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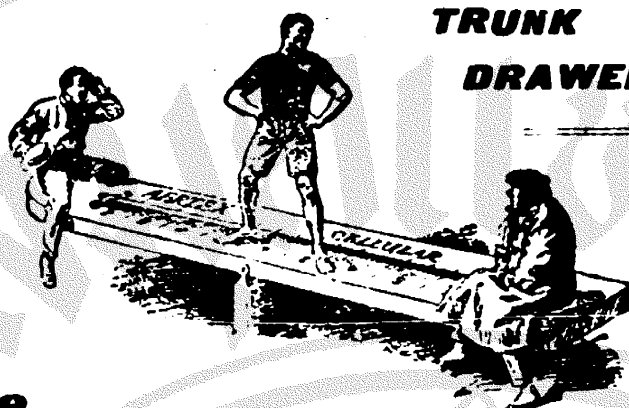
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FOR FEB. 1917.

Feb.	H. W.	Ft. in.	L. W.	(Approx.)
1	8 00	11 7	...	...
2	8 00	11 7	...	...
3	6 00	14 5	...	...
4	6 00	14 10	...	...
5	6 00	15 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 30	14 8	...	...
19	8 30	15 1	...	...
20	8 30	15 4	...	...
21	6 00	15 8	...	...
22	6 30	15 4	...	...
23	7 00	15 1	1.0	7.0
24	7 00	15 1	1.0	6.0
25	7 00	15 1	1.0	7.0
26	7 00	14 9	1.2	7.0
27	7 00	14 9	...	...
28	7 00	14 9	...	...
29	...	...	...	...
30	...	...	...	...
31	...	...	...	...

Feb.	H. W.	Ft. in.	L. W.	(Approx.)
1	11 00	12 6	4.5	7.0
2	...	...	5.6	7.0
3	...	...	5.6	7.0
4	...	...	6.7	7.0
5	...	...	6.7	7.0
6	...	...	9.10	7.0
7	3 30	12 8	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	4.5	7.0
16	...	...	5.6	7.0
17	...	...	6.0	7.0
18	...	...	8.9	7.0
19	...	...	9.10	7.0
20	2 30	12 7	11.12	7.0
21	2 30	13 0	11.12	7.0
22	5 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 O Last Quarter 8.35 a.m.
22nd O New Moon 0.51 a.m.
28th O First Quarter 11.26 p.m.

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The average local price of paddy is 52 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.50 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 136,431 rai have been harvested yielding about 20,050 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 50 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.75 baht per tang.

Phra Pradaeng:—The total area under cultivation is 95,900 rai, about 800 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 64,700 rai have been harvested yielding about 6,400 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 50 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.75 baht per tang.

Samudprakar:—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 122,000 rai have been harvested yielding about 35,795 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 52 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.50 baht per tang.

Mondol Kruang 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 326,640 rai have been harvested yielding about 87,100 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 48 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.75 baht per tang.

Pradum Dhan:—The total area under cultivation is 139,300 rai, about 1,500 rai more than last year. The paddy is in fair condition. About 16,580 rai have been harvested yielding about 5,980 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 57 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 2 bahts 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 449,900 rai have been harvested yielding about 183,950 kwien.

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

Antong:—The total area under cultivation is 397,300 rai, about 69,200 rai less than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 87,590 rai have been harvested yielding about 23,360 kwien.

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

Singhaburi:—The total area under cultivation is 195,200 rai, about 1,400 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 35,400 rai have been harvested yielding about 20,090 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 50 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 293,100 rai have been harvested yielding about 99,380 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 48 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.62 baht per tang.

Lobbur:—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 209,610 rai have been harvested yielding about 99,280 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 45 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.75 baht per tang.

Mondol Nagar Jayari.

Nagor Pathom:—The total area under cultivation is about 450,000 rai, the paddy is in the same condition as last year. About 103,900 rai have been harvested yielding about 23,830 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 36 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.75 baht per tang.

Samudra Sagar:—The total area under cultivation is 88,800 rai, about 4,700 rai more than last year. The paddy is in the same condition as last year. About 66,480 rai have been harvested yielding about 22,200 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 55 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.75 baht per tang.

Suvarna:—The total area under cultivation is 554,400 rai, about the same as last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 108,470 rai have been harvested yielding about 36,160 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 40 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.62 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 better condition than last year. About 184,700 rai have been harvested yielding about 35,540 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 58 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.75 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 17,700 rai have been harvested yielding about 5,190 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 53 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.75 baht per tang.

Bejraburi:—The total area under cultivation is about 23,360 kwien.

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	a.m.	p.m.	a.m.	p.m.		a.m.	p.m.
Bangkok Dep.	7.00	9.48	1.25	3.33	Lampang Dep.	...	7.33
Ayuthia Arr.	9.3	11.41	3.33	5.45	Den Chai "	...	12

Trench Raids.

A series of raids, in which the British have secured remarkable success, are reported in the week-end despatches. In a daylight raid south-east of Arras, our forces reached the enemy's third line. Similar enterprises by the Germans, notably near Ypres, have been driven off with loss. Since Christmas, in these raids our men have taken over 240 prisoners. The ease with which their third line was reached at Arras convinced the British that the enemy had some new dodge on, but nothing happened. The third line was absolutely empty and showed traces of British gunfire, as the first wire was cut to pieces and the trench was in ruins. One Scottish officer stated that he could not see a live German, even from their third line. There was no machine-gun fire when advancing, and the amount of shell fire when going back was not enough to cause the British ranks any hurry.—Ex.

Railway Fares Increase.

