug in within 400 yards of the Turkish barbed wire entanglements, woke up up to find the whole position empty. The Turks had cleared, lock, stock, and barrel.

Up River to Bagdad.

We entered Kut on the 29th, went on board river steamers, and commenced an eight-day pursuit towards Bagdad. In reality the eight days were a perfect rest cure after the fatigues and exhaustion of the proceeding days. The Tigris about here is a maze of shallow sand bars, channels, shifting banks, and unexpected channels. Soundings may show only 18 inches of water at one spot and a 10-foot depth a yard away. Our boat stuck, and stuck and stuck again. Ahead of us, with 24 hours' start, our aeroplanes reported that the enemy's steamers were doing the same, but we never caught them at all. If you can ima-gine one man pursuing another through a bog with both up to their necks in mud you will get a good idea of the situation. For us on board it was a time of perfect peace. We slept and ate, and slept each 24 hours round. Finally we jumped off here at the deserted village of Azizie, 48 miles by road and 105 by river from Bagdad itself, having covered 200 miles of river eince leaving Amara on Sept. 9. The 110th dug an outpost down stream, and we were there from Oct. 8 to the 21st.

Arabs Attack the Camp.

During that time we were frequently sniped at night by the local hostile Arabs, whom the Turks are paying to make trouble, and on the night of the 10th-11th a body of 500 Arabs made a determined night attack on our post. Some of them actually crawled through the barbed wire into camp.

We had a really lively night of it, bullets flying everywhere, the Arabs inside camp startling people with knives. And it was almost impossible to make out friend from enemy. The Colonel shot two Arabs within twenty yards of the dug-out where I was, and

the Quartermaster bayonetted a third by the water's edge. We had four men killed and a British officer and six men wounded. The wounds were made by the most horrible bullets—bits of lead of any shape refitted into ok! Martini cartridge cases, and were worse than anything one sees in "civilised" warfare.

On the 21st we rejoined the main camp. On the night of the 27th-28th we did a long night march by moonlight which brought us at dawn, by a detour, on to the flank of an outpost position of the enemy's some seven miles away. We discovered the enemy in the act of bolting. As they were on camels unluckily we couldn't follow them up or even cut off thair retreat. As before they had removed everything. The only people who got any loot were some Arabs, quondam friends of the Turks, who hung round the retreating force.

We burnt their camp, blew up a mud fort, and trekked home in the heat and dust—a weary 26 hours of it in all. And so back to the status quo, until the next small incidents or until we move on again permanently.

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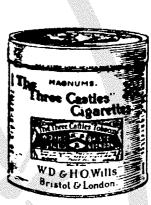
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#### Russia's Battle Fronts.

Zurich, Jan. 15. -A message from Budapest says the Russo Rumanian frontier is closed. Reports from the Rumanian frontier says hig movements of Russian troops are continuing, and it is believed the real offensive is about

London, Jan. 16.-The Austrian communiqué admits a renewed severe Russian offensive in Bessarabia.

Amsterdam, Jan. 17.—The Austrian communique says that a terrific battle in East Galicia and Bessarabis continues. The stubbornness in the fighting a few miles northeast of Czernowitz has surpassed everything in this battlefield. The tenacious Russians advanced six times in columns fourteen deep. Frequently the struggle was hand to hand. It speaks of the bravery of the defenders in maintaining the positions.

In the Caucasus in the fighting on Friday we captured twenty Turkish officers and over four hundred troops with six guns, one heavy gun, eight muchine guns, and quantities of ammunition, provisions and engineering oquipment.

Heavy Fighting Near Gorizia. Rome, Jan 17.—The communiqué says there was an intense cannonade on Jan. 14 on the heights northwest of Gorizia, followed by an enemy night a tack with large forces. It was repulsed but when reinforced succeeded in entering the Italian trenches near

Oslavia, but a vigorous Italian counter

attack on the morning of Jan. 15 drove the enemy beyond Oslavia, the Italians re-occupying their trenches and capturing much booty.

Earthquake in England.

London, Jan. 15.-The tidal wave in Holland coincided with a north-westerly gale and an abnormally high tide on the cast coast, especially at Yar-mouth, where the streets were flooded, and there was a severe earthquake which lasted for half a minute in the Midlands, accompanied by a loud noise. People were knocked down in the streets.

Amsterdam, Jan. 16.-Sixteen have been drowned, of whom seven were children, on the island of Marken.

More Praise for Lord Chelmsford. London, Jan. 17 .-- The Morning Post says that a Governor who has been through a constitutional crisis like that of which Chelmsford had the pilotage in Queensland, cannot be called untried. A man of his administra-tive experience is much beyond that

of Lord Mayo, who had barely any when Beaconsfield beckoned him to the Viceroyalty but who made, nevertheless, one of the best Governorgenerals that India has known. Ail Chelmsford's countrymen will wish him well, when, after a too brief visit to England, he woes out to take up great responsibilities and heavy labours in a new office. Their best guarantee of his success is that those who know him most intimately are most confident of his capacity to rise to its demands,



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