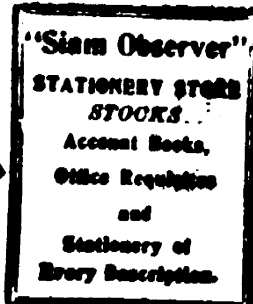


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Paddy Crop Report for the Mondol Xannai.

For December 21, 1915.

Krung Deb.

Nondaburi.—The total area under cultivation is about 52,400 rai, the paddy is in better condition than last year. About 3,670 rai have been harvested yielding about 1,000 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 51 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 2 baht per tang.

Minburi.—The total area under cultivation is 236,700 rai, about 15,900 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 18,070 rai have been harvested yielding about 2,892 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 50 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.78 baht per tang.

Phra Pradaeng.—The total area under cultivation is 59,900 rai, about 800 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 6,300 rai have been harvested yielding about 3,240 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 62 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.50 baht per tang.

Samudrapratar.—The total area under cultivation is 258,000 rai, about 87,500 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 64,430 rai have been harvested yielding about 18,870 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 48 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.25 baht per tang.

Mondol Krung Kao.

Dhanyaburi.—The total area under cultivation is 337,000 rai, about 10,000 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 186,800 rai have been harvested yielding about 49,810 kwien.

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

Pradum Dhani.—The total area under cultivation is 139,300 rai, about 1,500 rai more than last year. The paddy is in fair condition. About 6,280 rai have been harvested yielding about 2,940 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 56 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.75 baht per tang.

Ayudhya.—The total area under cultivation is 1,155,500 rai, about 82,000 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 67,940 rai have been harvested yielding about 20,240 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 43 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.30 baht per tang.

Antong.—The total area under cultivation is 397,800 rai, about 69,200 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 3,500 rai have been harvested yielding about 1,330 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 55 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.25 baht per tang.

Singhaburi.—The total area under

cultivation is 193,200 rai, about 1,400 more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 5,210 rai have been harvested yielding about 2,420 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 40 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.37 baht per tang.

Saraburi.—The total area under cultivation is 301,700 rai, about 126,500 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 20,530 rai have been harvested yielding about 69,270 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 50 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.37 baht per tang.

Loburi.—The total area under cultivation is 405,500 rai, about 36,700 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 41,810 rai have been harvested yielding about 20,740 kwien.

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

Mondol Nagor Jaysri.

Nagor Pathom.—The total area under cultivation is about 450,000 rai, the paddy is in the same condition as last year. About 68,100 rai have been harvested yielding about 17,020 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 53 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.65 baht per tang.

Samudra Sagor.—The total area under cultivation is 88,300 rai, about 4,700 rai more than last year. The paddy is in the same condition as last year. About 21,510 rai have been harvested yielding about 5,880 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 53 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.50 baht per tang.

Subarn.—The total area under cultivation is 551,400 rai, about the same as last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 42,530 rai have been harvested yielding about 14,810 kwien.

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

Mondol Rajaburi.

Rajaburi.—The total area under cultivation is 286,000 rai, about 56,200 rai more than last year. The paddy is in the same condition as last year. About 31,000 rai have been harvested yielding about 8,720 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 57 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.50 baht per tang.

Samudra Songram.—The total area under cultivation is about 19,000 rai, the paddy is inferior to that of last year. About 10,300 rai have been harvested yielding about 2,820 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 54 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.75 baht per tang.

Bejaburi.—The total area under cultivation is 155,300 rai, about 22,000 rai more than last year. The paddy is in the same condition as last year and is being harvested.

The average local price of paddy is 46 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.37 baht per tang.

Kanchanaburi.—The total area under cultivation is 39,700 rai, about 1,500 rai more than last year. The

paddy is in better condition than last year. About 930 rai have been harvested yielding about 130 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 40 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.37 baht per tang.

Prachin.—The total area under cultivation is about 17,200 rai, the paddy is in better condition than last year. About 2,390 rai have been harvested yielding about 370 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 55 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.62 baht per tang.

Mondol Prachin.

Chhaxengsao.—The total area under cultivation is 497,000 rai, about 12,000 rai less than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 234,450 rai have been harvested yielding about 65,750 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 41 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.37 baht per tang.

Prachin.—The total area under cultivation is 221,000 rai, about 7,100 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 101,430 rai have been harvested yielding about 30,560 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 50 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.25 baht per tang.

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Kamphaeng Bojra:—The total area under cultivation is 40,800 rai, about 7,000 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 3,250 rai have been harvested yielding about 630 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 40 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.12 baht per tang.

Tak:—The total area under cultivation is 31,500 rai, about 8,100 rai less than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 15,460 rai have been harvested yielding about 5,800 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 40 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.12 baht per tang.

Between the 24th and the 31st Inst. the Krung Deb rice mills bought about 10,300 kwien of paddy which came in by river and about 415 kwien by rail, making a total of about 10,715 kwien (rice mill size). The prices at the mills of Kao Na-muang were 77 bahts per kwien and Kao Na-suan from 76 to 80 bahts (rice mill size).