It is now officially announced that no concessions in the 50 per cent increase of railway fares will be considered for a month, the period apparently fixed to show how the new system will work. This intimation of the Board of Trade's decision was made at a headmasters' conference in connection with the question of fares of boys returning to school. It has been pointed out that the new fares press very hardly on the teaching profession, already badly paid, and on a large class both professional and mercantile unable to spare the money for a season ticket.—Ex.

Germans and Turk y.

It is quite evident that Germany while abandoning her dreams of an advance in the west is building more and more on a new Central Empire, under her complete control. The possibility of the Balkans no longer being under the German heel is entirely ignored in the latest German politics. A new step has just been taken which shows that the complete German mastery over Turkey is to continue after the war. "This consists in the signature at Berlin of a treaty covering the whole ground of economic relations between Germany and Turkey. No fewer than 20 separate agreements are embodied in this treaty. Some of them are renewals of existing arrangements; others are required in consequence of closer relations between the two nations established as a result of the war."—Ex.

Russo-Roumanian Front.

London, Jan. 29.—A Russian official bulletin states that the Russians assumed the offensive on both sides of the Kimpolung-Jokobleny road, broke through the enemy's positions on a front of three versts, and took prisoners and booty.

Berlin's account of this movement admits a withdrawal before superior Russian forces nearer to the eastern bank of the Golden Bistritza. There is both road and railway communication from Kimpolung, which is in Bukovina, to Jokobleny, which lies to the south-west, and the railway continues to Dorna Watra.

It appears from comments on this movement by M. Marcel Hutin in the "Echo de Paris" that Paris has heard that our Allies advance on a two mile front was a mile and a quarter in depth.

Berlin to Baghdad.

A conference of the leading German Engineers has been held at Stuttgart to discuss the question of overland communication for goods traffic between Central Europe and Asia Minor. The main purpose of such a line is that it shall compete with sea route and be independent of English influences under all circumstances. Some amazing schemes were suggested; Professor Von Schmidt advocated in all seriousness the construction of a "Schwebedahn" (presumably an aerial cable railway with hanging cars) from Berlin via Constantinople to Baghdad which he said could easily be made to satisfy all traffic demands. Another scheme discussed was for an electric railway along the same route, with only a few stations at great distances apart, as collecting stations for goods traffic.—Ex.

The Austrian Emperor's Wife.

Geneva, Jan. 10.—A despatch received in Zurich from Vienna states that the Empress Zita (who is an Italian) is taking an active and prominent part in the government of the Dual Monarchy.

The "Journal de Geneve" says that of the Royal Austrian couple not the less intelligent, indefatigable, and influential is the Empress. It is stated that recent drastic changes of Ministers and also reforms are the direct work of the Royal couple, and that further changes are imminent. The Empress did not hide her sympathies for the Allies even from the late Emperor, and both German and Austrian Junkers will find in her a powerful opponent.

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PALM SUGAR.

Some time ago we understood that an effort was being made by a young Siamese gentleman to induce the villagers round about the Mondhol of Pachim to take greater care of their palms and pay closer attention to the extracting of the juice. In fact he was personally among some of these people explaining to them how, by the employment of some modern methods regarding extraction, the yield could be made much more plentiful. This is evidently what has been done in Ceylon by a Company established there for making palmyra sugar. The interview of the Manager of that Company accorded to a Ceylon newspaper, an extract of which appears in another column, gives some idea of what is being done in a neighbouring country in regard to very much the same kind of business.

Hitherto, owing to legislation avowedly to protect the revenue arising from the distilling and sale of spirituous liquors, restrictions have been placed on the class of people engaged in extracting the juice of the palm tree. The object of these restrictions, while not tending directly to influence adversely the making of palm sugar, has always had that indirect effect, for, just as in Ceylon, the cry is we make a large quantity of alcohol by way of a by-product and we naturally want a market for this. There, as in this country, a considerable revenue is obtainable, through the Spirituous Liquor Acts, and the Governments are indirectly barring the progress of a local industry which will bring, in the long run, prosperity to the people and country. Sugar cane has been grown here in the past, and sugar not only made for local consumption, but even for export. To-day the cane sugar industry, while still existing, is perhaps dying out. This is the case because improved methods in the cultivation of the cane and of the making of sugar have supplanted the old, with the result that sugar could be made in Java, for instance, at a much smaller first cost than in many other places, and a once prosperous industry of Siam has had to go under. While perhaps Siam is not as ideal a country as Java for cane cultivation, it is par excellence the best country for the growth of palms, and with education and encouragement the people could be induced to take seriously to this industry, backed up as it should be by the establishment of a mill and machinery where the raw product can be sold freely without any harassing legislation affecting the freedom of those engaged in the business.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

"CUSTOMS" c/o this paper wants a man to take charge of Customs work and inward shipments.

THE Siamese warship the "Maha Chakrakri," 3,000 tons, the largest of the Siamese fleet, which has been at Kobe effecting repairs, has been sold to the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, says an exchange.

New ads.—A fresh supply of pheasants arrived for the B. M. C. by the s.s. *Kwela*. The Oriental Store have fresh stocks of Hunter's hams and bacon. The Bangkok Auctioneering Co. (T.S. Apar) have a large stock of household furniture etc. on sale. Bargain sales every Saturday. The Borneo Co. have a new notice to consignees.

MR. E. H. V. Mayne, the Manager of the local branch of the Vacuum Oil Company, was in the Court for Foreign Causes this morning giving evidence in a case against a Chinese trader for selling inferior oil in tins with the Vacuum Oil Company's name and trade mark. Mr. Jones was appearing for the Company. The case was still proceeding in the afternoon.

THE "Daily Express" correspondent at Amsterdam telegraphs that Germany, in preparation for a great naval effort, is constructing a formidable fleet. The greatest activity reigns in the Bremen and Memle shipyards, while at Kiel submarines of a large type and the greatest speed known are being built. At Hamburg and Cuxhaven a series of torpedo-boat destroyers is being constructed. Everywhere the German marine works furiously forge instruments to enable it to satisfy its hatred of England.

News of Our Former Editor.

Mr. Eric Reid, who joined the I.A.R.O. in February, 1915, has been promoted Captain for services rendered in bringing in valuable information of the enemy in East Africa. He is now British Political Officer, Las Palmas, Portuguese East Africa.

American Tennis Tournament.

Men's Open Singles.—Winner Fitzgerald.

Men's Open Doubles.—Winners Fitzgerald and Walsh.

Mixed Handicap Doubles.—Winners Mrs. Thornley and de Berg.

Men's Handicap Singles. Final—Phra Anuraka, Horne, Gronneman, Forest, J. Glahusen, Jackson and McKelvie.

Men's Handicap Doubles. Final—Gee and Marcan, Coultas and Cable, Glahusen and Gronneman, Christmas and Forest, Wishart and McKelvie, Rasmussen and Dilegaard.

The Finals of the Men's Handicap Singles and Doubles will be played off on the American system, each match consisting of ten games.

All finals must be finished by the 15th March 1917.

Bangkok Dock Co., Ltd.

The following is the report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1916 for presentation to the shareholders at the Annual Ordinary General Meeting of the Company to be held at the Company's office on Thursday, the 1st March, 1917, at 5 p.m.:

Your Directors now take pleasure in submitting the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account for the year ended 31st December, 1916.

The Profit for the year after paying interest on Debentures, and writing off Ticals 40,592.22 as depreciation on the Company's Property and Plant, amounted to Ticals 305,509.80. To this sum has to be added amount brought forward from last year Ticals 42,352.24 which makes a sum of Ticals 248,361.64 available for distribution.

An Interim Dividend of 4 per cent. was paid on the 1st September, 1916, absorbing Ticals 40,000 leaving a balance of Ticals 208,361.64 which your Directors recommend be dealt with as follows:-

Pay a final Dividend of 4 per cent.	Ticals 40,000.00
Pay a Bonus to Shareholders of Tcs. 4 per share	40,000.00
Transfer to Reserve Fund	50,000.00
Transfer to Special Reserve	10,000.00
Directors' Remuneration	11,000.00
Bonus to Staff	12,000.00
Carry Forward to 1917	45,361.64
Ticals	208,361.64

During the year under review your Directors redeemed the balance of the 6 per cent. Debenture issue. The Company has been registered under the new Siamese Company Law.

Director.—The Director to retire by rotation is Dr. T. Heyward Hays, who is eligible for re-election.

Auditor.—The Books and Accounts have been audited by Mr. A. H. Donaldson, C.A., who offers himself for re-election.

Germany and Bulgaria.

London, January 24.—The "Idea Nazionale's" Berne correspondent says Germany is anxious about Bulgaria's attitude. Count Reventlow draws attention to the omission of Bulgaria from the Entente Note. This significant fact has not been overlooked in Sofia.

The Greek Army.

London, January 29.—An Exchange Company's telegram from Athens says it is agreed that nine Greek regiments shall remain north of the Isthmus of Corinth. The strength of a Greek regiment varies from 650 to 1,000 men. The transfer of troops continues as directed by General Bosquier.

Iodine Treatment of Plague.

Seeing that plague is once more on the increase in India, Commissioner Booth Tucker, of the Salvation Army, again calls attention to the value of Tincture of Iodine as a simple and efficacious remedy, especially useful in the early stages.

The Commissioner recently quoted the case of a tea garden, where plague was raging in the neighbourhood, and out of 2,000 coolies there were only 17 seizures and three deaths, owing to the use of Iodine as a preventative, two drops being administered, in water, daily, to each coolie.

THE Great War.

The Western Front.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Feb. 20.

Yesterday we delivered destructive shell fire on the German works to the north of Damloup. We succeeded in a coup de main in Alsace at Barckopf to the north of Munster.

To-day artillery actions are in progress between the Oise and the Aisne and in the Avocourt sector.

We were successful in surprise attacks to the north of Flirey and the west of Wattweiler.

The British destroyed mine shafts and shelters containing troops to the south of Souchez.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)

London, Feb. 21.

Marshal Haig reports that under cover of a heavy bombardment destroying our trench strong enemy detachments assisted by flamethrowers, rushed a small advanced post southward of Le Transloy. We entered and considerably damaged positions eastward of Armentieres and eastward of Ypres.

The British War Loan.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Feb. 20.

In the British House of Commons Mr. Bonar Law announced that the War Loan has already exceeded £700,000,000 not including conversions.

(“S. O.” SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, Feb. 21.

The British War Loan is described as the biggest financial triumph in history. Over six hundred million pounds of new money have been subscribed.

Sinkings.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Feb. 20.

The Press Bureau furnishes the following list of 9 ships torpedoed on the 17th and 18th instant: 1 French, 2 British, 1 Belgian, 1 Greek, 2 Norwegian and 2 Dutch. Total 15,000 tons.

Trouble in Costa Rica.

(Havas Telegram.)

Paris, Feb. 20.

New York.—The Minister of War of Costa Rica has taken over the Government provisionally. The President of the Republic of Costa Rica has left that country and order is maintained.

German Reservists in Mexico.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)

London, Feb. 21.