Summary:—The total area under paddy is approximately 6,930,200 rai, about 481,000 rai more than last year. Damage due to various causes is about 63,300 rai, or less than 1 per cent. The standing crops are in places as much as 4 to 6 sok in height, doing well. About 1,391,700 rai have been harvested yielding about 396,240 kwien.

On the Sea.

London, Jan. 13.—Sinking: The steamers Excellent (British) and Sogborg (Danish).

London, Jan. 13.—German wireless reports that a British cruiser of the Juno type was destroyed by a direct hit at Portmoy.

The British Admiralty states that no British cruiser was sunk. Presumably the German report refers to the loss of the seaplane carrier Ben-my-chree at Kasseloriz.

Stockholm, Jan. 14.—The Swedish steamer Ingeborg from England has arrived at Gothenburg. She was stopped in the North Sea by a German submarine which ordered seven hundred sacks of mail destined for Allied countries to be thrown into the sea, otherwise threatening to take the Ingeborg to Germany.

Russia's New Year's Gift.

Petrograd, Jan. 14.—General Dmitrieff in an order to the troops participating in the successful offensive on the Riga front, says: "Snow, frost and impassable marshes did not check your ardour. After long hand to hand fighting you pierced the enemy fortifications which have been under construction for fifteen months, despite the fire of hundreds of machine-guns and cleared a passage amid an awe-inspiring silence with bayonet, economising thousands of shells. I salute you, I humbly thank you for your fine New Year's gift to Russia."

Dmitrieff recapitulates that the booty includes thirty guns, fifty thousand uniforms, fifteen thousand rifles, twenty kitchens, and ten thousand bottles of brandy.

Amsterdam, Jan. 15.—Berlin Official: Neutral representatives left Bukharest on Jan. 13 at the request of the German authorities, on the ground there is no room for their diplomatic activities.

Petrograd, Jan. 15.—The reactionary ex-Minister of Justice, M. Stcheglov, has been appointed President of the Council of Empire. A number of retirements and fresh appointments in the Council replaces the Progressive majority by the Extreme right majority.

French Women Shell Makers Visit England.

A luncheon at the Mansion House, where they were the guests of the Lord Mayor (Sir William Henry Dunn) and the Lady Mayoress, brought to a fitting close the visit of ten French women munition makers to England.

In proposing the toast, "Our Guests," the Lord Mayor welcomed them as representatives of the patriots of France. The French women had been the first to enter the munition factories and had thus set an example to the women of England and the Empire. They were doing invaluable work, not only in producing munitions of war, but in releasing men who would otherwise have to stay in the factories.

For three weeks the French women have been touring round the country seeing how their English sisters are working in the munition factories of Glasgow, Birmingham, and London.

The last week they have spent entirely in the Metropolis, seeing the sights of London, visiting theatres and picture galleries and shops. They have been welcomed by the Minister of Munitions and received by the French Ambassador.

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Bangkok, 23rd January 1917.

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Russians Pressed Back.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 22.

A wireless Russian official says: Covered by concentrated artillery fire considerable enemy forces attacking on the Nanschi front and in the vicinity of river Remnik pressed back our detachments toward the river Sereth.

The enemy exclusively used explosive bullets southeastward of Rakotich and makes use of same in the Caucasus.

In Moldavia.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 22.

Jassy, 19th Jan.—The latest communications show that the enemy offensive in southern and western Moldavia has been definitely checked. The Russians had marked successes at different points.

Munition Factory Bombed.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 23.

Mesopotamia official.—Our aeroplanes dropped six 100lb. bombs on a munition factory in Baghdad.

'Peace Without Victory.'

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 24.

The following is the text of a passage of President Wilson's speech with reference to peace without victory: "The statesmen of both the belligerent groups have said it is no part of their purpose to crush their antagonists but the implication of this assurance may not be actually clear to everybody. The assurance implies firstly that there must be peace without victory." President Wilson emphasises that this is his own interpretation of the assurance and then develops his theory that such peace is indispensable.

Germans in China.

("S. O." SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, Jan. 24.

It is reported that the Germans in China are using the money obtained from the Boxer indemnity and are preparing for a revival of trade after the war; also that they are conducting a vigorous Press propaganda, the results of which appear meagre.

The German Raider.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Jan. 20.

Rio de Janeiro.—It is asserted that the German raider operating in the Atlantic must be the *Moesa* which cruised last year in the same waters.

Paris, Jan. 21.

Rio de Janeiro.—The Government has decided, as a result of the wicked acts of the German raider *Moesa*, to send the cruiser *Deodoro* to patrol the northern shores of Brazil.

German Raider Destroyed.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Jan. 23.

New York.—The British cruiser *Glasgow* has destroyed a German raider 130 miles from Para (Bohem).

Havas Telegrams.

Paris, Jan. 20.

There was artillery activity chiefly south of Lanniguy.