New York.—The Sun's Washington correspondent says that the State Department has been informed of the arrival of 300 German reservists at Mexico City who are ready to join any faction to prevent the landing of any American force to safeguard the oil wells at Tampico.

Spies in United States.

(REUTERS TELEGRAM.)

London, Feb. 21.

Washington.—The Senate has supported the espionage bill. It is declared that at present there are a hundred thousand spies in the United States.

Kaiser's Visit to Vienna.

(“S. O.” SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, Feb. 21.

The Kaiser's visit to Vienna is largely due to apprehension regarding the Austro-Hungarian attitude towards Germany arising from the recent ministerial and official changes.

The Sumatra Earthquake.

(“S. O.” SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

Singapore, Feb. 21.

About 1,800 people were killed in the Sumatra earthquake.

Germany's Plight.

London, February 5.—The United States' decision to break off relations with Germany produced an immediate tabling of the German censorship, but The League correspondent of the “Daily Express” says that what news has got through intimates that consternation prevails in all circles. The impression prevails that the Germans' last chance of a favourable peace has now vanished. Only a handful of Pan-Germans are pleased. This correspondent says that no one, from the Kaiser downwards, has hitherto thought American participation on the Entente side possible.

Another View.

This conflicts with a message from the Exchange Company's Stockholm correspondent, who claims to have obtained reliable particulars of Dr. von Bethmann Hollweg's conversation with the leaders of the Centre and National Liberal parties after a secret session of the Reichstag Committee on the 31st January. According to this the Chancellor anticipated war with America, but explained that the German Admiralty believed the world's tonnage had reached a minimum below which the Entente could not continue war. The limit of tonnage would prevent America's sending and maintaining an army in Europe without jeopardising the supplies of the Entente. Moreover the German blockade must succeed, if at all, within a few weeks before effective American participation could begin. The Chancellor spoke gloomily of the German food situation, and said that the unbearable tension at home made a policy of victory or destruction inevitable.

Food Riots and Bloodshed.

The “Daily Telegraph” has received information from a reliable source regarding serious rioting at Kiel, Lübeck, Hamburg and Munich. There is authority, usually trustworthy, for the statement that German troops in Munich refused to fire on the mob, whereupon Turkish troops training in the neighbourhood were employed and quelled the disturbance. Thousands of people took part in the Hamburg riots, and a number were killed. Apparently the same information has also reached a writer in the “Daily Graphic,” who mentions the employment of Turkish troops who appear to be in Holland, also quotes a pro-German official, as writing that the German food conditions are absolutely desperate. Germany cannot continue the war and lives in the fear of revolution.

Fearing a Debacle.

Other evidence of Germany's plight includes the statement of an American recently in Holland that an extraordinary number of German deserters have reached that country during the last few weeks. They complain bitterly of lack of food, and state that dissatisfaction is spreading among the rank and file. The Germans fear a debacle when the British start their new offensive.

The Territorial Force.

London, Feb. 5.—Lord Scarborough succeeds General Bethune as Director General of the Territorial Force, and will join Lord French's Staff at the Horse Guards. Territorial matters are thus transferred from the Army Council and the War Office to the Department of the Commander-in-Chief of the Home Forces. Lord Scarborough has been identified with the Council of the Territorial Force Association, and is the author of several schemes of organization. He has written an excellent article on the force in the Household Brigade Magazine.

The Riga Offensive.

London, January 11.—Pressing their offensive to the west of Riga, the Russians have won further ground, and at one point they have gone forward for a distance of over a mile. In five days' heavy fighting our Allies have captured 21 heavy and 11 light guns. The Russians report that all enemy attacks were repulsed, some of them with heavy losses. The Germans claim to have taken 900 prisoners in the last two days. They assert that beyond Focani the Russo-Rumanians have crossed the Sereth.

India's Affairs.

London, Feb. 11.—In the Commons Mr. Chamberlain, in reply to Colonel Tate, said that the Government of India had informed him in December that it intended to place the Aden Field Force on a similar footing to the other expeditionary forces. He is inquiring when the order was actually issued, and what decision had been come to regarding the special field allowances.

London, Feb. 14.—In the House of Commons in reply to Sir J. D. Ross Mr. Chamberlain stated the Indian Government had been asked to consider and report upon the recommendations of the Public Services Commission as soon as possible.

Sir J. D. Ross suggested consideration should be deferred until after the war.

Mr. Chamberlain pointed out that would involve a great delay. Whether action should be delayed until after the war was another matter on which he expressed no opinion.

American Ships Refuse to Sail.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Thirty of the leading railways have agreed virtually not to accept shipments for export from the eastern seaboard till the congestion is relieved. Trains at the ports are unable to unload through lack of ships, which will not sail until Government provides means of convoy.

Factories are shutting down in Chicago and other cities in the interior, and there is a general lessening of production in many lines owing to freight difficulties.

Peking, Feb. 1.—Replying to the Wilson Note, the Chinese Government protests energetically against unrestricted submarine warfare. If contrary to its expectation, the protest should be ineffectual, it will be constrained, to its profound regret, to sever diplomatic relations with Germany.

Cabinet Business.

London, Jan. 15.—Mr. Lloyd George is rapidly improving the clearing house for Cabinet business which has absorbed the former War Committee and the Committee of Imperial Defence, thereby enabling Captain Maurice Hankey to become secretary to the Cabinet, with several military and civil assistants. This was essential, as Mr. Lloyd George, Lord Curzon and Lord Milner have no departments with ordinary machinery for transacting business. Mr. Lloyd George has also enlisted such men as Mr. Philip Kerr (editor of the Round Table) and Professor Adams (the Oxford economist) to work under his immediate direction.

German Crown Prince.

It is stated by a neutral source, usually very well informed on such matters in Germany, that the Crown Prince has now been deprived of all effective military command. A month ago he was placed at the head of the armies operating on the Eastern extremity of the Western Front after having been in command of the armies before Verdun, and in the Argonne for over two years. Old Marshal Hauser, who had been joined with him in this command and was retired from it last June. In high military circles in Germany it is thought possible that the Crown Prince may be appointed to take von Bissing's place at the head of the Government in occupation of Belgium. It is also said that the Crown Prince has now been released from his new command in order that he may follow a course of treatment at Wiesbaden—Ex.

Naval Casualties.

London, Jan. 31.—The undermentioned officers lost their lives when H.M.S. “Laurentic” was sunk:

Lieut.-Commander Douglas R. Saxby-Thomas; Sub-Lieut. Honble Alan B. de Blaquiere; Lieut. William A. McNill; Thomas Steele; David T. E. James; George E. R. Brown; and Richard E. Hurst; Engineer Lt. Commander George Rutledge; Engineer Lt. Edward A. R. Larmour; Herbert Sewell; James W. Gibbins; Thomas Jamieson; James Carlisle; George H. Daymond; Robert R. Mitchell; Surgeon Frank E. Rock; Sub-Lieut. Lawrence W. Bell; Engineer Sub-Lieut. Paier, Cator; George L. Elliott; James R. Brown; and Ernest E. Midgley; Assistant Paymaster Bernard C. O. Newbery; Froude-Beaumont; Warrant Telegraphist Richard J. Thompson. All except Saxby-Thomas, de Blaquiere and Rock belonged to the Reserve.

Shipping and Prize Court Items.

Among the latest list of liners sunk is the “Lebbian” of the Ellerman line. She was launched only last year at Middlesbrough. Capt. A. G. Fry, the Commander, has been taken prisoner by the Germans. The Captain, whose home is in Liverpool, was formerly master of the “City of Cambridge.”

The British Prize Court has just ended its official year. Between March 27th and December 31st, claims were heard for the destruction of 25 enemy ships, and awards totalling £40,935 made. In this period 8,187 officers, and men were aboard enemy ships sent to the bottom. The largest single award was that made in the case of four German battleships sunk off the Falkland Islands, £12,160 being paid out. The sinking of the Prinz Adalbert by E8 earned the latter's crew £3,000 while the Emden's end meant £1,985 to H.M. A. S. Sydney.

The Kaiser's Message to the Navy.

Amsterdam, Feb. 16.—A Berlin official states that the Kaiser in an order to the navy says: In the impending decisive battle the task falls upon my navy of turning the English war method of starvation, whereby our most hated and most obstinate enemy intends to overthrow the German people, against him and his Allies by combating their sea traffic with all the means in our power. Herein the submarines stand in the first rank. He expresses his confidence that the enemy's war designs will be broken.

Plague in Colombo.

291 Human Cases Last Year.

The Chairman of the Colombo Municipal Council made the following statement regarding plague at a meeting of the Council:—

There have been 32 further cases of human plague and 3 cases of rat plague recorded for the month of December, 1916, bringing the total for the year up to 291 human and 62 rat cases. The corresponding totals for last year were 139 human and 66 rat cases, while in the preceding year there were 395 cases of human plague, 40 cases of 32 human cases, 16 were septic and 16 tubercle in character. All proved fatal but 2 tubercle cases which are still in the Infectious Diseases Hospital.

PADDY REPORT FOR FEB. 21.

Nasuan 313) coys in at Tes	71/82 each
Samarang 250	68/73
Namuang	“ “ “
Total	Goyana 3380

The Menace to Switzerland.

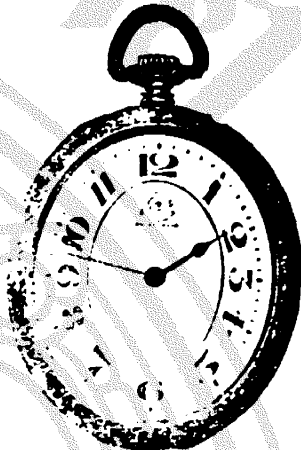
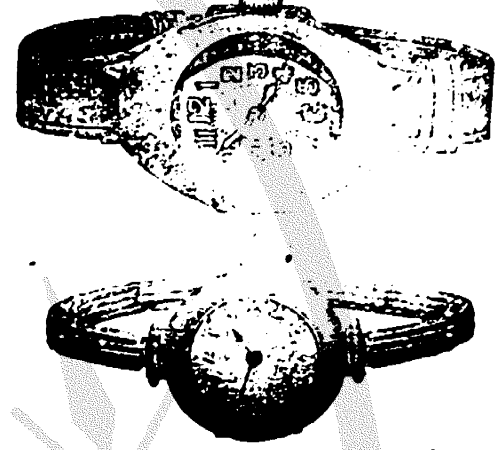
A few days ago the “Kölnische Zeitung” came out with the following momentous statement: “Switzerland has a supreme interest in the immediate conclusion of peace, for it is now impossible to see clearly what will be the lot of those States which have remained neutral up to now.” This announcement was promptly followed by a statement by the Swiss Government that invasion from whatever side would be instantly resisted. From a semi-official German statement now made, there never has been any intention of invading Switzerland. Nevertheless Switzerland is fully alive to the possible danger of Germany making a desperate new move in the west by breaking through Switzerland. An army of spies tests Swiss territory, to whom every detail concerning the country and its forces is better known than to the Swiss themselves.



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Exchanged Prisoners Detained.