The Chamber has adjourned sine die by 401 to 45 votes. There was a Socialist interpellation on the objective of the war. M. Briand declared that the debate would run the risk of only diminishing the force of the Allies' reply to President Wilson the sincerity and clearness of which were universally appreciated.

The Senate has unanimously voted in favour of the project for a tax on incomes which should be laid before the Chamber of Deputies.

Paris, Jan. 21.

Yesterday we took prisoners in the region of Soissons. The British succeeded in a coup de main to the east of Saint Eloi.

The Russo-Rumanians crushed the enemy south west of Palesa taking prisoners.

Petrograd.—The Czar has addressed Prince Goltzine a rescript expressing confidence that the Russian people would accomplish their task until a definite victory is attained and inviting the Government to collaborate intimately with the Duma and the Zemstvos.

Paris, Jan. 22.

General Beliaeff and General Lyantey have exchanged telegrams expressing confidence in mutual co-operation for a decisive victory.

We broke down twice in succession by our fire violent attacks north of Caubieres Wood and on the right of the Meuse. British troops to the south-east of Loos threw grenades on dug-outs which were destroyed inflicting important losses.

London.—In Mesopotamia we captured a strip of land on the right of the Tigris thus making the place clear from Kut al Amara up to the mouth of the river.

Wilson's Message.

(HAYAS TELEGRAM.)

Paris, Jan. 23.

President Wilson has addressed a message to the Senate in Washington, stating that it is the duty of the United States to indicate the conditions of peace.

President Wilson wishes for the Great Powers an outlet to the sea.

He desires to see a peace without victory, a peace between equals, the right established for peoples to decide their own fate, the limitation of armaments, and the entire suppression of alliances between nations, each remaining free to act for itself, under the protection of all.

On The Field Of Honour.

News has been received of the death of Lieut. Leslie Charles Focken who was killed in action in France on October 26th last. He was a son of the late Mr. C. E. Focken, who was for several years chief engineer of the Scottish Oriental Steamship Co.'s vessels and who will be remembered by many old residents of Bangkok.

On the death of the late Mr. Focken in 1906 from typhoid Mrs Focken left for Australia with two of her sons. The late Lieut. Focken enlisted as a private in the public school company, 5th Battalion, 1st A. I. F. division. He sailed with the First Expeditionary Force and was appointed official interpreter to the prisoners from the *Endeavour* at Colombo. After a short stay in Egypt he sailed with the first force for Gallipoli. He took part in the operations for a couple of months but on getting sick returned to Egypt. On recovery he went back to Gallipoli where he contracted enteric and was sent to Gibraltar. He was sent to England where he joined the aviation school and obtained a commission in the Royal Flying Corps. From there he was sent to France where he made the supreme sacrifice. He was 21 years old.

THE s.s. *Kuala* arrived yesterday morning with 88 bags of mail on board. She will leave from the Borneo Company's Wharf at 5.30 a.m. sharp, on Saturday the 27th inst. and should arrive in Singapore on Tuesday morning.

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Extracts From the Government Gazette.

(Of the 21st Jan. 2459.)

On the 16th instant at the Bangkok Noi Station before entraining H.M. the King was graciously pleased to confer on Mr. H. Gittins of the Southern Line the 2nd Class of the White Elephant, on Mr. J. M. Sinclair the 3rd Class of the same Order, on Mr. C. F. Hare, Mr. N. Gibb, Mr. E. Wyon Smith, Mr. Englehardt the 3rd Class of the Crown of Siam, on Mr. J. A. Cram and Mr. T. H. Schneider the 4th Class of the White Elephant, on Mr. H. A. K. Zacharise the 4th class of the Crown of Siam, on Khun Wiwit Sars, Khun Mahitti Ratakarn, Khun Sinit Ratakarn and Khun Sararnchirak the 5th class of the Crown of Siam.

H. M. was pleased to confer on H. R. H. Prince Naris at the Dusit Park Fair on the 12th instant the Ratsa Varaporn Order.

H. M. on the 17th instant was pleased to direct the Ministry of War to forward to Colonel Phra Sri Narong Kawichai, now in Japan, the 3rd Class of the Crown of Siam.

Captain Niem of the Navy had a farewell audience on leaving for Japan in connection with the building of the new Royal Yacht.

There is an official notification of the death of Than Pujing Eam Suthasana Krung Tep (wife of H.E. Chao Phya Abhai Raja) holder of the 3rd Class of the Chula Chom Klao Order, together with His Majesty's directions regarding the cremation to take place later.

The prospectus of Bangtapan Noi Coconut Estate Ltd. was registered on the 5th instant. There is also an announcement that Mr. Edward Hicks takes the place of Mr. K. Van Dort resigned.

The firm of Buan Soon with registered office at Wat Thakien has been established for trade in rice.

The Bangkok Industries Company, Limited for carrying on a tannery business and other objects with a capital of Tcs. 554,000 in 100 tical shares, has been registered. The promoters are: Luang Chit Channong, Luang Bandakal Sans Vicharn, Sheikh Abdul Oader, Mr. G. E. M. de Jesus, Luang Banham Vorapok, Nai Plang Bunayathasane and Yiem Survongs.