Amongst the English and French interned prisoners of war in the Bernese Oberland, anxiety is caused by the report from the German Frontier that about 2,000 English and French convalescent prisoners of war expected to arrive there in the first day of January are still kept back in Germany. From a considerable number of prisoners selected in Germany by a Swiss and German Medical committee for the dispatch of interned men to Switzerland, about 50 per cent were not permitted to pass the frontier, but were for some unknown reason sent back to their internment camps, to their great disappointment. No explanation is to hand as to the motive of this German measure.—Ex.

Belgian Hardships.

The first letters to reach England from Belgian deportees have come via America, where they have been published in the "New York World." They convey a ghastly impression of the sufferings and privations endured. All refused to work, but were beaten with the butt ends of their rifles until they did. "Blows fell upon us like rain" said one letter, "and one man's shoulder was broken." All were half starved, being given only a quarter of a loaf, and some thin soup at noon. They hunted for potato peel, and bones in rubbish heaps and gnawed the latter. "Our condition (says another letter) was a hundred times worse than the war prisoners."—Ex.

Count Andrassy's Article.

Count Andrassy's article in the "Revue Politique Internationale" has created an enormous sensation in pro-German circles in Austria. The Tisza organ violently accuses Andrassy of defection from and desertion of the Teutonic cause. According to the "Aztet" Andrassy says he has nothing to excuse in his article, in which he has tried to set out the facts, unpalatable as some of them are. In the article, the most significant phrase is one in which he admits a conservative power like Austria has nothing to gain from the continuance of the war. His warning to Germany that she should acknowledge British invincibility at sea has caused great indignation at Berlin, but the pan-German newspapers, doubtless on censorship instruction, keep silent. Andrassy further says to maintain future peace Great Britain should retain her exceptional maritime position, which is vital to her.—Ex.

Hindenburg's Strategy.

London, January 29.—One English and one French examination of the possible courses open to Hindenburg are published here to-day. The English one, in the "Daily Express," begins by pointing out that it does not really matter where the enemy makes his next effort, as he no longer commands a superiority of numbers or material. We have not to make our dispositions to meet his.

Both critics dismiss an Italian offensive as improbable. The French writer, formerly of the "Temps," now on General Foch's staff, considers that King Constantine, by showing his hand prematurely, has spoiled his chances of an attack on General Sarrail, which even if successful, would have no effect beyond aggravating the submarine difficulty in the Eastern Mediterranean. This would not be sufficient for Germany, who must gain the decision by May or lose the game.

There is no need, this writer thinks for Germany to hold back any troops for the autumn; she will probably use every available man in a final effort to pierce the French front and will also risk a naval combat with Great Britain. This means a frightful bloodbath and the bloody dawn of the Allies' victory.

New Currency Notes.

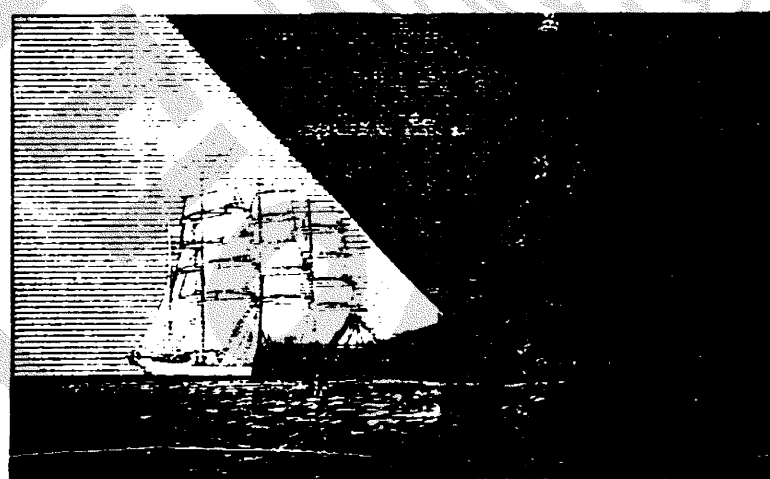
Preparations for the issue of new currency notes have now been completed, and the new notes will be available for issue on or about the 22nd inst. They are to be of the same size as the present notes, but of much stronger paper, and printed in three colours. The design of the notes includes the King's head, Imperial titles set out, St. George and the Dragon, and the four National emblems.—Ex.

The War Loan.

There was a great rush for seats at the City meeting at the Guildhall to hear the announcement of the details of the new War Loan, by Mr. Bonar Law and Mr. Lloyd George. All tickets had been allotted by 2 p.m., yesterday. About half the Hall, which holds over 2,000, was left free for the general public at the express wish of the Treasury but even to get inside the Hall entailed standing in a queue most of the morning. Mr. Bonar Law announced the basis of the loan of 5 per cent, issue price 95, for 30 years. The State had the option at the end of 12 years to redeem at par.—Ex.

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Paddy Crop Report for Mondol Channai.

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cultivation is 155,300 rai, about 22,000 rai more than last year. The paddy is in the same condition as last year. About 40,960 rai have been harvested yielding about 11,370 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 60 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.50 baht per tang.

Kanchanaburi:—The total area under cultivation is 29,700 rai, about 1,500 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 7,270 rai have been harvested yielding about 1,890 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 56 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.50 baht per tang.

Prachin:—The total area under cultivation is about 17,200 rai, the paddy is in better condition than last year. About 10,130 rai have been harvested yielding about 1,800 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 50 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.75 baht per tang.

Mondol Prachin.