Savings Banks have been further established at four places in each of the Mondols of Rajaburi, Prachinburi, and Krung Khao and at two places in Nagora Jaisri.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

TO-DAY'S telegrams appear on page 8.

H. B. B. c/o this paper advises a house in Suriwongse Road to let.

A notification from the Russian Legation as regards shipments of goods via Vladivostok appears in another column.

THE German Charge d'Affaires will be at Home on Saturday the 27th inst. to celebrate the anniversary of the birthday of His Majesty the German Emperor.

Mr. Seiichi Takahashi, who was recently appointed Secretary of the Japanese Legation and Consul, arrived here yesterday by s.s. Kuala and assumed duties from the 24th inst.

"MACKENSEN" points out that the words "in unison" in the article on "Ancient and Modern Town Planning in Bangkok" which appeared in our issue of Saturday, should have read as "in unisono."

MEMBERS are reminded that all ponies entering for the King's Gold Cup must come up for remeasurement on Saturday the 27th January 1917 at 4.30 p.m. Ponies with age certificates are excepted.

THE following passengers arrived by the s.s. Kuala from Singapore yesterday:—Mr. Steen Schreder, Mrs. Th. Masson, Mr. and Mrs. Dae Petersen, Mr. A. E. Stiven, Mr. K. Takagi, Mr. S. Takahashi, Mr. Cochrane, Mr. F. C. Banham, Mr. W. Morrison, Mr. Ohsa Eng Kee, Mr. Hedegard, Mr. F. Knight, Mrs. Andrews and three children, Mr. A. Tonarelli.

NEW Ads.—Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw and Co. are selling their entire stock of ties at sale prices. Messrs. B. Grimm and Co. close on the 27th inst. owing to the birthday of the German Emperor. New selection of films to-night at the Phathanakorn cinematograph. The Siam Auctioneering Co. will sell the office furniture etc. of Messrs. Mohr Bros. on Saturday next. The Borneo Co. have a new notice to consignees.

All Round Fighting.

The Rumanian Front.

London, Jan. 16.—Mackensen's advance on Galatz is at present the most conspicuous feature of the fighting in all theatres.

A German communique states that the captured village of Vadeni was the last place in the hands of Russo-Rumanians south of the Sereth, but notable successes have been achieved by the latter on the Moldavian highlands, which shows that they are still most active west of the Sereth. Galatz is only seven miles from Vadeni and within gunfire, but the Danube and Sereth must be crossed before the enemy is able to enter.

Though he has concentrated great forces fifty miles along the right bank of the Sereth, from its junction to the Danube, Mackensen has still not attempted an assault on the main Russian position on the Sereth, probably owing to the severity of the weather.

According to Petrograd reports prisoners state that Mackensen's troops are most fatigued, ravaged with sickness and privations.

The toll in the other theatres is more apparent than real. The most strenuous preparations are proceeding in the rear of all the main fronts for the resumption on a grand scale at the earliest possible moment. Experts point out that the enemy may soon need all his resources for the west, for a quick powerful counter-offensive before the enemy has time to dig in may still transform the whole Rumanian campaign.

London, Jan. 15.—Wireless. Russian Official. The Rumanians attacked heights in the region of the Kasino river and after violent bayonet fighting threw back the enemy a verve to the south.

The Russo-Rumanians repulsed an offensive in the same region and pressed back the enemy two verve to the south.

We withdrew slightly northwards in the Vadeni region and repulsed, with great losses, several attacks northeast of Focsani.

London, Jan. 15.—Wireless. German Official. We repulsed strong Russo-Rumanian attacks to the north of the Susita valley.

London, Jan. 16.—Bulgarian Official. From the right bank of the Danube we bombarded railway establishments round Galatz.

Macedonia and Italy. Paris, Jan. 15.—In Macedonia bad weather has caused numerous floods and heavy snowstorms in the lake Prespa region. The Italians repulsed an enemy attack on a munition depot and destroyed Putures north of Armatus. There have been engagements south of lake Ochrida particularly at Veliterna where the Indo-Chinese detachment has been in action. Another detachment slightly progressed beyond Svets.

Rome, Jan. 15.—Austrian reports state that important contingents of Austrian and Bavarian troops are concentrating at Innsbruck where they will be trained in mountain warfare with a view to a new "punitive expedition" against Italy in the Trentino region in the spring.

London, Jan. 15.—Italian Official. There has been increased enemy artillery fire on the Carso eastward of Gorizia.

Carpathian Fighting. London, Jan. 17.—German Official: Russo-Rumanians fiercely continued their attacks in the east Carpathians with heavy masses of men against the height positions we recently snatched from them. They succeeded in gaining a footing on one summit but were repulsed elsewhere. Advanced Turkish posts near Vadeni were withdrawn before superior forces.

The message claims that during an unspecified period sixteen German aeroplanes were lost in fights, compared with sixty six of the Allies, of which twenty-two were captured.

London, Jan. 17.—German communique says: Fighting has developed south of Moryon.

London, Jan. 17.—Wireless. Russian Official. The enemy attacked the Rumanians south-west of Pralea. Our counter-attack drove him back. In a night attack we drove out the Germans from Gerleschi but a counter-attack compelled us to withdraw. We stormed and captured Vadeni where a dense counter-attack failed.

Jassy, Jan. 16.—The King of Rumania in a New Year Order to the army says that the present trials have not diminished their valour justifying confidence in a future victory.

The latest report from the front is that the enemy's offensive has greatly slackened and the attacks are rarer and weaker.

London, Jan. 18.—The Rumanian communique, which were temporarily suspended, were resumed on Jan. 17 and say that enemy counter-attacks were repulsed with great loss. We maintain our positions. There was reciprocal bombardment on the Danube, the Russo-Rumanian fleet participating.

In the West. London, Jan. 17.—German Official. The artillery battle has increased in violence at several points in the west.

London, Jan. 18.—General Haig states: This morning after heavy bombardment we occupied a line of posts to the north of Beaumont Sur Ancre. The whole of the objectives were gained on a frontage of 800 yards with few casualties. Our observation in this

Racing Notes.

Training is going on well apace. In addition to Royal Flush, late Accelerator, I hear that another pony arrived by the Kuala, a black mare said to be known in Australian racing as Lady Melba. And yet there is said to be another gelding coming up well known in the Straits as Laksoes, so that the 14. 2 class of ponies will be well represented at the forthcoming meeting of the R. B. S. C.

All the stables are putting in fast work now and one of those in regular attendance is Dr. Butler, to whom Bangkok owners will offer a hearty welcome.

Chiengmai Notes.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Chiengmai, Jan. 16. The funeral of the late Mr. Dalgleish took place on Saturday last at 4 o'clock at our pretty little Christian Cemetery.

The whole of the American and European communities were present, also T. E. Phya War (the Governor of Chiengmai), Phya Pra'ob (Chief of the Gendarmerie) and Phya Inthaart (the Chief Judge), Luang Yo and many others of the Burmese community.

The coffin which was covered with wreaths of fresh roses, white lilies and other flowers was encased in black velvet.

The service was read by the Revd. Harris.

Mr. Dalgleish will be very much missed for his quite disposition and even temper had won for him the friendship of all.

area has considerably improved. Our artillery barrage in the afternoon broke up a counterattack, causing heavy loss. The position is being consolidated. We carried out in the neighbourhood of Lens important raids with complete success. German positions southward of Cite Calonne and westward of Lens were entered late on Tuesday under cover of heavy bombardment.

We reached the support line bombed and destroyed dugouts, inflicting many casualties. Our losses were small.

The Canadians this morning successfully made a daylight raid northeast of Cite Calonne. They entered trenches on a front of seven hundred yards to a depth of three hundred to the second line. Heavy losses were inflicted and all dugouts completely wrecked and 100 men taken prisoner. Our artillery and machine-guns cooperated with the infantry very effectively and our casualties were slight.

London, Jan. 17.—A French communique says: We repulsed small enemy attacks east of Clercy and south of Biaches and les Eparges. Our patrols penetrated enemy lines at several points on the heights of the Meuse and in the forest of Apremont.

Rumania. London, Jan. 17.—Yesterday's news from Rumania seems to show that the force of the German drive is nearly spent. The Russo-Rumanians, reinforced, are making a splendid stand on the Sereth line and regaining ground on their northern wing. Hard fighting is in progress between Braila and Galatz, which Mackensen is desperately striving to capture. Fundens, where the Germans reported a strong Russian offensive, is thirty miles west of Galatz.

London, Jan. 16.—Wireless. German Official: Hostile attacks between the Casina and Susita valleys were not successful. A counter-attack drove back the Rumanians who had penetrated at one point. We took prisoner 202 men. Curtain-fire broke down strong Russian masses which were repeatedly attacking on both sides of Fundeni. The enemy's losses were great.

London, Jan. 16.—Wireless. Russian Official: Southward of Pralea the Russo-Rumanians advanced two verve. The Rumanians beat back two night attacks southward of Rekos, on the Sushitsa. We bombed vessels on the Danube in the region of Brailor. One of our submarines sank two ships near the Boephorus.

Italy. London, Jan. 16.—Italian communique: After long and difficult mining operations the enemy exploded a large mine under our positions on the southern slopes of Mount Piccolo at Lagazuol. Owing to our counter mining the tremendous explosion did not affect our troops. On the contrary the collapse of the enemy's gallery caused him very numerous casualties.



The Council of Ministers has decided that from the 25th of October 1916 goods having no immediate connection with national defence cannot be introduced via Vladivostok, and that special requests must be presented to the Department of Commerce of the Ministry of Commerce to introduce goods having immediate connection with national defence.

Bangkok, January 25th 1917.