Chhaxengso:—The total area under cultivation is 497,000 rai, about 12,600 rai less than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 481,830 rai have been harvested yielding about 12,930 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 41 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.40 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 205,000 rai have been harvested yielding about 68,340 kwien.

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

Nagor Nayok:—The total area under cultivation is 247,600 rai, about 102,600 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 225,900 rai have been harvested yielding about 56,470 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 40 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.25 baht per tang.

Jolburi:—The total area under cultivation is 133,800 rai, about 3,100 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 131,450 rai have been harvested yielding about 35,490 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 72 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.87 baht per tang.

Krabiandra:—The total area under cultivation is 49,600 rai, about 18,000

rai more than last year. The paddy is in the same condition as last year. About 47,100 rai have been harvested yielding about 13,190 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 44 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.75 baht per tang.

Mondol Nagar Svarga.

Nagor Svarga:—The total area under cultivation is 238,500 rai, about 8,600 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 140,380 rai have been harvested yielding about 46,780 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 36 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.50 baht per tang.

Udya:—The total area under cultivation is 158,300 rai, about 18,200 rai more than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 150,250 rai have been harvested yielding about 50,100 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 36 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.25 baht per tang.

Jaynad:—The total area under cultivation is 156,200 rai, about 40,200 rai less than last year. The paddy is in better condition than last year. About 32,100 rai have been harvested yielding about 8,020 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 36 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.50 baht per tang.

Kamlaeng Beja:—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 25,330 rai have been harvested yielding about 6,330 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 40 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.25 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 24,580 rai have been harvested yielding about 2,220 kwien.

The average local price of paddy is 39 bahts per kwien and that of rice is 1.25 baht per tang.

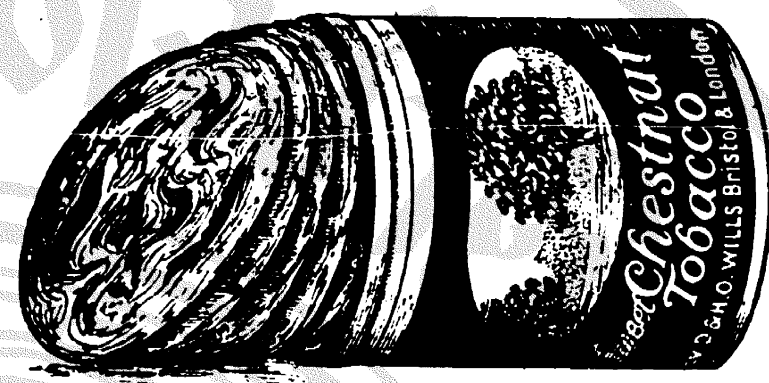
Between 24th and the 31st, inst. the Krung Deb rice mills bought about 26,035 kwien of paddy which came in by river and about 2,957 kwien by rail, making a total of about 28,992 kwien (rice mill size). The prices at the mills of Kao Na-muang were 73 bahts per kwien and Kao Na-suan from 74 to 90 bahts (rice millers' kwien).

Summary:—The total area under paddy is approximately 6,930,200 rai, about 481,000 rai more than last year. The area on which the crop has been totally destroyed by flood, drought, insect pests and other mischance is about 64,800 rai or less than 1 per cent of the whole. The crop has done well and some 3,541,000 rai or about 1,060,000 kwien having been reaped.

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BANGKOK-MEKLONG.					MEKLONG-BANGKOK.				
STATIONS.					STATIONS.				
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 B. Hlame				
Terminus Arr.	9.50	1.50	3.50		Terminus Arr.	9.55	1.55		
The Company's Steam Launches will meet Trains to carry through passengers across the Tachin River at a fixed rate.									
BANGKOK-MEKLONG.					MEKLONG-BANGKOK.				
STATIONS.					STATIONS.				
I.	III.				II.	IV.	VI.		
	A.M.	P.M.				A.M.	P.M.		
Km. B. Hlame					Km. Mahachai				
Terminus Dep.	10.20	2.20			Terminus Dep.	6.45	10.45	2.45	
33.9 Meklong Arr.	11.40	3.40	33.1 Bangkok Arr.	8.05	12.05	4.05			

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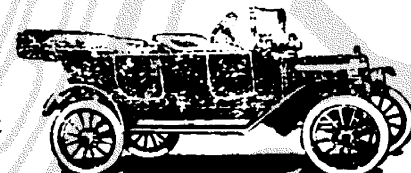
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Bangkok Noi ...					Chumpon ...				
Dep.	7.30	8.25	1.20	2.10	Dep.	7.30	8.25	1.20	2.10
M. Nakon Patom	8.56	10.13	2.45	4.27	Prachuap Kirikan	Arr.			
Ben Pong	9.33	10.55	3.26	5.38	Pran Kao	Dep.	6.5	9.5	2.41
Potaram	9.55	11.22	4.00	6.17	Wang Phong	Dep.	6.10	10.69	5.5
Batburi	10.26	11.57	4.31	6.59	Hua Hin	Dep.	6.57	11.46	
						Dep.	7.5	11.54	
Petchaburi	Dep.	10.36	12.10	4.41	Petchaburi	Arr.		9.37	1.43
	Arr.	12.00	1.45	6.29		Dep.	7.10	9.52	1.56
Hua Hin	Dep.	12.12	2.17		Batburi	Arr.	9.10	11.40	3.18
	Arr.	1.59	4.47						
Wang Phong	Dep.	2.5	4.57						
	Arr.	2.27	5.37						
Pran Kao	Dep.	2.48	5.42	6.25					
Prachuap Kirikan	Dep.	4.38	5.47	6.33	Potaram	Dep.	6.5	9.22	1.30
				6.46		Arr.	6.59	9.56	2.6
				8.56	Ben Pong	Dep.	7.43	10.19	2.43
					M. Nakon Patom	Dep.	9.2	11.00	3.17
						Arr.			5.6
Chumpon	Arr.			3.53	Bangkok Noi	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		
Langenah	Arr.	9.18			Surashtra Dhani	Arr.	11.37		
	Dep.	9.28				Dep.	12.2		
Surashtra Dhani	Arr.	1.4			Langsuen	Arr.	3.37		
	Dep.	1.29				Dep.	3.47		
Tung Song	Arr.	6.23			Chumpon	Arr.	6.19		
Tung Song-Nakon Srithamaraj daily except Monday					Nakon Srithamaraj-Tung Song daily except Monday				
Tung Song	Dep.	6.30			N. Srithamaraj	Dep.	11.00		
N. Junction	Arr.	7.37	1.20			Dep.	12.12		
N. Srithamaraj	Arr.	8.50	2.38		N. Junction	Arr.	5.20		
Tung Song-Trang daily					Trang-Tung Song daily				
Tung Song	Dep.	5.30			Trang	Dep.	5.30		
	Arr.					Arr.			
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.	1.53		