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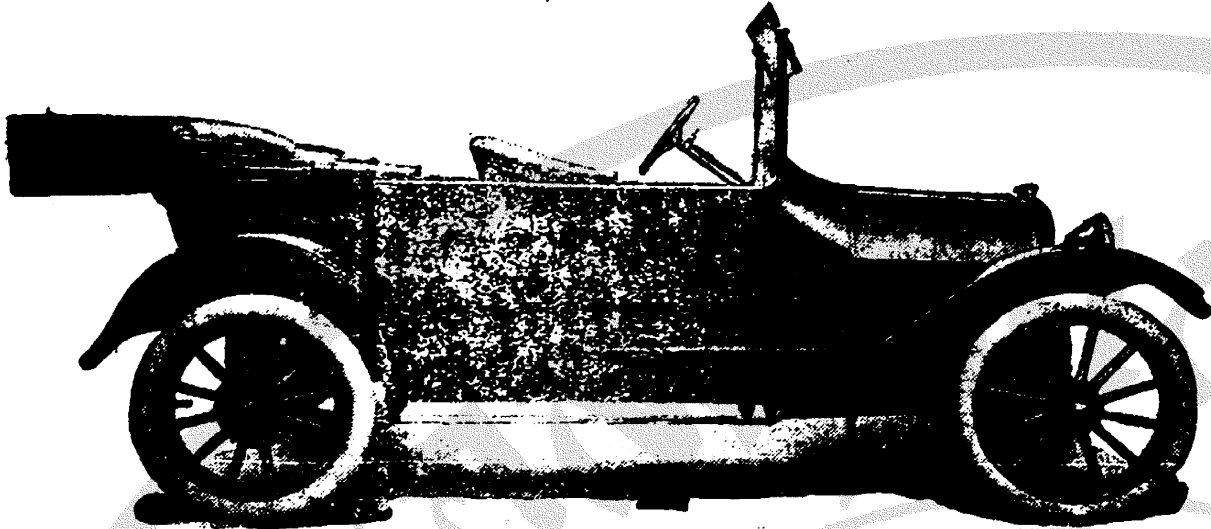
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London, January 17.—Mr. Balfour's statement to neutrals says: The Young Turks under German influence were at least as barbarous and far more aggressive than under Abdul Hamid. The interests of peace and the claims of nationality alike require that Turkish rule over alien races shall if possible be brought to an end and it may be hoped the expulsion of Turkey from Europe will contribute as much to peace as any of the other territorial changes indicated in the Allies note. These territorial arrangements, however, though they may diminish occasions of war, do not provide sufficient security for the future.

After pointing out that the war had proved treaties were useless to restrain the Central Powers from aggression, he declares that their methods of calculated brutality are designed not merely to crush their opponents but also to intimidate neutrals.

Belgium was not merely the victim but was an example to neutrals who were intended to note the outrages which accompanied its conquest, and the reign of terror which followed its occupation, the deportation of its population and the cruel oppression of the remainder, and in case nations protected by British or their own fleets from German armies should suppose themselves safe from German methods, German submarines have assiduously imitated the German army's barbarism. If therefore the Central Powers succeed they will owe their success to terrorism by land and sea. Thus any attempt to improve the code of international law would be useless since only criminals who broke the rules would benefit thereby, while those adhering to them would suffer.

Therefore the people of Great Britain while fully sharing President Wilson's desire for peace do not believe any peace can be durable if not based on the Allies victory.

The three conditions of a durable peace are firstly, the removal as far as possible of the existing causes of international unrest; Secondly, That the aggressive aims and unscrupulous methods of the Central Powers should fall into disrepute among their own peoples; Thirdly, Behind international law and all treaty arrangements for preventing or limiting hostilities some form of international sanction should be devised which will give pause to the hardest aggressor.

These conditions may be difficult to fulfil but the Allies believe them to be in general harmony with President

Wilson's ideas and are confident that none of them can be satisfied, even imperfectly unless peace is secured on the general lines indicated so far as Europe is concerned in the Allies note. Hence the reason that Britain had made and was making and was prepared to make sacrifices of blood and treasure unparalleled in its history, which it bears because it firmly believes that on the success of the Allies depend the prospects of peaceful civilization and those international reforms which the best thinkers of the new world as well as the old, dare to hope may follow the cessation of the present calamities.

Notes to Other Neutrals.
Paris, Jan. 17.—The Allies have replied to the Swiss and Scandinavian peace notes backing up President Wilson's note. They declare their inability to meet the wish, for reasons contained in the reply despatched to President Wilson.

The Kaiser's Letter.
Paris, Jan. 16.—The newspapers are of opinion the Kaiser's letter to Herr Bethman Hollweg, mentioned yesterday, was written after the Allies had replied to the German peace offer and was intended to counteract the disastrous effect produced amongst neutrals by the outbreak of fury in the Emperor's latest proclamation.

The Prussian Diet.
Amsterdam, Jan. 17.—In the Prussian Diet in submitting the budget the Finance Minister said he had not abandoned the hope that this would be the last War budget, although their enemies "declared their intention to destroy Germany." He admitted that the blockade was pressing heavily. Many were suffering severely, but nobody was starving. Their enemies were greatly mistaken if they believed that they could conquer Germany by a blockade. He warned them that the Germans must face difficult months of immensely heavy fighting. Many sacrifices must be made of blood and treasure, but all were convinced of victory. "Our true God will be with us if we only do our duty."

London, Jan. 14.—The London Gazette records the grant of Victoria Crosses to Pte John Cunningham, East Yorks, who, when the rest of his bombing section were casualties, collected bombs and proceeded to use them alone, returned for a fresh supply, advanced and met and killed ten Germans and cleared a trench; and to Pte David Ross Lauder of the Scots Fusiliers who placed his foot on a fallen bomb. His foot was blown off, but his bombing party was saved.

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The Situation in Germany.

London, Jan. 18.—A Letter of a neutral has been published. He toured a dozen leading German centres and though he did not hear of actual starvation, the feeling is growing that Germany is faced with the prospect of being unable to continue the struggle, unless she raids Denmark and Holland for meat, corn, butter and oil. The greatest scarcity is leather. Soldiers from the front complain most bitterly of the deterioration of the food.

The correspondent of the Times at Athens says that King Constantine is thankful to have saved his throne. He would have accepted any ultimatum in preference to embarking on an uncertain military adventure. It is known that Sarraï would be able to devote himself to the entire destruction of the Greek Army.

Reuter's correspondent at Headquarters on Wednesday night, wires that the Canadian raid in the snow in the morning was interesting, because the assailants were in proper battle order, the Germans expecting an attack. Their resistance was a fair measure of their powers of defence, while the ground is virgin soil, unfought over since October 1914. Heavy guns for ten days slowly bombarded it, effectively cutting the wire. It was snowing in the morning when the Canadians tumbled out, covered by the smoke of the bombardment on a front of 850 yards. There was sharp fighting at the first line where a number of prisoners were taken. The second line, 30 yards to the rear, was entered, the Canadians remaining half an hour. The enemy left resisted with bombs but were repulsed elsewhere, and surrendered most freely. There were 28 prisoners in one dugout. Most of the other dugouts were bombed, hence the losses were heavy. The Canadian's casualties were the slightest. They brought back all the wounded.

The Greek Question.

London, Jan. 12.—The Greek reply to the Allied ultimatum evades the demand for apologies to the Allied ministers and public salutes to the Allied flags in connection with the events of Dec. 1 and also ignores the demand for the removal of the officer responsible for the orders given on Dec. 1. Furthermore the release of persons arrested is not dealt with in accordance with the spirit of the Allied demand for immediate liberation.

Blockade to Continue.
London, Jan. 12.—Reuter announces that the Allies consider the Greek reply not sufficiently precise and the Greek Government will be told the reply gives pleasure as far as it goes, but a more definite acquiescence is necessary. The Allies do not intend to raise the blockade until the full demands are conceded. The Allies representatives will remain at Athens.
Rome, Dec. 17.—The Tribuna's

Athens correspondent states:—The blockade is exceedingly strict. There are only 18 days' supply of bread in the city and the inhabitants are already on bread rations, although meat and vegetables are plentiful. The blockaders have seized four sailing ships laden with foodstuffs. The Allies completely control the Straits of Corinth. There have been great Royalist demonstrations in the provinces.

London, Jan. 14.—The British Colony at Athens has arrived in England after having been a month on board ship at The Piræus. They estimate the Greeks, though suffering from the blockade, have food for three months. The surplus of the harvest has been hidden in caves and dugouts.

Salonika, Jan. 14.—The arrival is reported at Athens of Major von Falkenhansen, ex-military attaché at the German Legation at Athens, doubtless bringing a message from the Kaiser. He travelled via south Albania and Janina.

Peace Literature.

Amsterdam, Jan. 15.—The Norddeutscher Allgemeine Zeitung publishes a letter from the Kaiser addressed to Herr Bethmann Hollweg on Oct. 31 saying the enemy peoples are kept in the war by lies and frauds because their rulers are without the moral courage to speak the peace word. It is necessary to find a ruler who has a conscience and who feels he is responsible to God, who has a heart for his own and enemy peoples, who is indifferent to any wilful misrepresentation his action may possess, and who will free the world of the sufferings. I have the courage and trusting God I shall dare to take the step. Please draft notes on these lines and submit them to me and all the necessary arrangements without delay.

London, Jan. 15.—With a view of cheering up Berlin, at the adhesion of another neutral to President Wilson's note, Count Bernstorff has wired to Germany the text of China's reply, which he ventures to declare the war has probably effected her interests more seriously than any other of the neutrals. China is prepared after the war to join in assuring respect for the principle of equality of nations and relieve them from the peril of wrong and violence.