The Ceylon Sugar Refineries, Ltd.

Mr. D. M. Weigel, General Manager of the Ceylon Sugar Refineries Co., Ltd., in a recent interview, which appears in the "Times" of Ceylon said:—
"We are making alcohol now from the molasses which have accumulated during our enforced stoppage. After a series of misfortunes, which no one connected with the Company has been able to control, we are ready to restart sugar making. We can begin within the next ten days the joint manufacture of sugar and alcohol."

"What are the prospects?"
"Our prospects of a good season in the collection of juice from the palm-rubs are most promising. The disposition of the inhabitants has undergone a remarkable change. They appreciate, now, the great benefits this Company has brought them and will bring them. We have enrolled a large labour force. They are free and willing labourers, recruited locally. They work piece work, at so much a gallon. They know they will earn excellent wages. Palm-rub tree owners in other parts of Jaffna have started work to make jaggery. An association called the "Palmrub Development Association" has been formed with the object of developing the jaggery trade. There is no doubt in my mind that this can develop to enormous proportions, and within reasonable time, and permit of new enterprises in the same direction as ours being established. There is every prospect of Jaffna becoming one of the richest parts of the Island."

Java Sugar Cane Introduced
"I have introduced and planted a small patch of Java sugar cane," continued Mr. Weigel. "It is doing well. It interests the tobacco cultivator, who would be happy to replace a produce that hardly pays him by one that does."

A Glaring Flaw.
"Our prospects," he added, "are bright were it not for a glaring flaw. We have no outlet for our alcohol. It is impossible for us, under existing circumstances, to send it to Europe. We are unable to find ourselves owing to difficulties of freight. Our only hope is to be permitted to sell it locally, that is to say in Ceylon, and export it to India. We have formally applied for permission. We ask for no privileges. We ask to be put upon the same terms as other Ceylon distillers and upon the same footing as French, Dutch, Japanese, American and other foreign importers. We are the only firm in the whole world prohibited from selling wares as we think fit. We wish to pay the same duties and levies as others. We ask for no favoritism at all. We

merely ask for equality. In India distillers are allowed and do make brandies, whiskies, etc. Arrack distillers also make brandies, whiskies, etc. It is encouraged in India. Competition against foreign imports is welcomed."

Cannot Make Sugar Without Alcohol.
"We cannot make sugar unless we may also make alcohol, and, of course, sell it, when we could turn out about 30 tons of sugar a day. The sugar industry is booming throughout the British Empire and it is being encouraged. Sixteen new stills of the latest type have been set up in Cuba. Java is putting up new ones. I understand eight new modern distilleries have been erected."

Sugar Famine in Ceylon Predicted.
"Sugar is a vital necessity. Thirty tons a day on the Ceylon market re-

lease that amount for home consumption. 10,000 tons a year from Ceylon is not to be ignored. We actually have the raw material in our warehouses, lying waste. There is no doubt that there will be a sugar famine in Ceylon. The Java planters are reaping the benefit. Indian refineries and distilleries are also doing well."

If Harm Befalls the Company.
"If harm befalls the Ceylon Sugar Refineries, the development of Jaffna is put back two generations. I have had three bitter hard years in breaking down their suspicious conservatism and have succeeded. Failure would mean a justification of their original suspicions, and they will drop back to them and firmly hold to them next time. It would cost ten times what we have spent to break it down again. We

cannot wait. To us immediate permission is imperative. Roughly speaking four million rupees of Ceylon money is at stake—European and Ceylonese in about equal proportion—the release of 10,000 tons of sugar is at stake."

Sale of Mules in Colombo.

Last month an auction took place in Colombo of a lot of 110 mules being part of a batch of about 500 which were being carried by the "Brodmead" from China to Italy for military transport purposes. The "Brodmead" broke down and had to remain in Colombo, necessitating the mules being landed

there. Their disposal was subsequently ordered, and Capt. Scott of the Indian Remount Department came over from India to purchase them. He took over the majority, leaving 140 behind as not being fit for military service."

The prices ranged from Rs. 100 to Rs. 200. Mr. G. M. Crabbe paying the latter amount for one animal, while another was knocked down to Mr. H.B. Phillips for Rs. 250.

The height of the mules ranged from about 12.2 to about 14 hands, there being a very few of the latter height. They have been bought for transport work on estates, for ploughing, and one or two for riding in hilly districts. The animals were not in the best condition, but were expected to get into condition in a month or two.



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