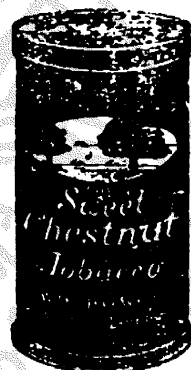
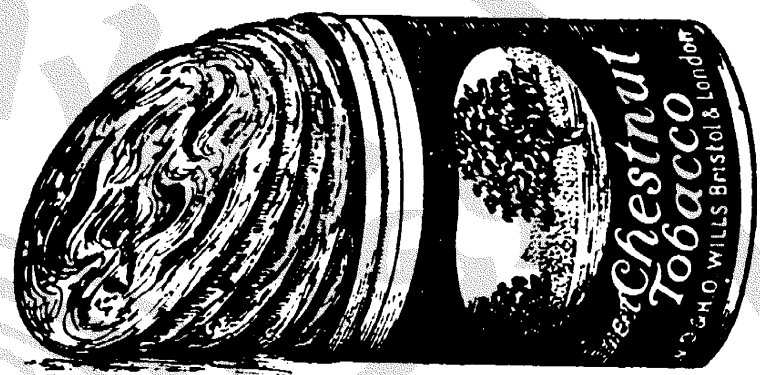
London, Jan. 16.—The Daily Telegraph's diplomatic correspondent says that the Allies are again negotiating with King Constantine and forwarded on Jan. 13 observations on the Greek reply of Jan. 11, insisting on further pledges and refusing to raise the blockade, but leaving the door open for further discussion.

The Piræus General Callaris, commanding the first Army Corps during the events in Athens on Dec. 1 has been placed on the retired list, and has been replaced by General Yannakakis, ex-minister of war in the Skouloudis cabinet.

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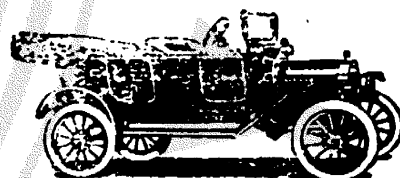
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THE Great War.

Russian Campaign.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 23. Wireless Russian official.—In the direction of Kovel the enemy took the offensive and entered our trenches southward of Rudkamininskale but our reserves drove him out. Enemy attempts to advance in the Oltus valley were arrested.

Our submarine sank a steamer and nine schooners in the Bosphorus.

The Factory Explosion.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 24. The Ministry of Munitions reports that the explosion casualties now number: Killed, forty-four men, eleven women and fourteen children; seriously injured seventy-two; slightly injured, 323.

Western Front.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

London, Jan. 23. The French communique says:—After violent bombardment the Germans yesterday evening attacked north of Carriers wood on the right bank of the Meuse. Our artillery and machine-gun fire twice broke down the attacks and we hold the whole of our front. There was active artillery fire at night in the sector of Pepper Hill.

London, Jan. 13.—The Master of Balliol, addressing the Historical Association, said it was understood that a proposal would soon be made public for developing the present parliament to an imperial House of Lords, including nominated Indians, and a new House of Commons, including elected Britons and dominion members, in addition to a special British Parliament, or several British Parliaments.

East Africa Campaign.

Sends to Go to London.

London, Jan. 15.—Reuter's correspondent in East Africa says: After the operations of Jan. 1 the enemy, retreating on the Rufigi fought a series of rearguard actions most stubbornly, in one of which Captain Selous was killed while pluckily leading the Fusiliers Frontiersmen. Thereafter the enemy made no stand north of the river. General Sheppard reached the north bank of the Rufigi on Jan. 5. The enemy took up a position on the south bank opposite the old German bridge, evidently expecting us to repair it and cross. Gen. Sheppard however crossed by boats higher up. The enemy the following night bombarded the boats and attacked the Punjabis and Baluchis, who held on very pluckily till fresh ammunition was sent up and the enemy's fire died away under our rapid and accurate fire. South African artillery greatly assisted in holding the crossing. Meanwhile General Beves made a wide flanking movement to the west and crossed the Rufigi just before its confluence with the Baaba and proceeded to a post north of Mikaliso, where he routed the enemy. The performance of General Sheppard's brigade accorded with the highest traditions of the Indian army, while General Beves' march was a brilliant feat of endurance.

The Military Situation.

London, Jan. 16.—A War Office statement says that the War Minister instructed General Smuts to hand over his command as soon as the military situation permits. It is realised that the larger issues at stake and the value of General Smuts' presence at the war conference are considerations making his compliance with the wishes of the Union Government essential. The military situation in East Africa is fortunately such as will make a change of command and some reorganisation comparatively simple. The steps contemplated would have been taken very shortly anyhow. The statement at length shows that in eleven months General Smuts has cleared the enemy from German East Africa except from a comparatively small and unimportant area, and the enemy is now in reduced straits.

Paris, Jan. 13.—The Parliamentary group for national action have passed a resolution urging the appointment of an inter-Allied General Staff to advise the Governments in the direction of the war, and the appointment of a Commander in Chief by common consent, assisted by the inter-Allied staff, will if necessary will amalgamate the different troops.

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